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Executives' salaries rise Yet Malloy's pay remains comparatively low

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

Despite a nationwide trend of escalating salaries for university presidents and executives that has a University of Michigan president Mary Sue Coleman and several others pushing the \$1 million mark, rates for comparable Notre Dame officials remained relatively low in 2001-02.

According to a Chronicle of Higher Education report released Nov. 14, University President Father Edward Malloy's salary grew from \$315,000 in 2001 to \$362,860 in 2002 — an increase of almost \$48,000. However, these statistics are somewhat misleading, as the vast majority of Malloy's annual earnings are given to the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

"He lives on a modest stipend ... [but] Notre Dame does choose, interestingly, to

list his salary," University spokesman Matt Storin said. "A few Catholic universities list zero for their presidents, and of course that's [Malloy's net income]. But we do feel that it's good business practice to report payment for services rendered."

Storin added that a compensation committee that reevaluates payment issues for

Malloy and others on a regular basis determined the \$48,000 increase.

"The trustees do decide on routine increases," Storin said. "But [Malloy] doesn't keep it."

On a national level, even Malloy's reported salary ranks far below that of some of his private university peers. Led by Shirley Ann Jackson, president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, four private-institution presidents earned over \$800,000 in 2001-2002, three of whom topped \$1 million with additional corporate pay.

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Malloy



Hatch



Malpass

Top Salaries of University Presidents

1. Mary Sue Coleman, University of Michigan \$677,500
2. Shirley Ann Jackson, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute \$490,000
3. Lawrence Summers, Harvard University \$450,110

- Edward Malloy, University of Notre Dame \$362,860*

*Salary is paid to the Congregation of the Holy Cross

Other Top Salaried Notre Dame Executives

- Scott Malpass, VP; chief investment officer \$757,992
- Nathan Hatch, provost \$411,507

Source: Chronicle of Higher Education

MIKE HARKINS/Observer Graphic

Based solely on salary, Mary Sue Coleman is the highest paid college president for 2001-02. When benefits and pay for serving on corporate boards is included, Shirley Ann Jackson is the highest paid.

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Fans disappointed at season-ending loss



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Rhema McKnight falls to move the ball forward as Notre Dame ended its season with a 38-12 loss to Syracuse.

By KATHERINE GALES
News Writer

Michigan. USC. Florida State. And now Syracuse.

Few would consider the Orangemen to play a caliber of football similar to those schools, who will all appear in major BCS bowls this year. However, their 38-12 victory over Notre Dame Saturday was reminiscent of other tough losses this season.

The football team finished the season 5-7, its third losing season in the past five years. Fans said the season-ending loss to unranked Syracuse leaves a bad taste heading into next year's season.

"The coaching staff has the team heading in the right direction, but you can't help but be dis-

couraged after not being competitive in almost half the games this year," said freshman Mike Healy.

However, fans said they would continue to support the football team and look to see a strong season next year.

"It's obviously disappointing," said sophomore Danny McElroy. "It would have been nice to have some momentum going into next season. The cool thing with Notre Dame football is that everyone will still be into it next year."

Some cited Notre Dame's young team as a reason for problems this year.

"After Brady Quinn became starting quarterback, it became a rebuilding season," said freshman Marin Hinzpeter. "Hopefully, it will lead to winning seasons to come."

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Professors publish report on terrorism

By LAURA VILIM
News Writer

A recent report written by Kroc Institute fellows George Lopez and David Cortwright urges the United States to renew its commitment to international alliances and weapon non-proliferation treaties as a means of protecting its citizens and other nations from terrorism.



Lopez

The report, titled "Toward a More Secure America: Grounding U.S. Policy in Global Realities," takes issue with the Bush administration over methods used to combat terrorism. Based on two years of research and input from 22 international policy advisors, the report argues for a collaborative security effort within the

international community.

The authors were asked to write the report based on their beliefs and findings regarding the war on Iraq after developments in Iraq.

"A number of high level former officials were familiar with our work on sanctions, especially in regard to Iraq," said Lopez.

When it turned out by May that the Lopez (and co-author) Cortwright team were correct, that is, that the sanctions and inspections had actually worked to deprive Iraq of the ability to produce weapons systems, "our stock and credibility went up and a number of folks suggested we enter the wider foreign policy fray."

The report's main argument says that "Through cooperative engagement with other countries, multilateral disarmament, the strengthening of international institutions, and carrots and sticks diplomacy, the United States can protect itself against terrorism and

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Library reorganizations continue

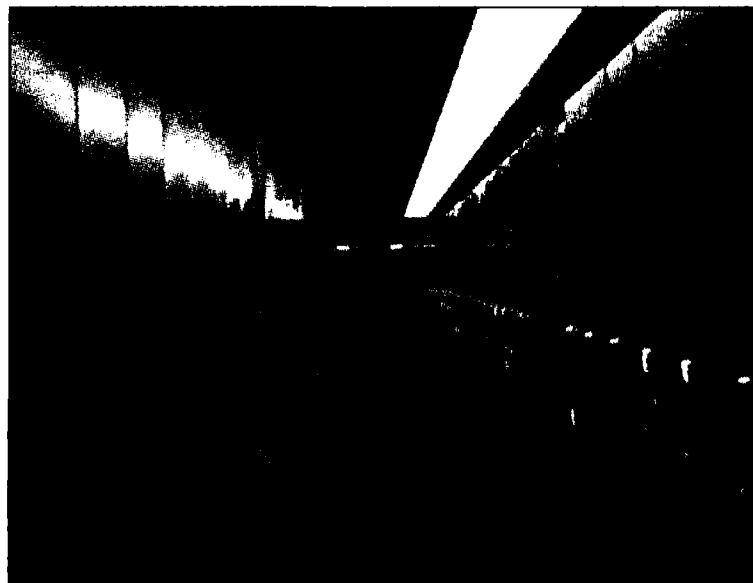
By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

The transfer of material from portions of the Hesburgh Library's tower to the newly renovated lower level has occurred faster than expected, according to library personnel.

According to Marcie Simons, stacks supervisor, the move of materials from sections of floor 13 and the whole of floors 4 and 5 to the lower level's movable storage space is six months ahead of schedule. Only resources from the fourth floor remain to be moved.

"I have very good people making the move," Simons said. "The people that we ended up hiring have done a phenomenal job."

Simons said that the transfer of resources would provide space for seven to 10 years of resource growth. Although plans for the newly created shelf space have not completely been determined, it is probable that material from other portions of the tower — as well as other library branches including Chemistry-Physics — will be transferred to create a



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

This summer, special shelving was installed in the library basement and reorganizations to other floors continue.

more even allocation of resources.

Nigel Butterwick, associate director for user services, said that the move would probably be completed by next February or March.

Although numerous resources, including updates to the library Web site, book-

marks located at reference and circulation desks and signs near the first-floor elevators, exist to inform users of the move's progress, no signs currently exist on the lower level to provide a detailed location of resources. Library officials

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INSIDE COLUMN

Christmas is finally here

Nowadays the Christmas season officially begins the day after Thanksgiving. Retailers throw open their doors to inspired shoppers at 6 a.m. Friday morning. Neighbors smother their homes in lights in an attempt to outdo one another and fir trees become the most popular car accessory around town.

Megan O'Neil
News Wire Editor

I promise this is not yet another column on the importance of remembering the true spirit of the season that have become all too cliché.

I will say however, that I prefer a softer approach to Christmas. I like to let my turkey digest a little, if you will, before I am willing to entirely submerge myself in the spirit of things.

The first step towards seasonal bliss for me is the annual Dec. 1 swapping of cool cotton sheets for warm flannel ones. Every night as I climb into bed thereafter the flannel sheets contrast nicely with the crisp cold of winter and hint at the coming holiday.

Over the next week a trickle of cards fill my mailbox giving me updates on family and friends who I may not have seen for some time. They are always accompanied by a photo where everyone is perfectly color coordinated in green or red. The children look truly angelic, but I always smile wondering what bribes their parents made in order to get them to sit still long enough for the photographer to do his job.

Next comes the music. I usually warm up by listening to Mariah Carey's Christmas album, followed by *NSYNC and Amy Grant. Much to my enjoyment the Notre Dame Glee Club has continued the tradition of coming to Saint Mary's to sing an array of playful carols.

Because I'm a sap for the traditional stuff, I always make a point to go to a performance of the Messiah. The Hallelujah finale never disappoints. As singing is not one of my many talents I generally keep my voice to a low hum while in mass. Not in the month of December, however. I belted out songs such as Hark the Herald and Joy to the World as if I was on center stage of Carnegie Hall. Those in the pews in front of me might wish that I would contain my vocal enthusiasm, but 'tis the season after all.

What always seals the deal for me however, is a nighttime trip to downtown Chicago with friends. We ball ourselves up in scarves, hats, and gloves and ice skate with 50 storied buildings towering over us. We peer in the lavish windows of Marshall Fields. We joke, laugh and dream.

Christmas has finally arrived.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR PREDICTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S SEASON?



Sarah Vatterott
senior
off campus

"Undefeated, if Brady Quinn's arms stay sexy."



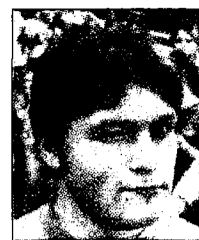
Aaron Thomas
junior
Knott

"12-0, undefeated national champs."



Clay Shumway
graduate
student

"8-4."



Drew Donovan
senior
Knott

"This season has led me to the conclusion that we will go 12-0 and win the national championship."



Mike Trela
senior
Stanford

"Three words: Quinn to McKnight."



Karen Lotta
junior
Walsh

"Hopefully way better than this year."



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

An University employee helps decorate a Christmas tree in the Main Building Thursday. Christmas trees and other decorations have been appearing across campus over the past week.

IN BRIEF

The Class of 2004 is sponsoring a **Rosary Night** for seniors from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. tonight at the Grotto.

The **Notre Dame Concert Band, Concert Winds and Brass Ensemble** performs seasonal works at Washington Hall from 7:30 to 9 p.m. tonight. Admission is free. The groups are directed by Ken Dye, Sam Sanchez, Lane Weaver and Larry Dwyer.

Legends will host a **Monday Night Football Game Watch** from 9 p.m. to midnight tonight.

Attend the information session for the **Summer Service Project Internship** on Tuesday night from 5 to 6 p.m. in the social space in Welsh Family Hall. Projects offers students to opportunity to earn \$2,000 toward tuition and three Theology credits for eight weeks of direct service.

Students can attend the **South Bend City planning meeting** today at 5:30 p.m. in Bond Hall Room 104 to share their thoughts about South Bend.

View the **international film "Pauline at Paulette"** Tuesday at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. in the LaFortune Montgomery Theater.

The **Glee Club** will present two **Christmas concerts** Saturday at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. in the Stephan Center.

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

child abuse and death, was named Sunday as winner of the Turner Prize for contemporary British art.

Grayson Perry, 43, collected the \$34,000 prize at a ceremony at the Tate Britain art gallery in London, dressed as his alter ego Claire, a character that appears in some of his works.

The Turner Prize is regularly derided for relying on shock value at the expense of traditional forms of art.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Riot in Sierra Leone over midget no-show

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Thousands of fans rioted at Sierra Leone's national stadium Saturday when authorities substituted two local dwarf comedians for a widely anticipated out-of-town midget duo. Police arrested 30 people, amid damage and dozens of injuries.

Daylong radio ads had whipped up excitement and ticket sales for Friday night's scheduled performance by the two Nigerian entertainers, Aki and Paw Paw.

The Nigerian performers

failed to show by early morning. Organizers put the two local dwarf comedians on the stage instead.

Fans rioted, throwing projectiles and smashing windows, light fixtures and hundreds of chairs.

Witnesses said police fired tear gas. Authorities said 30 people were arrested, including eight who allegedly had tried to steal the stadium's seats.

Transvestite Potter wins Turner Prize

LONDON — A cross-dressing ceramic artist whose vases are drawn with images of sex acts,

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Wilson discusses child advocacy at SMC

By MICHELLE EGGERS
News Writer

Increased resources and a stronger military presence will be needed in Afghanistan to ensure peace and stability for the country's people, said Leslie Wilson from the child advocacy program Save the Children.

Wilson, who has been based in Afghanistan for the past nine months, discussed the country's present social climate Friday in her talk "Update on Afghanistan: Women, Education and Development" at Saint Mary's.

"We are there for the long haul," Wilson said. "We are continually working to build an environment where more people can be educated, more children can receive basic health care, where girls can go to school and where a culture of not violence can take hold."

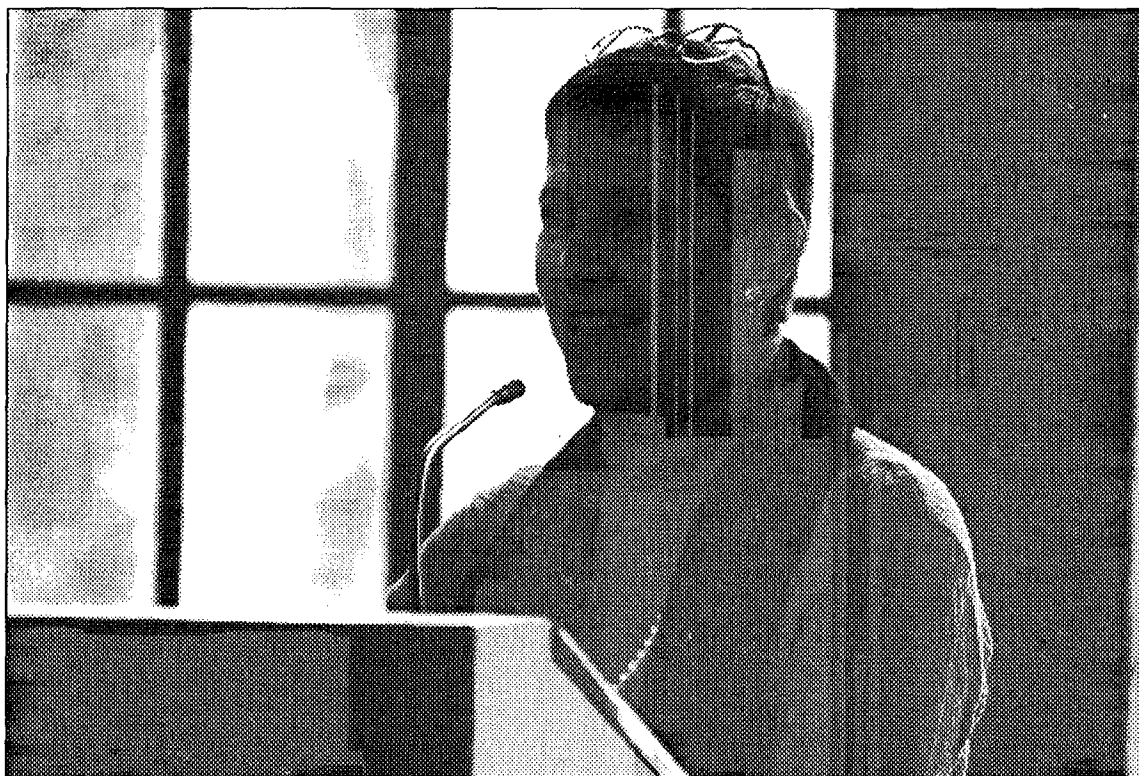
Save the Children works with women of age 15-45 and children under 5 years old to ensure the rights to healthcare, literacy and security, Wilson said.

"Security is really the key issue we all need to be concerned about in Afghanistan right now," she said. "If security continues to deteriorate as it has, then there isn't much hope for the future of Afghanistan."

Wilson described the lack of educational infrastructure and the conflict surrounding it.

"The Ministry of Education sees education as school — as buildings, books and desks," she said. "Save the Children views education as students and a teacher, as conversation and ideas."

To help solve this problem, Save the Children brings in the



Leslie Wilson, deputy director of the organization Save the Children, discussed children's issues in Afghanistan at a talk held Friday at Saint Mary's.

resources to build buildings. Then they work with communities to establish a form of education, Wilson said.

"Nine times out of 10, what that means is they want a building for their boys to go to school," Wilson said.

But in every community, two or three families want their daughters to be educated and "Save the Children" then lobbies for women's rights.

"We want to ensure girls get whatever boys get," Wilson said.

The organization also advocates against the marriage of young girls, Wilson said.

Wilson also described the dif-

ficult relationship between the military and nongovernmental organizations, such as "Save the Children." The military has to be in Afghanistan to secure the organization's position, Wilson said. However, the military needs to be in more places than they are.

"There is no question the military needs to be there," Wilson said. "But they need to be there bigger and they need to plan to be there for a long time. That's the truth."

Overall, the Afghan people want the guns to go away and want peace and calm, Wilson said.

"They know what progress

is," Wilson said. "Even if it is just that my child got the three shots that she needed to survive or my child went to school today, that's progress. If you do that one hundred thousand times over, you can't image they will let it slide."

Saint Mary's Alumnae Relations Office, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership and the Justice Education department sponsored Wilson's presentation as part of the program "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence."

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Mass to be held for Moore

Special to the Observer

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Monday at 9.30 a.m. for Dennis Moore, associate vice president for public affairs and communication at the University of Notre Dame, who died on Dec. 3 at age 55.

Interment will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery adjacent to the Notre Dame campus.

Visitation was Sunday in South Bend. A prayer service was led by Father Michael Baxter.

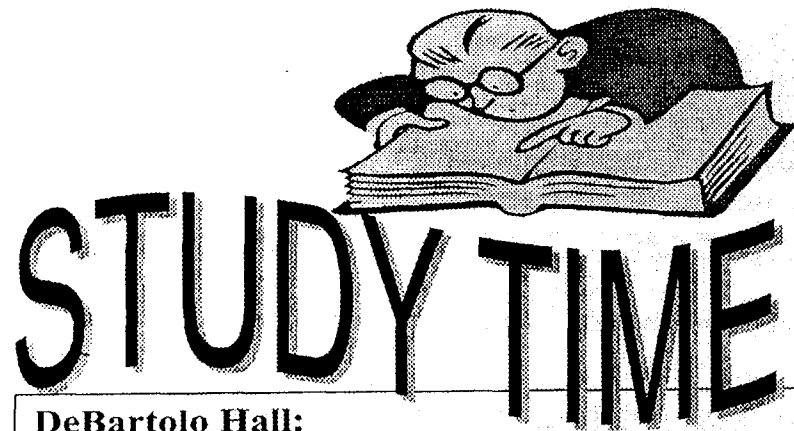
Donations may be made to the Catholic Worker House, P.O. Box 971, Notre Dame, IN, 46556 or the Salvation Army.

Moore, a beloved figure at the University where he had worked for 15 years, died at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City. He had battled prostate cancer for the past year.

"We have lost a dear friend and beloved colleague," said University President Father Edward Malloy. "Denny was an extraordinary writer and editor who understood the Notre Dame ethos like few ever have."

A member of Notre Dame's Class of 1970, Moore served on the founding staff of the The Observer.

He went on to work for some 20 years in journalism and corporate relations.



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Salaries

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Increased competition among universities to lure a small number of qualified candidates, the changing responsibilities of the presidential lifestyle and trustees who fear losing potential presidents to the private sector have all been cited as factors contributing to the boom in executive compensation, which persists despite the current economic recession.

Public university presidents are increasingly keeping pace, with Coleman, who is slated to make \$677,500 in 2003-04, topping the list. Eleven other public presidents earned more than \$500,000 in 2001-02, in many cases stretching tax dollars that had previously been used for academic programs and raises for faculty and staff members. Tuition increases have also been used to keep up with the executive compensation contest, resulting in backlash among many students and parents.

Compared to these hikes, Notre Dame's executive compensation increases in 2001-02 were fairly minor, although they did represent an exceptional year for the University's endow-

ment, which "had a huge increase during that period," Storin said.

Notre Dame Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass saw the benefits of that increase, collecting a total of \$757,992 in 2002, up from \$408,800 in 2001.

While this jump was substantial, Storin pointed out that Malpass' contract indicated that certain incentives and delayed performance bonuses should be paid during the 2002 fiscal year. He also noted that other universities have taken the further step of creating separate corporations to manage their endowment — and paying the leaders of these corporations like private executives, a move that has resulted in controversy on the Harvard campus.

"Harvard has a private company," Storin said. "Malpass could make much more in the private sector ... what you have here is a much more modest version."

The senior vice president of Harvard Management Company, David Mittelman, earned \$17.5 million in 2001-02, causing students and alumni to question the University's priorities. While the company is a non-profit organization, many affiliated with the university deemed its

climbing executive compensation inappropriate at a time of campus-wide cost cutting.

Unlike at Harvard, Notre Dame's endowment is managed within the University, but its fluctuations similarly impact yearly salary increases.

Although average yearly increases for University staff are in the "area of 4 percent," Storin said, "they were less this past year" because of endowment concerns.

The delay in the Chronicle of Higher Education's report also contributed to uncertainty in evaluating executive compensation on a yearly basis, he said.

Storin pointed to University provost Nathan Hatch as an example of the radical changes that can occur from one year to the next. The Chronicle reported Hatch's 2001-02 compensation as \$411,507. However, that number included a significant amount of deferred compensation that Hatch opted to receive in that particular year, Storin said.

"We'll just have to see next year's figures," he said. "That figure in no way represents his annual salary."

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Library

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said these signs will be available soon.

"We wanted to get feedback as to what ... people are looking for," Butterwick said. "We have had a designer in and quotations for signage ... should be progressing fairly soon."

Butterwick also said that he and other library officials have been pleased with the popularity and quietness of the lower level, which contains numerous locations for students to study individually or in groups.

"The most striking thing is although we haven't designated it [the lower level] as a quiet zone, that's in effect what it has become," he said.

The renovation of the Hesburgh Library basement is only part of an entire proposed renovation of the building. Although funding has been proposed and the renovation is part of Notre Dame's Capital Campaign, Jennifer Younger, director of University libraries, said that she remains uncertain when funding will be available for further renovation.

"[We have] no sense of when any funding would come through," she said. "It could be one year, it could be five."

"The Provost's Office recognized the dire shape we are in and is looking to provide additional funds."

[However] ... the whole University is very lean on budget issues"

Jennifer Younger
director of University
libraries

Younger said that the most pressing renovation will occur to the library's first floor, in order to provide better use of concourse space, greater ease of traffic flow and emphasis on user services as well as perks like a possible adjacent cyber-cafe and reading area.

A renovation to the Chemistry-Physics Library is also in the works, pending funding and discussions with

science faculty as to their desires for the newly renovated space.

Due to lean budgets and the rapid growth of periodical costs, resource cuts for the 2003-2004 year have been completed. Younger said, howev-

er, that because the library remains fully budgeted, the budget will need additional funding in order to avoid more cuts for the 2004-2005 year. Younger said that library officials are busy putting together various scenarios to explore their range of options.

"The Provost's Office recognizes the dire shape we are in and is looking to provide additional funds," she said. "[However, we] are not at all clear what will be possible ... the whole University is very lean on budget issues."

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Report

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weapons of mass destruction and realize a more secure future."

The authors believe that the way the United States implemented its invasion of Iraq hurt the war on terror because it detracted from any real debate about how best to combat terrorism. They caution against allowing the media's hype of the war on terror and the "axis of evil" to mask the mounting problems in American foreign policy.

