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President of Nigeria to speak Sunday

By MEGHAN MARTIN
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Only ten days after fellow African Desmond Tutu, archbishop emeritus of Cape Town, South Africa, addressed the Notre Dame community at a University-sponsored peace conference, His Excellency Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, president of Nigeria, will present the keynote address at the Institute for

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Church Life's "A Call to Solidarity with Africa" conference Sunday.

The conference, a collaborative effort among a number of University entities and an international collection of scholars, aid workers, clergy and students, was designed to be a collective response to a 2001 document issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops of the same name.

President Obasanjo's visit comes five days before Nigeria will launch its first satellite into space, an event that marks the first of its kind in the history of Africa, and points to the significant role his nation plays within the

continent.

"It is one of the most populous countries in Africa, but is also a country with a lot of deep problems," theology professor and conference coordinator John Cavadini said. "In a lot of ways, Nigeria is a bit of an African microcosm."

Nigerian-born Father Paulinus Odozor, a fellow theology professor who has served as liaison between the African and American contingents of the conference, said the nation plays a more significant role on the continent than many westerners may realize.

"Over one-fifth of all Africa lives in Nigeria," he said.

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Nigerian president Olusegun Obasanjo (right), shown here meeting with Liberian president Moses Blah, will speak Sunday.

Cameras shadow football team

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

The "magic in the sound of their name" echoed all the way to Bristol, Conn. last year, sending the Notre Dame mystique resonating through ESPN headquarters and enticing network executives to select the Fighting Irish football team as their final choice to shadow during this year's installment of the original reality series *The Season*.

From Four Horsemen to seven Heismans to 11 national titles, "every sports fan is aware of the storied transition of Notre Dame football," said Michael Antinoro, senior coordinating producer for ESPN Original Entertainment.

"The history is so rich with great players, coaches and games that the team truly has a national following unlike any other school," he

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A camera crew from ESPN's *The Season* films football practice Thursday. Crews plan to follow the team through November.

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Scalping penalties increase

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

As demand for Notre Dame football tickets rises, University officials find themselves in a dilemma: how can the University encourage ticket exchange while discouraging scalping?

The present solution lies in more stringent anti-scalping regulations and tougher enforcement, combined with a fan-friendly ticket exchange program, said Jim Fraleigh, assistant athletic director in charge of ticket operations.

Fraleigh said the move came as alumni were becoming more and more frustrated with the lack of available tickets.

"There has been a very, very

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Departmental honors programs flourish

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Although the Colleges of Arts and Letters and Science offer a joint honors program that attracts 60 first-year students annually, many Arts and Letters departments offer departmental honors programs that are open to selected upperclassmen.

According to the 2003-04 orientation guide for Arts and Letters

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department chairs, eight departments currently offer approved honors programs: American Studies, English, German and Russian Languages and Literatures, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology and Romance Languages and Literatures.

Each honors program requires a thesis, but some departments additionally require students to take more advanced classes, even on the graduate school level. In addition, some programs remain open to as many students as meet the criteria, while others aim to cap the number of students that

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Ticket lotto excludes Saint Mary's

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students have traditionally been included in numerous activities and events held at Notre Dame and, as a whole, are appreciative of that fact. When an announcement was made that Thursday's Purdue football ticket lottery was restricted solely to Notre Dame students, those at the other colleges were left speculating why.

While several Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students claim to have participated in past football lotteries, the tickets have always been reserved for students at Notre Dame, said Charlie Ebersol,

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Two students get their lotto numbers for the Purdue game Thursday at Legends.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Where's the ticket fairness?

Notre Dame football tickets — everyone wants them, but not everyone can have them. This is a reality that a significant minority of the Notre Dame community discovered this past week.

Saint Mary's students were unable to enter Thursday's Purdue football ticket lottery because although they belong to the Notre Dame community, they are not specifically Notre Dame students.



Meghanne Downes

News Editor

This seems rather unfair as Saint Mary's students are eligible to purchase student season tickets; however, this is at a higher cost than what Notre Dame students pay.

Though they cheer for Notre Dame sports, ironically chant "We are ND!" and attend the pep rally in sanctioned Saint Mary's seating, they are still on the outside looking in when it comes to the away football ticket lottery.

Charlie Ebersol, Student Union Board president, claims this is because SUB organizes the lottery and services only Notre Dame students and thus the tickets should only be available to Notre Dame students.

Ok that's fair enough to understand if Saint Mary's students were like Bethel College or Indiana University South Bend students, but they are not.

Like it or not, Notre Dame has a sister school and it's called Saint Mary's. The two co-exist in a unique community and in many ways enrichen one another. Notre Dame thrives on its community and Saint Mary's is a part of this family. This is evidenced not only by the fact they can buy football tickets, but by the shared phone directory book, full access to libraries and other facilities on both campuses and the fact that Saint Mary's students can participate in Notre Dame clubs and events.

It simply is not fair to say that Saint Mary's students can buy regular season tickets but can't enter an away game lottery.

If SUB maintains that their reasoning for turning away Saint Mary's students is because Notre Dame students won't have as many tickets available to them, would SUB turn away a Saint Mary's students who wants to pay money to see a SUB sponsored movie or event? I'm just going to make an assumption here and guess that school origin would not make a difference.

But in the world of Notre Dame football tickets — all bets are off, fairness is put on the back burner and an important member of its community is left out.

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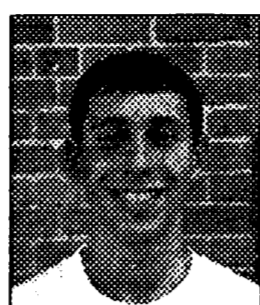
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR PREDICTION FOR THE FOOTBALL GAME THIS WEEKEND?



Juan Alba
Senior Alumni Hall

"I think we're going to lose."



Joe Schuster
Junior Keough Hall

"We're going to come back strong after our loss."



Kat Roblez
Sophomore Breen-Phillips

"I think we'll pull it off in the second half."



Donisha Lewis
Sophomore Pangborn Hall

"I hope it looks nothing like the last game."



Kevin Haley
Graduate Student

"I think we will score points ... in all the right ways."



CHRIS VIERIG/The Observer

The football teams practices Thursday for Saturday's game against Michigan State University. The game begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Notre Dame Stadium.

IN BRIEF

Cheer the Irish to victory as they take on Michigan State University this weekend at the Football Pep Rally at 6 p.m. Friday at the Joyce Center.

Support the fundraising efforts of Fisher Hall at their second annual Roof Sit. This year's event begins at 7:45 p.m. Friday at Legends.

Join the Phoxes of Pangborn Hall at their bonfire Friday at Holy Cross Hill from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

"The Guerilla Girls," a performance comprised of women artists, writers, performers and filmmakers, will be on stage at Saint Mary's Moreau Center Little Theatre Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Join in the Notre Dame spirit and watch the band on the steps of Bond Hall perform before the game from noon to 12:45 p.m. Saturday.

This weekend the Student Union Board's movie is this summer's popular favorite "Finding Nemo" in DeBartolo 101 at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

"From Page to Stage" will be the second installment of the Saturday Scholar Series and it will be an interactive audience performance. The performance will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Fossil shows rodent was size of buffalo

WASHINGTON — A rodent the size of a buffalo? Researchers say they have found fossils for a 1,545-pound giant that thrived millions of years ago in a swampy South American forest.

"Imagine a weird guinea pig, but huge, with a long tail for balancing on its hind legs and continuously growing teeth," said Marcelo Sanchez-Villagra of the University of Tübingen in Germany.

The formal name of the rodent is Phoberomys pattersoni. The last term is in

honor of Brian Patterson, a Harvard professor who led a fossil-collection expedition to Venezuela in the 1970s. Informally, the skeleton is called Goya.

Woman gets \$150,000 for bad hair job

ATHENS, Ga. — It was far worse than just a bad hair day.

A jury awarded \$150,000 to a woman who was left mostly bald after a visit to a salon.

Mary Lynn Reddish, 43, went to a Regis Salon in October of 2000 to have a mild hair relaxer applied to her wavy blonde tresses, but

after the treatment, clumps of her hair came out in the wash and even more were pulled out when combed.

Reddish said she was left nearly bald as the result of a chemical reaction from the hair-relaxing product and the dye used to bleach her hair blonde.

The damage to Reddish's hair follicles not only caused the temporary hair loss, but also will probably cause her to suffer from premature hair loss as she ages, said her attorney Danny Love.

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SMC makes video through eyes of Kelly Ripa



Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa were recently sent T-shirts by Saint Mary's, and subsequently showed the shirts on the air.

By ANNIE BASINSKI
News Writer

Though she may not have graduated from Saint Mary's, television personality Kelly Ripa will portray a prospective student for the College in a public relations video.

Saint Mary's Public Relations Department hopes the video spoof will be aired on ABC's daily talk show LIVE With Regis and Kelly.

Last June, Saint Mary's Director of Development Kay Ball met talk show host Regis Philbin, a Notre Dame alumnus and contributor to the University, during Reunion Weekend. Ball obtained Philbin's address and later sent two Saint Mary's T-shirts

to the LIVE set — one for Philbin, another for Ripa.

In mid-July, on a taping of LIVE, Philbin showed the shirts to the camera and audience. Philbin's shirt read, "Where the heck is Notre Dame?" on the front and answered, "Across the Street from Saint Mary's College" on the back. Ripa's shirt read, "Saint Mary's: Not a Girls' School Without Men, a Women's College Without Boys." The studio audience cheered and applauded as Philbin held up the shirts.

Ball chose the shirts because of their entertaining sayings.

"They're good conversation starters," she said.

The shirts, consequently, started a dialogue between Philbin and Ripa that consti-

tuted of Philbin telling Ripa, who never attended college, that she should apply to Saint Mary's. The co-hosts chatted about the topic for several minutes and Philbin insisted that Ripa would love the College. During subsequent shows, Philbin referred to Saint Mary's again and started a vocabulary "Word of the Day" list for Ripa so that she could begin studying for the SATs.

Following the airing of the show, Saint Mary's director of Public Relations Melanie McDonald said, "You can't find publicity like that. [The Public Relations Department staff] decided that we were going to find a way to ride this wave."

The department came up with the idea to produce a mock campus tour video from the perspective of Ripa. The taping of the video began yesterday. Saint Mary's class of 2003 graduate, Erin Schultz, a Theatre and Communications major currently living in Chicago, acted as "campus tour guide" for the video.

The tongue-in-cheek production begins with Schultz pretending to meet Ripa at the Admissions Office in LeMans Hall. The camera serves as "Ripa's" eyes as the tour ensues. The tour proceeds to a Regina residence hall room.

"Around here, we like to call it Reege Hall," in honor of Philbin, Schultz said, winking.

Twenty Saint Mary's students gathered in Moreau's Little Theater to participate as extras in the film. The women, all wearing Saint Mary's T-shirts, sat in the audience as Mark Abram-Copenhaver, an assistant theatre professor,

pretended to lecture on acting techniques. Pointing to a TV monitor with a clip of Ripa acting on ABC sitcom Hope and Faith, Abram-Copenhaver said, "If you can master this same technique [used by Ripa], you can aspire to being a star," as the extras frantically took notes.

The extras also participated in a scene inside a classroom in Madeleva Hall. The filming ended with Schultz telling Ripa not to be worried about being a celebrity on campus because the students and faculty will not treat her differently and she will get a "real" college experience. Ironically, the next scene cuts to a door opening, revealing a red carpet and a crowd of students flashing cameras and holding bouquets of flowers.

Andrea Rogers, from Grass Roots Media, a local video production company, volunteered to tape the scenes after being contacted by McDonald. She said she hopes the video will be edited and put together by the end of next week. The video will then be sent to LIVE, where it may or may not be shown on air in a future taping.

The ultimate goal of the project is to get Philbin and Ripa to come to campus and conduct some sort of "academic showdown."

"Of course, there is always value in having a celebrity connection. We hope [getting Ripa involved with the College] gives Saint Mary's a little bit of a 'hipness' factor," McDonald said.

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Ticket lottery improves

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
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Though the Michigan football ticket lottery was plagued with difficulties, these problems were rectified for Thursday's Purdue football ticket lottery, which was successful, said Charlie Ebersol, Student Union Board president.

Ebersol said all Notre Dame students who waited in line were provided with lottery tickets and the average wait time was approximately 90 seconds. SUB distributed 775 tickets at the lottery for the 149 pairs of Purdue tickets that will be sold to winning ticket holders. Though more people received lottery tickets than at the Michigan lottery, fewer students turned out for the Purdue lottery. About 1,500 students tried to get lottery tickets for the Michigan game and approximately 700 were accommodated.

"Given the loss to Michigan and also that Purdue is not quite as exemplary of a team, we got the turnout that we expected," Ebersol said.

Ebersol said the new distribution system will be able to handle larger turnouts and expects no problems for the Boston College lottery.

Several students thanked Ebersol for changing the system for the Purdue lottery.

"The response was nothing but positive," Ebersol said.

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Job search proves difficult for some in current economy

By MARY MIGLIOZZI
News Writer

With the economy in recession, many students are concerned about the job market and its effects on their chances for employment after graduation.

"I think there has been some increased difficulty," said Ava Preacher, Associate Director of the College of Arts and Letters' Undergraduate Advising program. "We don't have the atmosphere we had a few years ago when the job market was booming, but there are jobs out there."

Lee Svete, director of the Career Center, said that, while the job market is still lagging, employment prospects for students are beginning to improve.

"It's getting better this year," he said. "We see more companies at the career fairs."

An estimated 163 companies visited campus this week for the Engineering Industry Day and Business Career Fair.

Matt Novitsky and Bryan Kronk, both 2003 graduates, said they had difficulties searching for a job because of the downturn in the economy.

"Nobody was hiring. You apply and companies ignore you," said Novitsky, an aerospace engineering major.

Kronk, who majored in accounting, said the economy "played a huge role in my lack of success finding a job after graduation." He said his biggest problem, however, was finding a job outside the Midwest in his hometown of Boston.

Svete said this is the biggest problem graduates face. He said that students who want to live outside the Midwest often do not find job opportunities at career fairs.

"They don't engage early enough with the career networking process," he said.

The areas of study that have been most affected by the economy, Svete said, are consulting, certain areas of technology and architecture. He said the

biggest reason architecture students were affected this year is that they traditionally look for jobs later in the spring and therefore were more affected by the economic repercussions of the war in Iraq.

The University's Office of Institutional Research surveys graduating seniors each spring to determine what they plan to do after graduation. In 2003, 20 percent of graduates surveyed were still in the process of actively seeking employment, up from 12 percent two years before.

Twenty-four percent had accepted an employment position, which is down 11 percent since 2001.

The majority of the remaining students were either planning to attend graduate or professional school or participate in a service program.

The percentage of students planning to attend law, medical, dental or graduate school has not increased since last year. The slight increase in participation in service activities is not unusual and is not because of the economy, said professor John Staud, director of the Alliance for Catholic Education program.

"We've grown every year of our existence," he said.

There are 168 participants in the two-year service program this year.

Svete said the job market has been improving since the spring.

"In June and July, we saw real growth, and the class of 2003 reported more job opportunities," he said.

Kronk is among the graduates who found employment more recently, obtaining a job at an advertising agency in Boston. Preacher said the future for graduating seniors is not as bleak as the numbers may reveal.

"Our students get jobs; it's a matter of finding jobs right for them," Preacher said.

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Hesburgh Library basement dedicated



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University leaders officially dedicated the new renovations in the basement of the Hesburgh Library Thursday.

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News Writer

University leaders met Thursday afternoon in the basement of the Hesburgh Library for the dedication of the renovated lower level, named for University benefactor William Carey.

The lower level, which has been open for student use since the beginning of the academic year, is the new home of the library's microfilm collection and houses sections of the Mathematics and General Works sections. In addition, there is a large study area with couches and chairs immediately next to the stairs and elevators.

The basement now houses more than 17 miles of movable shelves, which is a key element in the library's renovation plan. The expansive shelving will increase the capacity the library can hold and allow for greater ease when retrieving books. The current count at Hesburgh Library stands at 3,000,000 volumes, with additional volumes overflowing into department libraries such as the Mathematics Library in Hayes-Healy Center and the Engineering Library in

Fitzpatrick Hall.

When Hesburgh Library was originally built between 1962 and 1964, then-president Father Theodore Hesburgh, intended for it to be a key step in making Notre Dame a nationally renowned university and wanted to see the capacity increase tenfold. Though the library originally had 300,000 volumes, donations from I.A. O'Shaughnessy and the Ford Foundation, among others, helped the library increase its capacity.

Though Hesburgh predicted he would live to see the library filled to its capacity and many doubted him, the recent renovations fulfilled his prediction.

"This library has made enormous changes in the intellectual character of this University," Hesburgh said. "A library, a really first-rate library, is the heart of a University, and I don't know any university with a better heart center than ours."

The library houses collections of medieval books and works on philosophy and theology that are not available anywhere else in the world.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chinese deny troop movement

BEIJING — China denied moving 150,000 soldiers to its border with North Korea because of nuclear tensions, insisting Thursday the frontier was calm and it was working with its reclusive neighbor to safeguard "stability and tranquility" there.

Hong Kong media reported recently that Beijing deployed the soldiers to stem crime by impoverished North Korean forces and to pressure Pyongyang to give up its nuclear program — the source of international tensions and the subject of multilateral diplomacy.

China Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan denied those reports, saying soldiers assumed border-patrol duties in a long-planned administrative change. He would not say how many troops were involved.

"There's no such thing, according to what we know," Kong said in denying the report in Hong Kong's Sing Tao newspaper.

Arafat to select new cabinet

RAMALLAH, West Bank — His popularity soaring, Yasser Arafat and leaders of his Fatah movement met Thursday to discuss the makeup of a new Cabinet, while Israel's foreign minister ruled out any dealings with the Palestinian leader and called his latest truce proposal an empty gesture.

Israel received a boost from President Bush, who gave strong backing to its position that Arafat should be replaced and that a crackdown against militant groups is a prerequisite for any progress toward peace.

In the Gaza Strip, Israeli forces pressed on with their own offensive, killing 34-year-old local Hamas leader Jihad Abu Shwairah in a shootout in the Nusseirat refugee camp. Hundreds of soldiers took part in the early morning raid, an apparent signal to Hamas that Israel would not limit itself to airstrikes in Gaza.

Storm pounds North Carolina

Millions lose power as 100 mph winds, heavy rains ravage Eastern seaboard

Associated Press

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. — Hurricane Isabel plowed into North Carolina's Outer Banks with 100 mph winds and pushed its way Thursday up the Eastern Seaboard, weakening to a tropical storm by evening but not before swamping roads and knocking out power to more than 2.5 million people.

Isabel was blamed for at least two traffic deaths and the electrocution of a utility employee.

The storm that had once threatened 160 mph winds and a 12-foot storm surge rolled in around midday just south of isolated Ocracoke Island with a 5-foot surge and gusts that rattled plywood boards spray-painted "Bring it on Izzy."

"A lot of trees are down — there's one down across the garage," Rudy Austin said as he looked out on his yard in Ocracoke surrounded by a knee-deep soup of sea water and debris. "There's a lot of stuff floating around: boards and buoys and boxes and young'uns' plastic toys."

The storm downed trees, snarled air traffic and knocked out electricity — more than 2 million customers were without power in North Carolina and southeastern Virginia alone. More than 430,000 customers in Maryland, 78,000 in the District of Columbia and 10,000 in New Jersey also lost power.

In North Carolina, a utility employee was electrocuted while restoring power, and the storm was blamed for the deaths of two motorists in Virginia and Maryland.

Isabel's top sustained wind eased to around 70 mph by late evening. It continued to weaken, though it was still expected to produce hurricane-force gusts of at least 74 mph in parts of northern Virginia and Maryland.



A truck finds its path blocked by downed power poles in Virginia Beach, Va. Hurricane Isabel sent thousands of people fleeing their homes as it unleashed torrential rains upon the mid-Atlantic coast.

National Hurricane Center Director Max Mayfield said fast-moving Isabel still posed a threat because of its dimensions — about the size of Colorado — and its potential to bring 6 to 10 inches of rain and flooding to an East Coast already sodden from one of the wettest summers in years.

"This is certainly not over for people experiencing Hurricane Isabel," he said. "This hurricane will not be remembered for how strong it is. It will be remembered for how large it is."

The storm spread rain across North Carolina and Virginia and into Maryland, Delaware and parts of West Virginia and Pennsylvania. In Harlowe,

a small community about 25 miles inland from the Outer Banks, about 30 to 40 homes were destroyed, either by winds, falling trees or flooding, said Jeremy Brown, chief of Harlowe's volunteer fire department. He estimated about 200 homes were flooded.

Firefighters rescued a mother and her two children who were stranded by the flood waters, Brown said. But the flooding receded quickly, said resident Joe Fernandez, who watched the water rise over his street and yard.

"It was like a toilet flushing. It just came up and went down," Fernandez said.

On the Outer Banks, the storm destroyed the 540-

foot Jennette's Pier in Nags Head and at least two beach houses, where storm surge picked up a washer, dryer and refrigerator and carried them about 500 feet down the street.

In York County, Va., sheriff's deputies rescued a family of seven trapped on a street when trees fell and blocked the path to their car, county spokesman Greg Davy said. The family had driven to the York River and gotten out of their car to "experience the excitement," Davy said.

At 9 p.m., Isabel was about 30 miles northwest of Emporia, Va., moving northwest at around 20 mph, up from 14 mph Wednesday evening when it approached the coast.

NATIONAL NEWS

New phone rules cut the cord

NEW YORK — The coming freedom to keep your cell phone number when changing wireless companies has overshadowed a possibly more revolutionary change also due this fall: the power to move a number from a regular wired phone to a mobile handset.

While traditional local phone companies see the government-mandated change as an unfair invitation for wireless rivals to steal their core customers, they say they'll be ready by a Nov. 24 deadline to fulfill certain requests by customers who want a home or office number to become a cell phone number.

The new rules also require that cellular companies be prepared to transfer a mobile number to a landline phone, though such requests are expected to be somewhat scarce at a time when millions of people have gone all-wireless at home and at work.

LOCAL NEWS

IU receives record donation

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — A businessman has donated \$3 million to Indiana University-Purdue University's Fort Wayne campus, the largest gift in the school's 40-year history.

The gift from businessman Don Willis will be used for scholarships and the establishment of a new endowed chair in entrepreneurship, IPFW officials said.

Willis is founder and chairman of Fourth Wave and the former Command Systems Inc., which developed network technology for military, security and industrial purposes. Willis is also the first entrepreneur in residence at IPFW's School of Business and Management Science.

In appreciation of the gift, university Chancellor Michael Wartell on Tuesday dedicated the university's new 247-foot walkway across Crescent Avenue as the Willis Family Bridge.

The bridge will connect the academic and athletics section of the campus to student housing scheduled to open next fall.

Bustamante opposes election delay

Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Putting himself at odds with the NAACP and other minority interest groups, Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante said Thursday that the Oct. 7 election should not have been postponed.

Bustamante has campaigned as a champion of minority issues, but minority groups, including the NAACP and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, have argued that the short timetable of the election could cause thousands of minority votes to go uncounted.

"I think people are starting to get a little bit of a recall fatigue," he told reporters after receiving the endorse-

ment of a gay advocacy group in West Hollywood. "The preference I have is to resolve the legal issues and to get on with the election on the date that it is."

Bustamante is the Democrats' fallback candidate for governor if voters oust Gray Davis, who has been under fire in recent months for his handling of California's ailing economy. Republicans Arnold Schwarzenegger and state Sen. Tom McClintock are also running to replace Davis.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals delayed the election Monday on the grounds that errors in punch-card ballots could cause tens of thousands of votes to go uncounted. The court later indicated

it may reconsider, but has not made a decision.

Six counties still use punch-card ballots, but are under a separate court order to replace them by the March presidential primary. The American Civil Liberties Union said the recall vote should be delayed until then, and the 9th Circuit panel agreed.

Analysts have said Davis would benefit most from postponing the election, because the presidential primary would draw more Democrats to the polls. But it also would turn an exceptionally short campaign into an especially long one, forcing candidates to raise millions more dollars and make dramatic shifts in strategy.

Honors programs not available in all colleges

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

In comparison with the College of Arts and Letters, the Colleges of Science, Engineering, Business and Architecture offer few departmental honors programs. However, students — especially in Science and Engineering — are encouraged to participate in undergraduate research projects with faculty members.

Science

Only the Department of Mathematics currently offers a departmental honors program. The curriculum consists of a sequence of specific honors levels of mathematics courses that may begin in the freshman year, although sophomores may switch into the honors sequence with the permission of Frank Connolly, professor of mathematics and the director of the Seminar of Undergraduate Mathematical Research.

Connolly said the department decided to create an honors program to provide more challenges for highly motivated and talented students.

"We felt that we were not doing the best possible job for our students, and we felt that they deserved the opportunity and would rise to the challenge," he said.

Started in 1989, SUMR is an enhancement of the honors program for the most talented mathematics students. Sophomore Honors Track majors with grades of A or A- in mathematics courses are invited to join the seminar in

April.

The summer after the sophomore year is spent engaging in readings relating to general topics in mathematics to prepare them for the junior-year seminar, a full-year course that meets weekly for 135 minutes. Senior students take some graduate-level courses in mathematics and also attend the seminar with juniors.

"The program selects the top honors students and gives them a special seminar on a very high-level topic ... these students usually write theses and they tend to be accepted into the first-tier graduate schools in mathematics at an extremely impressive rate," Connolly said.

Each SUMR student is required to write an honors thesis; a thesis is recommended for honors program students.

"The level of the thesis in recent years has been extremely impressive," Connolly said.

Other departments within the college of Science provide opportunities for students to work closely on a research project with faculty members.

Engineering

Although departments within the College of Engineering do not offer specific honors tracks, they provide opportunities for close research and further specialization.

Departments such as Electrical Engineering or Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering offer course credit in directed studies and undergraduate research, while the department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering offers specific tracks and certificates for students desiring more specialization in medicine, the environment, materials and biomolecular engineering.

As part of its accreditation requirements, the department of Computer Science and Engineering requires seniors in Computer Engineering to participate in a Capstone Design Experience that introduces them to tools and techniques used in the design of computing systems.

Chris Boehen, a first-year graduate student in the department of Computer Science and Engineering who also completed his undergraduate degree at Notre Dame last year, said that his experience in research and the Capstone Design led to his decision to further his studies.

"My research experience at Notre Dame has certainly been instrumental in my decision to go to graduate school. It has caused me to go to graduate school and helped me remember what got me interested in engineering in the first place," he said. "The capstone experience was very interesting as well; through it I was able to get a grasp for

what real research and development teams [look] like."

Business

Bill Nichols, associate dean of the Mendoza College of Business, said the college has included mention of an honors program in its strategic plan for a number of years and is behind its creation. However, the lack of faculty resources necessary to create such a program has prevented departmental honors programs thus far. Currently, no department in the college offers an honors program.

"It boils down to resources," he said. "We have 30 percent of the undergraduates in the college ... but we don't have 30 percent of the faculty. To do a new initiative [for an honors program] we would need more faculty or less students. [An honors program] is a faculty-intensive effort."

Nichols said students currently may work closely with professors in directed studies to read and discuss topics that go beyond the scope of

offered coursework. He said that any potential honors program may include courses on research design and methodology and would help spark an academic interest in students.

"We're really hoping to spark an interest in students getting PhDs in business," he said.

Nichols said that faculty would be behind an honors program.

Architecture

Because of the fixed nature of the five-year architecture curriculum, students must complete a prescribed series of coursework that includes a year of study in Italy.

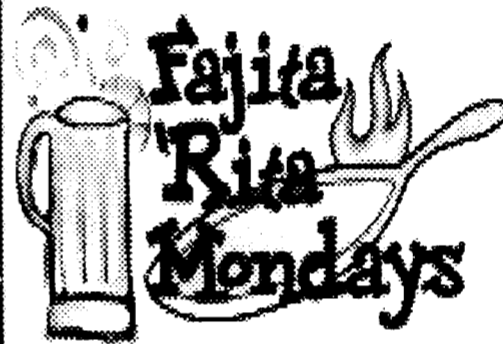
An honors program is therefore not available, although students do complete a thesis in the final semester of their fifth year that requires them to prepare and present an individual architectural project.

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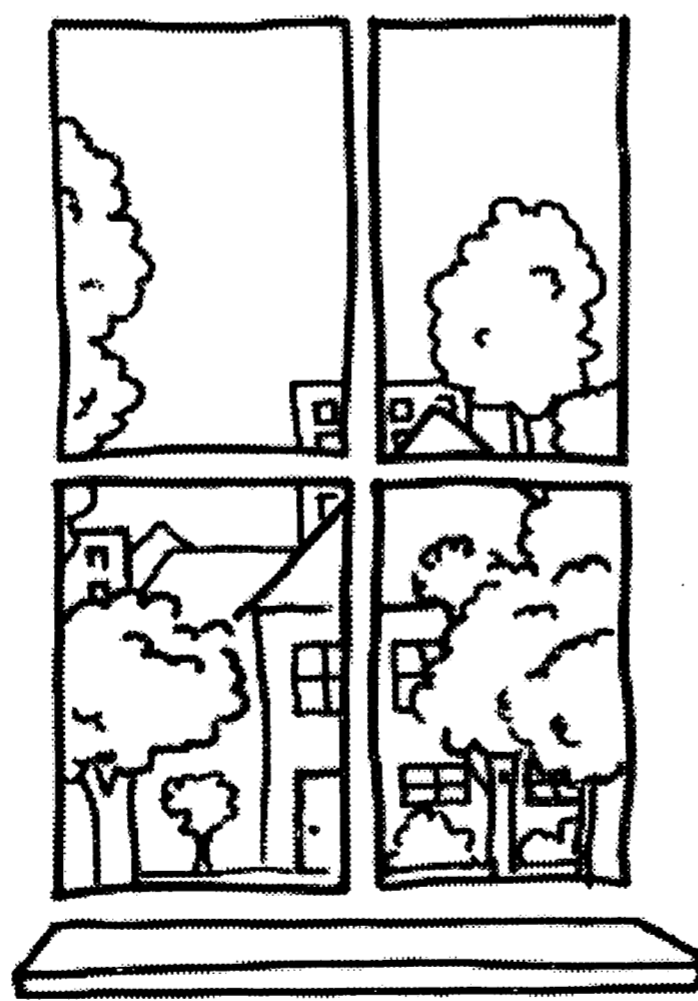
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IN BRIEF

Smart Media wins \$212M in suit

AKRON, Ohio — An upstart technology company was awarded a \$212 million judgment after a jury found in favor of the company's claims of fraud against Telxon Corp.

The judgment for Smart Media of Delaware in Summit County Common Pleas Court Wednesday was the largest ever in the county's history.

In a 6-2 vote, jurors found in favor of Smart Media's claims of fraud, breach of contract and negligent and intentional misrepresentation.

The jury also awarded an additional \$6.2 million to a former executive for his personal claim against Telxon, a technology company once based in Fairlawn.

Telxon, which was bought by Symbol Technologies Inc. in 2000 for \$456 million, initiated a lawsuit five years ago to stop Smart Media's threat of litigation for breach of contract and fraud.

Gates again tops U.S. rich list

NEW YORK — The economy is improving for the super rich. After two years of declines, the total net worth of America's richest people rose 10 percent to \$955 billion this year from 2002, according to Forbes magazine's annual ranking of the nation's 400 wealthiest individuals.

Microsoft Corp. founder Bill Gates, who remained in the top spot, personified the trend toward increasing wealth. His fortune increased by \$3 billion to \$46 billion this year. Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen held third place, with his net worth rising \$1 billion to \$22 billion.

Investor Warren Buffett kept the No. 2 position although his wealth was unchanged at \$36 billion. Forbes said the surge in collective net worth was largely due to gains in Internet stocks and tech fortunes.

Report: Hoosiers need more juice

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana utilities may need to build new power plants within the next five years to meet the state's increasing demand for electricity, researchers said.

The findings were included in the state Utility Forecasting Group's biennial report, which was presented to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on Wednesday.

The forecasting group is a state-funded panel of researchers based at Purdue University.

