

Willingham fired

White: 'We've got to find a way to get back to the elite'



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Left, Tyrone Willingham addresses the media Saturday at USC. Right, Notre Dame athletic director speaks to the media Tuesday at a press conference in which White announced the firing of Willingham after the third-year head coach compiled a 21-15 record at the University.

By HEATHER
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For the first time ever, Notre Dame fired its football coach before his original contract expired, as Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham's term ended Tuesday after three seasons at the helm of the Irish.

Willingham, who was not available for comment Tuesday, leaves Notre Dame with a 21-15 record, including this season's 6-5 regular season campaign, which concluded Saturday with a 41-10 loss at No. 1 USC.

Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White said Tuesday it was Willingham's on-the-field performance that led to the decision.

"We simply have not made the progress on the field that we need to make," White said in his initial statement. "Nor have we been able to create the positive momentum necessary in our efforts to return the Notre Dame program to the elite level of the college football world."

White said the decision to fire Willingham was made by the senior leadership at Notre Dame.

"The decision was made by the University senior leadership, and in concert with the University senior leadership," White said. "I

participated in a round of discussions and coach Willingham was aware of those conversations as we proceeded."

Sources said there was a Board of Trustees meeting Monday night, during which the decision to fire Willingham was made.

White said University President Father Edward Malloy and select leadership officers make most of the policy decisions at the University.

"I think it's fair to say, I report to the president and at the end of the day, I serve at the will of the president at the University of Notre Dame," White said. "Father Malloy and select officers tend to make most of the policy decisions relating to all the different entities at the University of Notre Dame. I had an opportunity to fully participate, as well as some participation with some participation of select leadership trustees, as well."

University spokesman Matt Storin said Tuesday that the collaboration between University President-elect Father John Jenkins and Malloy followed the decision-making pattern the two have used since Jenkins was named Malloy's successor in May. Jenkins told The Observer in October that in this process,

he has input on long-term University decisions, but that Malloy still has the final say.

White said Willingham was notified of the University's decision Tuesday morning. Later that afternoon, the players were called in for a meeting to discuss the decision.

The University's decision to fire Willingham comes on the heels of another blowout loss for the Irish. During Willingham's three years, the Irish have lost by 31 points or more five times. Prior to Willingham, the Irish had just four such losses in 38 years. White said although the blow-outs were a factor in the decision, it wasn't just one thing that led to the decision.

"I don't know that I can point to anything in particular. I think as we put it all together, as I said pretty carefully in this statement or this release, we just weren't. I don't think, manufacturing the momentum, the progress that we felt we needed to have to move this program back to the elite," he said. "That's not a negotiable

position at Notre Dame. Football is very important to this institution. I think everybody in the room realizes that and understands that, and competing at the highest level is of the utmost importance."

Notre Dame has been inconsistent this season. After losing to unranked Brigham Young in the

season-opener, the Irish defeated then-No. 8 Michigan. They won two straight games before getting blown out by then-No. 15 Purdue. After winning two more games, Notre Dame lost at home against Boston College only to

defeat then-No. 9 Tennessee on the road. Notre Dame closed its season with a 41-38 loss to Pittsburgh at home and the loss to USC on the road.

"On Saturday, we struggled," White said. "We've been up and down and sideways a little bit, a little bit inconsistent. I think the program is closer than when he arrived, and I think we were making progress, by my view and view of the University, just

doesn't make enough progress."

Although Willingham struggled on the field, White commended his efforts off the field as a representative of Notre Dame.

"All of us had great expectations when we sat here three years ago, and in a number of ways Tyrone has been an excellent fit and a great representative of our program," White said. "He personally has displayed impeccable integrity and tremendous character, and his players have represented themselves off the field in a first-class manner."

Notre Dame, who recently accepted an invitation to the Dec. 28 Insight Bowl, has not decided if it will still participate, pending on a team decision.

White said a search for a new football coach will begin right away.

"We will immediately begin a national search for a new football coach," White said. "I don't have any particular parameters in mind, other than identifying an individual who can lead Notre Dame football back to the sustained level of excellence that everyone associated with the University and the program wants and desires."

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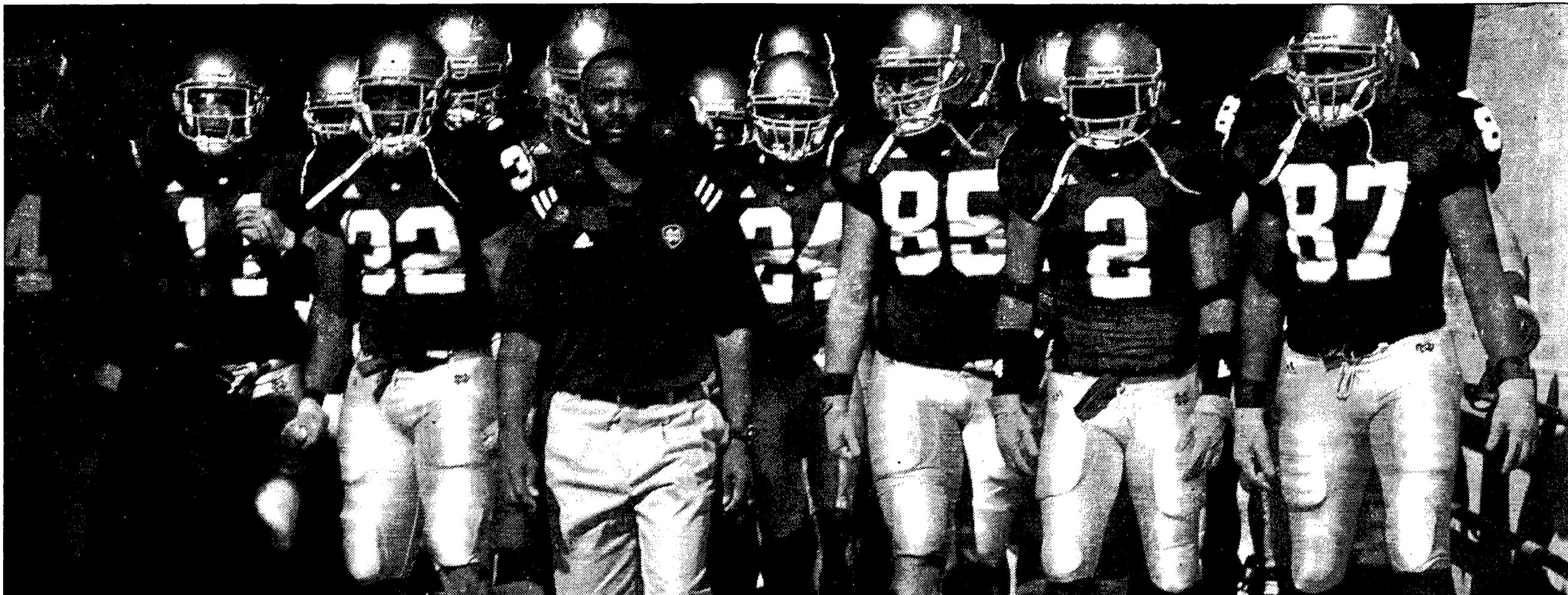
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Note: Knute Rockne coached only six games in his first season going 3-1-2. In seasons two through four he averaged 9.3. His career record from seasons two through 13 is 8.5.

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Despite outside belief, Tuesday a sad day for Irish



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Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham leads his team out of the tunnel this season. Willingham was fired Tuesday after compiling a 21-15 record in his three years at the University. The decision came with much support from alumni and fans.

My first conversation with Tyrone Willingham was brief.

I nervously introduced myself, made small talk and quickly walked away. It was the shortest of conversations, but it was long enough to leave an impression — I liked this man. I liked him a lot.

Maybe it was the firm handshake. Maybe it was the way he took time out of his busy day to speak with me. Maybe I was just awestruck at meeting Notre Dame's football coach. In any case, I've always rooted for Willingham to succeed.

That's why I believe Tuesday was a sad day for the Notre Dame family. Not because I felt Willingham shouldn't have been fired. He should have. The blowout defeats, the inconsistent performances, the poor recruiting, the terrible home record — all justified this firing, even if it was after only three

seasons.

Tuesday was a sad day because too many people rooted for this move. Too many people rejoiced in Willingham's fall. Too many people think ridding the University of Willingham and bringing in a head coach from Utah will magically turn everything around for the fallen Irish.

The truth is, it won't.

There is no quick fix to Notre Dame's problems.

People blame Willingham for Notre Dame's struggles the past several seasons. There is obvious reality to those criticisms. He didn't produce — bottom line. But it wasn't completely his fault. He was expected to implement a radically different offense and do so against one of the nation's toughest schedules. To make matters worse, he won his first eight games, raising expectations to a level unfair to any coach. Former Irish head coach Lou Holtz once said, "Notre Dame fans expect a minor miracle every Saturday and a major one every now and then." This isn't far from the truth, and by winning early, Willingham indirectly set himself up to fall hard.

Aside from football,

Willingham did much more for the University than many people realize. He pushed his players to succeed in the classroom, and the players responded with some of the highest GPAs this football program has ever seen.

He indirectly increased minority enrollment at a school comprised of mostly white, upper-middle-class students.

And he restored respect and character to a Notre Dame program that was reeling with embarrassment after the George O'Leary debacle.

As the losses mounted, Willingham was criticized for the smallest aspects of his character. He didn't show enough emotion, critics said. He didn't supply enough answers to the team's problem, they claimed. He didn't care about Notre Dame, people argued.

But what outsiders saw as shortcomings, I saw as qualities. Willingham always kept the same even-keel demeanor, never letting his emotions get the best of him. He joked with reporters and made us feel comfortable. Most importantly, he did care — not just about his players, but about people.

I remember a story

Willingham told a group of students when he was first hired. He recalled ordering a meal at a nearby fast food restaurant. Before he could finish ordering, the person taking the order asked, "Aren't you Tyrone Willingham?" Willingham introduced himself, then spent the next 20 minutes standing outside and signing autographs for a number of people.

Situations like this show Willingham understood peoples' passion for this University. That's why he was reportedly distraught when athletic director Kevin White informed him of the firing. Willingham is a proud man. He wanted to succeed at Notre Dame, to show his doubters he was the right choice three years ago.

But sometimes things don't work out. Willingham couldn't stick around for another year or two because too many alumni, too many students and too many Notre Dame administrators and trustees felt he was the wrong man for the job. Another season that produced just seven or eight wins would not have been enough to keep the critics at bay.

So Willingham was fired

Tuesday, near the end of a second disappointing season in three tries. He didn't expect the news — neither did his assistant coaches, who were on the road recruiting.

A man that stands for everything that is right about this University, a man that made this school better during his three years in South Bend, a man that did everything he could to return Notre Dame football to glory, is now a part of the past, joining the ranks of recently disappointing Irish coaches Gerry Faust and Bob Davie.

While many Notre Dame's fans celebrated Willingham's firing, the coach silently sulked into the background, into a fraternity of failed Irish football coaches that no one wants to join.

But contrary to popular belief, Tuesday was a sad day in Notre Dame's rich football tradition.

That's because, Tuesday, Notre Dame abruptly said goodbye to one of its own.

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Silent reaction not unexpected

Quiet and calm, Willingham remains in control despite ups and downs

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Tyrone Willingham stepped to the podium on Jan. 1, 2002 and took over perhaps the most demanding coaching job in college football.

The way Willingham got there was quiet and not flashy—just like his personality.

Growing up in Jacksonville, N.C., Willingham faced many problems because of his race. The city was integrated when Willingham was 12. On his high school football team, instead of complaining or quitting about the lack of playing time, Willingham kept working hard and eventually got his chance at quarterback when the starter got hurt.

During the coaching search to replace Bob Davie in December 2001, Willingham was one of the mid-range candidates, according to the media and fans. When George O'Leary had to resign, Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White went back to the man who he called first—Willingham.

But nobody knew about that initial phone call until Willingham was hired.

After not getting the job the first time, Willingham stayed focused on coaching Stanford in the Seattle Bowl.

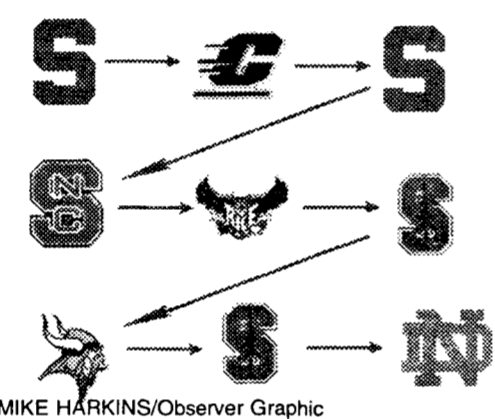
Many people saw Willingham as a candidate White settled on at the end of the coaching search. Willingham went his own way in demanding the respect of his players, fans and students.

The well-known PowerPoint presentation with the team at the first players' meeting in January that ended with a slide saying "WIN" set a precedent from Day 1.

When Willingham went to the dorms in spring 2002, he connected instantly with the Notre Dame student body by having the right answer to every question and saying he had one goal



Tyrone Willingham Career Profile



MIKE HARKINS/OBSERVER GRAPHIC

1977: Michigan State; Graduate Assistant
1978-79: Central Michigan; Secondary
1980-82: Michigan State; Secondary, Special Teams
1983-85: N.C. State; Secondary, Special Teams
1986-88: Rice; Receivers, Special Teams
1989-91: Stanford; Running Backs
1992-94: Minnesota Vikings; Running Backs
1995-2001: Stanford; Head Coach
2002-2004: Notre Dame; Head Coach

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Left, Irish coach Tyrone Willingham addresses the media Jan. 1, 2002, after being named the head football coach. Right, Willingham looks on in disgust in a game earlier this season.

—winning. His speeches weren't rah-rah, but down to earth and honest with the students that came to respect him instantly.

In the 8-0 "Return to Glory" start when Sports Illustrated named him the Savior of South Bend and his players called him The Prophet, Willingham never

stole the limelight. He stayed quiet on the sidelines, not letting his emotion overtake him even for a second.

He gained everyone's respect. Then the honeymoon ended.

The Irish started losing—much more than is acceptable in South Bend.

Students, fans and alumni started to believe he couldn't win consistently under the Golden Dome.

Throughout all of the comments about his coaching ability, Willingham never strayed from his true character.

Looking back at the Notre

Dame record books decades from now, people will only see the 8-0 start followed by the numerous lopsided losses and 13 wins in 28 games.

But looking past that, there's a man people won't see.

They won't see a coach who had the support of many of his players Tuesday, despite the sub-standard results of the past two years. Just like their coach, the players stayed silent in another period of turmoil in a program that has seen more than its fair share.

They won't see a coach who had only three seasons to take players recruited for an option offense and put them in a pro-style attack. Willingham never complained about not having his players in the system and neither did his players.

They won't see a coach who was as good a representative of the University as anyone in a leadership position at Notre Dame. Willingham was just as concerned with his players' academic and spiritual development as he was with their football development. He led by example on the field and in the interview room. But he didn't do it in high-profile events or in front of the media—it was about quiet professionalism.

As surprising as Tuesday's firing was to almost everyone—players, media and students—Willingham didn't stoop to the level of spouting off about how unfairly he was treated and disagreeing with the administration's decision.

He didn't hold his own hastily arranged press conference and vent against his management.

He didn't release a statement voicing displeasure.

Silent, professional and in the background, Willingham left the Notre Dame program Tuesday.

If you didn't expect that, then you don't know Tyrone Willingham.

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Willingham's assistant coaches currently wait in limbo



Baer Denbrock Diedrick Gonzales Mattison McDonnell Miles Preston Simmons Wilks

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While Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham was removed of his duties as football coach Tuesday, the fate of his assistant staff is still up in the air.

"Everybody will be retained until we have a new head coach in place," Irish athletic director Kevin White said at a press conference Tuesday.

According to Ivan Maisel at ESPN.com, seven of Willingham's assistants were not even aware of the firing because they were traveling on business trips. It was not clear who those seven assistants were.

Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer and offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick are among those coaches whose jobs are currently in limbo. Offensive line coaches

Mike Denbrock and John McDonnell, defensive line coach Greg Mattison, wide receivers coach Trent Miles, running backs/special teams coach Buzz Preston, linebackers coach Bob Simmons and defensive backs coach Steven Wilks are the other assistant coaches on staff.

At this point, it is unclear which coaches, if any, will be retained after the hiring of a new head football coach at Notre Dame. Of the current Irish assistant coaches, all but Mattison were either brought over from Stanford with Willingham in 2002, or have been hired during Willingham's tenure.

Mattison was the defensive coordinator under Willingham's predecessor Bob Davie, and was retained as a member of Willingham's staff.

There have been speculations that Baer might be a prime candidate for the vacant head coaching position at Utah State,

Baer's alma mater. He began his Division-I coaching career with the Aggies, serving as Utah State's outside linebackers coach from 1977-82, and then as the team's defensive coordinator from 1983-85.

The members of the assistant coaching staff are not the only employees of the football program whose jobs are currently in limbo. Among one of the more important figures that might have to be replaced is Jimmy Gonzales, Notre Dame's director of player development.

Gonzales has worked directly with members of the coaching staff in recruiting, and is seen as one of the most important recruiting gurus under Willingham's program.

There have been several rumors surrounding the firing of Willingham that White might have first asked the coach to make changes to his coaching staff. White

all but denied those rumors Tuesday.

"We never really got to that conversation, and I think I have a history of not being a micromanager," White said. "And I don't think Father Malloy has spent a whole lot of time spending a lot of associates athletic directors to hire and I haven't spent a whole lot of time telling our coaches who they need to hire to serve as their assistants."

"At the end of the day, the end game is we really have to do a good job on Saturday, and we have to get back to the elite. Coach Willingham knows how to hire a staff and put together a staff, and he's a professional. And so no, we didn't spend a whole lot of time having those conversations."

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TYRONE WILLINGHAM'S TENUITY



Dec. 2, 2001

Notre Dame football coach Bob Davie was fired after the program had its second losing season in three years. Davie, whose 35-25 record gave him a .583 winning percentage, was head coach for five years.



Dec. 9, 2001

George O'Leary of Georgia Tech is chosen as the next Irish head coach. His introductory press conference in the JACC is attended by more than 1,500 students and supporters.



Feb. 2002

Featuring such highly-touted prospects as Rhema McKnight and Maurice Stovall, Willingham manages to sign a strong recruiting class, ranked by TheInsiders.com as the 11th best in the nation.

Aug. 28, 2002

QB Matt LoVecchio decides to transfer from Notre Dame. LoVecchio, who ended up at Indiana, led the Irish to a berth in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl, but lost the starting job to Carlyle Holiday three games into the 2001 season.

Aug. 31, 2002

In Tyrone Willingham's first game as Irish head coach, Notre Dame stormed and defeated Maryland 22-0 in the Kickoff Classic.



Nov. 2, 2002

Boston College traveled to Notre Dame and upset the No. 4 Irish 14-7. Wearing green jerseys, Notre Dame played sloppy all day en route to the first loss in the Tyrone Willingham era.



Nov. 30, 2002

Carson Palmer picked apart the Notre Dame secondary, throwing for 425 yards and four touchdowns, and virtually solidifying his Heisman trophy award in USC's victory. After the game, Willingham defended his team, saying that their performance against USC was not a true indicator of Notre Dame's capabilities.

Sept. 6, 2003

The Irish, coming into the season at No. 19, defeated Washington State 29-26 in overtime on a game-winning field goal by Nick Setta. Down 19-6 in the fourth quarter, Notre Dame scored 20 fourth quarter points to force overtime.



Sept. 13, 2003

A week after the overtime win against Washington State, the Irish were smoked by Michigan 38-0, the biggest shutout in series history.



2001

Dec. 14, 2001

George O'Leary resigned less than a week after being named Notre Dame football coach after it was revealed he had lied about his academic and athletic background.