Instead of focusing on Iraq, according to the report, American government officials should focus on cooperating with international institutions and other countries to improve counterterrorism intelligence.

Finally, Lopez and Cortwright contend that terrorism cannot simply be fought militarily, but efforts are needed to reduce the root causes that drive people to

act violently

The report also received support from the Fourth Freedom Forum, an institution that promotes the effective use of economic incentives-carrots- and sanctions-sticks-to free humans around the world from the fear of war.

The report also includes two other co-authors from the Fourth Freedom Forum, vice-president Alistair Millar and research director Linda Gerber.

David Cortwright serves as president of the Forum. Lopez and Cortwright have worked together since 1992 and have written and published over 20 articles and five books.

One of the main purposes of writing the report is to encourage people to think about the military strategies the United States has employed in the war against terror and to discuss their impact, according to Lopez.

"It is meant to spark more intense debate about the trade-offs that have been made that we believe have compromised

out ability to win the war on terror," he said.

Lopez also said that some of the officials involved with the report will be speaking on campus about the issues in the near future and that the report will possibly be used in some classes next semester.

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Football

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Healy said Notre Dame's independent status may have contributed to its troubles.

"This season is [partly because] of independent football not being as powerful as it once was," said Healy.

Since 1988, previously independent teams like Boston College, Miami, Florida State and Penn State have moved towards joining conferences and found success.

"There has been a shift towards conferences having power in college football, as opposed to independent teams. Notre Dame being independent makes their schedule more difficult," Healy said.

Other students said factors the Irish couldn't control contributed to a difficult season.

"I think we had to deal with a lot of injuries," said sophomore Hunter Craig, a Knott sophomore. "An inexperienced line made

things difficult, as well as a lack of the leadership we had last year."

The three-game winning streak of wins over Navy, BYU and Stanford had built confidence among fans heading into their final game.

"I was excited to see us building more momentum towards the end of the year," Healy said, "because I thought we'd start next season in the same manner. Obviously, we lost to Syracuse pretty badly, but hopefully we can forget about it and move into next season with an aggressive attitude."

Despite another difficult loss this weekend, students said they still enjoyed being a part of the football tradition.

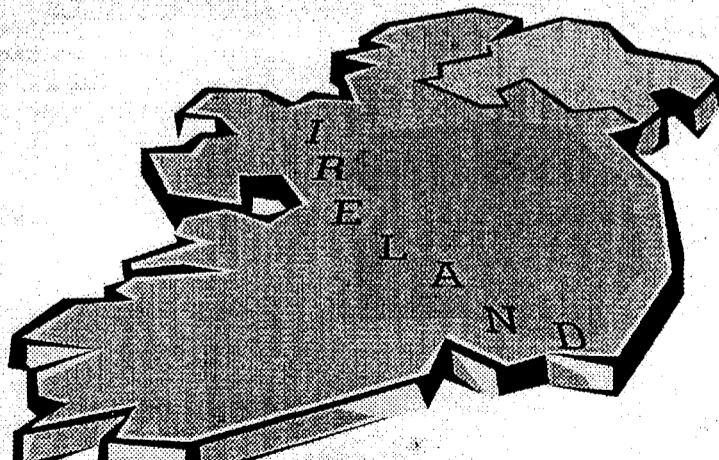
"Notre Dame football is just one of those things that we, as students, don't have the ability to change," said senior Maureen Carney. "We have a choice: to enjoy it as a good part of Notre Dame, or to complain about it."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Palestine fails to reach truce

CAIRO, Egypt — Palestinians failed to agree on a truce offer to Israel on Sunday after three days of talks, setting back the Palestinian prime minister's hopes for a halt in violence to jump start the stalled U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which have carried out most suicide attacks against Israel, resisted intense pressure from Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and the top Egyptian mediator and refused a full cease-fire.

The two groups would agree only to a limited truce, ending attacks on civilians in Israel but not on Jewish settlers or Israeli soldiers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel said it would accept only a comprehensive halt. "There's no half-way cease-fire," said Raanan Gissin, a spokesman for Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. He said Israel is willing to stop shooting if there was a total Palestinian truce.

Putin leads Russian election

MOSCOW — The main pro-Kremlin party led by a large margin in Russia's parliamentary elections Sunday, according to partial official results, putting President Vladimir Putin on the path to the solid majority he seeks to increase his hold on the country.

Greater might in the State Duma, Russia's lower parliament house, would make it easier for Putin to push through the sometimes unpopular market-oriented economic reforms he has promised and cut the bureaucracy that stifles Russian growth. It may also let him pass constitutional changes giving him a third term in office.

But Kremlin critics and opposition party leaders warned too much power for Putin would fuel a drift toward authoritarianism.

NATIONAL NEWS

Cops probe Ohio shootings

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Authorities closed nearly half of the beltway around the city for two hours after dusk Saturday as federal agents investigating 14 shootings there used lasers to take ballistic measurements.

Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms walked in the westbound lane of Interstate 270 as a sedan crept along in the eastbound lane. The car appeared to be similar to the one 62-year-old Gail Knisley was riding in when she was fatally shot on Nov. 25.

A red laser shone between the driver's side door and agents working along the opposite side of the highway. The car stopped often and occasionally reversed as investigators with flashlights searched wooded areas and brush along the road.

U.S. remembers Pearl Harbor

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — With a giant American flag waving at half-staff under a cloudy sky, an aging and dwindling group of Pearl Harbor survivors gathered Sunday to commemorate the Japanese attack that launched the United States into World War II 62 years ago.

The generations that have passed since Dec. 7, 1941 have softened the pain but not eroded memories, the survivors said in a service at the USS Arizona Memorial.

"I'm getting too old to have feelings," said Leo Fitzek, 91, who was a radio operator on Ford Island, next to the harbor's Battleship Row.

LOCAL NEWS

Business lighting restricted

CLARKSVILLE, Ind. — At night, Paul Underhill's backyard is bathed in so much light from a nearby service station he feels like he lives in Alaska, where the summer sun never sets.

"You don't want your house lit up like it was Alaska, 24 hours of light a day," he said. "It's ridiculous."

He and other Clarksville residents are hoping their town becomes the latest southern Indiana community to approve lighting restrictions for businesses that produce irritating glares.

U.S. kills nine Afghan children

Anger and confusion abound after U.S. warplanes misfire on Afghan village

Associated Press

HUTALA, Afghanistan — Hats and shoes littered a blood-stained field in this desolate Afghan village Sunday, a day after U.S. warplanes — targeting a terror suspect — mistakenly killed nine children.

American officials offered their regrets Sunday and said they were "deeply saddened" by the deaths. The United Nations called for an investigation. And the Afghan government urged the U.S.-led coalition hunting Taliban and al-Qaida fighters to make sure such an accident is never repeated.

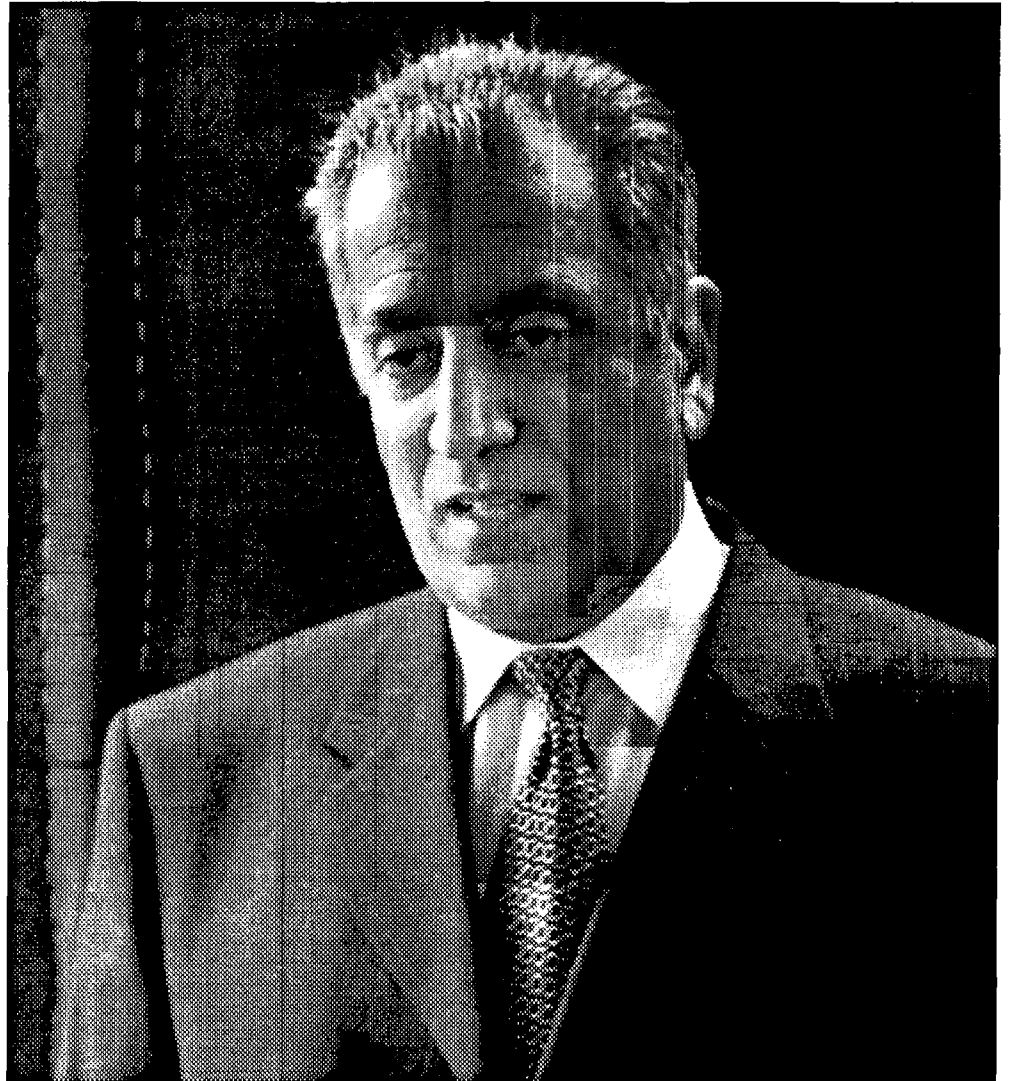
In Hutala on Sunday, a line of fresh graves marked the tragedy, and village men stood quietly by a stream in a dusty field where the children had been playing. They seemed as bewildered as they were angry.

"First they fire their rockets. Then they say it was a mistake," Haji Amir Mohammed told The Associated Press, as dozens of American soldiers sent to investigate the incident offered condolences or lay in the warming winter sun. "How can we forgive them?"

Villagers said the young victims had been playing with marbles in a dusty field beside mud homes in this impoverished valley, some 150 miles southwest of Kabul, when the A-10 ground attack aircraft homed in.

Military officials said Sunday they had no idea children were in the area when they decided to attack. U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said the suspect targeted and killed was a former Taliban commander named Mullah Wazir, adding that he was "deeply saddened" by the "tragic loss of innocent life."

Khalilzad said the former commander "had bragged of his personal involvement in attacks on inno-



U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad speaks to the press Sunday concerning the accidental killings of nine Afghan children.

cent Afghan citizens," including aid groups and Afghans working on the Kabul-Kandahar road, a site of frequent violence.

Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty, a spokesman for the coalition, told the AP in Hutala that it had appeared to the pilot of the aircraft that "just that person that we wanted, that terrorist, was in the field. So we fired on him."

Troops discovered the children's bodies after rushing to the scene to verify that they had got Wazir. U.S. officers flew in Sunday to apologize to village elders, Hilferty said.

But residents were adamant that the military had acted on bogus intelligence. Col. said the man

killed was not Wazir, and that the former district commander under the Taliban had left the village some days before the attack.

"There are no terrorists, no Taliban or al-Qaida here," said Abdul Majid Farooqi. "Just poor people."

The 11,500 U.S.-led troops hunting Taliban and al-Qaida remnants in south and east Afghanistan often are supported by air power, and there have been a string of military mishaps.

The worst occurred in July 2002, when Afghan officials said 48 civilians at a wedding party were killed and 117 wounded by a U.S. Air Force AC-130

gunship in Uruzgan province, which borders Ghazni province.

On April 9, a U.S. warplane mistakenly bombed a home in the eastern town of Shkin, killing 11 civilians. Another air strike in Nuristan province in eastern Afghanistan on Oct. 31 reportedly killed at least eight civilians in a house.

"This incident, which follows similar incidents, adds to a sense of insecurity and fear in the country," Lakhdar Brahimi, the U.N. Special Representative to Afghanistan, said in Kabul.

The Afghan government said it fully supported fighting terrorism but urged the U.S.-led coalition to "be very careful not to repeat such tragedies."

Roadside bomb kills U.S. soldier

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Guerrillas killed a U.S. soldier with a roadside bomb in northern Iraq on Sunday, and a U.S. military commander said insurgent attacks might not abate even if American troops kill or capture Saddam Hussein.

A soldier from the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division died and two others in his unit were wounded when rebels detonated a bomb as their convoy drove through the center of Mosul at midday, Master Sgt. Kelly Tyler said.

"I heard an explosion and came running toward the site of the

attack and saw three soldiers, one of them covered with blood," said Bahaa Hussein, a student. Mosul is 250 miles north of Baghdad.

The top commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, said attacks could surge ahead of a July 1 deadline for a transfer of authority from the U.S.-led coalition to a transitional Iraqi government.

"We expect to see an increase in violence as we move forward toward sovereignty at the end of June," Sanchez said.

"The killing or capturing of Saddam Hussein will have an impact on the level of violence, but it will not end it," he said. "It won't be the end-all solution."

"It's a needle in a haystack," he

said of the hunt for the ousted Iraqi leader. "Clearly we haven't found the right haystack ... We are moving under the assumption that he is still in the country, that he is still operating."

After a daylong trip to Iraq on Saturday, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he wants senior commanders in Iraq to consider whether the Pentagon underestimated how many U.S.-trained Iraqi security forces would be needed before a sovereign Iraqi government takes over next summer.

He said he worried that the current goal of 220,000 Iraqi security forces may not be able to be increased later if need be.

MCOB adopts 'Worthy' brand

Report answers questions about business school's worth

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

The Mendoza College of Business' award-winning branding campaign has continued with Dean Carolyn Woo's latest report, entitled "Worthy." In the report, Woo answers the question, "What makes a business college worthy?"

The report, which covers 2001 to 2003, continues the college's efforts to reflect Notre Dame's overall business brand image. The previous report, called "Bursting," discussed the expressive nature of business scholarship. The report before that, entitled "Impact," put forward a theme of the college's responsibility in the broader environment.

Though the report won a Gold Award for design excellence from the League of American Communications Professionals, Woo is pleased with the report for other reasons.

"One faculty member told me he left it on the coffee table for his guests because he's proud of what the college stands for," Woo said. "That means ten times more to me than the fact that it won an award."

Woo, now in her seventh year as dean, said the report aims to capture the spirit of Mendoza's involvement in the University.

"It's not just what we do, but about life happening through our work," she said. "We have a sense of mission and contribution to what's important."

The report uses illustrated examples of undergraduates, graduate students and alumni to demonstrate the "worth" of the Mendoza College, which comprises nearly a third of the undergraduate population of Notre Dame.

One of those examples is Kristen Rodriguez, a senior marketing major from San Antonio. Rodriguez, a life-long cheerleading enthusiast, created Revolution in the Hood, an organization dedicated to organizing inner-city cheerleading squad.

The report praises her "worthy passion" and pays tribute to Rodriguez's efforts to "give even more disadvantaged youths something to cheer about." Rodriguez said she was happy to be included in the report.

"I think it fits really well with how the university is attempting to brand the

college of business," she said. "[Companies] are seeking undergraduates and MBA students with a strong sense of purpose."

The report also highlights several quantitative improvements in the business school's performance. For example, the trade publication Public Accounting Report ranked the undergraduate accounting program fourth nationally.

The college's graduate-level efforts improved as well, as MBA applications have more than doubled from 1998 to 2003, while MBA students' mean grade point average rose from 3.15 to 3.36 over the same period.

"When we commit to do something, we're committed to do it very well," Woo said.

The college has jumped in national prominence since receiving a \$35 million contribution in 2000 from Tom and Kathy Mendoza, who run Network Appliance, a California-based technology firm. At the time, the gift was the largest single contribution in Notre Dame history.

"We've had tremendous resources in terms of talents, financial resources, and blessings," Woo said.

She also proposals to limit the size of the college, saying the college's leadership suggested the move in its strategic plan.

"We have one-third of the students and one-eighth of the faculty," she said. "That imbalance needs to be addressed."

Woo said that limiting the size of the college might continue to improve the quality of students' education.

"Faculty play a major role not only as not only as teachers, but as mentors and elders," she said. "It's not only what happens in the classroom ... that really allows relationships to develop."

She also responded to criticism that business education should not be a major focus at a Catholic university.

"Notre Dame isn't a liberal arts college. Notre Dame is a Catholic research University," she said. "The liberal arts as well as the other disciplines and professions all play important roles."

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Carolyn Woo
Dean of business

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| Up: 1,437 | Same: 200 | Down: 1,787 | Composite Volume: 1,217,298,048 |
| AMEX | 1,118.56 | +4.68 | |
| NASDAQ | 1,937.82 | -30.98 | |
| NYSE | 6,122.89 | -31.01 | |
| S&P 500 | 1,061.50 | -8.22 | |
| NIKKEI(Tokyo) | 10,373.46 | 0.00 | |
| FTSE 100(London) | 4,367.00 | -11.20 | |

| COMPANY | %CHANGE | \$GAIN | PRICE |
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| MICROSOFT CP (MSFT) | -0.84 | -0.22 | 25.98 |
| INTEL CORP (INTC) | -4.29 | -1.44 | 32.10 |
| SUN MICROSYS (SUNW) | -3.28 | -0.15 | 4.39 |
| CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO) | -0.96 | -0.23 | 23.75 |
| ORACLE CORP (ORCL) | -1.92 | -0.25 | 12.74 |

| Treasuries | | | |
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| 10-YEAR NOTE | -3.52 | -1.54 | 42.15 |
| 5-YEAR NOTE | -5.58 | -1.89 | 32.01 |
| 3-MONTH BILL | -0.67 | -0.06 | 8.95 |

| Commodities | | | |
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| LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.) | -0.53 | 30.73 | |
| GOLD (\$/Troy oz.) | +3.10 | 407.30 | |
| PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.) | +0.70 | 86.85 | |

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| EURO | | | 0.822 |
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| CANADIAN \$ | | | 1.306 |

IN BRIEF

Syron new Freddie Mac CEO

McLEAN, Va. — The mortgage giant Freddie Mac named a former American Stock Exchange chief as its new chairman and chief executive officer Sunday, making him the company's third CEO since accounting troubles emerged at the company in June.

Richard F. Syron will succeed Gregory Parseghian, who was ousted in August after being implicated in accounting irregularities at the home financing company. Parseghian replaced Leland Brendsel, who was dismissed in June.

McLean, Va.-based Freddie Mac is the second-largest U.S. buyer of home mortgages, a publicly traded corporation with \$40 billion revenue a year. It is under criminal investigation by the Justice Department and a civil inquiry by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The company has disclosed that accounting errors and manipulations of internal accounts had resulted in misstated earnings by \$1.5 billion to \$4.5 billion in the 2000-2002 period.

Mayor's son wins city lease

EAST CHICAGO, Ind. — A company owned by longtime Mayor Robert A. Pastrick's youngest son has been awarded a lease agreement to store city records and other materials — a deal the mayor's opponents call highly questionable, the Post-Tribune of Merrillville reported Sunday.

For the next four years, the city will pay Cardinal Harbor LLC, an East Chicago company headed by Kevin Pastrick, \$86,400 annually to lease a building for storage.

Since then, city crews have been remodeling the inside of the building and transferring records there. Under the agreement, the city must pay for the building's remodeling.

The lease's approval in July by the city's Board of Public Works came as several local municipalities are passing or considering ethics ordinances that frown upon such arrangements with persons related to elected officials.

No law now prohibits younger Pastrick from doing business with the city, but the deal has given opponents of his father's administration something to criticize.

Trade tensions high for Bush

China is likely to become the next target as pressure for trade barriers builds

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There is no sign of a quick easing of pressure on President Bush to provide trade protection for besieged U.S. industries, especially with his re-election race ahead and manufacturing employment still in free-fall.

Experts say, however, that the Bush administration's hasty turnabout over steel may foreshadow more careful picking of future trade battles.

As for steel, they said Bush wanted to honor a 2000 campaign pledge to the domestic industry, and the tariffs were imposed despite overwhelming evidence they could not survive a challenge from the World Trade Organization.

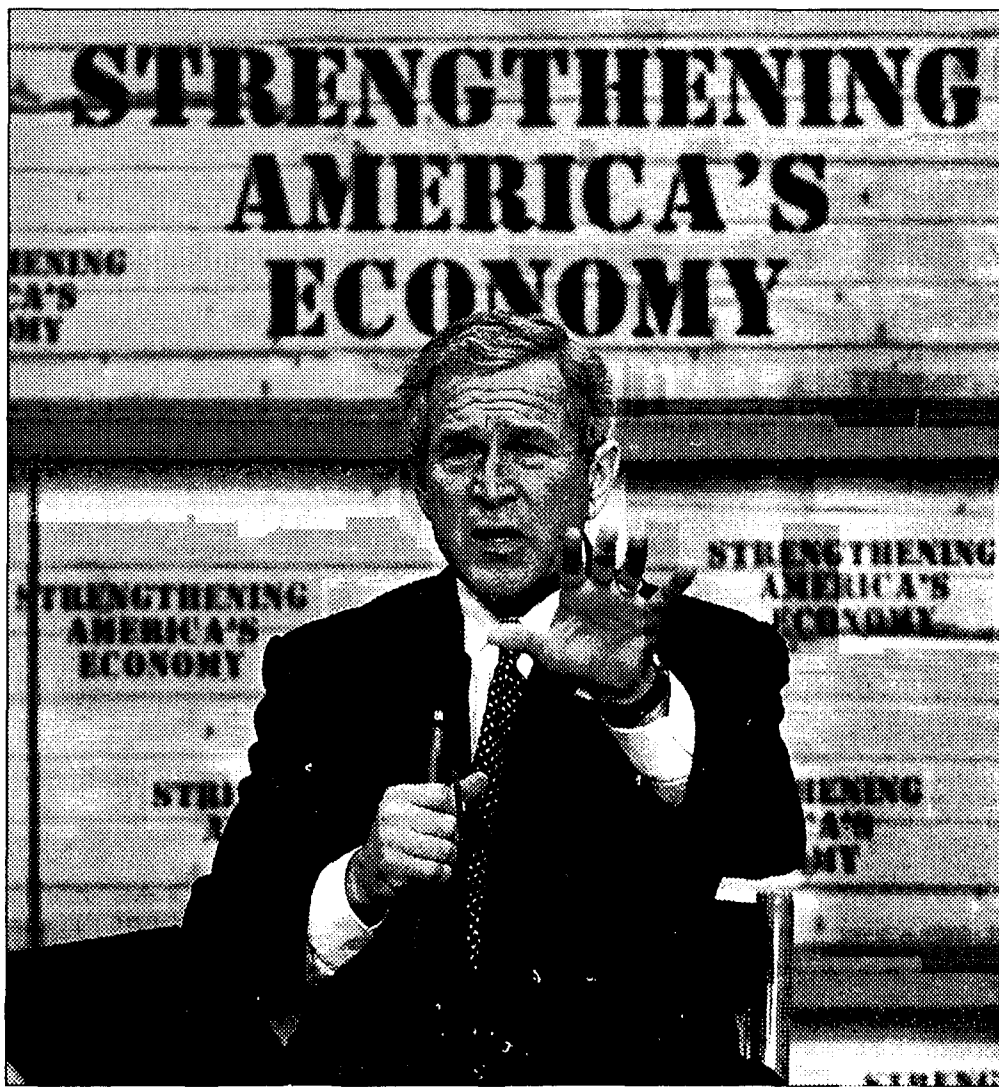
Trade analysts also said Bush leveraged the trade penalties on steel into congressional passage of legislation that gave the president power to negotiate new trade agreements, including one that would create a hemisphere-wide free trade zone.

