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God, Country and Notre Dame football

A look behind the scenes

By MEGHAN MARTIN
Associate News Editor

Mel Williams began singing "God Bless America" at Gate D of Notre Dame Stadium right after Sept. 11 two years ago. It began as a solo, a subtle tribute before the raucous throngs that would follow, but has since become a chorus, a new pre-game tradition at a place where such things are held sacred.

Williams, who has been an usher at the stadium for the past seven years, has since been joined in song by a number of his co-workers, and their pre-game performances have generated their own following of fans and fellow ushers.

"All those people get there early to come and sing with us," he said.

Williams and the Gate D ushers are simply a handful of the nearly 4,000 people who will be admitted to the Stadium on Saturday without tickets, those for whom Irish football games are all in a day's work.

"Logistically, it's a big undertaking," said Russell "Cappy" Gagnon, stadium personnel coordinator. "Joe Fan thinks he just comes in at 12:30 and we

put on a show, but I was there at 5 a.m. to unlock the gate."

While fans are still waking up, Gagnon and hundreds of others will be at the stadium Saturday morning, getting it ready for the 80,795 fans expected to pass through its gates for this weekend's sold-out game against Washington State.

With the 5 a.m. opening of Gate B, game day has officially begun, and Gagnon and his small army of ushers, ticket-takers and other personnel will have to hit the ground running, as the day begins to run off its own momentum.

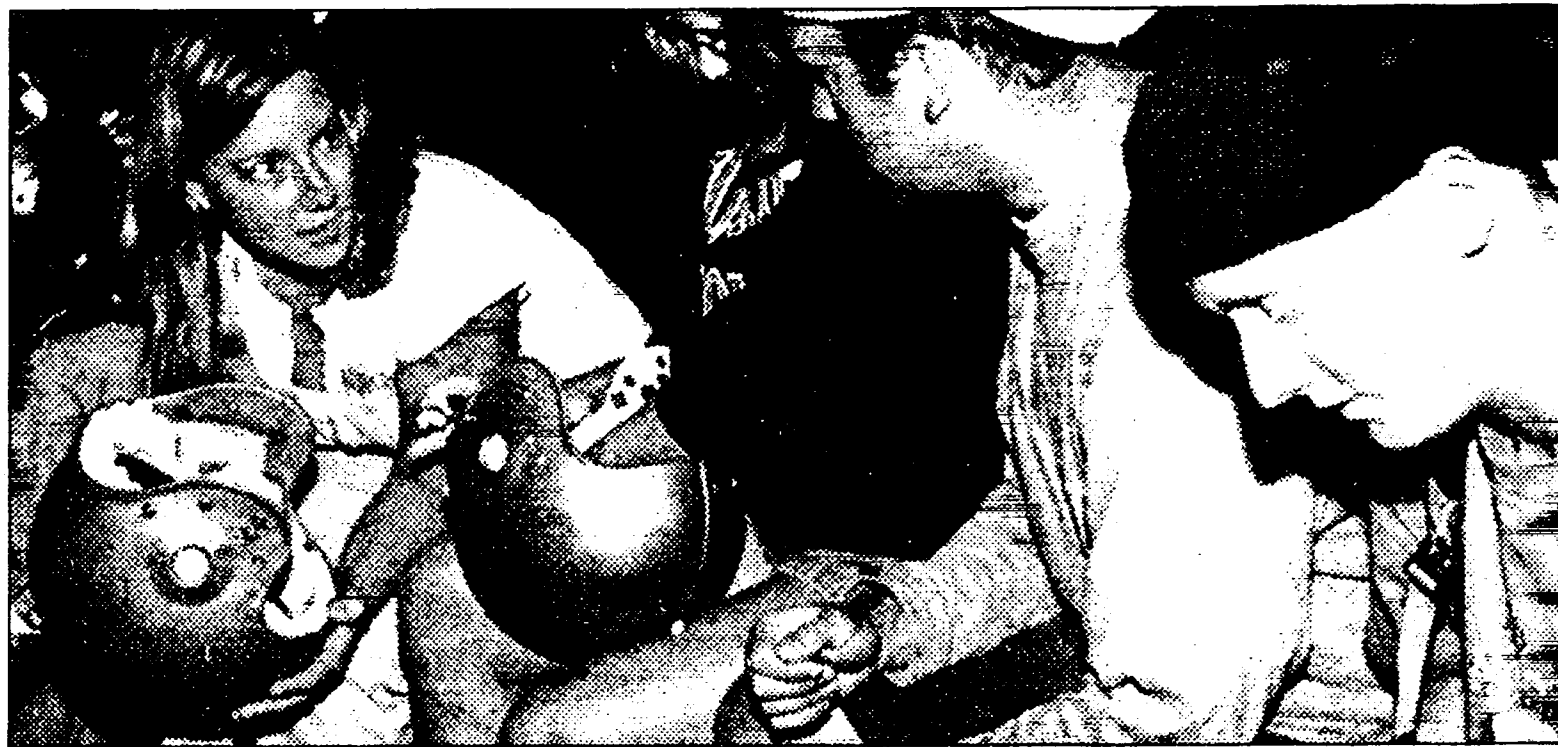
"At 7, I unlock Gates A and D, the tunnel, and the press box," he said. "The team equipment people come around 7:15 ... the press people come in at 9."

The rest of the morning is spent meeting with ushers, addressing logistical issues that arise and ironing out the final details of the day.

"By noon, we've got to have it ready so that by the time we open the gates you guys think it's always been that way," Gagnon said.

While Gagnon said that the week leading up to each game

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Above, student managers paint helmets Thursday night. Right, members of the facilities staff unload boxes Thursday in preparation for Saturday's game against Washington State. *

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Notre Dame football tickets often find their way to Ebay and sell for several times higher than face value. However, the University is trying to halt this practice.

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

With the beginning of the Notre Dame football season just a day away, everyone wants tickets. Hundreds can be found on Internet auction sites like eBay — for a hefty price.

A search of eBay revealed sellers across the country offering dozens of tickets for every Irish home game this season. Some, for tomorrow's opener against Washington State, are still up for grabs, fetching over \$80 apiece.

The more high-profile games of the 2003 campaign — against Michigan, Florida

State, and USC — are already commanding stratospheric prices, in some cases upwards of \$500 each. These prices are expected to rise even further as the rivalry games draw nearer.

Demand for tickets, while always high, has spiked since the arrival of head coach Tyrone Willingham and Notre Dame's "Return to Glory." Fans from around the country are eager to pay hundreds of dollars for the chance to be part of the famed sea of green.

The apparent profiteering has not escaped the notice of Notre Dame policymakers. In May, the University revised its policy regarding the

resale of tickets. Under the new rules, anyone caught selling a season ticket for more than face value will face the loss of ticket privileges for "a minimum of five years," while selling single game tickets garners a two-year suspension. Repeat offenders risk the permanent revocation of their right to buy tickets to any Notre Dame sporting event.

A recent e-mail from Alumni Association executive director Chuck Lennon warned students against selling tickets. "If, for any reason, they turn up on eBay or are scalped, your ability to

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Irish Inquisition aims to provoke discussion

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

Something medieval is in the air at Notre Dame, and it's not just the Gothic buildings sprawled across campus. Starting in late September, a new campus program called Irish Inquisition will bring all the suspense, intrigue and strategy of a medieval courtroom into the Oak Room above South Dining Hall.

The Irish Inquisition program has been in the works since last semester, said Ed Cohen, Notre Dame Magazine associate editor and Irish Inquisition advisor.

In December of 2002, Cohen noticed that many of his fellow faculty and staff members had strong opinions on the war in Iraq; however, only those in political science and directly related fields ever got the opportunity to participate in panel discussions on the topic.

"We didn't want anyone to be stifled," Cohen said. "The idea was to have a relaxed public place for them to speak their hearts and minds about these issues. Bringing people in one after another drew comparisons to a courtroom setting, which turned into the

metaphor of an Inquisition."

The setting of a mock medieval trial also provides a change from the usual discussion backgrounds of classrooms and lecture halls.

"We wanted to keep it irreverent and lighthearted," Cohen said. "It's partly sarcastic, Saturday Night Live and Seinfeld-type humor, stuff that students like. But it was also important to preserve the original idea of giving people a place to speak their minds."

In a unique twist on most scheduled campus discussions, the Inquisition process is actually initiated by students. A current issue — anything from the war in Iraq to abortion to the latest struggles of the Irish offense — will be announced around campus weeks in advance of the trial date. Then, if a student is particularly eager to hear the opinion of a faculty or staff member on this issue, he or she may issue a summons to that individual. The summons will be sent anonymously via e-mail and will request the employee's appearance at a public gathering to contribute his or her thoughts on the announced topic.

That's where the Inquisition

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INSIDE COLUMN

The tradition continues

With another football season upon us, I can only write my column on the traditions that go hand in hand with Irish football. So what if I'm only a sophomore ... I have been watching Notre Dame football since I was a little girl.

Have I always been an Irish fan? Not exactly. But I have always been a sports fan, particularly a football and baseball fan. Since arriving here in South Bend over a year ago, I've quickly learned the goings on around campus in regards to football.

It's an incredible tradition to learn the cheers, dance the Irish jig and boost the closest and bravest person around you into the air for push-ups, hoping not to drop them. It's also a tradition to make fun of the freshmen as they fumble around to learn the dances and the cheers. (I wish you the best on that, freshmen. If you need help, just turn to the upperclassmen section and do your best to copy.)

Some crazy people, like my group of friends and me, even dress up for the big games. (I'll be the girl painted green sitting in section 33, so don't mind me.)

But the question remains, why do we do all this? Why do we buy "The Shirt"? Why do we spend a large sum of money to attend the games? Why do we stand in the extreme temperatures watching a group of guys knock each other around, chasing after a ball made out of pig skin?

I guess it all boils down to the fact that it is just purely fun and entertaining. I mean, who wouldn't laugh at a group of girls walking down the street painted green? I'm not exactly a tall person, so I couldn't be considered the Jolly Green Giant or anything cool like that, but it's just about having a good time and enjoying the so-called "best years of my life" that my parents always remind me I'm living.

I choose to live these years as a crazy, but grounded, woman, living a respectable life, or at least trying as hard as I can. I choose to participate in the silly traditions of being a Notre Dame and Saint Mary's student.

So I shall spend my precious weekend watching football — both Notre Dame football and the many NFL games flooding the television. (Okay, so some of the weekend will be about baseball, but only if it is the Atlanta Braves, my home team.) And if I'm lucky, which I hope I am, I'll be able to catch my Atlanta Falcons beating up the Dallas Cowboy, even though I'm all the way in Indiana.

So tradition and a weekend full of sports, here I come.

Go Irish. Beat the Cougars.

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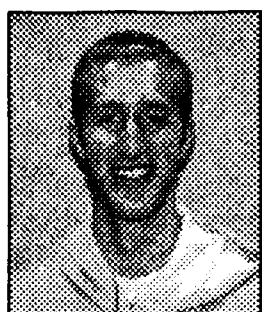
Scene Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR PREDICTION FOR THE FOOTBALL GAME THIS WEEKEND?



Katie Jackson
Freshman
Badin Hall

"Notre Dame's going to win by two touchdowns."



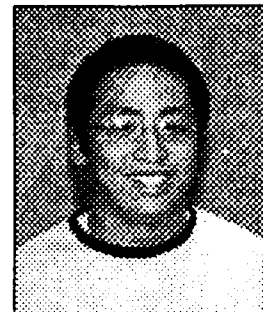
John Duffy
Freshman
Sorin Hall

"28 to 10 Notre Dame. Vontez Duff will be a standout on defense."



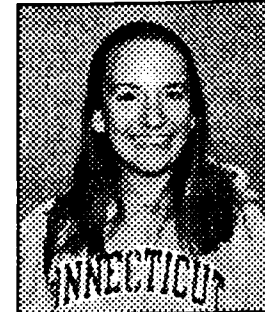
Dan Weber
Sophomore
Dillon Hall

"I saw Washington State's scrimmages and I'd be surprised if they got more than three points. They were terrible."



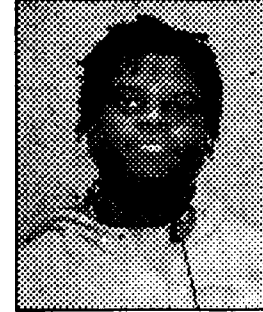
Andrew Pangillinan
Sophomore
Dillon Hall

"We're going to kill them. That's about it."



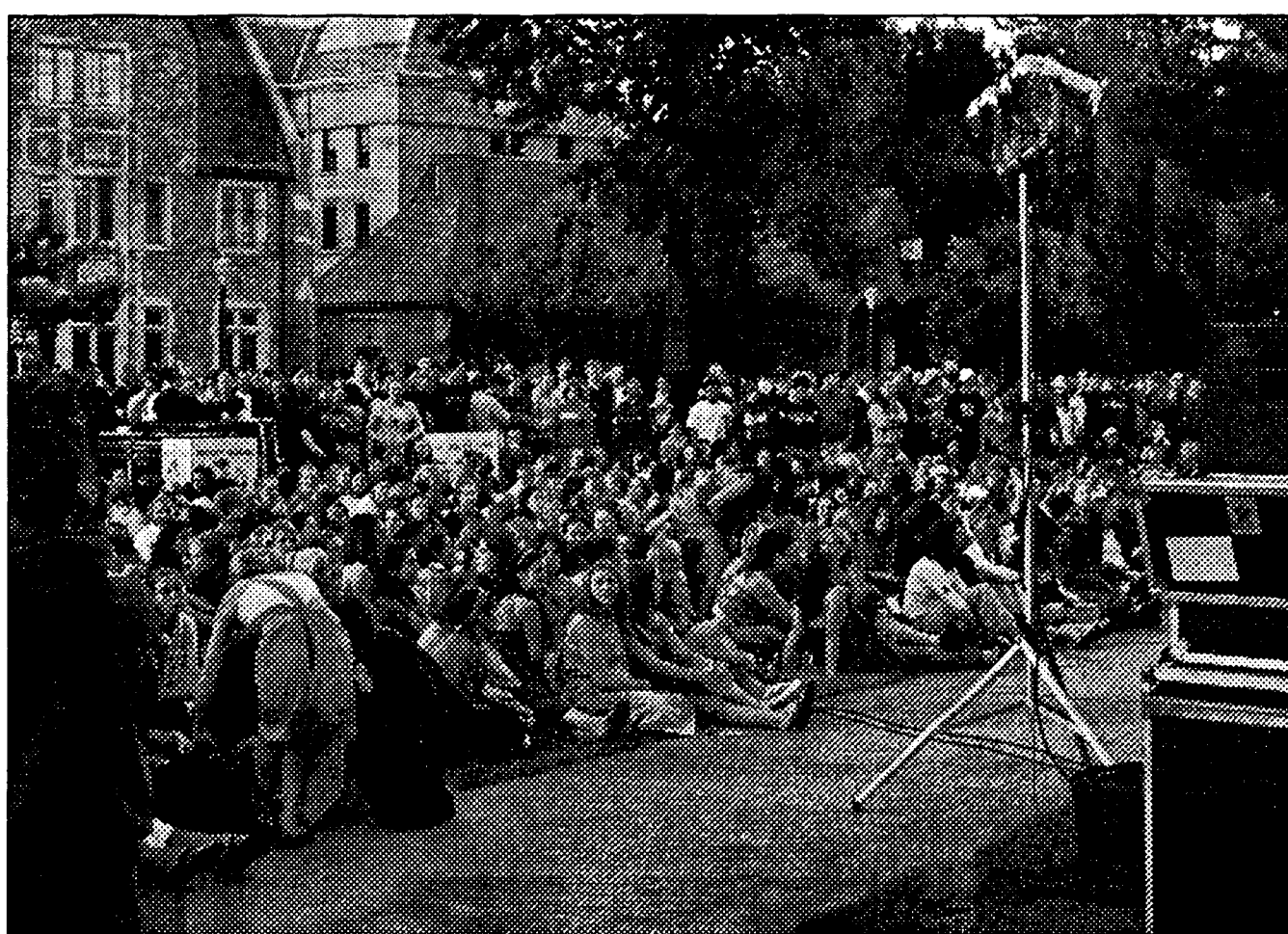
Julie Pearce
Freshman
Farley

"Notre Dame's totally going to win."



Dennis Idowu
Junior
Off-campus

"Notre Dame all the way, definitely."



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Students sit on South Quad outside Dillon Hall Thursday to watch the dorm's annual pep rally. The event, which featured comedy, music and speakers, kicked off the start of Notre Dame's first football weekend of the season. The Irish play Washington State Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Irish Fighting for St. Jude, a service club that raises money for the St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., will sponsor a Krispy Kreme donut sale today. The sale begins at 8:15 a.m. outside DeBartolo Hall.

Cheer for the Irish during the first football pep rally of the season. The rally begins at 6 p.m. tonight at the JACC.

Moreau Galleries will present the SSTAR Grant Project by Sandi Ginter and Lisa Ritter during their regular hours today and through Saturday.

Notre Dame professor of music and composer Ethan Haimo will present a lecture titled "How to Listen to Concert Duo." The event takes place today at 3:30 p.m. at the Snite Museum Annenberg Auditorium. The lecture is open to the public.

A special viewing of "Rudy" will be shown on North Quad this evening. The movie begins at 10 p.m.

The Midnight Drummer's Circle will take place tonight at the Fieldhouse Mall and the Main Building Steps. The performance begins at 11:30 p.m. Pizza will be served.

Enjoy music and dancing at Legends of Notre Dame. The music starts tonight at midnight and continues until 4 a.m.

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

OFFBEAT

Pentagon OKs digital device to play taps

WASHINGTON — Short of musicians for military funerals, the Pentagon has approved the use of a push-button bugle that plays taps by itself as the operator holds it to his lips.

Only some 500 buglers are on active duty on any one day, but about 1,800 people with military service die across the country each day and are eligible for honors ceremonies, Air Force Lt. Col. Cynthia Colin, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said Thursday.

So the Defense Depart-

ment worked with private industry to invent the "ceremonial bugle," which has a small digital recording device inserted into its bell to play the music.

A member of the honor guard at the funeral simply presses a button on the device. A five-second delay gives the guards time to raise the instrument to their lips as if they are going to play it.

Man charged for wearing skimpy swimsuit

CADDO VALLEY, Ark. — A man's skimpy swimsuit was too much — or too little —

for Taco Bell workers.

Employees at Taco Bell called police Sunday when the man walked into the restaurant wearing only a tiny black Speedo swimsuit and a cut-off T-shirt during the Labor Day weekend.

Caddo Valley Police Chief Hiram Latin said his attire, or lack thereof, was a little too revealing.

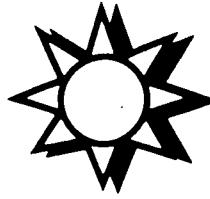
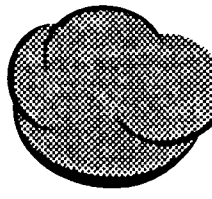
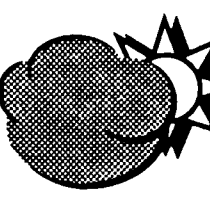
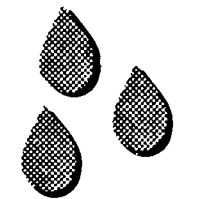
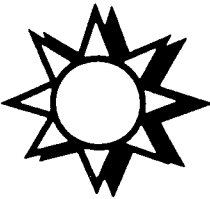
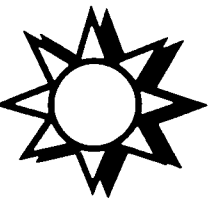
The man faces a \$750 fine and possible jail time if convicted of indecent exposure.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error, the headlines "Sorin College loses three RAs" and "Training schedule conflicts result in termination" were misleading. Only two RAs from Sorin lost their positions as a result of training conflicts. The Observer regrets the error.

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Registrar's office offers online degree audit

By WILL PUCKETT
News Writer

This fall marks another addition to IrishLink's repertoire, as students returned from summer break to find an online Degree Audit available. The feature, currently available to sophomores, juniors and graduate students, is slated to become available to all students next fall.

"We staggered the rollout in an effort to make sure that first, any bugs that cropped up could be taken care of, and second, seniors would still be sure to use their advisers," Doug McKenna, degree audit specialist at the Registrar's Office, said.

The rollout has not been completely without problems, however. According to McKenna, there are two major known bugs.

"There are some known problems with the service, two major ones, the first being that dual degree students can only display one of their degrees at a time, and the second that study abroad classes are given class designations that the computer can't handle very well," McKenna said.

McKenna stressed that most problems that have been reported to the Registrar's Office have not been technical issues, and that students should go to their adviser before contacting the Registrar's Office with what they believe is a problem. Advisers

are able to edit the Degree Audit output, and have more resources available to them, so they are able to resolve most questions.

Ava Preacher, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said the product students are using now was the result of several years of work.

"It really started several years ago, in February 1997, and we spent quite awhile trying to cover all the colleges in the University with one interface that would show what students needed to do in order to get their degree," Preacher said.

The computer-based and then online Degree Audit were at first used only by advisers in all the colleges, who relied on it as an advising tool. That role is intended to remain unchanged today, according to Preacher.

"We really want this to be a tool for advising, not a replacement for the adviser themselves," Preacher said. "It's been a long process, but we feel like it's very useful."

In fact, advisers no longer use paper to outline scheduling requirements for students, except in the case of transfers. The confidence in the interface and underlying technology has grown, although accuracy is still a concern.

"That's our biggest concern, accuracy," Preacher said. "It's never going to be completely accurate, but it is improving."

One concern with this is the

frequency with which the "snapshot" of records that is taken to build the Degree Audit is updated. Preacher estimated that any changes should show up within a few weeks, while McKenna specified that there are going to be approximately four or five updates each semester, coinciding with "big dates" on the Registrar's calendar, such as the last day to add or drop classes. According to McKenna, the last update to the "snapshot" was August 11-13, and the next one is scheduled for early next week.

Both Preacher and McKenna said that the feedback they had received from students was largely positive. An e-mail was sent to students eligible to use the online Degree Audit, in hopes of raising student awareness of the new option open to them. However, some students were still not aware of the new program.

"I don't know what it is, really," sophomore Owen McGonigle said.

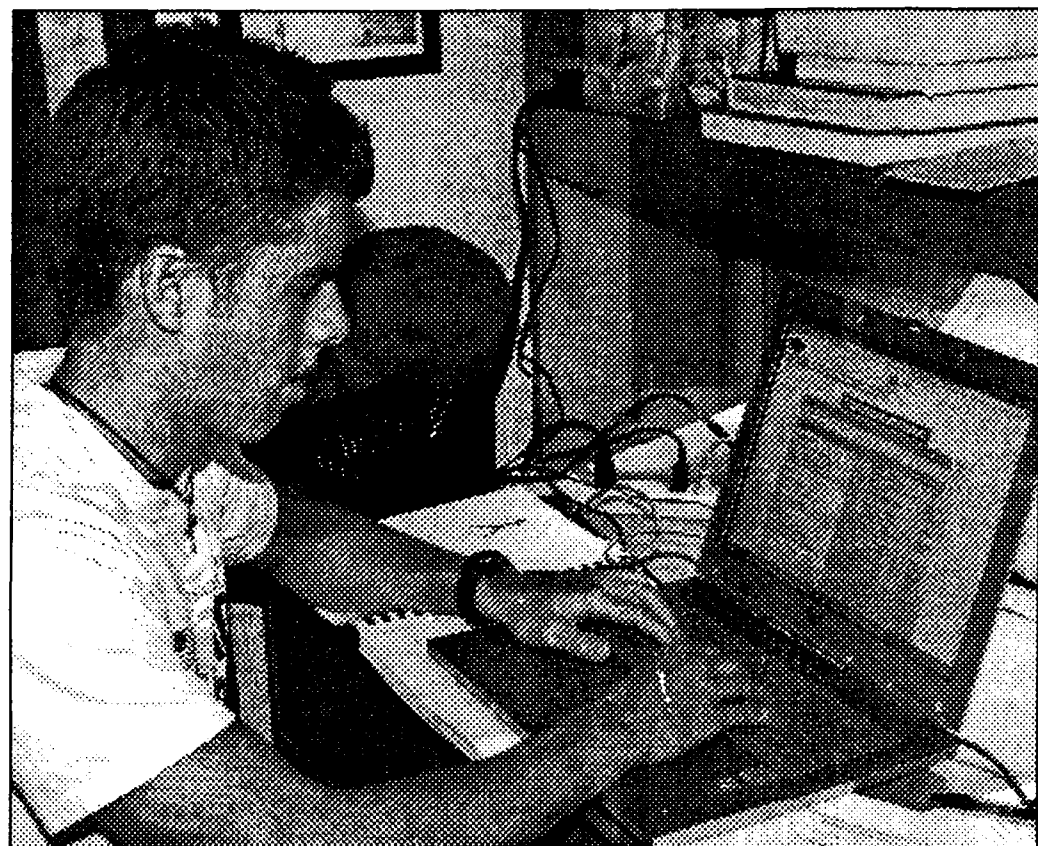
Several other students echoed his comments, or said that they had not heard of the website.

"What's that? I haven't heard of it," sophomore Jessica Woessner said.

Some students have used the webpage, or are at least aware of its existence, but have not fully utilized it.

"I checked it out the other day, I didn't really think much about it," said junior Kirk Gomsak.

Also, at least one transfer stu-



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Freshman Michael Kelley checks to see if he can use the Degree Audit feature. Currently, only sophomores and juniors can use this function through IrishLink.

dent expressed questions about how up-to-date and useful the program was.

"I looked at it, but it was already so far out of date, especially since I was a transfer student, so I didn't really find it much help," junior Colin Sharkey said.

While there does appear to be some knowledge out there about online Degree Audit, it is still a young technology option for students. The primary source for help in scheduling should, as

reiterated by Preacher and McKenna, remain advisers.

In the future, however, McKenna hopes that as more students use it, it will go as smoothly as the recent rollout did.

"The first rollout went very smoothly, and we hope that as more students are able to use it, that that goes smoothly as well," McKenna said.

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Price difference puzzles students

By ANNE MAHONEY
News Writer

As Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students purchased season football tickets last week, many saw a significant difference in the amount they paid compared to that of Notre Dame students.

The price difference of \$48 has caused some controversy at the three campuses as students questioned the difference in prices. Students have speculated over the real reason for the price difference and whether it is fair to the students at Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

"It's frustrating when we are paying for the same seats, especially when the schools are so closely-knit and have a history of over 150 years together," said Saint Mary's junior Chrissy Dunham.

Notre Dame students receive a 50 percent discount off of the regular ticket price whereas Saint Mary's and Holy Cross pay two-thirds more than Notre Dame students, according to Jim Fraleigh, assistant athletic director of ticketing.

"The fluctuation [in the price difference] is based solely upon

the percentage of price increase each year for Notre Dame," he said.

As for the conjecture that Notre Dame is slowly trying to out-price Saint Mary's and Holy Cross, Fraleigh noted that despite higher prices, ticket sales are at their highest level in six years.

Although the tickets are expensive for any student, some students say the price differential may create a rift between the schools.

"If the trend continues, Notre Dame sports teams might lose support from their friends at Saint Mary's," said Notre Dame senior John Raih. "We shouldn't allow a gap to grow between the schools."

Other students, however, were less sympathetic.

"Notre Dame students pay for tuition at Notre Dame and shouldn't have to pay as much as those students who attend different schools," said Maria Destino, a junior at Notre Dame. "The lower prices are a privilege that Notre Dame students deserve for paying tuition at Notre Dame."

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part begins, as the summoned are each given 10 minutes in the Chair of Truth — a cozy recliner — to speak their feelings and opinions. Modeled after the Spanish Inquisition, the next step is to put this testimony up against the questions of the Grand Inquisitor, who cuts an imposing figure as emcee, the three-member Tribunal, who wear monks' robes, and the student crowd.

Although the threats of beheading and ostracizing have been left behind in this version, the questioning phase of the Irish Inquisition is expected to be theatrical and unpredictable, including guest appearances and surprise gags.

"It's not just another lecture," Cohen said. "We're trying to bring in the whole community, so we want to make it entertaining and fun."

After the questioning is complete, the Tribunal will decide the fate of the summoned faculty member. Depending on the verdict, the victim will receive a free T-shirt reading, "I was condemned as a heretic at the

Irish Inquisition" or "I got off on a technicality at the Irish Inquisition." The next testifier is then invited to step up to the chair.

The Inquisition will make its long-awaited debut with a VIP demonstration Sept. 17. The topic will be "What are the first things you'd do if you were president of the United States?" Notre Dame student body president Pat Hallahan will introduce the concept to about 80-150 assembled student and administrative leaders, and the first Inquisition will follow. Soon after it takes place, a date and topic will be announced for the next session, which will be open to the public.

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Football

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is particularly hectic, preparing for football season is a constant undertaking. Dan Brazo, athletic facilities manager for the Athletic Department, agreed.

"There are a million things to do," he said. "On game week, it really starts on Monday and lasts all week."

Brazo oversees all University athletic facilities on campus, and is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the stadium, particularly during the fall season.

Brazo and his crew of twelve were busy all summer preparing for this weekend's game, improving the looks of the stadium, with waterproofing and repainting seats and fertilizing and mowing the turf itself. After Saturday, Brazo said, the improvements will become more routine.

"For each individual game, it's a matter of repairing the field from the last game: mowing the field, raking the field, re-turning it," he said. "We started painting the lines this Wednesday, and it takes two days to finish. Painting on Wednesday gives us the best-looking lines on Saturday ... If we've planned properly and the weather's good, we're 90 percent ready by Saturday."

Often, Brazo and his crew are finished with their work by Friday afternoon, when both the home and visiting teams conduct a "walk-through" on the field.

"The individual teams will come down ... and walk around on the field," he said. "It gives them a chance to get a feel for the field ... and they usually run a few plays in tennis shoes ... They get to be a part of the hype."

On game day, Brazo and his crew — plus a few additional temporary workers he has brought on to help during football season — will arrive at the stadium hours before even the most stalwart of fans begin to tailgate. They address all of the last-minute details that inevitably arise, he said, and then prepare themselves for the game itself.

Even after eleven years, Brazo said the stadium still

hasn't lost its mystique for him.

"There's something about walking in there on Saturday morning before the stadium fills up — you can just feel it ... it's just unbelievable, the excitement in the stadium on game day," he said.

Brazo said the same holds true for other teams as well, whether they would like to admit it or not.

"Whenever a team comes to play at Notre Dame, they get so hyped, just because it's Notre Dame," he said.

Student managers for the football team can attest to that sentiment, as well. As a personnel manager, senior Matt Kerls is responsible for coordinating the 21 juniors and over 100 sophomores who are participating in this year's program. For Kerls, the job of a manager is never complete.

"[Thursday] night we're wrapping and painting the helmets to get them ready for the game," he said. "On Saturday, we set up the locker room to get it ready for the players when they get back from the Basilica."

Once the team arrives at the Stadium from their traditional team Mass, Kerls said that the managers are responsible for making sure the game on the sidelines runs smoothly.

"We basically just help out wherever we can," he said.

As a senior manager, Kerls spends his games on the sidelines, where he is likely to bump into usher Dean Payne, the field supervisor.

Payne manages the 33 ushers on the field, who maintain the bandstand and the home team and the visiting team benches.

"Our job is just to make sure everything goes smoothly on the field," he said.

Payne has worked as an usher for nine years, during which time he said he has met ushers from as close as South Bend and as far away as California. Five hundred and fifty of the stadium's 875 ushers are volunteers who make the football-weekend pilgrimage to Notre Dame as devotedly as many fans and alumni.

"We have one guy who comes up from Kentucky for every game," fellow usher Jim Foghino said. Foghino works at the top of the stadium in Section 130-135, which he refers to as the "overflow section" because it is often used to relocate fans from elsewhere in the stadium.

Foghino, like many of his colleagues, said he was drawn to the Notre Dame usher program seven years ago because he liked football, particularly Irish football.

"The best game I've seen in this stadium was the Michigan-Notre Dame game, when Rocket kept running it back," he said, referring to former Irish flanker Raghib "Rocket" Ismail. "They kept trying to get it past him, but Rocket just kept running it back."

Stories and memories abound among this group, the largest usher program in the world, and established by Knute Rockne at the University's old Cartier Field in 1930. The original 1,000 ushers recruited took the place of the Boy Scouts that had formerly seated fans at Irish football games.

The program has come a long way since its establishment, but Section 19-24 usher Eudell Spon said it's all about the love of the game.

"I've always been interested in football," he said. "Most ushers are there because they

want to be at the game." Spon, who has been an usher at the stadium for 33 years, said the best part of his job has been to interact with the fans, mostly season ticket holders, in his section.

"We make sure all the fans are greeted when they get in," he said. "We want to make sure they know they are welcome at Notre Dame."

That kind of dedication is what Gagnon likes to hear.

"If you go to another stadium, for better or for worse, it's different — you don't get the kind of attention and service you do at Notre Dame," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

4,500 French artists go on strike

PARIS — More than 4,500 French entertainers protested across the country Thursday, vowing to disrupt cultural events unless the government reconsiders planned reforms of artists' unemployment benefits.

Hundreds of protesters turned out in the cities of Bordeaux, Dijon, Lyon, Rennes and Strasbourg. In Paris, police reported at least 4,500 actors, stage hands and artists marched to the Culture Ministry.

The center-right government approved a plan last month that tightens a long-standing system of generous unemployment benefits for artists.