Dec. 31, 2001

Tyrone Willingham, formerly of Stanford, is named as the 28th football coach of Notre Dame, becoming the first black head coach at Notre Dame in any sport.

May 24, 2002

Four Notre Dame football players, Lorenzo Crawford, Donald Dykes, Abram Elam and Justin Smith, were charged with offenses ranging from conspiracy to commit rape to rape from a March 28 incident.

Sept. 14, 2002

A week after Notre Dame won its home opener against Purdue, the Irish defeated No. 7 Michigan 25-23 at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish improved to 3-0 with the victory.

Oct. 26, 2002

Going into the game with a No. 6 ranking in the country, the Irish traveled to Tallahassee and defeated No. 11 Florida State 34-24. It was the team's best start since 1993, and it was the fourth Irish victory over a ranked opponent in 2002.



Jan. 1, 2003

The No. 11 Irish were defeated by No. 17 NC State 28-6 in the Gator Bowl, as Carlyle Holiday came out with a separated shoulder in the team's second possession of the game.



Oct. 18, 2003

The Irish were defeated by 31 points for the second consecutive year, this time losing 45-14 to the No. 5 Trojans. Matt Leinart picked up right where Carson Palmer left off, throwing for 351 yards and four touchdowns.

Nov. 1, 2003

No. 5 Florida blew out Notre Dame 37-0 at Notre Dame Stadium, and the Irish fell to 2-6 — the worst start since 1963. It was the fourth time in the last 10 games that the Irish lost by 31 or more points.



Feb. 2003

Led by such outstanding prospects as Brady Quinn, Victor Abiamiri, John Sullivan and Tom Zbikowski, Tyrone Willingham's recruiting class is ranked No. 5 in the nation by collegesports.com

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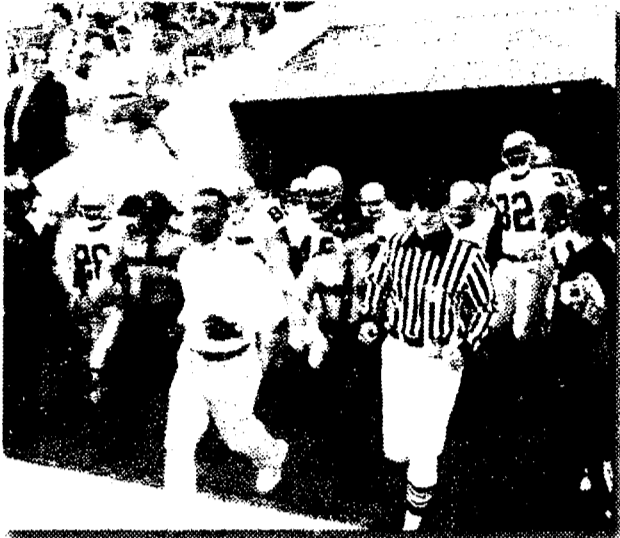
Dec. 6, 2003
Syracuse dismantled Notre Dame 38-12, as running back Walter Reyes scored five touchdowns and rushed for 189 yards. With the loss, the Irish moved to 5-7 and suffered their third losing season in five years.

Sept. 4, 2004
BYU upsets Notre Dame 20-17 in the first game of the 2004 season. Cougar backup QB Matt Berry threw a 42-yard touchdown pass midway through the third quarter to seal the win for BYU.

Sept. 11, 2004
The Irish pulled off the upset over Michigan 28-20 and the student body rushed the field as Notre Dame revenged the 38-0 loss in 2003. Darius Walker burst onto the scene, rushing for 115 yards on 31 carries with two touchdowns.



Nov. 6, 2004
The Irish beat Tennessee 17-13, taking advantage of injuries to the top two Volunteer quarterbacks. Notre Dame linebacker Mike Goolsby returned an interception 26 yards for the game-winning touchdown.



Nov. 13, 2004
Tyler Palko threw five touchdown passes, the first player ever to do so in the history of Notre Dame stadium, as Pittsburgh stunned Notre Dame 41-38.

2004



Dec. 18, 2003
Notre Dame and NBC officials announce they signed a five-year extension, giving NBC the right to televise Irish football through 2010. The deal is reportedly worth \$9 million annually.

Oct. 2, 2004
Kyle Orton torched the Irish secondary for four touchdown passes and 385 yards as Purdue beat Notre Dame 41-16. The win was the Boilermakers first in Notre Dame Stadium since 1974.

Nov. 27, 2004
USC beat Notre Dame 41-10, the third straight season the Irish have lost to the Trojans by 31 points. After the Irish built a 10-3 lead, USC dominated the remainder of the contest in Willingham's final game as Irish head coach.

Winter 2004
A letter from several hundred alumni was sent to the Board of Trustees saying the University needed to change its focus with regards to the football program.

Spring 2004
Coach Willingham headed into spring practice hoping to rebound from his disappointing 2003 season and recapture the magic that he had upon beginning his tenure.

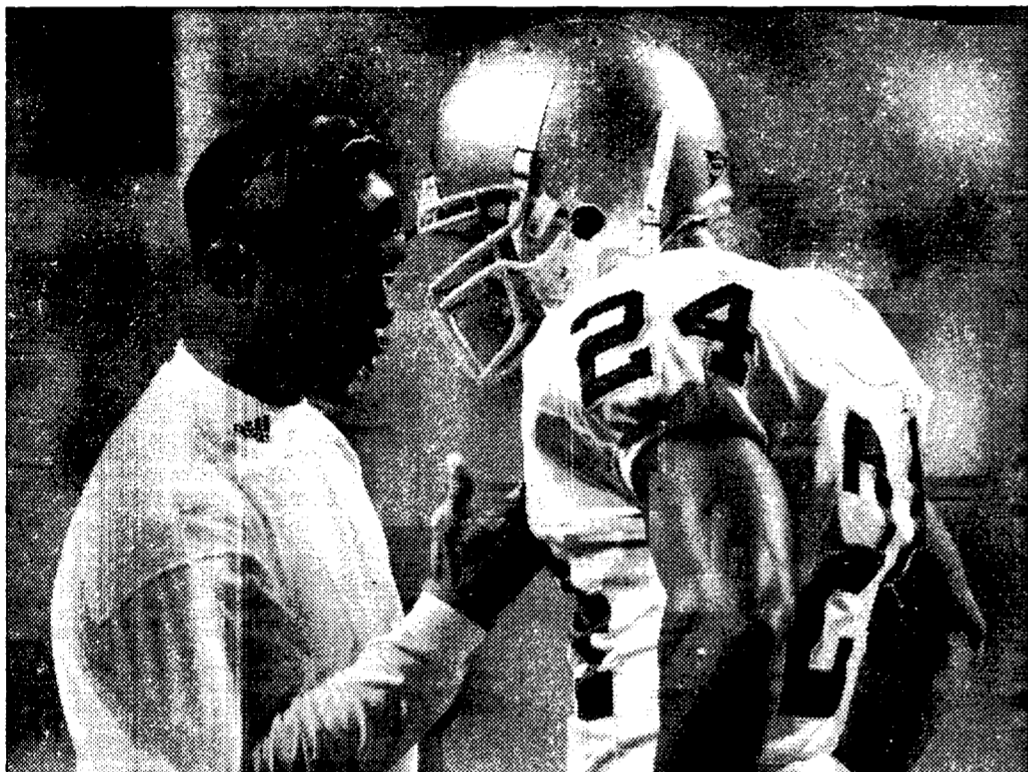
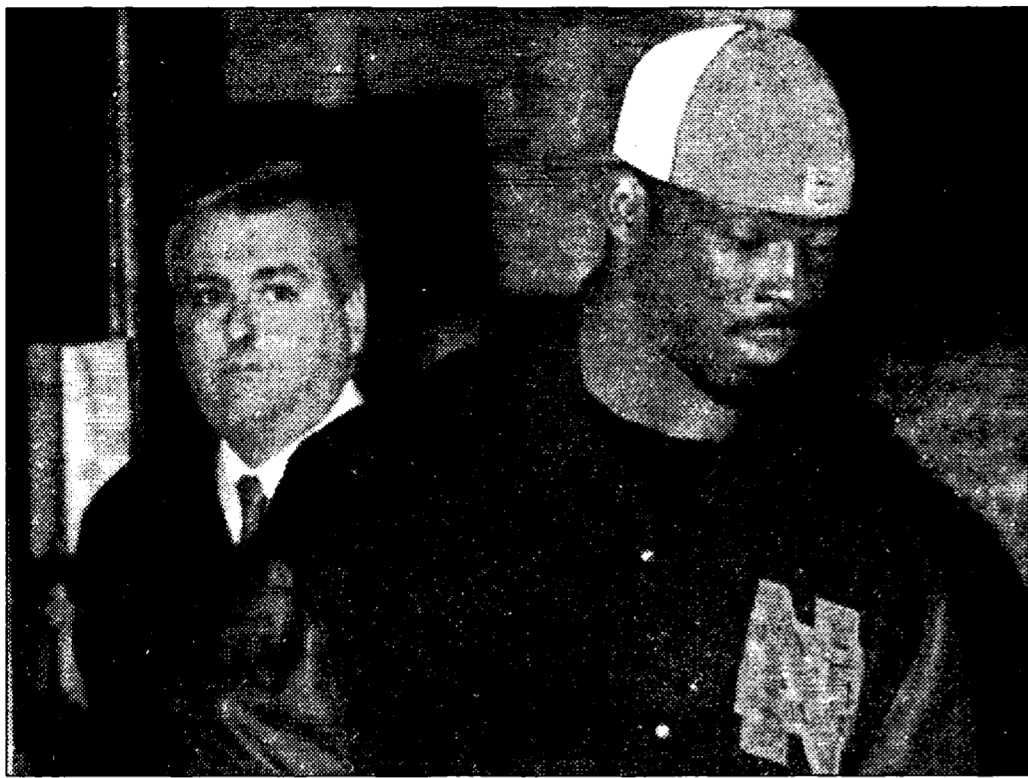


Oct. 23, 2004
Paul Peterson threw a 30-yard touchdown pass with 54 seconds left to lift Boston College to a 24-23 win over Notre Dame. The Irish lost to Boston College for the fourth straight season.

Nov. 30, 2004
Tyrone Willingham is fired as head football coach at Notre Dame after three seasons in South Bend and a record of 21-15.



Majority of players remain in silent shock after firing



By PAT LEONARD
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No comment. No comment. No comment.

In three sentences, those were the feelings of the majority of Notre Dame football players Tuesday night.

While athletic director Kevin White and associate athletic director John Heisler spoke to media about firing Willingham during a 4 p.m. press conference, most players refused to comment about losing their head coach.

Players found about Willingham's firing during a team meeting in the early afternoon.

"I met with a core group of the seniors at two o'clock, and I know our seniors are meeting early this evening," White said. "I'll converse with them again. But I did want their input for obvious reasons."

Only free safety Tom Zbikowski, a sophomore recruited by Willingham from Illinois, commented on his feelings concerning Willingham's dismissal.

"As soon as we found out, heads dropped," Zbikowski said. "It was tough. We're still talking about it."

Zbikowski said the players did not see Willingham's firing coming.

"As a team we never thought about it, but we heard about it

from outside sources," he said. "We never put much thought into it."

White would not relay direct comments from players, but he did give his sentiments on player reaction as he broke the news at the two o'clock meeting.

"I really don't want to speak for them," White said. "I know you'll find them, and they anticipate you finding them as a group. But I will say a word or two. I think they were stunned, and I think they have great respect and affection for Coach Willingham, and that was apparent to me as I spoke to them."

Three years ago, when Notre Dame fired head coach Bob Davie after five seasons, players talked the day of the firing and looked to a more promising future.

"We have to continue to improve regardless of who the coach is," Carlyle Holiday said in the Dec. 3, 2001 issue of The Observer. "We have to get back to competing for the national championship."

This time, almost all is quiet.

Fifth-year senior Jared Clark graduates at the end of the year and will not have to stay for the changeover in coaches like Zbikowski. But Clark felt the effects of the Notre Dame

administrative decision.

"I think it's a shock to everybody," Clark said.

"As a player, you think it's our fault. We didn't get the job done. I think coach Willingham was a great coach, and I enjoyed playing under him."

Players met later Tuesday night to discuss whether or not they wanted to participate in the Insight Bowl. Notre Dame has already accepted a bid to the bowl set for Dec. 28, but the team did not release a statement finalizing the decision.

"We're still trying to take this in," Zbikowski said. "It's going to be tough. We're a little shocked, a little disappointed. We just have to stay focused. It's not something you want to go through but it's the way college football is going."

As the players appear to unite during the time of their coach's departure, Zbikowski said he feels most for the seniors of the group.

"The seniors came here, had Davie, O'Leary and now coach Willingham [go]," he said. "They're one of the best bunch of guys I've

known. They want to help out the younger guys and get this program back on top ... We've had meetings too to help support each other."

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Tom Zbikowski
Irish defensive back

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Jared Clark
Irish tight end

Top, defensive end Justin Tuck leaves the JACC prior to athletic director Kevin White's announcement. Bottom, Willingham coaches defensive back Dwight Ellick at the Tennessee game.

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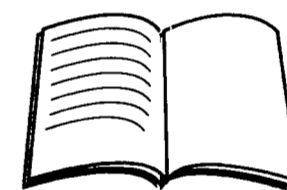
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ND unsure if team will go to bowl

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame associate athletic director John Heisler alerted the media Tuesday the Irish have not yet made a decision on whether to still attend the Insight Bowl in the wake of head coach Tyrone Willingham's firing.

At a press conference Tuesday afternoon at the Joyce Center, Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White stated the players would meet to discuss the bowl situation in a meeting at 6 p.m. No decision was made after the meeting, but Heisler suggested a decision might be reached sometime today.

White said in the press conference Tuesday he still believes the players on this year's team should have the ability to attend the Insight Bowl in Phoenix if they so desire.

"The young people in our program have earned the right to play in a bowl," White said. "If they want to go to the bowl, then we'll support them."

Notre Dame finished the season 6-5 after a 41-10 loss to USC Saturday in the team's last game of the regular season. But with six wins, the Irish are still bowl eligible and the team agreed to participate in the Insight Bowl on Dec. 28.

Notre Dame officially signed the contract for the bowl Sunday.

White said Notre Dame agreed to the decision to attend the bowl, even with the possibility of a coaching change looming on the horizon.

"There were two separate tracks there," White said. "We had a contractual obligation with the secondary bowl package and the Big East conference, and we felt that we needed to participate in the way that the contract suggested."

Notre Dame, if it elects to participate in the bowl, will face a Pac-10 opponent in the Insight Bowl at the Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix, the home of Major League Baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks. Potential opponents for the bowl are Arizona State, Oregon, Oregon State and UCLA — with a decision expected Dec. 5.

The bowl would be Notre Dame's 26th postseason bowl appearance in the team's history, and its first in the Insight Bowl, which has been in existence 16 years under various names.

"I think we want to do what's right for the players," Heisler said at Tuesday's press conference. "They've spent six months, if not four years, to try to get to this point. And we're not prepared to just take this away from them if they want to go to Tempe and play in the Insight Bowl."

Shawn Schoeffler, vice president of media relations for the Insight Bowl, said he still expects Notre Dame to attend the bowl and has not even considered a backup plan if the Irish decide not to participate.

"We haven't even discussed [the possibility of Notre Dame not attending]," Schoeffler said. "It's never happened in the history of college football so we're not even planning for it to happen."

"Right now it looks like it's going to be Notre Dame versus UCLA, which is a matchup that should bring a lot of excited fans, and we're excited to put on a good game for them."

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White acknowledges vocal alumni influence



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Fans react to a Notre Dame touchdown at a home game earlier this season. The Irish alumni base is influential within the Notre Dame football community and many take an active role in voicing both praises and criticisms.

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Following the firing of coach Tyrone Willingham, the influence of one of the country's widest and most powerful alumni bases is as evident as it has ever been.

"I'd like to say that all of the noise around the program has no impact," Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White said. "But I'm not sure I can say that objectively."

White announced the removal of Willingham as head football coach at a 4 p.m. press conference Tuesday, just one and a half hours before a scheduled rally to protest Willingham's tenure as coach.

The rally, publicized and organized by the Irish fan website NDNation.com, called for participants to lay "Return to Glory" shirts on the steps of the administration building.

White did not cite any specific reason for his timing in relieving Willingham of his coaching duties, but he made it clear that alumni dissent is difficult to ignore.

"I think what makes Notre Dame Notre Dame is the fact that people care about it and are so passionate about it and so emotional about it," White said. "That's what

makes Notre Dame football what it is, and something very special."

Rumblings about the state of the program resumed across alumni message boards during the 2003 season. Then, in the winter of 2004, the alumni went public.

Alumnus Tim Kelley helped author a letter to the Board of Trustees signed by more than 400 alumni criticizing how the football program was managed.

"I personally feel that the Notre Dame alumni should be the most important constituency of the University," Kelley said. "The administrators and the Board of Trustees should be in fact seeking out what alumni feel about major issues."

The letter produced mixed reaction, but Kelley saw hints of alumni influence on White's decision Tuesday.

"[White] made some comments to the effect that the football program felt was important to the school, to something of the respect of what we thought when we composed that letter," Kelley said. "If those words represent what the real decision makers feel, then I am heartened."

White insisted that, at the end of discussion between administrative officials including University President Father Edward

Malloy, alumni response was not a defining factor in his decision.

"Everything matters, and everybody matters," White said. "And I don't want to discount that or shy away from that response, but at the end of the day I think we did put ourselves in a position to take somewhat of a private reflective viewpoint and see if what we're doing matches up with our expectations."

Notre Dame's expectations, in the end, demanded better than the records Willingham produced. Former Notre Dame player Mike Golic (1981-84) said on ESPN's Pardon the Interruption the recently removed coach may not have fully realized the situation he was entering when he accepted the head coaching job in 2002.

"Everybody has to understand [the situation] when they sign their name on that dotted line," Golic told ESPN. "And what Ty Willingham said he understood the pressure, I don't think he fully knew how pressurized it was until he got there, and anybody who goes there is now going to have that weight on their shoulders."

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Only two black head coaches left in Div. I-A Three black coaches out after season

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

When Irish football coach Tyrone Willingham was hired in 2002, he was the first black head coach in any sport at Notre Dame.

When he was fired Tuesday, he became the third black football coach who had either been fired or resigned from his job this year. Last week, San Jose State's Fitz Hill resigned, and on Nov. 24, New Mexico State's Tony Samuel was fired.

There are now only two black head coaches in Division I-A football. For Floyd Keith, executive director of the Black Coaches Association, this trend is disturbing.

"I just hope in some situations we're not held to a higher standard," Keith told ESPN Tuesday evening.

Keith also said he was disappointed with Notre Dame's decision to fire Willingham.

"In three years, I think he has done everything, short of winning a national championship, and I don't think he inherited national championship talent," he said.

Keith said he was especially concerned with the Notre Dame situation because of what happened with Willingham's predecessor, Bob Davie, who was fired in 2001, compiled a 21-16 record in his first three seasons, but was kept for the duration of his five-year contract. Willingham was fired after three seasons with a record of 21-15 after signing a six-year deal in 2002. He is the first Notre Dame football coach to be fired before the duration of his original contract.

"This sends an alarming message to African-Americans," Keith said.

Former Irish football player and ESPN Radio personality Mike Golic said the firing of Willingham had nothing to do with race.

"You know what the color of Notre Dame is, is winning ... It's not black or white," Golic, who played for the Irish from 1981-1984, said on ESPN's Pardon the Interruption Tuesday. "Ty could be yellow. If he was 10-1 or 11-0, he'd still be there coaching right now."

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ND recruits react

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Martin Frierson and Lawrence Wilson, two recruits verbally committed to attend Notre Dame next fall, decommitted from the Irish after learning of Tyrone Willingham's removal as head football coach.