Bush has resorted to selected protectionism while espousing allegiance to free trade. In doing so, he is using the same tactics as many of his predecessors, seeking to win votes for free trade by offering measured doses of protecting industry.

"The whole history of free trade is littered with squalid little side deals that provide favored industries with protectionism," said Brink Lindsey, a trade economist at Cato Institute, a Washington think tank. "But I don't think this administration realized the black eye it was going to receive over the steel issue."

The steel case put a variety of U.S. producers, from citrus farmers in Florida to nut growers in California, at risk of retaliatory tariffs from Europe.

A top Bush aide said the potential trade penalties from abroad were "minuscule" in the context of the overall U.S. economy. Explaining the president's decision, chief of staff



President Bush speaks during his visit and discussion at The Home Depot in Halethorpe, Md. Bush used the business as an example of the surging economy.

Andrew Card also told "Fox News Sunday" that it took into account "the restructuring that had to take place and did take place in the steel industry."

Bush will face a political backlash from the steel industry, a critical force in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, even though the decision appeases a larger collection of states upset by the tariffs.

Mark Glyptis, president of the Independent Steelworkers in Weirton, W.Va., backed Bush last month when he signed a \$401 billion defense spending bill. Glyptis belongs to the Workforce Coalition, a group that lobbies for defense spending. But now, Glyptis is angry at Bush's recent decision to end tariffs.

"I can promise you this: Our union will now work very hard to make sure George W. Bush joins the ranks of the unemployed next year," Glyptis told The Charleston Gazette for Sunday's edition.

The Democratic presidential candidates seized on the flip-flop as yet another example of flawed Bush economic policies.

Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said Bush's withdrawal of the steel tariffs demonstrated a "callous disregard for the workers and the communities whose jobs and livelihoods have been decimated by unfair competition."

Because of attacks like that and Bush's vulnerabilities on jobs, analysts believe the administration will continue

sounding a tough line on trade at least through the November election.

The government announced Friday that even though the overall unemployment rate dropped to 5.9 percent in November, manufacturers suffered a 40th consecutive month of job losses.

During the past three years, 2.8 million factory jobs — one in six — have disappeared. That has raised fears that many of those jobs may be lost forever to overseas factories where labor costs much less.

The administration insists the economy finally is turning around but also is trying to show through its trade policy that it is doing everything possible to bolster job growth.

Talks seek internet globalization

Associated Press

GENEVA — Negotiators from 192 countries have narrowed differences on setting the global ground rules for expanding use of the Internet, but remain undecided on whether rich nations should help their poor counterparts pay for the increase.

Two days of closed-door talks, which continued into the early hours Sunday, have resolved most of the key issues to be tackled at a U.N. summit on information technology which starts Wednesday, said Marc Furrer, the Swiss official who brokered the discussions.

"Unfortunately, we didn't settle everything, but one has to be realis-

tic. We're probably at 98 percent," said Furrer, director of Switzerland's Federal Office of Communications. Negotiators will meet again Tuesday, on the eve of the three-day World Summit on the Information Society, he told reporters.

The negotiators, meeting for the fifth round of talks already this year, have been trying to draft documents for the nearly 60 heads of state or government expected in Geneva.

French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin and Cuban President Fidel Castro are among some of the leaders who plan to attend. Many of the leaders will be coming from developing countries.

The key stumbling block remains

whether and how richer nations should subsidize growth of the Internet in poorer countries.

African countries support the creation of a special "digital solidarity fund" to pay for extending the Internet into remote villages, but European nations, the United States and Japan have been wary, saying existing development aid money could be used instead.

"Some countries want to set this up now, others say they don't want to have anything to do with it," said Furrer, without identifying them. "It's clear we need resources, but we should first check whether there are already resources, because some exist but are not used."

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The modern Christmas story

Once upon a time a man named Joseph was traveling to Bethlehem to be counted for the census; he was with his betrothed, Mary, who was with child. He was also with his donkey, who bayed with every step, for holiday travel is always a pain in the ass.

Mike Marchand

Undistinguished
Alumnus

And as they went, the cities were filled with light. Some were of many colors and blinking; others were attached to metal frames in the shape of animals, which moved their heads electronically. There were candy canes and men in red suits and giant balloons in the shapes of snowmen and Homer Simpson.

When Joseph and Mary arrived at the inn, they found that the price to stay was higher than on all other nights, and they were not pleased. Just then, the time came for the child to be born. So the innkeeper took them to the barn, where she delivered a boy, who was to be named Jesus. She wrapped him in a plaid fleece jacket by Baby Gap, on sale for \$22.99, and placed him in a manger.

Now in this region there were many shepherds who lived in the fields and tended their flocks by night. An angel appeared to them, wearing the latest line from the Victoria's Secret Angels Collection. The shepherds were very frightened, and the angel said, "Do not be afraid, for I bring joyful news for all the people: with a receipt, you can return merchandise tomorrow and get store credit or cash. Oh, and also, some kid was born who's like, the Messiah or something. He's away in a manger down there."

And also at this time, some men

were traveling from the East, who were either kings or wise men, and their names were Gaspar, Melchior and Bob. They were following a star that preceded them, and it stopped over the place where the Christ child was. They entered and presented gifts.

The first magi, Gaspar, presented the child with gold, to crown the one who was the newborn King Of The Jews.

The second magi, Melchior, presented the child with a gift certificate for frankincense, for he was not sure which scent the child would prefer and did not want to get one He wouldn't like.

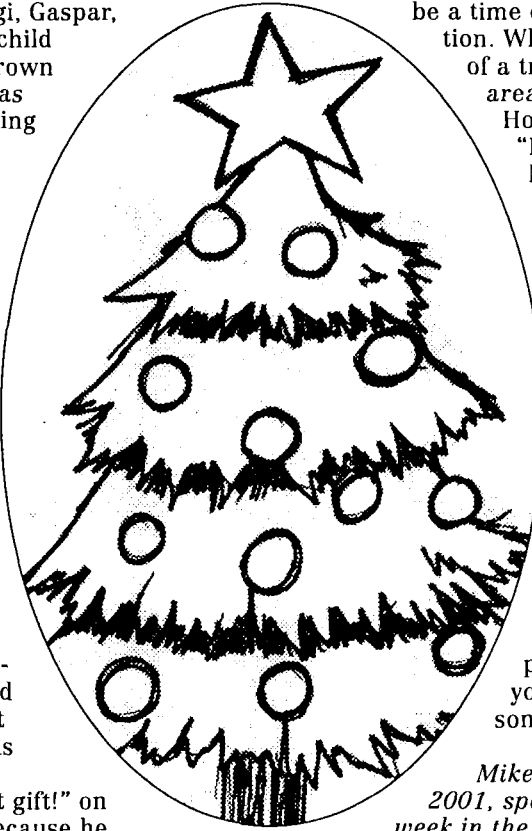
The third magi, Bob, presented the child with a Chia Pet from Walgreens because it said "Makes a great gift!" on the side and because he waited until the last minute to purchase his gift.

And thus was the story of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God.

None of the above was meant to be blasphemous in any way. Have a sense of humor, for crying out loud. Apologies to Charles Schulz, Edgar

Cayce, gospel writers Matthew and Luke, and anyone else whose beautiful Christmas narratives I've butchered.

I'm not nearly as heartless about the rampant cheap-ifying of the Christmas season as this small parable lets on. Christmas is meant to be a time of joy and celebration. While I might be more of a traditionalist in this area, preferring "O Holy Night" to "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," however one chooses to celebrate is fine — as long as everyone keeps in mind that the true meaning of Christmas lies beyond what you'll find under the tree, be it real, pine-scented plastic or one of those colored-light curly-designed things. May Christ's peace be with all of you this holiday season.



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Clarifying 'Monologues'

As campus organizer for last year's, and this year's, VDAY events, as well as director of The Vagina Monologues, I would like to thank Kamaria Porter and John Sikorski for accomplishing one of many of VDAY's goals — continuing a dialogue that increases awareness in order to stop the violence. However, the best dialogue is an informed one. I'm writing to address some of Sikorski's comments, and to provide the facts.

The Vagina Monologues is a theatrical piece, comprised of a collection of monologues from women's experiences all over the world. It is not a one-woman show, as evidenced by the 60-plus people involved in last year's event.

The script is not accessible online because, as with all theatrical productions, the performers must be given rights to use the script. If you want to read it, you can purchase it in the bookstore or online, or you can contact me to borrow a copy.

The website to the organization is not blocked on the Notre Dame server. It is www.vday.org.

The Vagina Monologues does not promote any one particular lifestyle except one that does not include violence. It does not advocate homosexuality or masturbation or speaking any sort of inappropriate language. Rather, it empowers women to live their lives without violence.

Our Lady had a vagina, too. It provided us with the life of Christ. That monologue is called the Gospel.

VDAY functions worldwide, from both "top-down" and grassroots levels, to stop the violence against women and girls. The Vagina Monologues is taken in conjunction with this movement. To condemn this collection of stories is to condemn these women and the truth of their lives, and, as Christians, we are taught to love one another. I ask that as members of a Catholic university, we all examine how closely we live up to that standard.

Last year we raised about \$6,000 for the YWCA, SOS and the Polaris Project (an international organization that works against the trafficking of women). Our proceeds do not benefit abortion clinics. We protect women and girls.

I encourage everyone to see the show on Feb. 14, the original VDAY. Moreover, I challenge you to live up to the motto of Eve Ensler, author of The Vagina Monologues and founder of VDAY: Create the world you wanted for yourself. Stop the violence.

Lindsey Horvath
senior
off-campus
Dec. 7

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When I tell the truth, it is not for the sake of convincing those who do not know it, but for the sake of defending those that do."

William Blake
artist

Bush's imperial theology

Since President George W. Bush took office, he has availed himself of the Almighty in more than a few speeches. Some find this sincere, even stirring. Others find it disingenuous and politically expedient.

BJ Strew

*Straight,
No Chaser*

Regardless, it is clear that Bush's overly religious rhetoric bodes ill for America in both the short and long term.

Writing for *The Nation*, the Costa Rican pastor Juan Stam cuts his beef with Bush's rhetoric into three slices: Manichaeism, Messianism and Manipulation of Prayer. The black-and-white vision of Manichaeism has found expression in many of Bush's speeches. For example, after Sept. 11, Bush said, "This will be a monumental struggle of good versus evil, but good will prevail." Few have likely forgotten the "axis of evil." Then there's Bush's perception of his (and America's) messianic role. Bush had been "called" to run for president; America must "confound the designs of evil men," because "our calling, as a blessed country, is to make the world better." Add to this Bush's many photos of him at prayer, or the ten minutes of isolation from his advisers he asked for, before giving Saddam Hussein the ultimatum.

It would of course be naïve to expect in the near future to see religion divested from politics, as Harvard professor Samuel Huntington has noted. But religion's role must be limited. Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United, which promotes the separation of church and state, reminds us that the presidency is a secular job. He is "not to be our pastor or preacher or a prophet, but a person who uses both the Constitution and the secular principles of the country to make decisions." Bush intertwines religion and politics far too closely.

When Bush declared victory in Iraq from the aircraft carrier, he said: "Wherever you go, you carry a message of hope — a message that is ancient and ever new. In the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'To the captives, 'come out,' and to those in darkness, 'be free.'"

In this year's State of the Union address, President Bush said "Americans should be placing our confidence in the loving God behind all of life, and all of history. May He guide us now." With Bush's foreign policy, he seems to view our country as half exorcist, half evangelist.

On his desk, Bush has a picture of former president Theodore Roosevelt — a reminder of a long line of brazenly Christian presidents. Doug Underwood, professor of communica-

tions at the University of Washington, said they were both very religious men and were not afraid to mix religion and politics.

Rudyard Kipling wrote the poem "The White Man's Burden" in 1899, which suggested that it was the responsibility of white Christians to educate and convert the lower classes. Underwood said that the first person to whom Kipling sent this was Roosevelt and that this strengthens the link between the two presidents' foreign policies.

When asked, "Should we expect our president to use faith to guide him in foreign policy?" on CNN's program "Market Call," Deborah Caldwell, senior producer of Beliefnet, a multi-faith religious Web site conceded that many, if not all, presidents are at least in part guided by their faith, but that "what discomforts a lot of people about President Bush is that he seems to be using his faith, in a more public way, to guide his policy and has seemed to use the idea of good and evil" — Manichaeism again — "as a principle on which he bases his decision to attack Iraq."

In 1648, the Treaty of Westphalia, however uneasily, ended the era of religious warfare, by giving the sovereign the right to determine the official religion of each country in Europe. We've come a long way since then:

the United States was the first nation to make religious tolerance and state neutrality the national creed. Looking at Bush's rhetoric, state neutrality seems to him either an alien or simply untoward notion.

The Progressive has offered a phrase to characterize Bush's approach to politics: messianic militarism. "Bush seems to believe he is carrying out God's will by waging war," the magazine remarks.

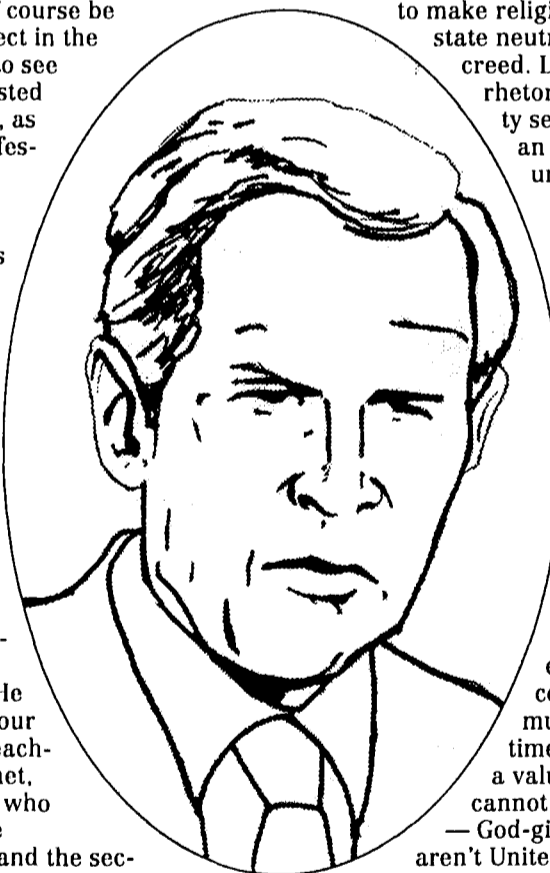
Bush is quoted as saying there exists "a human condition that we must worry about in times of war. There is a value system that cannot be compromised — God-given values. These aren't United States-created values."

What is unsettling is that Bush doesn't merely yoke religion and politics, but religion and militarism, specifically. A dark irony apparently lost on Bush is that this phenomenon is mirrored precisely in the perverse fundamentalism of Al-Qaeda terrorists.

Bush's imperial theology is a throwback to an unsavory period in world history. He may have expressed regret for using the term "crusade" after Sept. 11, but the echoes of the term persist in both Bush's words and his actions.

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POW treatment is hypocritical

In 1949, nations around the world agreed to the Geneva Accords, a series of protocols that were designed to define ethical rules during a time of war. For example, prisoners of war can only be questioned via certain modes, cannot be tortured, must be granted their basic life needs and retain their due process rights. One of the many reasons that the United States decided to overthrow Saddam Hussein was because of Iraq's repeated violation of this agreement. However, infringements of international law do not occur solely in oppressive tyrannies. For, over the past two years, the United States has knowingly broken these same Geneva Accords.

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The most egregious breach of the agreement thus far is the condition of the "enemy combatants" currently held in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The government has called them by this term intentionally, because if they are not "prisoners of war," then they are not protected by the Geneva Accords. Such slight of hand is a tactic one would usually expect from a despotic government.

Most Americans know that enemies of our nation are currently being held there, but very few actually know what is going on within the base. What we do know is that the Red Cross was allowed a visit to the base to check in on the detainees.

Red Cross team representative Christopher Girod reported that the principal concern for most of the detainees was not about the conditions themselves, but about how long they were going to be held. "It's always the number one question," he said. "They don't know about the future." Red Cross officials concluded from their interviews that holding enemy combatants in such limbo is dangerous to their mental health. "One cannot keep these detainees in this pattern, this situation, indefinitely," Girod said.

The government takes the position that the detainees not only hold vital knowledge about terrorist networks, but that they now have learned lessons about the American system that could reveal important information to the terrorists, if they were to be released. Therefore, they feel that it is necessary to hold these prisoners for the duration

of the hostilities. Clearly, this is the course of action that is in the best interests of our nation.

However, the war on terrorism is a war that could conceivably never end. Does this mean, then, that we should hold these men indefinitely, when they have not received a trial of any sort? Critics argue that since they are not Americans, they do not have due process rights. Our soldiers are the ones risking their lives around the world, so the least we can do is take measures to protect their security as much as possible. Better our enemies and attackers suffer than our soldiers or even civilians.

Clearly, there must be some middle ground. Setting a precedent of placing one's opposition into prison camps without any form of due process and no indication of how long they would be held must be prevented. Yes, we must protect ourselves, but we must find ways to do it without surrendering the things that make us different from our enemies. If the only way the United States can remain secure is through this abuse, how are we any better than the corrupt regimes that we devote billions of dollars into toppling?

Thankfully, the Supreme Court has decided to make a ruling on the case. A decision as to whether the detainees have due process rights, whether they can be held without trial and what form of a trial would ensure is expected in July.

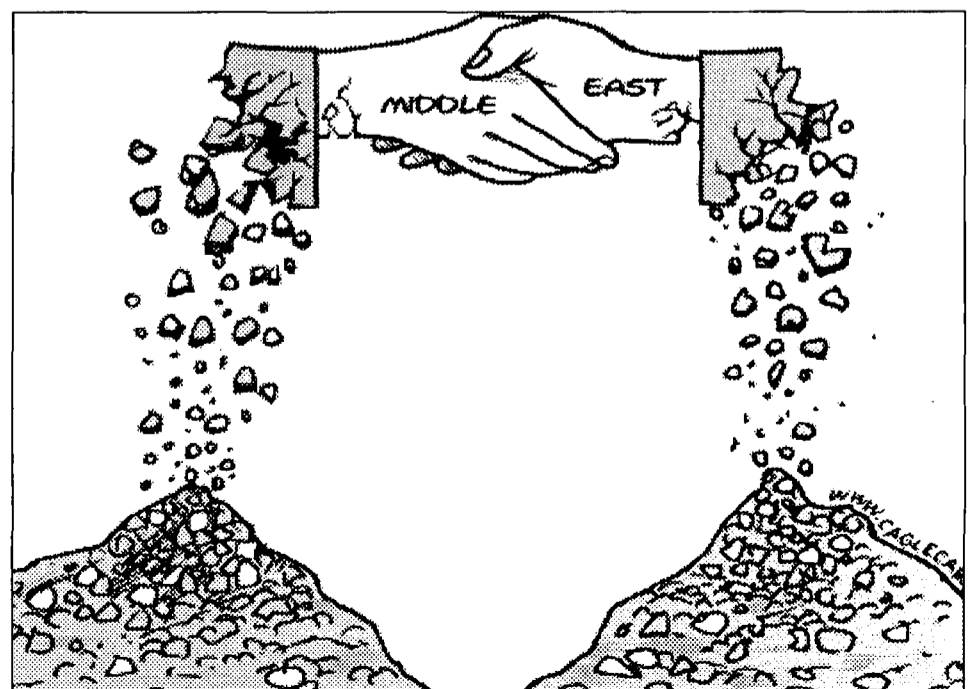
This decision will be a very influential one. Hopefully, the judges will rule in favor of the prisoners, demonstrating to the world that the United States is not a place where hypocrisy is tolerated. Their status as prisoners of war will be reinstated, their protection under the Geneva Accords granted and their cases heard by a fair judge or jury.

We must do everything we can to keep the United States safe. That includes keeping us safe from within, by protecting those freedoms and rights that make us a country to emulate, even when it would be easier to revoke them. When we say that America is different, let us be true to our word.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



These bikers think they own the roads

As I was walking back from class the other day and approaching the home stretch on the way back to my dorm, I turned the corner and came head on with a biker who was tearing up campus on his brand new Mt. Fury. I darted left and he bailed into a bush, coming inches from drilling me at Lance Armstrong speeds. When he got up, he looked around nervously, made sure he hadn't lost the connection on his cell phone call, and continued on his way, most likely to the jerk store.

I witnessed another similar instance just a few weeks before in which two bikers crashed behind Alumni Hall. James Bent, the innocent party, had this to say about the incident, "This kid was out of control! He looked at me, hit his brakes momentarily, then continued to accelerate into my brand new Schwinn. There's no way this kid's parents enrolled him in safety town as a child." In case you aren't able to think of any particular biker misbehavior off hand, I figured I'd lie out a few of the common violations for you.

First, there's the kid who thinks it's cool to weave in and out of groups of walkers like a crazy psycho. He also enjoys speeding down South Quad and tearing across the grass, which I remind you, is 100 percent in violation of du Lac, or as I call it, the Cup of Life. Typically, this kid also uses the word "awesome" and can't stop raving about "how bad the south quad wind tunnel is."

Junior Mark Crnich had this to say about the speed racer type: "Some of these kids treat that path to O'Shaughnessy like the friggin' X-games. I think I actually saw a kid do an endo [brake hard on the front brakes to pop the back tire up — the ultimate in middle school biking tricks] last week too. Redonkulous I say, redonkulous."

Another popular trend among the bikers is to bike at one mile an hour so they can talk with a friend who is walking. Many do not realize that it is nearly impossible to operate a bike this slowly without wavering all over the sidewalk. Simply getting off the bike and walking with it while talking to a walking friend just must be an absurd concept to these unfortunate violators of biking eti-

quette. Although I do not feel that these people are as bad as the 60 m.p.h. Tour de France members, they still are guaranteed to clip my heel once a week.

In light of these problems that have plagued the Notre Dame population, I propose that we walkers impose a general rule of biker regulation that I call the 2X rule. Under this regulation, walkers would be permitted to stick out their arms and clothesline any biker who passes them within arms length if the biker were traveling at more than twice the walker's speed. Some may respond to this regulation saying that it sounds a bit harsh, but I think that the bikers will think twice about racing by after getting a mouth full of hairy forearm and a love tap from the concrete in front of a senior citizen tour group.