In a futile attempt to stave off the reform, performers mounted protests and strikes in June and July that devastated the summer festival season and led to cancellation of a theater festival in the southern city of Avignon.

U.S. wants increase in Iraqi troops

BAGHDAD — American officials want to speed up training for Iraqi security forces, including former members of Saddam Hussein's military and intelligence services, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Thursday.

Making Iraq safe is a job for Iraqis, and no more U.S. troops are needed in the country, Rumsfeld said after meeting in the capital with top military and civilian officials of the American-led occupation.

"Security is a problem, but it's a problem that, ultimately, the Iraqi people will deal with, with the help of coalition forces," Rumsfeld said at an impromptu news conference.

NATIONAL NEWS

Estrada withdraws nomination

WASHINGTON — Miguel Estrada, whose nomination became a flash point for Democratic opposition to President Bush's judicial choices, withdrew from consideration for an appeals court seat Thursday after Republicans failed in seven attempts to break a Senate filibuster.

President Bush called Estrada's treatment "disgraceful." But Senate Democrats said he was a casualty of the White House's insistence on stacking federal appeals courts with conservative ideologues.

"This should serve as a wakeup call to the White House that it cannot simply expect the Senate to rubber-stamp judicial nominees," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., one of the leading opponents to Bush's nominees.

Concern about Iran nukes grows

WASHINGTON — Concern about Iran's nuclear program is prompting the Bush administration to consult with other nations on how the international watchdog agency can apply restraints.

The result could be a proposed resolution for the meeting next Monday in Vienna of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"We would look for the board to take appropriate action," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Thursday.

LOCAL NEWS

Mother receives 40-year sentence

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. — A judge on Thursday sentenced a woman to 40 years in prison for leaving her 5-year-old son in the bed of a pickup truck, where he died from the heat.

Mary Edwards was given consecutive 20-year sentences on two counts of felony child neglect. A jury convicted the 24-year-old woman in June.

David Lynn Edwards III died in July 2002 after being left in a pickup truck for at least an hour, on a day when temperatures reached the high 90s.

France, Germany reject U.S. draft

Iraq resolution circulated at U.N.

Associated Press

DRESDEN, Germany — France and Germany refused Thursday to support a U.S. draft resolution that would spread the burden of running postwar Iraq, but said they believed a compromise was possible.

French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder demanded that Washington give the United Nations more influence in Iraq's political future. Their stance threatened to reopen a barely healed trans-Atlantic rift over their ardent opposition to the Iraq war.

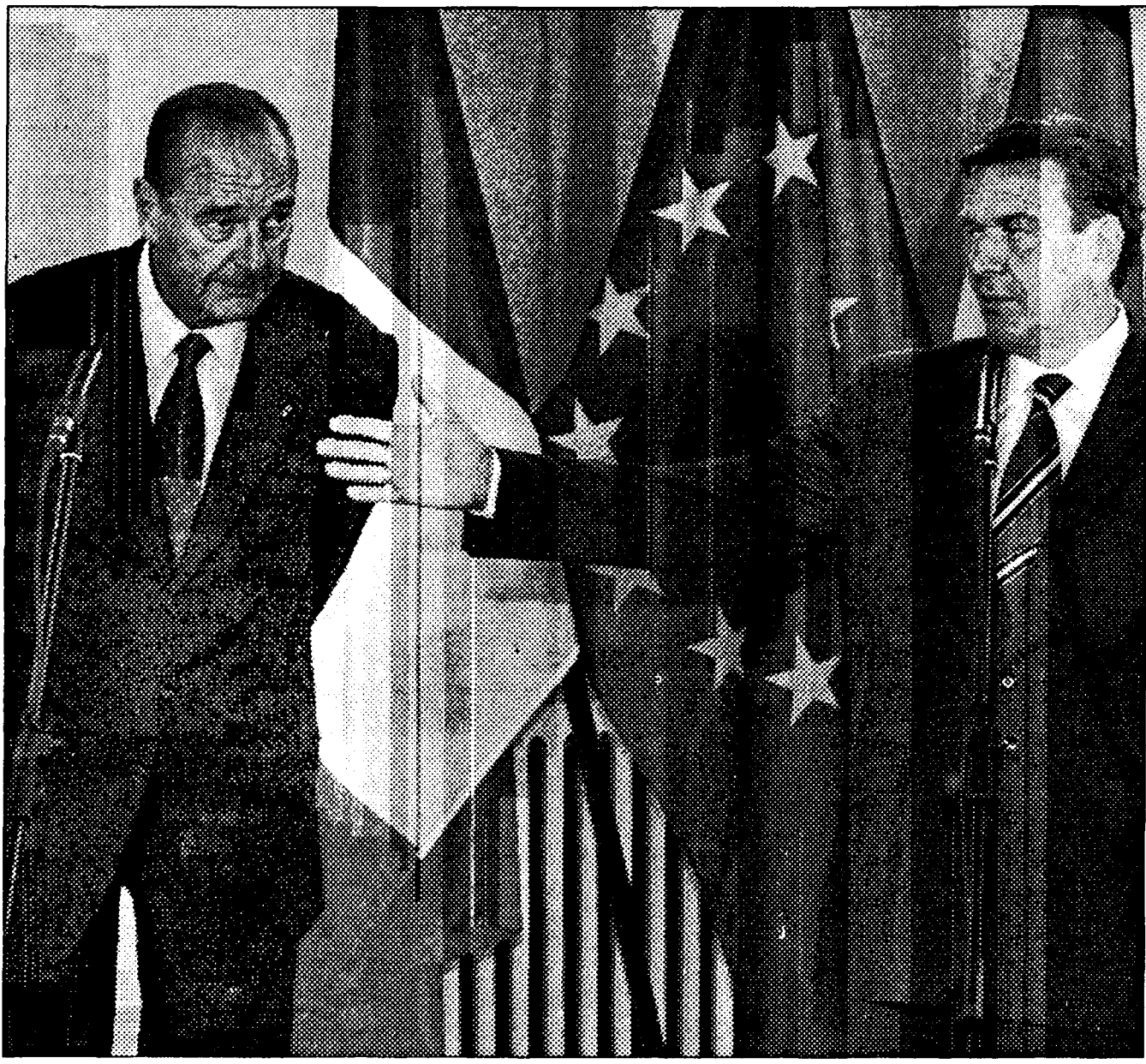
Under the draft resolution circulated Wednesday at the United Nations, Washington seeks money and troops from other countries but would not cede political or military control in Iraq.

Chirac seemed particularly critical of the U.S. initiative and was adamant that the draft foresee the United States' giving up control of the political process in Iraq. France is one of five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, meaning it has veto power over council actions.

Yet Chirac and Schroeder, meeting in Dresden for informal consultations, struck a conciliatory note. They said they saw a chance to negotiate a compromise at the United Nations, where talks over the draft are expected to be tough and lengthy.

Schroeder also said the proposal fell short, but welcomed it as "showing there is some movement."

"We are naturally ready to study it in the most positive manner," Chirac told reporters. "But we are quite far removed from what we believe is the priority objective, which is the transfer of political



Speaking at a joint press conference, French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder rejected the United States' draft of a U.N. resolution on Iraq. Both countries said, however, that the draft showed some promise.

responsibility to an Iraqi government as quickly as possible."

Schroeder added: "I agree with the president when he says: Not dynamic enough, not sufficient."

Secretary of State Colin Powell noted that Chirac and Schroeder didn't present a timetable for Iraqis to take control of their country. Still, he said Washington is "more than happy to listen to their suggestions."

"I don't sense from their statement that they said what exactly they are looking for or who they would turn it over to if we were turning it over right away," Powell said in Washington.

The United States favors having Iraqis themselves come up with a political transition plans, Powell said.

Chirac and Schroeder sidestepped questions about whether they might send troops to Iraq under any condition.

Russian Defense Minister

Sergei Ivanov said Thursday he would not rule out sending peacekeepers to Iraq as part of an international force, a strong signal that Moscow's stance was edging closer to Washington's.

"It all depends on a specific resolution. I wouldn't exclude it outright," Ivanov was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency.

France, Russia, India and other countries, including Arab nations, have ruled out contributing soldiers to Iraq unless the United Nations authorizes a multinational force.

Germany has said it is ready in principle to help rebuild Iraq but has no plans for a military engagement in Iraq.

Addressing the point

rent U.S. proposal.

"For the German side, I can say that the situation has not changed even with this reflection by the Americans," Struck told a news conference. "So long as the legal situation in Iraq has not changed ... there is no point in discussing this subject" of German troops.

Syria, a staunch opponent of the war in Iraq and the only Arab member of the Security Council, cautiously welcomed the U.S. proposal, saying it should be looked at positively. But the commentary on state-controlled Damascus Radio also called the draft "inadequate" for insisting on keeping U.S. military control of postwar Iraq and refusing to give the United Nations a "full role."

At the United Nations, Germany's Ambassador Gunter Pleuger said the U.S. draft was a good basis for negotiations, a view shared by many other Security Council members.

U.S. softens stance toward N. Korea

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Showing new flexibility, the United States is prepared to make concessions to North Korea in advance of that country's elimination of nuclear weapons programs, a senior State Department official said Thursday.

North Korea "would not have to do everything" before getting something in return, said the official, who briefed reporters on last week's six-nation meeting in China on the North's nuclear activities.

The official's comments suggested a softening of the previous U.S. position that North Korea would have had to

dismantle its nuclear programs before the United States would be willing to offer concessions.

That stand was based on the U.S. perception that offering concessions in advance would reward North Korea for violating international commitments not to produce nuclear weapons.

Last week's meeting, in addition to North Korea and the United States, brought together China, Japan, South Korea and Russia.

The official, who asked not to be identified, described the three days of talks as a good beginning that set the stage for progress when the discussions resume, probably in Beijing

before the end of the year.

On the other hand, the official said that North Korean statements over the past several days have failed to take into account the flexibility that he said the U.S. delegation in Beijing had demonstrated.

The U.S. presentation was intended to persuade the North Koreans that it is in their interest to turn away from nuclear weapons, the official said.

In its first official public comment on the discussions, North Korea said in a statement last Saturday: "The talks only reinforced our confidence that there is no other option for us but to further increase the nuclear deterrent force."

Saint Mary's gets a new endowed chair

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Saint Mary's has established the school's first endowed chair in the sciences, the Denis DeBartolo York Faculty Chair of Science. Dorothy Feigl, long-time chemistry professor and former vice president and dean of faculty has been appointed as the inaugural chair holder.

Officially announced at the conclusion of last semester, the chair will have a special emphasis on science education. It is intended to support a faculty member who is committed to both the field of science and students.

Feigl, regarded as a scientist dedicated to education by many on campus, said she was surprised to hear that she had been selected as the first chair-holder. She said that she anticipated the position to go to a professor in the early stages of his career.

"There are very good teachers and very good scientists in this department," Feigl said. "For me to be picked out is a real honor."

Feigl, who has taught chemistry at Saint Mary's since 1966, said she is enthusiastic about the addition of an endowed chair to the science department, and the prestige it will bring.

"It is a kind of marker which speaks of the quality of the pro-

gram," she said. "You can use it as a tool for the future."

She said she is also pleased that the focus of the chair is on science education — something that she says validates her life-long passion of teaching chemistry.

"The greatest satisfaction for me is when teaching and learning mix. You can be a scholar and a teacher," Feigl said.

The Saint Mary's Science Department has a long history of instructing women in the sciences. The college was among the first to provide instruction for women interested in the field of medicine. In 1903, Saint Mary's began to offer the first pharmacology degree available to women. The College was also the first institution to provide a bacteriology course in the state of Indiana.

Denise DeBartolo York, a 1972 Saint Mary's graduate, and her husband Dr. John York sponsored the \$1 million chair through the Marie Denise DeBartolo York Foundation. The endowment, DeBartolo York said, is a reflection of her family's dedication to promoting women in the field of sciences.

The Denise DeBartolo Chair becomes the sixth endowed faculty chair at Saint Mary's.

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New citizenship oath takes effect

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Immigrants will gladly raise their hands to a citizenship oath that eliminates a reference to princes and potentates, an immigrant advocate predicted Thursday. But a critic said the rewrite removes the oath's majesty.

Immigration officials will use the new oath for the first time in a naturalization ceremony Sept. 17. Eduardo Aguirre Jr., director of Citizenship and Immigration Services, has said that the oath needed to be updated so its language makes "more sense to the brain."

In the current oath, immigrants swear to "renounce and abjure" allegiance to princes and potentates.

In the new oath, they "solemnly, freely and without any mental reservation ... renounce ... all allegiance to any foreign state."

The new oath is similar to one contained in a 1997 immigration report to Congress written by a commission led by for-

mer Texas Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. That commission suggested that the oath be revised, said Russ Knocke, spokesman for Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Homeland Security Department.

"That's a beautiful thing," said Angela Kelley, National Immigration Forum deputy director, after the oath was read to her. "The hundreds of thousands of people waiting in the [naturalization] backlog will gladly raise hands their to it."

But Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, which wants to curb immigration, said the rewrite "takes away some of the majesty of the oath by simplifying the language." He called the rewrite "a gratuitous change."

Krikorian said immigrants

should be taught the meaning of the oath when they study to become citizens.

In the current oath, immigrants swear to support and defend the Constitution and U.S. laws and to bear arms on behalf of the United States

when required by law. That is rewritten in the new oath as: "Where and if lawfully required, I further commit myself to defend the Constitution and laws of the United States."

"That's a beautiful thing."

Angela Kelley
National Immigration
Forum deputy director

Krikorian said some employees within the immigration agency are concerned the new language limits the requirement to defend the Constitution and the United States to government employees.

The immigration agency will collect public comment for 60 days after the oath is published in the Federal Register Sept. 17.

Tickets

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purchase tickets to any Notre Dame athletic event will be revoked," the e-mail read.

Regardless, the laws of supply and demand still apply, and Notre Dame tickets remain the hottest commodity around.

The scarcity of tickets and the corresponding high prices have caused complaints among students.

Scalpers have driven prices out of students' reach, said Knott Hall freshman Liam Zakko.

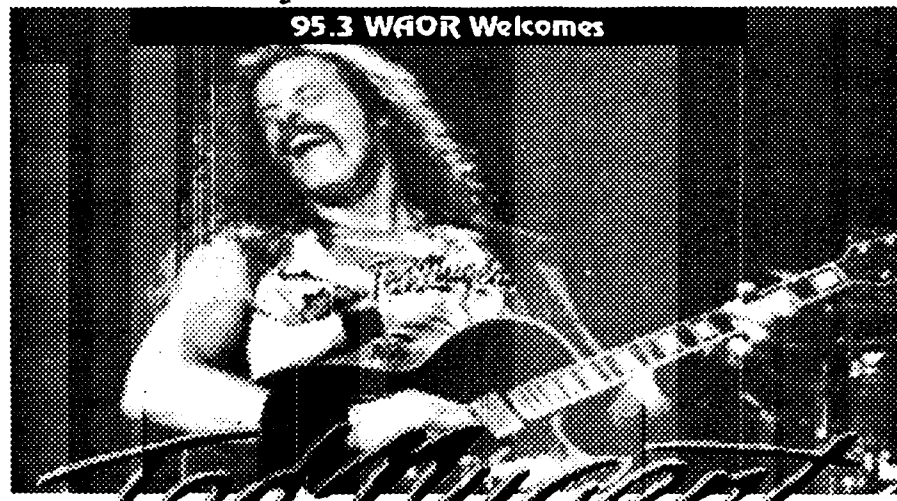
"They're just too expensive," he said.

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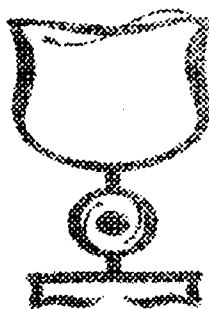
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IN BRIEF

U.S. productivity rate soars

WASHINGTON — America's businesses pumped out more with fewer employees last quarter in a big boost for productivity, and new claims for unemployment benefits are rising, underscoring the strains facing workers even as the economy gains momentum.

Productivity — the amount an employee produces for each hour of work — soared at an annual rate of 6.8 percent in the April-to-June quarter, marking the largest increase since the first quarter of 2002, according to revised figures released Thursday by the Labor Department. That was even stronger than the government's initial estimate of a 5.7 percent growth rate.

The productivity gain comes as 170,000 jobs were shed during the second quarter and businesses squeezed more efficiency out of the workers they kept.

In another report from the department, new applications for jobless benefits rose last week by a seasonally adjusted 15,000 to 413,000, the highest point since the middle of July.

Crude oil drops to two-month low

The price of crude dropped below \$29 a barrel for the first time in more than two months on Thursday, as government data revealed an unexpected increase in nationwide supplies of oil and gasoline.

While commercial inventories of both oil and gasoline are roughly 6 percent below last year's level, crude imports have been relatively strong for the past month, and demand for gasoline is expected to taper off now that the summer driving season is over.

Analysts say oil prices could drop further, although that will partly depend on how much heating oil homeowners use in the upcoming fall and winter. With heating oil inventories already low, an early cold snap could drive crude prices higher.

Crude for October delivery declined 51 cents to \$28.98 per barrel Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange — the lowest closing price since June 24, when crude futures were at \$28.78.

Since Labor Day, crude futures have dropped \$2.59 per barrel.

McDonald's franchizers reject plan

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. owner-operators are challenging the company's plan for them to pick up most of the tab for refurbishing older restaurants.

The National Leadership Council, which represents 2,300 owner-operators in the United States, is negotiating with management about the required modernization of about 5,000 U.S. restaurants — more than a third of McDonald's U.S. total.

A franchisee representative said the group will hire a top law firm to study whether the Oak Brook, Ill.-based company can legally force them to pay most of the rebuilding costs, which are estimated at \$800,000 to \$1 million per store.

Back-to-school booze boosts Belmont



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

The back-to-school alcohol purchased by students has helped to boost profits at Belmont Beverages. Last week, the store sold 107 kegs of beer, enough to provide one beer for each Notre Dame student, professor, administrator, and trustee. The establishment is in its 70th year and the chain sells \$12 million in beer each year.

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

As students returned to campus for the first week of classes, they were faced with many challenges: club meetings, new roommates and class schedules all jockeyed for attention.

But as the weekend approached, thoughts soon turned from chemistry and philosophy to that empty refrigerator in the corner.

The folks at Belmont Beverage are working hard to fill that void.

Belmont, the closest liquor store to Notre Dame, sits on South Bend

Avenue just south of campus. According to Beverage Retailer magazine, a trade publication, the 25-store chain sells more than \$12 million worth of beer annually.

If the first week's sales are any indication, the store is looking forward to a great year, says manager Mary Beth Lang.

"It was a very good week," Lang said, noting that her store sold 107 kegs of beer last week. That's a lot of beer, over 1,600 gallons, or enough for every Notre Dame student, professor, administrator and trustee to enjoy a cold one.

Many of those kegs

ended up at the Turtle Creek apartment complex, where students flock to "Rally in the Alley" at the beginning of every academic year.

Along with booming business, however, comes trouble. Lang said the incidence of underage students attempting to buy alcohol is on the rise, and phony IDs are getting closer to the real thing. She worries about the future of her business, noting that the state has stepped up enforcement actions against establishments who sell to minors.

"I really wish [the students] would stop with the fake IDs," she said.

"If I lose my license, I lose my house."

Despite the risks, Belmont is here for the long haul — this year, it celebrates its 70-year anniversary.

And Lang continues to welcome student business, especially during the Irish football season. "The mood depends on if we're winning or not," she said, but alcohol sales are up either way.

"They're either going to cry in their beer or be happy in it," she said. "But it's always nice to see happy students."

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U.N. says foreign investment falls

Associated Press

GENEVA — Investment in foreign markets fell to \$651 billion in 2002, a drop blamed on the slow global economy, the United Nations said Thursday.

More than half the world's countries saw investment decline, with the United States and Britain hit hardest, the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development said in its annual World Investment Report.

"The main factor behind the decline was slow economic growth in most parts of the world and dim prospects for recovery, at least in the short term," the study said. It also cited a drop in merger values.

Economists regard foreign direct investment as an important factor in boosting a country's growth.

China is now the largest recipient of foreign investment, UNCTAD said, but when compared with countries' gross domestic product, the list is topped for the second year running by Belgium and Luxembourg.

Oil-rich Angola jumped into second place ahead of Hong Kong. Ireland was fourth and Malta fifth.

The study said UNCTAD expects similar low levels of investment in 2003, but it hopes to see a rebound in 2004.

Investment declines in the United States and Britain accounted for

more than half of the total loss among the 108 countries that recorded a drop in 2002, UNCTAD said. Developed countries saw foreign investment fall by 23 percent.

The drop in Africa was 55 percent, but that came after a record year of investment in 2001, the study said. Investment declined for the third straight year in Latin America and the Caribbean — by 33 percent. Asia recorded only a minimal decline because of the record investment levels in China.

UNCTAD said most of the fall in investment was in manufacturing and service industries. Investment continued to rise in the mining, quarrying and petroleum industries.

Democratic candidates slam Bush in first debate

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — In a mostly cordial televised debate, Democrats vying to replace President Bush brushed aside their own differences on Thursday and roundly condemned his handling of the economy, Iraq and immigration policies.

"This president is a miserable failure," said former House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, repeating the line twice and blaming Bush for the loss of American jobs and prestige.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who achieved front-runner status after a summer surge in the polls and in fund raising, had expected to be a primary target of his rivals. But the contenders spent most of their time assailing the president's policies rather than each other.

They welcomed Bush's decision to finally seek U.N. help in stabilizing postwar Iraq, but argued that he should have done it earlier and suggested his delay has jeopardized U.S. relations around the world.

Now Bush must "go back to the very people he humiliated," said Dean, who by the luck of the draw got the first question at a televised debate among eight of the nine Democrats seeking the party's presidential nomination.

Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, who had cast himself as the early front-runner, said that "the swagger of a president

who says 'bring 'em on' does not bring our troops peace or safety." Added Gephardt: "We have a president who has broken up alliances that Democratic and Republican presidents have put together over 70 years."

The gathering at the University of New Mexico was broadcast live on public television with a Spanish translation available and will be aired Saturday on Univision, the nation's largest Spanish-language network, in a nod to the rising influence of Hispanic voters. New Mexico has a large Hispanic population — about 42 percent — and a Hispanic governor, Democrat Bill Richardson.

In his opening remarks, Richardson challenged "Hispanics across the country to mobilize and energize our communities for next year's election."

Among the issues put to the contenders were proposals to overhaul immigration laws, particularly to allow the estimated 3 million undocumented immigrants from Mexico to remain in the United States. Relaxing current law drew broad support from the Democratic rivals.

This country is a melting pot, a fabric," Gephardt said.

"Immigration for me is not just another issue. It's me, it's my family," said Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman, noting that his ancestors, like those of most Americans, had come from overseas.

"He [Bush] has used 9-11 as an excuse for not doing what he promised to do in reforming

immigration laws," Lieberman added.

Hispanics, who number 38.8 million according to the latest census, represent about 7 percent of the voting population nationwide. In 2000, about 7.5 million Hispanics were registered to vote.

The candidates did air some differences on trade and on tax policies.

Gephardt, who counts organized labor as a crucial constituency, continued his attack on his rivals for supporting free-trade pacts.

The candidates sparred briefly over whether their respective positions on trade agreements would protect workers rights and environmental standards.

Several of the Democratic contenders advocate rolling back Bush tax cuts, but Lieberman said he disagreed "with Governor Dean and others" who advocate undoing the full Bush tax plan to pay for other priorities, including universal health care coverage. Gephardt has also called for such a repeal.

Lieberman said that only cuts benefiting upper-income taxpayers be repealed and suggested the health insurance plans advocated by Dean and Gephardt were too expensive.

"Why would we want to keep anything of the Bush tax plan?" asked Gephardt in response. "It's a miserable failure."

The candidates joined in criti-

cizing Bush's tax cuts and suggested that his policies had help eliminate U.S. jobs.

Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina also suggested that Bush's attempts to woo Hispanic voters was shallow.

"The president goes around the country speaking Spanish. The only Spanish he speaks when it comes to jobs is hasta la vista," Edwards said, borrowing a line made famous by actor and California GOP gubernatorial candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Kerry noted pointedly that the stock market had risen sharply over the past month. "You know, it's interesting that the Standard & Poor's went up to 1,000, and the Dow went up to 9,400, which proves that good things happen when George Bush is on vacation, folks."

Republican Party Chairman Ed Gillespie belittled the Democratic forum. "They are a party divided," he said.

"They have differing positions on everything from Iraq to tax cuts. The one thing they were unified on was their negativity and their attacks on the president."

The eight candidates — the ninth, Al Sharpton was delayed in

New York by poor weather and could not participate — stood at individual podiums arranged in a semicircle on the stage. All eight wore dark suits; all the men but Dean wore red ties. He preferred blue.

Former Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley Braun, the only woman candidate, reminded the audience that Osama bin Laden, architect of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the United States, remained at large. "We haven't been looking for him because we got off on the wrong track [in Iraq]," she said.

Lieberman, who like Gephardt was an early supporter of the war with Iraq, said he would send more U.S. troops to help safeguard those there now and to help stabilize the country.

Dean said foreign troops are needed in Iraq and "ours need to come home." Aides said afterward Dean believes an influx of foreign troops would allow U.S. reserves to leave Iraq and create shorter rotations for regular-duty troops.

Sen. Bob Graham of Florida, the only senator seeking the nomination who voted against the Iraq war resolution last fall, said he voted that way because "I thought it was the wrong war against the wrong enemy."

Despite his consistent opposition to the war, Graham said he would support the administration's request for an estimated \$60 billion to help cover continuing costs.

"We have an obligation to support those troops," Graham said.

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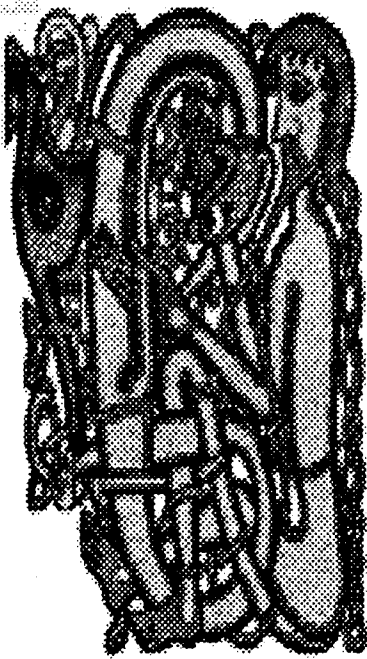
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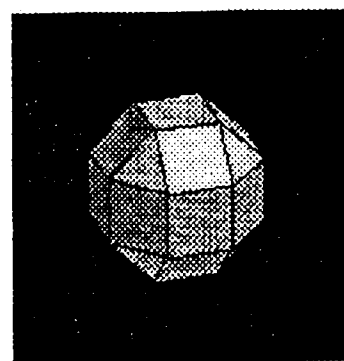
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MEXICO

Fears over free trade abound before meeting

World Trade Organization set to meet in Cancun

Associated Press

TLAXCALA — The verdant farm hamlets in Mexico's central highlands have become a front line in the battle over globalization ahead of a World Trade Organization meeting in Cancun.

These farms, hundreds of miles from Cancun, lie in the ancestral heartland of corn, a crop now flooding in from the United States at lower prices under 1994's North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA.

Trade ministers from the WTO's 146 members will meet in Cancun beginning Sept. 10 to discuss a trade treaty cutting tariffs and subsidies and further opening markets to foreign trade. The meeting is an important stage in attempts to create a binding treaty by the end of next year.

A World Bank report released Wednesday said the trade talks are stalled over disagreements that are important to developing countries,

such as agriculture and tariff reduction on manufactured products like textiles.

While their ancestors practically invented corn, farmers here are not competitive anymore. Plots in this town are small — usually one to five acres.

Some blame American, Japanese and European farm subsidies, and call for a WTO agreement eliminating subsidies in rich countries and giving preferential treatment to farmers in the developing world.

"There is no way we can compete," said farmer Bacilio Flores, 53. "Farmers in the United States have 500 hectares [1,200 acres], and they get thousands of dollars a year in government payments. We can never match that, even in our dreams."

"There is no way we can compete."

Bacilio Flores
farmer

Corn is an important cultural symbol here. A few miles east are the 1,200-year-old ruins of Cacaxtla, with murals depicting human beings sprouting full-grown from an ear of corn. A few miles further east is Tehuacan, where corn may first have been domesticated 4,000 years ago.

Even in Mexico City, buses bear a government-sponsored ad: "Without corn, there is no country."

But molding, cone-shaped stone grain silos are all that's left here of the government distribution agency that once bought corn at preferential prices. It was shuttered in the early 1990s as Mexico negotiated NAFTA with the United States.

"There are some farmers who benefit from free trade, like those who grow mangoes and avocados," said Rafael Castaneda Perez, 70, who tends a few acres of tomatoes. "But we need government help and better conditions to do that."

Even with preferential treatment, Mexico's small, antiquated farms probably still would be swamped by the vast, mechanized corn fields of Iowa. That has prompted calls for no agreement at all at the Cancun summit.

Farmers like Flores and Castaneda say they simply should not be forced into a mercantile economy, and rather should be paid to preserve their way of life.

"We want agriculture taken

out of the summit talks," farm activist Rafael Rodriguez said.

"There are some farmers who benefit from free trade."

Rafael Perez
tomato farmer

"Agriculture isn't just another kind of merchandise. It's a way of life, a culture, a relationship with the land and the environment.

"If we lose it, we can't replace it."

Activists bristle at the idea of these rural hamlets operating under free trade — and with fewer farms. Many agricultural workers driven from the countryside end up in the United States as undocumented migrants, while others are forced to work at maquiladora assembly plants that specialize in U.S. exports.

But maquiladora plants are leaving Mexico for countries with even lower wages, like China. Some fear displaced farmers simply will have no place in the modern economy.

"No country in the world could provide jobs for this many people in the farm sector," Humberto Jasso of Mexico's economy department said last year during a protest by thousands of farmers.

The British rock band

Coldplay, which supports the Make Trade Fair activist campaign, is scheduled to visit here Saturday to discuss its belief that opening agricultural markets to free trade drives small farmers out of business. The band will perform Sunday and Monday in Mexico City.

But a third path between a free-trade future and a return to a difficult past also is being cleared.

On the outskirts of Mexico City is a tortilla cooperative, where farmers owning the plant sell their grain directly for Mexico's staple food, cutting out the middlemen and raising profits.

A mechanized production line with stainless-steel vats rolls out as many as 360,000 tortillas per day according to the traditional, pre-Hispanic dough recipe — using chalky lime from whole kernels. The cooking takes up to 20 hours.

"This is the traditional method, but using modern technology," said Jose Domingo Martinez, 47, the cooperative's assistant manager.

"It gives the farmers a better price, and it preserves the tradition."

"Agriculture isn't just another kind of merchandise."

Rafael Rodriguez
farm activist



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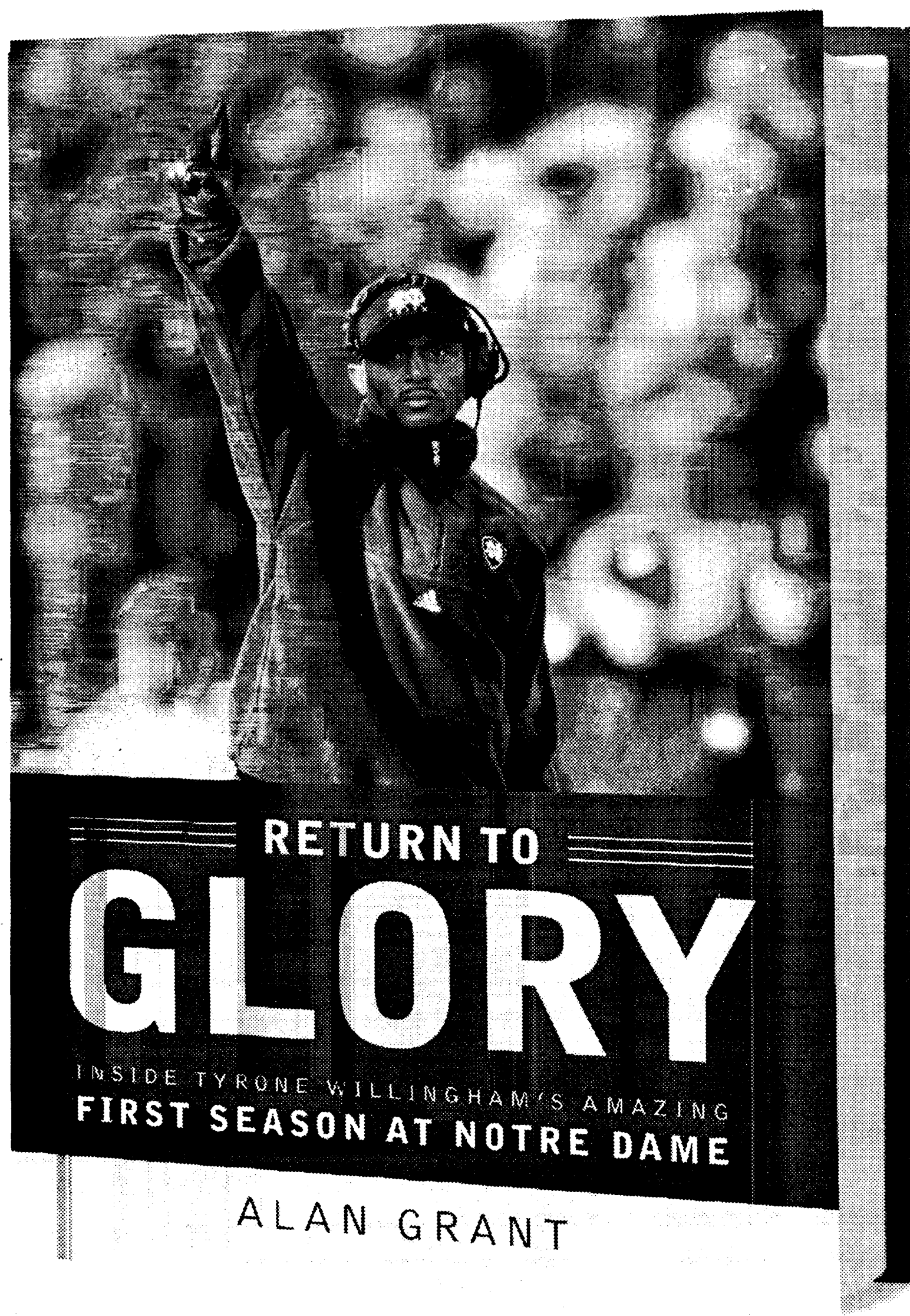


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Verizon, unions reach agreement

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A tentative, five-year agreement was reached Thursday night between Verizon Communications and unions that provides raises and job protections for 78,000 East Coast telephone technicians and operators.