In its report, the panel projected Indiana will require an additional 2,400 megawatts of electricity by 2008, or 10 percent more than the current capacity.

One megawatt of power can handle the electricity needs of about 1,000 homes for an hour.

Though industry has reduced its use of electricity because of the economic slowdown, demand for power has increased in recent years largely because of residential customers who operate their air conditioners during hot summer months, the report said.

The group expects demand for electricity to increase by an average of 2.16 percent a year for 20 years.

Dow reaches 15-month high

Investors welcome positive economic numbers as sign of continued recovery

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrials rolled toward their best finish in 15 months Thursday as encouraging jobs data and a largely upbeat estimate of future economic activity gave investors more reasons to believe that business was turning around.

Analysts said the progress was yet another indication of the market's improving mood, but they said the approach of earnings reporting season could make it difficult for more significant advances.

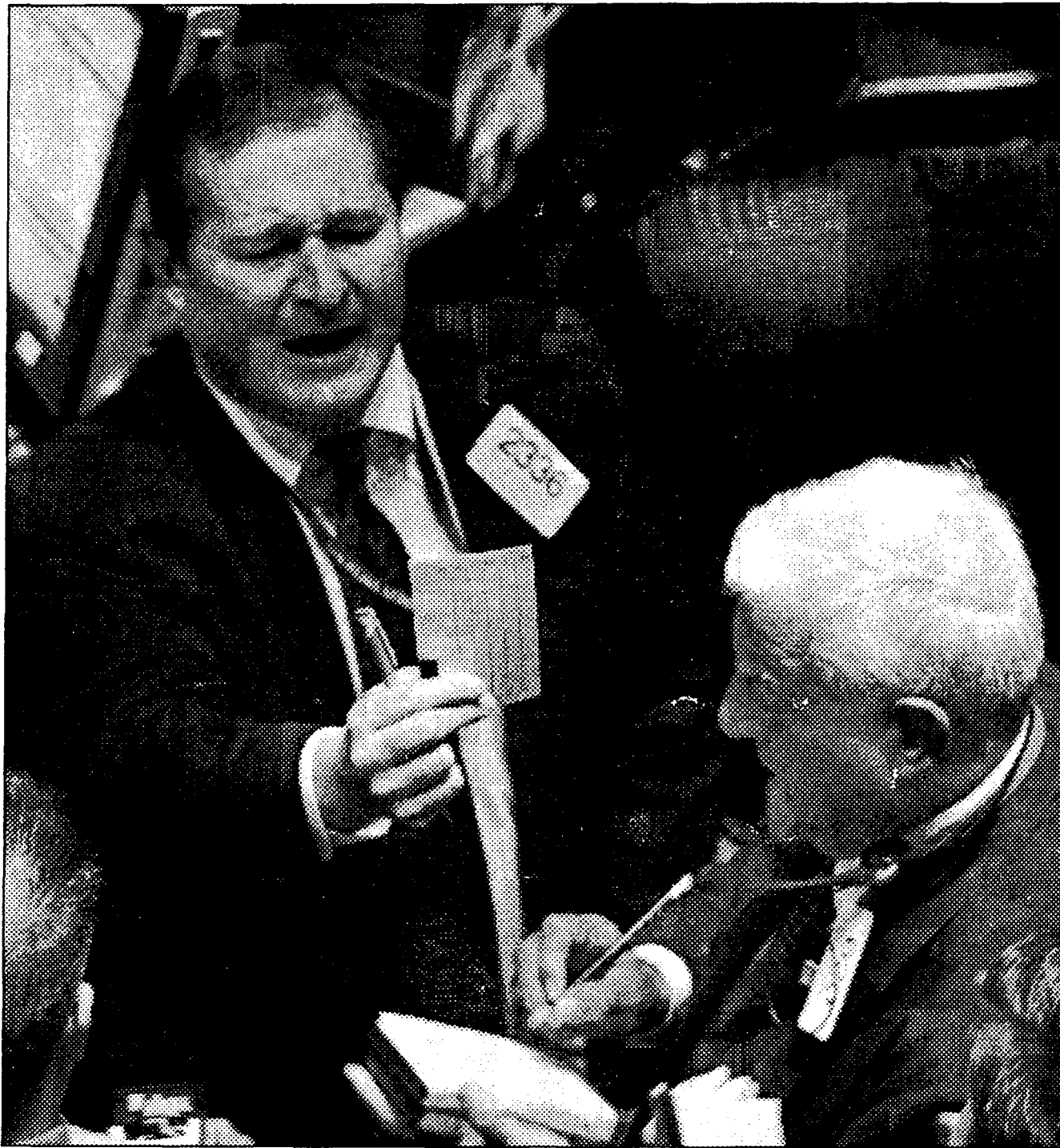
By midafternoon, the Dow was up 103.66, or 1.1 percent, at 9,652.11. If the average held its gains, it would be the highest close since June 18, when it stood at 9,706.12.

The broader market also surged. The Nasdaq composite index gained 20.76, or 1.1 percent, to 1,903.86. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.79, or 1.3 percent, to 1,038.76.

The Index of Leading Economic Indicators, a closely watched gauge of future economic activity, rose 0.4 percent in August to 113.3. The figure was in line with analysts' expectations, and followed a revised 0.7 percent increase in July, but the assessment by the Conference Board also showed the current business climate had stalled.

Wall Street also was cheered by a Labor Department report that new claims for jobless benefits fell by a seasonally adjusted 29,000 to 399,000 for the work week ending Sept. 13. It was the lowest level of claims since the week ending Aug. 23, and marked the first time since then that claims dipped below the 400,000 mark.

"This is a nice rebound," said Tim Smalls, a trader at SG Cowen Securities. "We've got some decent economic data. The jobless claims were a little better than expected and the leading indicators were



Reuters
Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday. Recent gains in both the Dow Jones and Nasdaq indexes have pushed markets through their 52-week highs.

right in line with expectations. That's benign enough for the market to move higher."

Subodh Kumar, chief investment strategist for CIBC World Markets, said the market is becoming more resilient, but third-quarter earnings reports, which are due out next month, will be key in whether the upward trend continues.

"The market is expecting earnings to meet consensus," Kumar said. "If earnings exceed expectations, that could send prices higher. I think that if the S&P 500 during this earnings season were to cross up to the 1,075 level, that would be too much ahead. And there could be the

potential for pullback."

In trading Thursday, German pharmaceutical maker Bayer's shares surged \$1.34 to \$23.64 on news a federal judge had denied class-action status to several thousand lawsuits against the company over its anti-cholesterol drug Baycol.

Shares of Citigroup Inc. was up \$1.57 at \$46.51 following Merrill Lynch's decision to reinstate coverage of the stock with a "buy" rating.

Sun Microsystems Inc. also got a boost, gaining 12 cents to \$4.14 following news that the troubled computer and software maker would trim another 3 percent of its work force, or an estimated 1,080 jobs,

as part of its effort to improve its performance.

The market was unimpressed by news of tentative contract agreements between autoworkers and General Motors Corp. and Delphi Corp. GM fell 5 cents to \$41.64, while Delphi lost 9 cents to \$9.57.

News that New York Stock Exchange chairman Dick Grasso had resigned amid criticism of his \$139.5 million pay package had little, if any, effect since the departure had nothing to do with stocks that are traded on the NYSE. Analysts did say, though, that Wall Street is interested in who succeeds Grasso and what regulatory changes that might bring.

UnitedHealth announces merger

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — UnitedHealth Group, the nation's largest health insurer, will acquire Golden Rule Financial Corp., a company that pioneered medical savings accounts, a Golden Rule official said Thursday.

Golden Rule and UnitedHealth have reached "a firm agreement" subject to review by several regulatory agencies, said Mike Corne, Golden Rule's vice president of health products.

Golden Rule executives told the company's 1,100 employees about the merger a day earlier, Corne said.

Corne declined to discuss the price or other terms of the deal. Family-owned Golden Rule and publicly

traded UnitedHealth Group had not made a formal announcement Thursday.

UnitedHealth Group spokesman Mark Lindsay didn't return calls for comment. On Wednesday, Lindsay told The Indianapolis Star he was aware that Golden Rule was discussing the deal, but he declined further comment.

Indianapolis-based Golden Rule offers financial services, life insurance, health insurance and medical savings accounts through its Golden Rule Insurance Co.

Tom Carroll of Legg Mason Wood Walker speculated UnitedHealth Group paid around \$780 million for Golden Rule. He said the deal gives UnitedHealth a chance to enter the

growing market for medical savings accounts.

These low-cost accounts, available to self-employed workers and small employers with up to 50 workers, feature high deductibles used for major health problems. Additionally, individuals can put deposit money into an account that is 100 percent tax deductible to cover smaller health bills.

Last year, the Internal Revenue Service allowed money in the accounts to be rolled over from one year to the next tax-free.

J. Pat Rooney, then Golden Rule's chairman, offered the accounts to his employees in 1993 and three years later lobbied Congress to make contributions tax deductible.

Weekend Events

The Following Events Are Happening At The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore:

Author Events:

Muffet McGraw, Women's National Championship Basketball Coach, with Mark Bradford, will be signing copies of *Nice Girls Finish First*, on Friday, September 19th from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

Ted Mandell, N.D. '86 will be signing copies of *Heart Stoppers and Hail Marys*, on Friday, September 19th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

Connie McNamara, will be signing copies of *My First Notre Dame Words; Go Irish*, on Saturday, September 20th from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Fred Mitchell, sports writer for the Chicago Tribune, will be signing copies of *The Meaning of Victory*, on Saturday, September 20th from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Monte Carpenter, ND '78 will be signing copies of *Quotable Lou*, on Saturday, September 20th from 10:00am to Noon.

Sr. Jean Lenz, O.S.F. Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs, will be signing copies of *Loyal Sons & Daughters*, on Saturday, September 20th from 10:00am to Noon.

Alan Grant, will be signing copies of *Return to Glory*, on Saturday, September 20th from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

Jason Kelly, Sports Writer for The South Bend Tribune, will be signing copies of *Mr. Notre Dame*, on Saturday, September 20th from 10:30am to 11:30am.

Coach Gerry Faust, will be signing copies of *The Golden Dream*, on Saturday, September 20th from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

Musical Events:

The Undertones, Notre Dame acappella group will perform on Saturday in the Bookstore one hour following the game.

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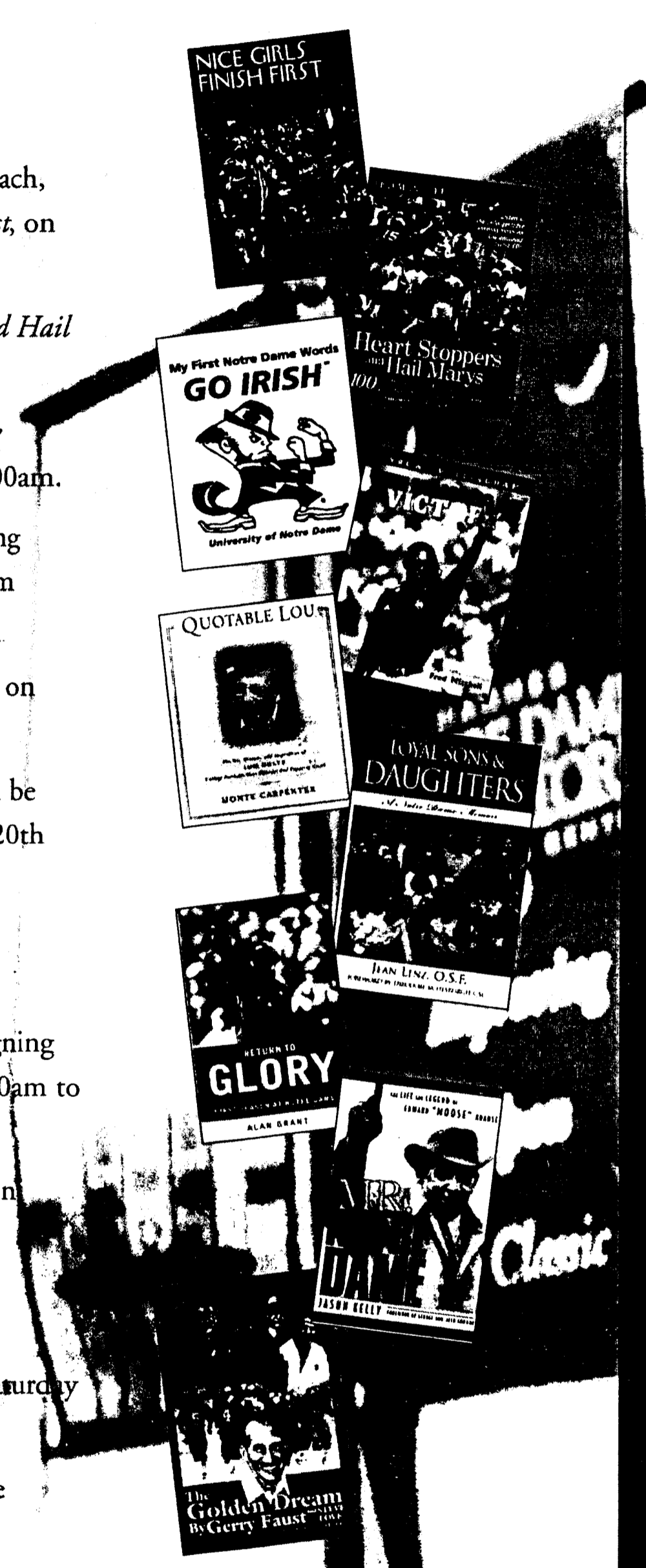
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Season

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said. To capture this history in the making, camera crews traveled to campus, filming not only games and practice sessions, but also the human perspectives that go beyond each Saturday's final score. The passion and intensity synonymous with the University's reputation were visible when the Irish guard chanted proudly at rehearsal, Dillon Hall residents entertained students at its annual pep rally and even when

freshman linebacker Dwight Stephenson's chemistry lab professor conducted experiments.

"The bottom line is what will help tell the most compelling, interesting and accurate story," Antinoro said. "To do a behind-the-scenes series like this, it's important to capture as much on tape as you possibly can. There is probably a 50-1 ratio of footage shot that actually makes air."

As these massive amounts of footage are accumulated, it falls to The Season's producers to make daily and weekly decisions about which scenes will make the best story for

that week's episode. On-site producers also work closely with network producers to consider which elements should be included to foreshadow stories for upcoming episodes.

However, "it's difficult to predict [what material will be chosen] because things are happening live," Antinoro said.

In the rankings-driven, media-consumed, fast-paced world of college football, a segment of footage that initially seems like a breaking development or an intriguing storyline can quickly become old news.

To account for this unpre-

dictability, The Season consistently directs between one and seven crews shooting simultaneously.

Antinoro said that the personnel required to film a scene also varies with the type of footage being recorded.

"It all depends on where the team is and if we're spending time with one or several players or coaches, or if we're shooting an actual game," he said.

Crews followed a standard schedule Thursday, attending and recording two classes, a practice, several interviews and the Celebrity Roast event at the Joyce Center. Despite some students' concerns about The Season's second episode moving to a different time slot on ESPN, the show's filming is still scheduled to proceed for 10 more weeks, with production wrapping up in late November.

The University and the Athletic Department have been very accommodating to ESPN's needs, Antinoro said.

"We discussed [from the beginning] what we wanted to do and the access we needed to get it done. The school was very forthright in what they were comfortable with and where we could work together," he said.

Antinoro also emphasized

that a policy was put in place in case either side took issue with material presented on the show.

"With every episode of The Season that we produce, we have a handshake agreement with the school — either side can pull out of the production if they are unhappy," he said.

Past installments of The Season have featured college teams, including Arizona State football and St. John's basketball, as well as professional teams, including Major League Baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks and the National Hockey League's Detroit Red Wings. The show has also focused on individual athletes, following complete regular seasons with both Allen Iverson and Cal Ripken, Jr.

However, even after just two episodes, it is clear to ESPN that the Notre Dame version of The Season has drawn a unique fascination among viewers, Antinoro said.

Based on the football program's exceptional tradition, love-it-or-hate-it notoriety and consistently loyal national fan base, "we anticipated a very strong viewer appeal for this series — and we haven't been disappointed."

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Scalping

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strong push from the alumni board and the alumni senate for the University to take a strong stand [against scalping]," Fraleigh said. "We certainly agreed with that."

Each summer, alumni who contribute at least \$100 to Notre Dame may request tickets to any Irish football game. For each home game, the athletic department reserves 33,000 of the stadium's 80,795 seats for alumni, but that quota comes nowhere near meeting the demand. Alumni requested over 100,000 combined tickets for the games against Florida State and USC.

Requests are filled by holding a lottery to determine who may purchase tickets. Fraleigh said that over \$5 million in ticket requests were turned away for this season's games. "We cannot satisfy demand from our alumni population," he said.

The scarcity gets even worse when ticket holders sell their tickets to opposing fans, either in person, via brokers or on Internet auction sites like eBay.

The new rules allow for harsher punishments of people who sell their tickets at a profit.

Under the new rules, Notre Dame alumni, faculty and staff who sell their tickets for more than face value can be subject to severe consequences. Selling tickets to a single game carries a two-year suspension of ticket privileges to all Notre Dame athletic events. The sale of season tickets can leave the violator ticketless for at least five years. Repeat or egregious violators face the permanent revocation of their ticket privileges.

Staff members in Fraleigh's office routinely search Web sites and ticket brokerages to find violators, buy tickets, and mete out sanctions on offenders.

"The ticket office is checking Internet sites every day," Fraleigh said. "We've caught 80 people on eBay alone," he said, adding that

the stings netted "several hundred tickets."

His office, in conjunction with Notre Dame Security Police, has also busted scalpers on game days.

"We have people going through parking lots on football Saturdays," Fraleigh said. "We've bought tickets and we've confiscated tickets."

Plainclothes undercover officers, posing as fans, have been buying tickets from scalpers, then reporting them to the athletic department. The ticket office maintains records of who holds each season ticket in the stadium, making enforcement relatively easy, Fraleigh said.

"We know all the owners by section, row and seat number."

The crackdown appears to be working, as fewer and fewer tickets are available from brokers, scalpers and auction websites.

Alumni association executive Chuck Lennon said that the policies are intended to keep tickets primarily in the hands of those affiliated with Notre Dame. He said that in conjunction with the new restrictions, the alumni association has instituted an exchange system where ticket holders may sell their tickets at face value.

"If you're going to enforce this rule, you've got to have a mechanism to take care of [demand]," Lennon said. "We've had a good response so far."

At Gate 2 of the Joyce Center on football Saturdays, ticket holders may sell their tickets for \$48, while buyers pay \$50. The \$2 premium allows the association to recover its costs in administering the program, Lennon said. Alumni get first crack at the tickets from 8 to 10 a.m., and any remaining tickets go on sale to the general public from 10 a.m. until game time.

Lennon characterized the ticket exchange as a way to help meet demand for seats while protecting the integrity of the Irish home field advantage.

"Our goal to assist the Notre Dame family is paramount," Lennon said.

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Lottery

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Student Union Board president.

"We've always advertised only to Notre Dame students," he said. "We never accepted Saint Mary's or Holy Cross students into the lottery. The machine is set up only to receive Notre Dame cards."

However, Ebersol admits he did see at least one Saint Mary's student at the Michigan lottery held earlier this year. He speculates that the student somehow used a Notre Dame identification card to permit her eligibility.

Unfortunately, there remains uncertainty as to who makes the final specification of those qualified for each of the lotteries.

In a statement published Thursday, Ebersol said that the ticket office, which provides the tickets for the lottery, specifies who is eligible.

"I can't comment on Charlie [Ebersol's] statement," said Josh Berlo, director of ticketing. "We sell the tickets to [SUB] and they administer the lottery numbers."

Ebersol now claims his understanding is that specifications are a mutual decision made between SUB and the ticket office. He said that SUB is commissioned by the athletic department ticket office to facilitate the lotteries in a fair and equal manner.

"When the lottery was originally put together, it was given to SUB and intended strictly for Notre Dame students," he said. "My responsibility and the responsibility of SUB is to program events and provide tickets for our student body."

While he stands by his position and that of SUB, Ebersol does recognize the

role that the other two colleges play as members of the Notre Dame community.

"While Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are part of the Notre Dame family, they're not the actual student body. Thus, the hard spent money of the Notre Dame student body for programming through SUB is not going to be spent on Saint Mary's and Holy Cross."

Emily Spore, a senior at Saint Mary's, has participated in past ticket lotteries and was preparing to attend Thursday until she was notified of the exclusion.

"My friends and I were definitely planning on going to the Purdue game, but the only way to get tickets here was through the lottery," she said. "We'll probably give up hope. It won't be worth it for us to drive to Purdue without tickets."

Spore feels that the lottery should permit all students an equal opportunity to purchase tickets to away games.

She fails to understand why she and other Saint Mary's students could be involved in the past, but not now.

"There just doesn't seem to be a very good reason for it aside from the increased chance for more Notre Dame students to get tickets," she said.

According to Ebersol, that is the exact reason why.

"The demand clearly outweighs the supply," he said. "If we were to open this up to that many more students, the odds of Notre Dame students receiving tickets would be greatly reduced."

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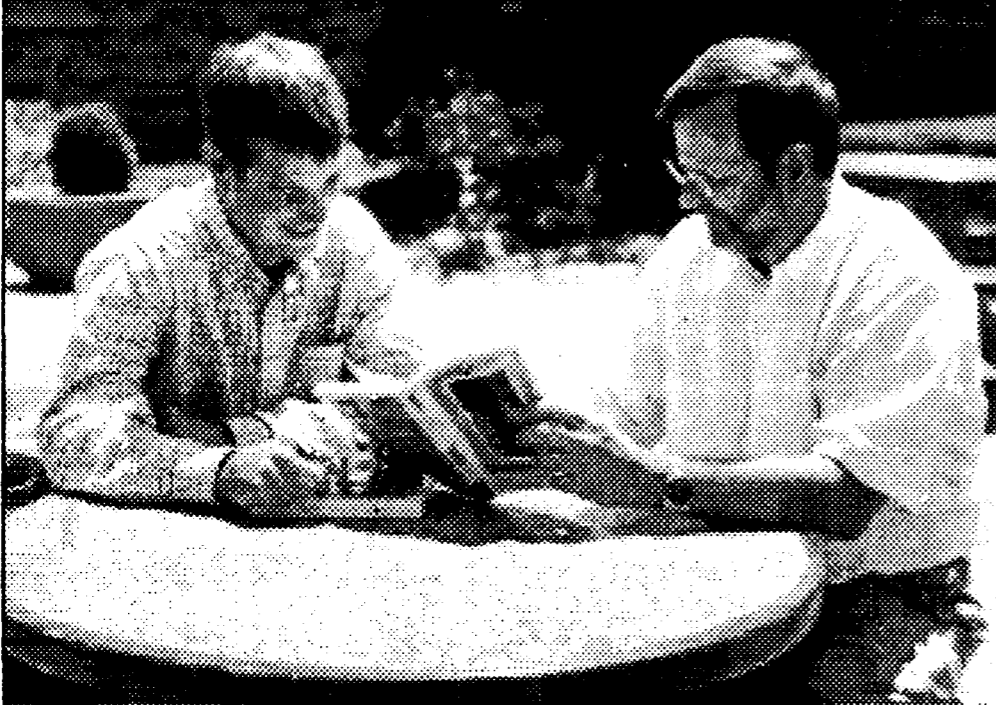
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A Call to Solidarity with Africa to be delivered

By MEGHAN MARTIN
Associate News Editor

Two years ago, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a document entitled "A Call to Solidarity with Africa" at its annual fall meeting. The document, which proposed that the rest of the world sharpen their focus on addressing Africa's promise and problems, was left largely untouched by the international community after its publication, said Notre Dame theology professor and Institute for Church Life director John Cavadini.

Beginning Sunday, the work of Cavadini and a number of scholars, students and religious from around the world to bring Africa into global conversation will come to fruition in the "Call to Solidarity with Africa" conference, the group's response to the USCCB's 2001 document.

"The intent was to uplift the document that they had put out," Cavadini said. "The idea was to lift this up to more visible attention."

The conference, which bears the subtitle "Americans and Africans in Dialogue About Africa's Promise, Needs and Image," is expected to build understanding between western and African nations through panel discussions, paper presentations and informal forums conducted on Notre Dame's campus from Sunday to Wednesday.

"Exploring what the idea of solidarity is part of this conference," Cavadini said. "You can't think about Africa as simply a people with problems and us as a people who can solve them — that doesn't seem to work."

The first of a two-part program, the second of which will be held in Nigeria in January, the Notre Dame conference will open with a keynote address from Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

"It's a wonderful thing, having the president of Nigeria here," said student body president Pat Hallahan, who served on the steering committee for

the event. "Not a lot of universities get this opportunity for students to get the opportunity to see this. It's a wonderful thing, and I hope a lot of people take advantage of it."

The conference will also host hundreds of scholars, students, relief workers, clergy and missionaries who have dealt closely with the people and issues of Africa today. A

large number of conference participants and presenters hail from across the continent itself, representing such nations as Ghana, South Africa, Uganda and Nigeria.

"The intent here is not to replace the voice of Africa with ours, but to make theirs more visible," Cavadini said. "Because it's Africa, it's all invisible to the rest of the world ... There's a kind of total indifference on the part of [the West]."

Cavadini said that one of the problems westerners face when dealing with issues affecting Africa is the idea that most of us are not even able to see the African issues from the African perspective, a problem Cavadini said he and his colleagues intend to address at the conference.

"One of the ideas is that we don't know them — we just don't know them as a people," he said. "We have no links with them — there isn't any solidarity."

Solidarity will be a particularly prominent theme throughout the conference, Cavadini said, but by no means the only issue organizers plan to address.

"There are two sides to it," said Father Paulinus Odozor, a theology professor and conference coordinator. "The first is focused on re-imaging Africa, and there's also the other side that stresses solidarity with Africa."

We simply want to help people get beyond the prevalent pessimism about Africa by bringing scholars from around the world together to discuss the issues ... There are a lot of

positive things going on in Africa."

Odozor, a native Nigerian and Catholic priest who has been teaching at the University since 1999, said the committee has invited people committed to improving Africa and western relations with the continent to serve as presenters and panelists at next week's conference in order to begin a dialogue between the two worlds.

"We are going to have people from all different areas — we have a panel that is going to look at foreign assistance to Africa, and U.S. foreign assistance to other countries; we have a panel that will look at trade and finance ... we have a panel that will look at the church and its role in solidarity and its role in reinventing Africa," he said.

Topics of discussion will range from public health care to economics to political conflict, facilitated by experts and practitioners from Notre Dame and around the world.

"You try to think of people who are significant in their fields, and you try to get them to come to this conference," Cavadini said. "We've also invited a number of people just to listen. Students and administrators from African universities, they are coming just to listen and not necessarily to present."

It is with undergraduates such as these that the conference aims to create real waves, said Odozor. Two or three Nigerian students, depending on the status of their difficult-to-obtain visas, will be visiting Notre Dame as a part of the conference, to watch, listen, learn and share their experiences with their American counterparts.

"This is quite important," he said. "I don't know how many people among those from Nigeria will be able to make it because of visa problems ... but it almost doesn't matter if two or if three are able to come; the significance is

important. These are the way of the future; these are the people who will continue this discussion on solidarity ... and on friendships that they have made. They will interact with each other and make friendships — and decide what kind of world it is they want to live in."

As a part of the second phase of the conference that will be held in Nigeria in January, six to eight Notre Dame students will travel to the country to present papers and facilitate a two-hour panel discussion with Nigerian undergraduates.

"One of the coolest things about this is that students have been involved in the planning since May," Cavadini said. "This is a collaborative venture between the academic community and the students."

Notre Dame's Student Government worked closely with Cavadini, Odozor and the rest of the conference's steering committee to make this component of the program possible.

The group will host an informal forum in LaFortune's ballroom Tuesday evening to give the visiting African students a chance to talk to and learn from Notre Dame students, and vice versa.

Hallahan said that he believes the conference has a particular resonance among students that should not be ignored.

"It's an issue that's bigger than just our campus, and it's an issue that students at Notre Dame should pay attention to," he said. "It's really making a difference in the world if students go to this conference and take from it what they learn there."

Early in the year, Hallahan and student body vice president Jeremy Lao asked administrators and faculty members to recommend individual students whom they believed would best benefit from participating in the Nigerian end of the conference. From that group, thirty students have

applied to be a part of the Notre Dame contingent in January, and the steering committee is slated to make its final decisions by next week. Selected participants will serve as representatives of the Notre Dame community to the western African nation.

"I think it's important for a Catholic university to be concerned about these issues that Africa is now addressing," Cavadini said. "To be concerned about a continent where Catholicism is growing at such a rate as it is in Africa, and to bring our own responsibility to light, as well as the benefits of what we can learn from talking with Africans, I think it's a benefit to the University, too."

Part of the significance of the bishops' document and the conference itself, Cavadini said, was the fact that it pointed to the crucial role Africa has already begun and will continue to play in the spread of Catholicism throughout the world.

"It is the place where Catholicism is growing the fastest in the world," he said. "The shape of Catholicism in the next one hundred years will probably be formed by Africa — it's a very vibrant growth."

While the goals of the conference, whose primary sponsor is the University's Institute for Church Life, are partially religious in nature, Odozor said there are many facets of the issues which face Africa today that will be addressed in great detail.

"We don't know yet where this will lead, but our interest is simply to get people to start talking to each other," he said. "We are all going to keep our eyes and our ears very open; and our hearts, as well, to see what the Spirit is saying to us in this context and what the Spirit is inviting us to do."

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"That means that at least one-fifth of all Africans are Nigerians. We thought it would be good to focus on this country ... because Nigeria represents all that is good but all that is problematic with Africa. You cannot ignore that country anymore. This country also supplies America with a lot of oil today, and Americans have to learn more about Nigeria at the moment."

Obasanjo and Nigeria were thrown into the international spotlight recently with the abdication of former Liberian president Charles Taylor's post in August. Since leaving Liberia under intense international pressure, Taylor was granted amnesty in Nigeria in a move that sparked ongoing global debate.

Obasanjo has gained international recognition for his work in the area of third-world debt

relief, urging wealthy nations to rethink their loan policies to the poorer countries of Africa and elsewhere.

"He has been an advocate of debt relief for Africa, and he has spoken loudly and clearly on the injustice of the debt structure and what it has been doing to Africa and its people," Odozor said.

"He has been asking the world community to look at the terms of the loans ... and to reschedule the loans ... so that these countries will have the use of this money for their people first."

Odozor said that, while he is not aware of the topic of the president's address, his message will undoubtedly indicate his support for what conference organizers are attempting to accomplish.

"From what I've seen, he will

be talking about Africa today, and he will be talking about us, what the situation is on the continent and what efforts have been made across Africa for the rebirth of the continent," Odozor said, "but he will also be inviting the world community to join us in the building of this new Africa ... to keep Africa's prospects alive, especially where people do not take Africa seriously."

The world will indeed be watching, Odozor said; as camera crews from an African news station will be on campus for the address, and will broadcast the speech live not only to Nigeria, but also to the continent as a whole.

"Given the fact that he's going to be in North America for about three days, with all sorts of commitments in New York and Washington, it was quite significant that the man found time to come to Notre Dame," Odozor said. "But I

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think he's coming here gladly, and he's coming here with the full understanding of the import of the moment. We can't adequately express how significant this is. This is the leader of the most populous country in Africa. That we were able to get him to come is just a blessing ... What he does is indicate that he is in line with what we are trying to do ... and also to bring Notre Dame to the African audience. Notre Dame benefits from this by the great exposure it gets in Africa."

Odozor said that he hopes President Obasanjo's visit will spark an interest among students and participants in building a greater understanding with and about the situations that face Africa today.

"After this, what next? We must not let this be a wasted initiative. That's my hope," he

said. "And it is true, I speak as an African, but I also speak as a Notre Dame faculty person. Notre Dame has a lot to learn from Africa ... and Notre Dame will become a better Catholic university because of it. It is important that this catholic university, in line with the teachings of the church, take a look at Africa at this time in the moment. Africa is not a fashionable thing to talk about at the moment in universities, but it is important that this Catholic University, in line with the teachings of the Church, take a look at Africa at this time in the moment. I think the time is now to join with Africa, and to bring about this new future that will happen in Africa, to forge ahead with the rest of the human community."