I hit the hard streets of the Notre Dame campus to gauge student reaction to my new policy. Junior Ryan MacDonald said "Although I'd really like your policy to have something involving animal sacrifice and puppeteering, I feel that it will suffice in showing these bikers how to behave. Go, Irish, GO!" Senior Dan Guerin was surprisingly angry when I asked him for a reaction, throwing a tantrum and stating "My mom said these bikers make baby Jesus cry. I hate them and their insatiable need for speed." He then began to play patty-cake on his lap and sing campfire songs.

What I am trying to say here by featuring these mildly entertaining stories is that the bikers on campus have gotten way out of line. In these dark times of biking danger, I believe that we need a model citizen on whose example we can rely to show us the right way in which to operate our bikes. After two and a half years of observing people on campus, I've decided that none other than Carlyle Holiday is the model biker for Notre Dame. Always riding at an acceptable speed and watching out for pedestrians such as myself, Carlyle never makes the walking population fearful or bitter with inappropriate tomfoolery ... except sometimes I get a little nervous when he rides with one hand. I was never actually able to get a hold of Carlyle, so I hope he doesn't mind that I am granting him this role.

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Scene Columnist

500 greatest

Rolling Stone magazine releases the ultimate rock and roll library in their recent special collector's issue

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Rolling Stone Magazine released a special collector's issue for the week of Dec. 11 where they picked the 500 greatest albums of all time.

This ultimate rock & roll record library was determined by a five-star electorate of experts and true fans: the singers, label executives, artist managers, historians and critics, among others. These albums represent the finest in popular music, selected by the best in the business.

Rolling Stone's top 500 project began six months ago, when the editors of RS polled a blue ribbon body of rock & roll stars and authorities, asking them to pick their top 50 albums, in order of preference.

The 273 voters spanned every decade and genre of popular music, from the 1950s to the present, including Beck, U2 guitarist the Edge, Ray Manzarek and John Densmore of the Doors, Fats Domino, Jackson Browne, Art Garfunkel, Flea and John Frusciante of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Britney Spears, Metallica's James Hetfield and Lars Ulrich, Missy Elliott and folk patriarch Pete Seegar.

Voters were free to be true to the own loves and music selections, while choosing not only albums that they considered the best, but those that meant the most to them in their personal lives as well as professional lives.

More than 2,400 albums were nominated. Ballots were counted using a weighted point system developed by the accounting firm of Ernst & Young under the supervision of Rolling Stone editors.

Because an album made

Family on Anthology of American Folk Music; the Bee Gees on the soundtrack to Saturday Night Fever; the Righteous Brothers on the Phil Spector collection Back to Mono.

The final tally is a celebration of the most exciting and

vital albums ever recorded, from the shellac 78s made by bluesman Robert Johnson in a San Antonio, Texas, room — finally compiled on an LP nearly 30 years after his death — to the catalytic hip-hop artist of Eminem and the garage-rock futurism of the White Stripes. Alone, the Beatles,

Bob Dylan, the Rolling Stones, the Who and Bruce Springsteen account for nearly ten percent of the RS 500 — a tribute not only to their epochal records but to their explosive growth and pioneer spirit as artists. Yet each of these 500 records, in some way, has been crucial to the history of rock & roll: honoring its past, igniting the present, determining the future.

The RS 500 is also a continuing testament to the way popular music touches and moves us. These records changed not only rock & roll but the people who live for it. The RS 500 is conclusive proof that rock & roll will never die — because the music here is so full of life.



the RS 500 list does not necessarily mean that it reflects the sales of the album or even chart positions. The best selling album of all time — Eagles: Their Greatest Hits, 1971-1975, at 80 million copies sold, did not place in the poll, while both Hotel California (No. 37, 16 million) and The Eagles (No. 374, 1.9 Million) did. The top album, the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper Lonely Hearts Club Band, ranks fiftieth on the list of best-selling albums, at 11.7 million.

Some of the greatest single artists — from Fats Domino and the Four Tops to Dion and Donna Summer — are absent; the voters did not reach a consensus on any of the hit compilations of their work on the market. Also, many important performers are recognized by the RS 500 as part of crucial multi-artist collections: the Carter

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Syracuse 38, Notre Dame 12

Upstaged in upstate

Orangemen beat Irish to a pulp as Notre Dame falls to Syracuse 38-12

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A player broke his school's rushing record on the turf of a sold out Carrier Dome Saturday afternoon, but that player was not Notre Dame's Julius Jones.

Syracuse junior running back Walter Reyes scored five touchdowns and set a school record for career touchdowns and points in a game as the Orangemen snapped a three-game Irish win streak and their own three-game losing streak with a 38-12 victory.

Reyes now has 38 career touchdowns, three more than the previous record holder, Floyd Little, who played for the Orangemen from 1964-66.

With the loss, Notre Dame falls to 5-7, while Syracuse finishes its season at 6-6.

Despite early turnovers, Notre Dame stayed in the game and drew to within 24-12 on a 5-yard touchdown pass to tight end Anthony Fasano with 28 seconds remaining in the third quarter. But Reyes broke a 71-yard touchdown run — his fourth of the game — on the first play of the following Syracuse drive to take the wind out of Notre Dame's sails for good.

"We were able to draw close in the second half," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said, "but we could not convert them to touchdowns and [we could] not rush the football. That kept the defense on the field. I think that made the difference."

The Notre Dame players were visibly frustrated.

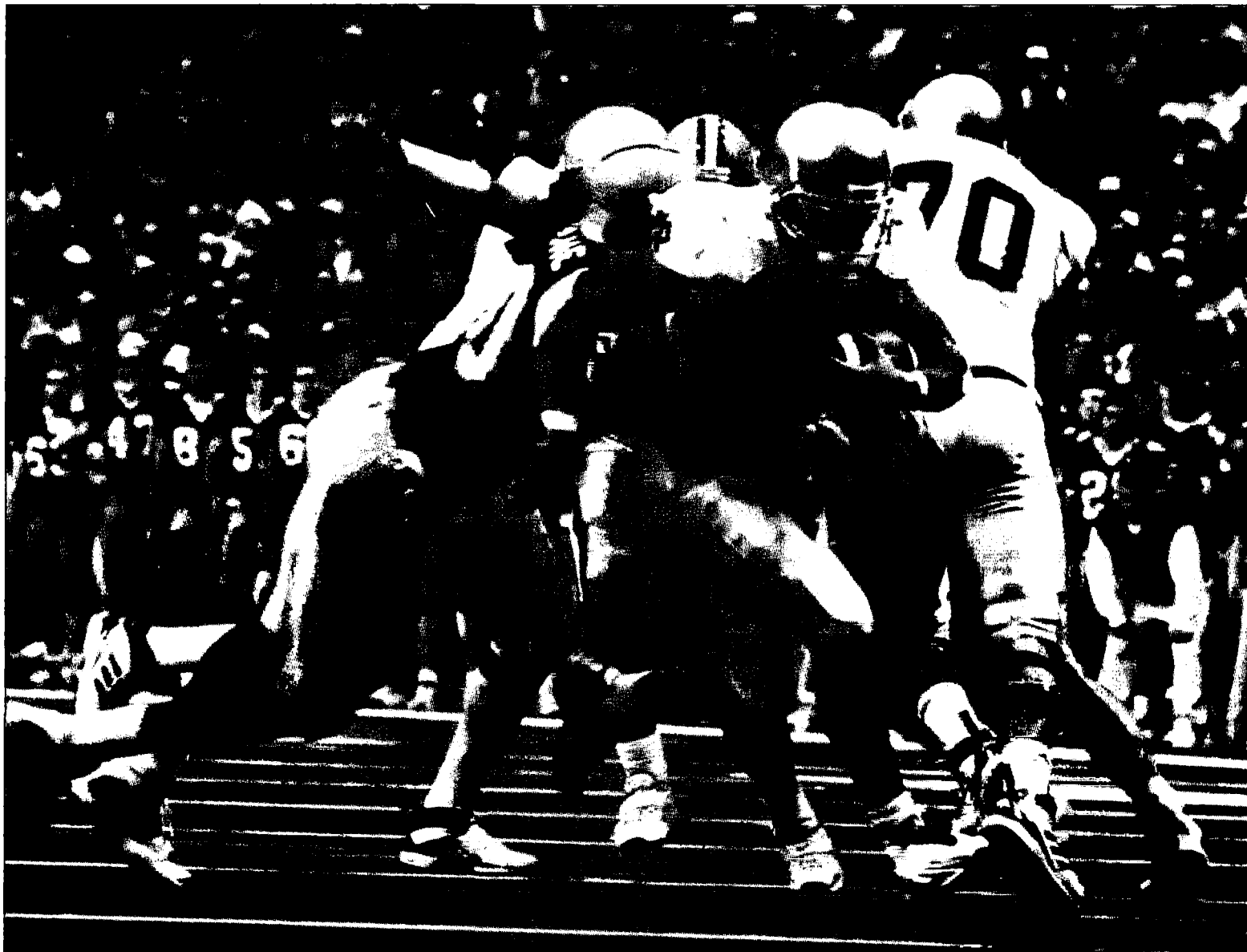
"We didn't play the kind of ball we came here to play," center Bob Morton said. "We didn't play as physical or as tenacious as we wanted to play. It's real tough to swallow right now."

Syracuse scored 24 points off of four turnovers in a game Notre Dame needed to win to finish a rocky season with a .500 record.

Two Brady Quinn interceptions and fumbles by Quinn and Jones — his first since the season opener against Washington State — spoiled drives on which the Irish were able to execute big plays.

"Any time that you turn the ball over it's very costly," Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said, "and anytime you turn it over in the red zone it's extremely [costly], because it takes points off the board."

Quinn completed 18-of-34



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Several Syracuse defenders reach the backfield before running back Julius Jones can even hit the hole. Jones only collected 54 yards in a game where the Irish were unable to get any offense going in a 38-12 loss to the Orangemen.

passes for 199 yards and a touchdown. He was sacked three times.

Excluding two separate 20-yard gains by Jones and junior running back Ryan Grant, Notre Dame could not establish its running game. The Irish finished with 62 rushing yards compared to 247 for Syracuse. The Orangemen contained the rushing attack, hitting Jones six times for zero or negative yards. Jones finished with 54 yards on 20 carries.

Diedrick adjusted by calling play actions and deep throws to sophomore Maurice Stovall and junior Matt Shelton, but turnovers negated the drives. It was only a matter of time before the Notre Dame defense

tired and Reyes found the holes.

"Reyes is definitely a feisty back," cornerback Dwight Ellick said. "I think he's probably the fastest we faced this year. He sees the seam, and he hits it quick. That's just what he did in the second half."

Reyes had just 33 yards rushing and a touchdown on nine carries at half-time. He blew up in the second half for four more touchdowns and 161 additional yards.

A few Irish players could not explain the second half debacle. "It's hard to say," defensive lineman Darrell Campbell said. "It probably comes down to fundamentals that the coaches are going to mention. We missed

some tackles, and when you're going against a great back, he makes good plays and capitalizes on your miscues."

Notre Dame intercepted Syracuse quarterback R.J. Anderson twice and sacked him three times. Anderson finished with 209 yards passing, most of which came in the second half, after the Orangemen were able to establish a running game.

Syracuse still was able to hop on Notre Dame early.

Syracuse free safety Anthony Smith picked off a third-down Brady Quinn pass intended for Omar Jenkins on the first drive of the game and returned it to the Irish 24-yard line.

Five plays and three Reyes touches later, the Orangemen had an early 7-0 lead.

The Notre Dame backfield of Jones and Grant gained 41 yards on the ensuing drive, but the Syracuse defense held Notre Dame on a 4th and 1 at

the SU 35-yard line, creating yet another turnover.

The Orangemen got a 43-yard field goal from Collin Barber to increase their lead to 10-0. Using the indoor conditions to his advantage, Irish kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick nailed a season and career-high 50-yard field goal on the following Notre Dame drive.

The rest of the half was a battle of defenses, however, and despite Quentin Burrell and Vontez Duff interceptions in the second half, the Irish were not able to keep up with Syracuse on offense or defense.

"It was just a bad day for us," Jones said. "We didn't come out the way we were capable of."

"We didn't play the kind of ball we came here to play."

Bob Morton
Irish center

player of the game

Walter Reyes

The Syracuse running back rushed for five touchdowns and 189 yards on 19 carries.

stat of the game

241

number of yards rushing allowed by the Irish in Saturday's game. They had allowed 311 yards total in their previous three wins.

play of the game

Reyes' 71-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter

Syracuse answered Notre Dame's only touchdown and took away any positive Irish momentum.

quote of the game

"We didn't come out and play like we're capable of and it showed everywhere — offense and defense."

Julius Jones
Irish running back

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report card

- D** **quarterbacks:** Quinn overthrew wide receivers throughout the game and threw the interception that led to Syracuse's first touchdown. He did throw a touchdown to Fasano.
- D-** **running backs:** Jones' fumble inside the red zone was a dagger in any hopes of an Irish comeback. Grant's poor block near the end of the game led to a sack and was just one of many mistakes.
- B-** **receivers:** Notre Dame's only touchdown came through the air, and numerous players had catches. The receivers usually did a good job of catching the ball if they could get to it.
- D-** **offensive line:** The line allowed Syracuse to sack Quinn three times and make 12 tackles for a loss. The unit also had difficulty making holes for the Irish running backs.
- C-** **defensive line:** The line had three sacks and helped pressure Anderson into three interceptions. They allowed the Syracuse offensive line to push them around and create holes for Reyes, however.
- C-** **linebackers:** Watson was the game's leading tackler and had an interception, but any time a team puts 200 yards rushing against you, the linebackers did not do their job.
- C+** **defensive backs:** The Irish defensive backs had two interceptions but allowed Reyes to break away for big runs.
- B-** **special teams:** Fitzpatrick kicked a career-high 50-yard field goal and had his highest punting average of the season. A poor line drive kickoff helped lead to a Syracuse touchdown, however.
- F** **coaching:** The Irish couldn't seem to score points without a successful running game and couldn't figure out how to stop Syracuse's running game. The result? A big loss.

1.48 **overall:** The Irish played perhaps their worst game of the season. Losing big to top-ranked USC is one thing. Losing big to Syracuse is another.

adding up the numbers

yards of D.J. Fitzpatrick's first field goal. The 50-yarder was the longest for the Irish this season, and a career high for Fitzpatrick. **50**

54 number of yards rushing Saturday for Julius Jones, after three straight 100-yard games.

the last year a player scored five or more touchdowns against the Irish. Anthony Davis had six for USC. **1972**

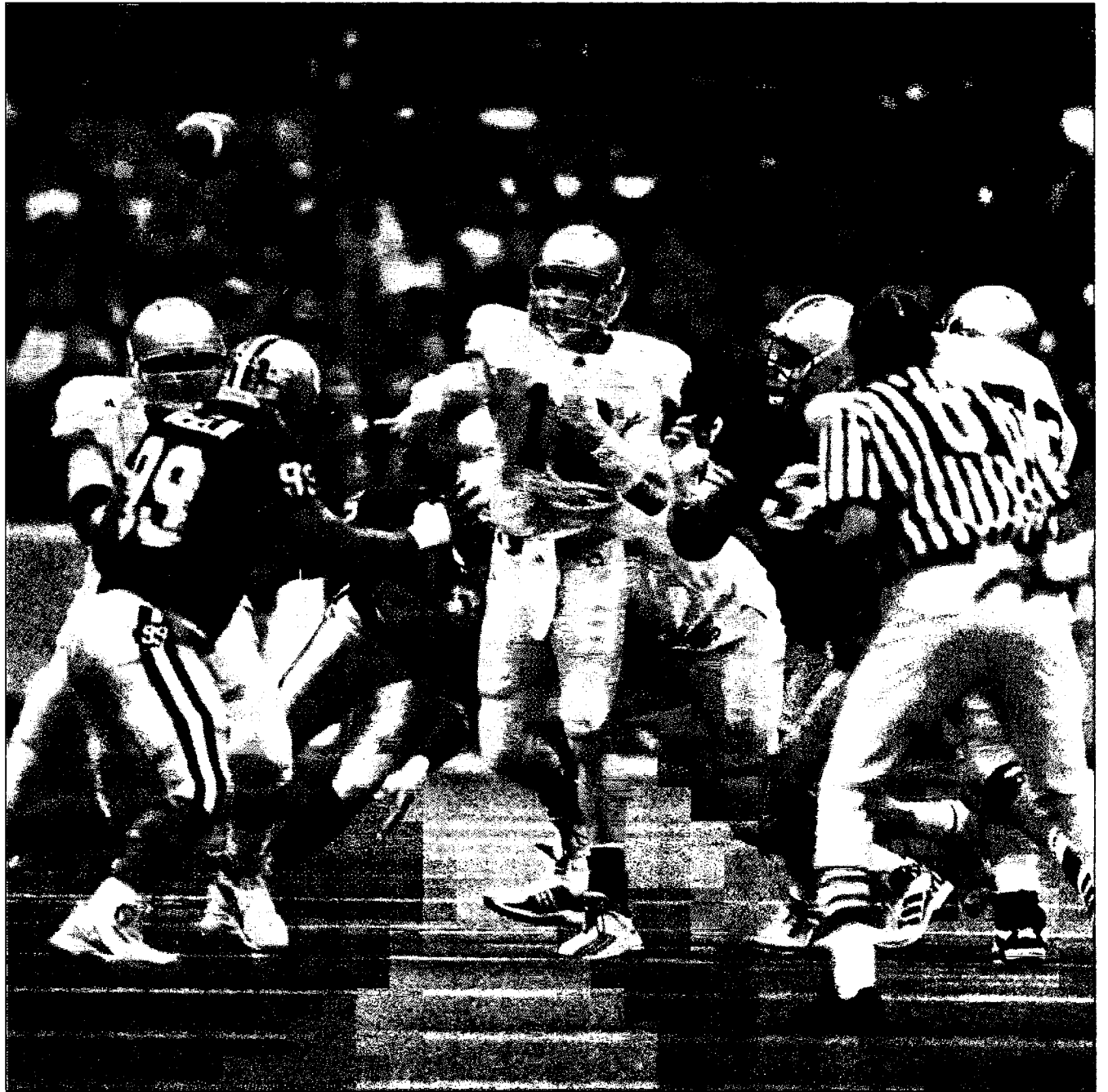
24 number of points Syracuse scored off Notre Dame turnovers

number of plays it took Syracuse to score a touchdown to answer Notre Dame's only touchdown of the game. It came on a 71-yard Reyes run. **1**

9.9 average yards rushing per play by Reyes. The Irish defense allowed only 2.9 yards per rush in its first 11 games.

number of losing seasons in Notre Dame's 116-year history, counting 2003 **12**

3 number of losing seasons for the Irish in the past five years — the first time in history Notre Dame has had three losing seasons in five years.



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Brady Quinn attempts to throw the ball downfield during his team's 38-12 loss to Syracuse Saturday. Quinn, who threw a key interception that led to the first Syracuse touchdown, and other Irish players who made mistakes this year will have to improve over the offseason for the Irish to return to competing with college football's elite.

Irish need to take a look at program

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Just where does the Notre Dame football program stand?

The Irish lost to a mediocre .500 team in Syracuse — a team that North Carolina took to three overtimes.

They lost to a team who lost a 24-7 decision to lowly Rutgers the weekend before.

Just when Notre Dame seemed to be salvaging some respect with three straight wins following a 57-7 whooping of Stanford, the Irish ended their season on Saturday with an embarrassing 26-point loss to a team that is not exactly a storied program.

Sure, the Orangemen have sent the likes of Donovan McNabb and Marvin Harrison to the NFL, but this is a team that could not even halfway fill Rutgers Stadium last weekend when the Irish sold out that same venue three years ago in a 45-17 Notre Dame win.

So why can't Notre Dame, a perennial contender for top recruits and one of the winningest programs in college football history, beat Syracuse?

Maybe that question is unfair. Teams are allowed to lose games.

Then here's another one: Why did the Irish let it turn into a blowout — again?

Like it or not, a 28-21 loss to USC would have looked a lot better than the reality, a 45-14 deba-

cle.

And any way you look at it, the Irish suffered a tough loss to Florida State in Notre Dame Stadium. But to not score one point?

Improvement needs to happen "across the board," Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said in a low tone after the loss.

That will come down to recruiting this January. But depending on incoming freshmen to make a surprise impact on struggling teams is not enough to improve in the off-season. The players could have ended this season on a good note.

"We felt that this game could have been a good springboard into the off-season," head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "Heading into the off-season, this could be a very difficult loss."

Notre Dame turned the ball over four times — turnovers the Orangemen converted into 24 points, and the defense watched Walter Reyes run to numerous records on the Astroturf.

It was embarrassing.

Willingham acknowledged there are many problem areas on the squad. And he even gave credit to a solid Syracuse performance in his post-game press conference.

"First of all, congratulations to Syracuse, both the coaches and the players," Willingham began his press conference in a cold hallway at the bottom of the Dome.

More often than not, however, Notre Dame players and coaches emphasize they are beating themselves and not admitting that the other team flat out beat and outplayed them.

The humility serves the Irish well in being polite sportsmen, but it is frustrating.

They say they didn't play the way they were capable of playing. They didn't bring their A-game. And the worst, they just don't know what happened.

"There is no place you can say we're very pleased with what we're doing," Willingham said.

The off-season should provide time for promising freshmen like quarterback Brady Quinn and defensive end Victor Abiamiri to make improvements.

But you hope the entire team, even the young guys, realizes the significance of this 5-7 season and, especially, this loss.

"When you're young and not playing much, you don't completely understand your role on the team," senior linebacker Courtney Watson said.

Watson won't have another go at righting this wrong, but he hopes those who do will take advantage next season.

"This program is built on winning," Willingham said.

The program was built on winning and it could suffer severe consequences if it keeps losing.

No one wants to say it, because this is not the case yet. But the fate of the program now is in the hands of those who let a late game, and some pride, slip away.

The coaches and players have to ask themselves what they want Notre Dame football to be.

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Losing the rushing battle hurts Irish

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — In a college football world filled with five-receiver sets, play-action roll-outs and spread offenses, Notre Dame's game against Syracuse Saturday came down to one simple fact.

The Irish couldn't run against the Orangemen, and they couldn't stop Syracuse's run, either.

"[Syracuse running back Walter] Reyes is a very good back," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "We knew they run the ball well. If you don't put a hat on him, he's not going down."

The Irish would have needed a haberdashery worth of hats to stop Reyes Saturday, however. The speedy Syracuse back rushed for five touchdowns and 189 yards against an Irish defense that came into the Carrier Dome allowing an average of only 116.3 yards on the ground a game.

Although Reyes has talent — he led the nation in rushing for several weeks earlier in the season — Syracuse's success running the ball was just as much a product of poor execution by the Irish defense.