The deal comes more than a month after contracts expired and the unions threatened to strike. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Director Peter Hurtgen joined the contentious talks to successfully avert an Aug. 3 walkout.

Members of the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers still must approve the agreement, which includes 27 separate local contracts.

"I think everyone was mindful of the enormous stakes, not just for labor-management in this situation, but for its potential effect on telecommunications in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic," Hurtgen said in a statement. "I think everyone involved recognized how vital it was to reach an agreement."

Preserved in the deal are existing provisions that protect

workers against layoffs and prohibit transfers out of communities without employee consent. However, workers hired after the contract takes effect will not have those protections.

The agreement also provides for annual, structured talks on jobs and wages to "mutually assess changes in the economy and the competitive environment and to balance any basic wage increase above 2 percent against the needs of the company to reduce the size of the work force," Verizon said.

But the contract will remain in place if both sides do not agree on changes.

"This landmark agreement is fair for employees and at the same time helps Verizon remain competitive in these very challenging times," said Lawrence Babbio, Verizon's vice chairman and president.

Workers will receive immediate cash bonuses of 3 percent, or an average of \$1,600, upon approval of the contracts. Base wages will then increase 2 percent annually, for a total of 8 percent during the contract. Cost-of-living increases are possible in years four and five, depending on inflation.

Oregon wildfires threaten homes

Associated Press

CAMP SHERMAN, Ore. — Two big wildfires jumped containment lines Thursday in central Oregon, again forcing the evacuation of about 300 residents of this mountain community, officials said.

The fires were "large and getting larger. In terms of acres, it's probably close to 80,000," said firefighting spokesman Tom Lavagnino. The blazes were fueled by heavy undergrowth, combined with low humidity and high winds.

Authorities said the fires were threatening to merge.

The evacuation marked the second time in less than a month that Camp Sherman residents were forced from their homes. They were allowed back Saturday after a 12-day evacuation.

A 10-mile, westbound stretch of U.S. 20 between the town of Sisters and Camp Sherman was closed to allow passage of firefighting equipment, said Dave Davis, spokesman for the state transportation department.

The Red Cross was setting up a shelter at a church in Sisters. John O'Neil, an American Red Cross volunteer, said he could see a giant plume of smoke from the church.

"It's really blown up. The fire's just rocking and

rolling," O'Neil said.

A message at the Camp Sherman Country Store said: "It's 3:40 p.m. now. Evacuate now. The sirens you're hearing are the evacuation sirens. Evacuate now, don't wait. Good luck. Bye."

Along the Columbia River east of Portland, the tourist town of Cascade Locks escaped a 470-acre wildfire that burned up to its outskirts and forced evacuation of about 200 homes.

Evacuees were allowed to return late Wednesday, and a 47-mile stretch of Interstate 84 that had been closed a day earlier reopened.

A former bed and breakfast and an abandoned house and barn were the only buildings destroyed despite flames that had licked at underbrush just feet from dozens of homes.

In northern California, firefighters reported progress Thursday against scores of wildfires sparked by lightning.

Two firefighters suffered heat-related injuries from a blaze in Lake County that, at 2,500 acres, was the biggest of the more than 200 fires that began Wednesday, said California Department of Forestry spokeswoman Karen Terrill.

The Lake County fire was 50 percent contained by Thursday afternoon, but still threatened about 200 struc-

tures outside Middletown, about 70 miles north of San Francisco, she said.

Firefighters said they had contained 175 of the 239 fires in the region, and expected to contain most of the rest by Sunday. Acres burned were said to be in the thousands, but officials did not have a precise figure.

In Montana, the last two families forced from their homes by dozens of fires that had burned across the state were allowed to return Thursday in Tom's Gulch near Lincoln.

"They've been coming in twice a day every day to see when they can go back in," said fire information officer Bob Brousseau. "They had been living in a tent the whole time" — more than two weeks.

At the fire season's peak, hundreds of Montanans were chased from their homes by blazes that have charred more than 570,000 acres this summer.

Even as firefighters gained the upper hand against Montana's biggest fires, officials remained wary of flare-ups.

"We don't want to let our guard down," said Linda Slater with the Northern Rockies Interagency Information Center. "We really have to be paying attention to the weather."

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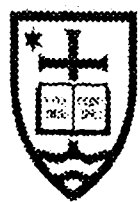
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McIntosh drops out of Indiana gubernatorial race

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Citing swelling support for Mitch Daniels that includes backing from President Bush, Republican David McIntosh ended his 2004 gubernatorial run Thursday and endorsed Daniels.

"The team is coalescing around Mitch Daniels and I'm a team player, have always been a team player and I want to be part of the team," McIntosh said during a news conference at state GOP

headquarters.

In a telephone interview earlier Thursday, McIntosh campaign manager Jason Beal said the decision "was based entirely on us hearing from [White House adviser] Karl Rove that President Bush would endorse Mitch Daniels."

"We feel that would all but preclude us from raising money for the Republican primary," Beal said.

It was not clear whether Bush would make an endorsement Friday during a

visit to Indianapolis, but his support for Daniels already seemed a certainty. Daniels stepped down as White House budget director in June to run for governor.

During a speech in Indianapolis in May, Bush referred to Daniels as "my man Mitch" and said, "Washington's loss will be the gain of the people of Indiana."

McIntosh said his decision was not based on fund-raising concerns, and he had supporters who "could pro-

vide the financing that could get us there." But he said he had called the White House and was told by someone that Bush would endorse Daniels.

"It matters to me what he thinks," McIntosh said.

McIntosh served six years as a congressman for eastern Indiana and won the party's nomination for governor in 2000, but he was soundly defeated by Democrat Frank O'Bannon. He became the third Republican to drop out of the 2004 governor's race in recent months.

State Sen. Murray Clark of Indianapolis dropped out June 9 and became Daniels' campaign manager. State Sen.

Luke Kenley of Noblesville ended his campaign a few weeks later and also threw his support to Daniels.

Conservative lobbyist Eric Miller, Petersburg Mayor Randy Harris and Indianapolis businessman Bob Parker are still seeking the nomination.

McIntosh had said he was in the race to stay, too, and he had aired some television commercials this summer.

He said he had earned widespread name-recognition during his first campaign and was the best-known candidate in the field. Seventy-three percent of those surveyed in a WISH-TV poll taken in July knew of McIntosh, while 42 percent recognized Daniels' name.

But Daniels, a former Eli Lilly and Co. executive, was still considered the front-runner and was expected to raise much more in campaign cash than McIntosh. Daniels also enjoyed support from other prominent Republicans, including Sen. Dick Lugar and former state GOP Chairman Mike McDaniel.

McIntosh said Thursday it

had become clear that Democrats would field a "strong team" in the governor's race, and it was important for Republicans to run as a team. State Sen. Vi Simpson and former state and national Democratic chairman Joe Andrew are seeking the Democratic nomination.

McIntosh said he did not know what his role in the Republican team might be, but he hoped to help formulate proposed solutions to state problems, including the property tax reassessment.

Daniels joined McIntosh at Thursday's announcement and thanked him for his decision.

"I had no heart for running against this man, given my admiration for him and the service he has provided in the past," Daniels said.

McIntosh also was joined by his wife Ruthie.

When a reporter reminded McIntosh that he had better name ID in the recent poll, Ruthie McIntosh leaned to the microphone and said, "If the election was held today, David would win."

McIntosh chuckled and said, "But it won't be. It will be held in May."

David Holt, who helped manage McIntosh's successful 1994 campaign for Congress and joined his staff when he took office, said he was proud McIntosh was getting out.

"I think David fought the good fight in 2000 and it came up short — it came up too short — and David just didn't have the time to rehabilitate himself from the loss that he had," Holt said.

McIntosh based much of his 2000 campaign on a "guarantee" to cut property taxes by 25 percent. But it took him months to detail his plan, and he acknowledged later that it might not have worked given the state budget crunch that hit.

"The team is coalescing around Mitch Daniels and I'm a team player, have always been a team player and I want to be part of the team."

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Re-evaluate RA orientation policies

The administration loves to promote Notre Dame as a well-rounded community that is home to ambitious and capable students who excel in academics, extracurricular activities, service and other areas.

But when Doug Pope and BJ Craig were forced to decide whether they would continue as resident assistants by choosing to either attend resident assistant training or attend other academic-related activities and lose their positions, it suggested that Notre Dame might be more committed to unwavering and unreasonable adherence to minor technicalities.

Pope and Craig claim they were released as RAs during RA orientation because they could not attend certain training sessions. Most people would consider their excuses legitimate — Pope had an interview for a post-graduate scholarship, while Craig had to participate in an MBA orientation. Other students say some RAs were given a choice between taking the MCAT and attending orientation.

But Student Affairs officials did not find these excuses legitimate. Even though Pope and Craig informed the administration about these conflicts in advance — and tried to make arrangements to avoid these conflicts or make up the missed sessions — they say they were still given an ultimatum: attend RA orientation or forget about being an RA.

If Notre Dame is an institution dedicated to preparing students for their futures, why would the administration force students to put their futures on hold? Tests and scholarship interviews are just as important as RA training sessions, especially

if the information from the training can be obtained other ways.

What's more, since RAs are leaders, chosen to guide other students, younger classes should look at Pope and Craig's pursuit of academic achievement as an example of what to aspire for, not as a penalty to serving them in the dorm.

Dismissing and replacing RAs for inconsequential reasons creates a rift in the family atmosphere the University tries to cultivate. And the RA orientation couldn't have been as important as student life officials say it is — Pope and Craig's replacements attended even less of the training than the two original RAs would have and had to make up the sessions they missed — an opportunity that Pope and Craig were denied.

RAs sign contracts that require them to attend all the orientation sessions, and Notre Dame has a responsibility to dorm residents to enforce the importance of attending RA training. But it shouldn't be so unreasonable that it makes RA candidates choose between their training and their future.

The University should re-evaluate the RA training policy. If it decides to adhere to its current policy, it should explicitly inform all future applicants of the strict, unforgiving nature of this policy and also tell them of events that have been conflicts in the past — such as the summer MCAT administration — and tell them they cannot participate in these activities. Better yet, the administration should allow students to complete these capstone events and make-up the RA training they miss.

The Observer Editorial

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

University policy promotes double standard

The "Student Life Policies" section of the 2003-04 Graduate and Professional Student Handbook lists rules describing behaviors the University "will not tolerate" (p79). The rules include reasonable prohibitions on "possession of heroin" and "physical violence." Those found to violate these rules may receive punishments of disciplinary suspension or permanent dismissal.

Also subject to these same punishments are graduate students who violate the following policy which also allegedly describes behavior the University will not tolerate: "Because a genuine and complete expression of love through sex requires a commitment to a total living and sharing together of two persons in marriage, the University believes that sexual union should occur only in marriage" (p82). As one who thinks that this rule should be eliminated, I raise the following three issues.

1. The Graduate and Professional schools enthusiastically recruit, fund and welcome students known to violate this policy. If "the University" really believed that sex outside of marriage was "behavior we will not tolerate" (p79), the Graduate School and the various graduate departments would not, or would not be permitted to, recruit students known to live in violation of this policy.

Prospective students who visit campus

with their unmarried partners and children provide some evidence that this is occurring. Routine social interaction with graduate students and their loved ones provides confirmation.

When our recruiting efforts are successful, these students enroll in our programs and continue living their personal lives as they see fit. Most of these

roughly 23-35 year old adults do not hide their partners

from departmental friends and colleagues. We therefore recruit students who upon enrollment are subject to dismissal.

2. No regulation of this kind can be found in the Faculty or Staff Handbooks. The Office of Student Affairs claims to be speaking for "the University" in stating that sex outside of marriage is "unacceptable" behavior. The University, however, makes no such statement about faculty, staff or administrator behavior.

Apparently the mostly 23-83 year old administrators, faculty and staff at Notre Dame are adult enough to make their own choices about sexual matters free from the threat of University discipline, but our mostly 23-35 year old graduate students are not. This is not because Notre Dame is silent on employee discipline issues. The University apparently does not think that sex outside of marriage is intolerable behavior when it involves the lives of staff, administrators or faculty.

3. Notre Dame is a Catholic University. One might think that this idiosyncratic policy concerning extramarital sex exists because the University chooses to incorporate Catholic moral views into its behavioral regulations. For this explanation to make sense, we would need to hear why the policy doesn't find its way into the Faculty or Staff Handbooks and why this regulation is the only regulation in the book of this sort.

One searching the relevant pages of the Handbook (pp79-85) will not find other instances in which distinctively Catholic moral claims are imported into the Handbook. There is, for example, no regulation stating that the use of artificial birth control is intolerable. Other rules concern matters such as obeying the criminal law and not selling football tickets for profit.

In correspondence concerning this rule, Student Affairs administrators claim that "the University" will not hesitate to enforce the policy. Interestingly, this is not the position the Graduate School takes when discussing the issue with departmental directors of graduate study. Student Affairs administrators further note that the University has not yet attempted to coordinate its "behavioral expectations" with its "recruiting procedures" nor made any attempt to require that faculty assist with enforcement.

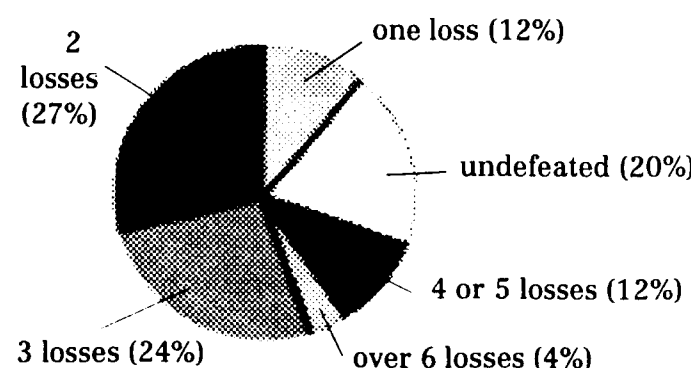
It's a good thing that the University has not yet attempted to do either of these things. It would be an even better thing if the University would agree that the private sexual choices of its adult graduate and professional students should be no more subject to University discipline than the private sexual choices of faculty, staff and administrators.

Fritz Warfield
philosophy professor
Sept. 4

OBSERVER POLL

How many games will the Irish win during this football season?

*Poll based on 494 respondents.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Martin Luther King, Jr.
civil rights activist

Judging a fellow citizen

Each autumn when students return to campus, the most asked question is, "What did you do this summer?" My answer is that I sentenced a 26 year-old man to life in federal prison.

On the last day of July, I, along with eleven other jurors, walked for the final time into a crowded courtroom to announce our verdicts. For me, it was a unique moment after sitting each day for four months on a special Federal trial in an almost empty courtroom. I felt like I was ascending Notre Dame Stadium's tunnel before a capacity crowd prior to a national championship football game.

While each juror knew we were charged with an enormously serious matter, none of us was prepared for the electrical atmosphere of the courtroom on that final day. Some jurors sat shaking nervously as curious and anxious spectators anticipated our verdicts. Jurors who had avoided eye contact with the defendant during our four months still could not look at the defendant while each of the 75 counts was read. My adrenaline abruptly skyrocketed, and my mouth went dry when my eyes locked onto the defendant's eyes.

Subconsciously I knew the possible consequences of our deliberations, but the amplitude of my responsibilities did not strike me until the moment our foreman began his announcement of our verdict. Initially the defendant remained emotionless with the same eerily relaxed expression he had displayed throughout the four-month trial. His demeanor was one that suggested an extremely casual indifference, almost as though he was an observer rather than a partici-

pant in the process.

Seldom throughout the trial had the defendant changed his expression. On the first day of the trial he and I had established eye contact. I watched as his casual expression changed to an icy cold stare for a moment before he snapped back to his relaxed look. He remained detached while the entire courtroom gasped during the replay of a 911 emergency call from a woman who had been shot.

When the courtroom sat mesmerized, he barely looked at an 18-year-old high school senior who testified that she had been ambushed and shot five times in an alley when she was 15.

After sitting for four months as a juror, I filled five notepads with notations regarding testimony, observations and my conclusions. Thanks to the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, I reviewed countless undercover videotaped transactions and telephone wiretaps. I know how to "cook" and "stretch" powder cocaine into cocaine base (crack). I also now understand latent finger prints versus "prints of value" along with the ballistic references for shell casings and bullets.

For me, the defense suffered on three days during the trial. One morning a witness described how he was kidnapped, tortured and beaten by the defendant. That afternoon another witness, a perceived rival by the defendant, identified the defendant as the person who shot into his car and killed his passenger. This day was followed by an impartial neighbor testifying that he saw the defendant shoot the passenger.

On the second day that hurt the defense, the prosecution paraded several ballistics and fingerprint experts who tied shell casings from several shootings to guns confiscated during four search warrants on the defendant's home. Additional testimony from a rival gang member who admitted almost shooting the

defendant, and testimony from another impartial city government worker placed the defendant at the scene of another shooting.

Finally, the third day that crippled the defense occurred when the defense called its first expert witness. On cross examination the prosecution masterfully got the expert to admit to several aspersions the prosecution had contended during his presentations. That day was one in which every law student should have been observing the U.S. Attorney's textbook performance.

On our final day when our foreman responded to the judge whether we had found the defendant guilty or not guilty on the various charges and whether or not the government had proven or not proven the racketeering elements of those charges, I fixated on the defendant's eyes. When it was announced that we found the defendant guilty on drug distribution and distribution within a thousand feet of a school, the defendant maintained his relaxed glare. When we found him guilty on murder, he transformed into a cold, mean stare. As we pronounced him guilty on attempted murder, conspiracy, obstruction of justice, perjury and firearms violations, his eyes changed from cold to disbelief to colder to indifference.

Last summer, for the first time in my life, I sat on a jury. It was an experience of a lifetime that helped me understand the beauty and wisdom of our judicial system. I am absolutely convinced that we rendered the correct verdicts and that we should remove that young man from society. If I had a choice, I would have preferred running out of the football tunnel to face three-hundred pound linemen.

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Gary Caruso

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fans react to ticket policy

Questioning fairness

Limit IDs allowed per person

I'd personally like to thank the geniuses at the Student Union Board for the fantastically organized Michigan ticket lottery. After standing in line for over three hours, hundreds of individuals were left out in the cold. This was not for game tickets, mind you, but for the chance to be entered into a lottery for the right to purchase actual game tickets. SUB managed to take a procedure that in past years had taken approximately 15 minutes and, to my knowledge, never shut out anybody, and turned it into a near riot amongst infuriated students.

The individual who claimed to be the organizer of the event cited supposed "Indiana laws" and possible "racketeering charges" necessitating the halt of the lottery at precisely 6:07 pm and leaving myself and hundreds of others who had been in line for over three hours standing there empty-handed. If there is anyone who should be prosecuted it's the bozos running that operation. It was the most poorly run and communicated process that I've ever had the misfortune of experiencing.

There was absolutely no prior notice indicating that the procedure had been changed from last year or to express what would be required of students once there. The published ad simply stated, "Bring Your ID." Not until students arrived were flyers handed out explaining the painfully slow new process. On top of that, SUB put no limit on the number of IDs per person, resulting in the lucky few people at the front of the line stockpiling lottery tickets while others were shut out completely. The head clown challenged protesters to come up with a better plan.

Well, I can think of about a hundred better ways to have conducted it and would be more than happy to pass them on. A lottery is supposed to give everyone an equal opportunity to win. If the goal was to reward the individuals who show up first, then why even have a lottery? Just sell the tickets outright — first-come, first-serve. SUB claimed the process was overhauled because 40 people were cheated last year. Well, I can assure them that number was a whole lot more than that this time.

Dan Heider
'99, MBA '04
Sept. 4

The Student Union Board's use of an incredibly slow and inefficient process to distribute vouchers for an opportunity to be selected to purchase Michigan football tickets was apparently aimed at rectifying improprieties that were associated with similar systems in prior years. While SUB's goals were admirable, their implementation was woeful, contributing to the worst debacle I have witnessed since the last time Bob Davie coached football.

SUB asserted that Indiana state law and NCAA regulations required that the voucher distribution be suspended at 6 p.m. My brief search of

NCAA regulations was unable to locate any regulation confirming or contradicting SUB's assertion that distribution is limited to three hours. Even assuming that this is true, a more efficient process could have been devised to insure that more students could have received vouchers for participation in the random drawing for eligibility to purchase tickets.

SUB's characterization of the drawing as an illegal lottery is hopelessly confused and mistaken. Indiana law does prohibit lotteries as a form of illegal gambling, according to Indiana Statutes 35-45-5-3.

However, the distribution of a voucher to receive an entry in a drawing, the winners of which will have the opportunity to purchase football tickets, is not an illegal lottery. An illegal lottery is a scheme in which individuals pay money to receive prizes based upon chance, according to *Pruitt v. State*, 557 N.E.2d 684, 690 (Ind.App. 1990).

Students did not pay money in order to enter the drawing. Consequently, the voucher distribution was not an illegal lottery. Moreover, SUB's explanation that Indiana law prohibited SUB from continuing the distribution for longer than three hours is puzzling. If the ticket distribution were an illegal lottery it would be prohibited regardless of whether it was conducted for three hours or 300

hours.

An SUB representative also attempted to explain to students that SUB would be forced to stop the distribution after three hours because of RICO. RICO is a federal statute, not a state law and seems wholly inapplicable the distribution at hand. I suspect that SUB members were typically confused with respect to this assertion as well.

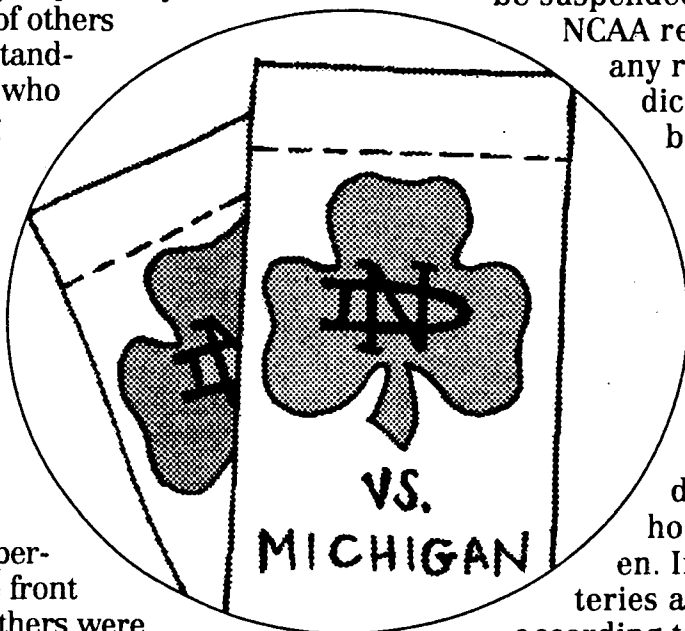
Assuming that SUB's sole remaining excuse for the fiasco — NCAA regulations — is a valid one still does not explain the inefficiency that plagued it. To say that the system was glacially slow would be an insult to glaciers.

People who got in line at approximately 3:15 p.m. did not receive tickets. The Observer reported that 700 vouchers were distributed. At that rate, less than four vouchers per minute were distributed.

Why did it take longer than 15 seconds per voucher? The shoddily planned and organized characteristics of the distribution system surely contributed. Students wrote down the names and/or afs IDs of the cards they presented on pieces of scrap paper. One person scanned identification cards, tore off vouchers and stacked the vouchers, I.D. cards and scrap paper in haphazard piles. One person wrote the corresponding names on the vouchers. One last individual manually typed the names and corresponding voucher numbers into a notebook computer, presumably on some sort of database such as Excel.

SUB representatives confrontationally challenged students to come up with a better system. Unfortunately, I am limited to 600 words and my responses to that query could easily consume 600 pages. Frankly, the challenge would be to come up with a worse system. SUB showed a lack of preparation and leadership and I would encourage SUB to be accountable for their mistakes and devise a system better suited to future distributions. A starting point would be to limit the number of ID cards each student is allowed to bring.

Dustin Beckley
second year law student
Sept. 4



The Gold Rush Continues

Seniors share a saddened sentiment, but with excitement for their last season both as students and players

By STEPHANIE CHAMBERS
Scene Writer

The once student-filled campus now encompasses the presence of moms, dads, brothers, sisters and grandparents alike. Masses at the Basilica, followed by the triumphant processions of the Notre Dame marching band, pre-game practices and the Irish prayers sound again. This pre-game ritual, which dates before Rudy's time at Notre Dame, commences with the first game of the 2003-2004 football season this Saturday against Washington State.

The flocking of devoted spectators from across the country may fill the seats on Saturday, but the team has occupied the stadium since August 10th. While many students were enjoying their ending days of summer, the team spent many grueling hours participating in two practices a day. The two-day practices ended two Saturdays ago, in exchange for one intense two-hour daily practice, hours of watching films as a team and then again as an individual and lifting three days a week. Watching the films a second time individually gives the players more insight and concentration on the game. The vigorous efforts put forth by the team may explain senior Jerome Collins' positive attitude towards this year's upcoming games.

"Practices are going well and I wouldn't change the habits of the team from last year's routines. Everyone grows from year to year. The offense is better this year, too. Last year, the defense stopped offense a lot. This year, Carlyle is more accurate in practice. He's performing his quarterback position even better at every practice. There really is no one person to look

for this season. You never know because practices go great, but reacting to game situations is completely different," said Collins.

The team as a whole sounds like they are ready for the big day. But, how are the freshmen football players adjusting to the new wonders of Notre Dame football? The freshmen graduated from high school being named the top-notch players by scouts. "They are now the bottom line again, feeling as if they are nobody's," said Collins, describing how he felt during that year, as well.

"They get used to it, along with the rigorous team schedules and practices. But, we try to keep them awake and moving when they get tired."

Collins said that he "can't wait to get that first hit in" because practice is growing routine. "Hitting the same person day in and day out gets old."

The team may grow accustomed to playing one another, but his positive assertion of the team confirms the team status. "Coach tells us to be the best whenever we can," and that will take the team to dominating rankings.

Currently, Collins said he is not worried about future games, saying he takes it "one game at a time. Otherwise, you're not focused on the team. We need to put our worries on the present game."

"Getting the ring and being National Champions will only happen by being the best we can be."

He says that making each game the focal point as it nears will lead the team all the way despite any criticism from outsiders.

"The team went 8-0 last year in light of criticism regarding coaching changes. We kept focused and finished 10-3 at the Gator Bowl. This was our greatest accomplishment [and it showed the true] testament of the team's resolve to be the best."

Focusing on each game as it comes appears to be the best way to tackle the season, along with the help of the fans.

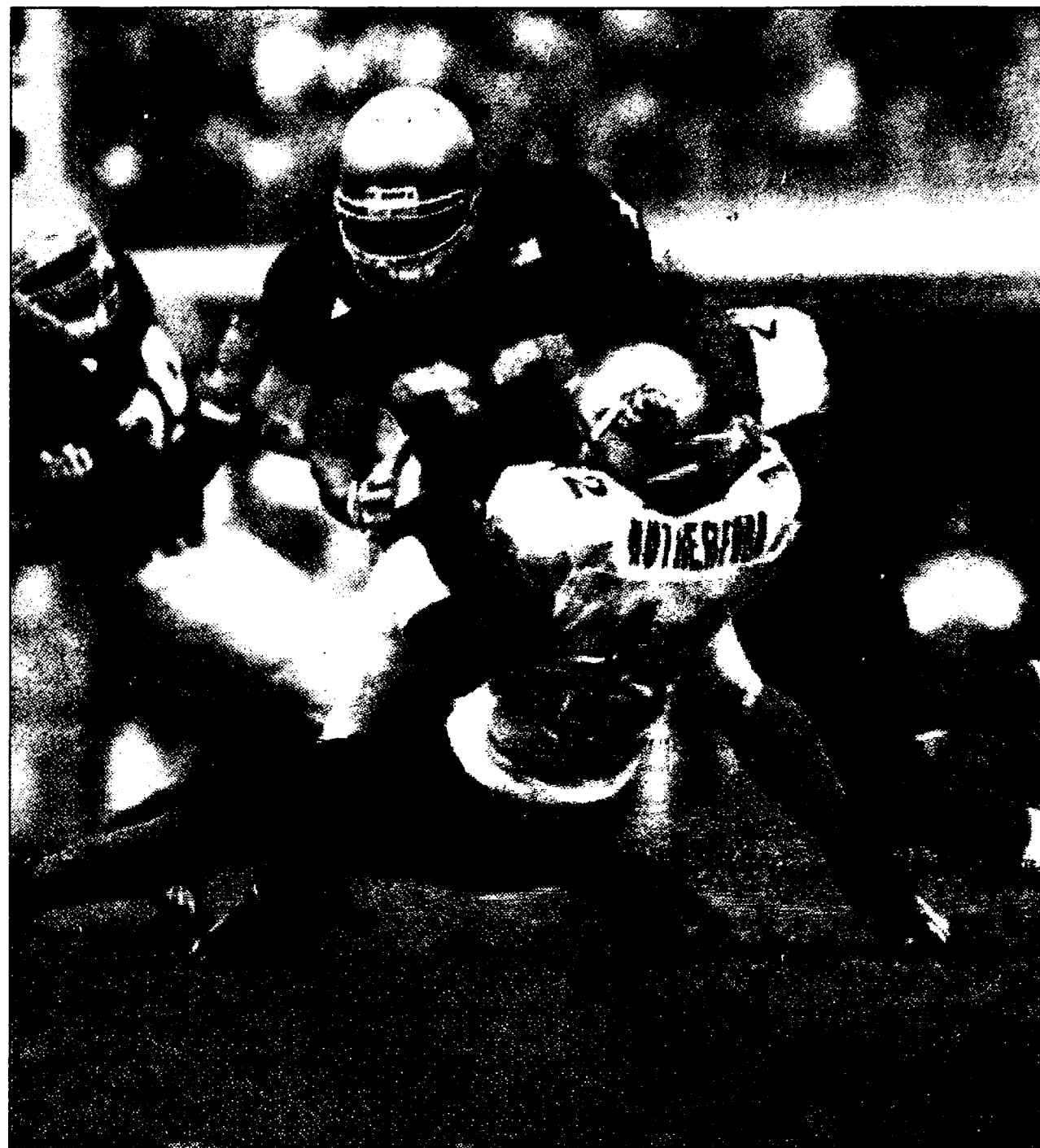
Collins applauds the fans for their outstanding motivation.

"It wouldn't be fun if 20,000 fans weren't cheering." He said the fans help keep the enthusiasm among the team members because the adrenaline from students and fans in the stands aids in the rush of excitement experienced on the field.

Player Anthony Fassano said he agrees with his teammate.

"We are playing in front of the best fans in the nation!" Fassano said.