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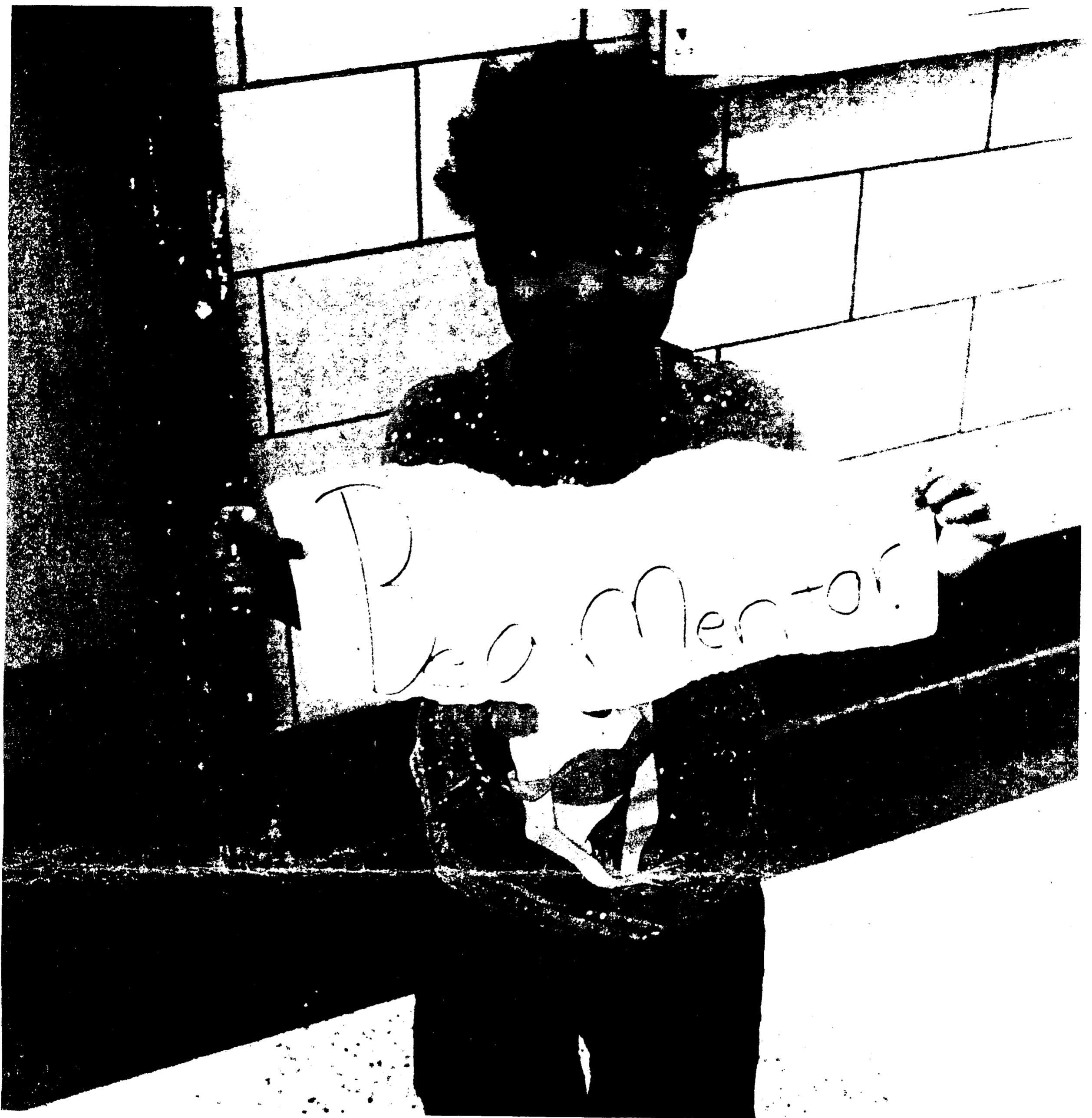
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participate.

Rationale

Mark Roche, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said that colloquium discussions on the Boyer Report in 1998 formally began the process of exploring how more departmental honors programs could be integrated into the college. The Boyer Report, a study of undergraduate education at research universities, proposed that education should involve more student inquiry rather than a transmission of information from faculty to student. The ensuing colloquium and college counsel discussions centered on ways to provide more capstone experiences for students, and the college counsel passed a resolution to introduce honors tracks in departments.

"The result has been a huge increase in the number of undergraduates involved in research projects," Roche said.

Roche said that three criteria were set up for honors programs: a formal selection process, courses that engage the student in more sophisticated ways and a capstone project or thesis. Roche said that these programs allow students to have greater control over their intellectual lives as well as combine Notre Dame's strengths in research and undergraduate teaching.

Roche also said that honors programs and capstone projects encourage Notre Dame students to become more intellectually curious and challenged, allowing them to break out of an apathetic approach to learning that has concerned some faculty.

"It's a fairly widespread perception that Notre Dame students may not initially bring to the table a level of intellectual maturity as some of their peers [at other uni-

versities]," he said. "But once that curiosity is sparked, our students can keep pace with students at any university in the country. [Honors Programs] give an avenue to help students strive for that kind of spark."

Roche stressed that no department is required to introduce an honors program, and also that departments with no current honors programs may still provide numerous opportunities for research and scholarship that allow students to become more intellectually curious.

Humanities

The English honors program requires students to show more focus with their electives, as well as to write a senior honors thesis and take a graduate-level course related to the area of their thesis. Students were invited by letter the summer after their sophomore years and wrote a brief letter of intent to confirm their decision; students qualify for the program if they have taken three or more English courses and achieved a 3.78 GPA or better in these courses. James Dougherty, a professor who, as director of undergraduate studies last year launched the program, said he believed the honors program to be worthwhile.

"Having a program that recognizes the intellectual motivation and interests of students is a worthwhile thing to do," he said.

Dougherty said that students self-selected into the process, meaning he did not have to make cuts. He said he may need to do so in future years to keep the number of students enrolled at a manageable level.

"The faculty made it quite clear they didn't want this to be a junior graduate school; its objectives are to be clearly distinguished from those of graduate school," he said.

Alfred Freddoso, director of undergraduate studies in philosophy, said that the honors program in his department has been around for at least 5 years and is

not invitation-only; about two to three students participate each year. The requirements involve two additional courses, including a senior thesis.

Freddoso said the program allows motivated students with flexible schedules the chance to gain further depth in philosophy through additional, higher-level coursework and may help a student's chance to attend graduate school in the area.

The history honors program consists of a three-semester course sequence that begins in the spring of the junior year. Students take both a special honors seminar in methodology and a colloquium that involves intense reading and discussion, in addition to writing a thesis during their senior year. Every junior history major is invited to apply to the program, with about 20 students accepted.

"We wanted to give bright, motivated students the possibility to do more advanced work and work closely with a faculty advisor," said associate director of undergraduate studies Daniel Graff. "They really liked having more authority in designing their own coursework and developing a thesis."

The department of American Studies also offers an honors program that consists of a research project and presentation, additional tutorials or seminars and the completion of an honors assigned reading list.

Languages

In addition to the departments of Spanish, French and Italian, which require a graduate seminar and/or thesis in their honors program, the department of German and Russian Languages and Literatures offers an honors track to German students with a minimum GPA of 3.5. The thesis must be at least 40 pages long and composed in German, and the student must achieve a grade of B+ or higher on the thesis to graduate with honors in the

department.

Robert Norton, department chair, said he implemented a similar honors program while teaching at Vassar College and had no problem initiating the program at Notre Dame.

"When I first arrived, I was shocked to discover that many of my students had never written a paper in any class that was above 10 pages; this put them at a competitive disadvantage ... for considering graduate schools," he said.

Social Sciences

To graduate with departmental honors in political science, a student must have a 3.55 cumulative and major GPA, must replace a 300-level course with a 400 or graduate-level course and earn a B+ or higher on the thesis paper. As many students as meet the criteria are eligible, although Joshua Kaplan, associate director of undergraduate studies, said the number of students enrolled usually hovers around 40. Kaplan sees the honors program as a way for students to maximize their education.

"It is used as a way to help students get the most out of their major," he said.

The Department of Psychology offers a year-long senior honors essay intended to immerse the student in the research project from start to finish. The program has been in existence for a number of years.

"The goal is for [students] to get the complete experience in doing research that helps them to understand both the lofty and the mundane aspects of research," said Tom Merluzzi, associate professor of psychology and supervisor of the honors program.

About seven to 10 students participate in the invitation-only honors program each year. Students meet as a group to discuss readings in methodology, interact as colleagues and review each other's work. Participants receive mentoring and constructive criti-

cism during several presentations throughout the year that help them refine both their thesis content and their communication skills. The final product is a journal-length manuscript that is presented at a formal colloquium in April.

"Engagement in research from beginning to end is a very important learning process," Merluzzi said.

The Department of Economics also offers a year-long senior honors thesis.

Student Experiences

Students from a wide variety of disciplines within the College of Arts and Letters say their experiences with the honors program have been both the most challenging and the most enjoyable academic pursuit so far.

"It's a great way to get started in doing research because you are given a lot of freedom to pursue a project that interests you but at the same time are given enough structured class time to help you through the process," said Lisa Brintnall, a 2003 graduate and participant in the Psychology honors program who is attending Mayo Medical School.

Dan Munsch, a senior history major, said the rigors of the history honors program will help him adequately prepare for other challenges such as Law School and a career.

History honors program participant Jake Baska said the program has required him to become more personally motivated in his studies.

"The concept of being the one in charge of research, creating [your] own deadlines ... has forced me to take a level of personal responsibility that's hard to force upon yourself in a traditional class setting. You find out a lot about who you are as a student when you're the main person you need to answer to," he said.

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Show respect at all sporting events

Respect.

All of us know what it is. All of us want to be treated with it. All of us, at times, like to say we embody it.

However, all too often, the momentum and highly-charged atmosphere of situations like sports games can expose the dark, ill-mannered side of people, where fans become too caught up in the rivalry and the fun of the event is lost. Part of this is due to the fact that, for many, attending a game is not just an opportunity to see two teams compete; it is also an event involving tradition, tailgates and good-spirited rivalry.

But very often, respect is sacrificed to the peripheral events to the actual game, which then becomes overshadowed.

Anyone who went to last week's Michigan game experienced this lack of respect; fans showed it to each other firsthand. Staging mock lynchings, chanting expletive-filled cheers and engaging in banter that went far beyond friendliness does not accurately embody the true meaning of the game or its spirit.

While expressing spirit and tradition is important and rivalry is to be expected, fans must realize where the proverbial line is that they should not cross. Attending sporting events is supposed to be fun and entertaining, but unruly behavior detracts from and spoils the entire event.

Fans are an important part of sporting events because they

can boost the momentum of the game by showing support for the athletes. Though teams spend long hours training and conditioning, many athletes say that their performances can be buoyed by the enthusiasm of their fans. Fans who do not embrace their teams but embarrass them instead do not deserve the right to attend the games in the first place.

Recently, many of the Olympic sports at Notre Dame have seen an increased fan presence because dorms will support their residents on the team, which then can turn into a bonding

activity. However, their support and rallying together is lost when individuals find it necessary to excessively taunt the opposing teams or fans.

Fans must remember that the focus of a sporting event is the competition between the two teams, not the two sets of fans or the fans and the opposing team. Singling out players fans of the opposition in a cruel manner is uncalled for, unnecessary, tasteless and, above all, disrespectful.

Notre Dame a place of rich football tradition that is buoyed by spirited and respectful fans. Remember the rivalry that went bad in Ann Arbor this weekend and don't stoop to the same level this weekend or in the future. At all future sporting events, do not let tastelessness or disrespectfulness tear down or overshadow this tradition.

The Observer Editorial

Polling prods Clark to enter presidential race

George W. Bush brags that focus groups and polling data do not set his agenda, yet White House political guru Karl Rove uses polls to advise the president.

Major candidates since "Dewey beat Truman" gauge public opinion. Many assess public opinion to assure election and avoid consequences. Few are so altruistic that they simply desire information. Most use polling with an eye on both motives.

On Wednesday, retired four-star Army General Wesley Clark officially announced his entry into the presidential contest. For months Clark had flirted with a presidential run while criticizing Bush's domestic and international policies. During a brief grassroots draft Clark movement, the former NATO supreme allied commander must have meticulously combed through polling data seeking a compelling reason to run.

Prior to Clark's announcement, Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research released a poll posted on the DemocracyCorps.com web site. While many organizations, including both political parties, conduct polls, some organizations attempt to prove a point while others seek to pinpoint public opinion.

The Greenberg poll consists of 1,000 respondents statistically divided among locality, education, gender, age, income, employment status, religious and political party affiliation. Only race seemed slightly off American societal averages with 80 percent white, 9 percent African-American and 7 percent Hispanic partici-

pation. Ninety-seven percent voted in 2000, Bush over Gore by 50-41, and all said they expected to vote next year.

Buried deep in the data are opinions that favor a Democrat, but more specifically favor the strengths that a Clark candidacy brings to the race. The poll finds that the country is going in the wrong direction (53-37) with almost half blaming Iraq, a third saying the economy and a quarter citing Bush personally. The respondents do not trust Bush on Iraq's weapons (53-43), nor do they think he sufficiently prepared to bring troops home (54-42).

Bush's overall approval stands at 53-44, but the respondents would only vote for Bush 47-45 percent. Of that support, 15 percent say they would consider abandoning Bush while only 7 percent say it is a fair chance that they would switch to Bush.

While the Republican Party was favored over the Democratic Party 43-40, congressional Democrats outscored Republicans 47-42 percent with 10 percent undecided.

The poll's mixed results on specific issues indicate that the survey was fairly administered without becoming a wish list endorsement for either party. The National Rifle Association was favored 40-38 percent and the pro-life movement was opposed 40-39 percent. Health care costs led economic concerns followed by unemployment and deficit spending.

Surprisingly, Bush was not considered too conservative but still rated highly on leadership and personal character. However, the president is seen as more for big business than the average person (62-35), is too dependent on his advisors (50-43), does not care about people like you (50-49), is not for working and middle class families (54-44) and does not have good plans for the economy (56-41) nor for Iraq (50-44).

Clark must have zeroed in on the few areas where Bush and Republicans con-

sistently outpace Democrats: taxes (43-38), keeping America strong (50-29), homeland security (52-20) and foreign policy (42-36). Clark's strategy is to co-opt the president on the strength issue, thus dropping Bush in all categories, and making a Clark win more likely.

This week the general needed to rhetorically translate that strategy. Clark asked why we Americans have lost our sense of security and why we lost respect around the world? He proclaimed that in a time of war we should ask questions with the highest sense of patriotism. He holds the Bush administration responsible for policies and their consequences. Clark also said that those results are our results.

Clark intends to bring America together with a vision for the days ahead. With a frank, honest and open debate the nation deserves, the general promised to "bring people together in the great tradition of the Democratic party ... leaders who will put people first, bringing together not just Democrats, but Independents and Republicans too." He especially mentioned those who never before participated in the political process.

Prior to the loudspeaker blaring "this land is your land, this land is my land ... this land belongs to you and me," the general ended his speech with military bravado and lingo saying, "We are diverse, energetic, innovative and practical ... get ready, we're moving out."

Can the Clark hoopla overtake frontrunner Howard Dean or knock other candidates out of the race? Study the polls in the coming months.

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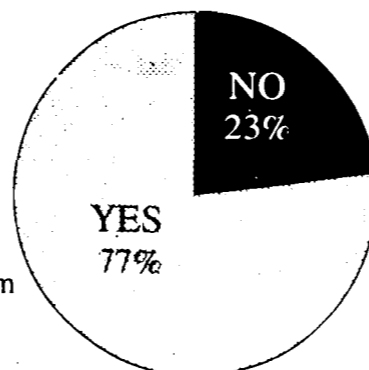


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Capitol Comments

OBSERVER POLL

Do you expect to have a job or internship this summer?



*Poll appears courtesy of NDToday.com and is based on 98 responses.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

Mahatma Gandhi
Hindu nationalist leader

Welcome to the Notre Dame tyranny

In case the first year students have not yet figured it out, our beloved school's administration can best be described with one word: tyranny.

Before you question my background and assume that I have bumped heads with the authorities, know that I have never had the pleasure of facing ResLife (though I hear it's a character building experience), I have never been caught with alcohol and received a fine for being underage (I'm smart enough to get away with it) and parietsals have not yet caused me to curse the infernal powers that be for destroying my fun.

So why rant? Well, despite the host of problems the paternalistic administration causes its students for the most ridiculous reasons, the largest offense against the student body is less direct: Notre Dame's undergraduates grow increasingly indifferent and lose their interest in political activism due to the school completely and utterly ignoring the student's voice.

Indifference may come from a large variety of sources, but one of the strongest is the inability to effect any significant rule or policy that constricts student behavior. A university should be a microcosm of the broader democratic republic in which we reside, simply so we can, with some oversight from the administration, determine which rules best suit our needs.

Bill Rinner

A Voice of Reason

What we have instead is a joke of a student government that gets laughed out of trustee meetings when the proposals even slightly veer away from what Father Malloy, Father Poorman and the other cronies consider necessary. I still shake my head in disbelief every year we have student body elections where the candidates are so delusional they believe they can make a difference. Here's the truth: You can't, you won't, and the only changes come from far above.

So what's the harm in allowing a private university to determine its own policies as it sees fit? The harm does not come to the school's pocketbooks (obviously), but to the students who are lucky enough to enter Notre Dame with a few remaining shreds of idealism and faith in the democratic process.

Activism grows only when people feel that their voice can influence the higher powers whose decisions are most pertinent to their lives. At this point, our University is the target because its policies set the strictest guidelines on our freedom. If we write letters, voice our dissent and stand strong together, the administration will shrug its shoulders and maybe pat us on the head.

What's alarming is that many of the

policies enacted by the University are potentially more harmful than we think.

Malloy's crusade against the "alcohol culture" that dominates Notre Dame might as well be against a windmill. He cites the statistic that 1,400 college students die each year in alcohol-related incidents, though the number is inflated. The alarming figure came from counting the number

of incidents among 18- to 24-year-olds and multiplying by the percentage of college students that make up this age group.

Anyone with an elementary knowledge of statistics, or pure common sense, can see the blatant bias in such a self-serving calculation.

Armed with false numbers and hopes that he will carve his place into the great University presidents, Malloy justifies a push to remove alcohol from campus, even when incidents of off-campus drinking prove to be much more deadly than on-campus drinking. But hey, at least Notre Dame isn't liable when students harm themselves off school grounds. So maybe it is a victory, right?

Returning to the point, when students protested changes in the alcohol policy, many berated them for ignoring far more pressing issues in the world. In a sense, this accusation is true, but it ignores the

basic human tendency to protest changes that are most pertinent to them.

The protesters' actions were in vain, and they learned the valuable lesson not to question authority, particularly when you think you know what rules are best for your age demographic.

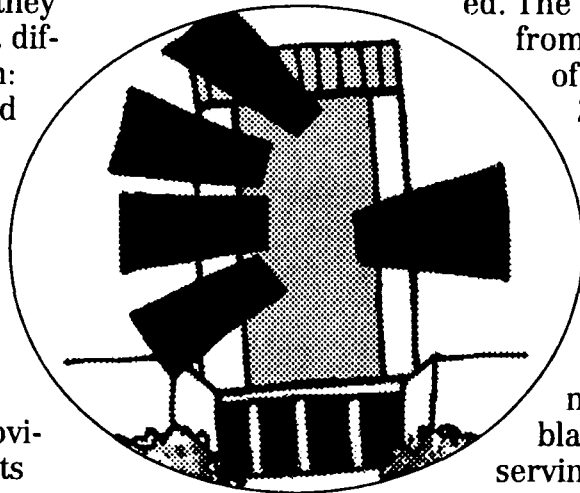
Imagine what will happen to the few students at Notre Dame with hope for affecting their surroundings through activism when they graduate and their voice goes from one in 10,000 to one in 275 million. How can we decry low voting turnouts when we ourselves say, "Why bother? We can't make a difference," in our more immediate surroundings?

The indifference that ails us today can only grow if the University continues to ignore and repress the student voice. Perhaps most frightening is our resignation to policies that could harm the student body more than a loose agreement of permissiveness.

Our school's mantra of "Nowhere else but Notre Dame," which once carried a tone of promise, now stresses the repugnant condition on campus of complete and utter helplessness.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remember societal factors in abortion debate

In his Sept. 17 column, Charles Rice calls Americans to return "to the conviction that the right to life is sacred." Rice asks us to pray for all those affected by abortion as well as for a conversion to a culture of life. He is right both to call for this reaffirmation of life and to want to effect moral change through prayer.

Prayer, however, is only half the answer; abortions are not only the result of a corrupted morality but also the product of an unjust social order.

A recent study shows that, from 1994 to 2000 the abortion rate increased more than 20 percent for women whose incomes fell below the federal poverty line, while the overall abortion rate actually declined. Restrictive social and economic circumstances, then, seem to bear heavily on many women's decision to abort.

Supporting and raising a child with such limited means may seem an impossible task.

Higher wages, free childcare for working mothers or other programs to aid low-income families will allow women to more realistically choose life. A woman may recognize the moral implications of having an abortion, but when she is confronted with the reality of raising a child in poverty, moral considerations will have little sway.

A reasonable level of socioeconomic security must precede the moral reconversion Rice calls for; regardless of what Catholic morality dictates, we demand too much of a woman when we ask her to choose life in the midst of poverty.

Rice calls us to pray for a moral reconversion that will lead to the affirmation of all life. We can, and indeed we should, pray for the emergence of a more responsible morality, one in which all life is held sacred. But while we are praying, we also should be working to bring about social changes that will better enable this morality to emerge.

Elizabeth Lee
 senior
 Pasquerilla West Hall
 Sept. 18

Don't give up on the Irish

This afternoon, I went over to Legends to get lottery numbers for the Purdue game. After the Michigan lottery debacle, I didn't know what to expect. Long lines? Poor planning? Charlie Ebersol being attacked by mobs of discontented students? Nope, not at all and no. (A Notre Dame riot would probably just be some really angry chants.)

First of all, I was very impressed with the way SUB reorganized the lottery. There was a lane set up that could have kept 80 people or more in an organized line, there were free bags of Goldfish crackers everywhere and, most importantly, each student could only have 6 IDs. The time it took me to get my lottery tickets was less than 30 seconds from the front of the line, which brings me to my more important rant.

I was the front of the line and I was the entire line. When I went at 4 p.m., there wasn't one person waiting for the chance to buy Purdue tickets. Such pathetic interest in a big road game just a few hours away from Notre Dame really worries me. Now, I understand that

people are a little down after last week's loss. But this is Notre Dame, and as far as I'm concerned, the visiting team last week in The Big House wasn't. By some irreparable statistical error, Notre Dame picked up a tally mark in the loss column.

But for us to abandon our team after one ugly game isn't what we're all about. Domers, stay strong. Whether this team wins out and goes to a BCS game or finishes 8-4, they're going to need our support all the way. So to anyone who's giving up on this season because of one loss, I want to say, just wait and see. Keep cheering for old Notre Dame, and watch the team respond this weekend. I, for one, am predicting a reversal of last week's fortune: The Irish pull off a home shutout, 20-0.

Paul Joice
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 Sept. 18

Calif. recall should move forward

I cannot help feeling angered and rather amused at the left. Joseph Stanfiel's Sept. 18 letter makes me, at the same time, growl and chuckle. Under the guise of correcting mistakes another writer made, Stanfiel creates even more lies. This is typical of the radical left, however, and no one should be surprised.

First of all, the California recall election is being brought forward within the confines of the law. There is no coup — no blend of shady illegal actions taking place under the illusion of legality. California state law allows for recall efforts, and both sides have used them. The recall is simply a measure enacted by the citizens of California as a safety net when electing their leaders. If the politician is ineffective, he can lose his job. This blatantly differs from impeachment, yet Stanfiel fails to acknowledge as much. Also, this supposed right-wing agenda to steal back the election has not kept Democrats from throwing their hats in the ring.

Stanfiel blindly accuses the right of a history of "stealing elections." His most notable point regarding election thievery by the right is a subject that the left just cannot live down: the 2000 presidential election. Claiming that Gore won the election and Bush brought it to the Supreme Court is factually inaccurate. Bush was certified as the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes by the

Florida Secretary of State, Katherine Harris. Bush's victory was disputed by Gore and brought to the legal system. The legal system goes by the rule of law, and according to the rule of law, Bush was the victor. Yet liberals dispense with facts most of the time and say what they want to hear.

My advice to Stanfiel and the rest of the radical left: If you do not like the system, work to change it. Do not demonize the ones working within it to enact the change. Do not attempt to change the rules mid-game in order to accommodate your agenda.

California is in dire straits right now, and the people feel they need a change. If indeed they recall Gov. Gray Davis and elect a new governor, it is the will of the people. How anti-democratic is that? There are systems within our country that allow it to adapt and evolve. These systems are founded on the principles of democracy and freedom and should be used as such. Freedom of speech is a beautiful thing, though it does get annoying when all the left can do is whine.

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 Sept. 18

Shakespeare measure

Actors From The London Stage perform one of Shakespeare's lesser known

By JONATHAN RETARTHA
Scene Writer

Wednesday and Thursday nights featured pimps, nuns and everything in between as The Actors From The London Stage opened William Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure" at Washington Hall. The company is a residency program at Notre Dame featuring actors from all over Great Britain. Supported by the Department of Film, Television and Theater, "Measure for Measure" is the first of two Shakespeare plays performed by the company this year.

The company consists of five actors playing several roles each in the play. Very few props are used, and there are no sets, except for a few tables and chairs. The goal of the company in their productions is to focus on the words and to use their understanding of Shakespearean text in order to portray the scenes in a way that illuminates what is on the page, rather than

having elaborate sets overshadow the performances. There are no directors involved. The five actors collaborate as a group on the texts and their presentation. The Company also provides an excellent means by which to introduce possible Theater majors to the world of stage, offering crew and marketing opportunities to the students.

Stuart Fox plays (among other roles) Duke Vincentio, the ruler of Vienna who has finally woken up to the realization that his dominion has become a corrupt society filled with brothels, drug trafficking and excessive drinking. He takes responsibility for the fact that he let his city go to ruin and chooses to leave his seat of power and his top aide, Escalus (John Nettleton), relinquishing control to Angelo (Matthew Radford). A strict, law-abiding disciplinarian, Angelo wants to overhaul the entire government system to allow no room for mercy or recompense under the law. To prove his point and set an example, he sentences a young man named Claudio

(again, Matthew Radford) to death for impregnating a young maiden, Juliet (Elizabeth Hurran). Claudio's friend Lucio (Anna Northam) rushes to Claudio's sister, Isabella (again, Elizabeth Hurran), who is about to enter a nunnery, to seek her aid in freeing her brother. Isabella goes to Angelo and begs for her brother's life. To the people of Vienna, Angelo is the most upright of men in the city, but he finally succumbs to temptation when he meets Isabella. He agrees to free Claudio, but only if Isabella will sleep with him. All the while, the Duke monitors all that is happening while in disguise and hatches a plan to free Claudio and keep Isabella from harm. Full of comedy as well as drama, "Measure for Measure" is a Shakespearean play suitable for all tastes.

In order to clarify distinctions between the numerous characters played by one of the actors, subtle changes to the costumes occur constantly on stage. For instance, Matthew Radford, who plays Claudio, Claudio's condemner Angelo and a pimp named Pompey, wears mostly black at all times on stage. When under the guise of Angelo, he is dressed in a grey robe. When switching to Claudio, he dons a white scarf. Finally, when playing Pompey, he wears a gold chain. The differences are not purely superficial, however. The actors need to go to great lengths to create definitively unique characters for each role to avoid confusing the audience. Again, using Matthew Radford as an example, he is strict and upright as Angelo, boyish and innocent as Claudio and loose and arrogant with a cockney accent as Pompey.

The Actors From The London Stage are by no means amateurs when it comes to plays, especially Shakespeare. They have studied at Cambridge, the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, the Central School of Speech and Drama in London and Exeter University. They have starred in such well known classics as "Romeo and Juliet," "The Cherry Orchard," "King Lear," "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," "A Doll's House," "Twelfth Night," "The Three Musketeers," "Hamlet," "The Tempest," "A Man For All Seasons," "Much Ado About Nothing," "The Taming of the Shrew," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "The Importance of Being Earnest" and "Macbeth."



John Nettleton plays Escalus, Matthew Radford plays Pompey, drinking and having a good time before the town finds out



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Lucio, played by Anna Northam, hushes Claudio, played by Matthew Radford, since he is not finished talking with him about the problems coming about.



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Escalus, played by John Nettleton, drinks with the town pimp, Pompey, played by actor Matthew Radford, as they try to toss their worries aside.

As for the production itself, the acting truly shines. "Measure for Measure" is one of Shakespeare's lesser-known plays, and many consider it one of his weakest due to its weak characters and somewhat clichéd storyline. The acting reveals the true themes of the play — justice and mercy. Therefore, it is up to the actors to

bring out the best in the characters, and The Actors From The London Stage do not disappoint.

Elizabeth Hurran truly offers a truly remarkable performance as Isabella. This being her first tour with the Company, she displays a poise and control over her character that reflects the skill of Shakespearean veter-

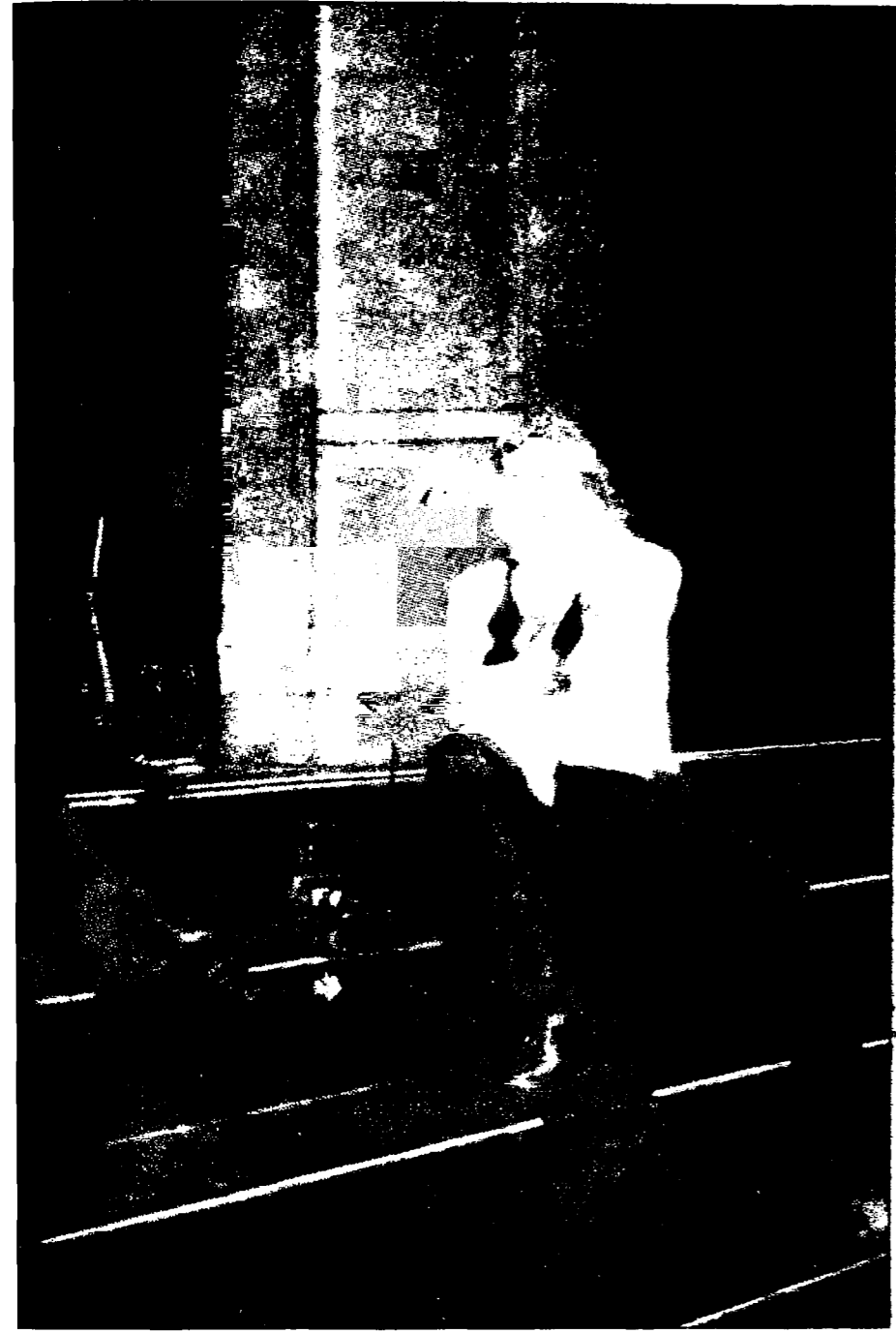
ans. The character of Isabella is perhaps the most complex, needing to run the full gamut of emotions. Elizabeth provides a stunning contrast between the innocent, chaste religious woman at the onset of the play, and the fiery, commanding accuser of Angelo during the climax. When her character is forced to be the one voice crying fowl in a city full of people who swear by the honesty of Angelo, she commands the stage and not only draws the attention of the characters involved, but also captivates the audience during her monologues.