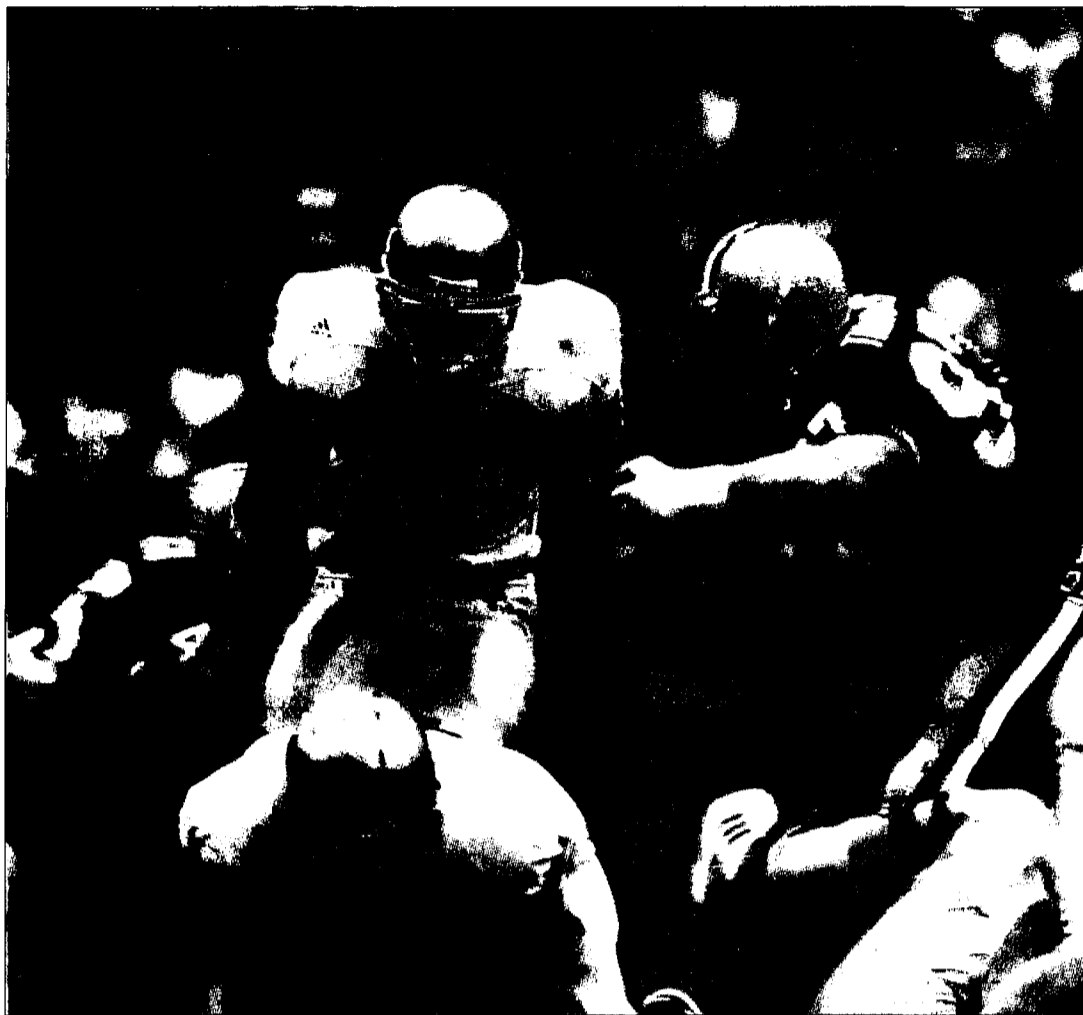
"[Reyes is] pretty good," senior linebacker Courtney Watson said. "He showed up today and we didn't make it too hard on him. He had some big holes and nobody was there to get in his way."

"We could have stepped up at key times and we didn't. That's a microcosm of our entire season."

Not only could Notre Dame not stop Reyes, but they couldn't get their own talented rusher to punish the Syracuse defense, either. Running back Julius Jones, who came into Saturday with 600 yards rushing in Notre Dame's previous three wins, was held to just 54 yards on 20 carries.

"That's not the way you want to go out," Jones said. "It was just a bad day for us, didn't come out the way we were capable of."

The Orangemen simply dominated in the trenches, routinely pushing Irish offensive linemen several yards



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Running back Julius Jones is tackled by the Syracuse defense. Jones and the rest of the Irish backs could only gain 62 rushing yards against the Orangemen.

into the backfield to leave Jones and the other Irish backs nowhere to run.

"It really doesn't surprise me that [Notre Dame] wasn't able to run the ball consistently — not with the kids we've got on the front line," Syracuse coach Paul Pasqualoni said.

Syracuse defensive tackle Christian Ferrara was a thorn in Notre Dame's side all day long, breaking into the backfield and blowing up running plays before they had a chance to develop. Ferrara alone had five tackles resulting in a loss, and the Orangemen collectively had 12 such tackles.

Without a dominating ground game, the Irish offense returned to its anemic performances of earlier in the season, totaling only 261 yards of total offense and just

12 points. Notre Dame could only collect 62 yards on the ground, the fourth time this season the Irish failed to rush for 100 yards or more as a team.

Those previous three times were all losses.

"They were very aggressive on defense and just wouldn't let us get a running game going," Willingham said. "The fact that we couldn't run the ball didn't allow us to have much of a passing game and we couldn't get anything going [offensively]."

Even without a rushing game, the Irish could have still perhaps remained competitive had they been able to stop Syracuse's Reyes, who keys an attack similar to the offense used by the Irish — run as much as you can and pass only when needed. Syracuse quarterback R.J.

Anderson struggled when he had to throw, making three interceptions and missing several open receivers.

Anderson's miscues ultimately did not matter though, because of Reyes' dominance. Nowhere was this more evident than in Reyes' 71-yard run just 11 seconds after a Notre Dame touchdown. He squirted through the line, shifted past the linebackers, and then outran safety Quinton Burrell to the end zone.

"He was probably the fastest back we've seen all year," Irish cornerback Dwight Ellick said. "Not the strongest back and not a power back, just more of an out-run-you type of back. He sees the seam and hits it quick."

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scoring summary

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Notre Dame | 3 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 12 |
| Syracuse | 10 | 0 | 21 | 7 | 38 |

First quarter

Syracuse 7, Notre Dame 0
Walter Reyes 2-yard run with 11:55 remaining (Colin Barber kick)
Drive: 5 plays, 24 yards, 2:07 elapsed
Syracuse 10, Notre Dame 0
Barber 43-yard FG with 4:28 remaining
Drive: 7 plays, 38 yards, 2:16 elapsed
Notre Dame 3, Syracuse 10
D.J. Fitzpatrick 50-yard FG with 1:09 remaining
Drive: 8 plays, 42 yards, 3:19 elapsed

Second quarter

No scoring

Third quarter

Notre Dame 6, Syracuse 10
Fitzpatrick 40-yard FG with 12:44 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 8 yards, 0:52 elapsed
Syracuse 17, Notre Dame 6
Reyes 3-yard run (Barber kick) with 8:09 remaining
Drive: 9 plays, 59 yards, 4:35 elapsed
Syracuse 24, Notre Dame 6
Reyes 15-yard run (Barber kick) with 6:34 remaining
Drive: 2 plays, 36 yards, 0:36 elapsed
Notre Dame 12, Syracuse 24
Anthony Fasano 5-yard reception from Brady Quinn (Quinn pass failed) with 0:28 remaining
Drive: 5 plays, 23 yards, 2:36 elapsed

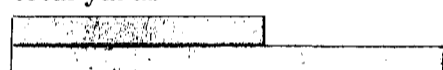
Syracuse 31, Notre Dame 12
Reyes 71-yard run (Barber kick) with 0:11 remaining
Drive: 1 play, 71 yards, 0:17 elapsed

Fourth quarter

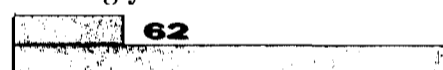
Syracuse 38, Notre Dame 12
Reyes 3-yard run (Barber kick) with 10:27 remaining
Drive: 9 plays, 85 yards, 3:14 elapsed

statistics

total yards



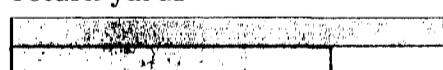
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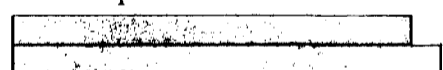
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SYRACUSE

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| 36-62 | rushes-yards | 45-247 |
| 18-34-2 | comp-att-int | 17-27-3 |
| 5-40.2 | punts-yards | 3-36.0 |
| 2-2 | fumbles-lost | 1-1 |
| 2-10 | penalties-yards | 4-25 |
| 14 | first downs | 21 |

passing

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|-------|---------|----------|---------|
| Quinn | 18-34-2 | Anderson | 17-27-3 |
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rushing

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|-------|-------|------------|--------|
| Jones | 20-54 | Reyes | 19-189 |
| Grant | 10-32 | Washington | 15-53 |
| Quinn | 5-23 | Belton | 2-10 |
| | | Kennedy | 2-8 |
| | | Ridore | 1-4 |

receiving

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| McKnight | 4-41 | Morant | 6-103 |
| Schmidt | 3-34 | Belton | 3-26 |
| Fasano | 3-21 | Reyes | 3-24 |
| Stovall | 2-60 | Cusumano | 2-41 |

tackling

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|------------|----|-----------|---|
| Watson | 10 | Gachelin | 9 |
| Burrell | 9 | Scanlon | 8 |
| Hoyle | 8 | Pruitt | 7 |
| Bible | 6 | Ferri | 7 |
| Curry | 5 | Ferrara | 6 |
| Richardson | 5 | Whitfield | 5 |
| Pauly | 5 | Thomas | 5 |
| Abiamiri | 4 | Wyche | 4 |

Injuries befall Irish in last game of year

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Season sack leader and starting defensive end Justin Tuck injured himself on Syracuse's second offensive series Saturday and had to be helped off the field.

Backup offensive guard Jamie Ryan was injured late in the first quarter after Notre Dame kicked its first field goal and also had to be carried off.

Irish coach Tyrone Willingham declined to comment on either player's injury.

Burrell picks it up

Junior defensive back Quinton Burrell was picked up by his individual game down the stretch this year, collecting one interception in each of Notre Dame's last three games — including one Saturday against Syracuse.

Burrell, who saw his playing time increase dramatically after an injury to Glenn Earl in the USC game, ended up the team leader with four interceptions in the season.

Despite his improved play, Burrell realizes that he and the rest of the team have many improvements to make in the coming offseason.

"I think the main thing for me is just to get more consistent," Burrell said. "I need to get back in the film room and pick up on those little things that could help me out."

"Things like reading plays to try and get more picks."

Jones ties for fourth

Senior running back Julius Jones collected only 54 yards against Syracuse Saturday, giving him a total of 1,268 yards this season.

It was a disappointing finish for a season that saw Jones return from academic probation to become the first Irish running back to have three

200-yard games in a season.

"It was a tough way to go out for the seniors," Jones said. "Not a good way to go out for anybody."

Jones' performance this year tied him with Autry Denson in 1997 for the fourth-highest

"It was a tough way to go out for the seniors — not a good way to go out for anybody."

Julius Jones
Irish running back

single-season total in Irish history.

Dome sweet dome? Not quite

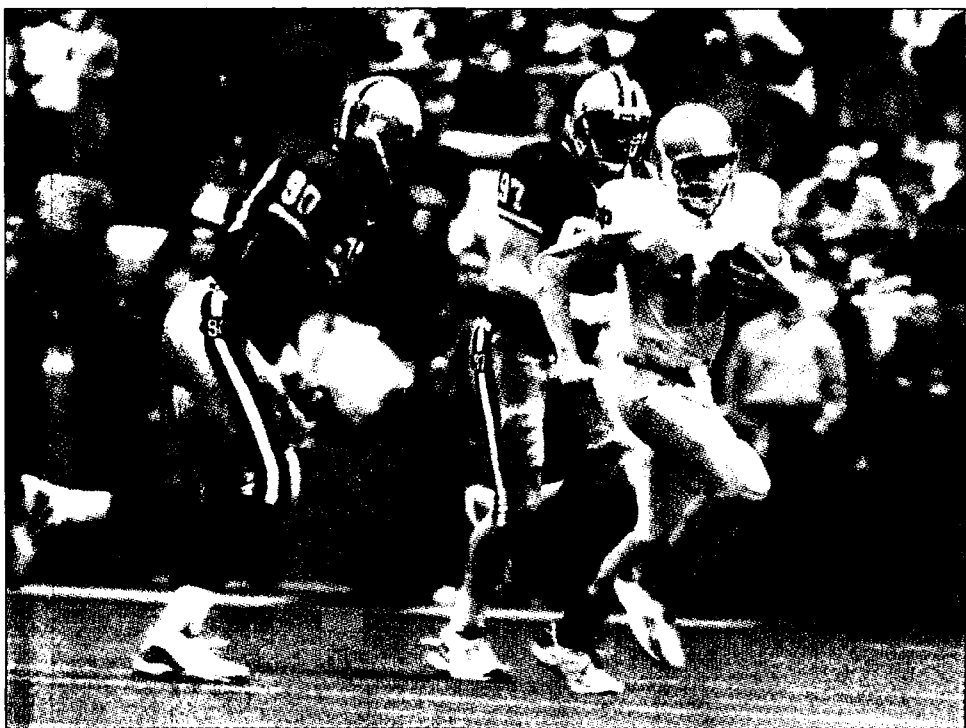
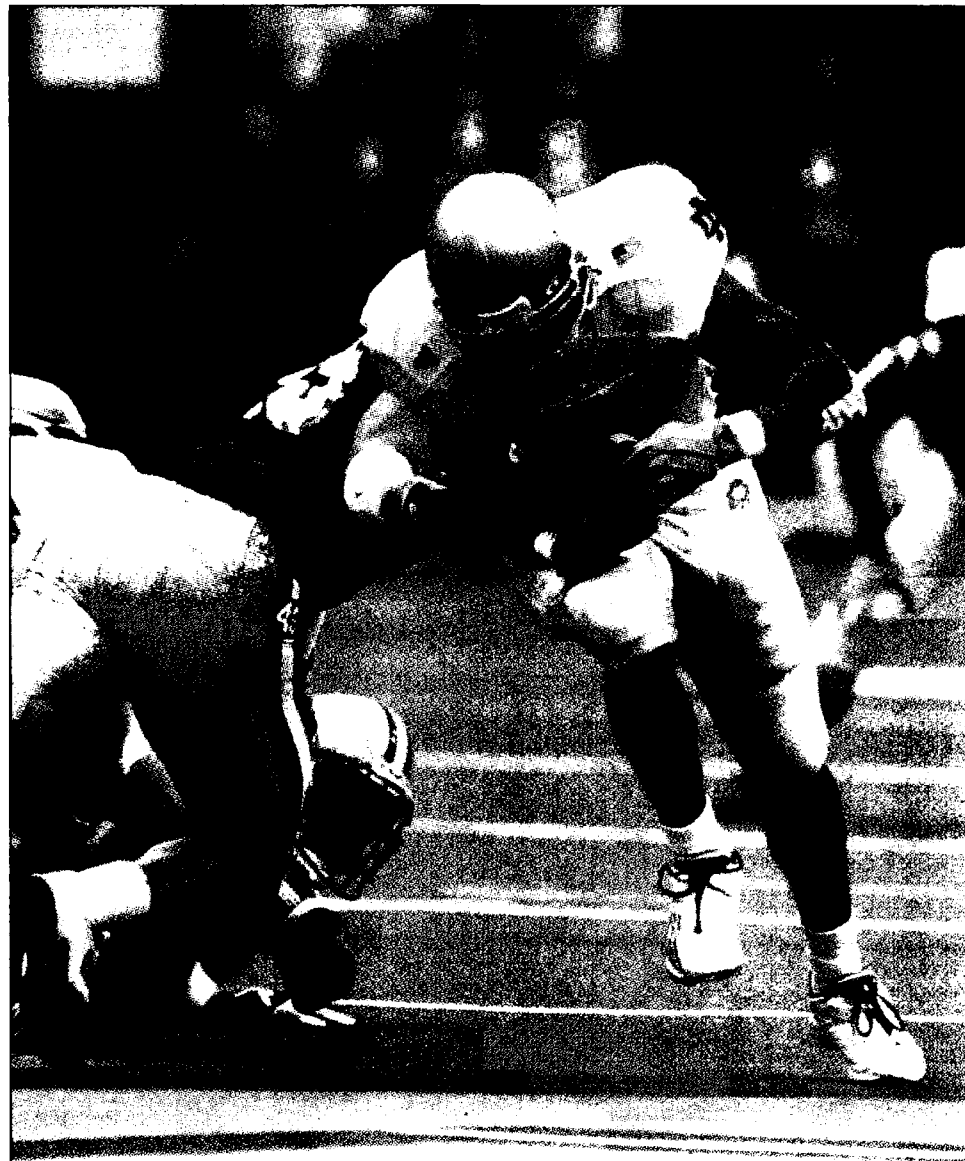
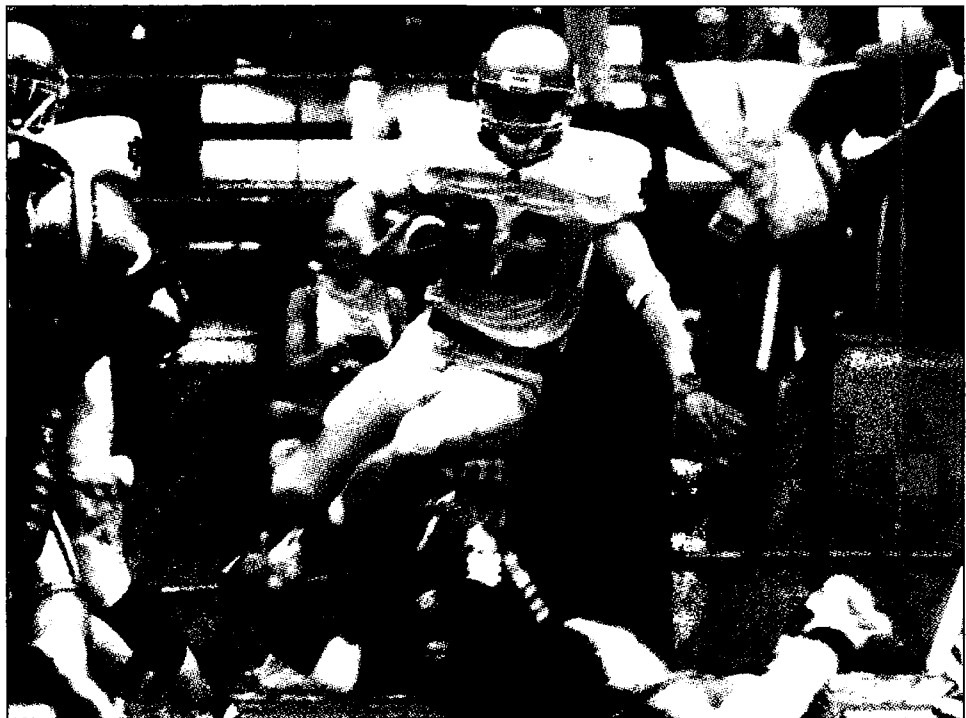
Notre Dame's loss to Syracuse Saturday drops the team's record in domed stadiums to 1-3.

The last time the Irish played in a domed stadium was Jan. 1, 1992 when Notre Dame defeated Florida 39-28 in the 1992 Sugar Bowl at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, La.

Gameday captains

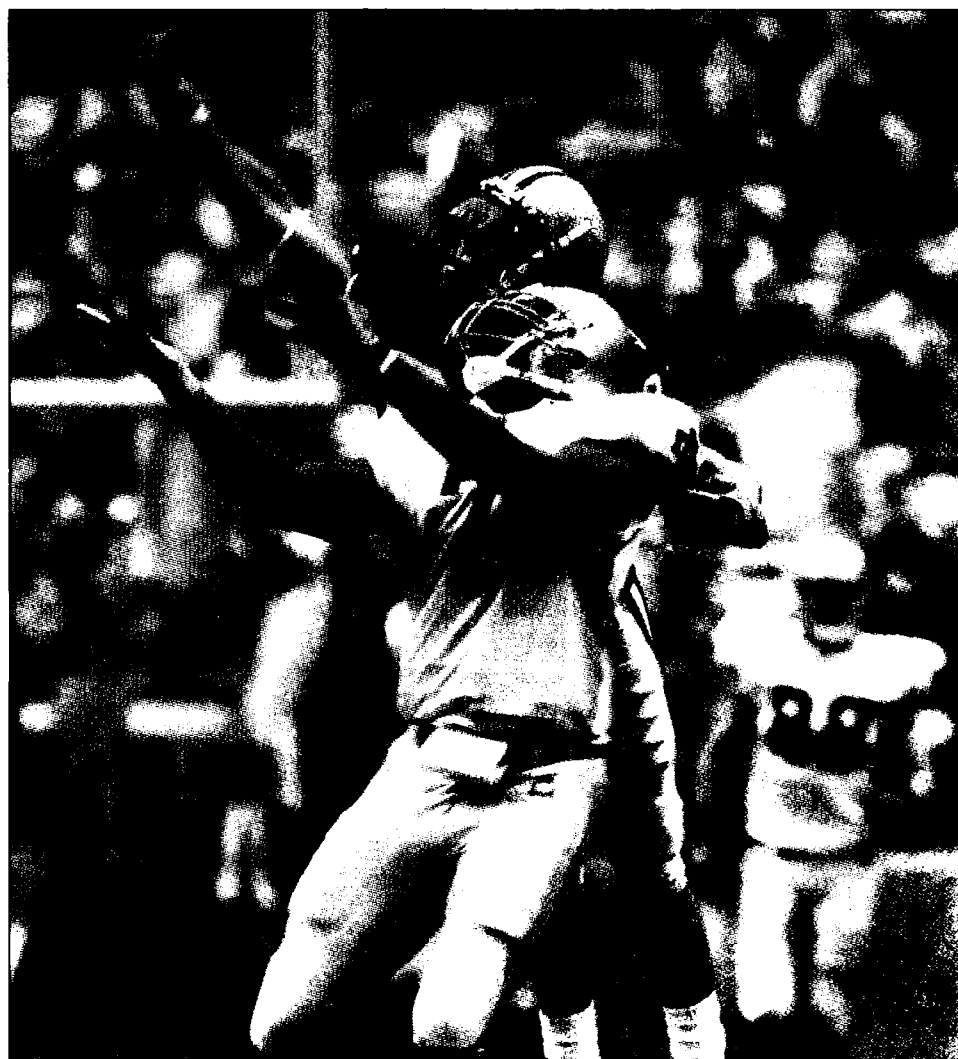
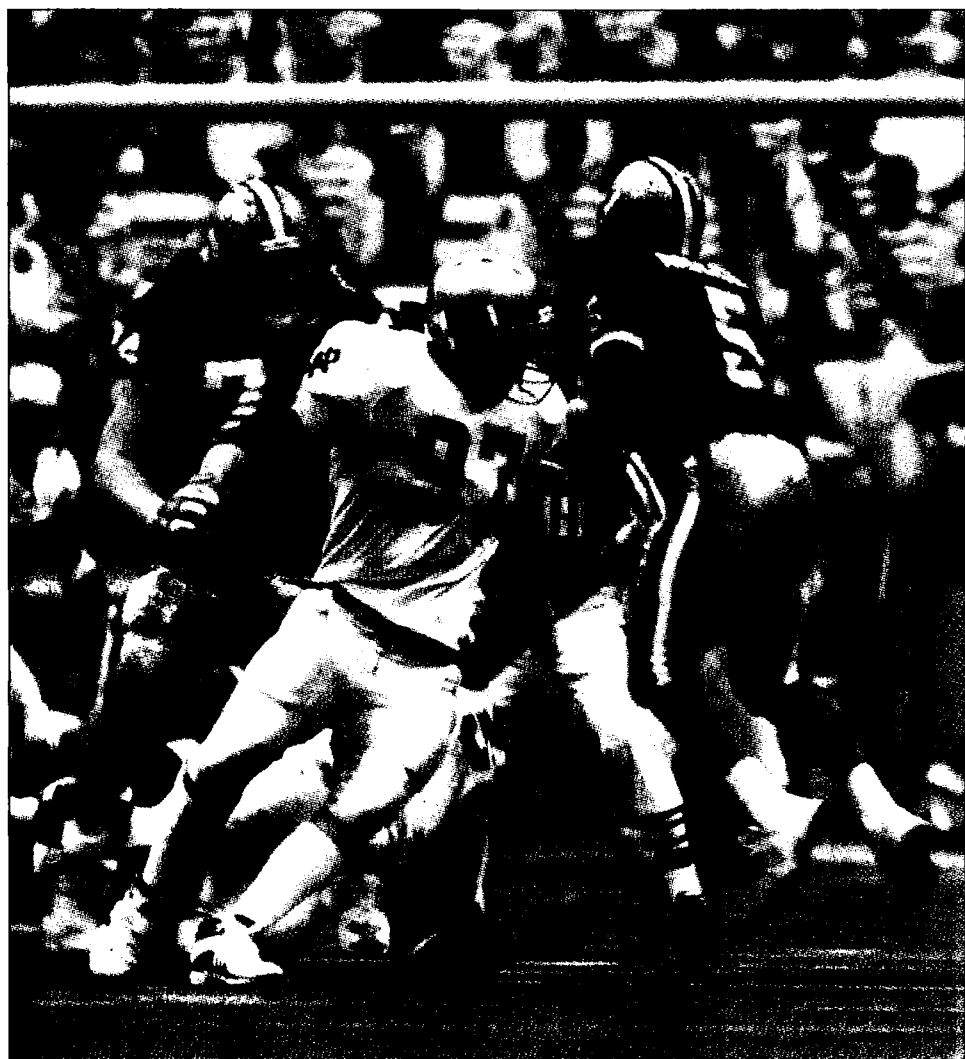
Game captains for Notre Dame against Syracuse were running back Julius Jones, offensive lineman Jim Molinaro, defensive tackle Darrell Campbell and linebacker Courtney Watson.