Neither Frierson nor Wilson are eliminating the Irish from contention in their recruiting search, but both players feel they cannot hold their commitments at this time due to the change in leadership of the program.

"I'm definitely going to reconsider my commitment," Wilson told Mike Frank of IrishEyes.com. "That was terrible what happened. I really like coaching Willingham. I liked all the coaching staff. I really wanted to play for them."

Frank said Frierson (6-foot-2, 185 pounds) was planning to continue to look at other schools anyway.

"I'm still looking at Vandy, Georgia Tech, South Carolina and Kentucky is coming to my house tomorrow," Frierson (Irmo, S.C.) told Irish Eyes. "I just set up an official visit to Georgia Tech."

Notre Dame's list of commitments decreases from 11 players to nine. The Irish have tentatively secured one four-star recruit, seven three-star recruits and one two-star so far.

Many of Willingham's assistant coaches were out on the recruiting trail when the announcement of the coach's firing was made. But experts had already begun dubbing the current Irish class as sub-par, similar to the winter 2004 recruiting class that barely cracked the national top 30.

"I think there are a lot of kids that really liked coach Willingham and this coaching staff," Frank said. "But I also think there are a lot of top-tier players that probably dropped Notre Dame because of the record that the coaching staff amassed this year. ... Maybe if Notre Dame got a coach in here fairly soon, they might be able to get back in on some of those guys who dropped Notre Dame."

Athletic director Kevin White did not give a time frame for hiring Notre Dame's replacement for Willingham, but the absence of a head coach in the interim could continue to hurt the Irish.

"I'm definitely going to reopen my recruiting," Wilson reiterated. "Notre Dame doesn't have a coach, so I have to look at other options. I will listen to what the new coach has to say. But I'll look at all my other options."

Frierson said he was uncertain of his intentions.

"I'm not sure what is going on," he said. "I guess I'll have to wait and see."

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ND has plenty to choose from in coaching search

Utah's Meyer looks to be early contender for Notre Dame job

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

The University administration and athletic director Kevin White will have plenty of top-tier candidates when choosing the next coach of the Fighting Irish.

Following Tuesday's firing of third-year coach Tyrone Willingham, a group of 10-12

possible replacements have surfaced as early contenders for one of the country's most prestigious — and most scrutinized — head coaching positions.

The early frontrunner, according to numerous news sources, is former Notre Dame wide receivers coach and current Utah head coach Urban Meyer. The 40-year old Ashtabula, Ohio native has

turned around two programs as head coach — Bowling Green and Utah. The Utes are ranked No. 5 in the nation this season with an 11-0 record and likely will play in a Bowl Championship Series game.

However, White said at Tuesday's press conference the University has not looked into any replacements yet.

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Kevin White
Notre Dame athletic director

terms of the search at this point," White said. "And I think that's what [the reporter is] referring to. No, we haven't begun, haven't lifted the phone up at this point. I've been really focused on our team and our coaches, and obviously conversations with Coach Willingham. So that will happen here shortly."

White stated several times throughout the press conference that Notre Dame had no contact with any possible candidates. He said the coaching search would begin this morning.

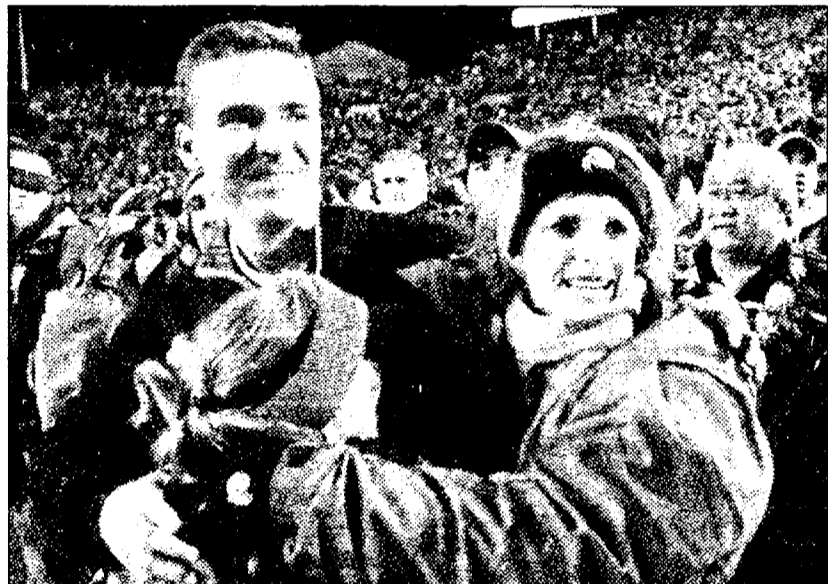
"We will immediately begin a

national search for a new football coach," White said. "I don't have any particular parameters in mind, other than identifying an individual who can lead Notre Dame football back to the sustained level of excellence that everyone associated with the University and the program wants and desires."

White set no timetable for finding the 29th coach in Notre Dame's history, saying the school will "come to a conclusion, when it comes to a conclusion."

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TOP CHOICE



Utah head coach

Urban Meyer

The second-year Utah coach has already turned the Utes into a national contender. After a 10-2 season in 2003, Meyer has Utah at 11-0 and No. 5 in the AP poll this season. He coached wide receivers at Notre Dame for five years, from 1996-2000, before taking over at Bowling Green where he was 17-6 including a 5-0 mark against BCS teams and two wins over ranked opponents. Meyer's signed a one-year contract extension in June, giving him a \$40,000 raise. His contract is good through 2009 and he can automatically receive one-year deals if Utah finishes with a winning record and equals or exceeds their tickets sales from 2002. More importantly for the Irish, Meyer has a clause in his contract that allows him

to opt out if three teams come calling: Michigan, Ohio State and Notre Dame. Meyer is a top choice for the Florida job and some ESPN college football experts said Tuesday night that the Gators may actually have a better chance at landing Meyer than the Irish. In September, Meyer told ESPN.com, "[Notre Dame] truly is one of the great places. It's college football in its truest form. It's true student-athletes. You can't say that about every university. Most universities can sneak guys into certain majors — and, if some of them succeed there, that can be good. But that doesn't happen at Notre Dame."

SECOND TIER

Charlie Weis



Patriots offensive coordinator

The offensive coordinator is a Notre Dame graduate and one of the most successful assistant coaches in the league. ESPN reported Weis is interested in the job, and he could help the Irish improve their offense. His pro football experience and success in three Super Bowls should help bring in top recruits. Weis has 26 years of coaching experience, including 15 in the NFL. He also coached at South Carolina.

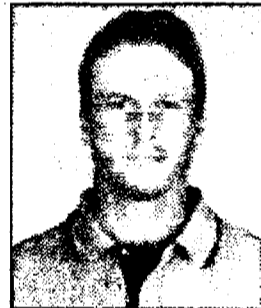
Butch Davis



Unemployed

Resigning from the Cleveland Browns the same day Willingham was fired, Davis had an outstanding record with the Miami Hurricanes from 1995-2000 where he was 51-20, including 4-0 in bowl games. He took over the Browns in 2001 and posted a 24-36 record in four seasons, making the playoffs in 2002. Davis is a defensive-minded coach, who helped continue the Hurricanes success in the 90s. Florida is also reportedly a top suitor for Davis.

Jon Gruden



Buccaneers head coach

Gruden grew up in South Bend and his dad coached for the Fighting Irish. He's always had Notre Dame as a dream job, but he makes \$4 million a year with Tampa Bay. Gruden led the Bucs to the 2002 Super Bowl, winning the crown in his first year as coach. He has a career record of 66-48. Gruden's fiery demeanor on the sidelines may not sit well with Notre Dame's administration, but his coaching accomplishments speak for themselves. If he's willing to take a pay cut, Gruden could be a top candidate for the Irish.

THIRD TIER

Jeff Tedford



Cal head coach

Tedford has turned California into a mainstay in the top-25, after leading the Golden Bears to a the most wins (15) of any coach in California history during his first two seasons. He was named the PAC-10 coach of the year in 2002 after helping the Bears record their first winning season in nine years. However, Tedford has expressed displeasure with the universities' inability to improve football facilities. Tedford has a knack for producing high-power offenses.

Kirk Ferentz



Iowa head coach

Iowa's sixth-year head coach recently signed a contract extension, but that doesn't necessarily count him out as a candidate for Notre Dame's coaching vacancy. Ferentz and Irish athletic director Kevin White are longtime friends, going back to when White hired Ferentz for a coaching position at Maine in 1990. Ferentz has put together the best two-year stretch in Iowa football history, leading the Hawkeyes to records of 11-2 and 10-3 in 2002 and 2003, respectively.

Dan Hawkins



Boise State head coach

Boise State's head coach has an impressive 44-6 record during his almost four seasons with the Broncos. A Catholic, Hawkins said in an interview with ESPN.com in late October that he could see the Notre Dame coaching position as a dream job. An offensive-minded coach, Hawkins could help Notre Dame's often-times struggling offense.

FOURTH TIER

Norm Chow

The mastermind behind USC's almost unstoppable offense during the past four seasons, Chow has his pick of head coaching positions every year. He is considered one of the top offensive coordinators in the nation. It might be tough to pull Chow away from USC's dynasty, but if Chow decides to leave, Notre Dame could be on the top of his list.

Bobby Petrino

Louisville's head coach is also an offensive-oriented coach, helping the Cardinals move up and down the field at will on most opponents. His nine wins during the 2003 season were the most ever by a first-year Louisville head coach. He led the team to a 9-4 record and a GMAC Bowl appearance. Petrino has led the Cardinal to a 9-1 record with one regular season game remaining this year.

Bob Stoops

A longshot, Stoops turned around a struggling Oklahoma program when he took over five years ago. He showed little interest during Notre Dame's coaching search in 2001, but has been rumored to be listening to Florida offers. This could be mean Notre Dame has a chance, albeit a small one, at landing one of the top coaches in all of college football.

Lou Holtz

As ESPN said, "He's available, and he knows how to beat USC." One of the greatest coaches in NCAA history, Holtz won a national title in 1988 with Notre Dame — in just his third year with the school. He retired from South Carolina last week, but is as dark a dark horse as anyone available.

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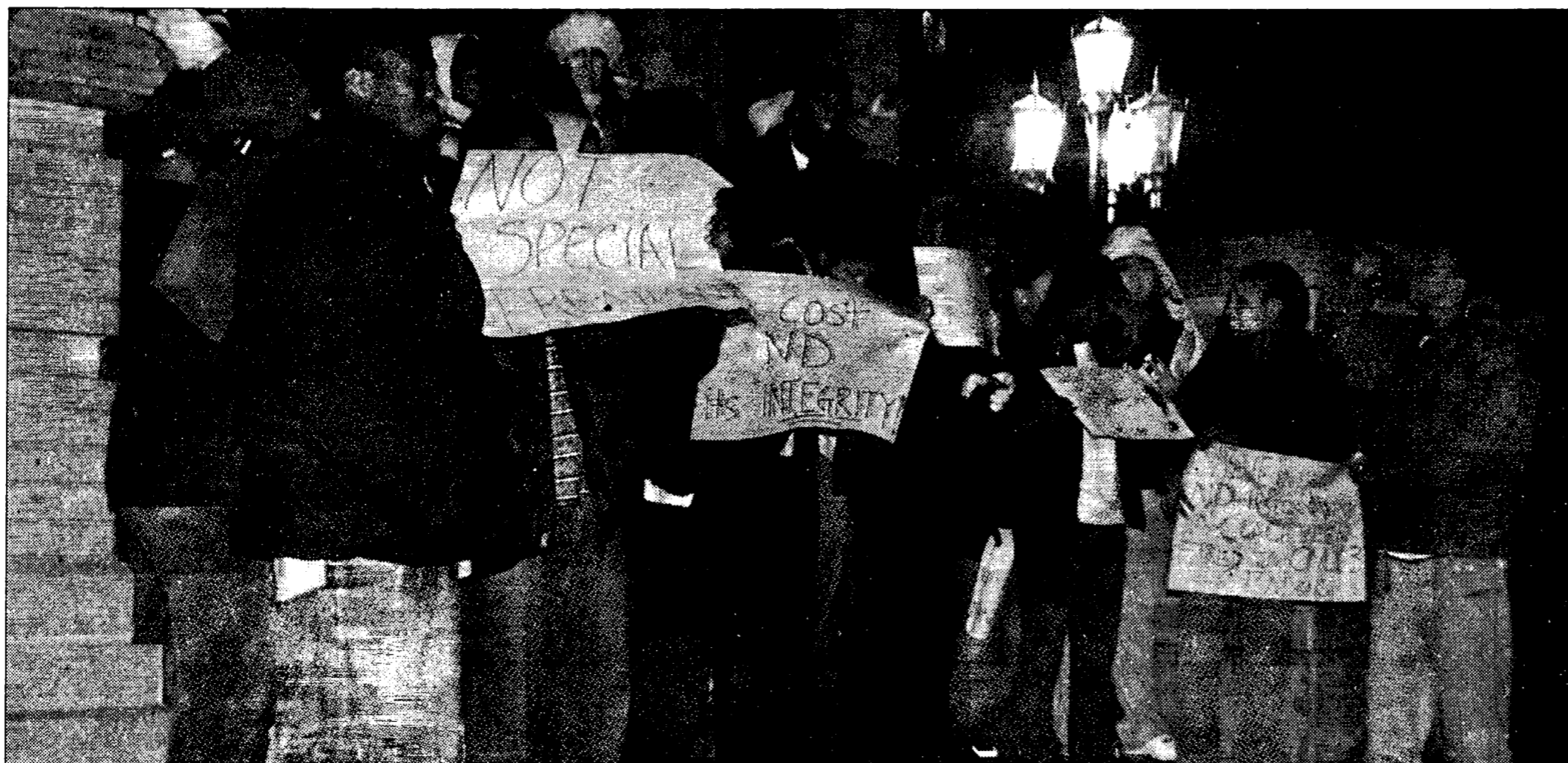
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Willingham firing stirs emotions at ND



Protesters demand explanation, others applaud decision

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

Students both protesting and supporting the firing of Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham clashed in a heated gathering outside the Main Building Tuesday.

About 30-40 ethnic minority students gathered on the building's steps to contest the University's decision and carried posters reading "\$ cost ND its integrity," "Never before, never again" and "We want Ty back."

The demonstration coincided with a cancelled student rally planned to call for Willingham's removal. However, some students involved with the original protest still showed up at the Main Building, which led to arguments

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Students display signs protesting the firing of football coach Tyrone Willingham Tuesday. Opposing demonstrations coincided at the Main Building after the announcement was made at a 4 p.m. press conference.

TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Coach made his mark off the field, inspired minorities at the University

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Unlike his wins and losses on the football field, Tyrone Willingham's impact on the Notre Dame community can't be spelled out in statistics.

As the University's first black head coaching hire in any sport, Willingham inspired a sense of pride in many people, said Mel Tardy, assistant professional specialist in the First Year of Studies program.

"I sensed a hope when he was hired," said Tardy, whose personal connection with the coach runs deep.

"It's difficult to be African-American and male at Notre Dame, and you never see anybody who is like you," he said. "To see someone of his stature, one of the biggest symbols of Notre Dame, to be somebody like you, there's no way to put it into words — that's what I think will be a big loss to the Notre Dame community."

Many minority faculty mem-

bers and students likely felt a similar bond with the coach, said University spokesman Matt Storin.

"It was very encouraging to them to see him leading the Notre Dame football team, very reassuring," Storin said. "I think internally he was a champion for diversity at the University."

The national visibility of the football program elevated Willingham's stature above that of other minorities in prominent University positions, said Iris Outlaw, direc-

tor of multicultural student programs and services.

Officials such as assistant to the president Chandra Johnson and associate dean of graduate studies Donald Pope-Davis are known internally at Notre Dame, Outlaw said, but lack the external recognition of an Irish football head coach.

"I think he did provide a lot of visibility and exposure for the institution," she said.

Willingham's tenure at Notre Dame coincided with an increase in minority students,

contributing indirectly to the success of long-term diversity programs already in place at Notre Dame, director of admissions Dan Saracino said.

In 2003, after Willingham's first season as coach, ethnic minority students composed 21 percent of the incoming freshman class, compared to 17 percent in 2002. The level remained fairly consistent in 2004, at 22 percent.

"There surely has been an

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Ebersol tragedy continues to touch community

Crowd fills memorial Mass for family

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

At the close of the Mass held in the Keough Hall chapel Tuesday night in honor of the Ebersol family and the soul of its youngest son Teddy, a letter of gratitude and grief from Charlie Ebersol brought the room to tears.

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs and Keough's priest-in-residence, read the letter aloud to the crowd of more than 150 students, staff and faculty that filled the chapel of Charlie Ebersol's former dorm. Sobs punctuated the silence as Poorman himself choked back



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, welcomes those gathered to celebrate Mass in honor of the Ebersol family Tuesday in the Keough Hall chapel.

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Investigation into crash ongoing

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

As the Ebersol family grieved Tuesday over the loss of Teddy Ebersol, federal officials investigated possible causes of the charter plane crash that killed the 14-year old and two crewmembers in Montrose, Colo. Sunday.

The CL-601 Challenger plane's cockpit voice recorder contains a 31-minute tape of the accident sequence, National Transportation Board investigator Arnold Scott told the Associated Press Tuesday.

The transcript of the recording could shed light on the circumstances that caused the private jet to crash at Montrose Regional Airport at 10 a.m. Sunday, injuring

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INSIDE COLUMN

Going ...
home?

Like most students, in just 18 short days I will be finishing my last final, packing up my dorm room and going home.

The only difference is that I will not be coming back next semester. On Jan. 15, I will board a plane headed for Rome, Italy, which will be my home for the next four months.

I have been aware of the fact I would be going to Rome since late last year, but it has just recently hit me that I am not going to see so many of my friends and family for a good amount of time. To help me make the transition from South Bend to Rome, I recently have been thinking of the things I will not miss when I am abroad.

I believe that the idea of the things I will not miss really came to mind when I was informed last week that Saint Mary's would be closing the beloved underground tunnel system. The tunnels were always a beacon of hope during to help me avoid the sometime harsh South Bend weather.

I certainly will not miss the dining hall — a girl can only eat cereal and salad for so long. I am fairly confident the Italian cuisine will far surpass even the best dinner at Noble Family Dining Hall.

Snow is certainly something I will not miss. According to my Italian professor, Rome only gets one inch of snow every 15 years. This is amazing, and I think I will be excited for winter for the first time in 19 years.

I also will not miss the fact that the campus construction zone has created a mess of the sidewalks, resulting in the world's deepest mud puddle. This extremely vast mud puddle is not walkable, no matter what one may think. I learned my lesson the hard way last night. When I was attempting to walk to the parking lot last night I took one step and the next thing I know my feet are completely engulfed in mud, completely ruining my shoes.

After making this list, I realized I was only creating it to help lessen the reality of leaving my home. The time I have spent at Saint Mary's has been the best year and a half of my life. It will be difficult to leave all of the friends I have made and adapt to a whole new culture in a foreign land.

I will defiantly miss the luxury of being able to run into all of my friends as I walk to class, eating chicken sandwiches before working a long night at The Observer and making midnight runs to Meijer with my roommate.

I know Rome will be an experience of a lifetime, and I will learn things there that I could not be taught in any South Bend classroom. I look forward to making new friends and traveling throughout Europe.

I will come back next year, perhaps as a changed person. I will know the culture of another land, but I will also be aware of my where my true home lies — even if the tunnels are closed.

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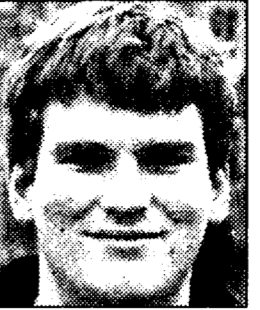

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, an article in the Nov. 30 issue of The Observer misidentified the cockpit voice recorder of the charter plane that crashed carrying members of the Ebersol family as a flight data recorder. The plane did not have a data recorder.