Matthew Radford proves to be the most dynamic actor in the Company,

"Measure for Measure" speaks to themes involving corrupt government, harsh dictators and just punishment that contemporary audiences will have no problem appreciating.

es up to expectations

wn plays, 'Measure for Measure,' pleasing those who attend the show



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ey and Anna Northam plays Lucio as they sit on the
rest when Duke Vincentio leaves.

playing Angelo with the sternness and power of Lord Capulet and the introspection of Hamlet or Macbeth. His is a character torn apart by lust and desire. He knows of his hypocrisy and battles with his emotions in a way that speaks volumes even in his silence.

Radford's other noteworthy role is that of Pompey, where he provides brashness and comic ego that you would find in any stand-up comedy club. His role as Pompey is truly one of comic relief, and he relishes in his control of the audience and their laughter.

What makes the actors so good at what they do is knowing exactly what lines will elicit what response from the audience, and their skill is never more obvious than in the comedic scenes. Many accuse Shakespeare's comedy as being too dated and hard to appreciate. In truth, however, he was as raunchy and bawdy as any writer on SNL or MADTV would be today. He had to be because that was the audience he wrote for in his time. He wrote for the masses, who, like contemporary audiences, take much enjoyment from bathroom humor and sex comedy.

Stuart Fox provides the perfect blend of kindness and firmness in the character of the Duke. It is ironic that after all his transgressions as ruler he chooses to go under disguise as a

Friar, and his heartfelt interactions with Isabella show a paternal-like relationship that contrasts well with Angelo's strict dictatorship. Fox also provides dynamic comic relief in minor roles as a foolish prostitute-solicitor and a drunken Bohemian on death row.

Anna Northam is brilliant in the role of Lucio, a role originally written for a man. She has an attitude that just begs to get her in hot water (which it does). Many of her scenes involve switching characters in-scene. This is a tall order, and if done incorrectly could result in downright silliness and ridicule. Her skill aids her in this task, and she draws the attention of the crowds as she jumps in and out of characters.

John Nettleton adds a learned grace to his primary role as the Duke's advisor, and he offers a grandfather-like motivation that represents a level-headedness missing in Angelo. He enjoys his roles and pulls no punches in his deliveries, even in a small cameo as an old nun.

The crowd on opening night seemed very engrossed by the performance from beginning to end. In what was an estimated 85 percent-full Washington Hall, laughter abounded and the power of the dramatic monologues resonated in the attendees. Because the actors know exactly what jokes people will understand, they milk them for everything they're worth, so

even a novice can expect to be laughing throughout the play. "Measure for Measure" is a play that everyone will enjoy. It speaks to themes involving corrupt government, harsh dictators and just punishment that contemporary audiences will have no problem appreciating, especially based

off the society we live in today. While there are several sexual jokes mixed in, nothing is overtly rude or offensive, nor are there any obscene actions that would deter families from bringing children. While young children may find it a tad boring, especially without the colorful sets and costumes, pre-teens and teenagers should have no problem at all understanding the plot and the text.

The actors also incorporate themselves into the academic life at Notre Dame during their stay, visiting English and Theater classrooms providing workshop opportunities for the students. For instance, Elizabeth Hurran visited a First Year

Composition class today — a 9:30 class that is a very early appointment after an opening night performance. She went over some basics about reading and understanding Shakespeare, gave some background in the plot of "Measure for Measure," and went over some excerpts from the play. Since the First Year Composition course focuses primarily on forming an argument and proving it, Hurran's character of Isabella was a perfect match to bring together the arguments of the students and Isabella's argument to free her brother. Hurran also took the students outside and split them into groups, giving each the assignment to put on a scene from the play and perform it in front of their peers. This kind of active participation in Notre Dame life is a trademark of the Company program and opens the students up to broad ranges of discussions and forums concerning Shakespearean texts.

Overall, The Actors From The London Stage succeed in making "Measure for Measure" an enjoyable

experience where the audience laughs and cries, but mostly is forced to ask questions. Is saving a criminal brother worth your own virginity? Is mercy due to one who has broken the law? Can hypocrisy be accepted in government? These and many other topics provide for a thought-provoking experience that is worth checking out.

The final performance of "Measure for Measure" is tonight in Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Student Center Box Office. Adults are \$16, Senior Citizens are \$14 and Students are \$12. The theater season at Notre Dame continues with Moliere's "Tartuffe" October 8-12 and Tennessee William's "The Glass Menagerie" November 19-23. The Actors From The London Stage return with "Romeo and Juliet" February 11-14 and Shaw's "The Arms and the Man" plays April 21-25.

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Duke Vincentio, played by Stuart Fox, talks with the Provost, played by John Nettleton, before the Duke leaves the town and disguises himself as a friar.



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Pompey, played by Matthew Radford, consoles Mistress Overdone, played by Elizabeth Hurran, who also plays the lead women roles of Isabella and Juliet.

MLB

Wells' perfect game ruined in sixth inning

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A pitcher taking his first major league at-bat ended Kip Wells' bid for a perfect game.

Wells retired his first 17 batters and combined with Brian Meadows on a three-hitter, leading the Pittsburgh Pirates over the Cincinnati Reds 7-0 Thursday.

Wells (9-8) didn't allow a hit until two outs in the sixth, when reliever Scott Randall (2-3) singled to right on an 0-1 pitch.

Randall, who hit .263 (5-for-19) with the Reds' Triple-A farm team in Louisville, said Wells threw him a fastball.

"Getting my first hit, that was pretty cool, I guess," Randall said. "But the scoreless game was my main concern."

Wells, who had been 0-3 against the Reds, allowed two hits in seven innings, struck out four and walked two. He threw only 93 pitches but was removed from the game because of soreness in the ball of his right foot.

Pittsburgh won three of four in the series and improved to 37-40 at home. The Pirates have a chance for their first winning record at PNC Park, which opened in 2001. Four home games remain on the schedule, starting Friday with a doubleheader against the Chicago Cubs.

Reds starter John Bale left after he strained his right hamstring running out a grounder in the top of the third. Randall came in and pitched 3 1-3 innings, giving up four runs and five hits.

Houston 6, Colorado 0

The Houston Astros ended one of baseball's record runs.

For more than four years, a Rockies' run — at least one — was a sure thing at Coors Field.

Not anymore.

Wade Miller and the Astros handed Colorado its first shutout at home since 1999, increasing their NL Central lead Thursday with a 6-0 victory.

Miller, Octavio Dotel and Mike Gallo combined on a three-hitter. Jeff Bagwell homered and drove in three runs as the Astros moved a game ahead of the idle Cubs.

"We're just trying to win games because we know what position we're in," Houston manager Jimmy Williams said. "It's tough to throw a shutout anywhere."

Miller (14-12) gave up just a third-inning double to Todd Helton and a fourth-inning single to Jay Payton before departing after walking two straight batters with one out in the seventh.

Miller walked five and struck out seven, improving to 7-2 in his last nine starts. The three hits were the fewest for Colorado at home since May 1 against Cincinnati.

Bagwell hit a two-run homer off Jason Young in the ninth, his 36th of the season. Bagwell and Craig Biggio each had three hits for Houston.

The Astros took two of three from the Rockies.

"It was very critical for us to win the series," Bagwell said.

Jose Jimenez (2-9) couldn't overcome a rough first inning. He went six innings, allowing three runs — all in the first — and eight hits.

St. Louis 13, Milwaukee 0

Edgar Renteria had four hits and five RBIs, and Woody Williams rebounded from his worst start of the year to combine on a three-hitter as the St. Louis Cardinals routed the Milwaukee Brewers 13-0 Thursday night.

The Cardinals won three of

four against the Brewers but remained five games behind Houston, the NL Central leader, with eight games to go. The Cardinals host the Astros in a three-game series starting Friday night.

Williams (16-9) set a career best for victories, topping his 15-win season in 2001 for the Padres and Cardinals. He allowed three hits in seven innings, struck out six and walked two.

Renteria was 4-for-4 with two doubles, two singles and a walk. He had an RBI single in the fifth, an RBI double in the seventh and a three-run double in the eighth to tie his career best.

Eduardo Perez hit a three-run homer in a five-run fifth off Kinney (10-12) as the Cardinals made it 7-0.

Kinney lasted 4 2-3 innings, giving up seven runs and 10 hits with seven strikeouts and five walks. In his last three starts, Kinney has surrendered 17 runs in 14 2-3 innings.

San Diego 7, San Francisco 3

Giants manager Felipe Alou figures it would be unfair to evaluate Sidney Ponson based on his latest outing — none of San Francisco's regulars were behind him.

Gary Matthews Jr. hit a two-run double and the San Diego Padres avoided a four-game sweep with a 7-3 win Thursday over a Giants lineup of all reserves.

The Giants clinched the NL West title Wednesday night and Alou gave all his regulars a day of rest following a fun-filled night of celebrating.

Ponson (3-5) was tagged for a season-high 11 hits, and the burly right-hander has struggled in his last three outings. In 17 innings, he has allowed 24 hits and 13 earned runs for a 6.88

ERA. Still, Ponson is slated to be one of the Giants' postseason starters in a four-man rotation.

He allowed a season-high six runs — five earned — in five innings Thursday, striking out five and walking none. Ponson, acquired from Baltimore on July 31, hasn't won in three starts since Sept. 1 at Arizona.

Khalil Greene doubled twice among his three hits and drove in a run for the Padres, who were outscored 20-12 in the first three games of the series. It was the first career multihit game for Greene, a rookie. Mark Kotsay and Brian Giles each added two hits and an RBI as San Diego did plenty to back up starter Jake Peavy.

Peavy (12-11) pitched 6 1-3 solid innings, allowing six hits and three runs with two strikeouts and one walk.

Montreal 1, New York 0

Javier Vazquez struck out 12, and Todd Zeile homered as the Montreal Expos defeated the New York Mets 1-0 Thursday night.

Vazquez (13-11) allowed three hits in seven innings, outpitching Steve Trachsel to help the Expos retain their slim mathematical chance at the NL wild card.

Vazquez walked none and struck out at least 10 for the ninth time this season.

Scott Stewart and Chad Cordero each pitched a perfect inning to finish it, with Cordero earning his first career save.

It was Montreal's 10th shutout of the season. New York has been blanked nine times.

Trachsel (15-10) retired his first six batters on 23 pitches before Zeile's homer. He allowed seven hits in eight innings with seven strikeouts and two walks.

Vazquez allowed a double by Roger Cedeno in the first inning, an infield single by Danny Garcia

in the sixth and a single by Mike Piazza in the seventh.

Cedeno reached third on a groundout, but no other Mets got beyond second against Vazquez, who beat the Mets for the second time this season. He also defeated New York on July 23 at Montreal.

Philadelphia 5, Florida 4

Credit this big win to Jim Thome — and the winds of Hurricane Isabel.

In danger of blowing a must-have game, the Philadelphia Phillies rallied against Dontrelle Willis and later beat the Florida Marlins 5-4 Thursday on Thome's tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning.

The Phillies pulled within a half-game of the Marlins for the NL wild-card lead.

Thome homered in each game, tying Barry Bonds for the NL lead with 43.

Thome said he wasn't sure his last ball was gone until the gusts gave it a boost.

Said Florida manager Jack McKeon: "The wind certainly had an effect."

Philadelphia's victory clinched the NL East for Atlanta, the Braves' 12th straight division title.

With the hurricane approaching, the start time was moved up from 7:05 p.m. to 1:05. Signs outside Veterans Stadium offered fans the opportunity to exchange their tickets if they did not want to weather the advancing storm.

A crowd of about 35,000 had been expected, and 20,915 spirited fans actually showed. Winds were gusting up to 32 mph at the beginning and there were scattered sprinkles.

"The wind just kept picking up," Mike Lieberthal said. "The conditions were unbelievable. Pitches were kind of cutting and moving much more than usual."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

San Jose State amputee returns to field

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Neil Parry returned to San Jose State's football team on Thursday night with a spring in his step.

Nearly three years after Parry's lower right leg was amputated, he returned to the field with a prosthetic right leg and a job on the Spartans' special teams in their game against Nevada.

His historic comeback required 25 operations, 15 prosthetic legs and untold hours of physical therapy, but Parry's dream came true when he joined quarterback Scott Rislov and defensive end Philip Perry as team captains for the pregame coin toss.

Parry is believed to be the first non-kicker ever to play NCAA football with a prosthetic limb. He received a standing ovation from the Spartan

Stadium crowd when his name was announced.

Parry took the field with his teammates for warmups an hour before game time — and except for the media horde of cameras and reporters who followed his every move, he was completely indistinguishable from his teammates.

Dressed in his dark blue No. 32 jersey, Parry participated in stretching exercises with ease, smiling while twisting his prosthetic right leg in wide circles and sweeping motions. He hugged a few of his teammates and later slapped a few helmets before heading to the locker room with trainer Jeb Burns several minutes before his teammates.

Several fans in the typically

small San Jose State crowd wore No. 32 shirts.

Parry severely broke his right leg while playing on kickoff coverage during a game at UTEP on Oct. 14, 2000. Serious infections developed in his leg, and it was amputated nine days later.

But in his hospital bed just hours after the amputation, Parry vowed to play football again. His family initially was frightened by Parry's determination — but after seeing the array of prosthetic technology to match it, Parry's parents and older brother firmly got behind the plan.

"It just got to the point where we didn't think we had

any business trying to talk him out of it," said Parry's father, Nick. "He's put in so much hard work and received so much help from so many people. It's a dream come true."

Josh Parry was a team captain and star linebacker when his walk-on younger brother was injured three years ago. Josh made the Philadelphia Eagles' practice squad this summer as a fullback — and the Eagles' bye week gave him a chance to see his brother's comeback.

San Jose State was inundated with media requests for the game, turning a minor Western Athletic Conference meeting into the school's biggest game since an upset victory over then-No. 9 TCU three years ago. In that game, Josh Parry played phenomenally — and after each tackle, he pointed to his wheelchair-bound brother watching from the stands.

"He's put in so much hard work and received so much help from so many people."

Nick Parry
father

Fans come out despite weather conditions

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — With rain and wind from the outskirts of Hurricane Isabel soaking through parkas and bending back umbrellas, there seemed a thousand better places to be than outside with soggy fried chicken and cold barbecue.

Then again, Virginia Tech was playing football.

All 65,115 seats at Lane Stadium were sold out for Thursday night's game against Texas A&M as Hokies fans streamed into Blacksburg, maroon and orange flags waving from their cars in firm defiance of the storm.

Hours before kickoff, a few hundred fans held down tents in the parking lot outside the stadium and huddled underneath, holding back the rain with sub sandwiches and beer. By kickoff, most seats in the stadium were filled.

"I was here in 1995 when it was 20-below and the wind blowing 30 miles an hour," said Bradley McCall, 25, an insurance salesman from Roanoke who has missed only two games in 10 years. "When the Hokies are playing, I'll be here no matter what."

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NHL

Turco ends holdout with \$12 million, 3-year deal

Associated Press

DALLAS — While the Dallas Stars were going through their first week of training camp, holdout goaltender Marty Turco was home in Ontario working out on his own. He didn't bother hooking up with any local teams because he was hoping to join his teammates soon.

It was a smart move. Turco left Canada on Thursday, comforted by having signed a \$12 million, three-year contract.

"The process is never easy, but it's fun when it's over," said Turco, who already was at the airport when he dialed into a conference call with reporters.

The bottom line of the con-

tract is similar to what Turco rejected a week before, Stars general manager Doug Armstrong said.

"The main thing is that both sides are comfortable," Armstrong said. "We probably both feel a little squeamish, but that's probably a good sign."

Turco will get base salaries of \$3.5 million, \$4 million, then \$4.5 million, plus performance-based bonuses. It's a huge raise from the \$850,000 he made last season while setting a modern NHL record with a 1.72 goals-against average.

In his first season as a full-time starter, Turco was an All-Star, going 31-10-10 and leading the Stars to the most points in the Western Conference.

Dallas was ousted from the

playoffs in the second round.

Turco had a 1.88 GAA and a .919 save percentage in the

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Turco rejected a \$12 million package Sept. 11, missing out

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Randall leads No. 8 Hokies to 35-19 pounding of Aggies

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Texas A&M put more of a scare into No. 8 Virginia Tech than the rain and wind of Hurricane Isabel. Two huge runs by Bryan Randall rescued the Hokies from all of it Thursday night.

Randall scrambled for 13 yards down the right sideline on third-and-6 from the Aggies' 26 and then went 12 yards around the left side for an insurance touchdown with 8:20 left in the Hokies' 35-19 victory.

"They both felt good," Randall said of the runs, the second of which capped an 11-play, 80-yard drive and gave the Hokies a 28-19 lead.

"The first down was like a touchdown to me. It kept the drive alive and gave us new life, four more plays to try to get into the end zone."

The play capped a bizarre night at Lane Stadium, on the opposite side of the state from where Isabel knocked out power to nearly 1.5 million people.

The Aggies (2-1) did a lot of their damage thanks to the arm and fast feet of quarterback Reggie McNeal, who repeatedly connected on key passes or left defenders grasping at air as he turned a corner and broke free.

But Randall's version of catch me if you can saved the night for the Hokies (3-0) when the Aggies needed a stop to keep their hopes alive.

"It's always disheartening

when you have him and you let him out," said Aggies defensive back Jaxson Appel, whose interception stopped a Hokies' drive and helped Texas A&M get within 21-19 with 14:24 left.

Once Randall gave the Hokies breathing room, the Aggies helped, too, failing to field a pooch kickoff that Virginia Tech recovered and turned into Kevin Jones' third touchdown of the night, an 11-yard run.

With 5:33 to play, the outcome was sealed and the Hokies' string of victories in games played before October reached 27, dating to September 1996.

"They made the big plays when it was time for big plays to be made," said McNeal, who was 11-for-21 for 133 yards with a touchdown and an interception. He also ran 12 times for 47 yards, including a 16-yarder.

"He just flat out outran us a few times," Hokies coach Frank Beamer said.

And the Hokies, too, helped out with a series of blunders.

They twice swarmed Aggies punter Cody Scates, once allowing him to escape for a 15-yard run and a first down, the next time getting called for an off-sides penalty that negated a sack by James Anderson.

Pressure also caused Scates to twice get off poor punts, one setting up a short Virginia Tech TD drive, the other being misjudged by DeAngelo Hall, recovered by the Aggies and turned

into a 24-yard scoring drive.

The touchdown, on a 15-yard pass from McNeal to Tim Van Zant, helped quiet a crowd looking for a reason to celebrate in the wet weather.

But the Hokies came right back, getting a 27-yard burst from Jones to start the drive and Randall's two runs to finish it.

"He makes good decisions," Beamer said of his quarterback. "I've got a lot of faith that things are going to work out right with him."

Jones finished with 188 yards on 30 carries, by far his best game of the season despite a steady rain. He scored from 1, 2 and 11 yards and said he was relieved to finally play up to his own high expectations.

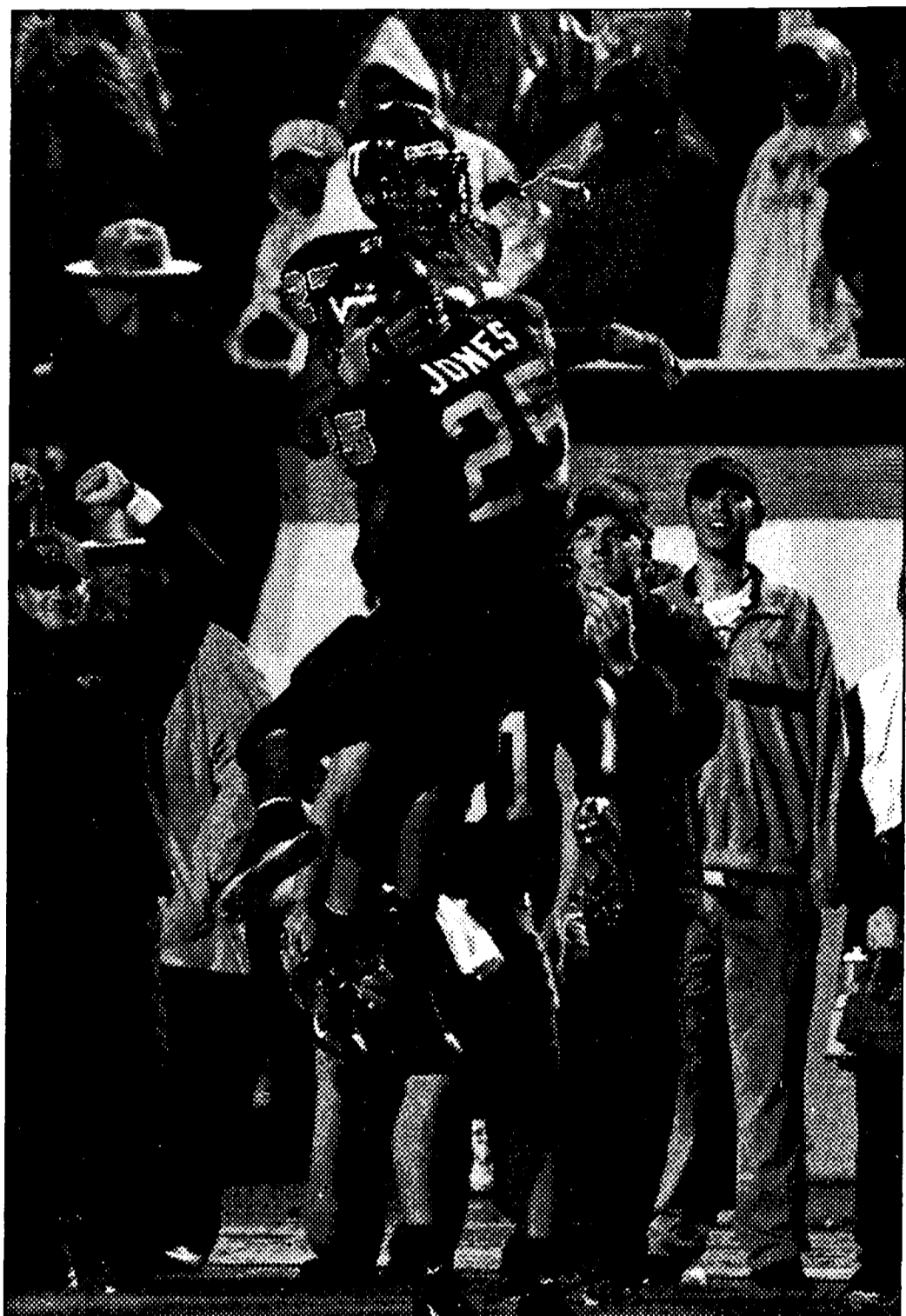
"I was definitely listening and hearing [criticism], but it didn't really matter to me because I knew I could get the job done," he said.

"I was just waiting for myself to do it."

Randall was 9-for-13 for just 63 yards and one touchdown.

McNeal directed three scoring drives of 12 plays or more before halftime, the last one the sweetest — and alarming for the Hokies.

Virginia Tech seemed to have the Aggies right where it wanted them with about seven minutes left in the half. Leading 14-6, the Hokies looked for a big play after downing Vinnie Burns' punt at the Texas A&M 2.



Virginia Tech's Kevin Jones celebrates with a teammate during the Hokies 35-19 victory over Texas A&M Thursday night.

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- 4:15-5:00 pm** **The Bishops' Text and Call for Solidarity with Africa** Auditorium
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- 8:30-10:00 am** **Theology and the Project of Re-imagining Africa** McKenna Hall Auditorium
Moderator: Prof. Maura Ryan (Vice President and Associate Provost, Associate Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame)
Sr. Teresa Okure, SHCJ (Professor of Scripture, Catholic Institute of West Africa)
Solidarity among Christians: Lessons from the New Testament
Fr. E. Elochukwu Uzukwu, CSSp (Professor of Theology, KMI Dublin and Catholic Institute, Paris, France)
African Theology and the Project of Re-imagining Africa
Respondent: Prof. John Cavadini (University of Notre Dame)
- 10:30 am- 12:30 pm** **American and African Scholarship and "the Call to Solidarity with Africa"** Auditorium
Moderator: Rev. Paul Kollman, CSC (Assistant Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame)
Rev. Cyprian Davis, OSB (St. Meinrad School of Theology)
American and African Scholarship and the Call to Solidarity with Africa
Prof. Carolyn Nordstrom (University of Notre Dame)
The Church on the Frontlines of War and Peace
Rev. Michael Schultheis, SJ (Catholic University of Ghana)
Catholic Higher Education in Africa: the Promise and the Project
Respondent: Prof. Emily Osborn (University of Notre Dame)
- 1:45-2:45 pm** **Informal Breakout Sessions on Topics of Interest (optional)**
- U.S. Faith Based Organizations: Public Advocacy for Africa** Auditorium
Facilitator: Mr. John Carr (Secretary, Department of Social Development and World Peace, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)
- Role of Civil Society in Africa** Rooms 100-104
Facilitator: Mr. Ian Gary (Strategic Policy Adviser, Catholic Relief Services)
- Food for Life: Confronting the Agricultural Crisis in Africa** Room 202
Facilitator: Mr. Ray Almeida (Policy Adviser, Bread for The World)
- 3:00-5:00 pm** **The Church at the Service of Africa** Auditorium
Moderator: Rev. Mark Poorman, CSC (Vice President, Student Affairs, Associate Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame)
Most Reverend Laurent Monsengwo-Pasinya (Archbishop of Kisangani, Democratic Republic of Congo/President of SECAM, Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar)
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Most Reverend John Onaiyekan (Archbishop of Abuja/President of the Nigerian Episcopal Conference/Vice President of SECAM/ President of the Episcopal Conferences of West Africa)
Imaging and Re-Imaging Africa: the Role of the Church
Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry (Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago)
The American Church in Solidarity with the African Churches
Respondent: Mary Motte, FMM (Missiologist)
- 5:15 pm** **Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart**
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Mr. Andrew Natsios (Administrator, US Agency for International Development)
The Role of Faith Based Organizations in Africa's Development
- 8:00-9:30 pm** **Religion and Political Participation: Roots of Conflict in Africa** Auditorium
Moderator: Prof. Mark Roche (Dean, College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame)
Most Reverend John Baptist Odama (Archbishop of Gulu, Uganda/President, Acholi Religious Leaders Peace Initiative)
The Story of the Lord's Resistance Army in Northern Uganda
Prof. Francis Deng (Brookings Institution, Washington, DC)
Religious Roots of Conflict: The Case of Sudan
Rev. Mathew Hassan Kukah (Harvard University)
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Yankees-Orioles game cancelled in fifth

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Hurricane Isabel and the Baltimore Orioles teamed to deny Mike Mussina his 200th career victory — and leave the New York Yankees in a mood as foul as the weather.

A steady rain and the imminent arrival of winds up to 35 mph caused Thursday's game between the Orioles and Yankees to be stopped after five innings in a 1-1 tie.

The individual statistics will count, and Katy Feeney of the commissioner's office said the game will be made up as part of a doubleheader in New York on either Sept. 26 or 27.

Umpires called the game after a 44-minute wait — immediately after the Orioles botched a chance to score the potential go-ahead run.

New York, closing in on its sixth straight AL East title, is five games ahead of Boston in the AL East with 10 games remaining.

The circumstances surrounding the scheduling of the game, and the fashion in which it ended, infuriated the Yankees.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner issued a statement that said the commissioner's office showed "terrible judgment and overall stupidity" in proceeding with the game.

"Schools, businesses, athletic events — virtually everything — was called off," Steinbrenner

said. "And for them to proceed was stupidity at its worst."

The game was rescheduled from 7:05 p.m. to 12:35 p.m. to beat Isabel's arrival, but the rain began falling shortly before Mussina threw his first pitch in the bottom of the first inning.

Minnesota 5, Chicago 3

Jacque Jones hit a pair of two-run homers off Bartolo Colon, helping the Minnesota Twins complete a pivotal three-game sweep of the Chicago White Sox with a victory.

The defending AL Central champions lead the White Sox by 3 1/2 games and Kansas City by 4 1/2. Minnesota has nine games left — seven against the worst team in the majors, Detroit.

Chicago plays the Royals seven times and the Yankees three.

After losing two straight in Chicago last week and falling two games back in the division race, the Twins have won five in a row against the White Sox in a span of eight days.

Boston 4, Tampa Bay 3

Manny Ramirez hit his 35th homer and Tim Wakefield pitched into the ninth inning, leading the Boston Red Sox over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Boston increased its lead in the AL wild-card race to 2 1/2 games over Seattle, which lost 2-1 at Texas in 10 innings. The Red Sox are five games behind

the New York Yankees in the AL East with 10 to play.

Wakefield (11-7) allowed three runs — one earned — and seven hits in 8 1-3 innings. He left with a 4-2 lead and runners at first and second.

Texas 2, Seattle 1

The Seattle Mariners don't have time to figure out what's going wrong. They just need to win some games.

Seattle's playoff hopes took another blow Thursday when Texas rookie Laynce Nix blooped an RBI single in the 10th inning to give the Rangers a 2-1 win. The Mariners lost three of four to the AL West's last-place team.

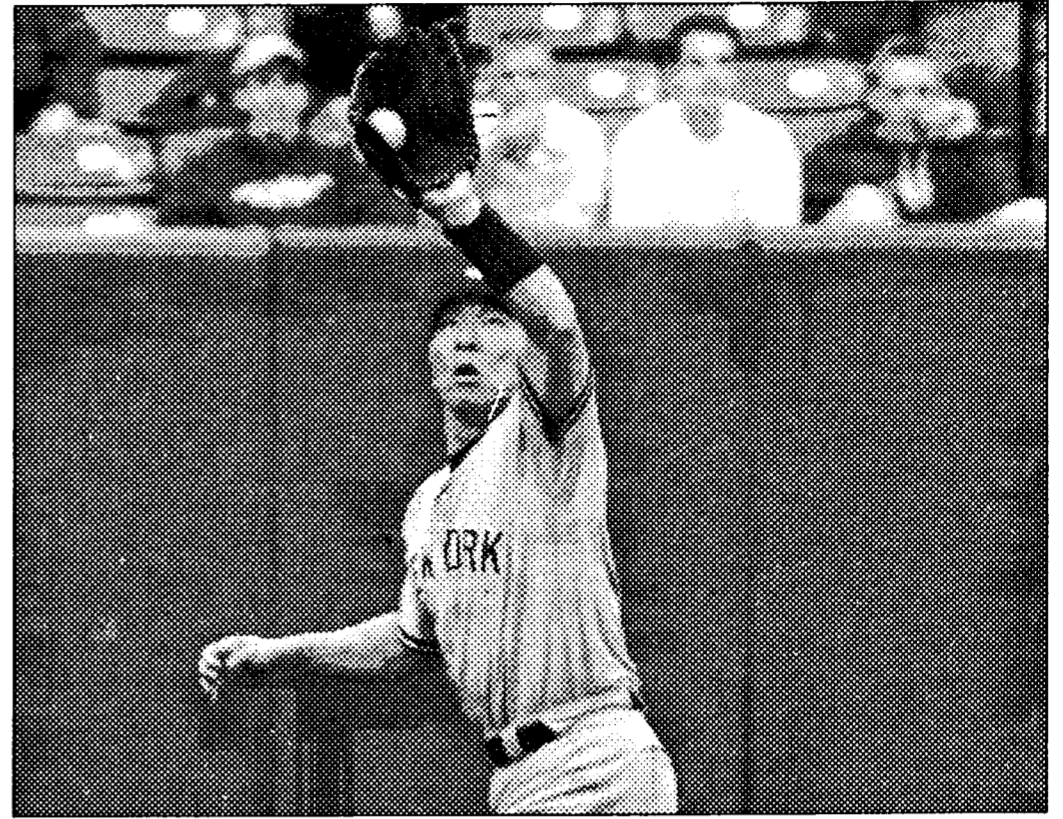
"We needed to come in and have a good series and we didn't," Bret Boone said. "We've been saying that for the last two weeks, that we need to play well. And we haven't played well consistently. ... I'm out of good answers."