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A trip north made the season go south for the Irish as Syracuse handed the team its seventh loss of the season — dealing Notre Dame its third losing season in five years. Syracuse running back Walter Reyes rushed for 189 yards and five touchdowns, and the Irish killed drives with turnovers and the lack of a power running game which had served them so well in their previous three wins.

DOME-INATED



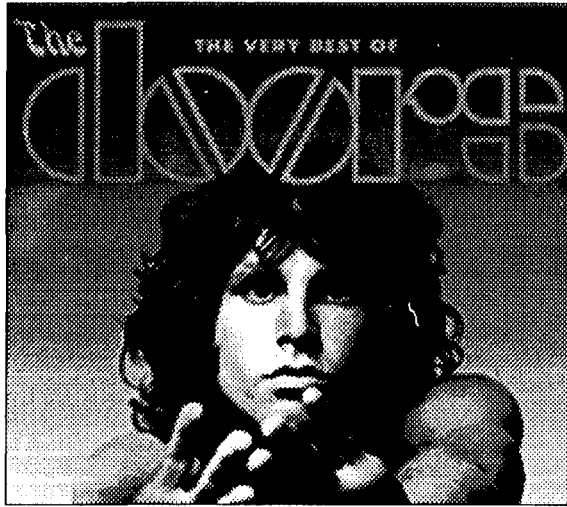
Kick returner Matt Shelton gets tripped up by a lone Syracuse defender before he could break through the hole for a big gain (top left). Irish quarterback Brady Quinn scrambles away from Syracuse defenders. (center left). Irish running back Ryan Grant is wrapped up by the Syracuse defense (top right). Irish defensive lineman Travis Leitko puts pressure on Syracuse quarterback R.J. Anderson (bottom left). Wide receiver Carlyle Holiday tries to catch a Quinn pass as a Syracuse player defends (bottom right).

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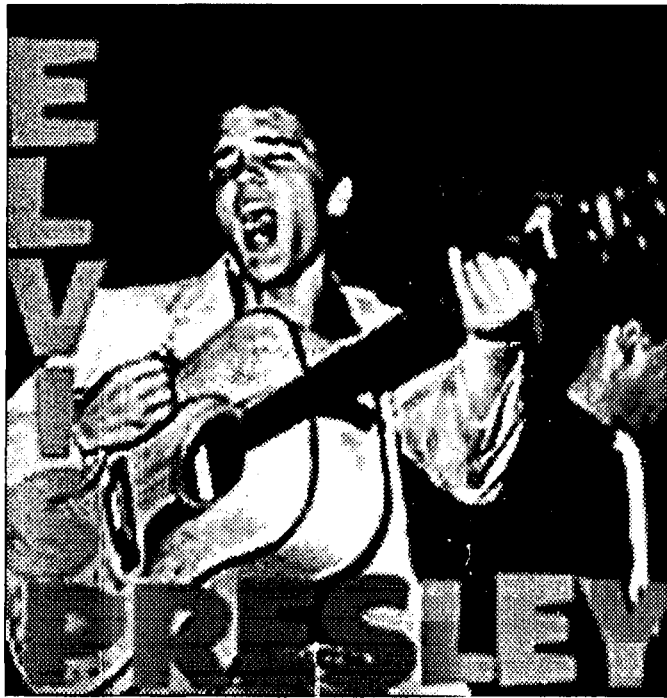
Best albums of all time

THE TOP 100

1. Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, The Beatles
2. Pet Sounds, The Beach Boys
3. Revolver, The Beatles
4. Highway 61 Revisited, Bob Dylan
5. Rubber Soul, The Beatles
6. What's Going On, Marvin Gaye
7. Exile on Main Street, The Rolling Stones
8. London Calling, The Clash
9. Blonde on Blonde, Bob Dylan
10. The Beatles ("The White Album"), The Beatles
11. The Sun Sessions, Elvis Presley
12. Kind of Blue, Miles Davis
13. Velvet Underground and Nico, The Velvet Underground
14. Abbey Road, The Beatles
15. Are You Experienced?, The Jimi Hendrix Experience



16. Blood on the Tracks, Bob Dylan
17. Nevermind, Nirvana
18. Born to Run, Bruce Springsteen
19. Astral Weeks, Van Morrison
20. Thriller, Michael Jackson
21. The Great Twenty-Eight, Chuck Berry
22. Plastic Ono Band, John Lennon
23. Innervisions, Stevie Wonder
24. Live at the Apollo (1963), James Brown
25. Rumours, Fleetwood Mac
26. The Joshua Tree, U2
27. King of the Delta Blues Singers, Vol. 1, Robert Johnson
28. Who's Next, The Who
29. Led Zeppelin, Led Zeppelin
30. Blue, Joni Mitchell
31. Bringing It All Back Home, Bob Dylan
32. Let It Bleed, The Rolling Stones
33. Ramones, Ramones
34. Music From Big Pink, The Band
35. The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars, David Bowie
36. Tapestry, Carole King
37. Hotel California, The Eagles
38. The Anthology, 1947-1972, Muddy Waters
39. Please Please Me, The Beatles



40. Forever Changes, Love
41. Never Mind the Bollocks, Here's the Sex Pistols, The Sex Pistols
42. The Doors, The Doors
43. The Dark Side of the Moon, Pink Floyd
44. Horses, Patti Smith
45. The Band, The Band
46. Legend, Bob Marley and the Wailers

47. A Love Supreme, John Coltrane
48. It Takes a Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back, Public Enemy
49. At Fillmore East, The Allman Brothers Band
50. Here's Little Richard, Little Richard
51. Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Simon and Garfunkel
52. Greatest Hits, Al Green
53. The Birth of Soul: The Complete Atlantic Rhythm and Blues Recordings, 1952 - 1959, Ray Charles
54. Electric Ladyland, The Jimi Hendrix Experience
55. Elvis Presley, Elvis Presley
56. Songs in the Key of Life, Stevie Wonder
57. Beggars Banquet, The Rolling Stones
58. Trout Mask Replica, Captain Beefheart and His Magic Band
59. Meet the Beatles, The Beatles

60. Greatest Hits, Sly and the Family Stone
61. Appetite for Destruction, Guns n' Roses
62. Achtung Baby, U2
63. Sticky Fingers, The Rolling Stones
64. Phil Spector, Back to Mono (1958 - 1969), Various Artists
65. Moondance, Van Morrison
66. Led Zeppelin IV, Led Zeppelin
67. The Stranger, Billy Joel
68. Off the Wall, Michael Jackson
69. Superfly, Curtis Mayfield
70. Physical Graffiti, Led Zeppelin
71. After the Gold Rush, Neil Young
72. Purple Rain, Prince
73. Back in Black, AC/DC

74. Otis Blue, Otis Redding
75. Led Zeppelin II, Led Zeppelin
76. Imagine, John Lennon
77. The Clash, The Clash
78. Harvest, Neil Young
79. Star Time, James Brown
80. Odessey and Oracle, The Zombies
81. Graceland, Paul Simon
82. Axis: Bold as Love, The Jimi Hendrix Experience
83. I Never Loved a Man the Way I Love You, Aretha Franklin
84. Lady Soul, Aretha Franklin
85. Born in the U.S.A., Bruce Springsteen
86. Let It Be, The Beatles
87. The Wall, Pink Floyd
88. At Folsom Prison, Johnny Cash
89. Dusty in Memphis, Dusty Springfield
90. Talking Book, Stevie Wonder
91. Goodbye Yellow Brick Road, Elton John
92. 20 Golden Greats, Buddy Holly
93. Sign 'o' the Times, Prince
94. Bitches Brew, Miles Davis
95. Green River, Creedence Clearwater Revival
96. Tommy, The Who
97. The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan, Bob Dylan
98. This Year's Model, Elvis Costello
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100. In the Wee Small Hours, Frank Sinatra

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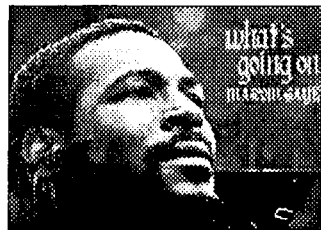
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NFL

Colts take control of AFC South with victory

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Becoming road warriors may have helped the Indianapolis Colts find their way home — at least once — for the playoffs.

Edgerrin James ran for two touchdowns and Mike Vanderjagt kicked five field goals Sunday as the Colts beat Tennessee 29-27 to sweep the defending division champion Titans, taking control of the AFC South with three games remaining.

The Colts (10-3) improved to 6-1 on the road, putting them on track for their first division title since winning the AFC East in 1999, and the chance to host at least a wild-card game.

They did it by scoring 19 straight points and forcing four fumbles, which they turned into nine points. They also held the ball for nearly 34 minutes.

"We had to win this game to have control of the division," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "Now we do. Now we don't have to rely on any help from anyone else. If we win our games, we'll be in good shape."

In this game featuring would-be MVP quarterbacks Peyton Manning and Steve McNair, Manning easily outplayed McNair, even using his legs to scramble for a couple of first downs. He ran for 20 yards and was 22-of-34 for 228 yards in setting a club record with his 93rd consecutive start.

McNair sprained his left ankle in the second quarter and aggravated his already sore right calf, but he still nearly rallied the Titans (9-4) to a tie. He

threw two touchdown passes in the final 9:24 and even ran for a 2-point conversion.

McNair finished 22-of-38 for 235 yards.

Broncos 45, Chiefs 27

Clinton Portis is getting better every week, keeping the Denver Broncos in the playoff hunt.

Portis had 218 yards and a team-record five touchdowns, leading Denver to a wild victory over the Kansas City Chiefs that kept the Broncos within reach of their first playoff appearance in three years.

Portis impressed teammates with a 34-carry, 170-yard game in the rain last week against Oakland, but was even better this time.

He had touchdown runs of 11 and 1 yards in the first half, then added scores of 59, 28 and 53 yards in the second to turn the game into a rout. Portis had 188 yards after halftime and finished with his fifth consecutive 100-yard game — third straight with at least 160 yards.

Portis' effort helped Denver (8-5) tie Miami for the final AFC playoff spot and prevented Kansas City (11-2) from winning its first division title since the 1997 season.

Trent Green threw for 397 yards and Priest Holmes scored two touchdowns, but the Chiefs struggled after a big first half to lose for the second time in four weeks after a 9-0 start.

Bills 17, Jets 6

Pain couldn't stop Travis Henry. Neither could the New York Jets.

Continuing to play with a broken bone in his right leg and torn rib cartilage, Henry ran for

a career-high 169 yards and a touchdown, carrying the Buffalo Bills to a victory over the New York Jets.

Drew Bledsoe had an efficient performance, finishing 9-of-15 for 72 yards and a 6-yard touchdown pass to Josh Reed. And the defense, led by Sam Adams' two sacks, limiting the Jets to two field goals — the first time in Chad Pennington's 18 career starts that New York has failed to score a touchdown.

The victory kept Buffalo (6-7) on the fringes of the playoff hunt while the loss all but mathematically eliminated the Jets (5-8), who failed to build off the momentum of last Monday's 24-17 upset win over Tennessee.

After the Bills took a 7-3 lead into halftime, Henry helped seal the victory with a 4-yard scamper, putting Buffalo up 14-3 midway through the third quarter. Henry keyed the drive with eight carries for 52 yards.

The Jets had no response.

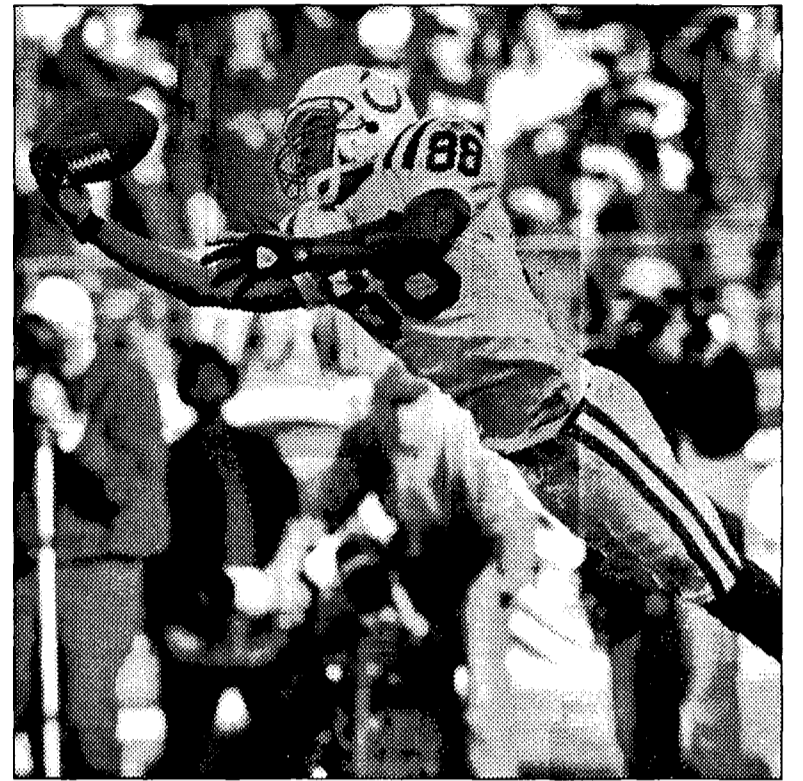
With 4:10 remaining, Pennington threw an incomplete pass intended for Anthony Becht on fourth-and-1 at the New York 33. Then, following a Henry fumble (his only miscue), Bills rookie cornerback Terrence McGee intercepted a pass from Pennington with 2:20 remaining.

Pennington finished 15-of-29 for 155 yards and an interception. Doug Brien accounted for the Jets' scoring with field goals of 17 and 40 yards. Brien also was short from 50 yards.

Falcons 20, Panthers 14

Michael Vick handled things in regulation. Kevin Mathis took care of overtime.

Vick rushed for 141 yards —



Indianapolis wide receiver Marvin Harrison makes a great catch in the third quarter of the Colts' 29-27 win over the Titans Sunday.

the third-highest total by a quarterback in NFL history — before Mathis scored on a 32-yard interception return in overtime to lead the Atlanta Falcons past the Carolina Panthers.

"We've only won three games, but this is the biggest," Vick said.

After Deon Grant picked off Vick's pass at the Carolina 2 to deny the Falcons (3-10) a chance to win in regulation, the Panthers (8-5) got the ball first in overtime.

On third down, Jake Delhomme attempted a pass

over the middle. Mathis stepped in front of the intended receiver, picked off the ball and headed the other way.

Delhomme attempted to knock Mathis out of bounds at the 1, but Mathis dived for the pylon. After calling off the Falcons' celebration to review the play, referee Bill Carollo ruled Mathis had scored.

The Falcons — and Vick — got to celebrate again, having won their first home game of the season and denying Carolina a chance to clinch the NFC South championship.

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LSU in the national title game.

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LSU can have my respect when its non-conference schedule doesn't include Louisiana-Monroe, Western Illinois, Louisiana Tech and Arizona.

Play a real team.

If that's how you win a national title these days, I think Notre Dame should schedule Indiana, Northwestern, Louisiana-Monroe, Louisiana-Lafayette, Louisiana Tech, IUPUI-FW, Bethel, University of Phoenix, Ivy Tech, Vassar, Moeller High School and Sneaky Bobo Community College.

This will be the hap-hap-happiest Christmas sing Bing Crosby tap danced with Danny Kaye.

Are you serious, Clark?

Why does Notre Dame belong in a bowl over Navy??? Oh wait, they don't.

MLB

Braves cut ties with Maddux, Sheffield

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Greg Maddux's long run with the Atlanta Braves is over.

As expected, the Braves didn't offer arbitration to the four-time Cy Young Award winner by the midnight Sunday deadline, essentially ending his career in Atlanta.

The Braves also cut ties with Gary Sheffield and Javy Lopez, two sluggers whose salary demands were beyond the range of the payroll-cutting team.

Julio Franco was the only Atlanta free agent to be offered arbitration. The Braves would like to bring back the 45-year-old first baseman to platoon with rookie Adam LaRoche next season.

Players not offered arbitration can't re-sign with their old clubs until May 1. Maddux went 16-11 with a 3.96 ERA last season — his 16th straight year with at least 15 wins — but likely will have to take a significant pay cut in 2004.

Last season, Maddux made \$14.75 million on a one-year deal with the Braves after accepting arbitration.

The right-hander spent 11 seasons with the Braves, winning the NL Cy Young Award his first three years in Atlanta. He began a streak of four in a row with the Chicago Cubs in 1992.

Scott Boras, Maddux's agent, said Sunday there were no negotiations over the weekend with the Braves, who are expected to cut their payroll by at least \$20 million this season.

NBA

Late 3-pointer lifts Lakers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Phil Jackson wanted a timeout, and tried to inform his players. Fortunately, Devean George didn't hear his coach.

George made a 3-pointer with 24.3 seconds remaining Sunday night, lifting the Los Angeles Lakers to a 94-92 victory over the Utah Jazz.

George connected after the Jazz, who trailed by 21 points in the third quarter, went ahead for the second time in the last minute on a jumper by Mo Williams.

After George's game-winning shot, Williams and Raja Bell missed outside jumpers that could have forged a tie. Shaquille O'Neal rebounded Bell's miss and dribbled out the clock.

"That was Rob — call me Rob, a young Rob," George said, referring to former teammate

Robert Horry, known for his last-second heroics.

George hoisted his game-winner from the right corner — not far from the Lakers' bench. But with the crowd screaming, he didn't hear Jackson's plea.

"I didn't see what I wanted to have happen on that last play," Jackson said in explaining why he wanted to call time. "At least I didn't think it was going to happen."

"I told him, 'Call timeout,' but he didn't hear me. The shot went in anyway. So it was a good timeout that I called."

O'Neal had 19 points, 15 rebounds and eight assists and Kobe Bryant also had 19 points for the Lakers although he shot just 4-of-17. George added 16 points and Slava Medvedenko and Gary Payton each scored 15.

Kings 91, Pacers 88

Hundreds of fans waited inside Arco Arena for Brad Miller to return to the court for his postgame radio interview. They cheered him madly, and he acknowledged the greeting with a single fist pump.

Sacramento's faithful don't stand for losing, and Miller played a big part in getting the Kings back on track on their home floor.

Miller had 18 points, 15 rebounds and 10 assists in his first game against his former team, and the Kings overcame a season-high mark of 21 turnovers for a victory over the Indiana Pacers.

Peja Stojakovic had 27 points and five rebounds and Mike Bibby added 14 points for the Kings, who led by 16 in the third quarter of the emotional game that saw many players challenge the inconsistent officiating.

"All I know is that they hate Sacramento," Kings guard Bobby Jackson said of the referees. "That's East Coast basketball — grab and hold. They let the East Coast beat the West Coast up."

Indiana forward Ron Artest was ejected late in the second quarter for arguing an offensive foul call.

Official Anthony Jordan whis-

pled Artest for a charge 3:31 before halftime and Artest became angry and received a technical for questioning the foul. The Pacers called timeout before Bibby shot the first technical shot.

During the timeout, Artest approached Jordan to give him another earful and official Bob Delaney called the second technical that led to Artest being tossed.

"It was clear to me that the first technical was deserved," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "But the second one was unwarranted, particularly on how well he's conducted himself this season. I thought it was ridiculous to eject a guy who is just wanting an explanation. Because it was a questionable call to say the least that led to the whole situation."

Artest, the Pacers' second-leading scorer at 18.3 points per game, had nine points, an assist and no rebounds.

Celtics 116, Nuggets 111

Paul Pierce had 33 points and 10 assists and Eric Williams added a season-high tally of 21 points to lead the Boston Celtics to victory over the Denver Nuggets.

Pierce was 12-of-22 from the field and had seven rebounds to help Boston end a four-game losing streak.

The Celtics didn't arrive in Denver until five hours before the game because of a snowstorm in Boston.

Reserve Rodney White had 23 points and Voshon Lenard added 20 points for the Nuggets, who had won six straight.

Boston seemed to have the game in hand when Pierce sank two free throws to make it 111-102, but Rodney White hit two 3-pointers to get the Nuggets to 113-111 with 28 seconds left.

Mike James and Pierce sealed the win with two free throws each.

Carmelo Anthony, who had only eight points for three quarters, brought the Nuggets back with six points in the first four minutes of the final period. His free throw after a driving layup tied it at 94.


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College Football Polls

| AP | | Coaches | |
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| team | | team | |
| 1 | USC (42) | USC (37) | 1 |
| 2 | LSU (21) | LSU (18) | 2 |
| 3 | Oklahoma (2) | Oklahoma (8) | 3 |
| 4 | Michigan | Michigan | 4 |
| 5 | Texas | Texas | 6 |
| 6 | Tennessee | Ohio State | 6 |
| 7 | Ohio State | Tennessee | 7 |
| 8 | Kansas State | Florida State | 8 |
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| 18 | Boise State | Mississippi | 18 |
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| 21 | Oklahoma State | Nebraska | 21 |
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| 23 | Maryland | West Virginia | 23 |
| 24 | Minnesota | Maryland | 24 |
| 25 | Utah | Utah | 25 |

BCS



USC coach Pete Carroll celebrates with quarterback Matt Leinhardt following the Trojans 52-28 victory over Oregon State. Despite being ranked first in both human polls, USC will not play in the BCS national title game.