The players are not the only ones who enjoy the out of tune crowd chanting. Many seniors have already begun to realize the beginning of this season is twofold, as it is their last season, too. It



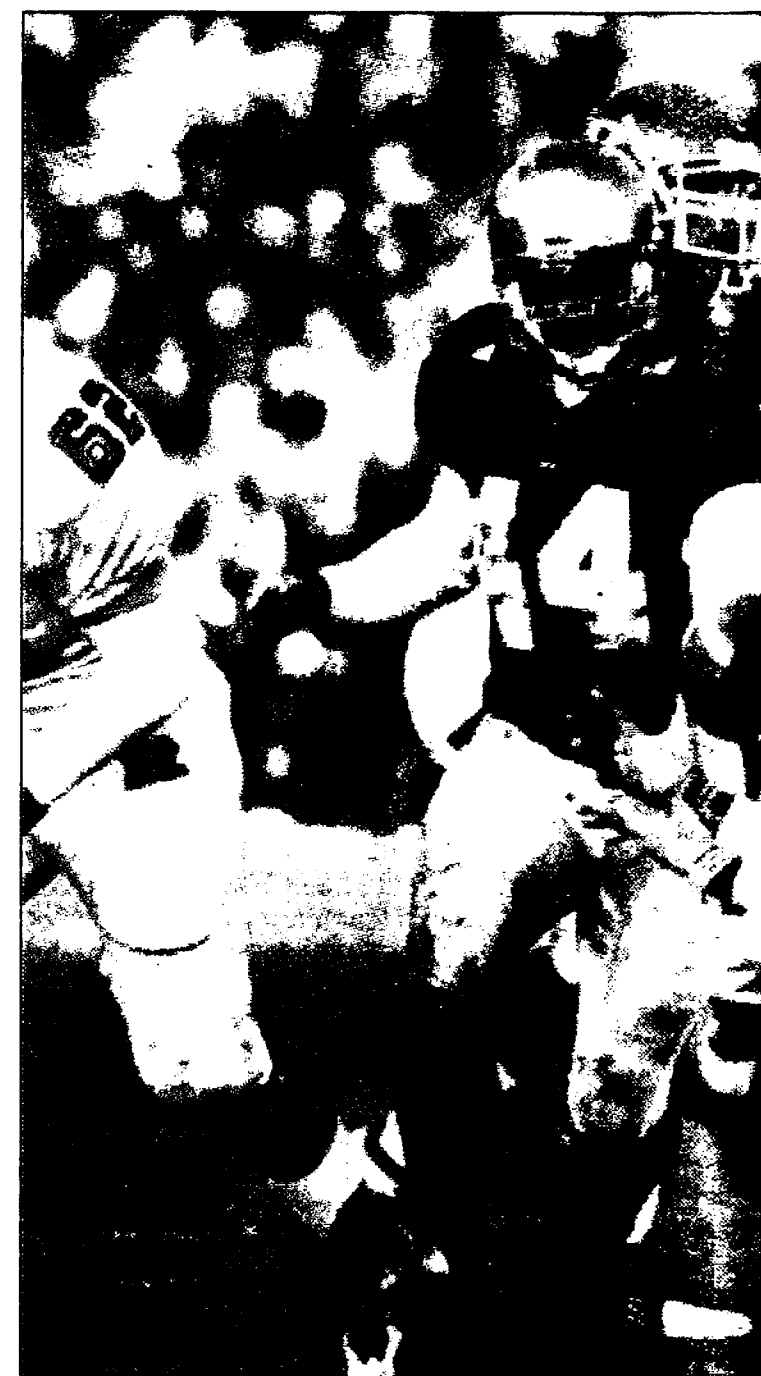
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Courtney Watson fights Pittsburgh for possession during the game last fall as students cheer and enjoy the game as they watch at Notre Dame Stadium.



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Coach Tyrone Willingham proclaims the Irish to be number one last year; fans hope for the same this year.



The Irish football team dominate Rutgers late plays. Students hope for the same exciting and

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Freshmen prepare for first game

As the first football game of the season approaches, freshmen have feelings of excitement and awe

By JONATHAN RETARTHA
Scene Writer

It has been two weeks since the Class of 2007 stepped onto campus and into life at Notre Dame. No doubt, it has been a challenge negotiating the dining hall, finding classes on time and trying to get the attention of that one particular girl (or guy) in First Year Composition class. Granted, it is tough enough for freshmen to get used to a campus of 10,000 students, but their biggest challenge now lies in having to share their space with the student body and 70,000 of their closest friends. This Saturday's season opener against Washington State promises to be an experience that will intimidate both legacies and novices alike.

Sure, there are plenty freshmen out there who have never been to a Notre Dame football game. There are even a good number of people who have never watched one on TV. But imagine having never seen an American football game ever, and having this Saturday as your first experience. That honor belongs to many international students, like Juan Pablo Lauz, a student from Peru.

"I have never seen American football before," admits Lauz. "[My roommate] tells me it's not only about the football part, it's about the atmosphere ... to see Notre Dame Football come to life ... all the students cheering and the whole feeling towards it." He also acknowledges the popularity of the Irish in Peru, and realizes that if you were to see football for the first time, there is no better way to see it than this.

On the other end of the spectrum is

freshman Tommy Kemp. A seasoned veteran of standing through many a game in the spectator section, he knows it's going to be different moving to the Northwest corner.

"The atmosphere ... it's just nuts in the student section," says Kemp. "It's somewhere I've always wanted to stand." One in four of this year's freshman class is a legacy, so many will know the cheers and the traditions inside and out.

To measure the level of anticipation among the freshmen concerning this week's game, one need not look further than DeBartolo Hall, but most notably the classrooms on the west side of the building. Walk into any freshman class and the eyes of those along the window seats are fixed not on the professor or the PowerPoint presentation, but on the stadium, where all week window washers, interior cleaning crews and lawn-mowers have been preparing the grounds for this weekend's festivities. There is also little doubt of the impact Irish football has on this year's class based off the admissions process alone. Whether the Office of Admissions chooses to acknowledge it or not, this past year's biggest applicant pool ever undoubtedly was affected by last year's surprising season.

An even more unique perspective of this Saturday's game comes from Bill Gallagher, a freshman member of the Band of the Fighting Irish. After going through hellacious practice sessions from dawn until dusk from the moment they stepped on campus, Saturday's game is the culmination of a work ethic that rivals that of the varsity players themselves.

"[It has been] a lot of fun, but a lot of work," according to Gallagher, but when it comes to opening day, he believes the mood is "more exciting then nervous."

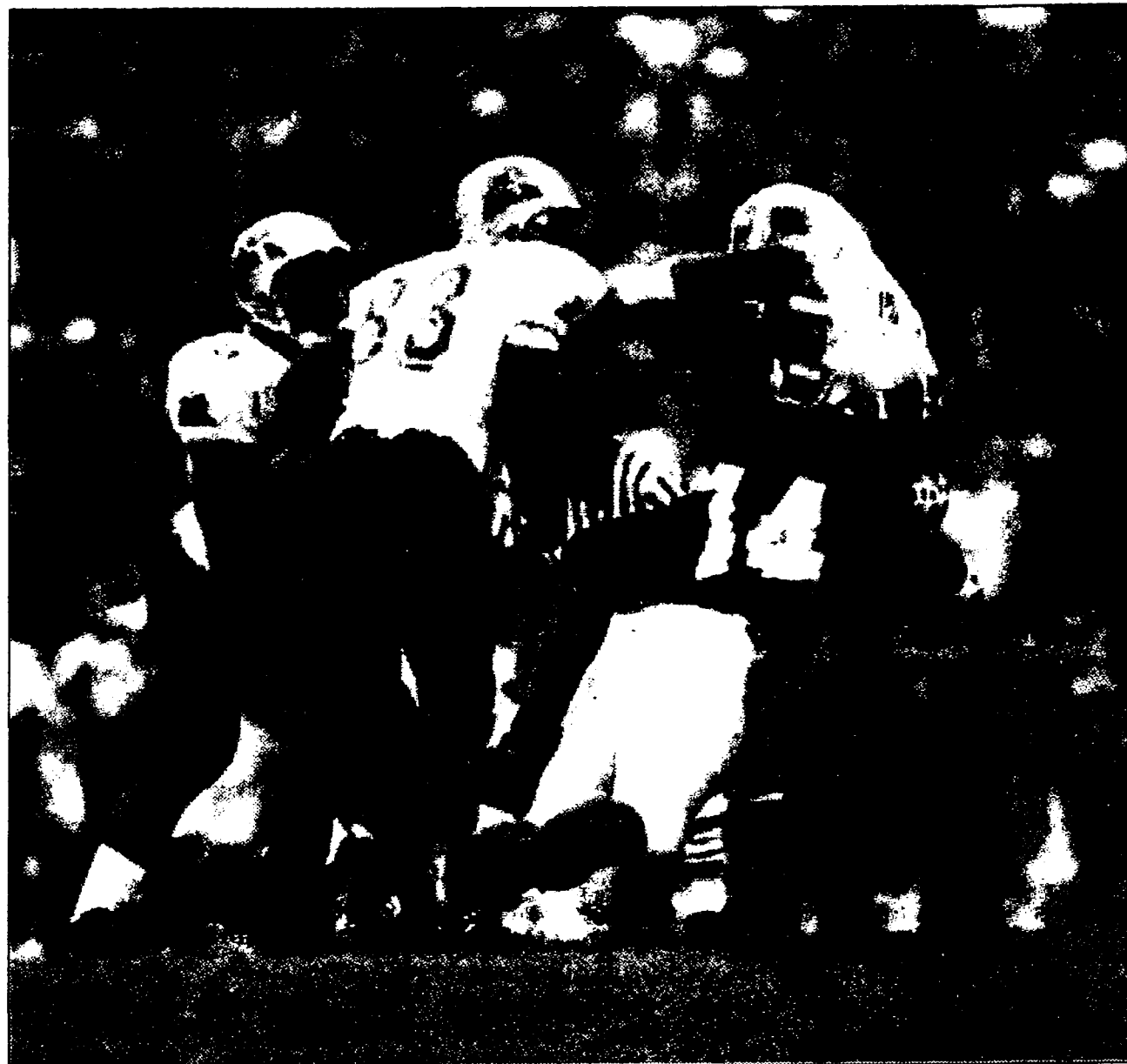
Perhaps the biggest responsibility of any freshman concerning this week's game belongs to Ryan McSpadden, one of this year's Dillon Hall "Teen Wolves," a staple at the annual Dillon Hall Pep Rally that kicked off the football weekend Thursday night.

"I really wanted to put my all in it... show my true self," notes McSpadden of the intense tryout he had to undergo to receive this great honor. "I gotta get crazy, I gotta get people there ... I gotta put on a performance."

Finally, there are those first year students for whom this Saturday is an event they have been waiting for their entire lives. They are the ones who when asked about why they wanted to come here, all they could reply was, "I've just always wanted to come here." So many of the freshmen at Saturday's game have watched hundreds of downs from their television sets, and have dreamed of the opportunity to see a live game for many years.

In case some of the freshmen did not know coming here what they were getting themselves into, they quickly learned by waiting in the ticket line last week, or by simply going on eBay and seeing what those \$25 dollar seats are really worth.

All Notre Dame freshmen, though, are considered full-fledged members of the sea of green, however, and their role in Saturday's game does not go overlooked, even by coach Tyrone Willingham. Willingham spoke to the



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Saddened seniors and anxious freshmen prepare themselves to experience another exciting season of Fightin' Irish football from the student section.

freshmen at the "Spirit of ND" event during Orientation Weekend in the Joyce Center and encouraged everyone to go out and get this year's "The Shirt" for the first home game.

This weekend's game promises to be an event like none other, win or lose... well, forget that last part. Coming off one of their best seasons in years, the Irish have high expectations placed on them this year. The roar of the crowds,

the sounds of the band, and the screeching of Air Force jets overhead will quickly initiate this year's freshmen into the Notre Dame Football experience. Just one piece of advice from the upperclassmen: Don't sit down. Don't ever sit down.

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ast season, with both offensive and defensive incredible play-making abilities this season.



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Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students cheer for Coach Tyrone Willingham. Freshmen will have the opportunity to learn all the traditions and cheers.

MLB

Sosa ejected, Cubs take four of five from Cardinals

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Now that was a series, five games of spirited baseball that the Chicago Cubs turned into four emotional victories over the St. Louis Cardinals.

"If you weren't a fan and you watched this series, you became one," Tony Womack said Thursday after his RBI single pushed the Cubs to a 7-6 victory and moved them within a half-game of the NL Central lead.

The series featured a little bit of everything: a rain delay of more than four hours Monday; a day-night doubleheader that included a 15-inning opener; the ejections of three Cubs players, including Sammy Sosa on Thursday, and pitching coach Larry Rothschild; a shouting match between managers Dusty Baker and Tony La Russa; and a stunning comeback by the Cubs to win Wednesday after trailing 6-0.

The Cubs trail Houston by a half-game, while the Cardinals are a game behind the Astros in third place.

Baker and La Russa, whose blowup centered about pitching inside and hitting batters, met for several minutes behind the cage during batting practice and shook hands.

Their teams don't play again in the regular season.

"Every game could have gone either way and it went their way except one," La Russa said.

Womack, who entered in a double switch in the top of the seventh, singled in the bottom half off Mike DeJean (5-8).

DeJean then got out of a bases-loaded jam by slipping a third strike past Randall Simon called by plate umpire Bill Hohn. He ejected Sosa as he was walking back to the dugout after Sosa

apparently made a comment about a third strike call.

"I was cursing myself and he threw me out of the game," Sosa said.

Baker argued, then returned to the field two pitches later when Mark Grudzielanek was called out on a close play at second.

In the fifth inning, Hohn ejected Rothschild, who was in the dugout.

Sosa was the third Cubs player to be ejected during the heated five-game series.

Phillies 6, Mets 5

Mike Lieberthal made sure Jose Mesa didn't cost the Philadelphia Phillies another game.

Lieberthal's two-out RBI single in the ninth inning lifted the Phillies to a 6-5 victory over the New York Mets.

The Phillies overcame another blown save by Mesa to win for the sixth time in seven games and remain tied with Florida for first place in the NL wild-card race. The Marlins beat the Pirates 5-1 earlier Thursday.

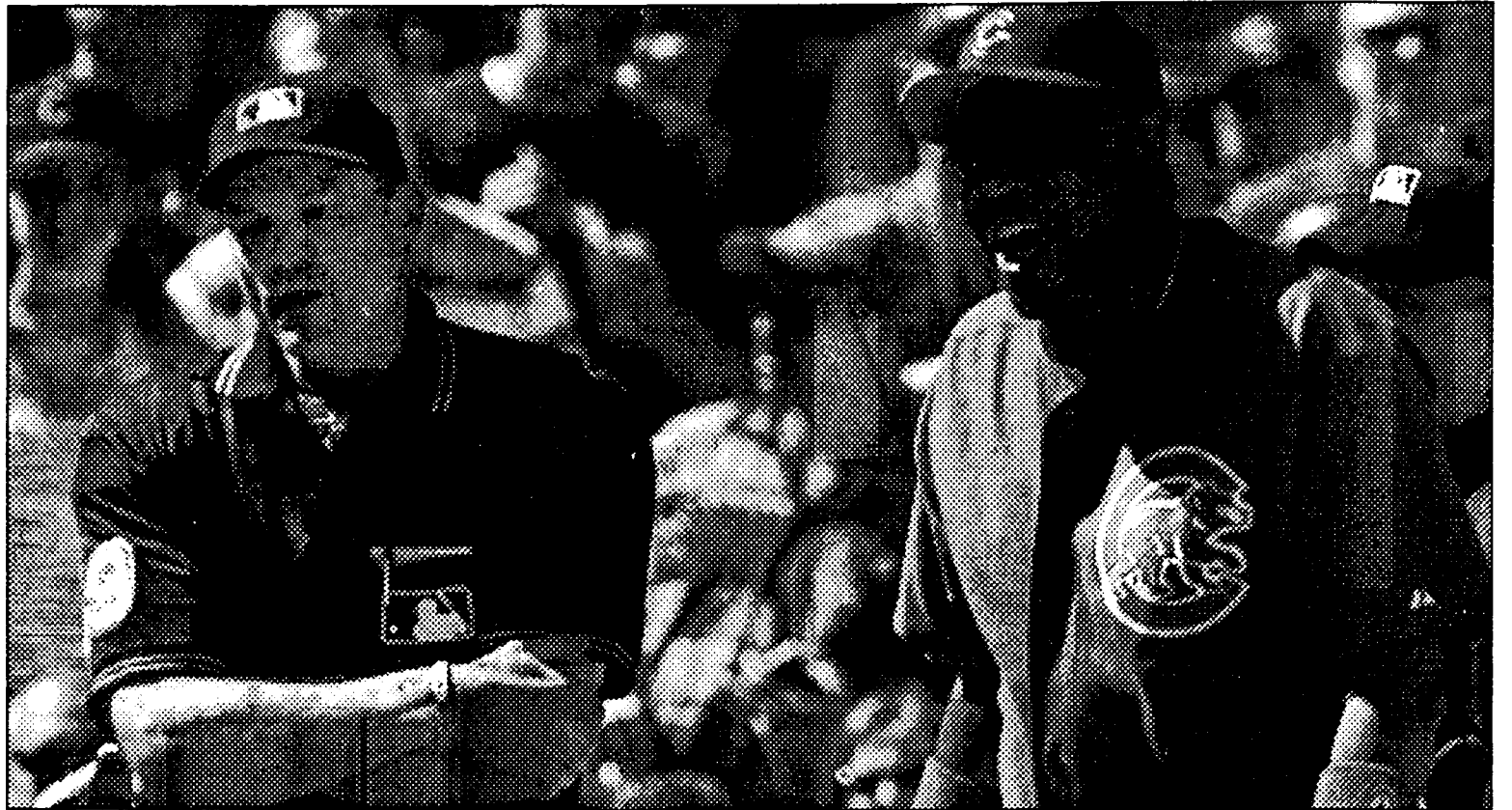
"We really needed to pull this one out," Lieberthal said.

Prentice Redman, playing just his fourth game in the majors, led off the ninth against Mesa with his first career homer to tie it at 5.

It was Mesa's second blown save in four days and his fourth of the season in 28 chances. Mesa, who needs to finish 10 of the next 22 games to guarantee his contract for \$5.5 million next season, is 5-7 with a 6.26 ERA.

Phillies manager Larry Bowa said he'll consult with pitching coach Joe Kerrigan before deciding if Mesa will remain the closer.

Fans have completely turned on Mesa, booing him whenever he enters the game.



EPA Photos

Dusty Baker reacts after Sammy Sosa is ejected by home plate umpire Bill Hohn on a called third strike Thursday. The Cubs are now a half-game out of the Central Division lead after their victory.

Mesa doesn't speak to reporters.

Randy Wolf gave up three runs — two earned — and four hits, striking out seven in seven innings. The All-Star left-hander had allowed 16 runs in two starts before beating the Mets 4-2 last Saturday.

"Two positive starts definitely helps out," Wolf said.

Tom Glavine allowed four runs and eight hits in six innings.

The Mets scored an unearned run off Rhee Cormier in the eighth to cut it to 5-4.

Mets rookie shortstop Jorge Velazquez drove in two runs.

"Our kids battled an uphill fight most of the way," Mets manager Art Howe said.

Marlins 5, Pirates 1

When slumping Miguel Cabrera ignored a take sign on a 3-0 pitch and swung and missed, Florida

Marlins manager Jack McKeon angrily voiced his displeasure from the dugout.

One pitch later, Cabrera was out of his slump and back in the manager's good graces. The rookie singled to drive in the go-ahead run in a four-run seventh inning, and Florida beat Pittsburgh 5-1 to remain tied for the NL wild-card lead.

"He redeemed himself," McKeon said. "He wasn't in the doghouse."

Actually, Cabrera said he knew he had the take sign.

"I want to swing, you know?" he said with a smile.

With the hit, Cabrera ended a 1-for-35 slump. Alex Gonzalez, who began the game in a 1-for-25 slump, followed with his 16th home run.

Even more surprising was a home run by Juan Pierre, his first in 572 at-bats this season. The

Marlins remained tied for the wild-card lead with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Carl Pavano limited the Pirates to seven hits and one run — on Matt Stairs' 17th homer — in 6 1-3 innings.

Castro, who was charged with raping a woman in his Pittsburgh hotel room last week, pinch-hit in the seventh and hit his fourth home run.

"That made me feel a lot better," said Castro, who has said he's innocent.

Salomon Torres (5-4) retired his first nine batters before Pierre pulled a pitch over the wall to put Florida ahead.

Torres departed with one out in the seventh and the score 1-all, but the next four batters reached against the Pirates' bullpen. Torres, who gave up four hits and was charged with two runs, is 0-2 in his past seven starts.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Contreras, Yankees avoid sweep in 3-2 win

Associated Press

TORONTO — Contreras felt he needed to win.

Contreras rebounded from his worst start, and Karim Garcia hit a go-ahead double in the eighth inning as the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2 Thursday night.

Alfonso Soriano homered and Garcia went 3-for-4 with two RBI for the Yankees, who are 3.5 games ahead of Boston in the AL East.

"I knew that the team needed to get a win, especially going into the weekend against Boston," Contreras said through an interpreter. "Also because we lost the previous two games against Toronto. Thankfully, things worked out and I had a lot better outing."

The teams begin a three-game series Friday night at Yankee Stadium, with Pedro Martinez pitching against New York's Andy Pettitte.

Yankees manager Joe Torre held a team meeting before the game and told his players not to get frustrated. The Yankees were 5.5 games ahead of Boston after taking two of three from the Red Sox last weekend, then lost the first two of their three-game series in Toronto.

Contreras, who gave up seven runs in just three innings against Boston last Friday, allowed only two runs — one earned — in seven innings against Toronto. The Cuban right-hander struck out a season-high seven and walked three.

"I worked so hard during the week in the bullpen so I could have a better outing this week

because my last outing wasn't good at all," Contreras said. "I had everything working today, including the changeup and some forkballs. I was able to throw my fastball inside and outside, which I wasn't able to do last outing."

Devil Rays 1, Mariners 0

Two years ago, the Seattle Mariners converted Jorge Sosa from an outfielder to a pitcher. On Thursday night, he showed his former organization that it was probably the correct move.

Sosa pitched a four-hitter and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays again blanked the Mariners, 1-0.

Combined with Doug Waechter's two-hitter in his first major league start Wednesday, the Devil Rays posted consecutive complete-game shutouts for the first time in their six-year history.

"Two wonderful games," Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella said. "It shows you, if you make pitches, you focus, you concentrate and trust your stuff, you can do these sort of things. Both excellent ballgames."

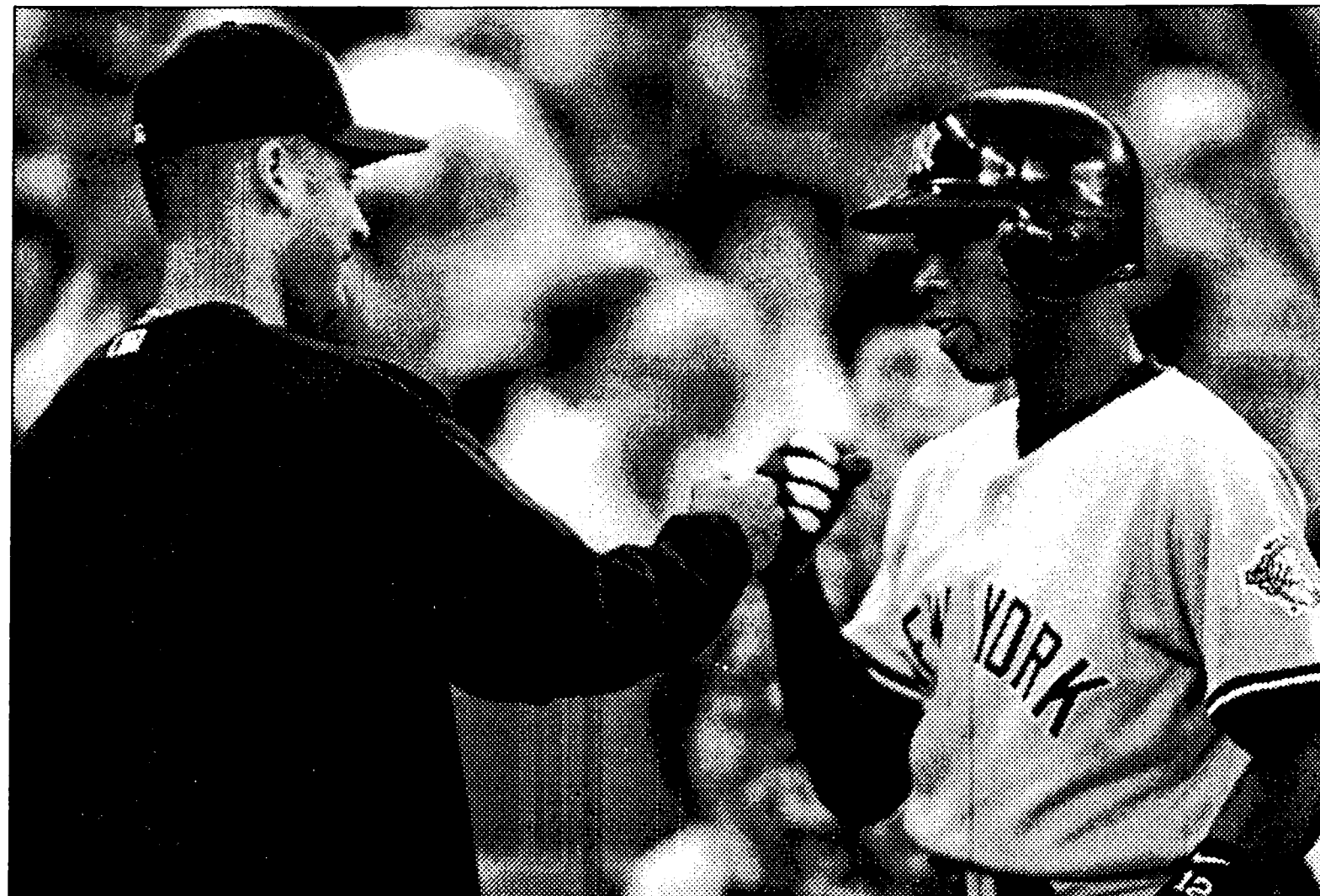
The Mariners had just two runners reach third base.

Diamondbacks 6, Royals 5

Fifty-one pitches is generally a series' worth of work for a closer.

For Matt Mantei, it was one outing.

Mantei blew a save in the ninth inning Thursday, ending a career-best streak of 14 converted opportunities. He got the win in the 10th when Lyle Overbay's pinch-hit single scored Craig Counsell, lifting Arizona to a 6-5 victory over the Kansas City



Reuters Photo

Injured Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter congratulates second baseman Alfonso Soriano after his solo home run in the third inning of New York's 3-2 victory over Toronto.

Royals and snapping the Diamondbacks' five-game losing streak.

"I haven't thrown that many pitches in three or four years," said Mantei, who started the ninth and stayed on through the 10th. "They made me throw a lot of those pitches, though. I'd get ahead of a guy, 0-1, 0-2, but I couldn't finish them off."

Counsell led off with a bunt single against Kris Wilson (5-3) and went to second when second baseman Julius Matos threw the ball away for an error. Overbay

followed with a single up the middle.

"I was just trying to make a play, and it didn't work out for us," said Matos, who entered in the seventh inning as a defensive replacement. "There's really nothing more you can say about it."

Alex Cintron's RBI single off Al Levine in the eighth inning gave the Diamondbacks a 5-4 lead, but Ken Harvey's sacrifice fly off Mantei (5-3) tied it at 5 in the bottom of the ninth.

With one out, Mantei walked Carlos Beltran and Raul Ibanez. Both moved up on a double steal, and Beltran — after a slow start from third — slid under Chad Moeller's tag after Harvey's short fly to right fielder Danny Bautista.

Orioles 7, Athletics 5

As strange as this might sound, the Oakland Athletics are delighted to have seen the last of the Baltimore Orioles.

Brian Roberts and Larry Bigbie had two RBI apiece, and the Orioles' bullpen blunted a come-

back bid by the A's in a 7-5 victory Thursday.

The defeat was Oakland's second straight loss after a 10-game winning streak. The A's, who limited Baltimore to 10 runs in winning the first seven games between the teams, were outscored 16-5 in the final two.

"The Orioles played hard against us all year," Oakland manager Ken Macha said. "The games we beat them, they were tough and hard-fought. We were fortunate to come out on top. They've got some good pitching over there, and some talented players."

Melvin Mora had two hits and scored twice for the Orioles, who won their second straight after a nine-game skid.

"We're on a hot streak," Baltimore manager Mike Hargrove said with a grin.

Billy McMillon and Eric Chavez hit successive homers in the third inning against Orioles starter Damian Moss, who didn't get out of the fifth despite being staked to an early 4-0 lead.



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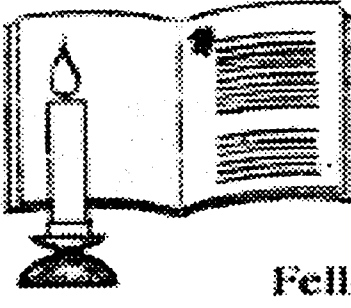
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NFL

Hall takes revenge on Jets in season debut

Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — The JetSkins let their feelings be known when the grudge game was finally over and they had won.

Kicker John Hall confessed that he dreamed "the whole off-season" about making a game-winning kick to beat his old team in the NFL's season opener. He did just that Thursday night, nailing a 33-yarder with five seconds left to give the Washington Redskins a 16-13 victory over the New York Jets.

"It's pretty much one of those stupid things you do when you're done practicing," said Hall, who also had kicks of 50 and 22 yards. "You make up those situations where you have this or that — and I'm sure you know which team it was against."

Guard Randy Thomas, who has spoken politely of his ex-teammates, snatched a moment of glee as he watched the ball sail through the uprights.

"To see those guys with their faces down when the kick went in, it was a lovely feeling," Thomas said.

The other two JetSkins — the spoils of an audacious offseason raid by Redskins owner Dan Snyder — did their parts in an instant rivalry created by the off-season player tug-of-war. Laveranues Coles danced and scowled his way for 106 yards receiving on five catches — all in the first half, and Chad Morton was solid in his debut as the

Redskins' return man.

"Thank goodness Mr. Snyder went out and got us a heck of a kicker," said coach Steve Spurrier, who went through three kickers last year. "The way our kicking situation was last year, I don't see us winning this game."

Patrick Ramsey, not the most nimble quarterback, set up the winning score with a 24-yard scramble to New York's 31-yard line. Ladell Betts carried three times for 17 yards to wind down the clock for Hall's attempt.

"It's tough because when it's tied up, you'd like to win it," New York coach Herman Edwards said. "For the most part we stayed in the game. We weathered the storm early, got some turnovers but had to kick field goals."

Ramsey completed 17 of 23 passes for 185 yards, but only 29 yards came after halftime as Spurrier's Fun 'n' Gun offense went surprisingly conservative. Ramsey also turned over the ball twice in the second half, setting up two Jets field goals that tied the game.

"When we threw the ball in the second half, nothing good was happening," Spurrier said. "I got sort of afraid to go back there. Our defense was playing so well, we just put in on the ground."

Vinny Testaverde, returning to the starting job after a preseason wrist injury to Chad Pennington, completed 15 of 24 passes for 105 yards for New

York.

Of the four ex-Jets, Coles was the only one to voice any real animosity toward his former team during training camp. He found Hall's game-winner to be a perfect ending.

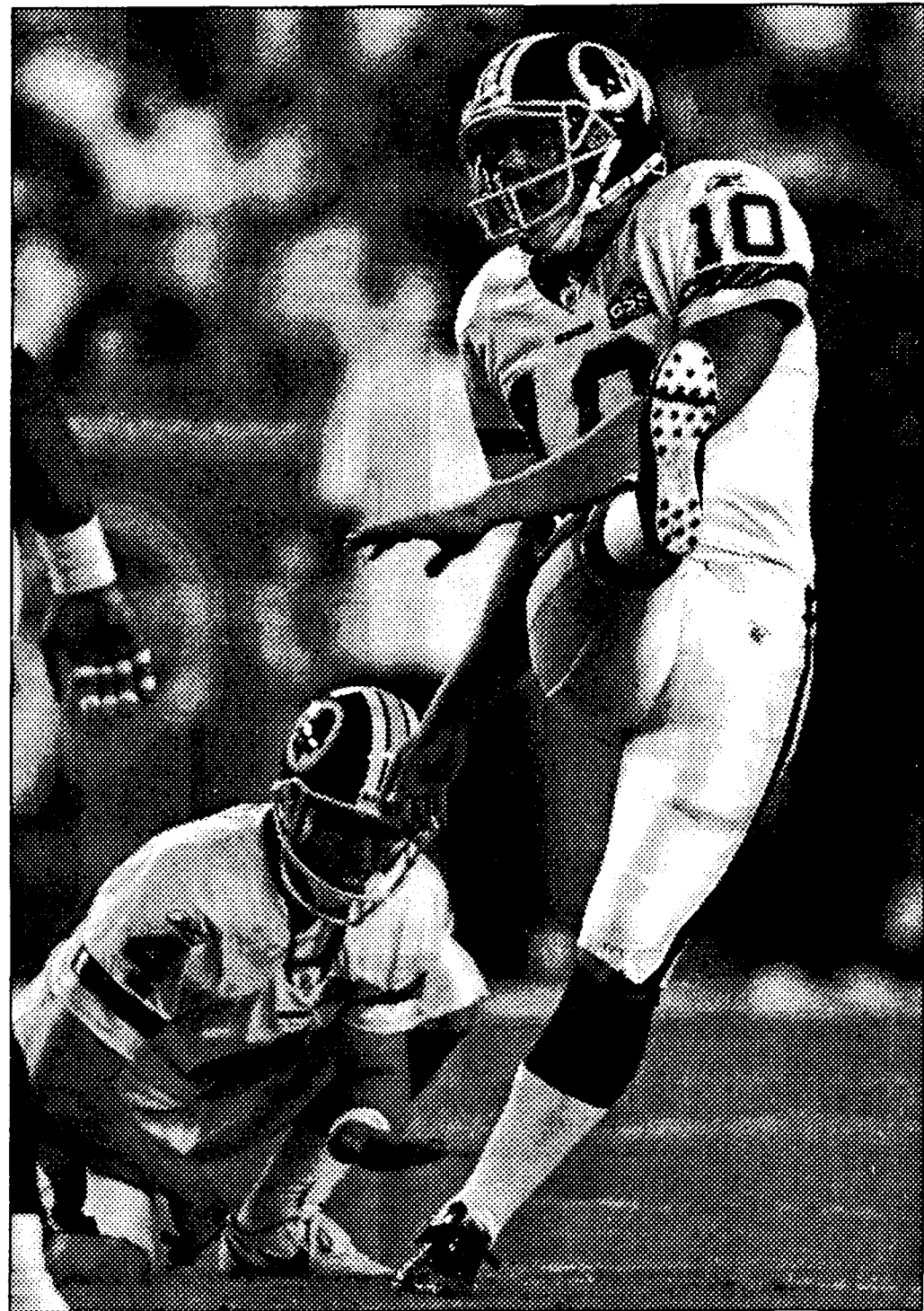
"It just goes to show that sometimes the grass is greener on the other side," Coles said.

Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington was a terror, chasing down players in the flat to turn potential long gains into short ones. His stats — six tackles and one batted pass — didn't begin to show the difference he made as the Jets were held to 158 total yards in the NFL's second annual Thursday night opener.

The JetSkins made their presence known right away. Morton returned the opening kickoff 23 yards. Coles made a 25-yard catch over the middle and celebrated with a mini-dance. Thomas helped pave the way for the 12-play drive capped by Hall's first field goal.

But the Jets went all the way on their opening drive, with Edwards successfully gambling on fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line. He took top rusher Curtis Martin out and gave the ball to LaMont Jordan, who leaped over the pile and into the end zone.

Spurrier did his own fourth-and-1 trick on the next drive, with Betts converting with a short run at the Jets 27. Darnerien McCants finished the drive with a 4-yard TD catch to put Washington ahead 10-7.



Washington kicker John Hall watches as his 33-yard field goal with five seconds remaining sails through the uprights to knock off the Jets 16-13 in the first game of the NFL regular season.

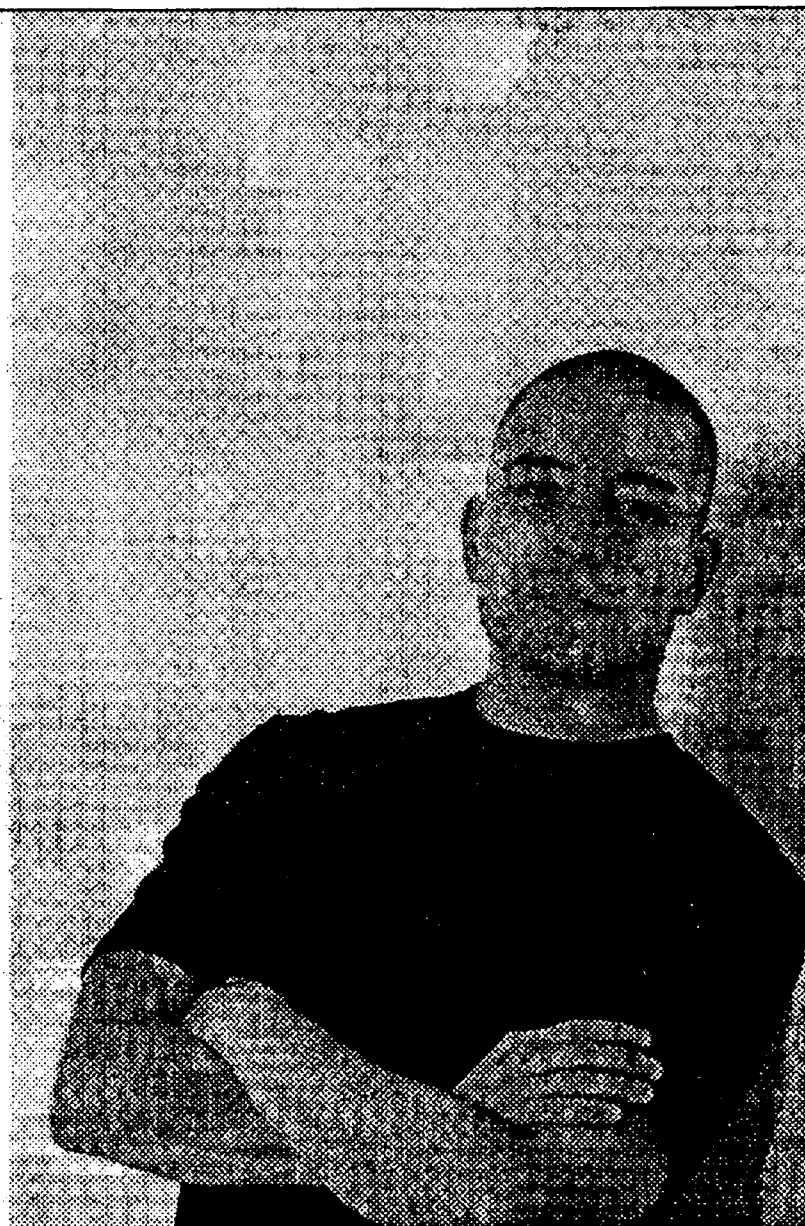
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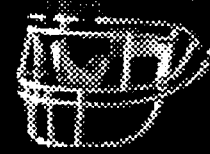
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NFL

Erickson relishes opening day atmosphere

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The trip from Montana's Billings Central High School to the San Francisco 49ers took more than 30 years, but one thing hasn't changed.

Dennis Erickson still loves opening day.

"I don't care where you are, that feeling then as a head coach is no different than it is now," he said.

Erickson, who won two national championships in a stellar college coaching career, will be on the sideline at Candlestick Park on Sunday to begin his second shot at an NFL title. San Francisco faces the Chicago Bears in Erickson's first game since being hired to keep the 49ers on the path to title contention.

Erickson's wife and family might be nervous, but the coach doesn't expect butterflies — only anticipation. He doesn't even plan to say anything profound to his players before his debut.

"My speech is everything I do during the week in preparation," he said. "I think that the pregame speeches are highly overrated. If they're not ready by the time we come out of that

locker room or by the time I get to talk to them, then we have a problem.

"Knut Rockne, I'm not. If we had a Gipper, then we'd be all right."

That cool professionalism is just one reason 49ers owner John York and general manager Terry Donahue decided Erickson could keep the team on track after York fired Steve Mariucci last January.

While Erickson enjoys his new beginning, Chicago coach Dick Jauron might be nearly out of fresh starts. The Bears plunged from an NFC-best 13-3 record in 2001 to a 4-12 mark last season, and Jauron hasn't delivered a playoff victory in his four seasons running the team.

His job security is a topic of major speculation in Chicago, but the coach is used to it.

"Every year is a big year for our team," Jauron said. "We don't look at any year or any game as being more particularly vital than another. Our goals are always the same: to win that week, and to play well that week."

The Bears are making their first trip to San Francisco since 2000, when Owens set an NFL record with 20 receptions in

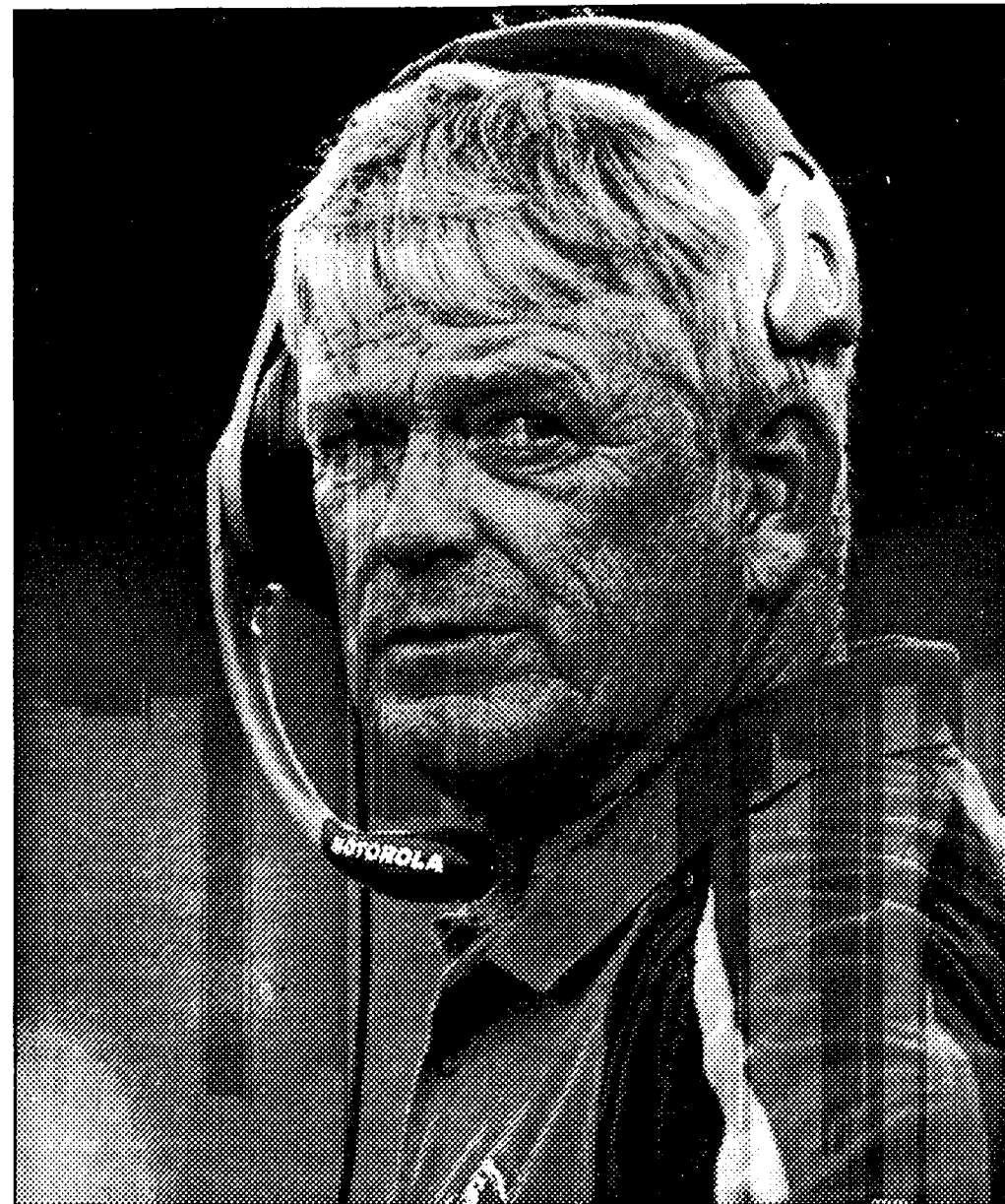
Jerry Rice's final home game with the 49ers. Chicago avenged that 17-0 loss with a 37-31 overtime victory at Soldier Field in 2001, winning on Mike Brown's interception return for a touchdown.

The 49ers' offense under Erickson is expected to have key differences from the schemes Chicago faced in the teams' earlier meetings. San Francisco will use more downfield throws and aggressive play.

The same is expected of the Bears and new quarterback Kordell Stewart, who has promised to make the Bears more versatile. Stewart arrived from Pittsburgh as a free agent after eight up-and-down seasons.

While San Francisco searches for continuity, Chicago hopes to change nearly everything about last season. The 49ers believe they can maintain their steady revival, but the Bears think last season was an aberration caused by injuries and their one-year exile downstate while their stadium was rebuilt.

"The main thing is that we are healthy," linebacker Brian Urlacher said. "We're back at Soldier Field. We're confident, and we have a new quarterback who is confident."



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San Francisco coach Dennis Erickson patrols the sidelines in a recent 14-10 preseason victory over Oakland.

Limbaugh makes ESPN debut on pregame show

Associated Press

Rush Limbaugh made his ESPN debut at a fitting location — Washington, D.C.

Actually, it was Landover, Md., in the parking lot of FedEx Field but it was still familiar territory for the right-wing radio host best known as the host of the politically focused "Rush Limbaugh Show."

"This is sort of like the fulfillment of a dream for me," Limbaugh said Thursday night after being introduced on ESPN's "Sunday NFL Countdown." Host Chris Berman even commented on the appro-

priateness of Limbaugh's first name.

"You've got a football name," Berman said in the broadcast leading up to the season's opening game between the New York Jets and the Washington Redskins.

Limbaugh then gave a spoken essay regarding the lure of football and the hold it has on its fans — mixing in just the faintest bit of politics.

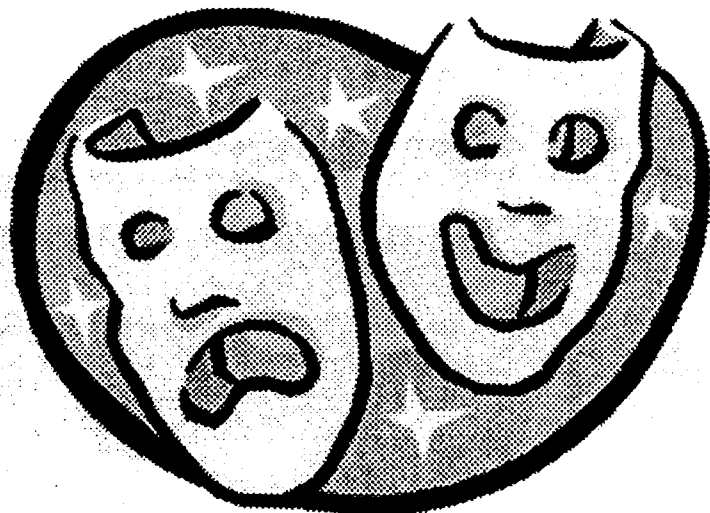
"Essentially my friends, football is something you can invest total passion in without consequence. Try that with a woman or another man, whatever," Limbaugh said.

He then got into a good-natured debate with Berman regarding the status of the Buffalo Bills of the early 1990s as a dynasty.

Limbaugh also didn't wait long to stir the pot. He claimed the show's analysts — Tom Jackson, Michael Irvin and Steve Young — were predicting Jets quarter-

back Vinny Testaverde would perform well while starter Chad Pennington is hurt merely because he was a nice guy that the analysts like personally.

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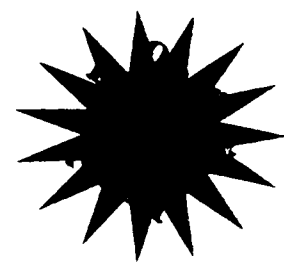
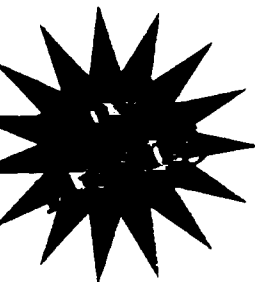


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MLB

Ramirez struggles not limited to health issues

Associated Press

BOSTON — When Manny Ramirez left one of his prodigious, uncashed paychecks lying around, or when he held up a game to look for a \$15,000 diamond earring, the response was always a shrug and a smile and the same expression: "That's Manny."

These days, though, the smile has disappeared.

No longer resigned to the eccentricities of their \$160 million slugger, the Red Sox are trying to lure Ramirez out of his own little world and into the one more traditionally inhabited by ballplayers.

"You can have the ability to play this game, but if you don't work ... you're not going to get what you want," said Red Sox first baseman David Ortiz, perhaps Ramirez's closest friend on the team. "He'll be back. Everybody knows what the guy can do."

Ramirez was benched this past week after he missed a crucial series against New York with a sore throat and fever but managed, in the middle of it, to pull himself out of bed to reminisce with Yankees infielder Enrique Wilson about their Cleveland days. On Sunday, Ramirez didn't show up to for an appointment with the Red Sox doctor, and when he joined the team on Monday he sat on the bench but said he was "too weak" to pinch-hit.

Declining to comment directly on Ramirez and his illness, general manager Theo Epstein told the Boston Herald, "We really appreciate the way Johnny Damon sucked it up and got in

the lineup. That's the kind of effort we need from everyone on the club."

Billed as a laid-back hitting machine who acts the same whether he's 0-for-4 or 4-for-4, Ramirez's demeanor was seen as a benefit when then-general manager Dan Duquette signed him to an eight-year, \$160 million contract in the winter of 2000. At the time, it was thought that a player who could ignore the catcalls from the Fenway bleachers after he misplayed a fly ball was the guy you'd want if, a couple of innings later, he was batting with a chance to win the game.

Sure enough, after leaving a cocoon in Cleveland to come to the crucible of Boston, he hit .306 with 41 homers and 125 RBIs in 2001. Last year, he won the AL batting title with a .346 average while hitting 33 homers and driving in 107 runs.

But Ramirez is so laid back at times, he's sometimes viewed by sportswriters, the fans and occasionally his teammates as apathetic.

Ramirez has not talked to reporters for most of the season, but others in baseball steadfastly defend him.

"I'm a big fan of Manny Ramirez. I think if you ask any of the Latin guys who have interacted with him, they would say the same thing," Carlos Pena said. "With American guys, he seems to be a little shy. He's been nothing but a humble gentleman with me."

"I know he's a superstar, but once he said, 'Carlos. Keep an eye on me. I think I'm pulling off the ball at the plate. Let me know what you see.' Then I was

thinking, 'You're joking, right?' But he was dead serious. Here's a guy that has done incredible things and he's asking Carlos Pena to see if he's pulling his shoulder? That showed me how humble he is."

Baltimore manager Mike Hargrove said Ramirez always played hard for him in Cleveland.

As much as that, though, Ramirez is remembered there for the time he asked a sports writer if he could borrow \$60,000 — on the spot — so he and pitcher Julian Tavarez could buy motorcycles. Or the day police were chasing O.J. Simpson and Ramirez thought they were chasing Indians pitcher Chad Ogea, whose name is pronounced "O.J."

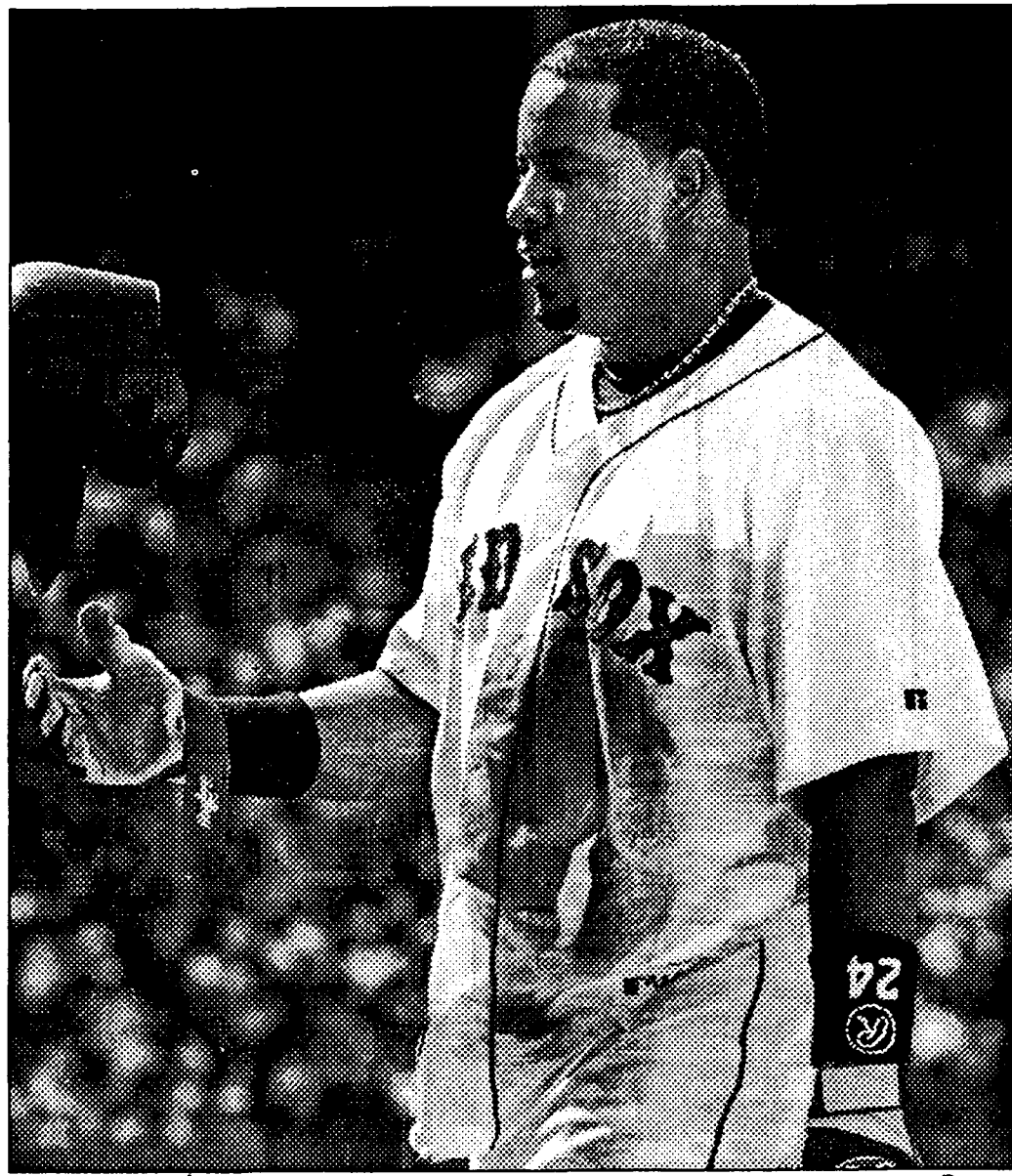
Since coming to Boston, it has been more of the same.

During the 2001 season, Ramirez had a falling out with manager Joe Kerrigan and left the team for two days. That winter, Kerrigan went to Ramirez's house in Florida to drop off a videotape, but the slugger snubbed him.

Last year, he violated baseball etiquette when he barely left the batter's box on a groundout. He apologized to his teammates — and went on a hitting tear that clinched the batting title for him.

With Ramirez on the books for another five years and more than \$100 million, the Red Sox couldn't get rid of him that easily, even if they wanted to. But there are worse things: Heading into this weekend's series with the AL East-leading Yankees, Ramirez was batting .318 with 31 homers and 90 RBIs.

After all, that's Manny, too.



Manny Ramirez tosses his helmet after he was caught stealing in the fourth inning of a 5-3 loss to the Orioles, Aug. 10.

LaRussa, Baker meet after heated arguing

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Dusty Baker and Tony La Russa met for six minutes behind the batting cage Thursday, one day after a heated shouting match at Wrigley Field.

Their informal get-together ended with a handshake, but no one knows if they totally settled their differences after their latest blowup.

"He has an opinion and I have an opinion. What was right, what was wrong. It's a big series and a lot of emotions are high," Baker said.

Baker and La Russa, two of the most respected managers in the majors, got into the screaming match Wednesday after Cubs starter Matt Clement was hit by a pitch from Dan Haren — who had been hit by Clement's pitch the previous inning.

Tuesday night, Chicago's Kerry Wood twice knocked down Cardinals pitcher Matt Morris but didn't hit him. Last week in St. Louis, Wood hit Albert Pujols.

Baker began pointing and gesturing toward La Russa and their exchange escalated. They also had a screaming match last year in the opener of the NL championship series when Baker was managing the Giants.

Wood and La Russa have been exchanging barbs in newspapers this week over Wood's tight pitching. La Russa said Thursday he was just defending his team.

"When somebody says stuff like they are saying, you respond to it," he said.

"I can understand his and their frustrations of being tired of going and eating dirt, too. Nobody likes to be going down. ... I'll take care of mine, you take care of yours."

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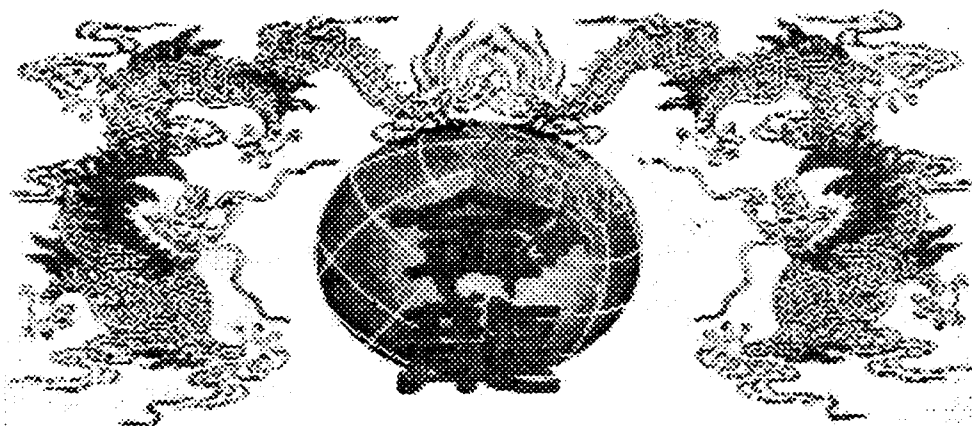
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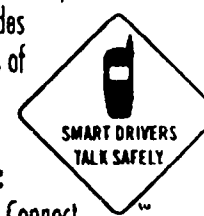


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NCAA

Clarett considers filing suit against the NFL

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Maurice Clarett and his mother are considering suing the NFL for a chance to enter the league a year early, the family's attorney said Thursday.

That's one of several options for the suspended Ohio State tailback, according to Alan Milstein, a lawyer in Pennsauken, N.J.

He painted a picture of a contentious relationship between Ohio State officials and Michelle Clarett and her son, the leading rusher for last season's national championship team.

Clarett's mother is "distracted" at the way her son is being treated by Ohio State, Milstein said. He called Clarett "a good kid who has tried to cooperate" with investigators and university officials but is being held accountable for discrepancies in his statements after almost 11 hours of interviews over at least four days.

"We're looking at all the options," Milstein said when asked if the Clarett family might sue to allow Maurice to enter the 2004 draft. "It's obviously one of the options."

The NFL does not permit players to be eligible for its draft until they have been

out of high school at least three years. Clarett is a sophomore and, under the rule, could not be selected until the 2005 draft at the earliest.

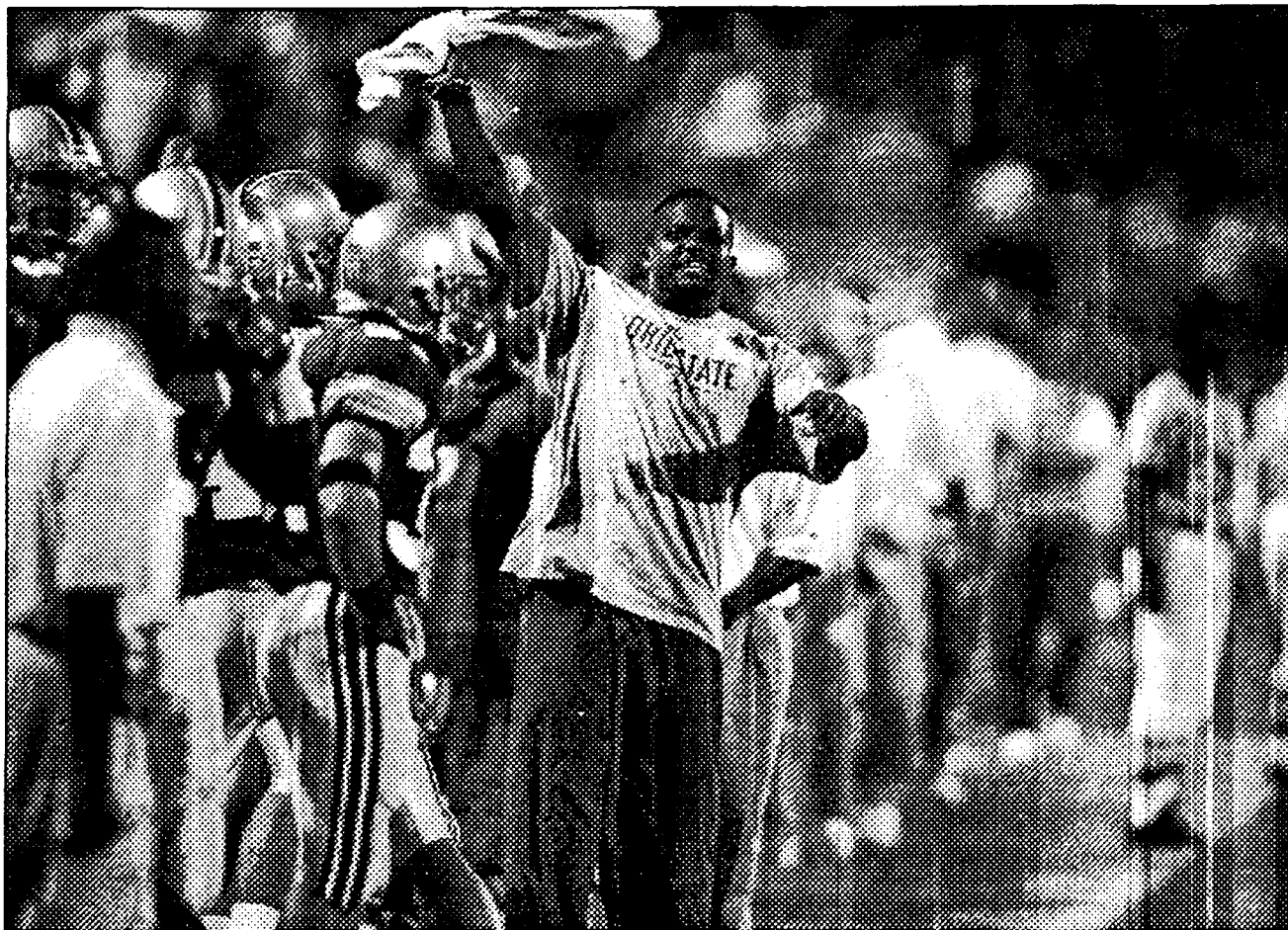
Milstein said he did not believe that a court test of the NFL rule would take years and years. NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue has said the league will fight any underclassman who tries to overturn the rule.

"When a player decides to do that, I think it's going to be a legal issue and decided rather quickly by the court," Milstein said. "There's no facts in dispute. It's just, is the rule lawful or not?"

Clarett, one of Ohio State's top players during its run to the national title last season, is suspended from the team while the NCAA and the university investigate his behavior off the field.

Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger said Clarett was suspended because of allegations of accepting improper benefits and for misleading investigators.

Ohio State has been working for the past two weeks on a response to "several pages" of allegations sent by the NCAA to the university. Geiger said then that he thought the university would have a response finished last week.



Icon Sports Photos

Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett celebrates from the sidelines during the Buckeyes' season-opening 28-9 victory over Washington. Clarett and his mother are considering suing the NFL to allow him to enter the draft a year early.

BCS takes beating in hearings

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just two weeks into the new college football season, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee said Thursday that the system in which a national collegiate champion is determined needs to be changed.

"I think you're throwing the baby out with the bath water by allowing this to continue," Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said of the NCAA's Bowl Championship Series, which excludes many schools from automatic bids to compete in the lucrative bowl postseason.

But even one of the most vocal opponents said Congress should not get involved.

"Whatever issues may exist, it really should be worked among the university presidents without the intervention of Congress," Tulane University's president,

Scott Cowen, said in advance of Thursday's hearing. He founded an anti-BCS organization designed to get schools such as Tulane a better shot at one of the big year-end bowl games.

Former NFL quarterback Steve Young, who played in college at Brigham Young and for the San Francisco 49ers, among other professional teams, said the disparities hurt recruiting since athletes will sometimes choose to attend schools with a better shot of going to a bowl game.

"In soccer, basketball, baseball, tennis, golf, etc., equal access is granted. Not so in football," he said.

In the system's five-year history, no team from a non-BCS conference has played in a BCS bowl game. BYU has been the only school from a non-BCS conference other than Notre Dame to win a national championship since Army in 1945.

Cowen's Presidential Coalition for Athletic Reform and BCS representatives will meet Monday in Chicago to discuss the series' future. The current BCS contract expires after the 2005 season.

Participants hope solutions will emerge within the next six months to a year. Proposals expected to be brought to the table include adding another one or two bowl games to the schedule.

Neither supporters nor detractors of the bowl system expect legislation to result, although the threat of an antitrust suit brought by a non-BCS school looms.

BCS supporters say the system does not violate antitrust rules because it is open to all schools through two at-large bids. Cowen said Thursday that an antitrust suit is possible if upcoming talks with BCS officials do not yield satisfactory results.

Dennehy case moves forward on 2 fronts

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — The investigation surrounding a slain Baylor University basketball player is moving forward on two fronts, with Texas Gov. Rick Perry signing a warrant seeking extradition of Patrick Dennehy's ex-roommate and members of a university committee giving prosecutors audiotapes detailing the former head coach's attempted cover-up of the victim's finances.

A warrant signed Wednesday by Perry seeks the extradition of Carlton Dotson, the former roommate, from his home state of Maryland. Dotson, 21, was indicted last month by a McLennan County, Texas grand jury in the murder of Dennehy,

also 21. The indictment alleges that Dotson shot Dennehy on or about June 12. The Baylor forward's body was found in a field near a rock quarry southeast of Waco on July 25.

Dennehy died of two gunshot wounds to the head, according to an autopsy report.

The Baylor committee investigating allegations of NCAA violations in Baylor's basketball program turned over the audiotapes, recorded four weeks ago by former assistant coach Abar Rouse. On the secretly recorded tapes, former Bears head basketball coach Dave Bliss is heard trying to portray Dennehy as a drug dealer in an effort to conceal questions about the player's finances.