Kansas City 3, Cleveland 2

Jose Lima's return might have come too late for the Kansas City Royals.

Lima pitched five solid innings in his return Thursday night as the Royals beat the Cleveland Indians 3-2 and won their second straight road series.

Kansas City remained 4 1/2 games behind Minnesota, the AL Central leader. The Twins beat Chicago 5-3.



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The Yankees Hideki Matsui makes a catch during the team's game against the Orioles. The game was cancelled in the fifth.

"We're still alive," Royals manager Tony Pena said. "We have to continue to play hard every single day and win some ball games."

They might need some help, too. The Twins play seven of their final nine games against Detroit, which is on the verge of setting a post-1900 record for losses.

Raul Ibanez was 2-for-4, drove in a key run and made a diving catch for the final out.

Lima (8-1) allowed two runs, scattering six hits and a walk for his first win since July 27. He

got key double plays in the second and fifth innings to get out of jams.

"We asked him for five innings or between 70 and 80 pitches. He threw the ball well," Pena said.

The Royals' bullpen shut down Cleveland the rest of the way.

Jeremy Affeldt threw three hitless innings, striking out four and allowing a walk.

"Affeldt was nasty," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "He was throwing 95 with a big hook and he mixed in his change up against right-handers."



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Women's Soccer NSCAA Poll

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

Men's Soccer NSCAA Poll

	team	record	previous
1	Maryland	6-0-0	1
2	UCLA	4-1-0	2
3	Saint Louis	5-0-0	4
4	North Carolina	5-0-1	5
5	Wake Forest	3-1-0	2
6	Old Dominion	5-0-0	7
7	Santa Clara	4-0-2	6
8	Southern Methodist	4-1-0	9
9	St. John's	3-2-0	15
10	Akron	3-1-1	--
11	Alabama-Birmingham	4-0-2	12
12	Connecticut	2-2-1	10
13	Penn State	4-2-0	--
14	UC Santa Barbara	4-0-1	14
15	South Carolina	6-0-0	16
16	Rutgers	3-1-0	8
17	Brown	2-0-0	--
18	NOTRE DAME	2-1-2	18
19	Hartwick	4-1-0	13
20	Tulsa	5-1-0	21
21	Costal Carolina	3-1-0	17
22	Indiana	2-2-2	11
23	Seton Hall	2-1-2	--
24	Cal State Northridge	3-0-1	23
25	Florida International	3-2-0	22

Eye on Irish Opponents

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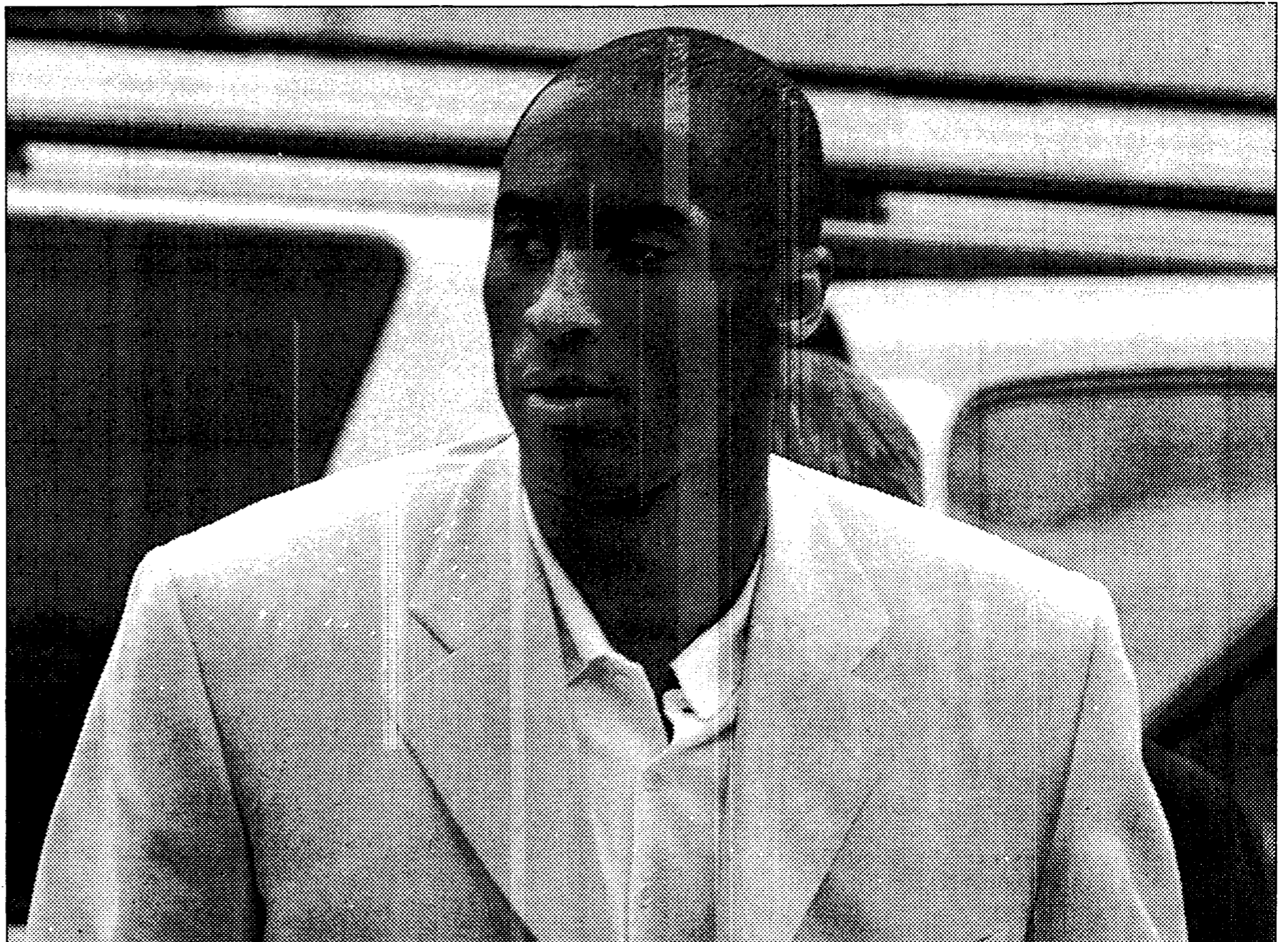
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Based on a tip from Kobe Bryant, the Los Angeles Police Department arrested a man Thursday they suspect was attempting to murder the woman accusing Bryant of sexual assault.

Man arrested in Bryant accuser murder plot

Associated Press

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. — Authorities on Thursday arrested a Swiss bodybuilding coach they said made a \$3 million offer to kill the woman who has accused Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant of sexual assault.

Patrick Graber was arrested for investigation of soliciting a murder after making the offer to Bryant's security director and then meeting with undercover detectives, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca told a news conference at his headquarters.

Baca said Graber, 31, of

El Segundo, agreed to carry out the murder for \$1 million up front and \$2 million after the fact.

"We believe it was a credible threat," sheriff's Lt. Jim Taylor said. He added that just before the arrest, Graber was given a bag full of movie studio prop money. Graber was booked and held on \$1 million bail, and an arraignment was set for Monday. Sheriff's officials said he had an expired visa and worked at a local gym.

The investigation began Sept. 8 after security personnel employed by Bryant said they had received a letter from Graber saying he could solve Bryant's prob-

lems, the Sheriff's Department said.

A security official met with Graber and then contacted sheriff's investigators. A meeting was arranged with Graber and undercover sheriff's detectives.

The detectives concluded that Graber was offering to commit murder and they contacted the accuser's family in her home state of Colorado and authorities there to advise them of the alleged threat.

Sheriff's undercover investigators had several more meetings with Graber in which a money exchange for the murder was

arranged, officials said.

Authorities said others may have been involved in the alleged plot. Taylor said Graber planned to hire someone to commit the crime and offered to provide evidence that it had been done.

"He said he could make her not come to court, he could make her disappear, he could make her have a drug overdose," Taylor said.

Graber allegedly told authorities he was involved in organized crime, possibly the Russian mafia. Sheriff's detectives said they do not have any evidence that Graber had those ties, but are investigating.

IN BRIEF

Missed practice leaves Holmes' status questionable

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Priest Holmes was held out of practice Wednesday, sore with what Kansas City coach Dick Vermeil called "running back's body."

Vermeil said Holmes would be "questionable to probable" for Sunday's game at Houston, the first road test for the unbeaten Chiefs and a much-awaited homecoming for Holmes, a native of Texas.

"We held him out today and he did some running and weight training in the exercise room," Vermeil said. "He's got a running back's body today."

Holmes, the NFL's offensive player of the year last season, underwent hip surgery in March. This season, he already has 53 touches, near tops in the league, even though team president Carl Peterson and others had indicated they planned to reduce his load.

Asked if he would practice on Thursday, Vermeil said, "I hope so. I

haven't talked to our trainers yet since practice."

If Holmes sits out — which did not appear the most likely possibility — rookie Larry Johnson, the first-round draft pick out of Penn State, may see his first action of the year. He and Derrick Blaylock worked with the first team offense at practice.

"Hopefully, [Holmes] will feel better tomorrow and get ready to go the next day," Vermeil said. "I saw Priest had a smile on his face."

The Chiefs released nose tackle Tank Reese, a rookie from Kansas State, and brought linebacker Quinton Cover back to the roster.

"We're banged up at linebacker," Vermeil said.

Shanahan cleared after false injury report

DENVER — Mike Shanahan lied and got away with it.

The Broncos coach was cleared of any wrongdoing Thursday after explaining to league officials why he lied about Jake Plummer's injury dur-

ing a game last weekend.

"The key is we're on the same page and moving forward, so the matter that occurred last Sunday is closed," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. "We're satisfied that it is resolved and that Mike understands the policy."

The league started looking into Shanahan's actions after he gave a false injury report to CBS during half-time of Sunday's game against San Diego.

Plummer was injured midway through the second quarter, but Shanahan told the network that the quarterback sustained a concussion instead of a separated shoulder.

Shanahan came clean after the game, saying he didn't want the Chargers to have an advantage if backup Steve Beuerlein got hurt. The Broncos had just two quarterbacks at the time.

Shanahan said he would protect his team if a similar situation came up again, but he would be a little more subtle about it.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Walsh not concerned about PW

By DAN TAPETILLO AND
ANNIE BRUSKY
Sports Writers

Sunday's game between the Wild Women of Walsh and the Purple Weasels of Pasquerilla West appears to have an intense rivalry after the two teams met last year.

According to team captain Leslie Schmidt, the Purple Weasels missed the playoffs because of last year's loss to the Wild Women. It was a fiery game where the winner would move on to the playoffs and the loser would stay behind.

"We are trying to redeem ourselves," said Schmidt.

The team is looking forward to avenging the loss and proving to Walsh that they are going to be a tough opponent.

The women have also been practicing several times a week to be able to make the victory possible. Receivers Alyssa Howell, Heather Van Hoegarden and defensive lineman Lynne Francis are critical parts to the Pasquerilla West game.

"Getting down the fundamentals is our goal because we want to move the ball really well," said Schmidt.

Pasquerilla West is looking confident after a 12-6 win over the Pangborn Phoxes on Tuesday night.

"We won our game and it has

"We won our game and it definitely boosted our confidence for Sunday's game."

Leslie Schmidt
PW captain

definitely boosted our confidence for Sunday's game," said Schmidt.

Despite last year's game, Walsh team captain Colleen Gannon admits that the team is looking beyond Pasquerilla West for more challenging competitors. Schmidt believes key players Karla Bell and Amanda Borys will be difficult to play against.

In addition to several returning veterans, the team has been practicing several times a week and is "watching other teams to adjust to [our] games," said Gannon.

"Everyone is ready to get back onto the field and we are confident we can win," said Gannon.

The Wild Women are confident despite Tuesday night's loss to the Welsh Family Whirlwinds.

"We all played well on Tuesday and it was a really close game," said Gannon.

The team is regaining their focus and is certain they will be difficult to play against.

Catch the two teams play on Sunday 2 p.m. at the McGlenn Fields.

Lewis vs. McGlenn

The Lewis-McGlenn interhall football match-up Sunday afternoon is shaping up to be a close, competitive game between two talented teams.

Both teams have a couple of games under their belt and were 1-0 going into Thursday's games.

"We just want to take it one game at a time, go out there and have fun," said Lewis quarterback Erin Nasrallah. "McGlenn is always a strong team."

"It's not a long season so every game is important. At this point we just want to improve on last year," teammate Sheila Dawes said.

In their season-opener against Badin, the Lewis Chicks came out strong and won the game 8-6 despite what Nasrallah describes as "a sloppy second half."

"There are some things we

need to improve on for our next game, but we're coming along," Nasrallah said.

"As we play each game, we get more and more comfortable playing with each other," Dawes added.

In a similar fashion, the McGlenn Shamrocks defeated Lyons 7-0 in the first game of the season and are hoping to come out victorious again against the Chicks.

"It'll be a good game, but we're pretty confident. We have a lot of experience," McGlenn cornerback Becka Saunders said.

"Lewis has a lot of girls and we know they're a good team," said Bridget Meacham, the Shamrock quarterback. "We've been practicing hard every practice and we prepare for them just like we prepare for any other opponent."

After playing defense last year, Meacham is still getting accustomed to the offense and her role of quarterback.

"We have some awesome receivers. Our defense and offensive line have really been strong."

Bridget Meacham
McGlenn quarterback

"It's a lot more pressure than I thought it would be. We just need to work at playing as a team," she said. "The receivers and I are still getting on the same page."

In addition to their all-star quarterbacks, both teams are led by a solid defense and speedy wide receivers.

"Our defense is amazing," Nasrallah said. "And on offense, we have some key newcomers and some proven veterans who are coming together really well."

"We have some awesome receivers. Our defense and offensive line have really been strong," Meacham said.

Lewis and McGlenn may not be bitter rivals, but their history of playing each other leaves both teams hungry for a win. And as the season gets into full swing, they know full well that this is an important game on the road to the championship.

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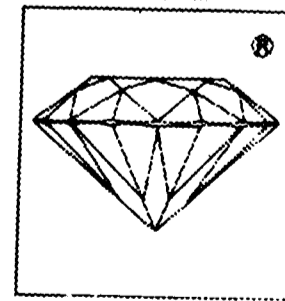
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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish claim title of best team in Indiana

Sportswriters have a history of exaggerating things. A simple game of football can become a battle or war. A home run to win a ball game can become a shot heard 'round the world. A missed golf putt can be a collapse of epic proportions.

Justin Schuver

Associate Sports Editor

It wouldn't have been exaggeration, though, to say that Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Indiana in double overtime was more than just another game.

Sure, the stakes weren't that high. This wasn't a game for the national championship, or even the semifinals — as was the case last year when the Hoosiers knocked out the Irish with a 1-0 overtime win in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

This wasn't a conference game, or even one of those "must-win" types of games. Both teams were ranked in the top 20, both had winning records and both have achieved national prominence over the years.

And yet, it was obvious by watching the Irish celebration

after Kevin Goldthwaite deflected a Chad Riley free kick past Hoosier keeper Jay Nolly with little less than three minutes left in the second overtime, that this was a special game.

In a scene reminiscent of a Saturday afternoon in American suburbia where eight and ten-year-olds clad in loose-fitting Umbro shirts and shorts celebrate a winning goal over their league rival, the façade of Irish stoicism suddenly came crashing down.

The entire Notre Dame team, led by Goldthwaite himself, ran over to a corner of the field and made a dog-pile as though they had just won the national championship.

When the ruckus finally settled back down, the team got back to their feet and ran across the far sideline, waving to a raucous Notre Dame crowd, one of the largest and most animated this year.

"I'd say that celebration was a testament to the struggle we've had to get things going this year," said captain Greg Martin. "We've just been working hard on the little things, and we knew that one day it was going to turn.

"I think that was the turning point."

Of course, the fun had to come crashing to an end, and "The Boss" — as the team affectionately refers to head coach Bobby Clark — still required the Irish to do their customary cool-down stretches and calisthenics.

There was a crack in his quiet demeanor too, though.

"I was very proud of our team," he said before cracking a smile. "This was a special game. You know it's going to be a long trip back for [Indiana], but we had to do that coming back after the NCAA's last year.

"That was our turn, and maybe now it's their turn."

As the Irish will tell you, their goal is to be the best team in the country. It's hard to say what will happen the rest of the year. Notre Dame could win the national championship, or could get knocked out in the first round.

No matter what happens the rest of the year, for one Thursday night and for one special game, Notre Dame was the best soccer team in the state of Indiana.

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Junior defender Kevin Goldthwaite dribbles against Indiana Thursday night. The Irish won the game in double overtime.

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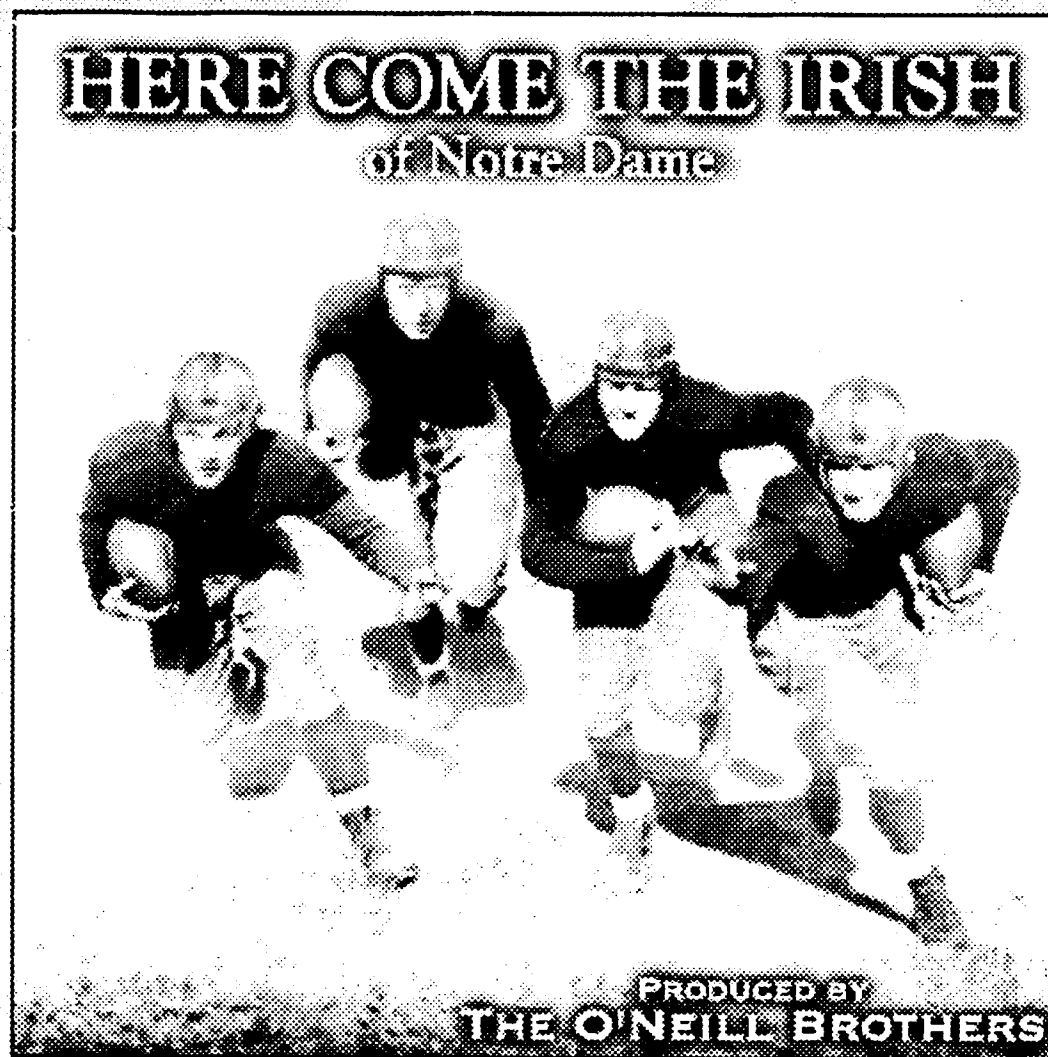
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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Optimism runs high for PE and Howard

By RACHEL SCHIROs
Sports Writer

When a team has the enthusiasm and optimistic outlook shared by Pasquerilla East and Howard, it is bound to be an exciting game.

"We'd love to go back to the stadium, but most of all Pasquerilla East football has always been about having fun first, even when were winning and working hard," said Pasquerilla East player Laura Wolohan.

While the Pyros charge into interhall bearing last year's trophy and a 5-1 record, Howard's record last season was 1-5.

The Ducks enjoyed last season, disappointing stats or not, but look to have a more competitive presence this year.

"We've got new coaches, a new attitude and a great group of girls willing to have fun and work hard," said Howard captain Shannon Trevino.

Returning upperclassmen include quarterback and co-captain Sheena Ketchum and Courtney Schuster, though star safety Maureen Tate is out this season with an injury.

Seeking to develop a base for Howard football in the years

ahead, practices have focused on the details of working as a team to complete smooth plays. By better learning the skills needed for a particular position, they hope to increase playing field confidence as well.

Pasquerilla East must prove itself anew, as it is another team carrying a high number of first year players and looking to replace important players lost since last year. The team is working to expand the consistency of both parts of their game.

"We've always been ... a defensive-minded team. But we've really been focusing on rebuilding our offense," Wolohan said.

The freshman class is still learning but is highly athletic and has the makings for a solid team. Already starting at quarterback for the Pyros is freshman Laura Adams. Backing her up is the experience of a number of veterans. Standing out are receivers Kathryn Lent and Leslie Follmer and defensive backs Stephanie Yahn.

The teams play Sunday at 4:00 p.m. on West Quad.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish to face top teams in 2003

Special to the Observer

A visit to fabled Pauley Pavilion in late February for a meeting with UCLA, a matchup at the Joyce Center against in-state rival Indiana in December and 12 national television appearances highlight the Notre Dame men's basketball schedule for the upcoming 2003-04 campaign.

On the Notre Dame slate this season will be seven teams that earned a berth in the '03 NCAA tournament field.

In addition to the matchup against the Hoosiers on Wed., Dec. 10, Notre Dame's 16-game regular-season home slate also will include visits by defending national champion Syracuse (Sat., Jan. 17), Kentucky (Sun., Jan. 25), Pittsburgh (Sat., Feb. 7), Connecticut (Mon., Feb. 9) and Georgetown (Wed., Mar. 3).

CBS Sports will televise four of the Irish's contests. Notre Dame's first appearance on the network will be against Kentucky, while the remaining three games will be on the road — Connecticut (Sat., Feb. 21), UCLA (Sat., Feb. 28) and St. John's (Sat., Mar. 6) at Madison Square Garden. ESPN will televise three home games — Indiana, Connecticut and Seton Hall (Sat., Feb. 14) — as well as two road games against

Pittsburgh (Mon., Jan. 12) and Syracuse (Mon., Feb. 16). The Irish will appear on ESPN2 three times when they travel to Marquette (Mon., Dec. 1) and entertain Syracuse and Pittsburgh.

Fourth-year head coach Mike Brey and the Irish will open up the season by playing eight of their first 10 games at the Joyce Center where they posted a glossy 14-2 mark a year ago. Notre Dame faces Northern Illinois in the season opener on Mon., Nov. 24, followed by a first-ever meeting with Mount St. Mary's (Sat., Nov. 29). The Irish will then travel to Milwaukee, Wis., to take on '03 Final Four participant Marquette. In addition to the matchup with Golden Eagles, six other contests are slated for the month of December. Notre Dame faces '03 NCAA tournament participant Central Michigan on Sat., Dec. 6, followed by the Indiana game.

Notre Dame travels to Chicago, Ill., for a Sun., Dec. 14 matchup against DePaul before closing out the month of December against American (Sun., Dec. 21), Quinnipiac (Tue., Dec. 23) and Morehead State (Sun., Dec. 28).

The Irish open up the BIG EAST season at home on Wed., Jan. 7 against West Virginia and then play back-to-back

road games against Villanova (Sat., Jan. 10) and Pittsburgh. The matchup against the Wildcats on the road will be Notre Dame's first visit to the Philadelphia, Pa., area since February 8, 2000. Three of the remaining five games in January will be played at home — Syracuse, Kentucky and Miami (Wed., Jan. 28). The two road games will be against Virginia Tech (Tue., Jan. 20) and Rutgers (Sat., Jan. 31).

Notre Dame starts off the month of February on the road at Boston College (Wed., Feb. 4) before its longest home conference homestand of the season versus Pittsburgh, Connecticut and Seton Hall. Those three games will be followed by road games at Syracuse and Connecticut. Providence visits the Joyce Center on Tue., Feb. 24 for the final home game in February before the Irish head to Los Angeles, Calif., for a non-conference matchup with UCLA on Sat., Feb. 28. The Irish and the Bruins will be meeting for the first time since Dec., 20, 1995. Notre Dame has not visited Pauley Pavilion since the 1994-95 season.

The Irish play Georgetown in their final home game before facing St. John's in the '03-'04 regular-season finale at Madison Square Garden.

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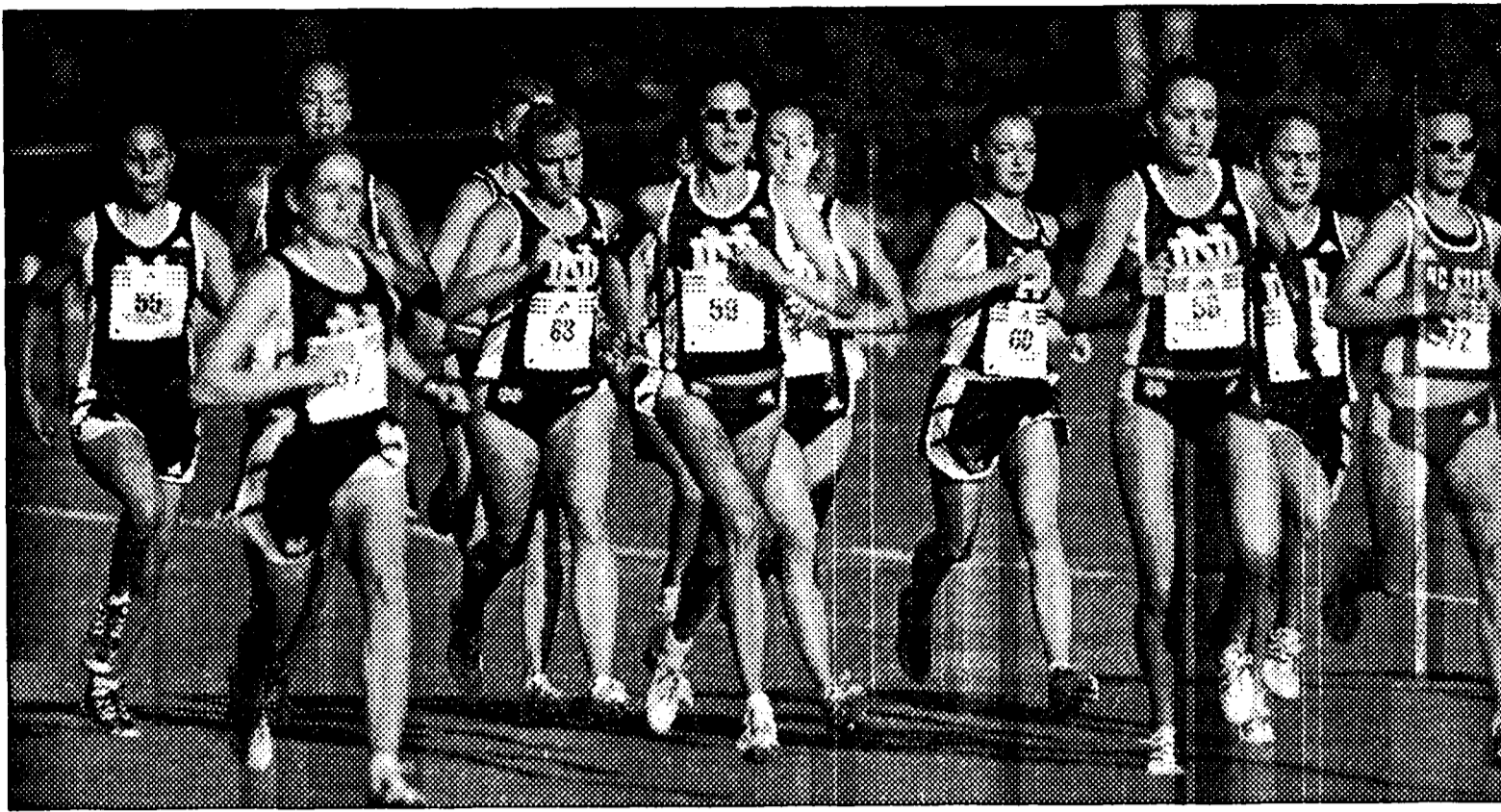


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The Irish return home this weekend, as they host the National Catholic Invitational at Burke Memorial Golf Course. The Irish are not too concerned with this weekend's race.

Race

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ward to seeing how well they do."

Similarly, the women are expecting to do well, even without top runners like junior Lauren King and sophomore Molly Huddle. Without those runners, the Irish, led by meet champion Jean Marinangeli were still able to take first place at the Valparaiso Invitational. Notre Dame is looking forward to a greater test today, at least among individual runners.

"There is going to be good competition," Marinangeli said. "There are usually at least a few

top runners [at the annual National Catholic meet]."

Nevertheless, the more important races of the season have not yet arrived for the Irish.

"It's pretty much for most guys just the opening race, pretty low key, just kind of a rust buster — nothing too major," Moore said. "And our real focus starts at the Notre Dame Invitational in two weeks."

For now, though, the seniors who have not had many opportunities to race and the freshmen who are still adjusting to collegiate cross country will have the opportunity to prove themselves today.

"They'll get a chance to hop in and start racing," Marinangeli said.

"It's pretty much for most guys just the opening race, pretty low key, just kind of a rust buster ..."

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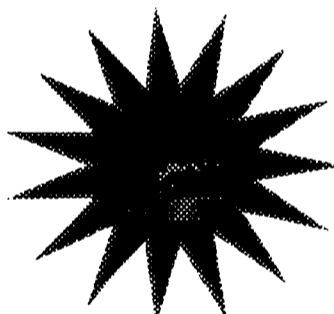


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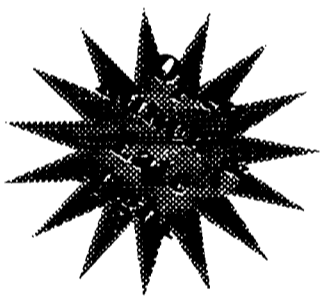
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well with both Stanford and Santa Clara," said sophomore midfielder Annie Schefer. "We need to go out and have fun and play as good as we can."