Reuters

NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|--------------|--------|-------|---------|-----|
| Philadelphia | 11-10 | .524 | 6-4 | - |
| New Jersey | 9-11 | .450 | 4-6 | 1.5 |
| Washington | 7-12 | .368 | 4-6 | 3 |
| Boston | 7-12 | .368 | 2-8 | 3 |
| New York | 7-14 | .333 | 4-6 | 4 |
| Miami | 5-15 | .250 | 3-7 | 5.5 |
| Orlando | 1-19 | .050 | 0-10 | 9.5 |

Eastern Conference, Central Division

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|-------------|--------|-------|---------|------|
| Indiana | 16-4 | .800 | 8-2 | - |
| New Orleans | 14-7 | .667 | 6-4 | 2.5 |
| Detroit | 14-7 | .667 | 7-3 | 2.5 |
| Toronto | 12-8 | .600 | 7-3 | 4 |
| Milwaukee | 9-11 | .450 | 4-6 | 7 |
| Atlanta | 6-15 | .286 | 3-7 | 10.5 |
| Chicago | 5-14 | .263 | 1-9 | 10.5 |
| Cleveland | 5-15 | .250 | 2-8 | 11 |

Western Conference, Midwest Division

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|-------------|--------|-------|---------|-----|
| Denver | 13-6 | .684 | 6-2 | - |
| Dallas | 13-7 | .650 | 7-3 | .5 |
| Houston | 12-7 | .632 | 6-4 | 1 |
| Utah | 11-7 | .611 | 7-3 | 1.5 |
| Minnesota | 12-8 | .600 | 7-3 | 1.5 |
| Memphis | 11-8 | .579 | 6-4 | 2 |
| San Antonio | 11-10 | .524 | 5-5 | 3 |

Western Conference, Pacific Division

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|--------------|--------|-------|---------|-----|
| LA Lakers | 16-3 | .842 | 9-1 | - |
| Sacramento | 12-5 | .706 | 6-2 | 3 |
| Portland | 10-8 | .556 | 5-5 | 5.5 |
| Seattle | 9-8 | .529 | 4-6 | 6 |
| Golden State | 9-9 | .500 | 5-5 | 6.5 |
| Phoenix | 8-11 | .421 | 5-5 | 8 |
| LA Clippers | 6-10 | .375 | 2-8 | 8.5 |

Consensus No. 1 USC left out of title game

Associated Press

College football fans, get ready to crown not just one, but possibly two national champions.

That's because the computer rankings had Oklahoma as the country's top team Sunday while the human poll voters picked Southern California.

Despite getting walloped by Kansas State 35-7 on Saturday night, Oklahoma will take its 12-1 record to the Sugar Bowl against LSU, which won the Southeastern Conference championship by beating Georgia 34-13.

The winner in New Orleans on Jan. 4 auto-

matically captures the coaches' title under Bowl Championship Series format.

USC, which finished third in the BCS rankings, could win The Associated Press championship by beating No. 4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl, with a split national title certain to leave more people calling for a playoff.

The No. 1 team in the AP poll has never dropped after winning its bowl game. The USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll must give its championship to the Sugar Bowl winner.

The BCS was started in 1998 to create a national

title game without playoffs.

When the BCS contract expires after the 2005 season, a one-game championship might be instituted after the bowls. That would be too late to fix this year's mess.

In the final BCS standings, Oklahoma was first with 5.11 points based on its top spot in five of the seven computers, the 11th-toughest schedule and a quality win over Texas. The Sooners were third in both polls.

LSU (12-1) was second with 5.99, edging out USC (11-1) by 0.16 in the second closest finish in the six-year history of the BCS.

Nebraska beat Colorado by 0.05 in 2001.

The Trojans got 79 of the 128 first-place votes in the polls but finished third in five computers because of a weak Pac-10 schedule.

LSU was second in the polls and six computers and edged out USC based on a tougher schedule. LSU and USC were each picked first in one computer.

The Tigers' spot in the title game wasn't assured until Boise State beat Hawaii at 3 a.m. EST Sunday. The Trojans' strength of schedule was hurt because they beat Hawaii in September.

around the dial

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame at Washington (replay)
1 p.m., FOX Sports

NFL

St. Louis at Cleveland 9 p.m., ABC

NBA

San Antonio at Chicago 8:30p.m., FOX Sports

IN BRIEF

Bruce Smith claims all-time NFL sack record

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Bruce Smith became the NFL's career sacks leader when he tackled Jesse Palmer for a 7-yard loss in the fourth quarter of the Washington Redskins' game against the New York Giants on Sunday.

The 40-year-old defensive end put an inside power move on tackle Ian Allen, grabbed Palmer around the left ankle and pulled him down for his 199th sack.

Smith passed Reggie White, who had 198 sacks in a 15-year career with Philadelphia, Green Bay and Carolina from 1985-2000. The sack became an official NFL statistic in 1982.

"I know that I'm not second place any longer," Smith said. "When they print up the football cards, they won't say sacked second to such and such or so and so. It was a special day."

Smith had 171 sacks and made 11

Pro Bowls during 15 years with Buffalo before joining the Redskins in 2000. He has just four sacks this season, including just one in an eight-game stretch, making for an excruciating climb toward the record.

Giants re-sign Snow, Tucker

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Giants brought back first baseman J.T. Snow on Sunday and added outfielder Michael Tucker.

Snow agreed to a one-year contract with a team option for 2005 that guarantees him \$1.75 million, while Tucker agreed to a \$3.5 million, two-year deal.

The 35-year-old Snow is a six-time Gold Glove winner who has spent seven seasons with the Giants. He hoped to stay with the club, but was also realistic it might not happen because San Francisco intends to cut about \$8 million in payroll for 2004. The Giants declined his \$6.5 million after the season.

His new deal calls for a \$1.5 million salary next year and gives the Giants a \$2 million option for 2005 with a \$250,000 buyout. The option would become guaranteed if he has 450 plate appearances next season.

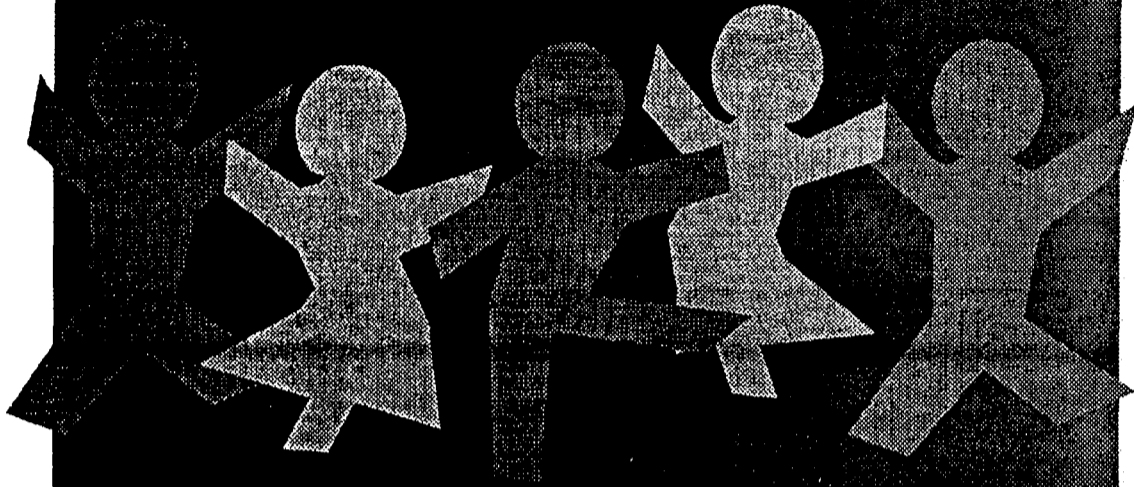
He hit .273 with eight homers and 51 RBIs and was thrown out at home plate for the final out of the Giants' season in Game 4 of the first-round playoff series against the eventual World Series champion Florida Marlins.

Tucker, a nine-year major league veteran, played at least 20 games in every outfield position last season for the Kansas City Royals and would be a likely fit in right field, where a spot was left vacant when the Giants declined their \$4 million option on Jose Cruz Jr. in October.

Tucker played 47 games in right field last season, 30 in center and 21 in left. He hit .262 with 13 home runs and 55 RBIs in 104 games in 2003, but had his season cut short because of a broken bone in his right leg.

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went on a 10-1 run to put them up four points.

But the Irish never quit, as they came out of a timeout to score five straight points of their own to take a 28-27 lead. But Louisville proved to be too much, pulling away with the 32-30 win.

Game two looked promising, as the Irish jumped out to a 6-1 lead before Louisville tied the match at 10, and took the lead for good 12-11. As the nation's leading blocking team, Notre Dame failed to register a block in the second game, and the Irish hit only .140 as a team, compared to the Cardinals' .500 hitting percentage.

"When our blocking breaks down and our defense breaks down, we don't score points very well," Brown said. "When we weren't scoring points like we needed to, that's going to result in a loss, and it did."

Louisville dominated game three, jumping out to a 14-7 lead and never looking back as the Irish hit a mere .117 on the game and .152 on the match. Louisville dominated the Irish at the net, hitting .302 on the match and registering 10.5 blocks to the Irish's eight.

The Cardinals went on to lose to No. 18 Illinois Saturday.

"Louisville played very well," Brown said. "But, I think we were in a pretty good place coming into the match."

However, coming into the NCAA tournament, the Irish had lost four of their last six matches, including six straight games. But they weren't focused on the past; they were focused on the task at hand.

"We weren't dwelling on the fact that we lost six games in a row or two matches in a row,"

Brown said. "We thought that with another week of practice we would be in a good place."

However, the Irish were unable to get it done in their last match of the season.

Sophomore middle blocker Lauren Brewster led the hitters with 16 kills on 52 attempts — the most attempts this season by an Irish hitter. She also had seven digs. Lauren Kelbley added 11 kills and four blocks.

For seniors Katie Neff and Kristen and Jessica Kinder, it was their last start in a Notre Dame uniform. Neff had eight kills and three blocks. Kristen Kinder had 35 assists for the Irish, and Jessica added 10 digs. Senior Kim Fletcher did not see action in the end for what seemed to be an under-achieving team, who lost five of their last seven matches.

But the seniors will be remembered for more than just the nine game losing streak they finished with.

"You can never replace the people that are leaving," Brown said. "We'll miss them for sure, and the team will be different. They were a huge part of our team."

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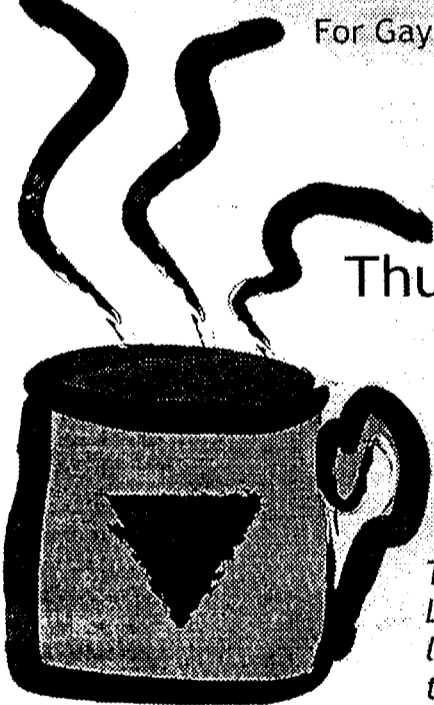
NOTRE DAME — Kills 42 (Lauren Brewster 16), Assists 36 (Kristen Kinder 35), Digs 57 (Meg Henican 17), Blocks 8 (Emily Loomis, Lauren Kelbley 4), Hitting percentage .152 (Katie Neff .208), Aces 3 (Brewster 2)

Louisville — Kills 63 (Lena Ustymenko, Sonja Percan 16), Assists 56 (Jennifer Craven 23), Digs 77 (Percan 20), Blocks 10.5 (Benny Flynn 7), Hitting percentage .302 (Anastasia Yartseva .583), Aces 4 (Sonja Percan 3)

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies too strong at home in 85-74 victory

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Washington showed Notre Dame why they haven't lost at home since March of 2002.

Husky freshman Cameo Hicks scored a career-high 24 points while teammate Giuliana Mendiola added 27 points, eight rebounds and seven assists to help Washington (5-0) stay undefeated with an 85-74 victory over Notre Dame (3-4) Sunday afternoon in Seattle. The loss dropped Notre Dame's road record to 1-4 for the season, with all five road opponents receiving votes in the polls when the game began.

The Huskies out-rebounded the Irish 43-33 for the game and outscored Notre Dame 24-10 in second-chance points.

Washington coach June Daugherty was pleased with her team's performance, especially rebounding, in winning their 17th straight home victory.

"It was a good win. We knew Notre Dame was coming in here with an enormous amount of talent," Daugherty said. "Obviously our rebounding was a big difference and helped us get into our running game and get some easy

things."

The Irish were paced by forward Jacqueline Batteast and guard Megan Duffy. Batteast had 19 points, five rebounds, five assists and four blocks. Duffy continued her solid play by adding 17 points, knocking down 3-of-5 3-pointers and dishing out a career-high nine assists. Duffy did have four of Notre Dame's 11 turnovers.

Irish forward Courtney LaVere struggled for much of the game, making only 3-of-13 shots and finishing with nine points, but she led the team with nine rebounds.

Washington jumped out to a 13-7 lead with 14:16 left in the first half when Mendiola drained a jumper. The Huskies led by as many as eight points before Notre Dame overtook them, 33-32, on a Teresa Borton field goal with 2:16 left in the half.

But Washington scored seven of the last nine points before halftime to lead 39-35 at intermission.

Hicks nailed a jumper with 14:22 left in the game to give Washington its biggest lead up to that point at 54-44. The team's exchanged baskets for the next seven minutes as the Husky lead

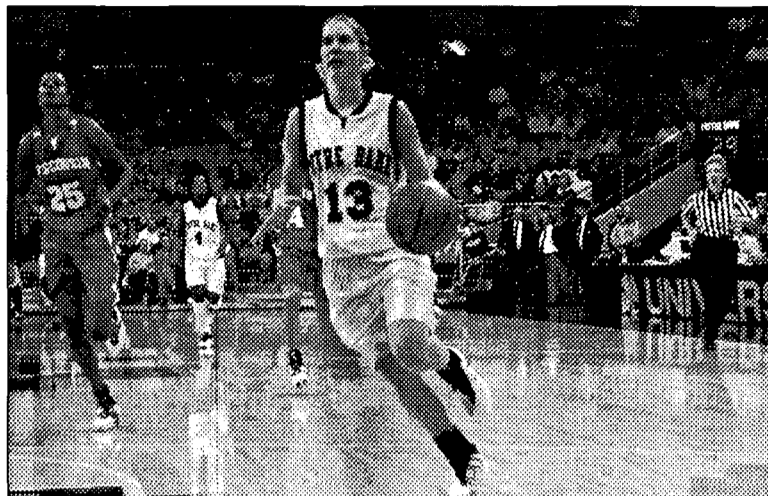
fluctuated from six to 10 points.

But Mendiola drilled a 3-point-er with 4:54 left in the second half to extend the Washington lead to 78-63. The Huskies would lead by as many as 16 before the game ended.

"I thought our whole team showed a lot of poise," Daugherty said. "Everyone knew this was a big game, it's been circled on my calendar since the summer. These are games you work hard in the offseason for."

Notre Dame has now lost three of four games as they prepare for Dayton at the Joyce Center next Saturday.

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Notre Dame guard Megan Duffy drives with the ball against Wisconsin. The Irish lost to Washington Sunday 85-74.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles split a pair in Roundball Tourney

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

As hosts of this weekend's Roundball Tournament, the Belles expected to play confidently and face some difficult competition. Both predictions proved accurate.

After an 82-67 victory over Illinois College in the first round, the Belles met Washington University in the championship game. The Belles (3-4) put up a strong fight but fell 68-45 against ninth-ranked Washington (6-1).

The Belles looked strong in their first game right from the beginning. Their offense came alive and by halftime they had put Illinois behind 45-25.

"The starters got us off to a great beginning, which really set the tone for the rest of the team," Belles coach Suzanne Bellina said. "It was one of those nights that we were able to distribute the ball very well."

The momentum from the first game carried over to the championship as the Belles opened a quick lead against Washington.

"I was really proud of the way our women came ready for the game," Bellina said. "We scored first and also had a series of great defensive stops to start the game."

In response to momentarily trailing, Washington put together a 14-0 scoring drive on their way to a 34-24 halftime lead and the victory. Despite this, the Belles still played with confidence the entire game.

"We really hung tough

through their runs in the first half," Bellina said. "By keeping it close in the first half, we were able to come out with confidence in the second half."

The Belles came out hitting their shots against Illinois and finished the game at 57 percent from the field and 46 percent from three point range. Forward Maureen Bush finished the game with 14 points on 6-for-7 shooting.

Washington put the lid on the Belles' hot shooting and limited them to only 30 percent for the game.

Forward Emily Creachbaum led the Belles against Washington and managed to finish with 15 points on 6-for-12 shooting. No other player reached double figures for the Belles.

Against Illinois, the Belles were able to put together a true team effort as 14 players got in the game, with seven players seeing more than 17 minutes on the court.

Although not content with the outcome, the Belles are not overly disappointed about not winning the tournament.

"Obviously, you want to win your own tournament, so we were not satisfied with the end result," Bellina said. "We still feel good about what this weekend did to help us prepare for the upcoming conference season."

The Belles will continue at home this Wednesday against Albion College.

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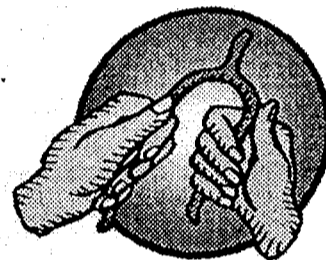
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HOCKEY

Brown, Irish allow 14 goals in pair of losses

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame hockey team's strengths became its weaknesses this weekend as the Irish dropped a pair of games on the road to Western Michigan.

The Irish, who came into the weekend with the third-best defense in the entire nation, gave up a combined 14 goals in the two games.

"These were the worst two games that we've played this season," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "Why they happened this weekend, I couldn't tell you."

Freshman goaltender David Brown, who had been nearly unbeatable earlier in the season during a three-game shutout streak, gave up a combined 12 goals in the 8-6 and 6-4 losses. He made only 51 saves, for an abysmal .801 save percentage on the weekend.

"David just wasn't sharp tonight," Poulin said after Friday's loss. "He had some trouble with rebounds. They were dropping down in front, usually he snaps them up."

It was a call back to earth for the Irish, who entered the weekend ranked first in the CCHA for the first time ever this far into a season.

Notre Dame also saw its five-game unbeaten streak (3-0-2)

snapped after Friday's loss. Brown lost two games in a row for the first time this season.

An unusual offense showed up in Kalamazoo, Mich., for the usually defensively-stout Irish, as the team scored 10 goals in two games, but that normally-solid defense failed both nights.

"We didn't do the little things that we've done so well this season," Poulin said. "Like clearing our zone, dumping the puck to areas we can get to it, finishing checks. We played one good period of hockey this weekend and that was the third period of tonight's game."

In Friday's loss, the Irish got goals from six different players — Matt Amado, Aaron Gill, Brett Lebda, Jason Paige, Josh Sciba and Cory McLean.

Western Michigan jumped out to an early lead as Jeff Campbell scored twice and Pat Dwyer collected a goal of his own to give the Broncos a 3-0 lead after the first period.

The Irish came back to tie it at the start of the second period in just one minute, 23 seconds at 3-3 on goals by Amado, Lebda and Paige.

Brown then played shakily, allowing Vince Bellissimo,

Jeremy Cheyne and Dana Lattery to collect three goals to give the Broncos another three-goal lead going into the final period.

Rory Walsh took over for Brown in the third and gave up another goal to Cheyne, but the Irish came back to answer with goals from Gill and Sciba to make it 7-5. Ryan Mahrle scored for the Broncos and McLean scored for the Irish late in the third for

"We didn't do the little things that we've done so well this season."

Dave Poulin
Irish coach

an 8-6 final.

"When we tied the game at 3-3 early in the second period, I thought we were in good shape," Poulin said. "But then we had two major breakdowns that ended up in the net, and it became a shootout."

Saturday, Notre Dame scored first with a goal from Michael Bartlett, but the Broncos came back to answer with a Campbell tally.

Forward Mike Walsh scored to make it 2-1 in favor of the Irish, but that lead lasted only 47 seconds as Campbell came right back to tie it once more.

The Broncos then scored twice to take a 4-2 lead, and they would not relinquish that lead for the rest of the game.

Bartlett would score again for the Irish, and McLean would also score to close out the Irish offensive output.

Notre Dame managed to cut the lead to 5-4, but Brent Walton scored into an empty net to win it for the Broncos.

The Irish now break for the Christmas holidays and return to action Dec. 27 as they travel to Estero, Fla., to face Cornell in the first round of the Everblades Collegiate Holiday Classic.

Notes:

Notre Dame extended its string of games with a power play goal to nine with Bartlett's goal in the second period Saturday. Gill's goal Friday was also on the power play.

Former Irish star Ben Simon scored his first NHL goal Saturday in the Atlanta Thrashers' 4-3 overtime win over the Florida Panthers.

Simon scored Atlanta's tying goal that sent the game into overtime. He was a member of the Notre Dame hockey team from 1996 to 2000.

**WESTERN MICHIGAN 8,
NOTRE DAME 6
at the LAWSON ARENA,
Friday**

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| WESTERN MICHIGAN | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
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Scoring Summary
First period — WMU: Jeff Campbell

(Vince Bellissimo, Brent Walton), 6:30; WMU: Pat Dwyer (Reid Yantzi), 7:52; WMU: Campbell (Bellissimo, Mat Ponto), 14:27.

Second period — ND: Matt Amado (Tim Wallace, Mike Bartlett), 3:17; ND: Brett Lebda (unassisted), 3:58; ND: Jason Paige (T.J. Jindra), 4:30; WMU: Bellissimo (Ryan Mahrle), 7:55; WMU: Jeremy Cheyne (Mike Jarmuth), 17:36; WMU: Dana Lattery (Walton, Jarmuth), 18:38.

Third period — WMU: Cheyne (unassisted), 2:10; ND: Aaron Gill (Bartlett, Neil Komadoski), 4:08; ND: Josh Sciba (Cory McLean, Wes O'Neill), 5:04; WMU: Mahrle (Bellissimo, Walton), 9:10; ND: McLean (Mike Walsh, O'Neill), 16:16.

**WESTERN MICHIGAN 6,
NOTRE DAME 4
at the LAWSON ARENA,
Saturday**

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| WESTERN MICHIGAN | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| NOTRE DAME | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |

Scoring Summary

First period — ND: Mike Bartlett (Matt Amado, Tom Galvin), 9:02; WMU: Jeff Campbell (Pat Dwyer, Brent Walton), 9:34; ND: Mike Walsh (Tim Wallace, Aaron Gill), 15:49; WMU: Campbell (Brett John), 16:36.