Due to a reporting error, an article in the Nov. 23 issue of The Observer incorrectly described the illustration on the Saint Mary's Pride Week shirt as having blonde hair. The woman on the shirt has brown hair.

The Observer regrets the errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO SHOULD REPLACE TY AS THE FOOTBALL COACH AND WHY?

					
Stephanie Thibault	Cindy Ciesiolka	Molly Kelley	Doug Snodgrass	Andrew Digah	Fritz Shadley
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"Kerry. He needs something to do."	"Lou Holtz, because he needs to come home."	"Football? We have a football team?"	"Urban Meyer since his name is so catchy."	"Urban Meyer all the way! He'd be a breath of fresh air for the program."	"John Gruden — because he makes sweet and cool faces."



Volunteers from Sacred Heart Parish wrap Christmas presents in the lobby of the Hammes Notre Dame bookstore Tuesday afternoon.

OFFBEAT

Woman performs C-section to save puppies
CEDAR CITY, Utah — A quick-thinking EMT performed a Caesarean section on her dead Chihuahua to save the lives of three puppies. Carolyn Shaw was at work two weeks ago when she received a call from her husband, saying their long-haired Chihuahua, Annie, was in labor and whimpering under the bed.

Shaw asked her ambulance partner Kori Baker, who also is her daughter-in-law, and a student intern riding along if they could stop by the house and check on the dog. "After I did a quick check I realized she was dead," Barker said. Shaw's instincts as an EMT and nurse kicked in. She pulled out her stethoscope and listened to Annie's heart to search for some sign of life. There was no heartbeat but there was movement. "I felt the babies moving inside of her," Shaw said.

Men arrested for dumping dirt in a forest
COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Two men have been arrested for dumping dirt in a national forest. The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department said the men, who have not been publicly identified, were arrested at a garage in Coeur d'Alene where the dirt had been removed and the base apparently prepared for paving.

Deputy Robert Gomez said the U.S. Forest Service confirmed that it was illegal to dump anything, including dirt, on the federal land.

Gomez said he asked the two men about dumping dirt in the national forest "and they went off on a tirade about Mother Earth."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

UNICEF will sell Christmas cards and other materials from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Library concourse. Proceeds will benefit needy children throughout the world.

Theology professor Bob Krieg will lead a seminar on "Catholic Theologians and Nazi Germany," today from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in C-104 Hesburgh Center.

Sally Winn, vice president of Feminists for Life of America, will speak today on the topic "Refuse to Choose: Reclaiming Feminism" from 7 to 9 p.m. in 126 DeBartolo Hall.

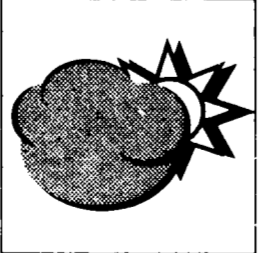
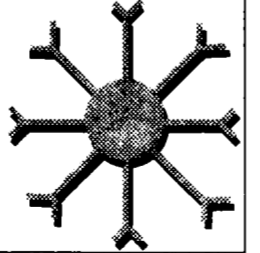
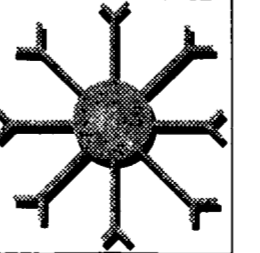
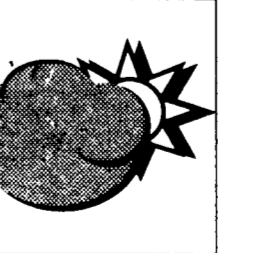
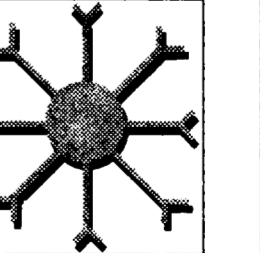
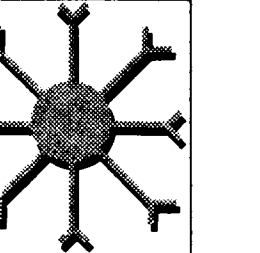
Pasquerilla East Hall will sponsor its Silent Night Silent Auction today from 7 to 9 p.m. The event will include free food, karaoke and a free iPod giveaway.

Political science professor Luc Reydam's will discuss "Universal Jurisdiction over Gross Human Rights Violations: Back to Square Zero?" today from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Law School Courtroom.

AcoustiCafe and the Student Union Board will sponsor "AcoustiChristmas" Thursday from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the basement of the LaFortune Student Center.

The sophomore class will sponsor a dinner and 'The O.C.' watch Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center ballroom.

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Seniors reflect on loss of yet another coach

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

Notre Dame was abuzz Tuesday afternoon with the news of Irish football coach Tyrone Willingham's firing, but for some students that excitement was all too familiar.

"I was excited when Ty was hired," Morrissey senior Andy DeVoto said. "That excitement wore away pretty quickly. He wasn't able to perform as well as we'd expected."

After four football seasons as Notre Dame students, seniors must now bid farewell to the third head football coach in four years. Willingham's termination follows the University's decision to fire former head coach Bob Davie in December 2001.

Several seniors they said they felt the firing was justified, based on Willingham's performance.

"I definitely think that within the past three years, he's had time to make quality wins," senior Kathryn Kinner said. "He's on his own recruiting class and still he's been unable to make good decisions in key games."

"I'm glad to see him gone," added senior Terry Brown of Farley Hall. "The man was

given three years and all he did was take [former head coach Bob] Davie's team and then make it progressively worse."

Kinner said that, while Willingham had a good character, he didn't fulfill his responsibilities.

"I feel badly because he is a respectable guy with very high moral and social integrity, which is good for the University," she said. "[But] they had specific goals and expectations, like in any other job, which weren't met."

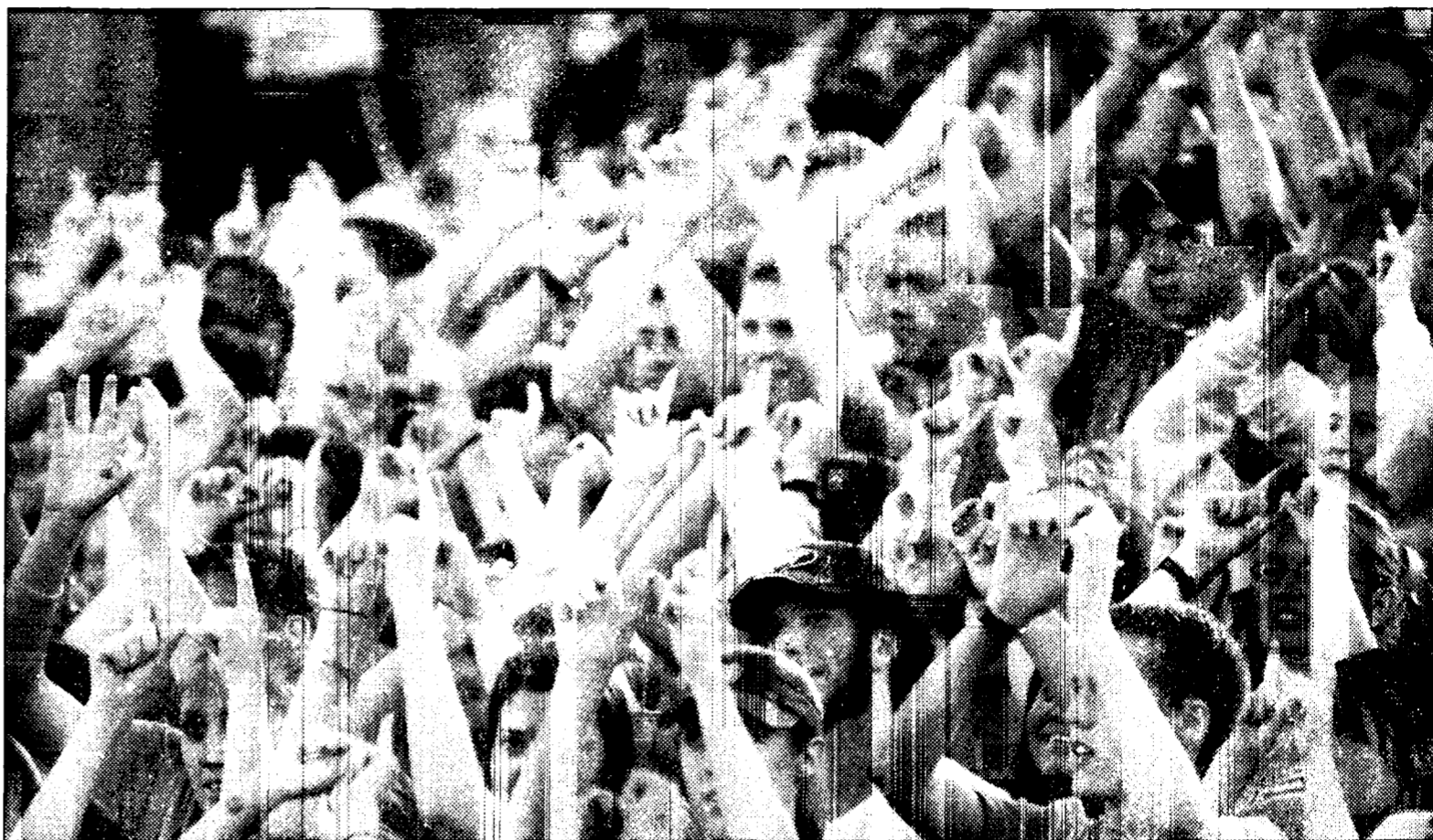
But other seniors, including Steve Salwierak and Bill Kern, disagreed completely with these views.

"I think he was a success," said Salwierak. "He was hired to change our offense from a power-style to a West Coast style, and he accomplished that. He changed our offensive philosophy."

Kern credited Willingham with solid improvements to Notre Dame's offense.

"Watching games a freshman, compared to now, our offense has come a long way," Kern said. "When we were so good in 2001, our defense was scoring two touchdowns a game. Now the offense is actually putting some points on the board."

Salwierak said Willingham



Students in the senior section perform the traditional fourth quarter "1812 Overture" salute to head coach Tyrone Willingham at a football game this season.

did not have enough time to establish a solid football program.

"I think it was too soon," he said. "I don't think you can expect anybody to turn a program around in three years."

Kern also supported the team's playing in a bowl game this season, regardless of who ended up coaching the team.

"I think they should play in the bowl game," he said. "It strengthens the program and rewards the guys. It gives them more practice time, and ultimately, more exposure."

Senior Terry Brown said she supported Tuesday's announcement, but expressed frustration about the multiple coaching changes.

"It's sad because Notre Dame has so many traditions, and football has always been a big one," she said. "The University's bureaucracy has taken over our school, and it no longer produces the image that Notre Dame once had."

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Notre Dame senior Charlie Ebersol, 21, and NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol, 57.

The transcript will be released after an NTSB examination in Washington, D.C., Scott said. No potential causes have been ruled out, he said, adding that investigators are looking into possible malfunction of the jackscrews that control the plane's wing flaps.

Speculation after the accident centered on whether or not the plane's wings had been de-iced before it attempted takeoff in a light snowstorm Monday morning. Scott confirmed the plane was not de-iced, according to the Associated Press.

The decision to de-ice is the pilot's, Montrose airport manager Scott Brownlee said in a news conference Monday broadcast nationally by CNN.

Similar protocol is followed at the South Bend Regional Airport, said director of operations Marcy Greenberger.

"It's up to each individual aircraft operator," she said.

The Ebersol family remained in

Grand Junction, Colo., where Dick and Charlie Ebersol were in stable condition at St. Mary's Hospital, according to hospital public relations director Kim Williams.

"We will miss Teddy, our sweet boy, forever," the family said in a statement. "Teddy was a warm, loving, energetic young man. He had developed a wonderfully quirky sense of humor way beyond his years that kept the whole family laughing.

"His wonderful spirit lives on in our family, and in all who knew and loved him. Of course, everyone who knew Teddy was aware of his passion for the Boston Red Sox, and a highlight of his short life was the Red Sox winning their first championship in 86 years. Like his team, Teddy never lost hope."

Susan Graham, head of The Gunnery boarding school that Teddy Ebersol attended in Washington, Conn., remembered him as a "very spirited and enthusiastic young freshman."

"He was a strong presence on campus ... everyone knew Teddy," she said, adding that the 14-year old was particularly talkative when it came to politics and sports.

The Gunnery held an all-school meeting to discuss the tragedy after students returned from

Thanksgiving break Monday night, Graham said. Grief counselors and psychiatrists met with freshmen that knew Teddy Ebersol and will be available at the school if other students need help.

A memorial service will take place at the school next week, and the Ebersol family is planning another service at The Gunnery for Dec. 18, Graham said.

No formal funeral arrangements for Teddy Ebersol have been announced.

Amidst their sorrow, the Ebersols expressed thanks for the community's support and pride in their eldest son.

"In the wake of this tragedy, we are touched by the overwhelming outpouring of love from people all over the world," the family statement said. "While our grief is unfathomable, we are so proud of our Charlie, who pulled his father from the flames. That anyone was able to survive this horrible accident is a miracle, and all of us will forever be inspired by Charlie's courage and bravery."

As the first officer to arrive at the scene of the crash, Montrose County sheriff's deputy Shane Schmalz was too late to see Dick Ebersol rescued from the plane.

He feared the worst.

"I did not [anticipate survivors] due to the looks of the plane," which was leaking jet fuel as it disintegrated in the flames, Schmalz said. "I've been working for 12 years and I've seen some crashes, but that one was amazing to see people walk away from."

Schmalz said he helped Dick Ebersol walk to safety, supporting the NBC executive on his shoulders until the two reached medical personnel.

While Dick Ebersol told Schmalz his back hurt, Charlie Ebersol insisted he was fine, Schmalz said.

The senior, shoeless and wearing jeans and a short-sleeved shirt in the bitter cold, was looking for a cell phone as he pleaded with rescuers, Schmalz said.

"In the wake of this tragedy, we are touched by the overwhelming outpouring of love from people all over the world."

Ebersol family statement

"He kept saying 'My brother's in the plane,'" Schmalz said.

Schmalz tried to stick his head inside the back end of the plane to look for Teddy Ebersol, but was overwhelmed by the heat and could not see any survivors.

"At that point it was so hot and so intense of a fire that it wasn't possible," he said.

Teddy Ebersol was thrown from the plane and crushed by wreckage, Montrose County Coroner Mark Young told the Associated Press.

Pilot Luis Alberto Polanco, 50, of the Dominican Republic, and flight attendant Warren T. Richardson III, 36, of Coral Gables, Fla., were killed on impact, the coroner's office said in a press release. Copilot Eric S. Wicksell remained in critical condition at a Denver Trauma Center Tuesday, according to the Associated Press.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of Luis [Polanco] and Warren Richardson, who perished along with our son, and to the third crewmember, who remains critically injured," the Ebersol statement said. "Again, we are so grateful for your prayers and support."

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between the protesters.

"We are standing in solidarity with Ty because we feel that his termination was unjust," junior Ukachi Okoronkwo said.

Students said further explanations for Willingham's removal would be necessary.

"There are a lot of issues here that make his termination questionable," Okoronkwo said.

Sophomore Krystal Hardy said the University didn't give Willingham an adequate chance.

"It was really, really unfair," Hardy said. "Notre Dame has had a series of losing seasons before Ty."

She also emphasized Willingham's role as a positive figure in the black community.

"He contributes to the African-American clubs on campus as well as other clubs and is really a great loss to the Notre Dame community as a whole," Hardy

said.

The student protest on the steps of the main building was organized in a last-minute effort to "channel emotion," according to Hardy.

While only around 40 students were actively protesting after the press conference announcing Willingham's dismissal, Okoronkwo said she believed most black students on campus would support their actions.

"This is bigger than a race issue — this is about a man with a family," sophomore Frank Duerson said.

Despite the vocal animosity towards the administration, many students came out in support of the decision to terminate Willingham.

Junior Mike Fremeau, involved in ndnation.com's Call for Change movement that helped organize the original protest, said while Willingham's removal was a start, more action was needed to improve Notre Dame's football record.

"This is a step in the right direc-

tion. At the same time, we have to make sure that we get a top-flight coach to get back to championship football," Fremeau said.

Senior John Hamburger said the "Student Rally for Excellence" planned by the Call for Change a week ago intended to show the administration students still cared about the quality of the football program.

"The rally was designed to ask the administration to take proper steps to return Notre Dame's program to historical standards of excellence," Hamburger said. "Notre Dame strives for excellence in everything — football should be no different."

Although he supported Willingham's termination, Hamburger expressed regret about the student backlash Tuesday afternoon.

"It's very unfortunate, the way this has turned out," Hamburger said. "We're happy to have a very

active African-American community at Notre Dame. But my impression is that they seem to think race came into consideration, when this had absolutely nothing to do with it."

He said the football team's poor performance and decreased level of donations because of it led to Tuesday's announcement.

Despite being surprised by the press conference, Hamburger said he thought the dismissal was meant to preempt the planned student rally, which was cancelled after the firing announcement.

"I don't think the timing of the announcement was a coincidence," Hamburger said. "I don't think it would have been good public relations to have students protesting the administration."

According to Hamburger, ESPN radio and local South Bend media were aware of the rally, leading him and Call for Change to believe that there would also be

press coverage.

Graduate student Elizabeth Moriarty stopped by to support the students protesting the administration's actions.

"I'm very sympathetic to what the black students are doing standing out here today, and I want to show support for them as fellow Notre Dame students. I think their voices should be heard," she said.

Moriarty said the protest was not predominantly related to race or even football, but derived from broader issues.

"For most of them, the issue is not football. The issue is losing a good friend and that he didn't get a fair chance," she said. "It's about members of this community feeling like they don't belong and that it's our job to make them feel like they belong."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Netherlands euthanizes babies

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — A hospital in the Netherlands — the first nation to permit euthanasia — recently proposed guidelines for mercy killings of terminally ill newborns, and then made a startling revelation: It has already begun carrying out such procedures, which include administering a lethal dose of sedatives.

The announcement by the Groningen Academic Hospital came amid a growing discussion in Holland on whether to legalize euthanasia on people incapable of deciding for themselves whether they want to end their lives — a prospect viewed with horror by euthanasia opponents and as a natural evolution by advocates.

In August, the main Dutch doctors' association KNMG urged the Health Ministry to create an independent board to review euthanasia cases for terminally ill people "with no free will," including children, the severely mentally retarded and people left in an irreversible coma after an accident.

Ukrainian compromise talks end

KIEV, Ukraine — Opposition supporters on Tuesday abruptly broke off compromise talks over Ukraine's disputed presidential election after pro-government lawmakers blocked a no-confidence motion seeking to topple the prime minister, who was declared the victor in last week's vote despite allegations of massive fraud.

The opposition's rejection of the talks raises pressure on Ukrainian authorities, while Russian President Vladimir Putin said the crisis in the former Soviet republic must be resolved without foreign meddling.

The Supreme Court was wrapping up a second day of hearings with no sign of a decision on an opposition appeal to annul the results from the Nov. 21 runoff election, which put Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich ahead by 871,402 votes.

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. death toll ties record

WASHINGTON — Fueled by fierce fighting in Fallujah and insurgents' counterattacks elsewhere in Iraq, the U.S. military death toll for November equalled the highest for any month of the war, according to casualty reports available Tuesday.

At least 135 U.S. troops died in November. That is the same number as last April, when the insurgency flared in Fallujah and elsewhere in the so-called Sunni Triangle where U.S. forces and their Iraqi allies lost a large measure of control.

On Nov. 8, U.S. forces launched an offensive to retake Fallujah, and they have engaged in tough fighting in other cities since then. More than 50 U.S. troops have been killed in Fallujah since then, although the Pentagon has not provided a casualty count for Fallujah for more than a week.