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Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Oklahoma (30)	1-0	1,566
2	Ohio St. (26)	1-0	1,538
3	Miami, Fla. (2)	1-0	1,462
4	USC (6)	1-0	1,389
5	Michigan (2)	1-0	1,351
6	Texas	1-0	1,302
7	Kansas St.	2-0	1,241
8	Georgia	1-0	1,135
9	Virginia Tech	1-0	1,094
10	Pittsburgh	0-0	996
11	Florida St.	1-0	930
12	Tennessee	1-0	883
13	LSU	1-0	828
14	North Carolina St.	1-0	815
15	Virginia	1-0	641
16	Purdue	0-0	533
17	Auburn	0-1	524
18	Wisconsin	1-0	512
19	NOTRE DAME	0-0	507
20	Arizona St.	0-0	309
21	Florida	1-0	268
22	Washington	0-1	222
23	Nebraska	1-0	204
24	Colorado	1-0	188
25	TCU	0-0	131

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Oklahoma (32)	1-0	1,530
2	Ohio St. (26)	1-0	1,498
3	Miami, Fla. (5)	1-0	1,467
4	Texas	1-0	1,297
5	USC	1-0	1,291
6	Kansas St.	2-0	1,257
7	Michigan	1-0	1,200
8	Georgia	1-0	1,141
9	Virginia Tech	1-0	1,033
10	Florida St.	1-0	947
11	North Carolina St.	1-0	823
12	Pittsburgh	0-0	783
13	LSU	1-0	771
14	Tennessee	1-0	714
15	Virginia	1-0	638
16	NOTRE DAME	0-0	568
17	Wisconsin	1-0	502
18	Florida	1-0	500
19	Auburn	0-1	485
20	Purdue	0-0	356
21	Arizona St.	0-0	342
22	Colorado	1-0	178
23	Iowa	1-0	161
24	Nebraska	1-0	152
25	Penn St.	1-0	144

Eye on Irish Opponents

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003

MICHIGAN at Houston
Rutgers at MICHIGAN STATE
Bowling Green at PURDUE
Kent State at PITTSBURGH
BYU at USC
Penn State at BOSTON COLLEGE
FLORIDA STATE at Maryland
TCU at NAVY
STANFORD at San Jose State
SYRACUSE at North Carolina

U.S. OPEN



Reuters Live Photos

Argentine David Nalbandian hits a return to Roger Federer of Switzerland at the 2003 U.S. Open in Flushing, N.Y., Thursday. Nalbandian defeated Federer, the second seed in the tourney, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Rainfall continues to affect U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S. Open went from the submerged to the ridiculous Thursday.

On a fourth straight day of rain and start-stop-start-stop action, organizers scrambling to finish the tournament on time were deprived of a show court because the Grandstand had absorbed too much water and couldn't be dried enough for play.

Oh, and a women's fourth-round match that began Monday finally finished, but not before being interrupted when

the chair umpire was hit and hurt by a ballboy's throw.

There was good news: The weather cleared up enough for 2001 champion Lleyton Hewitt, French Open winner Juan Carlos Ferrero, No. 5-seeded Guillermo Coria, No. 12 Sjeng Schalken, No. 13 David Nalbandian and No. 22 Younes El Aynaoui to reach the quarterfinals. Nalbandian knocked off Wimbledon champion Roger Federer 3-6, 7-6 (1), 6-4, 6-3.

And No. 1-seeded Kim Clijsters and 1998 Open champion Lindsay Davenport set up a semifi-

nal meeting. Clijsters beat No. 5 Amelie Mauresmo 6-1, 6-4, while Davenport defeated No. 24 Paola Suarez 6-4, 6-0.

There even was time for the twice-postponed Michael Chang retirement ceremony.

'Still, not your average big-time sporting event, huh?

"This was the weirdest situation that I've ever experienced in a Grand Slam tournament," two-time major champion Mary Pierce said. "It was really, really weird to wait four days and play 20 minutes to finish the match."

She lost 7-6 (2), 6-1 to No. 7 Anastasia Myskina, who later was scheduled to return to the court and face No. 2 Justine Henin-Hardenne in a quarterfinal.

Also asked to play more than once Thursday was No. 29 Francesca Schiavone, a 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-2 winner over No. 15 Ai Sugiyama. Schiavone was supposed to play a quarterfinal against No. 6 Jennifer Capriati at night.

At least tennis was being played, though: A total of only four matches were completed from Monday through Wednesday.

IN BRIEF

Armstrong to divorce his wife of five years

AUSTIN, Texas — Lance Armstrong and his wife are working on a divorce settlement after trying to reconcile during the summer in hopes of saving their five-year marriage.

The five-time Tour de France champion and his wife, Kristin, separated two weeks ago, soon after moving back to Austin from Girona, Spain. They are staying in separate homes in Austin.

"The craziest thing is, we're closer now and better friends than ever before," Lance Armstrong said in Thursday's Austin American-Statesman. "We're truly committed to maintaining a good relationship, but not a marriage."

Armstrong overcame cancer on his way to becoming one of his sport's greatest riders. His fifth straight victory in the Tour de France in July tied the record held by Spain's

Miguel Indurain.

Jogi Muller, a spokesman for Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team told The Associated Press, the cyclist and his wife attempted to patch up their marriage during the entire summer.

"But somehow, now in the month after the Tour, it just didn't work out," Muller said. "They tried probably for the children, for themselves."

Armstrong and his wife have three children. They announced in February they had been separated for a month, then reconciled.

Quarles likely out several games with forearm injury

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay middle linebacker Shelton Quarles likely will be sidelined for several games after breaking his left forearm Thursday in the Buccaneers' final practice in pads before the regular season.

Quarles, a Pro Bowl selection for

the first time last season, was injured while blocking on a special teams drill. He will be replaced by backup Nate Webster, who will make his second career start in Monday night's season opener at Philadelphia.

"The reality of it is, he'll probably miss a few games," said coach Jon Gruden, who didn't estimate when Quarles might return.

"Knowing the kind of kid he is, he'll be knocking on the door tomorrow morning trying to play. But he has fractured his forearm, he'll miss this game ... and he'll probably miss a couple following that."

Nose tackle Anthony McFarland missed four games last season after breaking his right forearm in a game at Carolina.

Quarles had his best pro season a year ago when he moved from strongside linebacker to the middle after the Bucs lost Jamie Duncan to free agency.

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Red Sox at Yankees 6 p.m., ESPN

Indians at White Sox 7 p.m., FOXCH

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Oregon St. at Fresno St. 9 p.m., ESPN

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Preseason rankings reveal several career highs

Special to The Observer

A pair of Notre Dame singles players and two doubles teams gained career-high listings in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's preseason women's singles and doubles rankings released today.

Senior Caylan Leslie led the way, ranked 26th in singles, while classmate Alicia Salas

was 64th. In doubles, Salas and sophomore Lauren Connelly were 37th and the team of junior Sarah Jane Connelly and sophomore Kristina Stastny was 44th.

After missing 14 months due to a shoulder injury, Leslie returned in January 2003 to have an impressive spring season, finishing 17-11, including 9-5 at No. 1 singles. Ranked as high as 33rd, she finished



Leslie



Salas

the season 40th. Leslie delivered nine wins over ranked opponents, including victories against Duke's Amanda Johnson, who was ninth in preseason rankings, and William & Mary's Candice Fuchs.

Salas moved up to the top two singles positions in 2002-03 after playing mostly Nos. 4 and 5 as a sophomore. She finished with a 24-15 record, including 9-5 at No. 2 singles. Among her six career wins over ranked opponents was a victory over Northwestern's Cristelle Grier, who was fourth in preseason rankings. Salas was ranked as high as 65th before finishing the season 98th.

Connelly and Salas played together most of last season, compiling a 17-9 record and being ranked 59th in the final rankings. The team finished the season strong with consecutive upsets of top-15 teams in NCAA tournament action, knocking off Missouri's 15th-ranked pair before topping the No. 3 team from Vanderbilt.

Despite only playing eight matches together a year ago, Connelly and Stastny earned mention in the preseason rankings. The pair first teamed together in late March and played as a team the remainder of the season, winning on five occasions at Nos. 2 and 3. With

the Big East Championship title match tied 3-3 with just one doubles match remaining on the court, the team pulled out an 8-6 victory to top Miami and clinch the championship for the Irish.

Georgia's Agata Cioroch was the unanimous No. 1 in singles, while Stanford's Lauren Barnikow and Erin Burdette gained every first-place vote in doubles to secure the top spot.

The Irish open their season Sept. 25-28 in Peachtree City, Ga., in the adidas Invitational. The lone home event for Notre Dame this fall is an exhibition match against Southern California on Oct. 17.

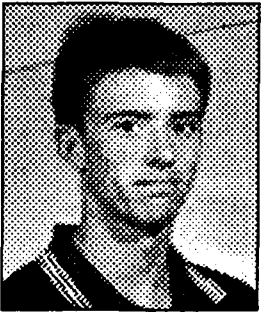
MEN'S TENNIS

Haddock, D'Amico top Irish rankings

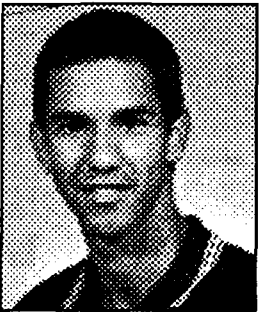
Special to The Observer

Two Notre Dame singles players and one doubles team were listed in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's preseason men's singles and doubles rankings released today.

Senior Luis Haddock and junior Brent D'Amico each earned career-high singles listings at 64th and 100th, respectively. D'Amico



D'Amico



Haddock

and senior Matthew Scott also broke into the doubles rankings for the first time, at 50th.

Haddock played No. 1 singles for the Irish in 2002-03. Overall, he was 21-14 in singles to improve his career record to 71-30. He was ranked as high as 72nd throughout the season before finishing 102nd. Haddock has a career 12-13 record against

ranked players, including seven wins a year ago.

After playing singles in only four matches as a freshman, D'Amico made the jump to No. 3 a year ago and excelled. He won his first six matches at that position and finished 11-7 there. In all, he was 21-18, including four victories over ranked opponents. D'Amico, who earned his first career ranking of 118th late in the season before dropping out of the final listings, was honored at the end of the season as the team's MVP.

D'Amico and Scott paired together for two matches in fall '02 before teaming up through-

out the spring at No. 1 doubles. They compiled a 13-10 record, including 12-9 in dual matches. The pair had two wins over ranked opponents.

Baylor's Benedikt Dorsch was the unanimous No. 1 in singles, while Rice's team of twins Richard and William Barker gained every first-place vote in doubles to secure the top spot.

The Irish open their season a week from Thursday, heading to Houston for the Crowne Plaza Invitational Sept. 11. Notre Dame has two home events this fall — the Oct. 3-5 Tom Fallon Invitational and an exhibition match with USC Oct. 17.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles seek year's 1st victory

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team is crossing the border, in hopes of bringing back the spoils of victory.

The Belles travel to Wooster College in Ohio this weekend to participate in the 2nd Annual Kilt Classic. The eight-team tournament will take place Sept. 5 and 6 and features schools from Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Saint Mary's (0-2, 0-1 MIAA) will compete in the second bracket, against Heidelberg (Ohio) College (2-2), LaRoche (Ohio) College (0-0) and Westminster (Pa.) College (0-4).

Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek believes this will be a competitive tournament, and one that will help prepare her team for the MIAA season.

"I'm hoping to have everybody healthy," she said. "I have no doubt in my mind that we can win this tourney."

The team is hoping to have libero Anne Cusack and outside attacker Alison Shevik back at 100 percent. Cusack missed the Albion game with strep throat and Shevik played only back row after sustaining an ankle injury.

Sophomore middle hitter Michelle Turley, who joined the team after transferring from Marist College, is probably out for the season after injuring her foot earlier this year.

Despite the injuries, the Belles played valiantly in their loss to Albion to open MIAA play Wednesday, winning the first set but eventually falling to the Britons in five.

The Belles will compete in at least two matches Friday and at least one Saturday. They may play additional matches depending on their performance at the tournament.

"It's going to take 100 percent from the team to get this done," Schroeder-Biek said.

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SMC GOLF

After strong opening, Belles ready for another test

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Coach Mark Hamilton and his Saint Mary's gold team wanted to finish in the top five out of the 19 team field at the Ferris State Invitational last weekend.

Led by Julie Adams' sixth place finish, the Belles accomplished that goal by finishing with a 663 team total for fifth place overall.

The team now takes on its first head-to-head competitor when they travel to Illinois to challenge Knox College at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Belles worked hard in the off-season, and that practice has already begun to show dividends. Hamilton said the team has really come along well in the early year.

"We're starting to see the fruits of our labor," Hamilton said. "We're real close to putting ourselves over the top."

Knox has one of the better golf teams in its conference and played solidly in its first match of the season. In the BUC Classic, the team fired a 386 to finish fourth out of seven teams. They improved in their next invitational, taking fourth again in I.C.

Tournament. Crystal Fox and Allyson Cooper, who both fired 86 to finish in a tie for second place, paced Knox. The team's 375-stroke finish was 11 better than its first tournament finish.

The Belles will look to put together another solid team effort, much like they did in their first invitational. Besides Adams' 156 stroke finish, defending D-III national champion Stefanie Simmerman took 28th place with a two round score of 87-81. Chrissy Dunham finished 33rd, followed by teammate Megan Mattia's 37th place finish.

Saint Mary's will have added pressure this season as head-to-head matches begin, because the team placed fourth in the nation at the D-III national championships last season.

The have also had the luxury of not playing in any competitive

rounds this week and should be fresh for their match against Knox.

The Belles next play at Monmouth on Sept. 12.

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Tourney

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Dame won the match in five games. Houston was 19-13 last season, finishing seventh in Conference USA, and return four letter winners. However, this year will see the Cougars look to freshmen for help at the net.

Saturday's game will be another test for the Irish, as they face the preseason No. 23 Texas Longhorns. Texas (1-2) looks to rebound after a tough opening at the Mizuno Invitational last weekend. The 2002 season saw the Longhorns go 23-9 and reach the second round of the NCAA tournament. They were one win away from finishing in the top 25 teams. The Longhorns return eight letter winners, including five starters from last year's team.

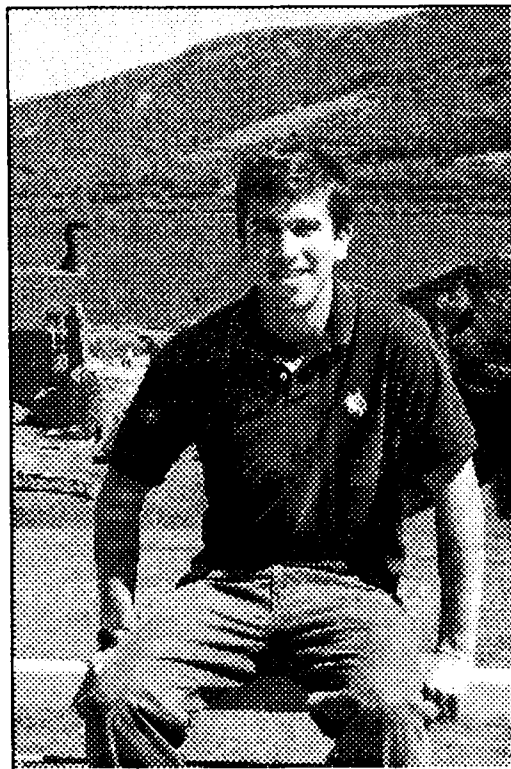
Both games will showcase the new Irish offense, led by setters Kristen Kinder and Kelly Burrell. Kinder, a senior, is the veteran,

while Burrell, a sophomore, is gaining valuable experience along the way. Besides Loomis and Kelbley, this duo will look for senior Katie Neff and sophomore Lauren Brewster to help offensively, as both were forces last weekend in Malibu.

The Irish begin the weekend

Friday at 5 pm. Saturday's game is at 7 pm. Notre Dame makes its home debut Tuesday night against Valparaiso.

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish look to build on last season's success

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

As the Irish begin their season at the Valparaiso Invitational Friday, they embark upon what they hope will be a continuation of last season's successes, which culminated with a third place finish in the NCAA Championship.

Friday's race will not feature the team's top athletes, to give other runners some key race experience, while also allowing time for rest for those who had track seasons that extended into the summer.

Nevertheless, the Irish are taking today's race seriously.

"I think that any race you run is really important," sophomore Stephanie Madia said. "I think that for now [Coach Tim Connelly] is just giving us some time to recover. Molly [Huddle] and Lauren [King] had a really long track season. He wants to race everyone when he knows that they're ready."

Madia, who as a freshman became a key runner for the Irish last year, will not be running today, nor will the team's top one-two combination, King and Huddle, both of whom have earned All-America honors.

"[Today's] race is a learning experience, to see where you are at in the season," King said. "Our main goals lie at the end of the season, but this is a really important process in our training and our development. I think it'll be a

great start of the season, and it'll barely touch what we are capable of this year."

Senior Maggie Nelson, junior Jackie Heap, sophomores Jean Marinangli and Jenny Walsh, freshman Jenny Richard and others will represent Notre Dame. King has confidence in her team.

"I've been impressed with the whole team," King said. "It seems like everyone has come in knowing what we achieved last year, and that with the right attitude and the right training we can achieve even greater results. I think the attitude among the team is amazing."

King views last season as a turning point for the program. Although the team had no idea last August how much they would accomplish by season's end, it was the most successful season in the history of the Notre Dame women's cross country program, and the Irish do not expect to let last year's momentum fizzle out.

"Last year was a big step for our program," King said. "Everyone can see it's possible to be up there. That is driving everyone."

Madia believes the team is even more focused on doing well this season, now that they realize what they are capable of achieving.

"I think all of us are looking to do things better this year, to not cut corners on the little things," she said.

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish runners get opportunities

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has the capacity to easily take first place at Saturday's Valparaiso Invitational. Instead the top ten Irish runners will sit out the season's first race, as they con-

tinue their training regimen and give freshmen and others the opportunity to compete and, they hope, to realize the fruits of summer training.

"This race is good because it helps everyone gain some experience, especially the younger guys who haven't been able to experience a collegiate race before," sophomore Tom Longo said.

Longo will be among the runners temporarily moving up to the varsity level for Saturday's contest.

Having only lost one senior to graduation, and returning a healthier group complemented by a key freshman recruit, the Irish are looking forward to what they expect to be an improvement of last season.

Last year, Notre Dame finished 22nd at the NCAA Championships after barely qualifying. This year, the Irish

have set as their goal a top 10 finish at the National Championship meet.

Sophomore Tim Moore, the team's top runner at the Big East and National Championships last season, has noticed a change in overall attitude among the Irish harriers.

"We definitely think that

[our] goal is realistic after being here with the guys for the first two weeks," Moore said.

"Everyone's in better physical shape compared to last year. It seems like the

mental attitude is more positive. Guys are working together more. It seems like we're ready to succeed. We don't really have any apprehension or nervousness about the upcoming year, which is always a good thing."

Last fall, former All-American Todd Mobley, now a senior, was supposed to be the team's leader and top runner, but because of leg injuries that plagued him most of the season, Mobley's involvement in several races was limited. With their top runner and leader injured, the Irish morale began to suffer, and that struggling was expressed on the course.

The team expects the situa-

tion to be different this season.

"Last year, [Mobley] was planning on being the leader, and he got injured, so we didn't have a real leader on the team," Moore said. "Last year we were only one season removed from having big guys like [All-Americans] Ryan Shay and Luke Watson around to lead us and show us how it's done. We were just inexperienced and not really confident."

Additionally, with Mobley now healthy, the Irish are expecting to be aided by the services of freshman Kurt Benninger, who was a silver

medalist this summer at the Pan-Am Junior Games in the 1500 meters.

"I expect a lot from [Benninger]," Moore said. "He is smart as far as how he trains. A lot of freshmen come here, and they want to work hard every day. He will pace himself. I think he'll fit in nicely."

For this weekend, though, the Irish will be focused on their less experienced runners, who are looking to prove that this season's team has a good amount of depth to their squad, in the event any injuries arise.

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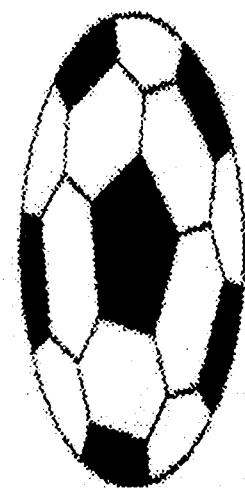
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Tom Longo
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Big East

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St. John's is 0-2 to start the season after falling 2-1 to North Carolina and 3-1 to Wake Forest in the Wake Forest Classic.

The Irish, meanwhile, tied Alabama-Birmingham 0-0 in the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic and defeated California 2-1 in double OT.

Senior forward Devon Prescod has been fantastic so far for the Irish, scoring both goals in the California game and taking advantage of a healthy start to this season. Last year, Prescod was injured for a good portion of the season, forcing his forward partner Justin Detter to move to midfielder.

This year, Detter and Prescod have reunited on the front offensive line to provide a powerful goal-scoring tandem for the Irish.

"The nice thing about Devon and Justin is that they're a good tandem up front," Clark said. "I think every game they're getting more attuned with each other."

Prescod and the rest of the Irish offense have a formidable opponent in the Red Storm defense. Red Storm defender Chris Wingert was named pre-season Big East Defender of the Year.

Wingert also chipped in offensively last year, scoring three goals and dishing out two

assists in 21 games played.

The Red Storm retains their top two scorers from a year ago in junior midfielder Andre Schmid, who collected 16 points in 2002, and junior midfielder Chris Corcoran who had 15 points.

Despite the fact that the match will take place shortly after the opening game of the football season, Clark isn't worried about any possible distraction to his team's focus. At the same time, it is a perfect setup for a positive home field atmosphere.

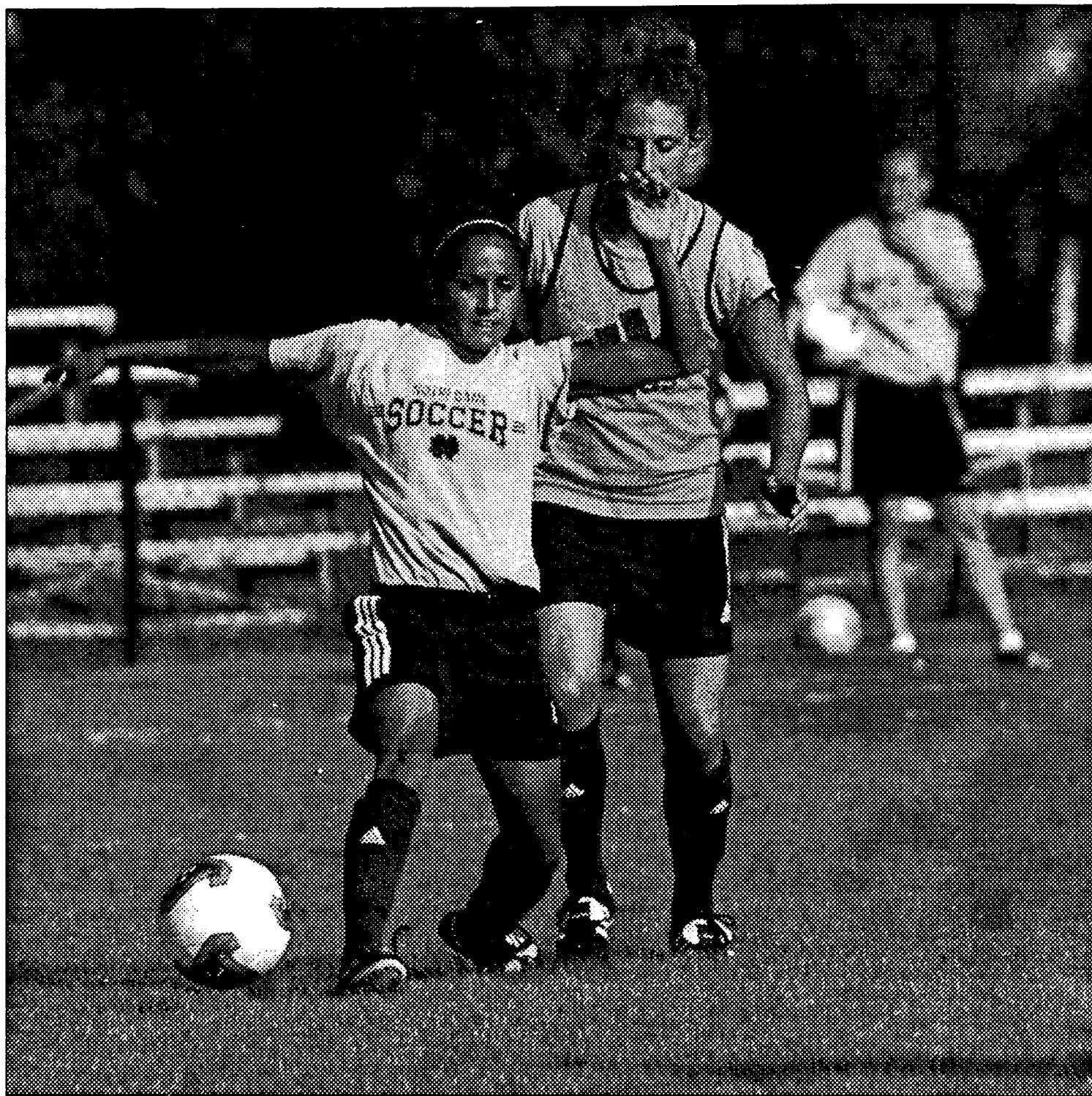
"I think that this is a big game for us, and it would be nice to get a great atmosphere," he said. "We'd like to have a lively, loud environment. We had a great crowd at the Michigan scrimmage, and we'd love to see a lot of those guys come back and watch us Saturday."

While he tries to downplay any extra significance for this weekend's game, Clark still realizes that this contest is a tremendous opportunity for the Irish to impress.

"I think this is a good opportunity to show people that we're a good side," he said. "It's an opportunity for us to send a message out that we're one of the best teams in the nation."

"Hopefully, we'll take advantage of that opportunity."

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Senior midfielder Kim Carpenter passes the ball in fall practice. The Irish will be challenged this weekend as they host No. 13 Arizona State and Oklahoma in the Notre Dame Classic.

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Arizona State or Oklahoma, so none of the teams will know exactly what to expect out of each other.

"This year's team is very unique"

Kim Carpenter
Irish midfielder

Arizona State opened their season in Hawaii with two convincing wins, 4-0 over Hawaii and 5-1 over Bowling Green. They return almost their entire team from last season, when they lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to Santa Clara.

Oklahoma opened the season with two wins at home, beating Arkansas 3-1 and New Mexico 2-1.

"We don't really know all that much about either team," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Oklahoma is a good, solid team that has beaten

some top teams in the Big 12 in recent years. Arizona State is really climbing. They are a top Pac-10 team; they have a few national team kids, and they'll have a lot of speed and be good offensively. It will be a big test for us."

Notre Dame joined some selective company this week, as both the men's and

women's soccer teams are ranked in the top five in the Soccer America polls. UCLA and North Carolina also have

both teams in the top five.

The Irish plan to be up to the challenge, as they come in playing with confidence after last week's strong showing.

"This year's team is very unique," senior Kim Carpenter said. "We have much more depth than we've had in the past, and we're extremely athletic, which allows us to play high pressure defense for the full 90 minutes. We also have a great mix of personalities that mesh well on and off the field, and I think that is a key aspect of being a great team."

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Plus, the Barbados trip will give Irish coach Mike Brey the opportunity to test new line-ups and help younger players gain experience. Traditionally, Brey has given freshmen plenty of playing time in the early exhibition games to acclimate them to college basketball.

"The nice part about doing the foreign tour during the school year is that the incoming freshmen are here, so we can take them on the foreign tour," Brey said earlier this year. "If it was during the summer, then [the freshmen] would not be able to attend it."

Starting practice early will also give the Irish a chance to plug holes vacated by graduates Matt Carroll and Dan Miller. Notre Dame returns four players who started at least 10 games last year — guard Chris Thomas and forwards Torin Francis, Jordan Cornette and Tom Timmermans — as well as Jones, who was Notre Dame's sparkplug off the bench.

But the ranks of Notre Dame's upperclassmen are thin. Although Brey named all

four juniors and seniors playing this fall — Jones, Timmermans, Thomas and Cornette — captains, Jones knows how vital the early start on the season will be in the search for key contributors.

"We have a lot of young guys, guys playing new and extended roles," Jones said. "This will help guys get adjusted to their new positions and their roles on the team."

"I think it's gonna help

guys get adjusted and come together better for when the real games start in September."

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Torrian Jones
Irish captain

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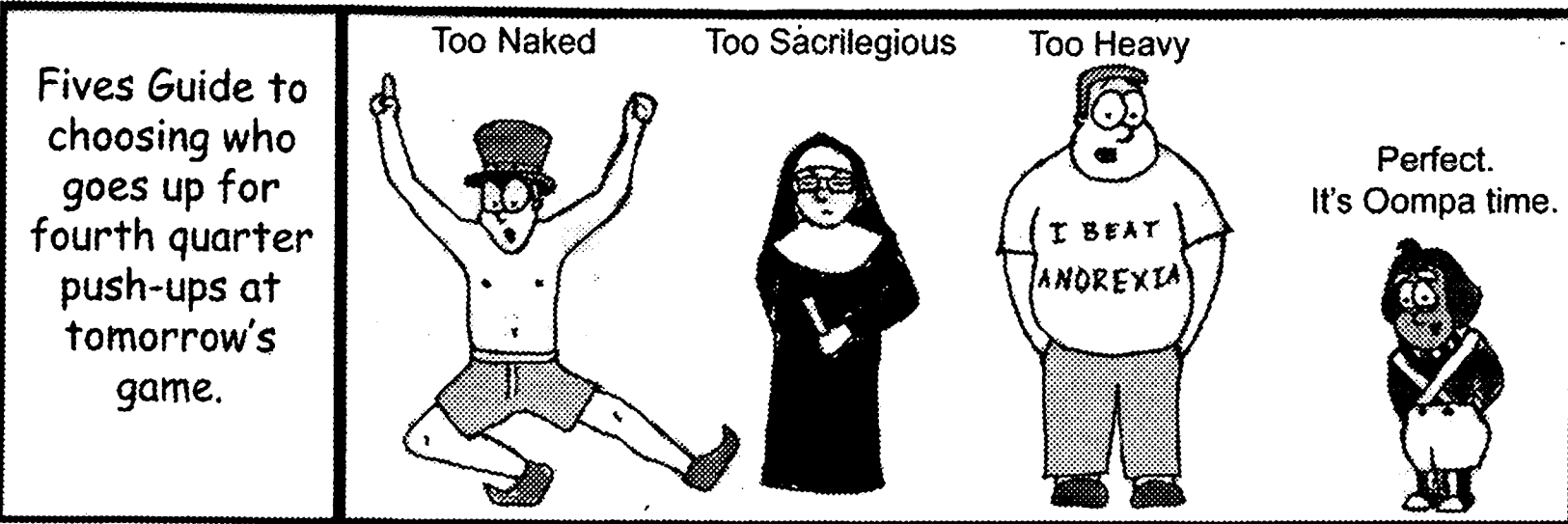
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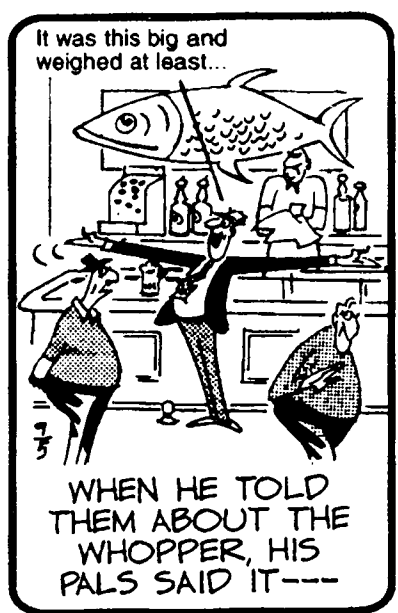
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

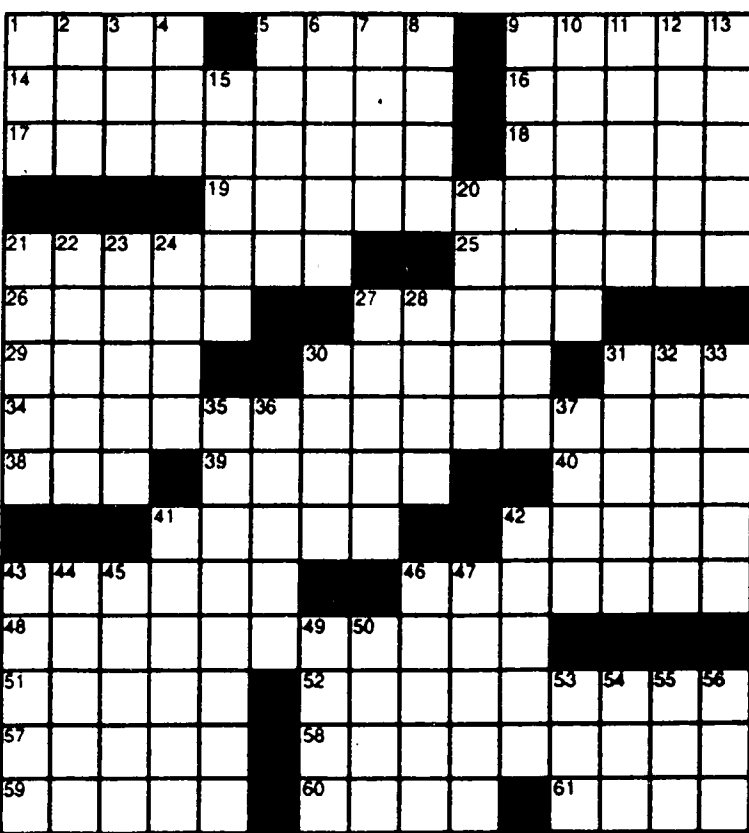


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 - 5 Germ holder
 - 9 Freezes, perhaps
 - 14 Calypso, for one
 - 16 "___ Mio"
 - 17 Former name of 34-Across
 - 18 Squelched
 - 19 Summer phenomenon in 34-Across
 - 21 Hug
 - 25 Existing
 - 26 Show, but not premiere
 - 27 Treasure map distances
 - 29 Chapel part
 - 30 Bros
 - 31 "___ Young" (Nat King Cole #1 song)
 - 34 City founded May 16, 1703
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 - 12 Printing woes
 - 13 Pick up
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 - 20 More luxurious
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 - 30 First name in 50's TV



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Starting off on the right foot

Big East powers No. 4 Notre Dame and No. 13 St. John's will tangle at Alumni Field in the Irish home opener

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Despite a calm forecast Saturday, the Irish still have a Storm to weather.