Second period — WMU: Paul Szczuchura (Walton, Dana Lattery), 2:01; WMU: Jeremy Cheyne (Kyle Rushee, Szczuchura), 3:55; ND: Bartlett (Bob Globke, Neil Komadoski), 6:24; WMU: Lattery (Lucas Drake, Reid Yantzi), 11:44; ND: Cory McLean (Wes O'Neill, Globke), 16:22.

Third period — WMU: Walton 7 (Lattery, Drake), 19:51

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"Some men see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not."

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onds in the process. Minutes later, junior David Moisan broke yet another record, winning the 400-yard individual medley (3:57.62) and setting both an event and pool best.

The 800-yard freestyle relay team (freshmen Brian Freeman and Ted Brown, junior Matt Bertke and senior Matt Obringer) chipped in with a first-place finish to conclude Friday's events.

While sophomore Tyler Grenda (200-yard breaststroke) supplied the only Irish event victory Saturday, Notre Dame had little difficulty in securing the meet.

Despite employing a limited team this weekend due to illness and academic obligations, the Irish demonstrated tremendous heart in rallying to take the meet.

"The first two days our whole team didn't swim, so coming into the meet on Saturday we knew that we were behind and that we had to rise up to the challenge," freshman Katie Carroll said. "We knew we could do it, it was just a matter of if we really wanted to and if we had the heart to do it."

After senior Meghan Perry-Eaton's event victory in three-meter diving helped land Notre Dame in third place behind Bowling Green and West Virginia, respectively, at the end of Thursday's action, the Irish used a pair of first-place finishes by Carroll (400-yard individual

medley) and senior Lisa Garcia (100-yard butterfly) as well as an event victory by the 800-yard freestyle relay team of Carroll, Garcia, freshman Ann Barton and junior Georgia Healey Friday to claw its way into second place and set the scene for a comeback victory on the invitational's final day.

After spending most of the meet looking up, the Irish were finally able to surpass the Falcons with an impressive 1-2-3 finish by Carroll, Garcia and junior Brooke Taylor, respectively, in the 200-yard butterfly.

Perry-Eaton took the one-meter board to preserve her undefeated mark in the diving events this year, and Barton (200-yard backstroke), freshman Ellen Johnson (100-yard freestyle), Carroll (200-yard butterfly) and the 400-yard freestyle relay team (Carroll, Johnson, freshman Kristina Archer and junior Katie Eckholt) all contributed with first-place finishes.

"It was nice to come in first and second in some events, but the points also mattered when people came in third and fourth," Carroll said. "We couldn't afford to get touched out, and that's what we worked on, and it showed."

The men return to action on Jan. 9 in Mission Viejo, Calif., for holiday competition, whereas the women jump back in the pool Jan. 5 to challenge Army in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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"We knew we could do it, it was just a matter of if we really wanted to and if we had the heart to do it."

Katie Carroll
Irish swimmer

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"Then it goes in, and you lose all feeling in your body."

The loss, Notre Dame's second straight, came with seniors Torrian Jones and Tom Timmermans sidelined with injuries. And although freshman Colin Falls scored 11 points in his first collegiate start, shorthanded Notre Dame clearly missed the seniors' presence.

In fact, Notre Dame, after taking a 2-0 lead, trailed for most of the game. The Irish didn't recapture the lead until Chris Thomas banked in a 15-foot jumper with 2:05 remaining to give Notre Dame a 60-59 advantage. Notre Dame added two more points a minute later on Chris Quinn free throws, and, when Thomas hit a 14-foot floater with 29.1 seconds left, the Irish held a five-point lead.

"Most teams," Irish coach Mike Brey said, "get down five in this atmosphere here and don't get it."

But 10 seconds later, Kevin Nelson drained a 3-pointer to keep the Irish within two, and Quinn only made one of two free-throws with 18.7 seconds on the clock. Cornette fouled Tony Bowne while the guard was hoisting a 3-pointer, and the Chippewa made two free-throws to make the score 65-64.

With 8.3 seconds left, Thomas made two free-throws to give the Irish a 3-point lead and then intentionally fouled Carr with 5.0 seconds left. Carr hit both free throws, but 1.2 seconds later, Cornette made only one of two free-throw

attempts, setting the stage for Carr's last-second heroics.

"His foot was on the line," maintained Thomas, who finished with a game-high 24 points. But the referees called the shot a 3-pointer, and Notre Dame fell to 2-2.

The Irish had problems all night finding their offense against a tough Central Michigan defense. Notre Dame made only 6-of-22 3-point attempts and shot 36 percent from the field. Central Michigan, meanwhile, lit up the Irish in the first half by shooting 59 percent from the floor.

For Notre Dame, Torin Francis took just five shots — he made only one — and finished with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Quinn added 13, and all five Irish starters played more than 30 minutes.

"We've got some guys that are banged up, two of our seniors, but we try to play through that," Francis said. "We didn't come out hard, and you see a lack of that leadership on the floor."

As much as Notre Dame struggled early in the game, key mistakes down the stretch contributed to the Irish loss. Cornette said the Irish missed too many chances to grab rebounds or loose balls that would have put the game away. And Cornette and Quinn both missed free throws in the final 30 seconds that would have iced the game for the Irish.

"It's the fourth game of the season, and our guys are devastated," Brey said. "Their heads are down, and we have to play 30 more games here. They have to get their heads up."

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rallied on the men's side as well, but this time it was a freshman saving the day for Notre Dame. First-year fencer Aaron Adjemian won his epee bout 5-2 in a winner-take-all final bout.

This rapidly maturing crop of freshmen has proven to be one of the biggest reasons for the Irish success this season. In addition to Adjemian's clutch victory, freshman saber Valerie Providenza paved the way for the rookies with a 3-0 record on the day. But she had plenty of support behind her as well. Frankie Bontempo, Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Stearns and Angela Vincent all posted 2-1 records.

Both teams relish the win, but the men had a little more on the line. With the one-bout victory, the men also managed to continue their dual match-winning streak. Now at 87, the streak stands as the third longest in school history.

Saturday's classic bout added just another chapter to a rivalry that extends back almost a decade. In Penn State, the Irish faced one of their most difficult foes. Over the last eight years, both Notre Dame and the Nittany Lions have always placed among the top three finishers at the NCAA Championships.

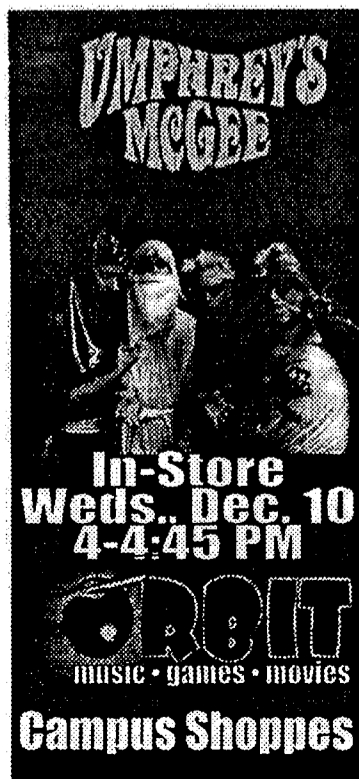
Notre Dame had struggled, however, to overcome that final hurdle and bring home a national championship. Every year from 1996-2000, the Irish fencers had to watch the title trophy stay in Happy Valley.

After third place finishes in 2001 and 2002, the Irish were finally able to light up the No. 1 sign on Grace Hall with a championship last season.

While Bednarski was happy for a win, he also envisioned Saturday as a team-building experience, especially for the freshmen.

"If you never win as a team, you don't connect," Bednarski said. "The kids who never win through this process get frustrated. Being part of a team — that's what college fencing is all about."

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including one NBA lottery pick. They wanted to stun a Sweet 16 from a year ago on its home court.

The Irish weren't ready for that type of challenge.

The Irish let the Chippewas control just about the entire game. It might not show up in the stats, but Central Michigan outlasted the Irish all night.

Down two key players in his rotation, Brey had to call on freshman Colin Falls to make his first collegiate start and play 33 minutes. Fellow freshman Russell Carter gave Brey seven minutes after playing for only a combined six minutes in Notre Dame's first three games.

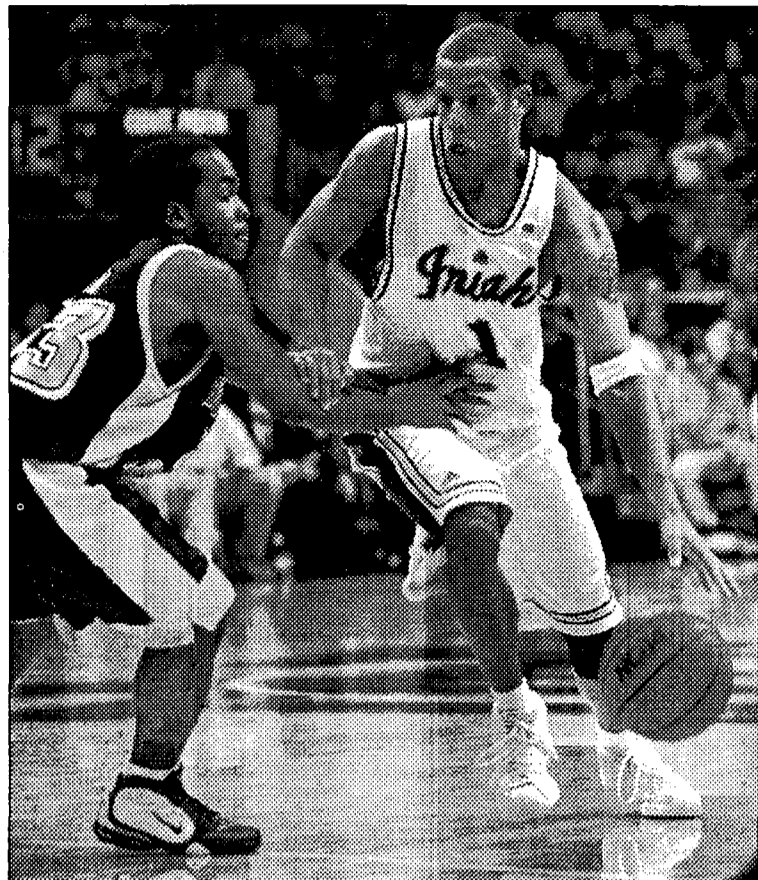
While those two freshmen held their own, without the senior leaders, Brey needed his star players to step up.

Yes, the Irish made 75 percent of their free throws in the second half, but two of those misses, one from Chris Quinn and Jordan Cornette, came in the last 15 seconds when the Irish could have iced this one.

Chris Thomas had the match-up on 5-foot-6 Joe Carr on the last play. Carr pump-faked Thomas, who is at least half a foot taller than Carr and got an open look at the bucket. Regardless that Carr might have had a toe on the line, Thomas was out of position.

The Chippewas did a good job of denying Torin Francis the ball and forcing him outside the key. Brey doesn't want Francis catching the ball out there. He needs the sophomore down low banging around to get good post position.

Brey is looking to all four of those players, two of them captains, to show leadership on the floor in a difficult situation like



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Irish guard Chris Thomas drives Saturday against the Chippewas. The Irish struggled without seniors Tom Timmermans and Torrian Jones.

Saturday night.

Central Michigan was a dangerous opponent for Notre Dame. The Irish were coming off a 13-point loss at Marquette and have Indiana on the schedule Wednesday. It made perfect sense as to why the Irish would overlook this team. All the signs were there for the upset.

It came one year after one of the greatest weeks in Notre Dame basketball history when the Irish beat three top 10 teams in the country and vaulted into the top 10 itself.

But even without Jones and Timmermans, even with playing uninspired basketball for most of

the game, the Irish had a very realistic chance to close this one out at the end.

All night the leadership wasn't there.

For Brey to avoid having the Irish below .500 for the first time since he took over in South Bend, that leadership needs to be there Wednesday night against the Hoosiers, a team Notre Dame hasn't defeated since 1994.

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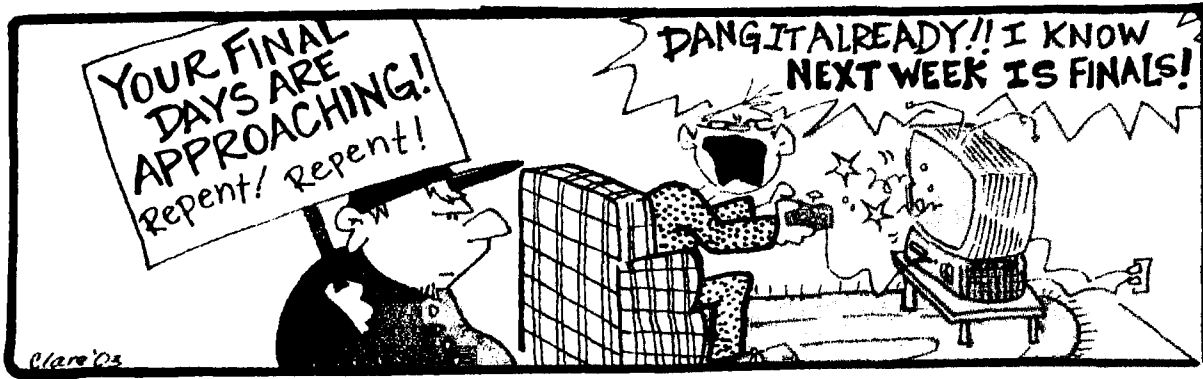
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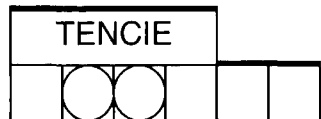
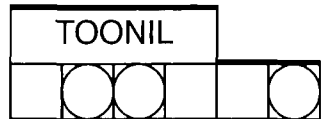
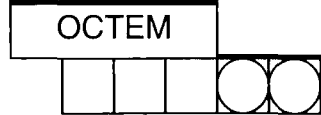
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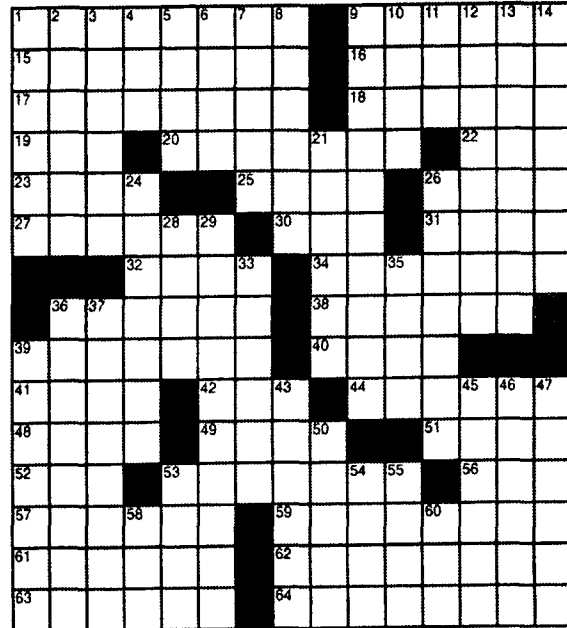
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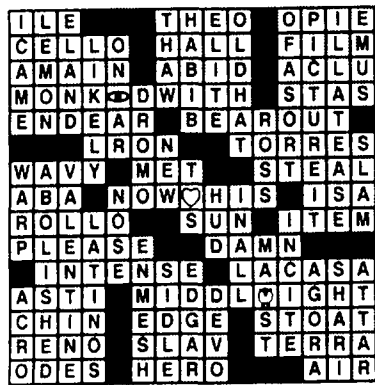


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FENCING

Still setting the bar

Irish record a pair of epic 14-13 victories over rival Nittany Lions

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Before Saturday's fencing meet at the Penn State Duals, Irish coach Janusz Bednarski down-

played the matchup with perennial rival Penn State. In Princeton, Rutgers and North Carolina, he said, the Irish were boutng with four teams who are on top of the nation.

Mother Nature, however, had

other plans. With blizzard-like conditions plaguing the East Coast, only Notre Dame could make the journey to Happy Valley.

Last year's top two teams were left to face each other head-to-

head, and, once again, the Irish and Nittany Lions produced an epic duel.

Utilizing their combination of youth and experience, both the Irish men's and women's squads held on to sweep the weekend

matches by scores of 14-13.

The women's squad led 13-9 before senior epeeist Kerry Walton finally slammed the door with a 5-1 decision. Penn State

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Chippewas stun Irish at final buzzer

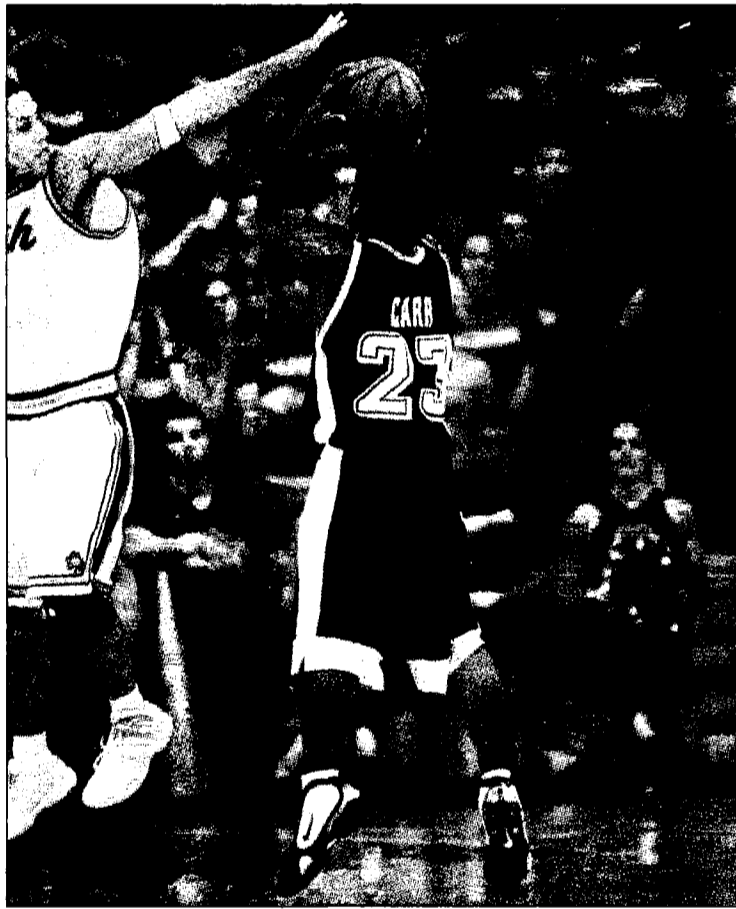
By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The silence in the Notre Dame locker room spoke volumes — just as the silence in the Joyce Center was deafening only minutes earlier.

With Notre Dame leading a surprisingly resilient Central Michigan team by two points with 3.8 seconds on the clock, Chippewas guard Joe Carr grabbed the inbound pass, dribbled the length of the floor and drilled a 3-pointer from the top of the key as time expired. The stunned Irish — and the rest of the Notre Dame fans in the Joyce Center — could only watch as Central Michigan pranced around the court celebrating their 69-68 win.

"You feel your whole body slump," Jordan Cornette said softly, his voice sounding like a jet taking off in a locker room otherwise devoid of sound. "There's no other way to explain it. You see the shot go up, you got this feeling like, 'This ball cannot go in. This ball cannot go in.'"

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer
Central Michigan guard Joe Carr shoots the game-winning 3-pointer over Irish guard Chris Thomas Saturday.

With seniors on the bench, the Irish struggle Saturday

Two senior captains could only watch from the bench as a young Notre Dame team let a five-point lead slip away.

With Torrian Jones and Tom Timmermans in street clothes, Irish coach Mike Brey had no seniors on the floor Saturday night, and five of his seven players were sophomores or freshmen.

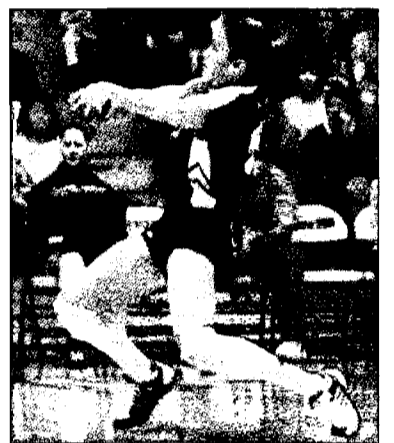
It showed all night. The MAC champion Chippewas came into a lethargic Joyce Center and were poised to upset the Irish. They didn't care that the Irish were their sixth opponent in 13 days. They didn't care about starting the year 1-4 and the loss of three starters,

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Matt Lozar
Associate Sports Editor

ND VOLLEYBALL



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Irish senior Jessica Kinder attempts a dig in Notre Dame's last regular season game against Stanford.

Irish fall in opening round of NCAA's

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

They walked in with a swagger, a confidence in their ability to play well after two straight losses, but it wasn't enough. No. 19 Louisville ended Notre Dame's season Friday in three straight games, 3-0 (32-30, 30-21, 30-21).

"I don't know that I really know [what happened]," Irish coach Debbie Brown said.

Sonja Percan (16 kills, 20 digs) and Lena Ustymenko (16 kills, 15 digs) led the Cardinals.

No. 21 Notre Dame (23-7) came out firing in the first game, jumping out to a 10-4 lead to eventually lead 22-17. However, the Cardinals (25-6)

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ND SWIMMING AND DIVING

Familiar waters prove friendly for Irish

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

What a weekend for Irish swimming and diving.

The men's squad (2,259.5) dominated the 12-team field at the Notre Dame Invitational, finishing 710 points ahead of second-place Harvard (1,549.5), while the No. 19

women (1,284) took five of Saturday's seven events to rally from a 162-point deficit to overtake Bowling Green (1,187.5) and win the 15-school meet.

The invitational victory marked the third consecutive year that the men have won the annual event, as well as the sixth time in the last nine years.

The Irish got off to a quick

start Thursday, winning the 200-yard freestyle relay — with freshmen Tim Kegelman and Louis Cavadini, sophomore Tim Randolph and junior Frank Krakowski in the event — and jumping out to a 256-point advantage by day's end.

In addition to the 200-yard freestyle relay team, sophomore Jaime Lutkus also took home a first-place finish in the

200-yard individual medley.

On Friday, a relay team once again set the tone for the Irish, as the 200-yard medley squad (Kegelman, Randolph, sophomore Doug Bauman and Krakowski) not only won the night's opening event, but also recorded a meet record with a time of one minute, 32.62 sec-

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Western Michigan 8, Notre Dame 6

Western Michigan 6, Notre Dame 4

The Irish drop a pair in CCHA play.

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ND WOMEN'S BBALL

Washington 85, Notre Dame 74

The Irish unable to top the Huskies on the road. Washington has not lost at home since March 2002.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's 82, Illinois College 67

Washington 68, Saint Mary's 45

The Belles split a pair of games over the weekend.

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MLB

The Atlanta Braves failed to offer contracts or salary arbitration to pitcher Greg Maddux and big hitters Gary Sheffield or Javy Lopez Sunday.

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NBA

A wrapup of Sunday's action from around the National Basketball Association.

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FOOTBALL

Syracuse 38, Notre Dame 12

Walter Reyes scored all five touchdowns for Syracuse Saturday as the Orangemen rolled over the Irish.

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