Black Hawk helicopter crash kills 7

BRUCEVILLE-EDDY — An Army helicopter carrying seven soldiers crashed and burned in the fog Monday after hitting a web of support wires on a TV transmission tower whose warning lights had been knocked out in a storm last week, officials said. Everyone aboard was killed.

The UH-60 Black Hawk, bound for the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, went down in a field about 30 miles northeast of Fort Hood.

LOCAL NEWS

Small town gets second paper

CRAWFORDSVILLE — Six mornings a week, the Journal Review arrives at homes and businesses in this rural community. Established in 1841, it has long been the primary provider of daily local news.

That stature is being challenged with the arrival of The Paper of Montgomery County.

In an era of declining newspaper readership, Publisher Tim Timmons is turning heads by starting a daily newspaper that he hopes will defy both industry and economic odds.

Cabinet member resigns position

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge stepped down from his duties

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, whose name became synonymous with color-coded terror alerts and tutorials about how to prepare for possible attack, resigned Tuesday.

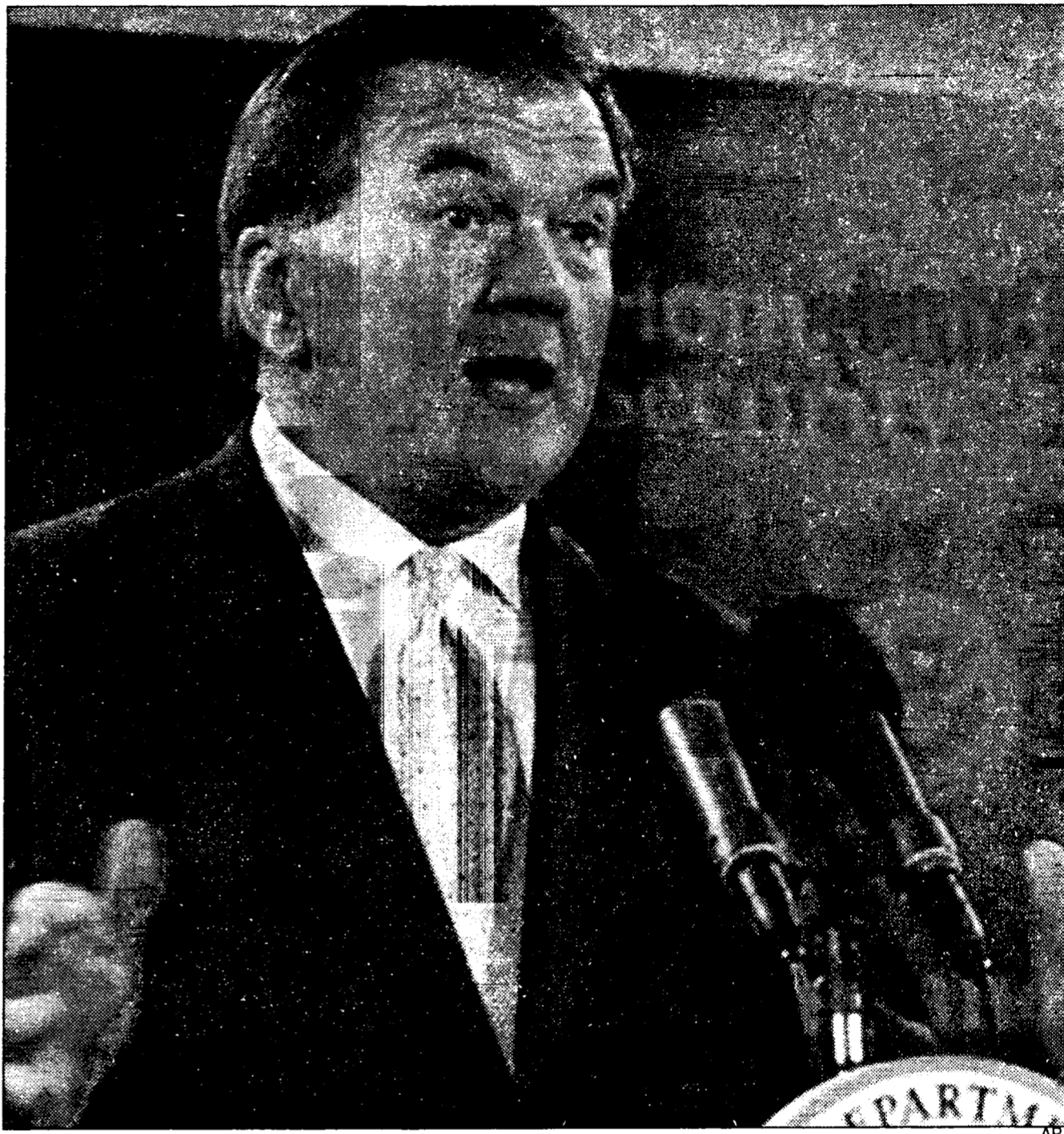
Ridge submitted his resignation in writing to President Bush on Tuesday morning but indicated he will continue to serve until Feb. 1. "I will always be grateful for his call to service," Ridge said.

Ridge said that for the future he intends to "raise some family and personal matters to a higher priority," including attending his son's rugby games.

In an e-mail circulated to Homeland Security officials, Ridge praised the department as "an extraordinary organization that each day contributes to keeping America safe and free." He also said he was privileged to work with the department's 180,000 employees "who go to work every day dedicated to making our country better and more secure."

Among those mentioned as possible candidates for Ridge's replacement are Bernard Kerik, interim Minister of the Interior for Iraq and former New York City police commissioner, former Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Joe Allbaugh and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Mike Leavitt and White House homeland security adviser Fran Townsend. Others are also believed to be interested in the job, including Asa Hutchinson, undersecretary for border and transportation security in the Homeland Security Department.

Six other Bush Cabinet figures are leaving, including Attorney General John Ashcroft, Commerce Secretary Donald Evans, Education Secretary Rod Paige, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman; Secretary of State Colin Powell and Energy Secretary Spencer



Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announces his resignation during a news conference Tuesday in Washington. He informed President Bush in writing earlier in the morning.

Abraham. Bush has chosen national security adviser Condoleezza Rice for the State Department, White House counsel Alberto Gonzales for the Justice Department and Carlos Gutierrez for Commerce.

In October 2001, Ridge became the nation's first White House homeland security adviser, leading a massive undertaking to rethink all aspects of security within the U.S. borders in the wake of the terror attacks of September 2001.

Congress subsequently passed legislation establishing the Homeland Security Department, merging 180,000 employees from 22 government agencies. Ridge became the department's

first secretary in January 2003.

He has presided over six national "orange alerts" when the government boosted security out of concern that an attack may be coming. An attack in the United States never happened on his watch.

Ridge has said, however, that he believes an assault by the al-Qaida terrorist network was averted last summer during the Fourth of July holiday period, when intelligence reports indicated terrorists might be targeting international flights to attack the United States. Passenger manifests were scrutinized and flights were canceled.

Yet Ridge, a politician by nature, fought criticism lead-

ing up to the election from those who said he was using terror warnings to boost support for Bush. Ridge repeatedly said: "We don't do politics in the Department of Homeland Security."

Ridge, 59, has privately expressed his interest in moving out of the time-consuming, stressful post. However, those who know him said his loyalty to Bush was always a factor to consider.

Ridge, who has spent most of his adult life in public service, came home from Vietnam, earned a law degree and went into private practice in Pennsylvania. He later served as an assistant district attorney and ran for Congress in 1982.

CANADA

Bush makes official visit to Canada

Associated Press

OTTAWA — President Bush and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin sought on Tuesday to mend fences after four years of strained relations between the two neighbors aggravated by the U.S.-led war on Iraq. "I made some decisions that some in Canada obviously didn't agree with," Bush said.

"But I'm the kind of fellow who does what I think is right, and will continue to do what I think is right," Bush said in the Canadian capital, with Martin by his side at a joint news conference.

For his part, Martin said, "There

are obviously disagreements on questions of foreign policy," as well as differences on trade, including such issues as softwood lumber and the U.S. ban on Canadian beef.

While they disagreed on Iraq, the two leaders voiced common ground on their hope for a peaceful resolution to the political turmoil in Ukraine from last week's disputed national election. They called mutually for dialogue between the two sides there.

"Hopefully this issue will be solved quickly and the will of the people will be known," Bush said.

On another international issue,

Bush welcomed Iran's assertion that it was moving away from uranium enrichment that could be used in assembling nuclear weapons, but expressed disappointment that Iran had only agreed to suspend their program, not terminate it as the United States wants. He called it "a positive step, but it is certainly not the final step." Iran said it would suspend processing, at least for several months.

The two leaders said they had failed to resolve the impasse over a U.S. ban on imported Canadian beef because of mad cow disease that infected some Canadian cattle.

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emotion at the senior's simple yet powerful words.

"Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and phone calls over the past few days — they helped me get through the past couple of nights. I wonder if you'll ever know how much they mean to me and me family," Poorman read. "I believe in God and God's goodness, and I believe my brother Teddy is in a better place than all of us here. I ask that you pray with me that he is [in the peace of God's presence until we can join him there] ... I appreciate all the expressions of support, and feel your great love. Thank you so much, Charlie."

During the homily, Keough rector Father Peter Jarret reflected on the mystery of suffering, and the God who allows pain to touch our lives.

"[We have] a God who healed men but didn't take all pain and suffering away. Our God is a God who suffers with us," Jarret said. "God is right with us. God is suffering with Charlie and his dad and his

family, and it is God who has taken Teddy into new life."

Jarret spoke to the hope the season of Advent offers even in the midst of the community's grief, and emphasized the importance of family.

"[The Ebersols' tragedy] reminds us how fragile life is, and that what matters most is the bonds we have with each other," Jarret said.

University President-elect Father John Jenkins joined Poorman and Jarret at the altar, and Charlie Ebersol's friends offered up readings and intentions during the service. Afterwards, all in attendance were invited to sign a card of condolence to be sent to the Ebersols.

Looking out amongst the sea of somber faces, Jarret stressed the importance of their gathering.

"The fact that we have come together to pray is so important," Jarret said. "Our prayers for Charlie and his family are translated by God into grace and strength, and any prayer we say, God prays with us."

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increase across the board ... and having someone in a key position like the head football coach at Notre Dame surely helped," Saracino said. "He surely made himself available in our efforts."

Jill Bodensteiner, associate vice president and counsel for the University, said Willingham's hire likely also made Notre Dame more attractive in the eyes of potential minority faculty members.

"I cannot measure [a positive effect on recruitment] objectively, but would speculate that his arrival at Notre Dame certainly had nothing but a positive impact on the minority community at Notre Dame and on prospective minority faculty and administrators," she said.

Despite the time constraints his job imposed, the coach seemed to genuinely enjoy interacting with students and faculty, Storin

said.

"He certainly didn't hold himself aloof from the University as some coaches do, and I think the Notre Dame family appreciated that," Storin said.

Willingham spoke to black students during welcoming events and end-of-year recognition ceremonies, Outlaw said.

What was most telling, she said, was that Willingham seemed to be just as interested in the students as they were in him.

"He saw them as individuals," she said. "To me that was key."

These interactions made it clear to Outlaw that the coach remained humble despite the headlines. On a visit to her church, he introduced himself as just "Tyrone Willingham" — "he

didn't say 'Coach,'" she said.

"Of course everybody just pounced on him and he didn't like being in the spotlight," she said. "But he was very gracious."

"To see someone of his stature, one of the biggest symbols of Notre Dame, to be somebody like you, there's no way to put it into words."

Mel Tardy
First Year of Studies

The "intelligence, discipline and integrity" Willingham brought to the coaching position helped him leave his mark on Notre Dame, Storin said.

But in Tardy's view, that poise — and sense of pride — will be

difficult to replace. "It's disappointing to a lot of people," Tardy said. "It's going to be hard to restore that hope."

Meghanne Downes contributed to this report.

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'Jeopardy!' whiz meets his match

Associated Press

NEW YORK — "Jeopardy!" whiz Ken Jennings finally met his match after a 74-game run as a pop culture icon who made brainiacs cool, beaten by a woman whose own 8-year-old daughter asked for his autograph when they first met.

As someone who always has prepared his own tax returns, Jennings was tripped up in Final Jeopardy by this answer: Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal white-collar employees work only four months a year.

The correct reply: "What is H&R Block?" But Jennings guessed Federal Express, ending his remarkable run as the biggest winner in TV game show history with a haul of \$2,520,700.

Having an accountant-friend who's nearly impossible to reach at tax time paid off big-time for tax conqueror, California real estate agent Nancy Zerg, who ousted the baby-faced killer competitor in the episode airing Tuesday.

During his streak that began June 2, Jennings usually had opponents so thoroughly beaten that the Final Jeopardy question was meaningless to the outcome. But Zerg was within striking range at that point, with \$10,000 to Jennings' \$14,400. Her correct reply gave Zerg \$14,001 to Jennings' \$8,799.

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IN BRIEF

AIG accepted independent monitor

WASHINGTON — Insurance giant American International Group Inc., which is paying \$126 million to settle federal authorities' allegations of aiding accounting fraud by other companies, has accepted an independent monitor but will avoid criminal prosecution.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and the Justice Department announced Tuesday that they had reached formal settlements with AIG, which disclosed last week it had agreed to make the payments. The insurer agreed to pay \$46 million in an accord with the SEC to settle allegations of civil securities fraud over three 2001 transactions it made with PNC Financial Services Group Inc. that allegedly helped the regional bank artificially inflate its earnings. The money will go to shareholders injured by the alleged fraud.

AIG also agreed to pay \$80 million in an accord with the Justice Department that allows it to avoid prosecution and resolve an investigation into the PNC matter and one involving cell phone distributor Brightpoint Inc.

One in three vehicles gets repaired

WASHINGTON — Timothy Michaud died last May after falling from the tailgate of a Chevrolet pickup and suffering severe head injuries.

The 19-year-old from Maine never knew that General Motors Corp. had recalled the pickup two months earlier because the tailgate cables could corrode and snap. At the time of the accident, Michaud's employer — who owned the used 2000 pickup — hadn't received a recall notice, said Stephen Schwarz, an attorney for the Michaud family.

The pickup was one of the millions of recalled vehicles that go unrepaired each year. Sometimes, vehicle owners are at fault for not getting repairs. But some safety experts say automakers and federal regulators share the blame because they haven't developed a better system to track whether a vehicle has in fact been repaired.

"California requires that whenever you go in for registration, they check what emissions recalls have been done," said Clarence Dittlow of the Center for Auto Safety, an advocacy group. "If you can do it for emissions recalls, you can do it for safety recalls."

Tariffs on shrimp imports upheld

The Bush administration set duties on shrimp arriving from China and Vietnam

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration on Tuesday upheld the imposition of penalty tariffs on shrimp imports from China and Vietnam, handing a victory to beleaguered U.S. shrimp producers.

The action affirmed with slight modifications a preliminary ruling by the Commerce Department's International Trade Administration last summer. The penalty tariffs have been collected by border agents since July.

The department is scheduled to make a final decision on shrimp imports from four other countries — Brazil, Ecuador, India and Thailand — in late December.

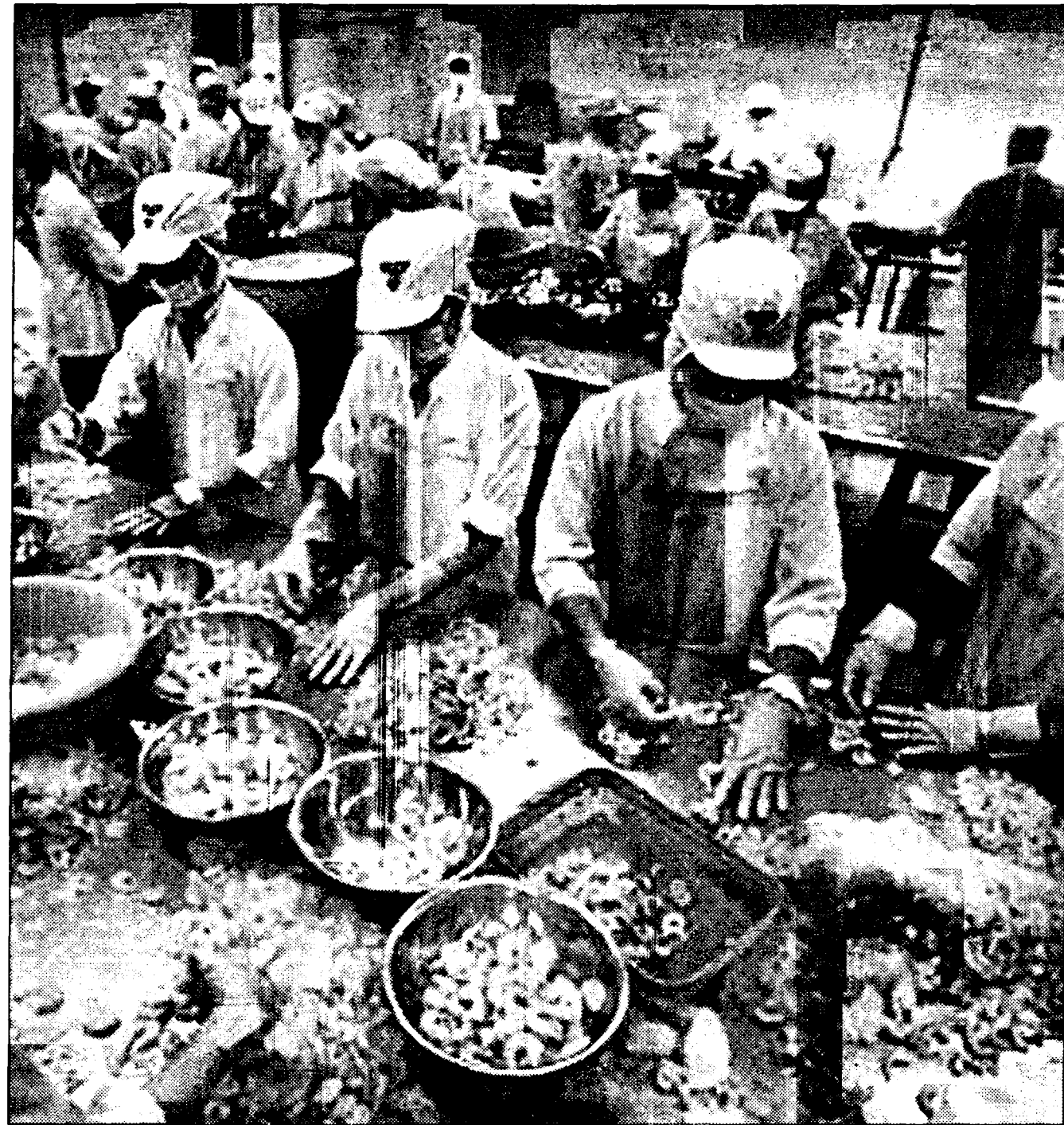
Together, the six countries provide about 75 percent of the shrimp that Americans eat. U.S. food distributors contend that the penalty tariffs will drive up shrimp prices at restaurants and grocery stores.

In the decision Tuesday, the government set duties on Chinese exports of frozen and canned warm-water shrimp at levels ranging from 27.9 percent to 112.8 percent. Vietnamese shrimp exports will be hit with duties ranging from 4.1 percent to 25.8 percent.

The tariffs were imposed because a government investigation found the shrimp from those nations was being sold in the U.S. market at unfairly low prices, a practice known as dumping.

The ruling came in a case brought by the Southern Shrimp Alliance, which has been dealing with rock-bottom prices for shrimp since 2001. It alleged that the U.S. industry was on the brink of destruction because of the flood of cheap foreign shrimp.

"Dumping is cheating, and we thank the Department of Commerce for offsetting this illegal practice and leveling the playing field for U.S. shrimp fishermen, farmers,



Vietnamese workers process shrimp at a plant in southern Vietnam. Bush upheld the imposition of penalty tariffs on shrimp imports from China and Vietnam.

processors and all fairly trading countries," said Eddie Gordon, president of the Southern Shrimp Alliance.