In what might be the most-hyped game of the season, No. 4 Notre Dame (1-0-1, 0-0-0 Big East) faces No. 13 St. John's (0-2-0, 0-0-0 Big East) at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field Saturday night — a battle between the two highest ranked Big East teams.

The Notre Dame-St. John's rivalry is one that has resulted in three consecutive 1-0 scores over the last three meetings, with the Irish winning once — in 2000 — and the Red Storm taking the 2001 and 2002 matches.

The two teams are considered the forerunners to take the 2003 Big East conference title, if a recent poll of Big East coaches is to be believed. The conference preseason poll was released earlier this month, with Notre Dame finishing behind St. John's.

Regardless of the hype surrounding the game, Irish coach Bobby Clark maintains that his team is looking at the matchup like any other game.

"In this league, you can lose anywhere, anytime," he said. "It's a very tough league, and even though this is a big game and an important game, it's no less important than any of the other games."



Junior midfielder Kevin Goldthwalte drives past a Michigan defender in a scrimmage earlier in the season.

Irish women will return to Alumni Field to face Oklahoma and No. 13 Arizona State in the Notre Dame Classic

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Coming off a strong performance after its tournament in Connecticut, the women's soccer team will look to continue its good play at home in the Notre Dame Classic this weekend.

The Classic will kick off this afternoon with Rutgers facing Oklahoma at 5 p.m. No. 5 Notre Dame will follow against No. 13 Arizona State about 30 minutes after the first game's completion. Sunday, Rutgers battles Arizona State with Notre Dame taking on Oklahoma.

Notre Dame received a number of accolades after last week's tournament. Senior Amy Warner, junior Mary Boland and sophomores Erika Bohn and Gudrun Gunnarsdottir were all named to the all-tournament team, while Boland also was named Big East Co-Offensive Player of the Week. She became the first women's soccer player in history to win both the Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week awards in her career.

All four teams in the Notre Dame Classic will enter the action undefeated, with Arizona State being the most highly regarded of the three teams competing with the Irish. Notre Dame has never played either

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Early start may benefit Irish

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

September. Basketball. The two don't exactly go together.

But Thursday, one-by-one, members of the Notre Dame men's basketball team shuffled into the locker room at the Joyce Center. They emerged a half-hour later, dressed in practice uniforms, and headed to The Pit for practice.

"It feels a little different," senior Torrian Jones said. "It's a lot earlier than we've practiced so far, but it's fun and exciting."

Normally, teams can't begin

practice until Oct. 18. But NCAA regulations allow teams to play a foreign tour as part of their exhibition slate once every four years. On years when teams do take trips, the NCAA allows a squad to 10 practices to prepare for the trip.

That's why Notre Dame, which has two exhibition contests scheduled in Barbados over fall break, is starting practice before the football season even kicks off.

Just how early are the Irish starting? The game floor in the Joyce Center Arena hadn't yet been laid down Thursday.

"We're going to get an upper hand on a lot of teams who won't be able to work together and mesh together this year," Jones said.

In addition to Thursday's practice, the Irish will practice Saturday morning and Sept. 20. That last practice in September, held the Saturday of the Michigan State game, is open to the public. Notre Dame won't practice again

until Oct. 7, and then the team will work out seven times in 11 days.

The early practices

will give the Irish a chance to see how freshmen guards Colin Falls and Russell Carter fit into the Irish system. The third Irish freshman, forward Omari Israel, may sit out the 2003-04 campaign while he recovers from knee surgery.

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"We're going to get an upper hand on a lot of teams..."

Torrian Jones
Irish captain



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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish look to build on successful opener

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

After storming out of the gates last weekend, Notre Dame has high expectations going into this weekend's Longhorn Classic. Following a season opening upset of No. 10 Arizona, the Irish find themselves ranked 21st in this week's USA Today/AVCA Coaches Top 25.

The weekend commences Friday night against Houston (2-1). This match will feature two teams that run a 6-2 offense. Notre Dame (2-1) is led by hitter Emily Loomis, who earned Big East Player of the Week honors last week to go along with her all-tournament team honors. Loomis was a dominating force upfront, registering a team-high 42 kills (.365 hitting percentage)

last weekend to go along with 14 blocks. She led the way in the upset of the Wildcats at the Four Points Sheraton Classic in Malibu, Calif.

Loomis, however, didn't take full credit for her hitting success.

"Our offense depends on passing," she said. "We were put in great positions, and we were able to come together."

Middle blocker Lauren Kelbley also had an outstanding weekend, making all-tournament team as well. Kelbley had 39 kills on .360 hitting on the weekend. Friday's match against Arizona saw her notch a career high 16 kills to go along with six blocks. Kelbley has registered 10-plus kills in 10 consecutive matches going back to last year.

The Cougars and Irish have not faced off since 1997, when Notre

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Young Irish will compete in opener.

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Saint Mary's at Wooster College Friday

SMC will compete in the second bracket.

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SMC GOLF

Saint Mary's at Knox College Saturday

Saint Mary's and Knox face off in a dual meet.

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Irish atop preseason rankings

D'Amico, Haddock and Scott break into the rankings.

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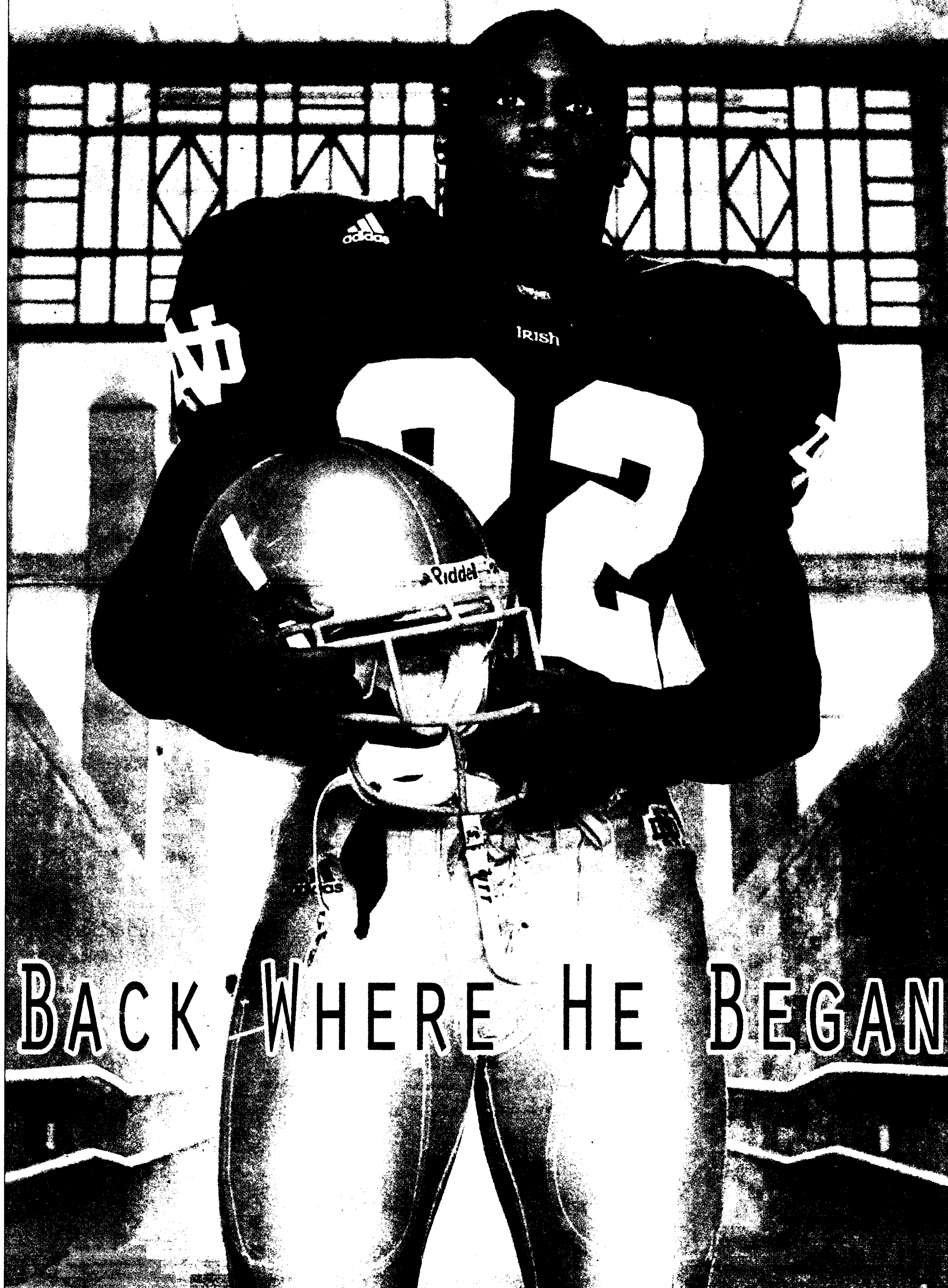
WOMEN'S TENNIS

Five Irish sit atop preseason ITA rankings

Several career highs are reached as Leslie is ranked 26th in singles.

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IRISH INSIDER



BACK WHERE HE BEGAN

Fans' expectations even higher

Somewhere between the glory of the past and the expectations of the future, Tyrone Willingham tries to coach a Notre Dame football team in the present.

He holds a job in which the standard for success equals perfection and where his every decision is analyzed by millions of fans across the nation. He is stuck trying to return a tradition-filled program to the level set by coaches like Rockne, Leahy and Parseghian. He feels pressure from fans who, instead of asking, "When are we going to win a national championship?" ask, "Why can't we win a national championship this year?"

But Willingham, a master at making the most clichéd clichés sound like Chinese proverbs, says he doesn't notice. He says he is focused on winning the next game. He ignores statistical trends — like the fact that, since 1996, Notre Dame teams follow three-loss seasons with

six- or seven-loss seasons — in favor of discovering what his team can do next.

Whether anyone believes him is another question.

On Willingham's second day as a Notre Dame employee, a half-hour into his introductory press conference, the new Irish coach glanced at his watch. He had grown tired of standing in front of the television cameras, and the sudden glance to his left wrist told reporters his time was almost up.

But even as Willingham looked at his watch, Notre Dame fans started looking at their calendars. While Willingham measures time in minutes and seconds, Notre Dame fans measure time two ways — how long since the Irish last won a national championship, and how long until their next one.

Willingham's successful inaugural season under the Golden Dome only served to whet the appetites of Irish fans hungry for success. The Irish last ended the season at the top of the polls a decade and a half ago, and they have only flirted with title dreams twice since then.

But even as Willingham tries to lead the Irish back among the nation's

elite, he also must deal with fans who want what Willingham wants, but faster.

"Our fans have individual games they want us to win," the coach said earlier this month. "But as a coach, you can't get caught up on that."

In Alan Grant's book "Return to Glory," in which the author and former Willingham protégé spent a season following the Irish coach around

campus, Grant writes of a time when Willingham received a request from a fan to sign a jersey already emblazoned with signatures of Parseghian, Devine and Holtz.

Willingham has something in common with each of those men — all offered Irish fans a glimpse of a national title. All but Willingham have captured a national title.

Yet Willingham shrugs off comparisons to past teams, only wanting the Irish to win their next game. "And if we win 12 of those next games," he said earlier this month, "we'll be right where we

want to be."

The spring before Tyrone Willingham became a household name, the Irish coach wandered from dorm to dorm telling students the team had to get rid of an "Eeyore Cloud" that, just like the donkey from Winnie the Pooh, hung a negative attitude over anything Willingham wanted to do.

Willingham chased the clouds away in one season, and now fans who fell in love with the man players call "The Prophet" wonder if he can summon a No. 1 ranking just as quickly.

Earlier in the week, someone asked the Irish coach to identify his favorite spot on campus. Was it the Grotto? The Basilica? The Dome?

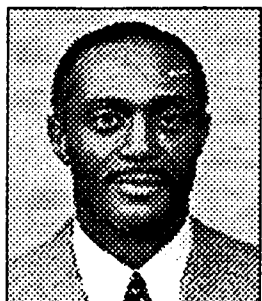
Nope. "The Stadium," the coach answered.

But even there, the expectations don't change.

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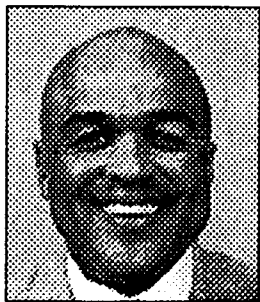
Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

"If we can win by a half point, if they allow it, I would take it."



Billy Palmer
Irish tight end

"I am definitely anxious [to start]. The good thing is that we are at home."



Buzz Preston
Irish coach

"We want to be able to continue pressuring other teams in the kicking game."



Bill Doba
Cougars head coach

"[Winning] will be a thrill, I would by lying if I didn't say that."

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After sitting out the 2002 season, Jones returns to the Irish Saturday to end what he started

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

At Notre Dame's annual football media day three weeks ago, Ryan Grant sat alone patiently waiting for a reporter to approach him. After all, wouldn't somebody want to talk to Notre Dame's first 1,000-yard rusher in five years?

Under normal circumstances, Grant's table would have been surrounded by all kinds of media types.

But on this particular day, Julius Jones had planned to speak publicly for the first time regarding his forced exile from the Irish. So while Grant sat mostly by himself, the crowd around Jones' table stretched three deep. They waited for the player once named to a future NFL all-decade team to explain his academic-related absence.

And they wanted to hear him explain why he came back.

To understand why some consider Jones' return the equivalent of the Second Coming, it's easier to show crowd-pleasing clips featuring his electrifying kick returns and ankle-breaking moves from his first three years at Notre Dame.

But to explain who Jones became after he got booted by the Irish, it's easier to explain what he did in his own personal purgatory — away from the Irish, away from the television cameras, away from everyone but his family.

Making a mistake

Jones first burst onto the field at Notre Dame Stadium as a freshman in 1999, wowing fans with his explosive speed and devastating quickness. As Notre Dame's primary kick returner for most of the season, Jones tallied 798 return yards for the Irish, the second-highest season total in Notre Dame history.

He quickly became popular with fans for his big-play potential, which he demonstrated a year later against No. 1 Nebraska when he started his first game at running back and returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown to help send the game into overtime. Just as conducting the band during the 1812 Overture is second nature for Irish fans, so too was lifting their arms, crossing their wrists and raising two fingers raised on each hand to symbolize Jones' uniform number each time he ran onto the field to return a kick.

But off the field, few things were perfect for Jones. He missed spring practice one year thanks to a University suspension, and some teammates quietly grumbled about the star running back's work ethic. His reputation for dodging interviews with the media was so legendary that one day, a handful of reporters started a pool on whether Jones would show up to speak to them (he didn't).

By the time Jones had returned to the playing field for his junior year, he had added 20 pounds at the coaches' urging. Sure, he was a bigger back, but

he had lost the burst of speed that made him such a dangerous threat in the first place — even though he went on to lead the Irish in rushing that fall with 718 yards.

Then, the summer before his senior year, disaster struck.

Jones, a film, television and theater major, met with his parents and academic officials from Notre Dame to discuss something neither party has been willing to talk about. But after the meeting, word had trickled out that Jones was going to be suspended for a year.

"I was pretty hurt and upset," he said. "But you have to look forward and try to make the best of it."

The Irish, and their new head coach Tyrone Willingham, weren't fazed. At one point during the summer, when someone asked Willingham if he considered Jones a leader, the Irish coach said simply, "No."

Looking to his family

When Jones learned he had been booted from the University, the running back was the emotional equivalent of a tornado. He flirted with entering the supplemental NFL draft. He tossed around the idea of transferring.

But in the end, he realized he wanted to go to Notre Dame.

"I started here, and I want to finish things I started," he said. "I came here for a reason, I came here to graduate and I didn't feel comfortable going somewhere else."

Jones moved to Arizona to live with his brother and best friend Thomas, then a running back with the Arizona Cardinals (he has since been traded to Tampa Bay).

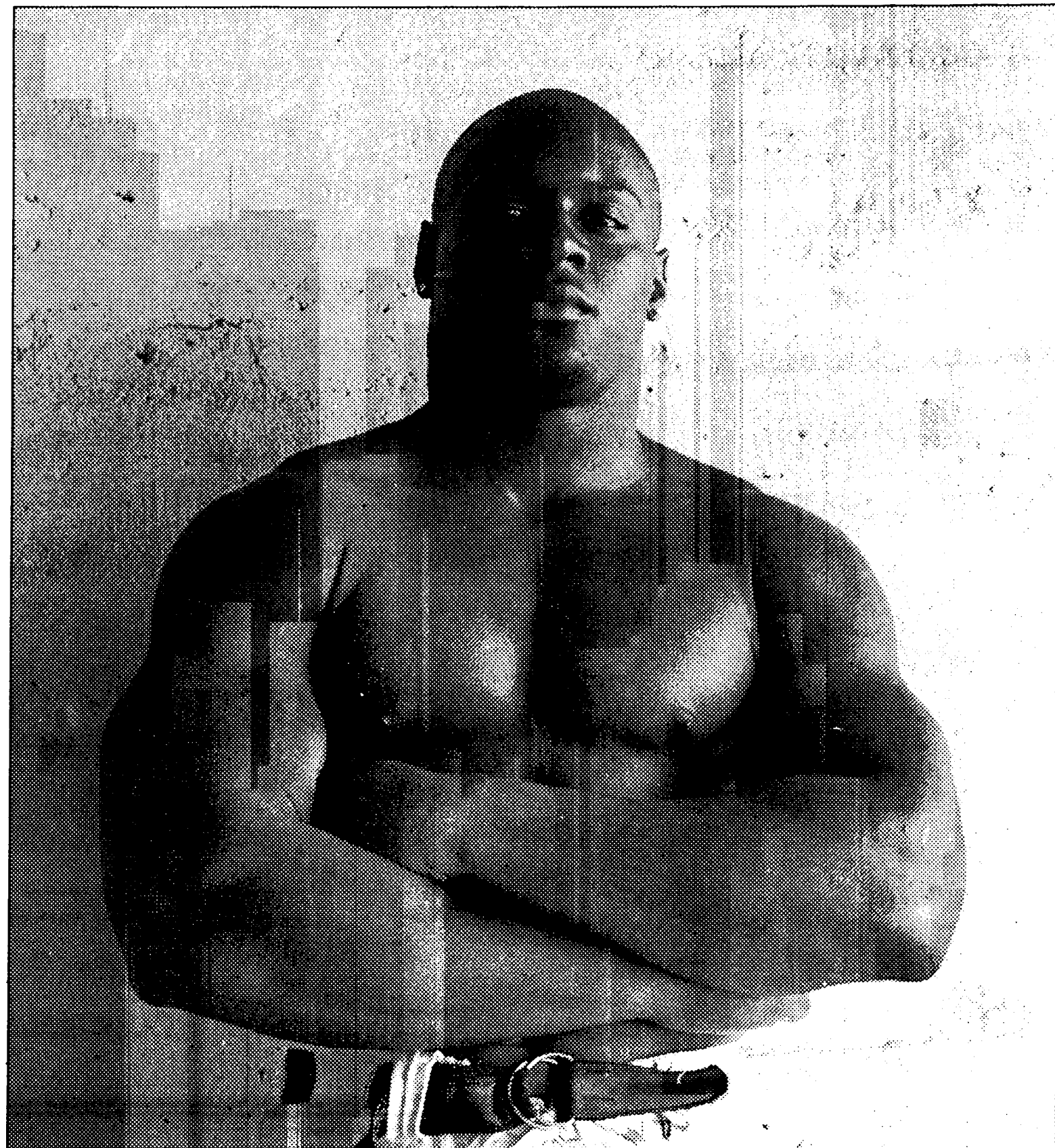
He enrolled in classes at Arizona State to maintain his college eligibility while thriving in the relative anonymity as just another regular student on the Pac-10 campus.

Meanwhile, back in South Bend, the Irish had charged to an 8-0 start in Jones' absence. Grant was on his way to gaining 1,085 yards as Notre Dame's featured back and Vontez Duff's kick returning abilities had all but made Irish fans think, "Julius who?"

But Jones hadn't forgotten the Irish. As much as it hurt, he watched every game on television — "I was one of the biggest cheerleaders," he said. He even made several trips to South Bend to visit with his girlfriend and his teammates — and saw a campus feeding off the success of the football team.

"It just looked so fun last year," Jones said. "They were winning and having a good time, and I wasn't a part of it."

In between trips to Indiana, Jones rebuilt himself academically and athletically. Watching his brother showed him the



SHAWN MONSON/The Observer

Notre Dame running back Julius Jones returns to Notre Dame Stadium after missing last season due to academic problems. Jones spent last year taking classes at Arizona State and working out with his brother Thomas, an NFL running back.

work ethic necessary to succeed in the NFL. He changed to a high protein diet. He rarely touched a football, choosing instead to work out in weight room four times a week.

And under the guidance of his brother — whom Jones said he considers one of his best friends — Jones traded fat for muscle and laziness for dedication.

"When I first got the news about not being able to come back to Notre Dame, it really hurt,"

Jones said. "But as I look at it, it was kind of a chance for me to grow up a little bit, to get hungry and to get ready to come back here and take care of business."

By the time a chiseled, 210-pound Jones appeared on an ESPN interview in February, saying he wanted to return to Notre Dame, he appeared stronger, more determined and — most of all — more mature.

At one point, Jones met with Willingham to find out what he had to do to rejoin the football team. While Jones doesn't want to talk about the substance of the discussion or what exactly he had to do to return, he acknowledged he had quite a bit to change.

"I had to change my attitude," he said. "I didn't really have a bad attitude, but as far as tak-

ing care of things and getting things done, I wasn't really on top of that."

For his part, Willingham — who had said all along that Jones would be an integral part of the Irish if he came back to South Bend — maintained he set no criteria for Jones to rejoin the team.

"He made a mistake," Willingham said. "But he was man enough to admit he made a mistake and man enough to do what he had to do to correct that mistake."

By June, Jones had cleared most of the University's academic requirements for readmission and enrolled in summer classes. When summer school wrapped up in early August — and Jones had passed his classes — he was back on the Irish for good.

"What kept me going?" he said. "My brother. My family. I knew I had let them down, and I wanted to prove to them I could get back here."

Moving forward

The Notre Dame team to which Jones returned was drastically different than the one he left. No longer were the Irish a squad that lost more games each season than it won. Instead, Jones noticed a disciplined team fanatically bent on success. Practices were faster and more intense. The offense was completely different.

And Jones realized he was no longer the top running back. That honor — at least for this Saturday — went to Grant, who had a year under his belt in Willingham's complicated

offense.

But Jones, too, was different. While many of the Irish are hesitant to describe Jones pre-exile, many now will praise his heightened work ethic and improved attitude.

"I think it wasn't that he had a bad attitude before," Grant said. "I think maybe he didn't approach things the right way in terms of going all out."

"But that's all behind him, and he's going forward."

Willingham said he now considers Jones one of the team's leaders, even as the coach dodges questions about how much the senior running back will play. Yet the coaches know how pivotal Jones is to Notre Dame's potential success.

"I don't know what the past was," running backs coach Buzz Preston said. "All I know is that the young man is coming back here and is doing a good job."

The soft-spoken Jones now appears happier than before he left. In the days leading up to Notre Dame's season opener against Washington State, he grinned broadly when describing his anticipation about running out of the tunnel — "I remember it, but it's gonna be sweet when I do it for real. It feels like it's been 10 years since I played."

"I missed it a lot," he added. "Anytime you have something taken away from you that you love doing, it hurts pretty bad."

"It's like that sometimes. You learn from your mistakes, and I think I've done that."

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Record: 0-0
AP: No. 19
Coaches: No. 16



Tyrone Willingham
head coach

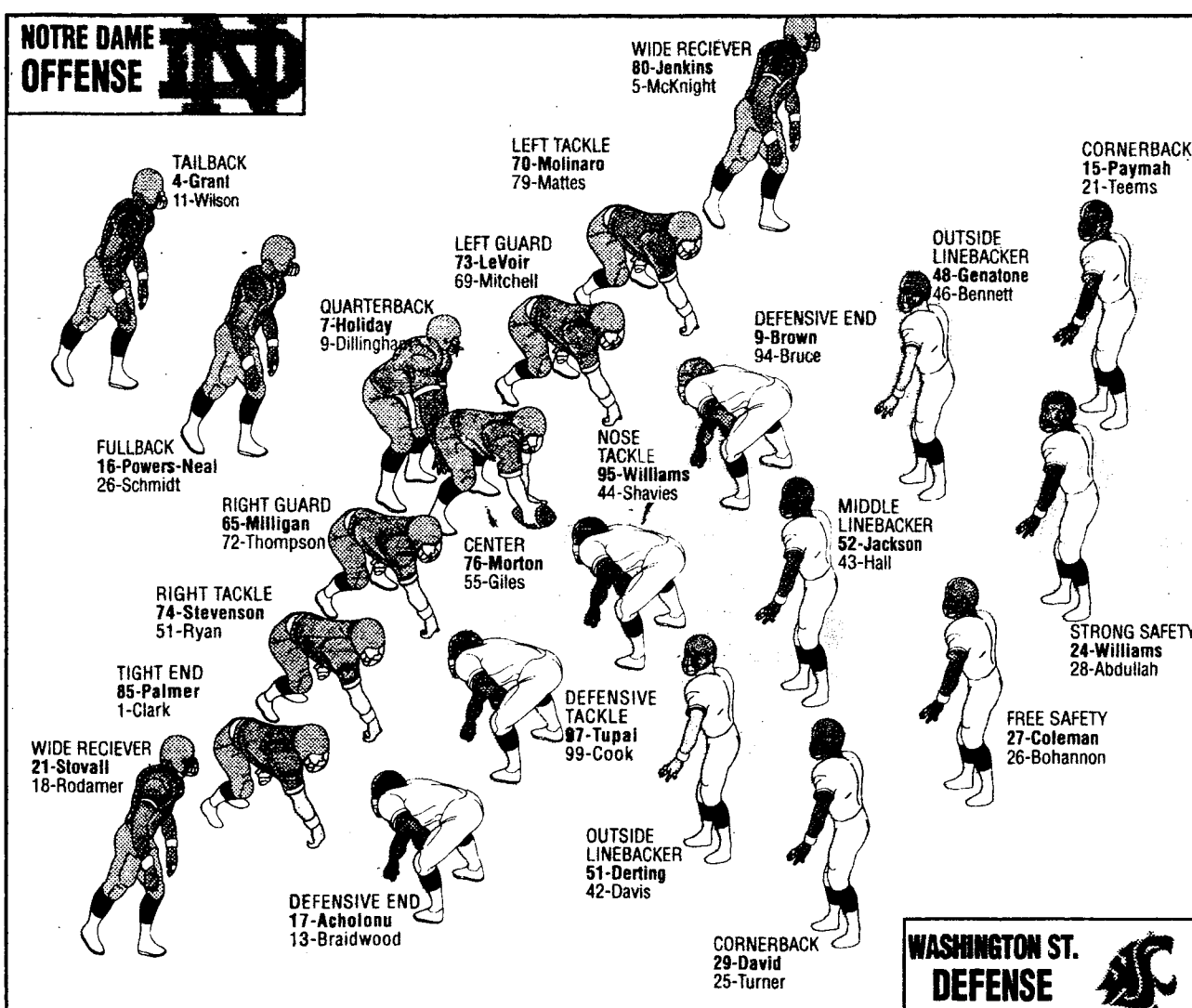
Tyrone Willingham
second season at
Notre Dame
career record:
54-39-1
at Notre Dame:
10-3
against
Washington State: 5-2

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Jared Clark	TE	6-4	230	SR
2	Freddie Parrish	DB	6-1	195	FR
4	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	211	JR
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-2	207	SO
6	Carlos Campbell	CB	5-11	194	JR
7	Carlyle Holiday	QB	6-3	214	SR
8	Matt Krueger	QB	5-10	180	SR
9	Quentin Burrell	FS	6-0	180	JR
10	Jason Beckstrom	CB	5-10	186	SR
11	Pat Dillingham	QB	6-1	209	JR
12	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	210	FR
13	Marcus Wilson	RB	5-11	199	JR
14	Nicholas Setta	K/P	5-11	184	SR
15	Gary Godsey	TE	6-6	259	SR
16	Preston Jackson	CB	5-9	177	SR
17	Rashon Powers-Neal	FB	6-2	227	JR
18	Stan Revelle	QB	5-11	183	JR
19	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	180	FR
20	Ronnie Rodamer	WR	6-4	211	SR
21	Glenn Earl	FS	6-1	205	SR
22	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	6-1	192	JR
23	Travis Thomas	RB	6-1	200	FR
24	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	221	SO
25	Julius Jones	LB	5-10	210	SR
26	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	190	FR
27	Dwight Ellick	CB	5-10	177	JR
28	Nate Schiccatano	RB	6-3	224	SO
29	Garron Bible	FS	5-10	197	SR
30	Josh Schmidt	FB	6-1	220	JR
31	Lionel Bolen	SS	6-0	206	JR
32	Mike Profeta	TB	5-11	208	SR
33	Cole Laux	FB	5-10	229	SR
34	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	185	FR
35	LaBrosse Hedgemon	DB	5-10	180	FR
36	Mike Richardson	DB	6-1	188	SO
37	Jake Carney	DB	6-0	180	SO
38	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	211	SO
39	Courtney Watson	ILB	6-1	234	SR
40	Vontez Duff	CB	5-11	194	SR
41	Ashley McConnell	FB	6-0	240	FR
42	Isiah Gardner	DB/RB	5-10	190	FR
43	Matt Mitchell	DB	5-9	184	SO
44	Brandon Hoyte	ILB	6-0	226	JR
45	David Bemenderfer	SS	5-11	195	SR
46	Nate Schomas	WR	5-10	165	SR
47	Mike Goolsby	LB	6-3	243	SR
48	Ambrose Wooden	WR	6-1	190	FR
49	Anthony Salvador	LB	6-2	226	SO
50	Justin Tuck	DE	6-5	246	JR
51	Carl Gioia	P	5-11	165	FR
52	Corey Mays	ILB	6-1	238	JR
53	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-2	210	FR
54	Jerome Curry	OLB	6-4	250	SR
55	Derek Collins	ILB	6-3	228	SR
56	Cedric Hilliard	NG	6-2	295	SR
57	Jamie Ryan	OT	6-5	290	SO
58	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	215	FR
59	David Fitzgerald	OL	6-4	271	SO
60	Zachary Giles	C	6-3	281	JR
61	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-1	205	FR
62	Dwight Stephenson	LB	6-3	237	FR
63	Pauljancha	LS	6-1	245	SO
64	James Bent	OT	6-2	253	SO
65	Darrell Campbell	OT	6-4	288	SR
66	Scott Raridon	DT	6-7	300	SO
67	Casey Dunn	OT/OG	6-4	255	JR
68	Sean Milligan	OG	6-4	291	SR
69	Derek Landri	NG	6-2	265	SO
70	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	270	FR
71	Darin Mitchell	OT	6-4	280	JR
72	Jim Molinaro	OT	6-6	301	SR
73	David Kowalski	OG	6-2	249	SR
74	James Bonelli	OG/OT	6-6	282	SO
75	Jeff Thompson	C/OG	6-4	287	JR
76	Mark LeVoi	TE	6-7	309	JR
77	Dan Stevenson	OG	6-5	297	JR
78	Chris Frome	DE	6-5	264	SO
79	Bob Morton	C	6-4	299	SO
80	Greg Pauly	DT	6-6	291	SR
81	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	280	FR
82	Brian Jenkins	OT	6-6	250	SO
83	Omar Matthes	WR	6-2	204	SR
84	Chinedum Ndukwe	WR	6-3	190	FR
85	Matt Shelton	WR	6-1	172	JR
86	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-4	190	FR
87	Mike O'Hara	WR	5-10	174	SO
88	Rob Woods	WR	6-2	205	SO
89	Billy Palmer	TE	6-3	251	SR
90	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-4	242	SO
91	Patrick Nally	TE	6-3	243	SR
92	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-4	253	SO
93	John Carlson	TE	6-6	230	FR
94	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-4	283	JR
95	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	165	SO
96	Kyle Budinscak	DE	6-4	270	SR
97	Dan Santucci	DE	6-5	270	SO
98	Victor Abiamiri	DE	6-5	245	FR
99	Travis Leitko	DE	6-6	264	SO
100	Trevor Laws	DL	6-2	290	FR
101	Jason Sapp	DE	6-3	256	SR

NOTRE DAME 2003 Schedule

Sept. 6	WASHINGTON ST.
Sept. 13	at Michigan
Sept. 20	MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 27	at Purdue
Oct. 11	at Pittsburgh
Oct. 18	USC
Oct. 25	at Boston College
Nov. 1	FLORIDA STATE
Nov. 8	NAVY
Nov. 15	BYU
Nov. 29	at Stanford
Dec. 6	at Syracuse



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WASHINGTON STATE

ANALYSIS

Willingham brought Notre Dame football back to life last year by leading the Irish to an 8-0 start, ending the season 10-3 with a 28-6 Gator Bowl loss to North Carolina State. He will likely have his troops thinking they can have that kind of start again in 2003.