"Santa Clara really thrashed us last year, but we've had our fair share of success against both teams," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum. "We might have the overall edge in the series, but it's always anybody's game. Whoever makes the fewest mental mistakes will win."

One challenge for the Irish this weekend will be the differing styles of their opponents. Stanford is led by the defense, and goalkeeper Nicole Barnhart who led the nation in goals-against average last year by only allowing four goals all season.

Meanwhile, Santa Clara will try to match the Irish offense as they are led by a group of talented forwards that look to provide a lot of goals.

"Santa Clara is like us in that they have a lot of weapons," Waldrum said. "I think we might have a little edge defensively with Melissa Tancredi. She can be the best back in the country when she puts her

mind to it. Stanford's defense and Barnhart are very strong. All three teams are very talented."

For the Irish, having Stanford and Santa Clara come in off of rough starts could be more of a negative than a positive.

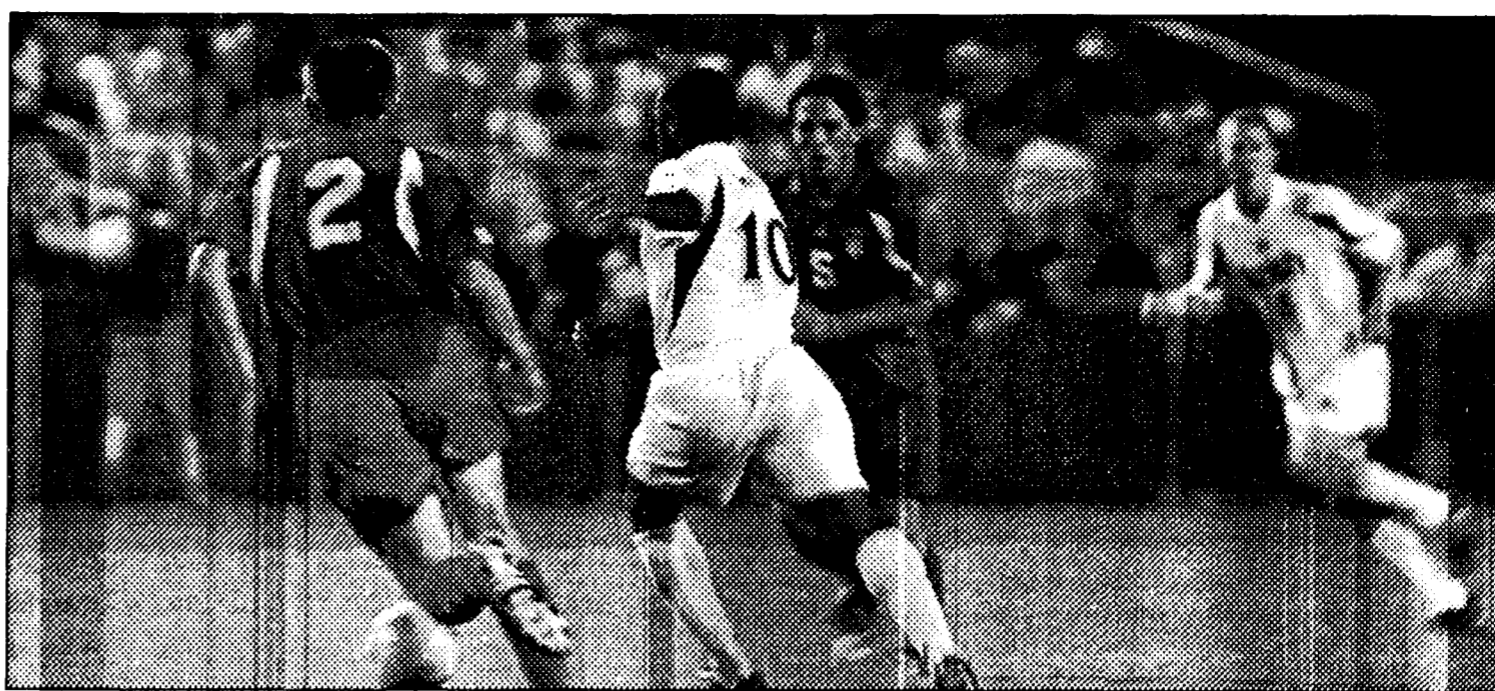
"We'd prefer they'd have continued to win," said Waldrum. "Santa Clara's loss and tie last weekend makes this game even more important for them. At the end of the year all three teams will be there."

"They are both huge games," said Schefer. "But I think our team is so talented that I think if everyone shows up to play and has a good game, we'll be fine."

The Irish come in off a strong performance last Saturday against Western Kentucky, winning 5-0. This came after what was arguably their worst game of the year in a 2-0 win over St. John's.

"I think we needed to go back and send a message, not only to the rest of the country but to our kids again, that we just kind of had a letdown [against St. John's] and that we could come back strong. It was good going into Santa Clara to score some more goals and keep the

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Senior forward and assistant captain Devon Prescod fights for the ball against the Hoosiers. The Irish seniors have been critical in leading the team thus far this season.

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the play into overtime.

"This is a big game because it's in-state, but the biggest part that's important is they're in our region," Riley said. "That could come into play come tournament time. Maybe they'll have to travel here this time."

Notre Dame players said that, if nothing else, they wanted to win this game for their coach. Clark had a 2-3 career record against 31-year Indiana coach

Jerry Yeagley. Yeagley will retire after this season.

"The Boss is .500 with Yeagley now, so we're happy we could do this for him," Goldthwaite said after scoring the game-winner.

Norman and fellow freshman Ian Etherington both received significant playing time.

Norman has seen much action to date, and his role in this game may mean something more on a personal level for the first-year player.

"I think Nate has been burdened with trying to do everything when he gets on the

field," captain Greg Martin said. "This is great because with setting up this goal I think the tide really turned for him. I'm glad for him. Nate Norman is the epitome of a Notre Dame guy."

Other Notes

Senior Justin Detter struggled on runs at forward, prompting Clark to insert sophomore Tony Megna at forward in overtime and move Detter to midfield.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Crucial stretch awaits Belles

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Saint Mary's (8-5, 1-3 MIAA) hopes to get back to their winning ways as they come home to face conference opponent Alma (8-3, 1-0) Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Belles lost to Adrian on the road Wednesday in straight sets and are anxious to pick up their second conference win of the year. Saint Mary's defeated MIAA opponent Kalamazoo during the SMC Triangular tournament September 13.

Alma defeated Saint Mary's in straight sets all three times they faced each other last year, including once in the

season-opening Alma College Tournament.

If the Belles hope to end that losing streak to Alma, they will have to figure out how to stop a talented offensive attack.

Outside hitter Kristin Judson is among the Scots' leaders in production, leading the team with 129 kills and 118 digs in 32 games so far this season.

Defensively, the team is well balanced, with three players with 20 or more blocks on the season. Middle hitter Erin Fralick leads the team with 25 blocks, and middle hitter Kelly O'Connor is right behind with 24 blocks.

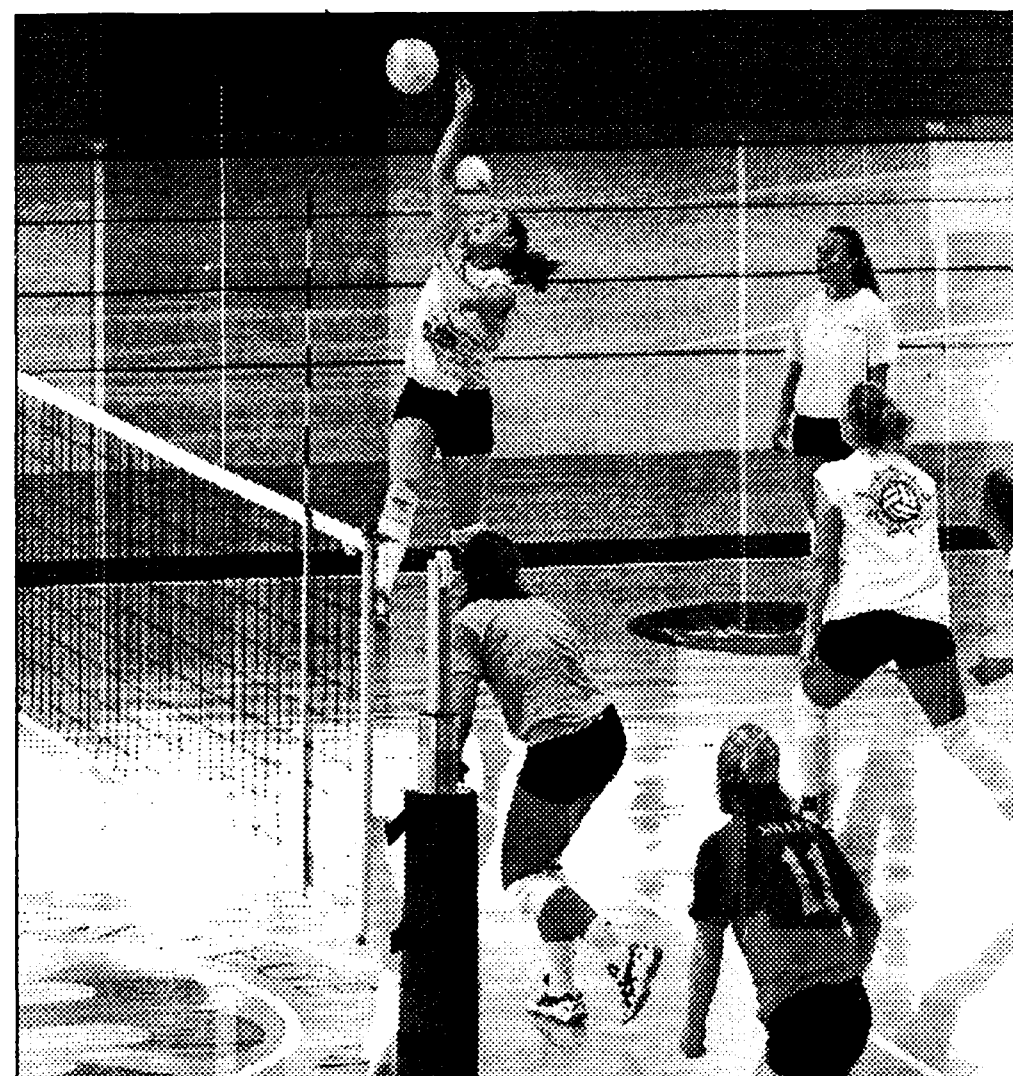
Setter Lindsay Baker leads the Scots with 27 service aces and has only committed nine service errors so far this sea-

son. Alma is coming off a straight-set victory over MIAA opponent Olivet Tuesday, in which their opponent never broke 20 points for a game.

The Belles are entering a crucial part of their schedule, in which they play five straight games at home, including three against conference opponents.

After Alma, Saint Mary's will host Hope on Tuesday and face Olivet at home next Saturday.

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Observer File Photo
Saint Mary's looks to regain momentum this weekend.

SMC SOCCER

Belles face first test in conference play

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will face its toughest opponent of the season tomorrow when it travels to Hope College, where the Belles (4-0-1) and Flying Dutch (5-0-1) will clash in an early season struggle for MIAA supremacy.

Hope is 3-0-0 in conference behind the strength of MIAA Defensive Player of the Week Holly Nestle. Nestle, a freshman, recorded a pair of shutouts last week and has just allowed one goal in her five games this season. The Flying Dutch are tied with Alma for first place in conference and have scored 16 goals while only giving up one.

"We [had] a whole week to prepare for Hope," coach Peter Haring said. "They're one of the top two teams in the conference.

This is a game that — if we take what we've done up to this point — we'll be in good shape to come home with some success."

Freshman forward Carolyn Logan was considered for the Offensive Player of the Week and junior Carrie Orr the Defensive Player of the Week honors. Logan netted a hat trick versus Adrian while Orr scored a tie-salvaging goal against Calvin.

Logan continues to emerge as an early-blooming impact player. Tri-captain Jen Concannon said she is impressed by Orr's combination of offensive contributions with hustling defense.

"Carrie Orr, our sweeper, has definitely stepped up," Concannon said.

The Belles play at Hope at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Badin defense prevails in shutout of Lyons, 7-0

By BOB GRIFFIN, DAN TAPETILLO AND ANNE BRUSKY

Sports Writers

In a fierce battle between two intense defenses, it was the girls of Badin who came out with a 7-0 victory over Lyons on Thursday night at Riehle field.

Badin came out with a relentless passing attack on their opening drive, capped off by a Molly Donnelly 21-yard touchdown reception. Badin seemed flawless moving the ball down field, with quarterback Erin Zachry getting all of her receivers involved in the flow of the game. With completions of 16 yards, 16 yards and 20 yards, Badin easily moved the ball leading to the only touchdown of the game.

"We did a good job running our routes today," said Badin's Molly Donnelly. "But in their credit, they did a good job on defense. Their defense was tough all day."

After Badin's opening touchdown, the game turned into a defensive showdown where both teams did not allow another touchdown. Badin stopped Lyons twice inside the red zone, including a late interception to virtually end the game. Badin intercepted quarterback Roxi Travolta a total of three times, two of which came from defensive back, Jenn Carter.

"The defensive really did all of the work today. Carter was amazing. We give them all the

credit," said Donnelly.

Zachry played well on offense and was able to complete several passes for over 10 yards. The Badin offense completed 8 passes for 65 yards including Donnelly's first half touchdown.

"Lyons' defense applied a lot of pressure today, but our offensive line did a good job protecting our quarterbacks and filling up the holes," said Zachry.

Badin is now looking ahead to finish the season strong and make a legit run at a championship. With the offense clicking on the opening drive, and the strong defensive play throughout the game, these goals are not distant.

"We're going to keep getting better. Everyone better watch out come playoff time," said Donnelly.

Lewis 15, Howard 0

Lewis was anything but chicken as the Chicks defeated the Howard Ducks 15-0 in Thursday night's game.

Although the Lewis offense struggled in the first half, the Chicks were able to convert with 40 seconds left on the clock before halftime. Quarterback Erin Nasrallah with her excellent pocket presence and ability to keep composure as she scrambled, threw a wide open pass to Lynne McChrystal in the deep left corner of the end zone. McChrystal also completed the two-point conversion to make the score 8-0 at the end of the half.

The Ducks were unable to answer, burdened by their own

offensive struggles and a strong Chick defense. The Ducks tried several special options and despite the strong defense from Lewis, the Ducks remained persistent and continued to battle.

"The defense was as awesome as usual," said McChrystal. Nasrallah agreed as she believed the defense was focused

"Our offense was a little shaky at first but we were solid once we got rid of the pre-game jitters," said McChrystal.

The solid offense continued into the second half as McChrystal came through for the team with her second touchdown of the night. McChrystal also completed the one-point conversion afterwards to make the final score 15-0.

The Ducks did however put pressure on Nasrallah with several sacks by freshman Emmi Calland and team captain Brin Anderson.

McChrystal attributed Thursday night's win to both the defense and offense.

"The defense only allowed Howard to get a couple of first downs and the offense kept moving the ball and we could not be stopped," said McChrystal.

Despite the loss, Howard captain Anderson remained optimistic.

"It was our first game of the year and we did not have much experience," said Anderson.

"We have a young team and everyone stepped up ... the offense did great running options and the defense did an

awesome job," said Anderson.

From this young team, freshman Calland showed leadership and great potential for the future as she had, "a really good showing," said Anderson.

Although the Chicks won the game with a shut-out, quarterback Nasrallah said she believes the team will, "still improve with each coming game."

McGlenn 21, PE 19

After getting off to a shaky start, the McGlenn Shamrocks came back to defeat the defending interhall football champions, Pasquerilla East, 21-19 in an exciting, action-packed game Thursday night under the lights.

"It was huge. We knew how good Pasquerilla East was. We just had to come out strong," said Raquel Ferrer, McGlenn's running back.

"I think we'll be the defending champions now," said her junior teammate Theresa Novotney.

The Shamrocks were down 6-0 after Pasquerilla East's Tricia Davis made an interception early in the game and Leslie Follmer scored on the following series. The Pyro's increased their lead when Kristin Marcuccilli scored off a 10-yard play midway through the first half, making the score 12-0.

The Shamrocks were not easily discouraged, however, and they came back with two quick touchdowns as the first half was winding down.

Novotney ran the ball in from 10 yards out and Ferrer showed her explosive burst as she scored from two yards out. Quarterback Bridget Meacham connected with Carolyn Gibbs in the endzone for the extra point after both touchdowns, making the halftime score 14-12 in favor of McGlenn.

"It was awesome. We were just ready to come back," Novotney said.

After their halftime break and several penalties in both directions, the Pyros answered with a 20-yard touchdown pass to veteran receiver Kathryn Lent. The freshman quarterback

Laura Adams found the endzone again for the extra point, this time with Follmer making a diving catch.

With the score 19-14 in the Pyro's favor, Shamrock receiver Liz Maher broke free from the defense after catching the ball near the 50-yard-line and ran it in for the final touchdown of the game. Again, Meacham connected with Gibbs for the extra point, making the final score 21-19.

"Our defense held us in the game last game but we knew we had to come out there and score some points against PE," said Drew Pittman, a McGlenn coach. "It just clicked tonight."

Backed by a mass of spirited fans, the Shamrocks are excited to extend their winning streak to 2-0.

"To win a championship, you have to beat people who have won championships and Pasquerilla East won it all last year," Pittman said. "Both sides came out ready to play. It could've gone either way. We stopped them, they stopped us; they scored, we scored. I tip my hat to everyone, especially Pasquerilla East. They played a great game."

Both teams are already looking ahead to their next game on Sunday.

"It was a tough loss, but the Pyros gave it their all," said avid fan Caitlyn Doyle. "They'll come back next game."

"I was really nervous for our first game, but the upperclassmen stepped it up," Adams said. "We made a lot of mistakes but we'll get better as we go along. I'm looking forward to getting a win on Sunday!"

Likewise, the Shamrocks are confident and optimistic about the rest of the season.

"We have a tough game Sunday against Lewis, but we're ready to just go out there and play," Novotney said.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Flanner Cup kicks off with Knott and Siegfried matchup

By KEVIN O'NEILL, MIKE GILLOON, MATT PUGLISI AND KATIE WAGNER
Sports Writers

Knott and Siegfried will match up this Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. on the Riehle North fields, as both teams look to not only win the coveted Flanner Cup but also to start off the 2003 season with a victory over their archrival.

Defending interhall champion Siegfried enters the game returning an incredible 21 of 22 starters. The team should get a further boost from increased participation within the hall following last year's championship run.

"We had 50 guys try out this year, up from 23 last year," said captain John Torgenson. "We actually had to cut some guys that were on last year's team."

Despite losing last season's middle linebacker to a study abroad program, Siegfried returns what should be a dominant defense led by defensive end Kevin Phipps and nine more returning starters from a unit that gave up just one touchdown last season. Offensively, the Ramblers will once again feature a strong passing attack led by quarterback Bill Bingle and wide receiver Jon Kaup. Torgenson described Bingle simply as "a great athlete."

Torgenson also holds high hopes for the running game led by running back Tim Breibach.

"We're hoping our line can push people around and open up some holes," Torgenson said.

The Knott Juggernauts come in looking for revenge after last year's loss to their rival. They hope to gain it on the strength of what captain Drew Donovan promises will be a stout defense led by cornerback Brian Schmutzler.

"Defense will be the strength of our team, like it is every year," said Donovan.

Offensively, Donovan describes the unit led by quarterback Ben Gilfillan and running back John Bisanz as "a little bit untested" but says to look for a balanced

offense with an emphasis on being able to run the football.

"I think to win in this league, you have to be able to run the ball," Donovan said.

In their preparations this week, both teams described themselves as more focused on the basics of their own games than any special preparation for this week's opponent. However, expect a hard-hitting, emotional rivalry game. Both teams profess to be fired up to play.

"If we can beat Siegfried, we know we can beat anyone," Donovan said. "We think we can make a run this year."

O'Neill vs. Alumni

The beginning of each football season is marked by the smell of optimism in the air.

Each team looks forward to improving on the previous year and O'Neill is no different than anyone else. The Mob come into their season opening game against Alumni eager to put the past behind them. The Dawgs defeated the Mob last season and O'Neill is looking to return the favor when the two teams meet Sunday at 3 p.m. at Stepan Field South.

O'Neill captain John Enterline is confident in his team's chances.

"We are going to come out there and give Alumni a run for their money," Enterline said. "That was last year; this is a new season."

The Mob boasts a speedy group of receivers that should pose a threat to the Dawg secondary. Mike Mulligan and Enterline lead a sturdy linebacking corps. There are six freshmen on the squad this year, and all of them are slated to see some action.

Alumni enjoyed last year's win, and the Dawgs feel they're ready to emerge victorious once again. Like O'Neill, the Dawgs are excited to get the season underway and are confident in their chances. They are piloted by six seniors and have a talented freshman class, headlined by tight end Matt Augustyn. Their offensive backfield consists of

quarterback Chris Cottingham and running back Alex Roodhouse. Corey Harkin is a player to watch on the defensive side of the ball.

Alumni captain Larry Rooney anticipates a tough game.

"Any game in our league can be considered a rivalry," Rooney said. "We are just looking forward to playing the game and beating O'Neill."

Stanford vs. Keenan

Another chapter in the bitter Stanford-Keenan rivalry will be penned on Sunday afternoon when the North Quad neighbors lock horns in the season opener at 1 p.m. on Stepan Field.

"There's a little bit of a rivalry there and our games are almost always decided by a touchdown or less," said Stanford linebacker and captain Dave Marques. "We're definitely bringing everything into this game."

Although the two halls may be located in the same building, they found themselves on opposite ends of the Gold League last season, as Stanford finished 3-1 and qualified for the playoffs while Keenan stumbled to a 1-3 mark.

While the Griffins will field a team composed primarily of returning seniors the weekend, only three seniors and nearly a dozen freshmen will suit up for the Knights.

"We'll be pretty dependent upon our freshmen growing up quickly," Keenan quarterback and captain Patrick Downey said.

"The sooner they adjust to this level of competition, the better off we'll be."

Keenan will be counting on the senior triumvirate of Ryan Crochet, Sean McCarthy and Brian Long to provide examples for the inexperienced squad.

"We're really going to lean on them to be both stalwarts on the field as well as emotional leaders off the field," Downey said.

Stanford, on the other hand, will look to sophomore quarterback Rich Whitney, senior tailback Mark McNamee and senior safety Nick Befera as key contributors this year. While the upperclassmen will undoubtedly play an integral role in determining whether Stanford is able to build upon last year's playoff appearance, the freshmen will also have a hand in the process.

"We just need the freshmen to come out of their shells," Marques said. "There's definitely potential there, and if they have a good year, we should be in good shape."

Ultimately, while the expectations between the re-tooling Knights and veteran Griffins are significantly different, the intense emotion produced by the heated rivalry ensures that Sunday's results are anything but predictable.

"Keenan-Stanford has always been a game played on heart and emotion," Downey said. "However, there's a fine line between taking advantage of that buildup and still playing under control ... you never know what's going to happen."

Zahm vs. Carroll

Last fall, Zahm only allowed two touchdowns against opponents during the regular season, finishing with an impressive 3-1

record.

Despite Zahm's defensive superiority, they still lost in the first round in the playoffs last year. This Sunday, Zahm has a chance to regain some pride with its season opener against Carroll.

"As always, Zahm's going to be a tough team," Carroll's senior captain Jim Butz said.

Carroll has been practicing three times a week, for between an hour and an hour and a half each day, for the past three weeks, said Butz. He is "really pleased" with his team and the "good effort" they've been giving.

Even though Carroll was shut out by Zahm last year 14-0, Butz believes his team can compete this season.

"We've got a good chance [of winning]," Butz said.

Zahm's senior captain Mike Maimone is also satisfied with his team's work ethic during practices. Over the past week, Maimone has noticed something different about his team's play.

"People have been really ready to go, a lot more intense," Maimone said. "We'll be good."

Zahm and Carroll both have a lot of returning players. Butz believes some new faces on his roster will make the difference.

"Carroll has some new freshmen talent," said Butz.

Zahm will battle Carroll at Riehle Field North on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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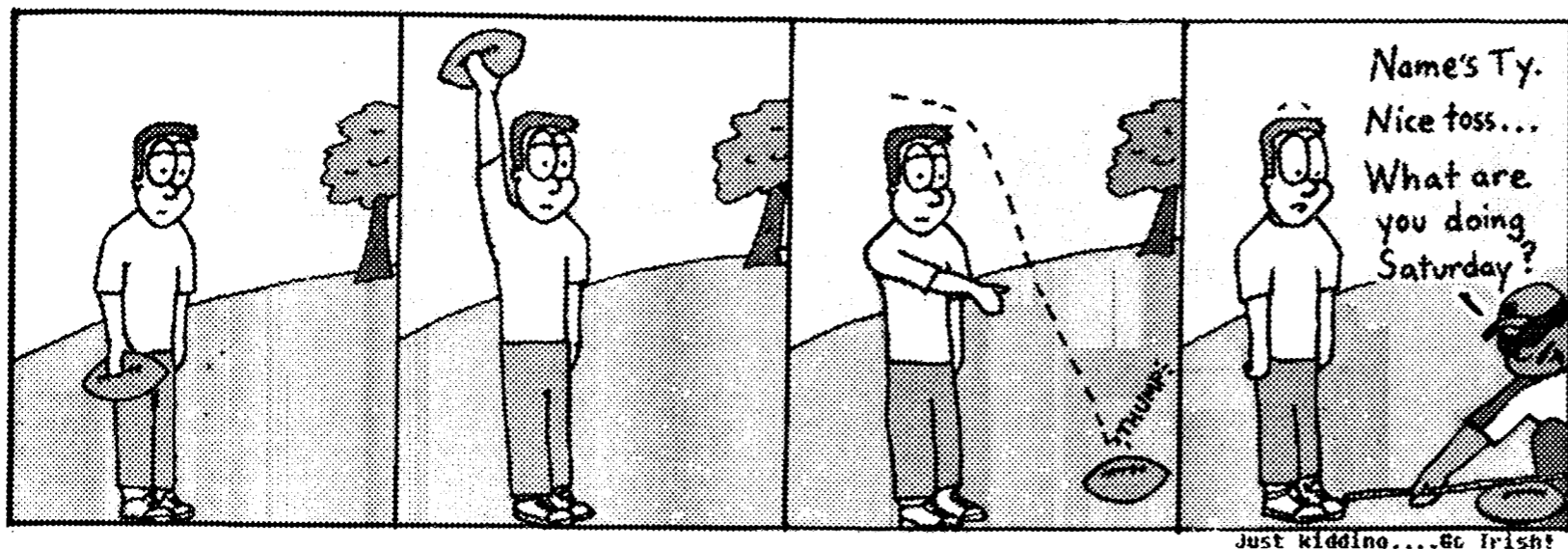
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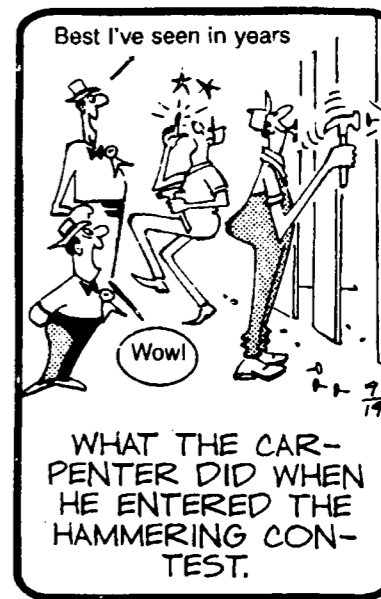
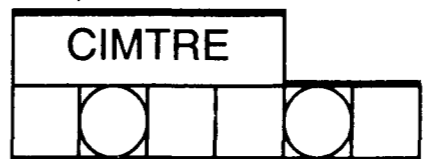
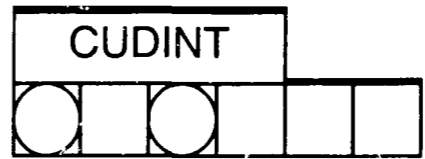
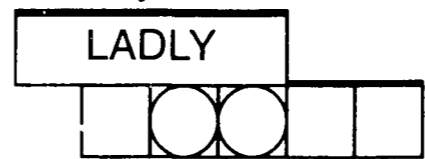
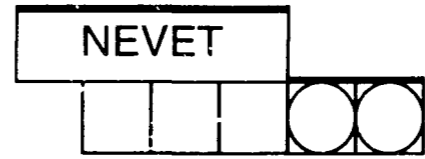
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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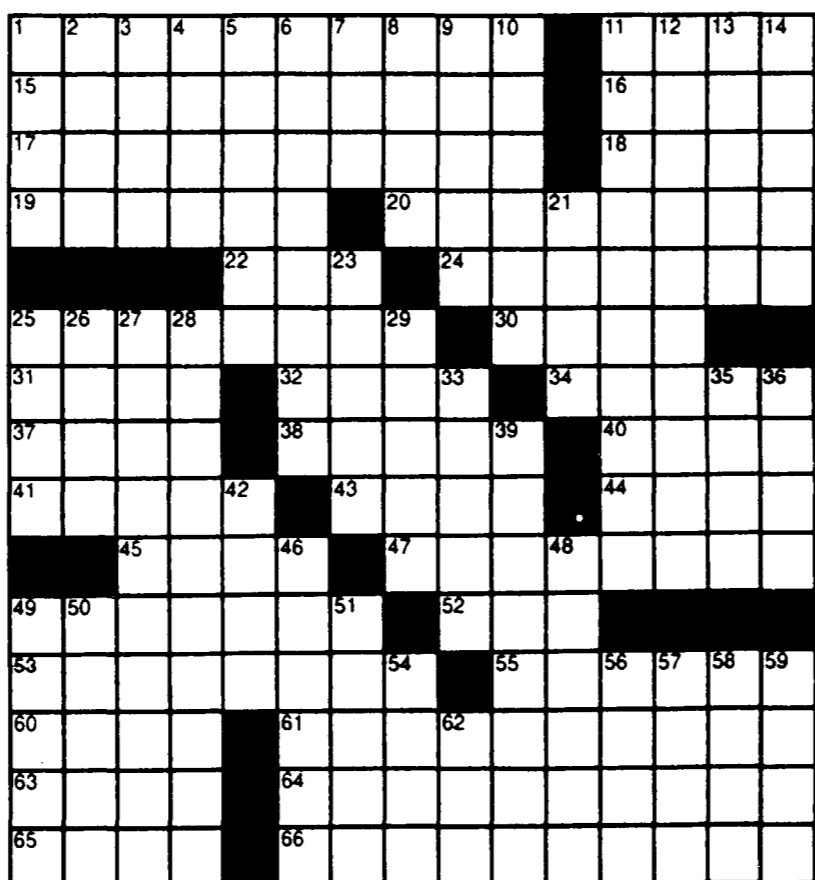
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Answer: A cold snap can do this to a beach vendor — "CHILL" SALES

CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Acceptance as cool, to some
 - 11 Nuclear physics prefix
 - 15 Pop choice
 - 16 Examination room sounds
 - 17 City on the Mahoning
 - 18 Georgia and others, once: Abbr.
 - 19 None too soon
 - 20 Royal borough of Greater London
 - 22 Nail-biting sports events, briefly
 - 24 Knuckle-headed gestures of affection?
 - 25 Lost it
 - 30 Subject, usually
 - 31 "I'll speak a prophecy ___ go": Shak.
 - 32 Headstrong one
 - 34 Failed to
 - 37 By and by
 - 38 They're not too sharp
 - 40 Level
 - 41 Memorable sidekick
 - 43 1999 Ron Howard film
 - 44 Saab model
 - 45 Base of a crocus stem
 - 47 Daubs
 - 49 University of Cincinnati player
 - 52 LAX abbr.
 - 53 Irrationality
 - 55 "Gil Blas" writer
 - 60 Cartoonist Walker
 - 61 Base for some jellies
 - 63 Paranoiac's worry
- DOWN**
- 1 ___ bean
 - 2 Certain harness race
 - 3 Outfielder Mondesi
 - 4 Sicilian resort
 - 5 Pushes
 - 6 Synthetic
 - 7 Chi hrs.
 - 8 Corner piece
 - 9 Astronomer Hubble
 - 10 Yoplait alternative
 - 11 Fender, perhaps
 - 12 Java locale
 - 13 Pang
 - 14 Leagues: Abbr.
 - 21 Yummy
 - 23 Bonehead
 - 25 Nathanael who wrote "Miss Lonelyhearts"
 - 26 Suffix with smash
 - 27 Crayola color introduced in 1990
 - 28 Painter whose name means "little dyer"
 - 29 Bobs, say
 - 33 "I'd like to give it a try"
 - 35 Role in Racine's "Britannicus"
 - 49 Some dermatological anomalies
 - 50 Name on a famous B-29
 - 51 1998 World Series winning manager
 - 54 Hit hard
 - 56 Row
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Puzzle by Myles Callum

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 36 Suffix with 11-Across
- 39 Joseph Stalin's daughter
- 42 Quint's boat in "Jaws"
- 46 Animal on the field, perhaps
- 48 Aces
- 49 Some dermatological anomalies
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- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Relationships may be hard to handle. Do not make rash decisions about your personal life. You can make new connections through friends or relatives.★★
 - TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Join forces with colleagues, and you will get twice as much accomplished. Your ability to work with others will be noticed by superiors. Advancement could easily be yours.★★★★
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 - SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't be too eager to do for others. Be careful you don't get taken advantage of. Use your energy to benefit those who honestly deserve your help.★★★
 - CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Sit tight and don't take what others say to heart. You are likely to have a change in your position that could cause you some grief, but if you hang in and act professionally, you will prosper.★★★
 - AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You should experience whatever life has to offer. Your curious nature is leading you into unknown territory. Let your imagination flow and your inquisitive mind take over.★★★
 - PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You mustn't let others take advantage of your giving nature. You have enough to do without taking care of things that others should be doing for themselves. It's time to learn to say no.★★★★
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MEN'S SOCCER

Taking Charge

Irish avenge last year's NCAA elimination, beat Indiana 1-0 in double overtime

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame avenged its post-season loss of a year ago with a 1-0 double overtime victory over No. 19 Indiana at Alumni field on Thursday.