But the Shrimp Task Force, composed of the Consuming Industries Trade Action Coalition and the American Seafood Distributors Association, complained that the penalty tariffs will mean higher prices for consumers and will not help the domestic industry.

"Thousands of family-owned restaurants and businesses will now be forced to pay these duties," said Wally Stevens, chairman of the Shrimp Task Force and president of the seafood distributor Slade Gorton Co. "The U.S. businesses that rely on access

to imported shrimp ... together employ thousands of U.S. workers, 20 times those employed in the domestic shrimp industry."

Foreign shrimp producers have denied they are selling shrimp at artificially low prices as a way to win a larger share of the U.S. market.

They contend the United States needs foreign imports because the domestic supply is not large enough to meet demand for shrimp, the country's No. 1 seafood.

Officials from Brazil have said they are studying whether to bring a case against the United States before the World Trade Organization, contending that the penalty duties violate international trade

rules.

The eight states represented in the Southern Shrimp Alliance are Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas.

The cases against all six countries will go back to the U.S. International Trade Commission for a final ruling early next year on the issue of whether shrimp imports are harming the domestic industry.

If, as expected, the commission upholds its preliminary finding of harm, the anti-dumping tariffs will become final and will remain in effect for five years before they are reviewed again under "sunset" provisions of the U.S. dumping law.

Georiga gives corporate merger approval

Associated Press

ATLANTA — After landing a \$126.5 million pledge to improve rural health care in Georgia, the state gave its approval Tuesday to a corporate merger that will create the nation's largest health insurance company.

With Georgia's approval — the last state to sign off on the deal — California-based WellPoint Health Networks, Inc. and Indiana-based Anthem, Inc. are expected to soon close on their merger.

Georgia Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine said he secured the money, which will be spent on a rural health initiative in the state over 20 years, through merger negotiations with both companies. WellPoint owns

BlueCross BlueShield of Georgia.

Officials at Anthem did not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment Tuesday. WellPoint officials referred inquiries to Anthem.

To win the state's approval, Anthem agreed to finance telemedicine centers at 36 rural Georgia hospitals, clinics and the state's four teaching hospitals and to cover telemedicine procedures in its insurance benefits, Oxendine said. Through telemedicine, a patient in a rural part of the state can be diagnosed by a specialist in a larger hospital via teleconferencing technology.

"What we're trying to do is equalize the quality of health care available to citizens," Oxendine said. "People should not be required to have lesser

health care available to them just because they happen to live in a rural area."

The insurer also agreed to help rural Georgia health centers expand, renovate and upgrade equipment by purchasing their bonds and other debt instruments over the next 20 years, Oxendine said.

Anthem also promised that the merger would not lead to higher insurance premiums for Georgia BlueCross policyholders, Oxendine said.

Earlier this year, California's insurance regulator dropped his objections to the planned merger after the companies agreed to pay \$600 million to help cover the costs of treating that state's uninsured residents.

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World AIDS Day: silence no more

As the snow begins to fall and we adorn campus with colorful lights, many hearts and minds turn to the babe in the manger, a source of fresh hope in these frigid, dark days of December. We are inclined to beautify this birth narrative, but imagine if things were a bit different.

Peter Quaranto

A Call to Action

Imagine a babe born in Bethlehem, lying in a manger, his arms swathed with scabies, his stomach bloated and his legs covered in his uncontrollable diarrhea. Imagine an underweight child, crying because he cannot eat, can barely breathe and feels pain throughout his entire body. Yes, imagine a baby Jesus with AIDS. It is not too difficult to imagine in our day, where more than 39 million people, including more than 2 million children, live with HIV/AIDS.

Today the world commemorates World AIDS Day, a fitting day to reflect upon the inadequacy of our action in the face of the deadliest modern pandemic. Just in 2004, AIDS killed 3.1 million people, while 4.9 million people became infected with HIV. Worse yet, there are no signs of the pandemic abating. Prevention efforts have been meager and underfunded. All throughout the world, especially in sub-Saharan Africa and pockets of Asia, HIV/AIDS is growing, tearing apart families, communities, economies and whole nations. The enormity of suffering has driven many to defeatism, but there is much that can be done to effectively fight the pandemic and save lives. A successful fight against global AIDS requires only political will and effective policy — two things to which the United States, the world's major superpower, must commit.

During the last decade, AIDS awareness and attention have increased significantly thanks much to the activism of conservative political and religious groups. Pictures of innocent women and children dying have sparked the consciences of millions. In this spirit of "compassionate conservatism," the Bush administration has given increasing priority to foreign aid for AIDS treatment. In 2003, the United States government passed the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act, which set a

funding goal of \$15 billion over the next five years. President Bush deserves praise for this initiative.

Yet, just as intensely as he pushed for the initiative, Bush has sought to undercut it. In his 2004 budget, Bush asked for only \$2 billion for global AIDS, \$1 billion less than authorized. On a larger scale, United States foreign aid has decreased significantly over recent years. The United Nations asks that each of the Security Council members gives 0.7 percent of their GDP in non-military foreign aid. The United States now gives about 0.1 percent, and even that is decreasing. Finally, the United States refuses to cancel massive debts owed to it from many poor nations throughout the world. These nations, most of them in Africa, are so burdened by these debts that they cannot put any of their resources towards combating poverty or HIV/AIDS.

While much credit is due to social conservatives for their activism on this issue, the involvement of such groups in shaping AIDS policy has been problematic in developing AIDS-prevention strategies. The largest shift in United States AIDS policy has been a shift away from prevention towards service for those currently living with HIV/AIDS. The 2003 global AIDS law, diverging massively from past United States policy, ensures that more than 55 percent of funds be spent on treatment activities, while only about 20 percent be spend on prevention activities.

Further, conservatives, inspired by the "ABC" (Abstinence, Be Faithful and Use Condoms) program used in Uganda, have called for more emphasis on abstinence and less on condoms. Recently, the House adopted an amendment, ensuring that at least one-third of prevention funds would go only to "abstinence-until-marriage" programs. These policy shifts may be ideologically pleasing, but they run against the existing scientific and medical data that shows condom distribution and education to be the most effective way to

combat the spread of HIV.

Even in the area of treatment strategies, the current policymakers have fallen short. While some conservatives have fought valiantly to increase availability of anti-retroviral drugs, the same policymakers have pushed trade policy that exacerbates the pandemic by hindering the ability of poor nations to purchase cheap generic AIDS medications. The White House has put the profits of pharmaceutical companies before the lives of millions suffering from AIDS. The clearest example of this was when, last year, the

president nominated Randall Tobias, a former pharmaceutical company CEO, to be the global AIDS coordinator. Without the political will, the good will of AIDS activists rings hollow.

As we commemorate World AIDS Day today, we must commit ourselves to global action. First, the United States and all major powers must pledge to fund the newly-established Global Fund to Fight AIDS,

Tuberculosis and Malaria. Second, major powers, along with the WTO, must work with pharmaceutical companies to loosen intellectual property rights in order to decrease drug prices and increase the availability of ARV medicine. Third, world leaders must utilize the available scientific data to employ the most effective prevention strategies, even if those strategies face ideological opposition. Finally, each of us must use our own power, whether that be through activism, letter writing to representatives, education campaigns or donations, to contribute to the fight against HIV/AIDS. To be silent in these urgent times is to be complicit in the deaths of millions. Let us be silent no more.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let the Pride Week t-shirt go

Though I am simply a former member of the Saint Mary's community, and some may perhaps write me off in my opinion on this matter for that reason, I would just like to say that I find it ridiculous that there is such a negative reaction to the new Pride Week shirts on campus. One of the former shirts depicted the generic "girl" that is posted on bathroom doors nationwide. Does that girl represent me? Were they trying to say that I have to wear a skirt to be considered a woman? If I wanted to, I probably could have sought out an apology from Student Activities as well, since the shirt was so offensive in its lack of representing me as a person. But I did not do so. Why? Because I know in that common-sense part of my brain that the creators of the shirt were not trying to say that this symbol is how women really should look. It was thought to be a cute idea that would make a nice shirt at a women's college. And that is all they have done this year as well.

That southern belle on the shirt, which is the actual mascot

of Saint Mary's College, is not meant to be a picture of every woman on campus. Is the photograph of a woman on the billboard for Saint Mary's College along the Indiana toll road also offensive then? I happen to be Irish, and I do not believe the girl on the board shares my ethnicity. In the line of reasoning put forth by the people leading this campaign against the shirt, I should have been highly offended as a Saint Mary's student. However, I was not. This type of argument taking place on Saint Mary's campus is looking for a problem where there is no problem. The Pride Week shirt is simply depicting a pretty painting that looks nice on a shirt at a women's college. If anyone needs a cause to fight for, there's a war in Iraq you might have heard about. Let this one go.

Elizabeth Quinn

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Nov. 30

OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Leadership is a combination of strategy and character. If you must be without one, be without the strategy."

Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf
United States military

The 'coming of the kingdom' in the media

Christians constantly look to images of Jesus to order our lives, actions and beliefs. In our time, people have a considerable amount of sources in a variety of mediums from which to contemplate our spiritual founder. From paintings, films, songs, literature and political rhetoric, Jesus, apparently, is everywhere. In our Notre Dame community, we find ourselves even more immersed in the different images of Christ around campus.

Kamaria Porter

Breaking the Habit

Across the country and on campus, debate and discussion over Mel Gibson's "Passion of the Christ" brought us back to the pivotal moment in our faith lives and in religious history. After viewing the movie, something beyond the horrific violence left me uneasy about the portrayal of Jesus. While Gibson reaches for authenticity in showing the manner of Roman torture, the film offers little concerning why Jesus was executed.

The prominent Jesus scholar Marcus Borg faults the film for completely separating Jesus' death on the cross from what Jesus was passionate about in life. This follows a close and politically ori-

ented reading of both the Hebrew Scriptures and Gospels. The God of the Hebrew Scriptures is highly concerned with issues of justice, primarily economic justice. For example, the pivotal event of the Torah, the Book of Exodus, tells of the Israelites deliverance from slavery in Egypt — an economic, political and racial oppression. In this and countless other stories, we can conclude the God of our faith is extremely concerned with economic injustice of God's creation.

In the Christian Scriptures, we find the same concern in Jesus. In the Gospels, Jesus preaches hope and help to the poor, calls people to give up their possessions and establishes an unlikely and unpopular community of outcasts as close friends and followers. Jesus as solely teacher, healer and miracle worker is hardly worthy of the brutal execution of the state. Even, as the Passion film proffers, Jesus being brought to trial as a blasphemer seems a bit unlikely to warrant the attention of Roman authorities. In a serious reading of the Gospel story, what Gibson and many miss becomes clear.

Jesus spoke often of the "Kingdom of God" and its eminent coming. This refers not to heaven, but of what the Earth

would look like if God were on Caesar's throne. Through Jesus' parables, that world was a stark contrast to the Roman Empire — one in which all would have what they needed. Jesus was a political treat to the aristocracy and power structure of his time. His passion for God's desire for economic and social justice on Earth made Him a threat and caused His death. Further, the early church was a contagion to Roman Empire since its leaders, Paul, Peter and James, were also executed.

So, Gibson misses the mark in capturing the zeal of Jesus, yet Hollywood on the whole does poor job in this regard. Popular films dealing with faith and spirituality, like "Saved" or "Dogma," entertainingly critique empty and hypocritical Christian ideologies, yet offer to replace them with an empty and unchallenging spirituality. In these depictions, Jesus is not the advocate for the poor and disenfranchised we find in the Bible, but a tamer person merely concerned with moral squabbles and relationship ticks. These three films differ in theme, making us laugh or cry in anguish or in horror, but in their effect on American viewer spirituality, they are similar. All divorce Jesus from what He was passion-

ate about: a new social order of justice.

In the current American Christian context, such depictions hardly surprise me. Christian voices in the forefront mainly represent morally conservative views and largely neglect the economic implications of following Christ. Additionally, Christians — particularly Catholics — find themselves in the higher social classes and in positions of power and influence over many. The culture wars and financial interests have re-shaped the image of Jesus to serve their own self-interest. This warm and fuzzy Jesus of personal salvation lacks the communal justice aspect found in the Gospels and early Church.

People of faith must re-connect with the Jesus of Gospels and continue the social movement he began two millennia ago. God's passion for economic and social justice calls us to action. We must be pro-active in ending poverty, economic exploitation and injustice.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saying goodbye to Ty A winning attitude

The firing of Tyrone Willingham, unless there was something behind it that we don't know about, was simply ridiculous. Let us remember the sorry situation of this football program when Ty took over. It was in complete chaos. He molded this team, in his very first year, to play with a new and winning attitude. He was also in the process of molding this team's philosophy as well as its heart — and in order to do this he had to recruit his kind of player, have time to mold this player and get that player needed experience.

Tyrone Willingham was fired just as this molding process, which was mainly taking place on the offensive side of the ball, was coming to fruition. Next year his quarterback would have been an experienced junior throwing to very experienced wide-receivers and tight-ends. The offensive line showed dramatic improvement over last year and would have been even better next year. He finally has a west-coast type tail-back and played now has a full-year under his

belt. The truth is that the offense was a machine the last part of this season — and was set to dominate next year.

Of course, this team's problem all year was the terrible recruiting of Bob Davie several years ago in the secondary. Despite having one of the best front sevens in the nation, this team was burnt, in all its losses, by teams that took advantage of that lone, yet glaring, weakness. Should Ty have been fired for the results of this weakness — something for which he was not responsible? Of course not.

Next year would have been the telling year. Not this one. Next year Ty would have had no excuses. And with an offense ready to dominate, a front seven largely intact and a secondary that had nowhere to go but up — I don't think he would have needed any. Now, of course, we will never know.

Charlie Camosy
graduate student
Nov. 30

Apologizing to offended community



On Friday, Nov. 19, we, the members of the Student Activities Board, issued a campus-wide apology for any SAB programs, events and/or published materials this past semester that a member of our student community may have found offensive in any way.

The apology was written in order to address concerns that were brought to our attention during the SAB Feedback Session the previous evening. While there were specific examples of programs, events and/or published materials that were directly addressed during the Feedback Session by those in attendance, we recognize that there might have been other programs, events and/or published materials that students who were not at the Feedback Session might have taken exception to. We also recognize that while some students might have taken issue with these programs, events and/or published materials, there are students on this campus who were not offended and who respectfully disagree with those who were.

As such, the decision was made to issue a non-specific apology, as we did not wish to disenfranchise our student community.

We recognize that the Pride Week shirt was a catalyst that has since brought forward larger issues on our campus. It has also created an opportunity where respectful dialogue of divergent views, thoughts and opinions held on campus can be voiced and shared.

We feel that awareness and understanding of these opposing views regarding these issues are vital in order to advance the educational enrichment of our student body.

As student leaders, we know that students can best take advantage of this opportunity by participating in the Identify Forums, sponsored by the Board of Governance, where we as a community can share our opinions, express our concerns and engage in respectful dialogue.

In conclusion, SAB would like to assure our student body that we are constantly reviewing our programming methods in an effort to bring the highest quality programs onto campus. We are also taking steps to better identify programs, events and/or published materials that might be seen as offensive or insensitive to anyone on campus in an attempt not to further offend. We again encourage students to attend the weekly SAB meetings which are open to the entire student body and to share your thoughts as we continue to provide the best programs possible.

Saint Mary's College Student Activities Board
Nov. 30

EDITORIAL CARTOON



RESTAURANT REVIEW

What's cooler than being cool? Cold Stone Ice Cream

By MEGAN McFADDEN and
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Scene Writers

After watching hot man after hot man smashed against the Plexiglas at the Notre Dame hockey game, we needed something to cool ourselves down. following a brief incident we'd like to call dodging traffic in the Joyce Center parking lot to find the Red Rocket (Jessica's car), we emerged unscathed and ready for a moolicious dairy treat. Cold Stone Creamery—or as Jessica's Dad likes to call it "STONE COLD" Creamery—is located just off of Grape Road near Movies 14. It could be called the Taj Mahal of ice cream parlors.

Instead of generic flavors stuffed into cardboard tubs, Cold Stone, as the name implies, plops your ice cream onto a cold marble stone, and will mix in a myriad of delectable toppings. If you're really brave you can choose your own toppings, but if you want to play it safe you can choose one of their pre-designed palate pleasers.

Unfortunately, because of Cold Stone's popularity, the service was slow and impersonal making it worthy of merely 2.5 sporks. These ice cream-artists should learn a lesson from good ole Henry Ford and develop a more efficient assembly line. Word on the street was that

Cold Stone employees would sing at the drop of a coin in the tip jar, but this legend is false. We generously gave them fifty cents, only to receive bitter disappointment and heartache but not heartburn.

The atmosphere of Cold Stone provides a family-oriented, but commercially influenced, environment. Enormous photos of ice cream temptresses did not settle well on our stomachs.

"Those photos are racist, classist, sexist, and those skinny so-and-so's couldn't possibly eat all that creamy goodness and still remain a size two", Cold Stone customer Erica Valdez said as she feasted on her peanut butter flavored extravaganza. For all these reasons, the atmosphere at Cold Stone only receives 2.75 sporks.

The most yumilicious part of Cold Stone is, in fact, the ice cream. Jessica ordered the "Cookie Doughn't You Want Some" with French vanilla ice cream, caramel, fudge and cookie dough pieces. She proclaimed it was an out of body experience. Megan ordered the "Birthday Cake Remix".

The ice cream comes in very generous sizes entitled "like it," "love it" and "gotta have it". "Like it" is more than enough for the average bear, but if you're having a rough day or have an appetite like Megan's you might be able to eat a "love it." The "gotta have it" is reserved for sumo wrestlers, a family of four, or that guy that ate 100 hot dogs in under an hour. The ice cream is so super splendiferous that we give it five sporks, our highest rating.

Even though the average of our rating categories is 3.416666..., by including the imaginary number i for ice cream, Cold Stone most definitely deserves a total of four sporks, a toothpick and some pocket lint. So, if you are dependent

on dairy to make your day a delight, skedaddle on down to Cold Stone Creamery and tell them Jessica and Megan sent you. We're sure they'll be like "WTF?" to which you can reply "exactly."

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Zambonie brings Midwestern power pop to Notre Dame

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
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Zambonie was founded in Michigan, but with one of the band members in graduate school at Notre Dame, the campus has become its new adopted home. The band will perform a concert Thursday at Legends at 10 p.m.

The current line-up of Zambonie includes Erik Widman on guitar and vocals, Kent Widman on bass, Chris Sjoquist on keyboards and John Wert on drums. The band has a web site where fans can go to download music, find out concert dates, read band member biographies and find the latest news about the band.

Brothers Kent and Erik Widman moved to the United States from Sweden in 2000, and while enrolled at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, they started the band with drummer John Haldane. Zambonie released its first full length CD in 2002, and the band played performed shows throughout Michigan and Indiana. In 2004, Haldane decided to leave the band, and percussion major John Wert filled in for him on drums. With one change already in the band's lineup, the group decided to add a synthesizer to the standard mix of bass, guitar and drums. That decision led to Chris Sjoquist becoming a member of Zambonie.

Zambonie has opened for such bands as OK GO, out of Chicago and

has played at a number of festivals. Erik Widman enrolled at Notre Dame this fall as a grad student, and the band came with him to the South Bend area.

The band's sound is described by Erik Widman as "power pop, kind of like rock and roll and alternative, but it's hard to compare it to stuff out there." While the band's use of keyboards could bring back memories of the 1980s, it is different from the power ballads of yesteryear.

"It's guitar driven and it uses synthesizer, but it's not 80's rock," Erik Widman said. "It's fun stuff."

The name "Zambonie" is in itself unusual, since a zamboni (with no 'e') is the machine that smoothes the ice at a skating rink, but the misspelling has a story behind it.