A South Bend, Ind., native, Doba returns to the area to lead Washington State in just his second game at the helm after the departure of Mike Price. This is just Doba's first season as a head coach, and this will be his first road game.

With nine years of head coaching experience under his belt, Willingham has the advantage here. He and his staff have breathed life back into the Notre Dame program. Last year's 8-0 start was impressive.

Holiday has made great strides from this time last year. He has become a better passer and has grown familiar with Willingham's offense. The departure of Chris Olsen leaves the Irish a little thin should Holiday get injured, as he did in all or parts of four games in 2002.

Kegel has a lot to live up to in filling in for Jason Gesser, Washington State's career passing leader. After a sub-par, 12-for-21 performance against Idaho, Kegel has his work cut out for him. But the fifth-year senior captain is a respected leader on his team.

Holiday is improving, but he is still far from the player he could become and his coaches would like him to be. Kegel is an unproven senior trying to climb out from behind the shadow of the most prolific passer in Washington State history.

Notre Dame returns 1,000-yard rusher Grant, who is finally healthy after battling nagging injuries last year. Jones, who returns to the Irish lineup after missing all of 2002, should provide some explosiveness and excitement.

Washington State's four seniors on the defensive line will provide a formidable test for the unproven Irish line. At 320 pounds, Tupai will be a force in the middle of the field against the Irish run. The Cougars yielded only 83 rushing yards to the Vandals.

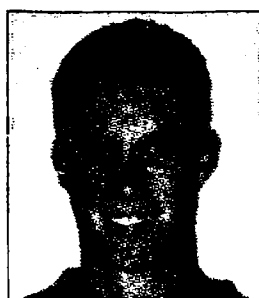
The Irish have an untested offensive line that may have trouble opening holes, but they also have two solid runners in Grant and Jones. The Cougar defense is big, deep and experienced. They only yielded 83 yards to Idaho, but that was Idaho.

An offensive line composed of four relatively new members could present some problems for Holiday in the pocket. The Irish return a trio of experienced receivers in Jenkins, McKnight and Stovall. The health of Godsey could become a factor at tight end.

The Cougars must replace cornerback Marcus Trufant. They got to the quarterback three times against Idaho last week and are experienced up front with four seniors. Williams grabbed two interceptions last weekend and Turner added another.

It's difficult to give the edge to the Irish here in the first game of the season, after Notre Dame ranked 91st last year with 174.2 yards per game. Washington State's opening game against Idaho gives it the advantage.

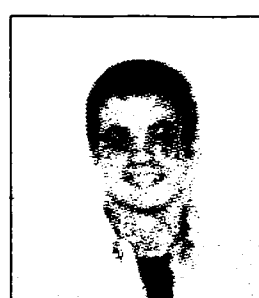
Irish experts



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Editor in Chief

Carlyle Holiday will surprise Notre Dame fans with his execution of the Irish offense, but Washington State will still have some success moving the ball against a relatively raw — but still talented — Irish secondary. Home-field advantage will tip this game in Notre Dame's favor.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 20
Washington State 13**



Joe Hettler
Sports Editor

The defensive line will be the key for Notre Dame. If the line can stop a solid Washington State rushing game, and pressure the quarterback with a four man rush, Notre Dame should contain the Cougar offense. Holiday will begin his breakout season with a strong performance in the opener.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24
Washington State 10**

HEAD

Washington State Cougars

Record: 1-0

AP: NR

Coaches: NR

Bill Doba
first season at
Washington State
career record:
1-0
at Washington State:
1-0
against Notre
Dame: 0-0



Bill Doba
head coach

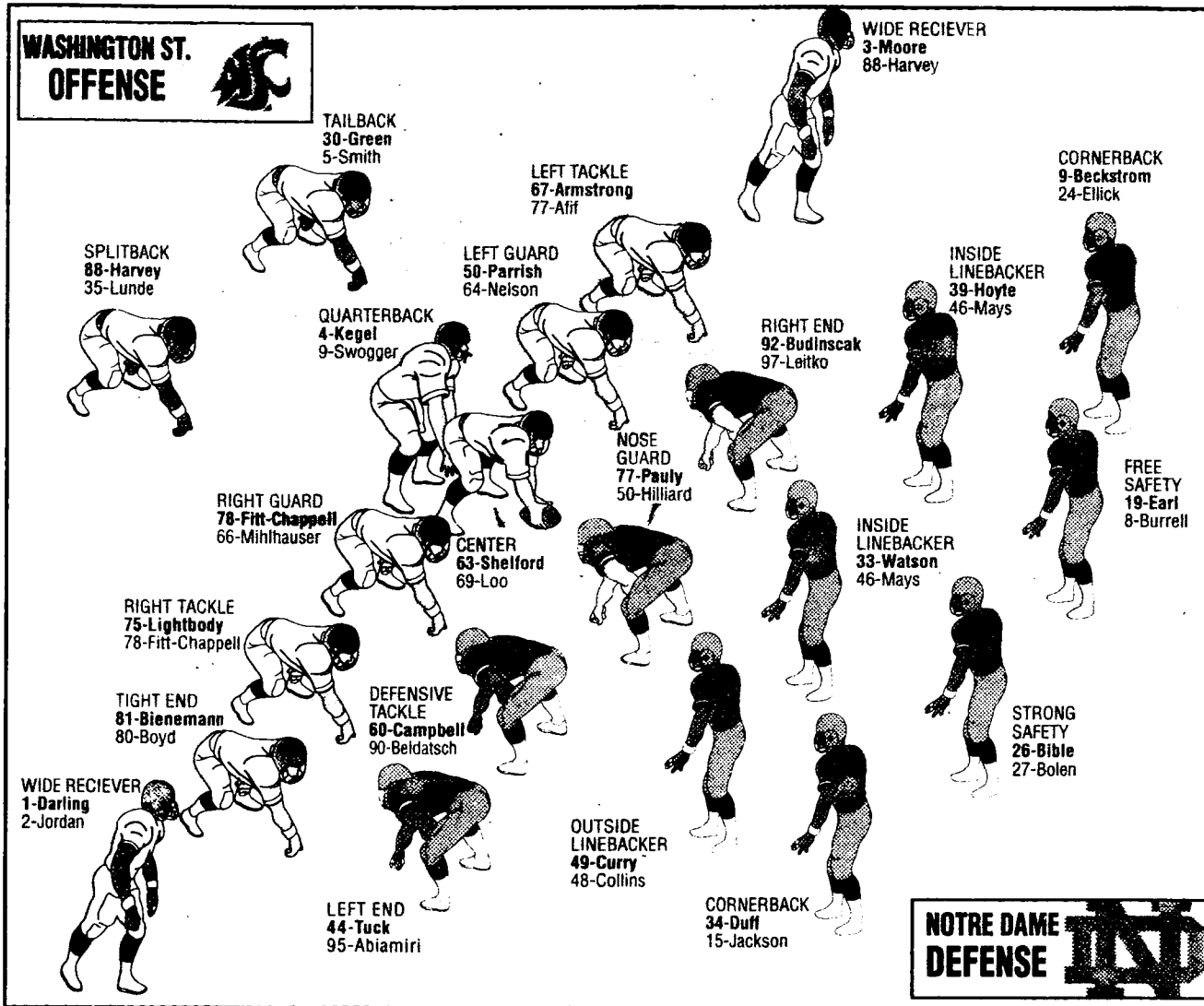
WASHINGTON ST. 2003 Schedule

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Sept. 6	at Notre Dame
Sept. 13	at Colorado
Sept. 20	NEW MEXICO
Sept. 27	at Oregon
Oct. 4	ARIZONA
Oct. 18	at Stanford
Oct. 25	OREGON STATE
Nov. 1	at USC
Nov. 8	UCLA
Nov. 15	ARIZONA STATE
Nov. 22	at Washington

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Devard Darling	WR	6-3	213	JR
2	Chris Jordan	WR	6-1	205	FR
3	Sammy Moore	WR	5-11	194	SR
4	Matt Kegel	QB	6-5	227	SR
5	Jonathan Smith	RB	5-10	195	SR
6	Marty Martin	WR	5-11	182	SO
8	Kyle Basler	P	6-3	235	SO
9	Chris Hurd	QB	6-2	213	SO
9	Isaac Brown	DE	6-2	229	SR
9	Josh Swogger	QB	6-5	238	FR
10	Drew Dunning	K	5-11	170	SR
10	Aaron Wagner	LB	6-2	248	SO
12	Ira Davis	LB	6-0	213	SR
12	Dayton Dennison	QB	6-5	216	SO
13	Adam Braidwood	DE	6-5	264	SO
13	Mike Reilly	QB	6-2	188	FR
15	Karl Paymah	DE	6-0	198	JR
17	D. D. Acholonu	DE	6-3	245	SR
18	Alex Brink	QB	6-2	191	FR
18	Graham Siderius	K	6-1	196	SO
19	Odell Howard	DT	6-3	272	FR
20	Kevin McCall	RB	5-11	199	FR
21	McKenzie Hansell	WR	6-0	200	SR
21	Alex Teems	DB	5-11	181	SO
22	Lavell Anderson	RB	5-7	174	JR
23	Husein Abdullah	DB	5-11	178	FR
24	Virgil Williams	DB	6-1	192	SR
25	Don Turner	DB	6-0	177	SO
25	Rafael Bolton	RB	5-10	192	SO
26	Jeremy Bohannon	DB	5-10	203	JR
27	Erik Coleman	DB	5-10	205	SR
28	Hamza Abdullah	DB	6-3	209	JR
28	Kealan Smith	RB	6-0	205	SR
29	Jason David	RB	5-9	180	SR
30	Jermaine Green	RB	6-0	228	SR
31	Steve Mortimer	WR	6-3	208	SR
32	Omwale Dada	DB	5-10	195	SO
32	David White	K/P	5-11	177	FR
33	Chris Bruhn	RB	6-3	215	JR
34	Christian Bass	DB	6-2	204	FR
34	Jonathan Larson	WR	6-3	195	SO
34	Alex Oyer	K	6-3	190	JR
35	Scott Lunde	WR	6-2	213	SR
35	Spencer Shelman	DB	6-0	200	FR
36	Andrew Fernandez	DB	6-0	215	SO
36	Jevon Miller	WR	6-0	190	SO
37	Eric Frampton	DB	5-11	198	FR
38	Tyler Sellers	DB	5-10	173	FR
38	Allen Thompson	RB	5-10	205	JR
39	Brian Skjei	LB	6-3	195	FR
40	Aaron Johnson	TE	6-6	283	FR
41	Blair Hawkins	RB	5-6	172	JR
41	Aaron Joseph	DB	6-2	200	SO
42	Scott Davis	LB	5-10	225	FR
43	Brian Hall	LB	6-2	243	FR
44	Mark Ahlberg	TE	6-5	280	JR
44	Josh Shavies	DT	6-6	316	SR
45	Brian Winter	LB	6-1	209	JR
46	Pat Bennett	LB	6-0	229	JR
47	Nic Scott	DB	6-1	201	SO
47	Jesse Taylor	TE	6-3	250	FR
48	Al Genatone	LB	6-0	229	SR
49	Steve Dildine	LB	6-1	212	FR
50	Josh Parrish	OL	6-7	324	SR
51	Will Derting	LB	6-0	237	SO
52	Don Jackson	LB	6-0	231	SR
53	Raymond Bonnell	DE	6-1	238	SO
54	Paul Stevens	LB	6-2	254	FR
55	Dane Bassett	DE	6-3	207	FR
55	Charles Harris	OL	6-6	280	FR
56	Chris Baltzer	LB	6-0	216	FR
57	Tom Tribbett	LB	5-11	197	FR
58	Matt Mullenix	DE	6-5	235	FR
59	Reyshaun Bobo	DE	6-2	196	FR
60	Robbie Hyslop	OL	6-4	240	FR
61	Josh Duin	OL	6-3	302	FR
62	Chris Paulson	LB	5-9	260	FR
62	Mark Matthey	OL	6-2	269	FR
63	Mike Shulford	OL	6-2	269	SR
64	Steve Nelson	OL	6-2	280	SR
64	Thomas Clements	LB	6-3	193	FR
65	Dan Iovine	OL	5-11	281	FR
66	Nick Muhlhauser	OL	6-1	287	SO
67	Calvin Armstrong	OL	6-7	311	JR
68	Zach Ingham	OL	6-7	249	FR
69	Keola Loo	OL	6-1	285	JR
70	Bobby Byrd	OL	6-7	281	FR
71	Billy Knotts	OL	6-7	282	SR
72	Spencer Hollison	OL	6-5	283	FR
73	Sean O'Connor	OL	6-5	282	FR
74	Russell Foster	OL	6-7	311	FR
75	Sam Lightbody	OL	6-9	319	FR
76	Norvel Holmes	OL	6-3	304	SO
77	Patrick Affit	OL	6-7	319	JR
78	Riley Fitt-Chappell	OL	6-5	314	SO
79	Bryan Olson	OL	6-6	282	SO
80	Cody Boyd	TE	6-8	240	FR
81	Troy Bienemann	TE	6-5	252	SO
82	Adam West	TE	6-6	243	SO
83	Jason Hill	WR	6-2	190	FR
84	Robert Franklin	WR	6-2	195	FR
86	Tramaine Murray	WR	5-10	172	JR
87	Thomas Ostrander	WR	6-1	205	SO
87	Kevin Williams	DT	6-4	275	JR
88	Trandon Harvey	WR	5-11	187	JR
89	Brett Johnson	WR	5-11	195	JR
92	Joel Crawford	DE	6-0	243	SO
93	Jon Conlin	DE	6-2	240	FR
94	Mikisto Bruce	DE	6-5	249	FR
94	John Rasmussen	WR	6-5	216	FR
95	Jeremy Williams	DT	6-4	288	SR
97	Faafetai Tupai	DT	6-5	320	SO
98	Bryan Boyer	DT	6-4	255	SR
99	Steve Cook	DT	6-3	293	JR

NOTRE DAME WASHINGTON STATE ANALYSIS



COUGAR RUSHING

The front seven will be the strength of the Irish defense as five starters return in Budinscak, Campbell, Curry, Hilliard, Tuck and preseason All-American Watson. Hoyte has plenty of experience, as he started the first two games of 2002 behind Watson.

COUGAR PASSING

The secondary is an area of concern for the Irish as new starters step in and injuries nag some players. Earl and Duff have All-American potential. Beckstrom will likely start at the other corner spot, and Bible should fill in the other safety position.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Duff and Jones could form the most dangerous kick return tandem in the nation. Setta struggled at times last season with field goals and finished 14-of-25. He will also handle punting and kick-off duties this season.

INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame has won 14 of its last 16 season openers, and have home field advantage. The students, fans, alumni and players should all be excited to finally get the season under way, especially since most schools began their seasons last week.

The Cougar running backs turned some heads last week against Idaho, as Washington State racked up 339 yards rushing. Smith ran for 160 yards on 16 carries, and Bruhn added 118 yards on nine carries. The Cougar offensive line averages 302 pounds.

Kegel, a fifth-year senior, takes over under center for Cougar great Jason Gesser. Kegel didn't have a great showing last week, going just 12-for-21 for 108 yards, an interception and no touchdowns. Darling is the big threat for the Cougars.

Dunning showed considerable strength in nailing four field goals in the Cougars' opener against Idaho last weekend. Basler averaged only 34.7 yards on three punt attempts against the Vandals. Smith and Moore should handle return duties.

Doba got his first game out of the way and got a win. Now he must coach his first big game. Washington State has never played in Notre Dame Stadium. The Cougars have the advantage of having one game under their belts before facing the Irish.

While the Cougars did rack up a ton of yards last week, the Irish run defense is their strength. Nobody questions Notre Dame's depth on the line with the Irish going two deep. Controlling the run will allow Kent Baer's defense to do other things.

Both teams have questions in this matchup, as the Irish must replace All-American Shane Walton and Gerome Sapp, but the Cougars must replace career passing leader Gesser and last season's top receiver Jerome Riley.

With Duff and Jones back together on kick-offs and Duff returning punts, a return for touchdown is always a possibility. Even though Setta struggled at times last year, he still has one of the strongest legs in the nation.

Homefield advantage should be a factor for the Irish, as the crowd will likely be electric for the first home game of the 2003 season. The Cougars have never played in Notre Dame Stadium and their first year head coach has his hands full.



Matt Lozar
Associate Sports Editor

The biggest concern on offense is the line. If it can keep Holiday upright and provide Grant and Jones with enough holes, the offense will score points. The opportunistic defense will create chances and lead the Irish to ruining Bill Doba's homecoming.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27
Washington State 13



Chris Federico
Sports Writer

Washington State quarterback Matt Kegel is no Jason Gesser. But the once high-flying Cougar passing attack may yield to running back Jonathan Smith, who rushed for 160 yards on just 16 carries last week. The experienced Notre Dame defensive front will provide a much greater challenge to the Cougars than last week and the Irish defense returns to its dominating 2002 form.

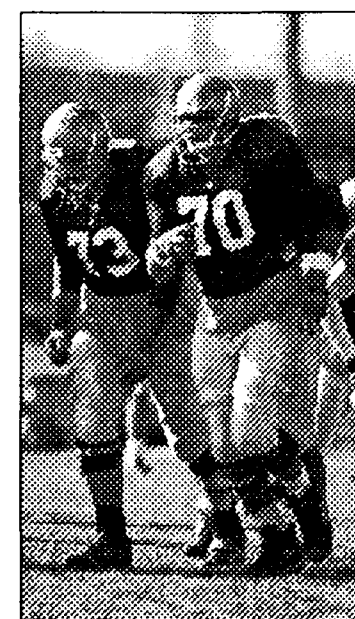
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 20
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Sizing up the Irish and Cougars

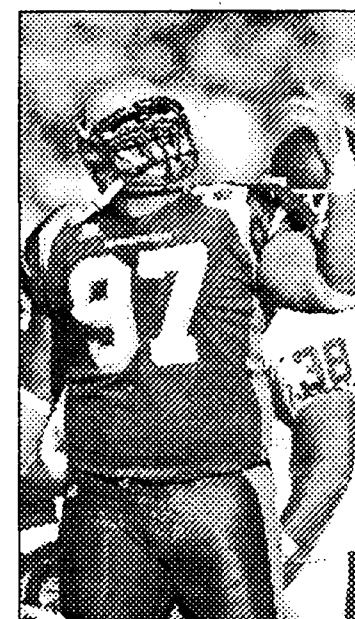
AVERAGE PER GAME	NOTRE DAME'S 2002 OFFENSE VS WASH STATE'S 2003 DEFENSE	WASH STATE'S 2003 OFFENSE VS NOTRE DAME'S 2002 DEFENSE
total yards gained	313.5	466
total yards allowed	250	300.3
rushing yards gained	139.4	339
rushing yards allowed	83	95.5
passing yards gained	174.2	127
passing yards allowed	167	204.8
kick return yards gained	67.5	38
kick return yards allowed	158	47.8
punt return yards gained	39.8	45
punt return yards allowed	8	22.2
yards per punt	38.8	34.7
punts blocked	0	1
turnovers lost	2.2	2
turnovers recovered	3	2.5
yards penalized	53.4	73
yards penalized	58.5	75
points scored	22.3	25
points allowed	0	16.7

KEY MATCHUP

NOTRE DAME OFFENSIVE LINE



WASHINGTON STATE DEFENSIVE LINE



After losing four starters to the NFL Draft, the Notre Dame offensive line is working on finding the necessary chemistry to be a cohesive unit. The line needs to protect Notre Dame quarterback Carlyle Holiday and keep his jersey clean.

Washington State's defensive line only gave up 83 yards to Idaho last week. While the Vandals' attack isn't very threatening, holding a college team under the century mark always causes some concern for next week's opponent.

by the numbers

number of games Washington State's Bill Doba has been a collegiate head coach

1

134 different opponents for Notre Dame after it plays Washington State for the first time Saturday

Notre Dame wins in its past 16 season openers

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Grant doesn't mind playing in the shadows

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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As a sophomore last season, Irish tailback Ryan Grant amassed 1,085 yards on the ground, becoming only the seventh Irish back to accomplish the feat.

But when running back Julius Jones — who was expelled from the University in the summer of 2002 for academic reasons — announced he would return to Notre Dame for 2003, many forgot about Grant and his nine touchdowns.

And Grant would have it no other way.

"You're only as good as what you do now," he said. "I've got to go out this year and dominate and perform on the field. Julius is a great player, and the way I see it, if the defense concentrates on him and sleeps on me, I'd rather that anyway. Let someone else get the media."

But when Jones returned to Notre Dame for fall practices, many assumed he would fall back into the starter's position he vacated before last season. But Grant, who sat out spring practice while recovering from shoulder surgery, has impressed the Irish coaches in fall practice and currently sits atop the depth chart heading into Notre Dame's first game of the season.

"I think its probably as much maintaining the job," offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "Ryan has had a very solid camp, and he hasn't done anything that would take away from him losing the starting job. ...

has gotten a little bit bigger this year. He's a lot faster than he was, and he's healthy and that's the biggest factor right there."

Grant, who wasn't content to sit on the accomplishments and accolades of the 2002 season, knew there were several areas of his game he could improve to become a better running back.

"I worked on all aspects of my game. It wasn't a matter of just fixing one," Grant said. "I felt like I had to work on everything so I could dominate on the field and be the type of back I know I can be. I worked on speed, strength, agility, catching balls, pass routes, blocking, protection — all types of things."

Working out together during the summer and, later, competing with each other during fall practices, Grant and Jones have pushed each other and made themselves even better running backs.

"We complement each other very well," Grant said. "During the summer we worked to make each other complete backs and become more well rounded. But it's just competing that makes us better."

"When we make good plays, we watch to see what the other person did well. If I make a good play he asks me about it, and if he makes a good play I ask him. We all do a good job of communicating with each other."

But with Grant and Jones together in the backfield, the Irish could enjoy a versatility at that position they haven't seen in years. The tandem gives Notre Dame a complement of speed and power reminiscent of



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Notre Dame running back Ryan Grant bursts through a hole against Rutgers last season. In his first-year as the starting running back, Grant gained 1,085 yards and became the seventh player in Notre Dame history to accumulate over 1,000 yards.

the Irish teams from the early '90s.

"[Grant] has been playing very well in camp, but you also right now inject Julius and [tailback] Marcus [Wilson] and it gives you a pretty good combination," Diedrick said. "Ryan is more of a downhill power runner but has the ability to stretch it outside."

Julius has great quick feet, can make people miss, can really accelerate and get north and south and has the ability to take it to the house."

With one 1,000-yard rushing season already under his belt, Grant has further plans for success with the Irish, but he would rather keep the football world in

suspense and reveal them in his own manner.

"I have goals, but I can't reveal them right now," Grant said. "I'll keep them to myself and let you all see them on Saturdays."

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Cougars' first-year head coach returns home

Doba grew up an Irish fan and started his coaching career at Indiana schools

By MATT LOZAR
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To put it simply, this weekend is a dream come true for Washington State first-year head coach Bill Doba.

Like every other kid who grew up under the shadow of the Golden Dome, the South Bend native's favorite football team was Notre Dame. Saturday

afternoon, he'll see the team he cheered for while growing up from the opposite sideline, something even Doba never imagined would take place even when falling asleep many years ago.

"It will be a thrill, I would be lying if I didn't say that, being born and raised there. So much of my family was Notre Dame fans and I was to as a kid," Doba said. "My mom got out the rosary about kickoff time and prayed those beads until the game was over for the Fighting Irish."

"It is something neat to get to go back there and I never thought it my wildest dreams it would ever happen."

Doba, who still considers South Bend his hometown, went to high school in New Carlisle, Ind. and received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Ball State. He coached high school football in Indiana from 1962-76. Doba held a variety of assistant coaching positions at Indiana from 1977-82 and at Purdue from 1983-86.

Doba became a member of the Mishawaka Hall of Fame in 1986 and was recently inducted into the Indiana football Hall of Fame in 2001 after coaching football in the state where basketball rules, for 25 years.

"I used to go watch practice. I can remember watching Ara [Parseghian] and Dan Devine's practices as a high school coach," Doba said. "They were a great staff and very hospitable to let us watch spring ball."

When Doba joined former Washington State coach Mike Price's staff in 1989, he coached the linebackers. Two years later, Doba earned the title of assistant head coach and in 1994, he became the Cougars' defensive coordinator.

When Price left Pullman, Wash. for Alabama last December, Doba finally moved up to what has become, one of the top jobs in the Pac-10.

"It's one of the good stories as far as the coaching ranks go for a long time veteran to finally get his chance to right his own ship," Notre Dame offensive line coach John McDonnell said.

McDonnell is one of three current coaches on the Notre Dame staff to spend part of their coaching career at Washington State. Running backs coach Buzz Preston was in Pullman,

Wash. from 1994-97 and offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Bill Diedrick held the same posts with the Cougars from 1989-90.

Having spent 12 seasons at Washington State coaching the offensive line, McDonnell developed a relationship with Doba that still persists throughout the offseason.

"It was a good relationship. He's a great man. He's a great coach and a good friend. He still is a good friend," McDonnell said. "We talk once every couple months and get caught up and those kind of things."

Besides the connection to three coaches, Doba will

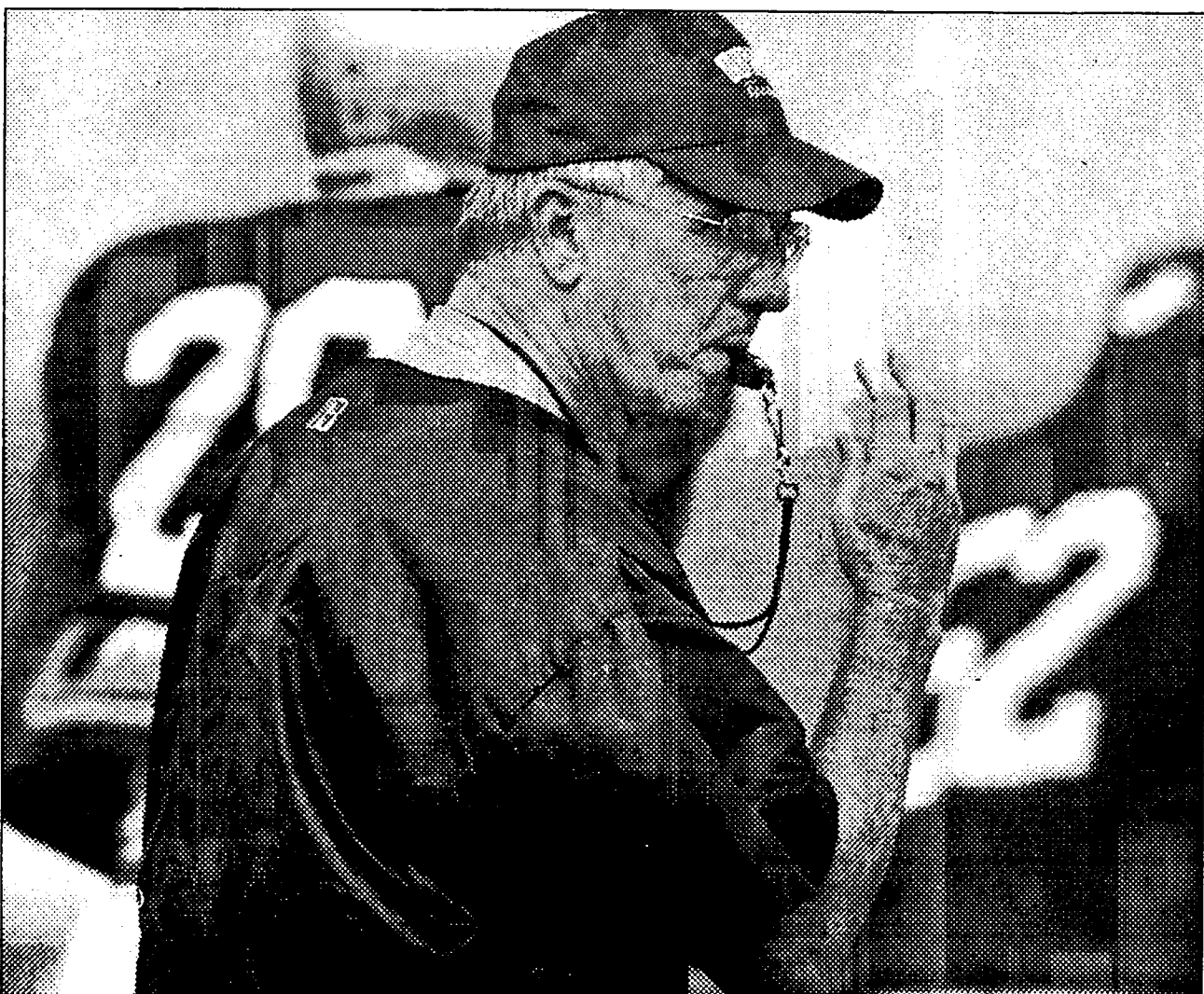
have numerous family members in the stands this weekend. He has a son traveling from Indianapolis and daughters coming in from Evansville, Ind. and North Carolina. Overall, Doba will have five grandchildren cheering him.

During his time in South Bend throughout the summer, Doba spent time with some old friends who gave him encouragement for his first year as head coach. Last weekend, he made his family and friends proud leading Washington State to a 25-0 victory over Idaho in his first game as a collegiate head coach.

Doba's friends cheered from his last week and for the rest of the season—except for three hours Saturday afternoon.

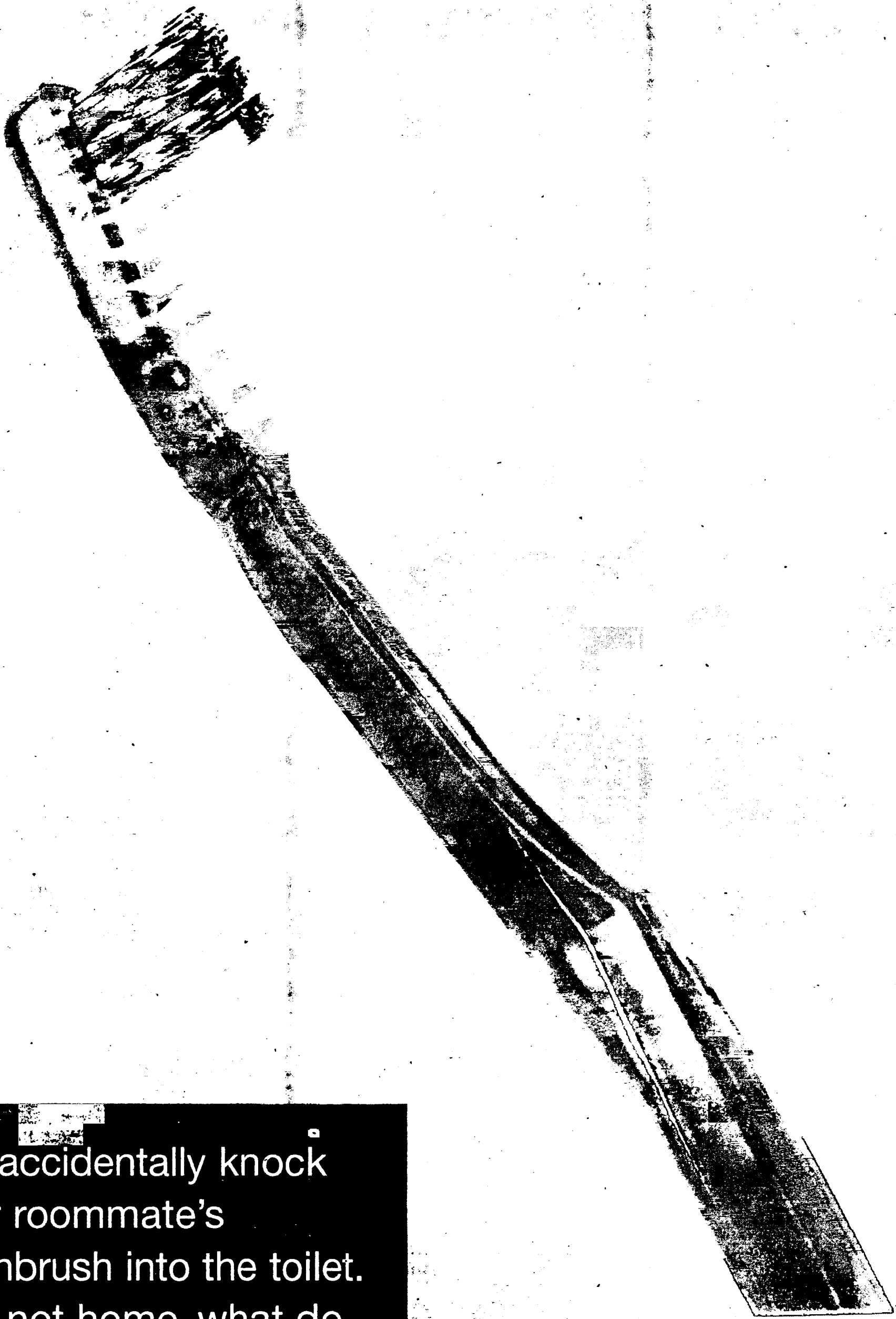
"I hope they are rooting for their old buddy," Doba said. "I had a lot of people back there telling me good luck, except for one game."

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Washington State coach Bill Doba instructs at a practice last December prior to the Cougars' matchup in the Rose Bowl against Oklahoma.



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