The No. 13 Irish scored with 2:48 remaining in the second overtime on a deflection off of a direct kick from twenty yards out. It was just Notre Dame's second shot on goal in the extra period.

Senior midfielder Chad Riley, who kicked the ball, swears the play was not designed.

"It was not a set play," he said. "I just hit it and it happened to deflect."

Kevin Goldthwaite, who redirected the ball into the net, gave the same account.

"I just wanted to frame it and get a rebound if it came off the keeper," he said. "It just went off my side."

Whatever Goldthwaite or Notre Dame meant to do, the play worked, and the Irish are now 3-1-2.

The kick was set up by an Indiana foul on freshman Nate Norman. The Irish midfielder intercepted an ill-advised trail pass by a Hoosier forward and made the run deep into Indiana territory. Norman and the Irish, even with so much time elapsed, were still on the attack.

"What I like is when we play overtime, we're the team trying

to win," coach Bobby Clark said. "This team can play with anyone."

The Hoosiers out-shot the Irish 6-3 in the first half, but shots were even the rest of the way. Neither team was shy in its distribution of fouls [Indiana 17, Notre Dame 15] in what became a physical battle, with three yellow cards being handed out by referees.

Indiana controlled play to start the game, and Notre Dame seemingly kicked the ball without a purpose. When the Irish settled down, they were content to work the ball between defenders and midfielders and maintain possession.

Chances in the first half came on sideline runs by Irish defenders Kevin Richards and Goldthwaite. Richards had more than a couple crosses sail over the box. His play, however, kept the Hoosier defense at bay and prevented them from pinching on offense.

"We have two of the best overlapping fullbacks in the country," Clark said.

In the second half, Indiana got off to a similar start. Notre Dame caught a break with just under sixteen minutes to play in the half when Hoosier midfielder Pat Yates took a through ball in on Irish goalie Chris Sawyer and missed wide right on a perfect angle. The Irish rebounded similarly to the first half and carried

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CHRIS VIERIG/The Observer

Senior defender Kevin Richards dribbles against an IU player Thursday night. Richards helped keep the Hoosier defense at bay in the Irish's double overtime victory Thursday night.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tough weekend awaits Irish

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Looking at the records and rankings heading into the Santa Clara Tournament this weekend, the casual observer might think that the Irish are the prohibitive favorites, boasting an unblemished 6-0 record and the No. 2 ranking in the country.

But the Irish know to expect two battles against tough foes.

Santa Clara, ranked No. 2 last week, and Stanford, ranked No. 2 in the preseason, both pose tremendous threats to Notre Dame's chances of continuing their winning ways. Last year, the Irish failed to score a goal in either match-up, falling to eventual NCAA runner-up Santa Clara 4-0 at Alumni Field while ending their



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Senior midfielder Kim Carpenter controls the ball in a recent game. The Irish are ready for the Santa Clara Tournament.

season at top-ranked Stanford by falling 1-0 in the NCAA Tournament.

However, this season Santa Clara has started only 2-1-2 and stands at No. 10 in the latest poll. Stanford is 3-2 and is

ranked No. 16. Despite last year, the Irish have had past success against both opponents and hope to return to those winning ways this weekend.

"I think we match up really

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish host Invite

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Both the men's and women's cross-country teams will partake in their second race of the season today as they host the National Catholic Invitational at the Burke Memorial Golf Course.

As in their previous race, the Valparaiso Invitational held two weeks ago, the Irish will be holding out their top runners to preserve them for more competitive events.

"It's going to be a good way to gauge where we are and get more girls out there," sophomore Jean Marinangeli said. "It's going to be different, because there will be a lot more people running [compared to the Valparaiso race]."

The Irish plan on using today's race to help prepare

their less experienced runners for the tougher competition that will confront them later in the season, as well as to afford future top runners race experience.

"It will be a good experience for later on, when we have races with tons of people," Marinangeli said. "We will have more people in the mix. We'll work on working together, spotting out our teammates."

Sophomore Tim Moore, who will not be running today, is optimistic about what he thinks the Irish harriers will be able to accomplish. Notre Dame took second at its first race of the season.

"There are some guys that have been out front, looking great in workouts," Moore said. "I am just looking for-

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Knott vs. Siegfried

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Mod Quad rivals square off in their season opener.

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

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Saint Mary's vs. Alma

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The Belles look to get back on track.

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Saint Mary's vs. Hope

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The Belles face the Flying Dutch in MIAA play.

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With their win Thursday night, the Irish claim bragging rights in Indiana.

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Scores from across the National League, as Hurricane Isabel affects play.

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BRINK

Tyrone Willingham recovered from an early-season blowout at Stanford to take that team to the Rose Bowl. Can he repeat that turnaround at Notre Dame?

Holiday deserves to be the starter

He's been called a square peg in a round hole, a quarterback with a noodle arm, a runner who has no business standing behind center.

He's heard the muttering walking through the dining hall, answered tough questions after tougher losses and gotten e-mails telling him in non-politically correct language that he stinks.

He's seen a hotshot freshman anointed as Notre Dame's quarterback of the future. He's been blasted for his lack of pocket presence. He's been torched because he gets knocked out of games too early.

In fact, about the only thing Carlyle Holiday hasn't heard from Irish fans is the one thing he should be hearing.

Namely, that the third-year starter should be the undisputed starting quarterback at Notre Dame.

But Holiday is too proud to admit that the criticism gets to him. He's too focused to let comments distract him. And he's too disgusted at his own play against Michigan to care what others think.

"Right now, I gotta do what I gotta do," he shrugged, "and let people say what they wanna

say.

"And I'm fine with it."

He should be, because if Holiday isn't Notre Dame's starter, than who is? Brady Quinn? The true freshman, whose potential talent on the field is making Irish fans drool as much as his good looks make girls drool off the field, has thrown a whopping 10 passes in his college career. Three were completions — good passes, but not a touchdown yet — and one was an interception.

But that hasn't stopped countless fans from saying Quinn should start. Of course, these people were also calling for Quinn to start after he handed the ball off a handful of times during the go-ahead touchdown drive against Washington State. How much poise does it take to say hut, spin around and hand the ball to Ryan Grant or Julius Jones — at home?

Quinn will be Notre Dame's quarterback of the future. But he's not the quarterback of the present. Sure, put a raw quarterback in this season, behind one of the worst Notre Dame offensive lines in recent years. If he plays badly (and he hasn't exactly been impressive so far), his confidence could be irrevocably shaken and tomorrow's golden boy could just be a relic on the bench.

What does Quinn think of him starting? "I think they're silly," he grinned. "I think they don't know what they're talking about. I'm in here doing my thing, and I know Carlyle is the man."

Holiday knows exactly what the attention surrounding

Quinn feels like. Two years ago, when Matt LoVecchio helped the Irish stumble their way through two losses in two games, fans tripped over themselves wondering when Holiday would start. By the third game of the season, Holiday was the starter, where the spotlight shined much brighter — and less rosy — than it did when he was on the bench. The best quarterback in America, as Holiday discovered, is the Notre Dame backup.

But, as Tyrone Willingham said earlier this week, the quarterback gets too much credit and too much blame.

It's not Holiday's fault he gets hit every play thanks to an offensive line that doubles as a sieve. It's not Holiday's fault the offensive play calling doesn't utilize his mobility to let him roll out of the pocket, run some draws or — gasp — run a handful of option plays.

And it doesn't help that two of Holiday's worst games — USC in 2002 and Michigan in 2003 — came against arguably two of the best defenses in the nation.

Holiday is far from Notre Dame's ideal quarterback. He is far from the most polished passer. He'll make progress in moving through his receivers even as he struggles to get the ball to them. He'll hold on to the ball too long in the pocket or try to rush it and force a bad play. In another year, Holiday may not even be the starter.

But he's not the worst quarterback, either. Coaches say he understands Bill Diedrick's complicated offense. Holiday openly and honestly discusses his shortcomings with

reporters, but he also has had over a year of experience with the system. He's one of the toughest players on the team, and he has to be, for all the hits he absorbs on Saturday (both during the game and in the interview room). Plus, he knows starting at quarterback for Notre Dame is a lot harder than backing up the quarterback for Notre Dame.

Meanwhile, Quinn was getting ready for the Dublin Coffman High School prom when Holiday was playing in the spring Blue-Gold game. As much as teammates praise his poise, and as much as some want to anoint him the next great Irish quarterback, there is no way he has the experience necessary to handle all aspects the Notre Dame quarterback position.

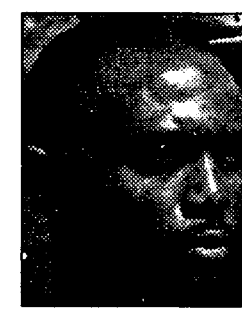
Quinn will get playing time this year. He'll get the experience he needs. But, barring another meltdown like Holiday delivered Saturday, he shouldn't start this year. Let him watch and adjust to the college game from the sidelines, and save the quarterback battle for the spring.

"You're always going to have someone looking over your shoulder, especially at a place like this," Holiday said. "You have to have snake skin."

Don't give the starting job to the guy who might be better in the future. Give it to the guy who is the best right now.

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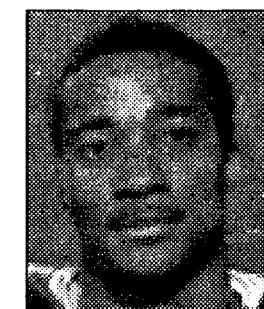
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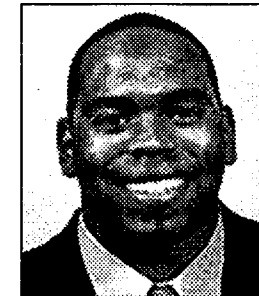
Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

"You have to go forward. You can't dwell on losses."

"There are numerous things that we didn't do well, that we normally do well."



Courtney Watson
Irish linebacker



Derek Curry
Irish linebacker

"Every week and every game is a different type of motivation."

"There's a sense of urgency for us to come out and play our brand of football."



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Feeling a sense of urgency

After last weekend's embarrassment, the Irish know Saturday is a must-win

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

The glory feels so far away. Dating back to the end of the 2002 season, the Irish have lost three of their last four games, been outscored 136-48 and seen the offense reach the end zone only twice, both in the fourth quarter against Washington State.

All of the anticipation and buildup during the 2002 Return to Glory season survived the one-sided losses to USC and North Carolina State. Students, fans and alumni — actual and subway — talked about Notre Dame football all summer and felt this team realistically had a chance at another double-digit win season. The miraculous comeback against Washington State to open the season made it appear as if the magic carried over from last year.

But then came the Michigan game. In front of a national television audience, the Irish did what they did in 2002 — get an early opportunity, courtesy of a Courtney Watson forced fumble, to take the crowd out of it. But this time, the offense couldn't convert and the Wolverines took over the game and rolled to an easy 38-0 victory.

Standing at 1-1, the Irish are already at a crossroads in their season. After Saturday's game against Michigan State, three of the next five games are on the road and three of the next five opponents currently sit in the top 10 of the Associated Press poll. All five teams qualified for a bowl in 2002.

Combining the disappointing start to this season with the quality of the schools in the upcoming weeks, the Irish know Saturday's game most likely will

determine how the tone for the rest of the season.

"After what happened on Saturday, as a player and a coach, the pressure and sense of urgency is at a level it hasn't been for awhile," linebacker Courtney Watson said.

A long season

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham back memories of a loss from a four seasons ago.

In 1999, Willingham's Stanford team lost its first game of the season to Texas 69-17. The Cardinal defense, in current Notre Dame defensive coordinator Kent Baer's first game at Stanford, allowed 178 rushing yards and 380 passing yards. Texas was ahead 48-10 at the half. Last week, the Irish gave up 38 points, 188 yards rushing and 251 yards passing.

Willingham's coaching philosophy then, just as it is now — don't dwell on it too much because it is only one game.

"What we did is the same thing we do with any loss — you're very positive about the things that were good, and you really try to make quick and decisive adjustments about the things that were bad," Willingham said. "Then, you move forward because one game, if that's the only game we lose, I think that will be an excellent season. But what you have to do is focus on the next game. You can't stay in the past nor can you get ahead of yourself to the future."

While his Stanford team did lose four games during that 1999 season, Willingham led the Cardinal to its first Rose Bowl appearance in 27 years.

That line of thinking might appease Notre Dame fans more if the Michigan loss wasn't part of disappointing Irish showings

against their past three ranked opponents. After starting his initial season 8-0, fans began to believe everything was back to the way it's supposed to be under the Golden Dome. The past seven games has changed their way of thinking, but not Willingham's.

"I would prefer to look at it from the total. I know there are those who prefer to look at individual parts of it," Willingham said. "There are some that will probably focus on, what is it, four of the last seven? That's a preference."

It may be a preference, but Willingham and the players know things at Notre Dame are better than they should be when the team is winning and worse than they actually are when the team is losing. Right now, it feels pretty bad.

A difficult stretch

Only at Notre Dame is an opponent like Michigan State considered easy. The almost impossible beginning of Notre Dame's schedule this year has given Saturday's game must-win status.

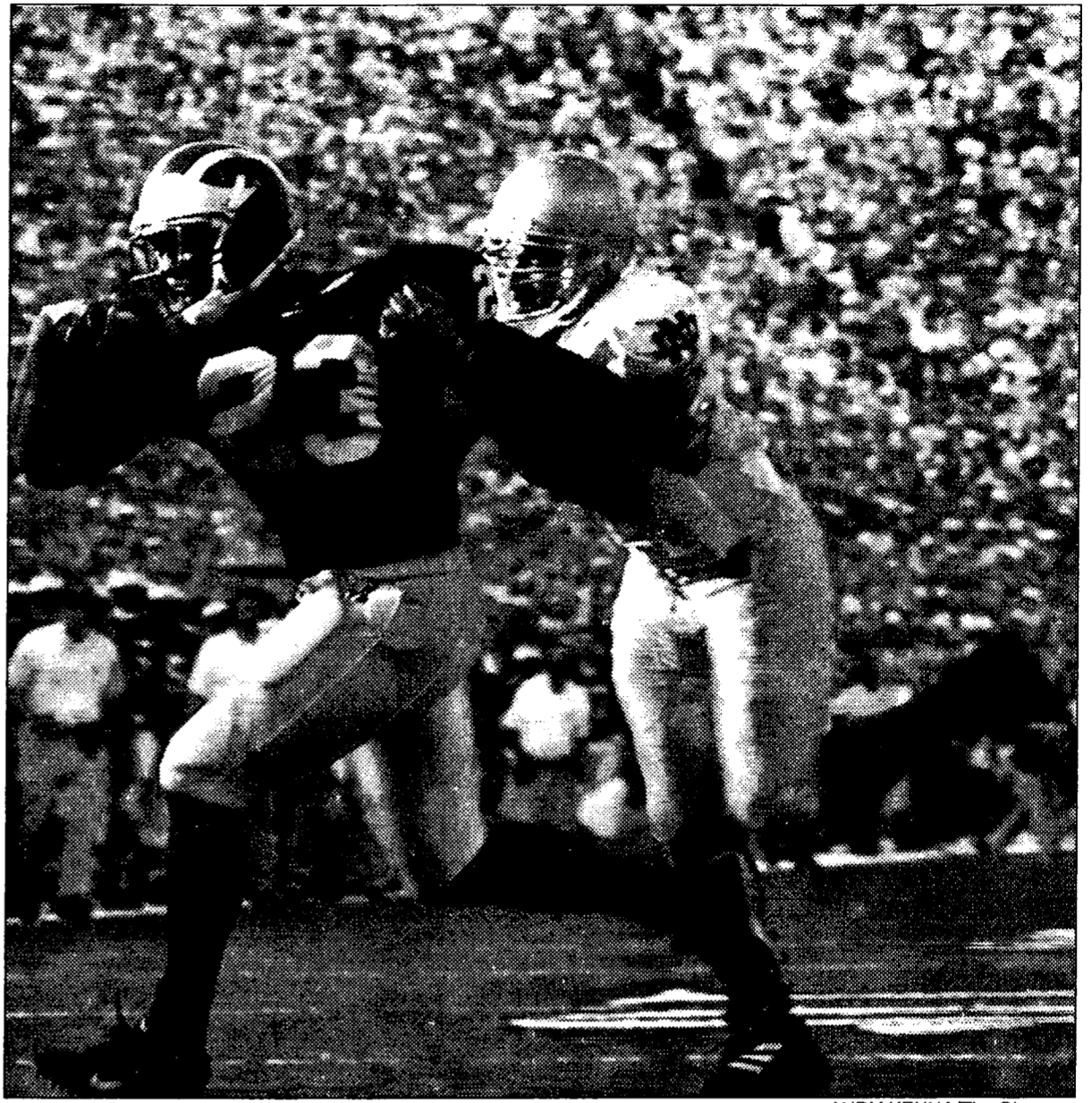
The players know coming to Notre Dame brings the kind of schedule where week-in and week-out the team on the opposite sideline is rarely a cupcake. The Irish's recent up-and-down play doesn't bode well for a slate as difficult as this one.

"It's obviously a concern to play inconsistent especially when you play a schedule like ours when you have 'warm-up' games," Watson said. "Every game we play counts, and we are going to get everybody's best shot. That's definitely a problem. We need to get it straightened out of why can't we play at a high level every time."

Notre Dame goes to West Lafayette, Ind. next weekend to face a Purdue team returning 18 starters. The Boilermakers will have revenge on their mind after losing to the Irish last year while not even giving up an offensive touchdown.

Two weeks later, the Irish travel to Pittsburgh and face a Panthers team everybody is choosing to challenge for the Big East title with Miami and Virginia Tech. Just like the Boilermakers, the Panthers have a vendetta against the Irish after they out-gained Notre Dame 402-185 last year but still lost.

Then the major rivalries begin. USC comes to Notre Dame Stadium one week later and the Irish travel out to Boston College seven days after that. To close out the grueling stretch, a reinvigorated Florida State team comes to South Bend 10 years after the famous Game



Notre Dame linebacker Courtney Watson attempts to tackle Michigan running back Chris Perry last Saturday.

of the Century and one year after being embarrassed at home.

While the difficult schedule is expected, even this year it appears harder than usual. Seven of the first eight games against bowl opponents — three of them BCS teams — to open the season means this weekend is the only game against a non-postseason team from 2002. That's why it is so important.

"That's part of being a Notre Dame player. At Notre Dame every game is a big game," linebacker Derek Curry said. "We come out every game like we have to prove something, like we have our backs to the wall. Every game is like that for us."

A must-win game

A loss like last Saturday's will never leave a team. Not this week, not this year, it probably will never be forgotten in the Notre Dame-Michigan series. The difficulty comes in not dwelling on the loss but keep that memory inside to stay motivated. That's why not only Willingham, but leaders like

"There is a great sense of urgency because [Michigan] left a bitter taste in the mouth."

Tyrone Willingham
Irish coach

Watson are trying to get this team to never forget what it felt like when it walked off the field.

"I think what you do is you try to move on and learn from it and get ready for a next team," Watson said. "You never forget about how poorly you played."

"You never forget about how you were embarrassed on national television."

According to Watson, correcting what went wrong in the Big House isn't up to the coaches. He said after the game the team has to do some soul-searching and look inside to see what each individual can do to prevent something like last week from happening again. Just strapping on the gold helmet every week

is going to strike fear in opponents the quality the Irish are playing.

"I think all of the pressure should be put on the players, from the players, because at this point, it's the players, not the scheme, not the coaches," Watson said. "After the victory against Washington State everything was feeling good. We need to put the pressure on us. We can't get back into the old forms of going out there and thinking we can win games just because we are Notre Dame."

Even Willingham, who from the first day always has emphasized not putting too much importance on one game, acknowledges the importance of winning this weekend. He knows the team could find its spark this weekend, win 10 straight games and qualify for a BCS bowl. He also knows his team could drop its fourth of five games, stay dejected and be in for a very long season.

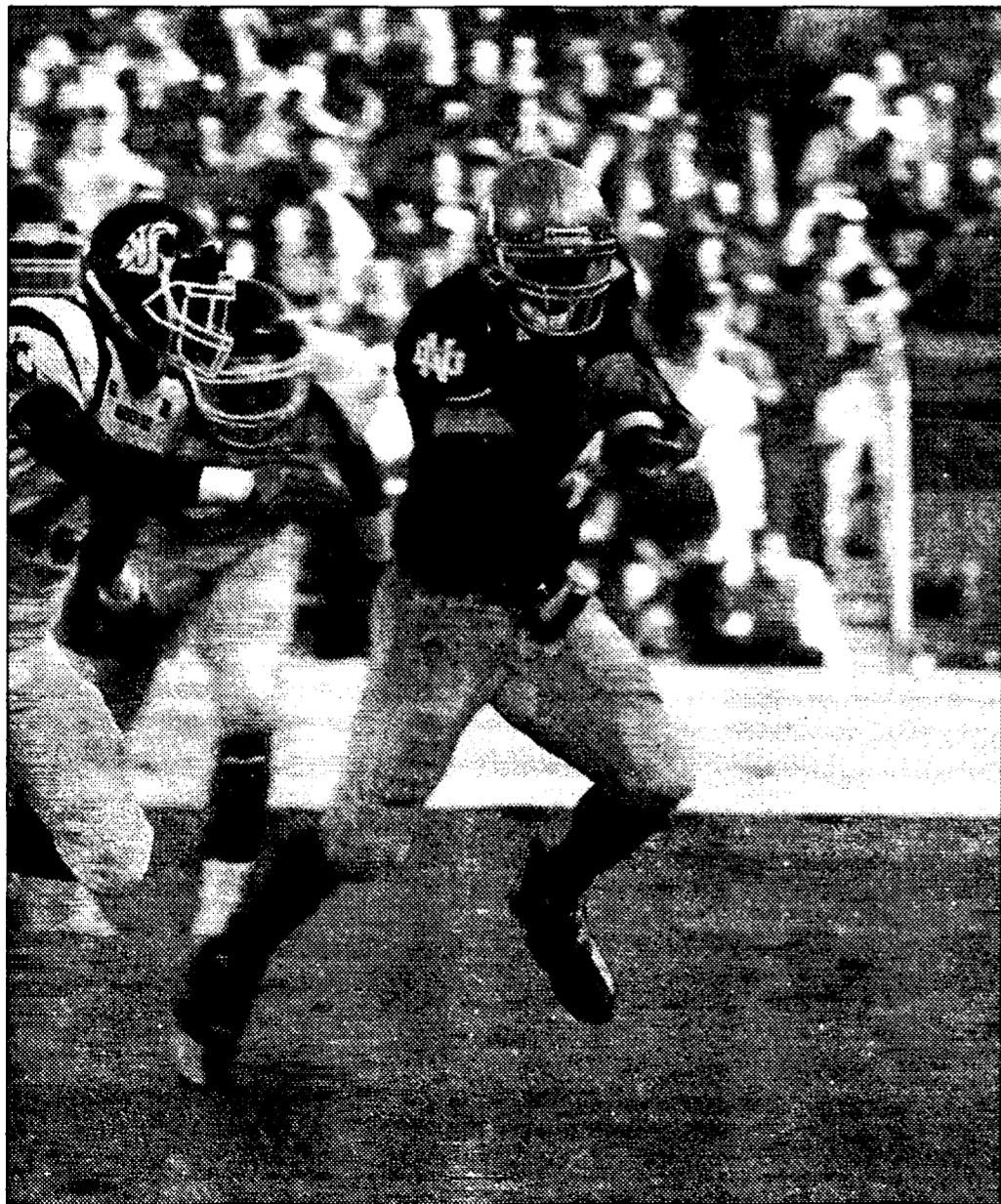
"There is a great sense of urgency because that game left a more bitter taste in the mouth. If that's the only game we lose and we finish the season strong, it's a good year. But at the same time no one likes to not have a good performance, none of these guys do," Willingham said. "Michigan State would love to have us thinking about the game we just played."

"They would come in here and beat our brains out. We are not going to feel sorry about what happened."

As he always does, Willingham has his team focused on the task at hand. The Irish know if they think too much about Michigan, the season is all but over.

"I think great competitors and great teams don't look back on the past whether they win or lose," Curry said. "You still have to move forward. If you focus on the past, you will never be able to move forward."

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Notre Dame tailback Ryan Grant runs downfield against Washington State Sept. 6.

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Coaches: No. 23



Tyrone Willingham head coach

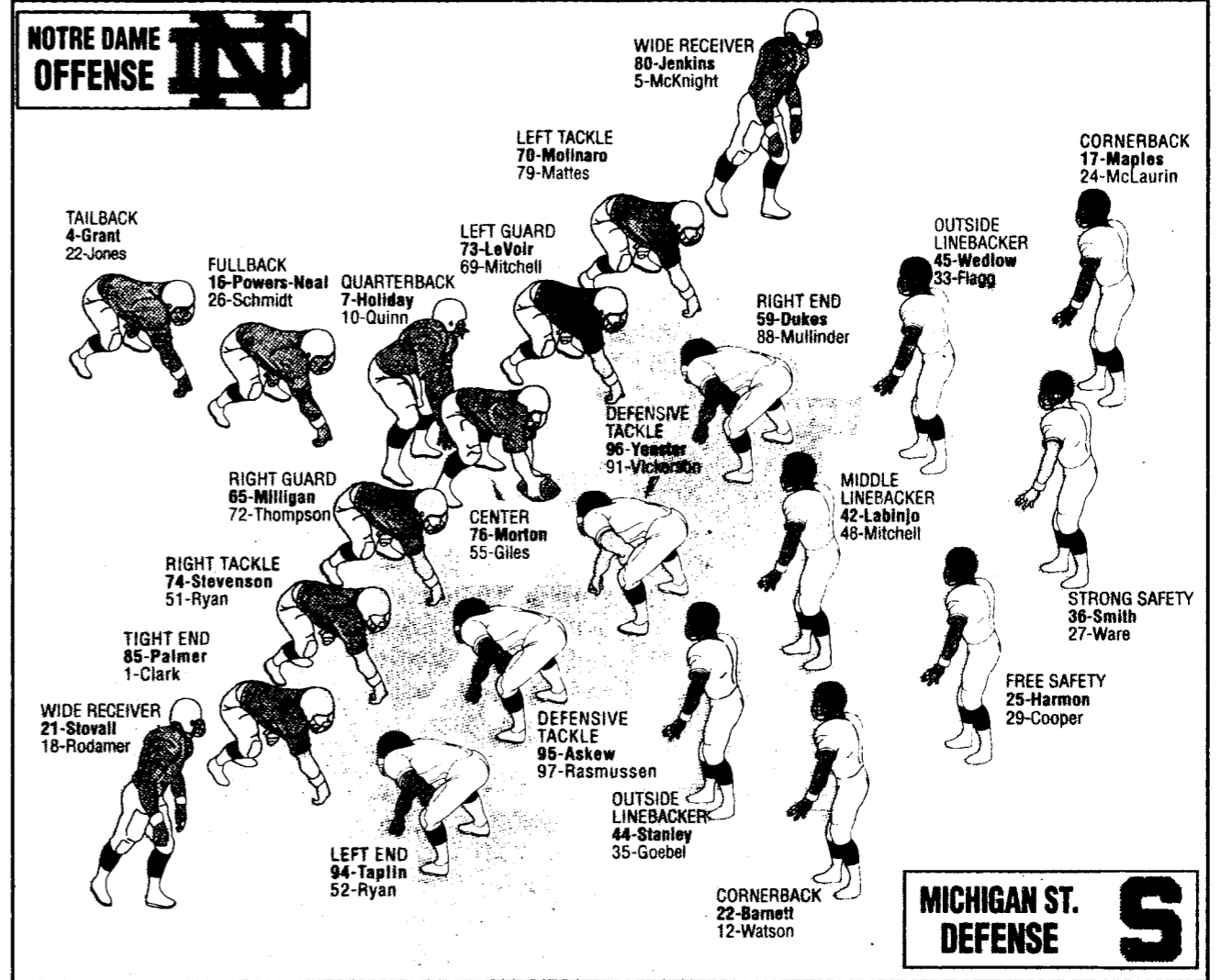
Tyrone Willingham second season at Notre Dame career record: 55-40-1 at Notre Dame: 11-4 against Michigan State: 2-0

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
8	Quentin Burrell	FS	6-0	180	JR
9	Jason Beckstrom	CB	5-10	186	SR
9	Pat Dillingham	QB	6-1	209	JR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	210	FR
11	Marcus Wilson	RB	5-11	199	JR
13	Nicholas Setta	K/P	5-11	184	SR
14	Gary Godsey	TE	6-6	259	SR
15	Preston Jackson	CB	5-9	177	SR
16	Rashon Powers-Neal	FB	6-2	227	JR
16	Stan Revelle	QB	5-11	183	JR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	180	FR
18	Ronnie Rodamer	WR	6-4	211	SR
19	Glenn Earl	FS	6-1	205	SR
19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	6-1	192	JR
20	Travis Thomas	RB	6-1	200	FR
21	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	221	SO
22	Julius Jones	RB	5-10	210	SR
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	190	FR
24	Dwight Ellick	CB	5-10	177	JR
25	Nate Schiccatano	RB	6-3	224	SO
26	Garron Bible	FS	5-10	197	SR
26	Josh Schmidt	FB	6-1	220	JR
27	Lionel Bolen	SS	6-0	206	JR
27	Mike Profeta	TB	5-11	208	SR
28	Cole Laux	FB	5-10	229	SR
28	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	185	FR
29	LaBrose Hedgemon	DB	5-10	180	FR
30	Mike Richardson	DB	6-1	188	SO
31	Jake Carney	DB	6-0	180	SO
32	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	211	SO
33	Courtney Watson	ILB	6-1	234	SR
34	Vontez Duff	CB	5-11	194	SR
35	Ashley McConnell	FB	6-0	240	FR
36	Isaiah Gardner	DB/RB	5-10	190	FR
37	Matt Mitchell	DB	5-9	184	SO
39	Brandon Hoyte	ILB	6-0	226	JR
39	David Bemenderfer	SS	5-11	195	SR
40	Nate Schomas	WR	5-10	165	SR
41	Mike Goolsby	LB	6-3	243	SR
42	Ambrose Wooden	WR	6-1	190	FR
43	Anthony Salvador	LB	6-2	226	SO
44	Justin Tuck	DE	6-5	246	JR
45	Carl Gioia	P	5-11	165	FR
46	Corey Mays	ILB	6-1	238	JR
47	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-2	210	FR
48	Jerome Collins	OLB	6-4	250	SR
49	Derek Curry	ILB	6-3	228	SR
50	Cedric Hilliard	NG	6-2	295	SR
51	Jamie Ryan	OT	6-5	290	SO
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	215	FR
54	David Fitzgerald	OL	6-4	271	SO
55	Zachary Giles	C	6-3	281	JR
56	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-1	205	FR
57	Dwight Stephenson	LB	6-3	237	FR
58	Paul Jancha	LS	6-1	245	SO
59	James Bent	OL	6-2	253	SO
60	Darrell Campbell	DT	6-4	288	SR
62	Scott Raridon	OT	6-7	300	SO
64	Casey Dunn	OT/OG	6-4	255	JR
65	Sean Milligan	OG	6-4	291	SR
66	Derek Landri	NG	6-2	265	SO
68	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	270	FR
69	Darin Mitchell	OL	6-4	280	JR
70	Jim Molinaro	OT	6-6	301	SR
71	David Kowalski	OG	6-2	249	SR
71	James Bonelli	OG/OT	6-6	282	SO
72	Jeff Thompson	C/OG	6-4	287	JR
73	Mark LeVair	TE	6-7	309	JR
74	Dan Stevenson	OG	6-5	297	JR
75	Chris Frome	DE	6-5	264	SO
76	Bob Morton	C	6-4	299	SO
77	Greg Pauly	DT	6-6	291	SR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	280	FR
79	Brian Mattes	OT	6-6	250	SO
80	Omar Jenkins	WR	6-2	204	SR
81	Chinedum Ndukwe	WR	6-3	190	FR
82	Matt Shelton	FB	6-1	172	JR
83	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-4	190	FR
84	Mike O'Hara	WR	5-10	174	SO
84	Rob Woods	WR	6-2	205	SO
85	Billy Palmer	TE	6-3	251	SR
87	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-4	242	SO
88	Patrick Nally	TE	6-3	243	SR
88	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-4	253	SO
89	John Carlson	TE	6-6	230	FR
90	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-4	283	JR
91	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	165	SO
92	Kyle Budinscak	DE	6-4	270	SR
93	Dan Santucci	DE	6-5	270	SO
95	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-5	245	FR
97	Travis Leitko	DE	6-6	264	SO
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-2	290	FR
99	Jason Sapp	DE	6-3	256	SR

NOTRE DAME 2003 Schedule

Sept. 6	WASHINGTON ST. - W
Sept. 13	at Michigan - L
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



COACHING

QUARTERBACKS

IRISH RUSHING

IRISH PASSING

NOTRE DAME

The Irish were never in a position to challenge the Wolverines last week and squeaked out a victory at home in week one. The offensive playcalling has been questionable for the Irish the first two weeks. One has to wonder if Willingham's magic is wearing off.