"When I first got started I recorded by myself and one of my songs was going to be on a compilation called 'Michigan Mania 2000'," Erik Widman said, "I didn't have a band name and 'zamboni' was one of the names I had been thinking of, but it was just by pure stupidity that I spelled it wrong. I was born in Sweden, so I have an excuse."

Thursday's concert at Legends will be Notre Dame's first exposure to Zambonie, and Erik Widman has high hopes.

"I hope that it will change their life and that they'll never be the same after the show," he said.

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Photo courtesy of Erik Widman

Zambonie adds a synthesizer to the typical band formula of guitar, bass and drums in order to create its own unique brand of "power pop." The band was founded at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, and it will play its first show on the Notre Dame campus at Legends Thursday night at 10 p.m.

Sparta rocks out at Chicago's Metro theatre

El Paso, Texas band's recent performance gave Windy City audiences an opportunity to experience its unique sound and interesting new album

By CHUY BENITEZ
Scene Writer

Sparta's Jim Ward has always talked highly of playing to great crowds in Chicago, so the Nov. 23 show at the Metro came as no surprise to Sparta fans and Chicago music-hipsters alike. The show marked Sparta's third trip to the music-hungry city of Chicago, and it almost seemed like a long awaited reunion for Sparta and its Chicago listeners.

For the past month Sparta has been on its latest tour promoting its sophomore album, *Porcelain*, which was released July 2004. For Sparta, both the album and the tour symbolize a progression and a sense of stability in their careers and personal lives. Although the tour includes two other up-and-coming bands, *Further Seems Forever* and *Copeland*, which also have excellent musical creativity, Sparta is the clear headliner and driving force of the tour. In the past it was Sparta who would either co-headline tours and festivals like Coachella with great bands like the Pixies, or open for largely established bands like Incubus and Pearl Jam. With their new stability as Texas rock frontrunners, the spotlight on Sparta is something they've been wanting and working for since they started the band.

Sparta's formation came from the untimely divorce of at the drive-in, which was El Paso, Texas' pride-and-joy rock band of the 1990's. The breakup of at the drive-in split the band down the middle, with guitarist and vocalist Jim Ward, guitarist/bassist Paul Hinojos and drummer Tony Hajjar moving on to Sparta and singer Cedric Bixler Zavala and Omar Rodriguez moving on to their band, the Mars Volta. The breakup left at the drive-in fans wanting to hate no one and support both efforts. Ward, Hinojos and Hajjar also asked El Paso bassist Matt Miller to join Sparta and create a complete sound by being able to have two guitarists. Both bands have been critically acclaimed since they have gone their sep-

arate paths, and El Pasoans have been glad to realize that they now have two great hometown bands to support instead of just one.

With Sparta's newest album, *Porcelain*, Ward took a big step in writing the vocals for the album, but the payoff has been wholly positive for Ward and the rest of the band. The other band members agree that Ward's lyrics for the album exemplify the maturity level that both Ward and Sparta as a whole have reached in the past few years. The concept for *Porcelain* came largely from the revisiting of their hometown of El Paso, Texas and from Ward's new position in life as a married man. Several of their songs reference both El Paso ("Guns of Memorial Park," "La Cerca") and Ward's growing relationship with his new wife ("Hiss the Villain," "Breaking the Broken," "Lines in the Sand"). All of the lyrics to these songs are written openly and cleanly enough for them to be seen as personal expressions of Ward and as having relevant content fans can relate with.

Sparta's musical sound has also taken a walk back to their musical past in El Paso, which was largely refined and represented by the now classic emo sound of at the drive-in. Sparta's opening song, "Guns of Memorial Park," starts with a techno-static-guitar intro much like they did in their ATDI days. Many of their songs also rock on at a constant feverish but changing pace that never lets the listener feel settled. It is a pace and structure that can largely be heard and found in the local El Paso music scene.

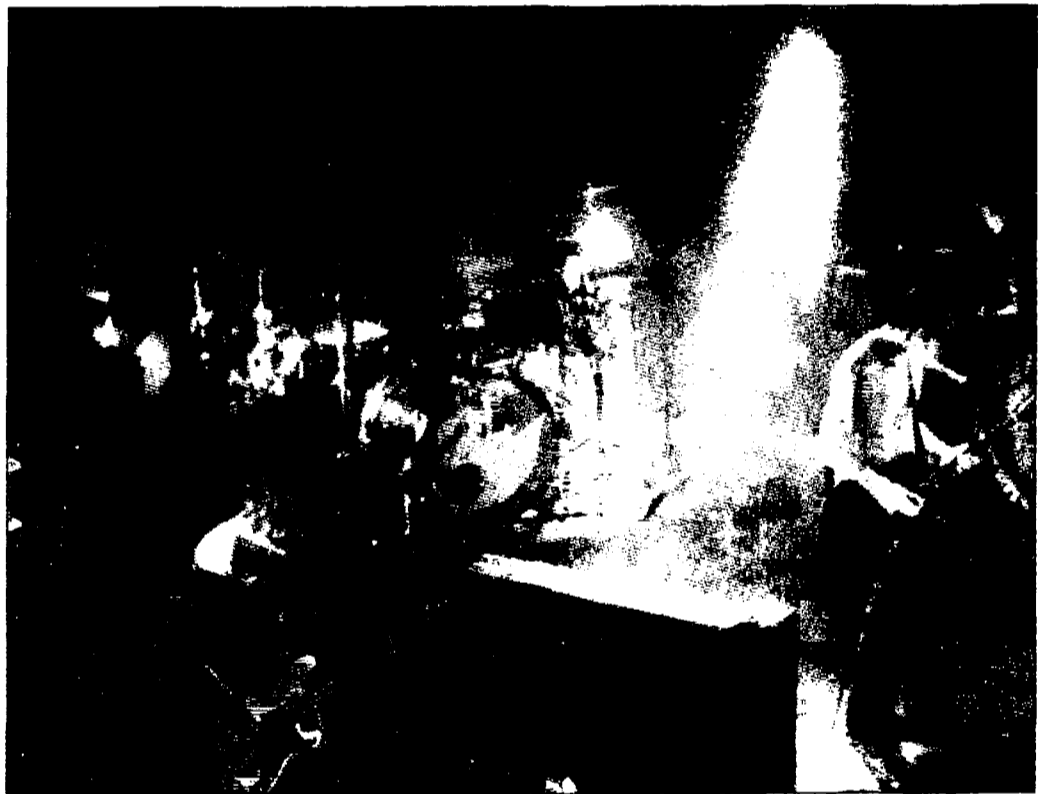
The final thought on the *Porcelain* album as a whole is that it resonates on the fundamentals of holding onto your roots and your relationships because in the end they will be the things you can always count on, and Sparta must be applauded for pulling off such a solid sophomore album that exemplifies the fundamentals that rock-listeners everywhere should think about.

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Sparta's latest album, *Porcelain*, as well as all of its music, is heavily influenced by living in El Paso, Texas.



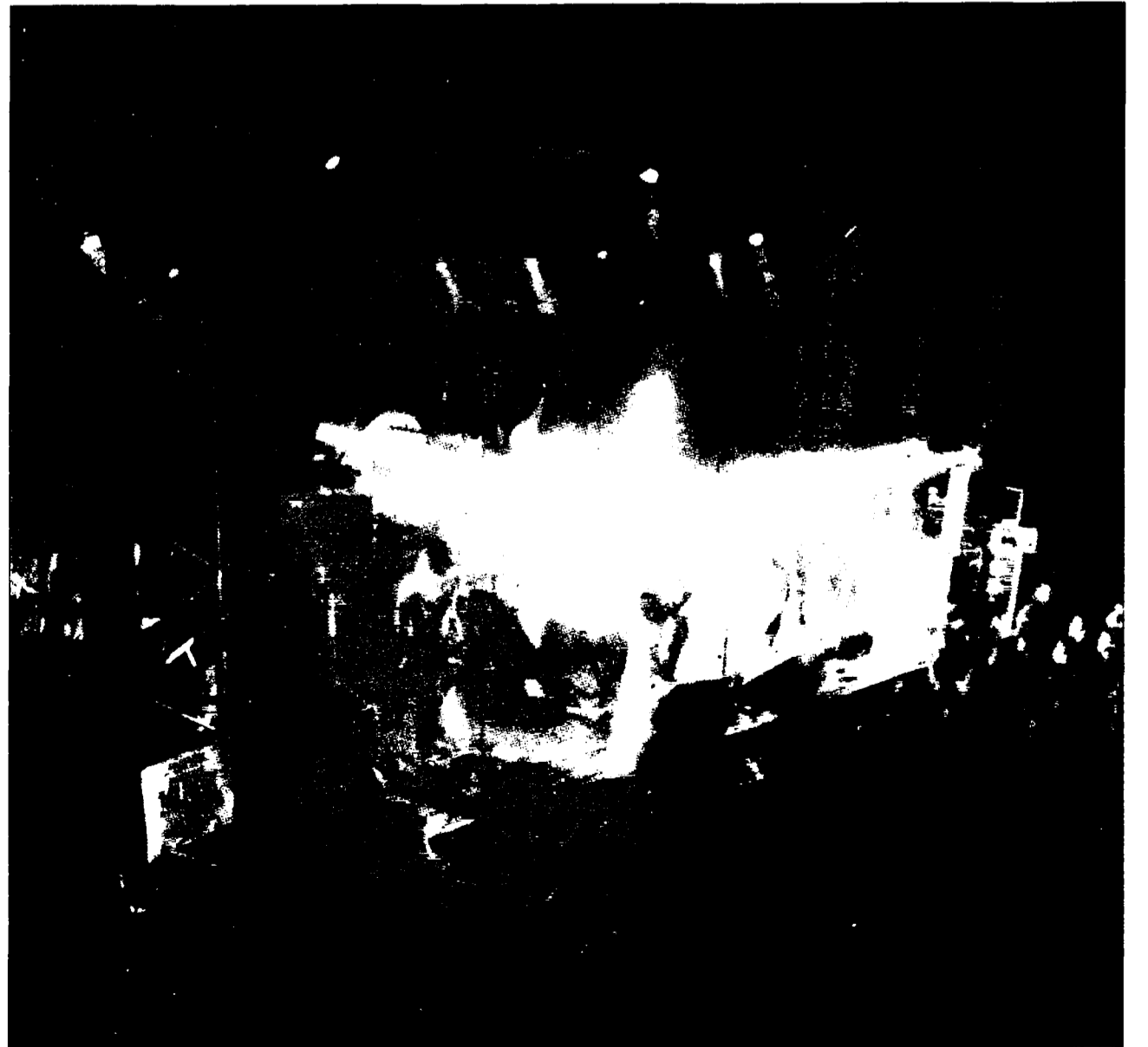
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Sparta was formed after another band, at the drive-in, broke up due to differing musical styles within the group. Some of the other members from the band went on to form the Mars Volta.



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The band performed at Chicago's Metro Theatre, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with a series of twenty performances, including Sparta.



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Sparta creates its unique style of rock and roll with Jim Ward on vocals and guitar, Matt Miller on bass, Paul Hinojos on guitar and Tony Hajjar on drums.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Duke darts past Michigan State in matchup of top teams

Georgia Tech destroys Michigan in Atlanta

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — J.J. Redick and Daniel Ewing seemed to be playing their own version of H-O-R-S-E, matching each other shot for shot, point for point.

Duke needed almost every one of them.

The backcourt duo both scored 29 points and made five 3-pointers, helping the 10th-ranked Blue Devils hold off No. 11 Michigan State 81-74 on Tuesday night in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

Redick had 21 points in the first half, and Ewing took up the slack after the break, scoring 15. Duke (4-0) improved to 6-0 in the made-for-TV challenge and beat the Spartans (3-1) for the second straight season.

"I was definitely in the zone in the first half," Redick said. "I was really in the flow of the offense. It felt good, that was the first time it's been that way this year."

Ewing's last 3 came in the final minute, when he swished one with the shot clock winding down to give Duke a 78-73 lead. That margin proved to be enough when Michigan State's Paul Davis missed two free throws with 15 seconds left, part of a 3-for-8 run from the line down the stretch for the Spartans.

"We know we're a good team," Ewing said. "We just did what we had to do."

This one was much closer than a year ago, when the Blue Devils ran away to a 72-50 victory. And it had all the intensity of an NCAA tournament game.

Ewing and Michigan State's Alan Anderson were called for technical fouls after trading elbows during a loose ball scrum in the first half. That came minutes after an intentional foul was called on Maurice Ager when he tried to stop Redick from an easy basket.

The Cameron Crazies let Ager hear about it, too, chanting "Ron Artest, Ron Artest."

"I don't know if it was like March, but it was tough out there," Redick said. "It definitely didn't feel like the fourth game of the season."

Davis led the Spartans with 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Anderson added 15 points.

"We just wanted to try to come down here and try to get

a win," Davis said. "We weren't worried about last year. Everybody played their hearts out."

Redick played the entire 40 minutes, and the wear and tear of his effort clearly played a role in the second half. His final basket came with 12 1/2 minutes left, a 3-pointer that gave Duke a 58-49 lead.

Later, he barely hit the rim with a couple of shots.

"I'm ready to go play another 40 minutes right now," Redick quipped. "Seriously, I'll probably wake up and need to ice down my entire body, but I felt fine out there. I wasn't tired."

Ewing was there to bail him out. In a 3-minute span late in the second half, he made a 3, drove down the lane for a pull-up jumper and added a layup after a nifty screen from Shavlik Randolph.

"There were a lot of good players out on that court, but he was the most mature player out there," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said of Ewing. "He had the look of a champion out on the court. J.J. was great, don't get me wrong, but Daniel was handling it and he was absolutely great."

The effort was enough to keep the inspired Spartans at bay. Davis sandwiched two baskets in close around an alley-oop dunk by Shannon Brown, and Michigan State was with 71-69.

Another layup by Davis later cut the margin to one, but Sean Dockery made an off-balance jumper — his only basket of the game — to make it 75-72, and Duke held on.

"I have no qualms about the way we played," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "We just couldn't get one big shot to fall or make one defensive stand or make a couple of free throws, and that was the difference."

Georgia Tech 99, Michigan 68

ATLANTA — Georgia Tech waited until its third home game to unveil a banner commemorating last season's trip to the Final Four.

Good timing.

The fourth-ranked Yellow Jackets finally played like a team that could win it all, blowing out Michigan in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

Georgia Tech (4-0) took control early with a 20-0 run, led by 27 points at halftime and was able to finish the game with a couple of walk-ons on the court.

B.J. Elder scored 27 points, the bulk of them coming on seven 3-pointers. Will Bynum

had 19 points, knocking down three shots from outside the arc. Jarrett Jack had 16 points and was even more efficient setting up his teammates, finishing with 11 assists.

"All this year, we've been waiting to come out and make a statement," Elder said. "Tonight, we came out and established ourselves."

Before the game, the school put up a banner at Alexander Memorial Coliseum honoring last season's Final Four team. The Yellow Jackets lost to Connecticut in the national championship game at San Antonio.

Jack said he's not concerned with what Georgia Tech did last season.

"We're trying to focus on the future, not the past," he said. Still, "going so deep in the tournament last year, that gave us a cohesiveness you can't coach."

Kentucky 92, Tenn. Tech 63

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kelenna Azubuike found the way out of a season-long shooting slump — keep shooting.

Azubuike scored 21 points — just two off his career high — and No. 8 Kentucky routed Tennessee Tech.

Chuck Hayes overcame foul trouble to add 17 points and 11 rebounds for Kentucky (4-0) in its last basketball game before playing at No. 9 North Carolina on Saturday.

Azubuike's emergence came at an opportune time for the Wildcats, who will play the Tar Heels, Indiana and Louisville on successive Saturdays in December.

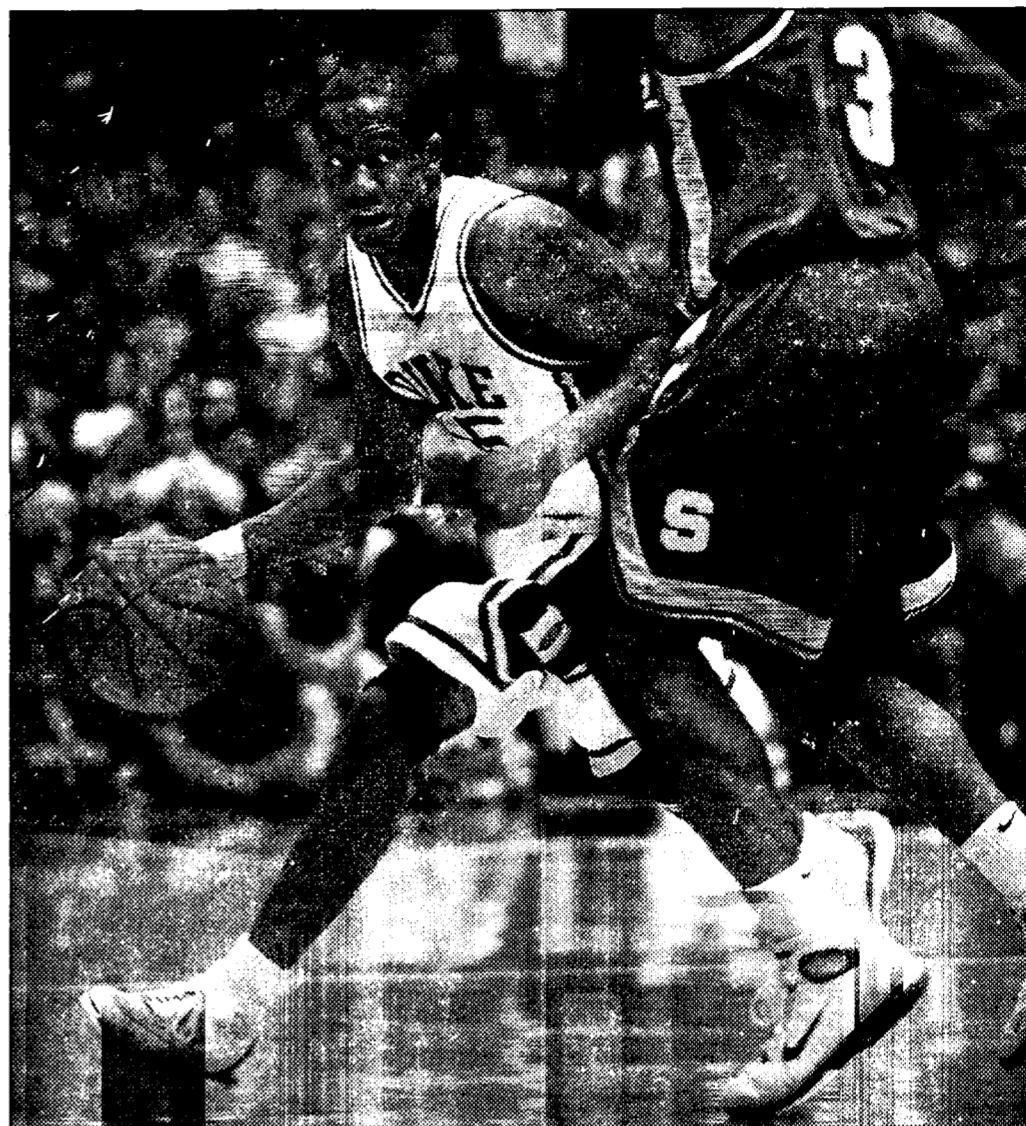
Azubuike averaged 11.1 points per game last season and was expected to fill a larger role in Kentucky's offense this season. But the junior swingman entered Tuesday's game averaging 9.3 points and shooting 39.4 percent for the season. He made one 3-point attempt in 11 tries.

For a player who scored 3,530 points during his high school career in Oklahoma, Azubuike's slump was somewhat of a mystery to some, but not to Kentucky coach Tubby Smith.