Holiday and Quinn looked awful against Michigan in combining to go 8-for-24 passing for 91 yards and two interception. It hasn't helped that a porous offensive line has allowed opponents to break into the backfield at will.

Grant and Jones have the potential to become a dangerous pair of backs, but the tandem has seen little room to run in the first two weeks. Against Michigan, they saw almost no daylight, while their success against the Cougars came largely through improvised runs.

If the Irish quarterbacks continue to throw the ball as poorly as they did against Michigan, they may duplicate their first half yield of one yard. But it's more than the quarterbacks. The offensive line needs to improve and the receivers need to get open.

MICHIGAN STATE

Smith's resume is very impressive, as his 112 victories rank 13th among active coaches. He has won six conference championships at Louisville, Utah State and Idaho. He led the Cardinals to five straight bowl appearances.

Smoker is a dangerous passer, as the Irish have learned first-hand in previous years. He is questionable for the game, however, with turf toe. If he can't go, the Spartans will likely turn to the red shirt freshman Stanton, who had previously been third on the depth chart.

The Spartans have allowed just over 20 yards a game rushing this year, but that's largely due to the fact that they played Western Michigan, Rutgers and Louisiana Tech, who combined to throw the ball 144 times in three games.

In defending the pass, Michigan State's weakness has been exposed. The Spartans have allowed 345 yards per game, but those numbers have come against two prolific passing teams in Louisiana Tech and Western Michigan. They do have 13 sacks, however.

ANALYSIS

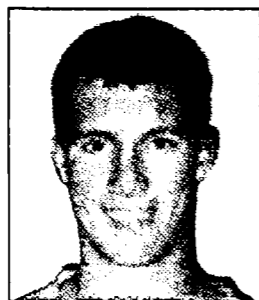
Smith has proven he can win with several teams and turn around programs as he did with Louisville, Utah State and Idaho. Both the Irish and Spartans are coming off tough losses, and coaching could be a big factor in returning to the wins column.

This one is extremely tough to call. The Spartans will start either a redshirt freshman (Stanton) or a guy who had a substance abuse problem (Smoker). Yet it's hard to give the edge to Holiday. If Smoker plays, this one goes to the Spartans.

Michigan State has been relatively untested on the ground this season. If the Notre Dame offensive line can come together, the Irish should be able to provide that first test. The edge goes to the Irish with Grant and Jones.

The Spartans haven't defended the pass particularly well, but they have gotten good pressure on opposing quarterbacks in their first three games. If they can get that kind of pressure on Holiday, it could be another long day for the Irish offense.

Irish experts



Andrew Soukup Editor in Chief

Michigan State lost a tough game at home to an embarrassing opponent, while Notre Dame lost an embarrassing game on the road to a tough opponent. After a week of getting asked about 38-0, Notre Dame will come out as one angry team. Behind a powerful running game, the Irish should have no problem winning.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24 Michigan State 10



Joe Hettler Sports Editor

Notre Dame may have severely struggled last week, but Michigan State is no Michigan, and a weaker Spartan team is just what the Irish need. The defense will look to redeem themselves after last week while the offense will have a chance to fix its problems against the Spartans. The Irish improve to 2-1 as they look forward to a meeting with Purdue.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 20 Michigan State 10

HEAD

Michigan State Spartans

Record: 2-1

AP: NR

Coaches: NR

John Smith
first season at
Michigan State
career record:

112-61

at Michigan State:

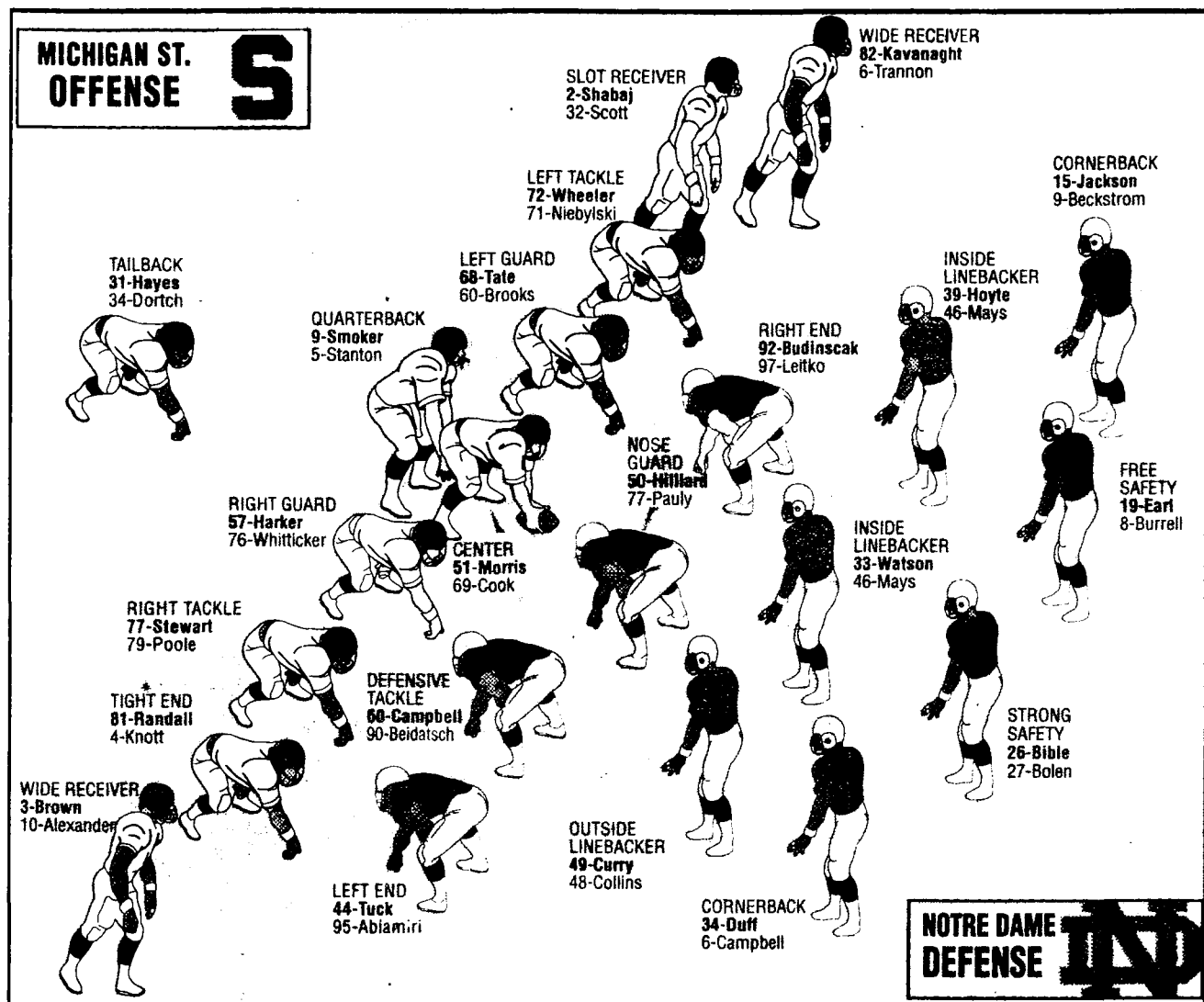
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against Notre

Dame: 0-0



John Smith
head coach



MICHIGAN STATE 2003 Schedule

Aug. 30	W. MICHIGAN - W
Sept. 6	RUTGERS - W
Sept. 13	LOUISIANA TECH - L
Sept. 20	at Notre Dame
Sept. 27	IOWA
Oct. 4	INDIANA
Oct. 11	at Illinois
Oct. 18	at Minnesota
Nov. 1	MICHIGAN
Nov. 8	at Ohio State
Nov. 15	at Wisconsin
Nov. 22	PENN STATE

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
2	Agim Shabaj	WR	5-10	194	SO
3	Kyle Brown	WR	6-1	205	SO
4	Eric Knott	TE	6-3	267	JR
5	Drew Stanton	QB	6-3	222	FR
6	Mark Bojovic	K	5-11	199	SR
6	Matt Trannon	WR	6-6	228	SO
7	Damon Dowdell	QB	6-1	225	JR
8	Brandon Fields	P	6-5	219	FR
9	Jeff Smoker	QB	6-3	224	SR
10	Aaron Alexander	WR	6-5	205	SO
11	Stephen Reaves	QB	6-1	187	FR
12	Ashton Watson	CB	6-0	177	SO
13	Chad Simon	WR	5-8	194	JR
14	Todd Acchione	WR	6-0	180	SO
15	Bobby Belmonte	K	5-9	170	SO
16	Anthony Belasco	S	5-9	194	FR
16	Dave Rayner	K	6-2	203	JR
17	Roderick Maples	CB	5-10	190	JR
18	Jason Daily	P	6-2	179	SR
19	Irving Campbell	WR	5-11	165	FR
19	Amish Patel	QB	6-1	203	SR
20	Jason Teague	RB	5-9	189	SO
21	DeAndra Cobb	CB	5-10	186	JR
22	Darren Barnett	CB	6-0	181	SO
23	Carlos Alexander	DB	5-11	174	SO
24	Jeremiah McLaurin	CB	5-11	190	SR
25	Jason Harmon	S	5-11	195	JR
27	Derron Ware	S	6-3	223	SO
28	Griff Howard	DB	6-1	180	FR
29	Greg Cooper	S	5-11	183	FR
29	Robert Gallegos	WR	5-9	172	FR
30	Jehuu Caulcrick	LB	6-0	234	FR
31	Jaren Hayes	RB	5-9	184	SO
32	Jerramy Scott	WR	5-10	185	SO
33	Robert Flagg	S	6-2	197	SO
33	Kris Bush	RB	5-11	184	FR
34	Tyrell Dortch	RB	5-10	203	JR
35	Mark Goebel	LB	6-2	228	SR
36	Eric Smith	S	6-1	196	SO
37	Bobo Brown	RB	5-9	204	FR
38	Cole Corey	DB	5-10	185	FR
39	Nick Thompson	DE	6-3	267	JR
40	Michael Bazemore	DE	6-2	258	SO
41	David Herron	LB	6-1	251	FR
42	Mike Labinjo	LB	6-1	252	SR
43	Kaleb Thornhill	LB	6-1	222	FR
44	Ronald Stanley	LB	6-0	234	JR
45	Monquiz Wodlow	LB	5-11	199	SR
47	Ray Hightower	S	5-10	180	JR
48	Seth Mitchell	LB	6-2	249	SO
49	Maurice Smith-Davis	LB	6-1	225	FR
50	Steve Kielpl	LB	6-6	232	FR
51	Chris Morris	C	6-4	291	SO
52	Clifton Ryan	DE	6-2	279	FR
53	Andrew Petterson	LS	6-0	200	JR
53	Marshall Campbell	LB	6-2	221	JR
54	John Masters	OL	6-4	273	FR
55	Mitch Herrema	LB	5-11	220	JR
56	Brian Bury	LS	6-0	250	FR
57	Paul Harker	OG	6-3	302	SR
59	Clifford Dukes	DE	6-3	264	JR
60	Joe Brooks	OG	6-4	315	SR
62	Gary Elmore	OT	6-1	273	FR
64	Brian Davies	DE	6-5	264	JR
66	Mike Gyetvai	OL	6-7	323	FR
67	DeMarco Monroe	C	6-4	330	SR
68	Joe Tate	OT	6-5	295	SR
69	Kyle Cook	C	6-4	287	FR
70	Joe Toth	DT	6-2	278	FR
71	Gordon Niebylski	OG	6-4	300	SO
72	Stefon Wheeler	OT	6-5	319	SO
75	Pete Clifford	OT	6-7	320	FR
76	William Whitticker	OG	6-6	317	JR
77	Steve Stewart	OT	6-5	306	SR
79	Sean Poole	OT	6-6	301	JR
80	Sean Clayton	TE	6-4	233	FR
81	Jason Randall	TE	6-5	255	JR
82	Ziehl Kavanagh	WR	5-11	180	SR
83	Jamar Jones	WR	6-3	198	FR
84	Justin Rieger	TE	6-1	208	FR
85	Matt Walters	TE	6-3	247	JR
86	Terry Love	WR	5-11	165	FR
87	Samuel Champagne	WR	6-3	210	FR
88	Luc Mullinder	DE	6-4	286	SR
89	Ryan Woods	TE	6-4	259	SO
91	Kevin Vickerson	DT	6-5	298	JR
94	Greg Taplin	DE	6-5	259	SR
95	Matthias Askew	DT	6-6	294	JR
96	Greg Yeaster	DT	6-1	269	JR
97	Kyle Rasmussen	DT	6-4	303	SR
98	Daryl Melvin	DE	6-6	227	JR
99	Brandon McKinney	DT	6-3	312	JR

SPARTAN RUSHING

SPARTAN PASSING

SPECIAL TEAMS

INTANGIBLES

The Spartans have three backs in Hayes, Dortch and Teague that average at least 4 yards a carry. Michigan State has rushed for 133 yards a game this season, but have yet to face a defensive line lack that of the Irish.

Nagging injuries and the injection of a few young, inexperienced players in the defensive backfield have left the Irish vulnerable in this area. Pressure from the front four could help and Watson may be counted on to drop into pass coverage to help the ailing secondary.

The nation is still waiting for Duff and Jones to break out in the return game this year. Setta didn't have any field goal opportunities last week, but struggled with his punting duties, often giving his coverage team little time to get into position.

The Irish are hungry for a win after last week's embarrassment at Michigan. Notre Dame also has not beaten Michigan State in Notre Dame Stadium in the last three attempts. This game could be a turning point of the season for the Irish.

Notre Dame's defensive front was embarrassed by Michigan running back Chris Perry last week, who accumulated 133 yards and three touchdowns against the vaunted Irish defense. Notre Dame will likely be looking to prove themselves again this week.

Smoker is an effective, if not dangerous, quarterback, but his health could be a factor against the Irish. If he can't go, Stanton, who has yet to throw a pass, should get the call. Shabaj is a threat for the Spartans with 19 catches and three touchdowns.

Rayner is 9-for-13 in field goals this year, including a long of 51, and Fields has averaged nearly 45 yards a punt for the Spartans. Cobb is a threat to break a kick-off for a touchdown, as he already has one 94-yard touchdown return on the year.

Does Michigan State need any more incentive to beat Notre Dame than Arnaz Battle's 60-yard game-winning touchdown reception in East Lansing last year? No.

If Michigan State can get the passing game working, the rushing offense could take off as well. But look for the Irish defense to have a strong game in response to its poor performance last week against the Wolverines.

The advantage here could come down to a toe — namely, Smoker's turf toe injury. If he's healthy, the Spartans will have the edge, but if Stanton is forced into the starting role, the Irish defense could eat him up.

Setta needs to solve the problems that arose last week with his punts, and Duff and Jones are still waiting to break out. Rayner can make kicks from 50 yards and out and the Spartans are fast on returns and coverage.

Both sides have ulterior motives for wanting to win this game. The Spartans want revenge for last year's last-minute loss. The Irish want to redeem themselves after a one-sided loss on national television and need to keep their season on track.

NOTRE DAME
MICHIGAN STATE
ANALYSIS



Matt Lozar
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish are ready to change the impression they gave the nation last weekend. The defense was embarrassed getting run up and down the field and is ready to reassert its dominance. The Spartans give up a lot of yards through the air and Holiday is ready to silence the critics. Smoker will get knocked out and this one could get ugly.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31
Michigan State 6



Chris Federico
Sports Writer

How do you make up for an embarrassing loss on the road to your arch-rival? You beat the tar out of an inferior opponent in front of your own fans at home. Look for some new things on offense from the Irish who have not been able to get anything going yet this season with the ball. Diedrick brings out the spread offense and the Irish roll to their own one-sided victory.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34
Michigan State 0

Sizing up the Irish and the Spartans

AVERAGE PER GAME	NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE VS MICHIGAN STATE'S DEFENSE		MICHIGAN STATE'S OFFENSE VS NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE	
	total yards gained	228	366.7	422.3
total yards allowed				
rushing yards gained	108		133.3	
rushing yards allowed	21.7		121.5	
passing yards gained	120		289	
passing yards allowed		345		262.5
kick return yards gained	93.5		75.3	
kick return yards allowed	46.3		22	
punt return yards gained	4.5		39.7	
punt return yards allowed		21		58.5
yards per punt	42.8		44.8	
punts blocked	0		0	
turnovers lost	6		5	
turnovers recovered		9		6
yards penalized	56		90	
yards penalized		79		51.3
points scored	14.5		29.7	
points allowed		23		32

KEY MATCHUP



In three games this season, the Michigan State defense has allowed 21.7 rushing yards per game. Last week, the Irish only gained 49 yards on the ground.

If the offensive line can open up enough holes, running backs Ryan Grant and Julius Jones will gain enough yards to open up the passing game. The Spartans pass defense has been as bad as their run defense has been good, yielding 345 yards per game through the air.

by the numbers

the last year the Irish beat Michigan State at Notre Dame Stadium **1993**

4 number of consecutive games in the Notre Dame-Michigan State series that have been decided by pass plays of at least 45 yards

number of seconds it took Louisiana Tech to score two touchdowns against the Spartans last week and rally from 12 down to win 20-19 **69**

Fisher Hall Roof Sit

Fisher Hall residents and staff members will be sitting on the roof for 50 hours this weekend (25 hours at Fisher, 25 hours at Legends) to benefit the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



Friday 9/19	Saturday 9/20	Sunday 9/21
7:50pm Kickoff @ Legends with live music (starting after the MSU pep rally)	All day Inflatables - including the Bungee Run, Sumo, and Twister - outside Fisher on South Quad	All day Inflatables - including the Bungee Run, Sumo, and Twister - outside Fisher on South Quad
	9:00pm Live performance by campus band The Royal They (outside Fisher)	2:00pm Campus Twister Challenge with one representative needed from every dorm (outside Fisher)
	10:00pm Sketch comedy group HA improv performance (outside Fisher)	
	11:00pm Live performance by campus band Sugar in the Raw (outside Fisher)	

Free food will be provided at all events.

All money raised will be donated to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in the name of our lost brother, Chad Sharon. Please contact Andy Vitt (avitt@nd.edu) if you are interested in making a donation.

Irish defense looks to regain dominant form

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Against Michigan Saturday, the typically-dominant Irish defense was pushed around by the Wolverines for 439 yards of total offense and, most notably, 188 on the ground.

For a team that prides itself on defensive prowess, yielding those types of numbers can be demoralizing and can ignite an avalanche of ineptitude as the season wears on.

That's why the Irish know it's important to reverse that trend this week against the Spartans.

"It's very important — extremely important — that we [be successful]," defensive tackle

Darrell Campbell said. "If we don't come out this week, something's wrong — something's wrong in a major way. As a defense we're supposed to dominate."

The fifth-year senior Campbell wants to see his veteran defensive line perform better in big games than they did against the Wolverines.

"Coming back as fifth-year seniors, we're supposed to step in and be leaders for the younger players," Campbell said. "We just have to go out there and get it done this weekend."

Luckily for Notre Dame, bouncing back from a disheart-

ening loss early in the season is not exactly virgin territory for the Irish coaching staff. In 1999, Stanford — under then-head coach Tyrone Willingham — was dismantled in its opener against Texas 69-17. The Cardinal went on to win eight of their next 10 games en route to the Rose Bowl.

Parallels have been drawn between that loss and Notre Dame's 38-0 defeat at the hands of the Wolverines last week.

"What we learned [after the Texas loss] is that we relied on our system and came back and had a good practice that Tuesday," Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer said at the beginning of the week. "We had a good practice today. I think

you just have to believe in what you do. Because it's never as bad as it looks, and it's never as good as it looks."

The Irish players and coaches

maintain that all was not lost in the Big House last weekend. While the Irish were outmanned on both sides of the ball, there are lessons they can take from the game.

"There are lessons from Michigan that we can grow from," Willingham said. "There are good things and bad things. You have to find those things that can help your team go forward, and sometimes a negative can help you go forward."

Sometimes it's better spent working on the positive."

But even with all of the negatives Saturday — even on the defensive side of the ball where Irish tacklers were consistently blown off the line of scrimmage by a more powerful Michigan offensive line — Willingham maintains that there were aspects of the game his team performed well and would like to see continue against Michigan State.

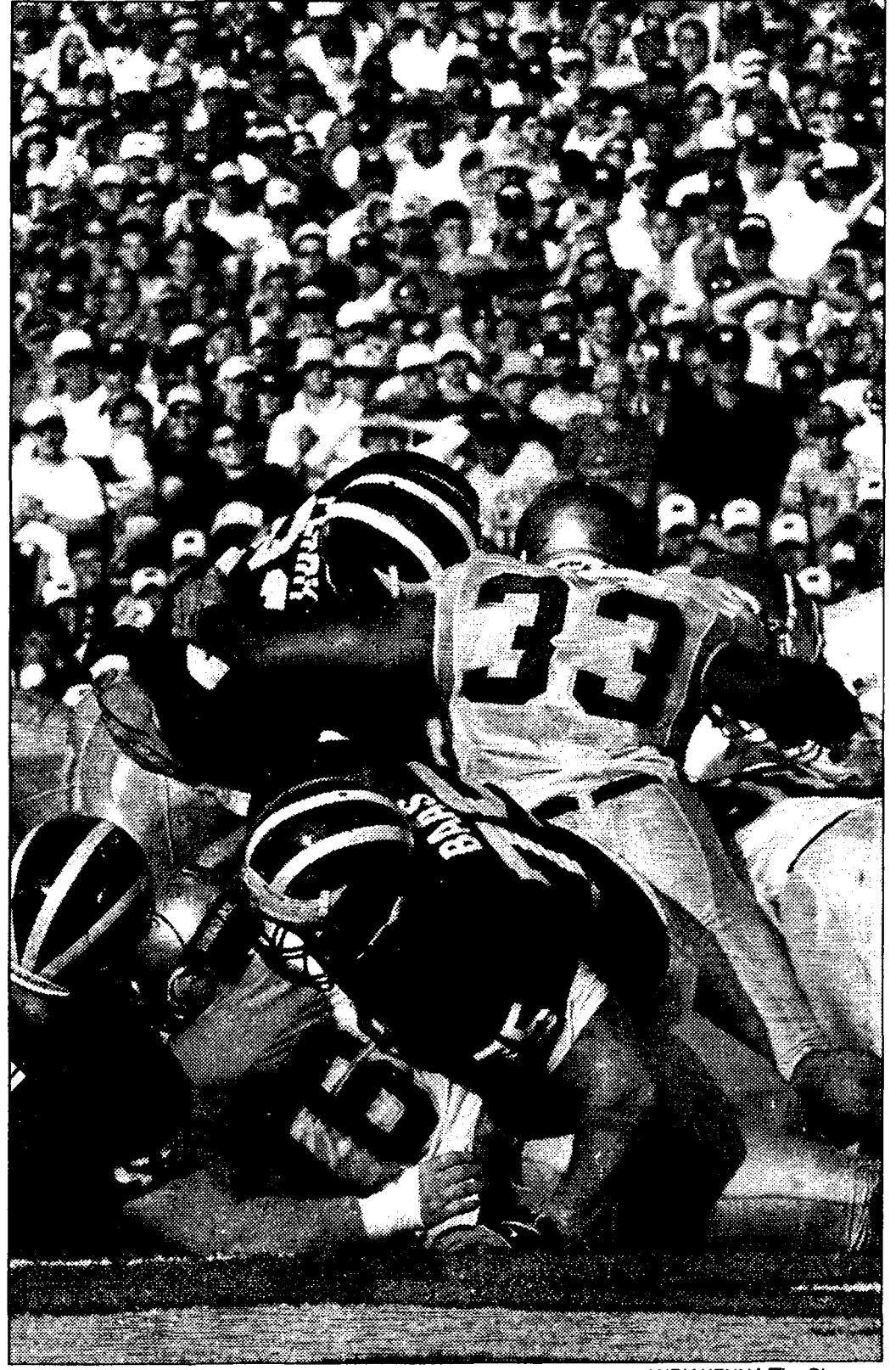
"So I would probably agree ... that all battles Saturday were probably won by Michigan ..." he said. "But we've shown great intensity. We've shown great tackling at times. We've got to get back to those things."

"We like what we are doing. We will stick with what we are doing and we think that we have the young men that can do it. But on occasions, you don't do it. We try to address those issues and go forward."

During the week of practice, the Irish focused mainly on returning to the basics that made them one of the nation's best defenses in 2002 and moving beyond the disappointing loss in Ann Arbor.

"You don't over-react too much with it; but to me, it's fundamentals and techniques," Baer said. "We didn't tackle very well, and in certain situations, we didn't respond very well. We just need to go back and run the basics. I like how hard we've worked, and we'll just wait and see what happens Saturday."

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ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Notre Dame linebacker Courtney Watson collides with Michigan running back Chris Perry at the goal line Saturday.

Defense preparing for 'questionable' Smoker



Al Wire

Michigan State quarterback Jeff Smoker is questionable for Saturday's game because of turf toe.

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's defense has been planning all week to face Michigan State quarterback Jeff Smoker. But Saturday those plans could change.

Smoker, who leads the Big Ten in passing yards per game and total offense, is listed as questionable for the game this weekend with a toe injury. He injured the toe in the second quarter of Michigan State's 20-19 loss to Louisiana Tech last weekend. Spartan coach John L. Smith has not ruled Smoker out of the Notre Dame game. If Smoker cannot go, redshirt Drew Stanton is likely to start. Stanton has not played a down at the collegiate level.

Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer said he expects to see Smoker in the game Saturday, even with the toe injury.

"I'm really preparing for Smoker to play," Baer said. "I think he's a pretty tough kid. Turf toe is turf toe, and a lot of guys play on turf toe."

Smoker, who was suspended for the final five games of the Spartans' season in 2002 because of a substance abuse problem, was reinstated this year and has played exceptionally in Michigan State's first three games.

Notre Dame's players don't know whether they will face Smoker or Dowdell come Saturday.

"We don't really know anything [about the QB situation]," defensive lineman Darrell Campbell said. "We expect [Smoker] to be there. So we're expecting to bring our A game, just like I hope they bring theirs."

Campbell also said that any quarterback can have a big day if the defense doesn't play well.

"Any quarterback can have a big day if you let them. So he can come out there and have a spectacular game regardless of if he's Smoker or not," Campbell said. "We just need to go out

there and work on our keys and listen to the coaches."

Smoker completed 21-32 passes for 351 yards and three touchdowns in Michigan State's 44-28 opening game win over Rutgers. He followed that performance by completing 21-34 passes for 324 yards and three more touchdowns versus Central Michigan. He was 12-19 for 138 yards before leaving the game against Louisiana Tech.

Smoker's numbers place him as one of the better quarterbacks Michigan State has had in quite a while. He is the career leader in total offense and passing yards and is in the top 10 in pass attempts, pass completions and passing percentage.

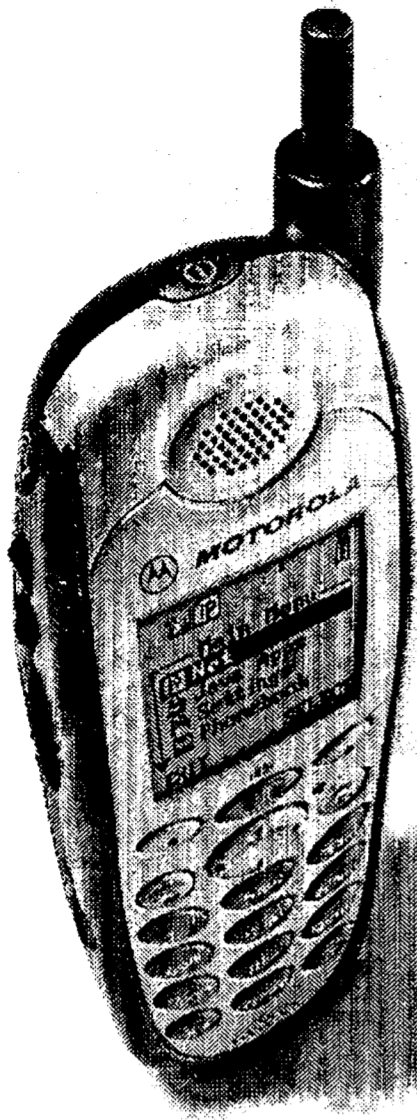
Whoever the quarterback, the Irish must make some adjustments from last week's blowout 38-0 loss to Michigan. The unit struggled to pressure Wolverine quarterback John Navarre, couldn't contain running back Chris Perry and were picked apart in the secondary.

This week Baer knows that if Notre Dame wants to have defensive success, the team must find ways to pressure Smoker or whoever else is at quarterback for the Spartans. The amount of pressure applied to the quarterback will depend on how the game plays out.

"It's tough to get after [the quarterback] unless you pressure him all the time," Baer said. "I don't want to put that much pressure on the secondary all the time."

"I think it's important in the secondary that we give a lot of disguise and different looks, but if you're talking about pressure, I don't think we're going to change anything just because it's a different guy. As the game goes on you look at a quarterback and judge how he's playing. If you think he can handle pressure, we'll see if not, we'll do some other things."

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