"We've talked about taking it to the rim," Smith said of Azubuike. "With his athleticism, there's no reason he shouldn't take it to the rim."

"He looked very relaxed. He played with focus. Twenty-two minutes and 21 points — that's impressive."

Against the Golden Eagles (1-3) of the Ohio Valley



Duke's Sean Dockery, left, drives past Michigan State's Shannon Brown during Duke's 81-74 win Wednesday night.

Conference, Azubuike went 7-of-12 from the field and made half of his six 3-point attempts. He just missed his career high, set last season in a loss to Georgia.

"Kelenna struggled a bit, but he didn't tonight," said Tennessee Tech coach Mike Sutton, a former Kentucky assistant. "He got some easy scoring opportunities."

Kentucky led 44-38 early in the second half when Azubuike started a 19-3 run with a three-point play. He had two of the Wildcats' four 3-pointers during the run, which ended with Kentucky ahead 63-41 with 12:46 left.

"We played the game the right way in the second half," Smith said. "It came at the right time."

Tennessee Tech came no closer than 19 points after that. Kentucky extended its lead to as many as 34 points.

Kentucky raised its average winning margin this season to 24.5 points. But the best that can be said of the Wildcats' opponents thus far — Coppin State, Ball State and Georgia State were the others — is that they are little-known.

The same can't be said for North Carolina.

"That's why you come to Kentucky, to play teams like North Carolina," Hayes said.

Willie Jenkins, the OVC newcomer of the year last season, led Tennessee Tech with 18 points and six rebounds. The Golden Eagles shot 52.4 percent in the first half but made just 10 of 31 shots after halftime, finishing at 40.4 percent.

"Defensively, we're getting there," Hayes said. "We're making progress."

About the only thing that kept Hayes from having a better outing was foul trouble. The senior forward went 3-of-3 from the field, scored 10 points and grabbed six rebounds in the first 7 1/2 minutes, but spent long stretches on the bench after picking up his second and third fouls.

"We needed to get him off the glass and off the line, and we didn't do either," Sutton said of Hayes. "He's what's great about college basketball."

Hayes, who made all five of his shots and posted his third double-double of the season, wasn't the only player in foul trouble. The teams combined for 49 fouls and took 56 free throws.

The Wildcats never trailed, but also never led by more than 10 points in the half. Jenkins kept the Golden Eagles close with 13 points.

Patrick Sparks scored 11 points for Kentucky.

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MLB

Martinez weighs numerous offers

*Yankees, Mets among
suitors aiming to take
pitcher from Boston*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — While Mets fans discussed whether their team has a chance to land Pedro Martinez, former New York closer Armando Benitez found a new club, agreeing Tuesday to a \$21.5 million, three-year contract with the San Francisco Giants.

Cincinnati, meanwhile, retained a key part of its rotation, agreeing to re-sign ex-Met Paul Wilson for \$8.2 million over two years.

Martinez isn't close to making a decision on where to sign, a person close to the free-agent ace said on condition of anonymity, and is likely to wait until the New York Yankees determine their level of interest. That could hinge on whether they acquire Randy Johnson from Arizona in a trade that could send Javier Vazquez to the Diamondbacks.

The Mets, trying to make a splash in the free-agent market, offered a \$37.5 million, three-year contract last weekend, an agent with knowledge of the proposal said, also on condition of anonymity. The offer contains an option for a fourth season that could make the deal worth \$50 million over four years, the agent said.

Boston has offered a two-year deal to retain Martinez and must decide by Dec. 7 whether to offer salary arbitration, which would extend the window for the World Series champion Red Sox to re-sign him until Jan. 8.

Martinez's agent, Fernando Cuza, would not comment on the Mets' proposal, which was first reported Tuesday in several New York and Boston newspapers. New Mets general man-

ager Omar Minaya didn't return a telephone message.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner met with Martinez in Tampa, Fla., on Nov. 18, and Martinez also met in Florida with New York third baseman Alex Rodriguez.

But the Yankees' primary interest in recent days appears to be Johnson, the 41-year-old left-hander who would prefer to leave the rebuilding Diamondbacks and play for a contender. The Yankees and Diamondbacks have been discussing a trade involving the five-time Cy Young Award winner for several weeks, but talks haven't gained any momentum, several baseball officials said.

Steinbrenner met in Tampa with top aides Mark Newman and Billy Connors on Tuesday.

Benitez bounced back from a subpar 2003 season to save an NL-leading 47 games in 51 chances for Florida last season and lead major league relievers with a 1.29 ERA.

"He's the prototype," general manager Brian Sabean said. "He has been and will be a dominant force at the end of the game. ... He's a guy we had our eye on."

Since Robb Nen was sidelined with a serious shoulder injury following the 2002 World Series, the Giants have pieced together their bullpen. Tim Lincecum closed in 2003 before leaving for Philadelphia as a free agent and San Francisco struggled at the end of games last season.

Matt Herges started the year as closer before being replaced by Dustin Hermanson in August. Hermanson saved 17 games but couldn't hold a three-run lead on the final Saturday of the season against Los Angeles, helping cost San Francisco a playoff berth.

"I'm excited he's on our side," manager Felipe Alou said. "We had to make a change in the middle of the season and it was not easy."



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Notre Dame – January 26th

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NFL

Parcells benches Henson, Testaverde given starting nod

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Bill Parcells isn't worried about the long-term future and the Dallas Cowboys are still in playoff contention in the miserable NFC. So the coach's decision was easy and expected.

Rookie Drew Henson, whose starting debut lasted only a half, is going back into watch-and-learn mode. And 41-year-old Vinny Testaverde is the starting quarterback again for the Cowboys (4-7).

"He gives us the best chance to win," Parcells said Tuesday. "That's what I'm interested in doing, if we can."

Henson got his long-awaited first start against Chicago last Thursday after a sore Testaverde was limited in practice. But Testaverde returned after halftime in a tie game, and the Cowboys won 21-7.

While Henson is the quarterback of the future, Parcells remains focused on winning now.

"My mind only works basically this week, this season," he said. "That is what my responsibility is, to try to get the most out of this team this year. You don't necessarily set things up in the future by altering that. You might do things that act as a deterrent for the future."

By beating the Bears, the Cowboys snapped a three-game losing streak and became one of

seven 4-7 teams in the NFC.

Even while trying to avoid playoff talk, Parcells made it clear he's aware of his team's standing, even though the Cowboys have already lost more games than in his 10-6 debut last season.

Take out the four division leaders, and there are just three other teams with more wins than Dallas in the chase for two wild-card spots. The Cowboys play Monday night at NFC West leader Seattle (6-5).

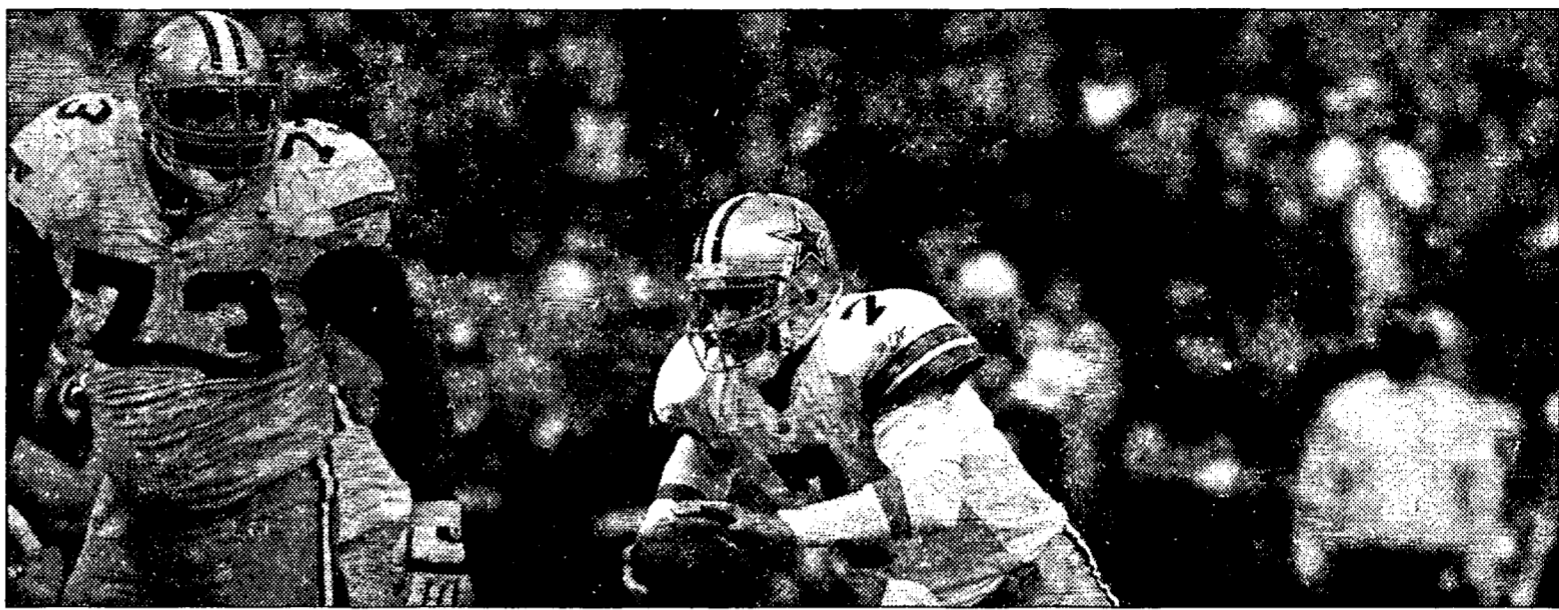
"I've been around long enough to have seen teams recover," Parcells said. "I think someone in this NFC, and I could be wrong, could make a run at this that doesn't appear to have had a chance."

A .500 record may just be enough to get into the NFC playoffs this season. So Parcells figures why not the Cowboys?

"We have an opportunity," he said. "If we play well Monday, a lot of things will have changed probably in our favor."

Henson hadn't played quarterback, not even in three blowout losses before then, until the fourth quarter Nov. 21 at Baltimore when Testaverde took a hard hit that left him with a sore shoulder and back. That also limited Testaverde during the shortened week before the Bears.

With the Bears committed to pressuring Henson (4-of-12 for 31 yards and an interception returned for a touchdown) into



Dallas quarterback Drew Henson scrambles past lineman Larry Allen, left, during a game against Baltimore Nov. 21. Vinny Testaverde will start over Henson next Monday against Seattle.

bad plays and doing things the rookie didn't recognize, Parcells went to Testaverde.

Owner Jerry Jones expressed disappointment after the game that Henson didn't finish. He insisted, however, that he wasn't second-guessing Parcells and that he left in-game deci-

sions to the coach.

"I just viewed it as him saying what his opinion was. That's fine. No problem," Parcells said.

The players return to practice Wednesday after having four straight days off. The extra time should be beneficial for Testaverde. And Henson, finally

with some game experience, will go back to getting limited snaps.

"Hey, I'm rooting for the guy. I really am," Parcells said. "He just needs more experience. You say, 'How's he going to get that?' I can't forsake everything to do that. I couldn't do it."

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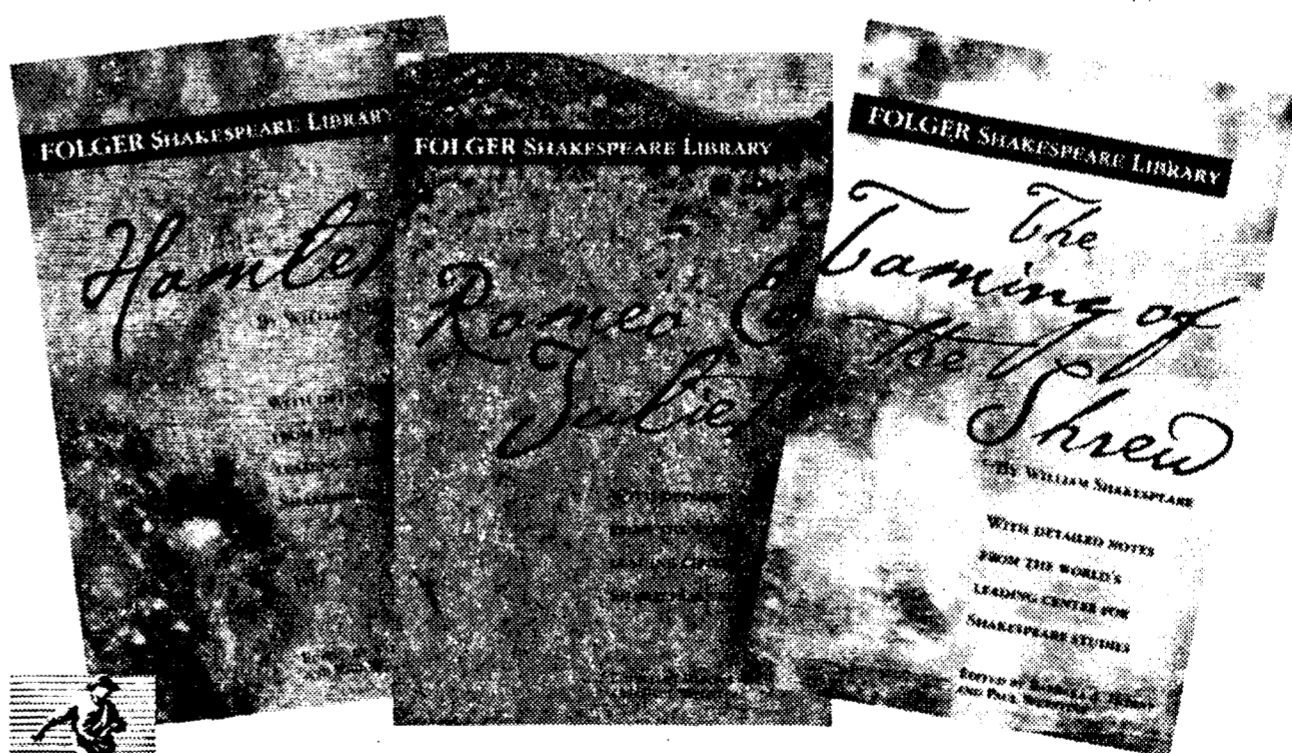
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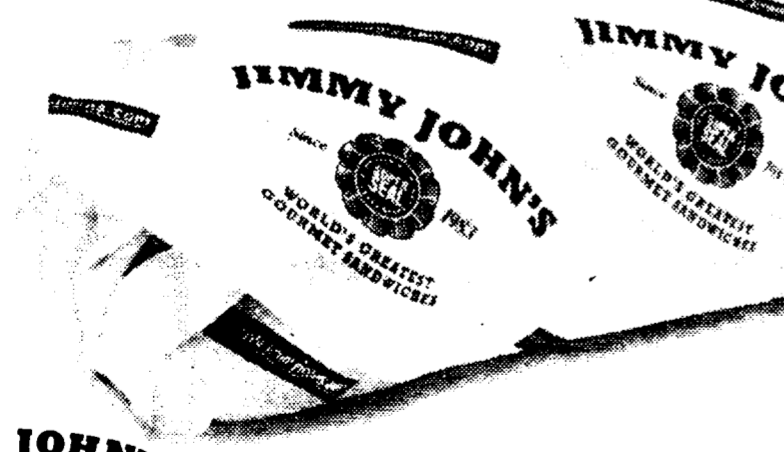
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CLUB SPORTS

Ultimate team wins second place

Women win five of six to claim runner-up at Invitational

Special to The Observer

The ultimate club's women's squad enjoyed a very successful weekend, winning five of six games to place second at the Chattanooga Invitational. Behind the stellar play of Christina Hegdes and Rachel Meeks, the youthful Irish opened by dominating Tennessee Chattanooga, 13-2, and College of Charleston, 13-4. The third-round match-up with Michigan State provided many highlights as the Irish edged the Spartans, 11-10. Nancy Powaga controlled the long field and endzone with many catches. Saint Mary's junior Stephanie Snyder, Kristine Dube and Jennifer Pruchnik all were pivotal in securing the win.

In the semifinals against UNC Greensboro, freshmen Elizabeth Lee, Shields Duss and Shannon Morrison supported Mary Klinkhammer, Loretta Brown and Megan

Davisson as the Irish rolled 13-5. The Irish were upended in the finals by Emory, 13-5, despite several defensive plays by Davisson. For the tournament, SMC's Stephanie Snyder was runner-up for the UTC Spirit Award, awarded for friendliness and sportsmanship.

Bowling

Notre Dame fielded a women's team for the first time this weekend, as it joined the men's squad in Ann Arbor as Michigan hosted the American Heartland Intercollegiate Bowling Conference tournament. In their debut, the women finished sixth among the nine competing women's teams. Allison Klein posted a 153.4 average to lead a closely bunched line-up. Kim LaVigne followed at 152, with Denise Trgovich just behind at 151.4. Daniele LaFramboise and Rachael Schermitzler posted very solid averages of 140.8 and 132.4 respectively.

The men's squad continues to make progress, moving up to 19th among 26 teams. Pavan Sadarangani had the fourth highest average of the tournament at 231, with a

high game of 259 and a low game of 199. Van Koppersmith also averaged over 200, at 209.4, posting a high score of 257. Vance McClenton rolled games of 218 and 200 to pick his average up to 187, and JB Bertumen's 231 improved his average to 180.3.

Tom Talamo and Jim Talamo averaged 166.3 and 174.8 as the Irish continue to improve their scores throughout the lineup.

Women's Ice Hockey

The Irish women's hockey team suffered two tough losses this weekend at Lindenwood University in St. Louis.

The rookie-filled Notre Dame team struggled against the veteran Lindenwood players, falling 15-0 on Friday night and 14-0 on Saturday night.

The Irish women played with great effort until the end of each game, with the third period being the strongest for the Irish each night. Coach Dave Olson was satisfied with the hard work of the young team and expects better results as the season progresses.

SMC BASKETBALL

Streaking Belles will face Albion

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's basketball team, fresh off a three-game winning streak over Thanksgiving break, travels to Albion, Mich. tonight to play the Britons. Albion brings a 3-1 record into its home opener at Kresge Gymnasium.

The Britons have defeated Washington & Jefferson, Rochester and Wooster this season. But Albion fell to Goshen 49-47 in overtime on Nov. 27.

Over the past week, the Belles tallied blowout victories over Knox, Manchester and Monmouth. But the Britons should prove a tough opponent, especially on the road.

Albion finished last season with a 23-6 record. Despite returning only two starters, the Britons have been dismantling opponents, averaging 70.5 points per game. Point guard Sarah Caskey leads the team in scoring with double figure points in every contest this season.

Belles coach Suzanne Bellina remains confident. "They are very similar to what they were last year, but they lost a few players from last year," Bellina said. "We've always played well against

them. We feel like we're on a roll, and they're coming off a loss."

As expected, the Belles have followed the lead of senior forward Emily Creachbaum, who scored just four points against Monmouth.

Bellina is not worried about the off night.

"Emily's a player that gets a lot of attention from other teams," she said. "There are times when she's not going to have a lot of production and other players are going to have to step up."

Those players have materialized in the form of forward Bridget Boyce and point guard Bridget Lipke, who combined for 36 points against the

Hawks.

"Bridget Boyce has just really found a comfort level, finding a lot of different ways to score and working hard on defense," Bellina said. "Bridget Lipke has really come on as our point guard, leading the show out there. She's working well within our offense and getting a lot of good looks."

Forward Alison Kessler also played well against the Hawks, scoring 10 points off the bench.

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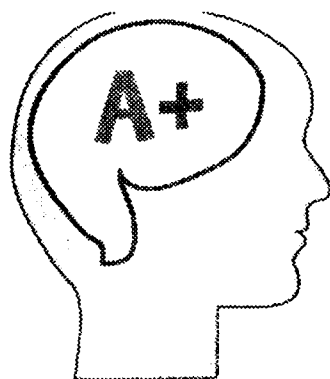
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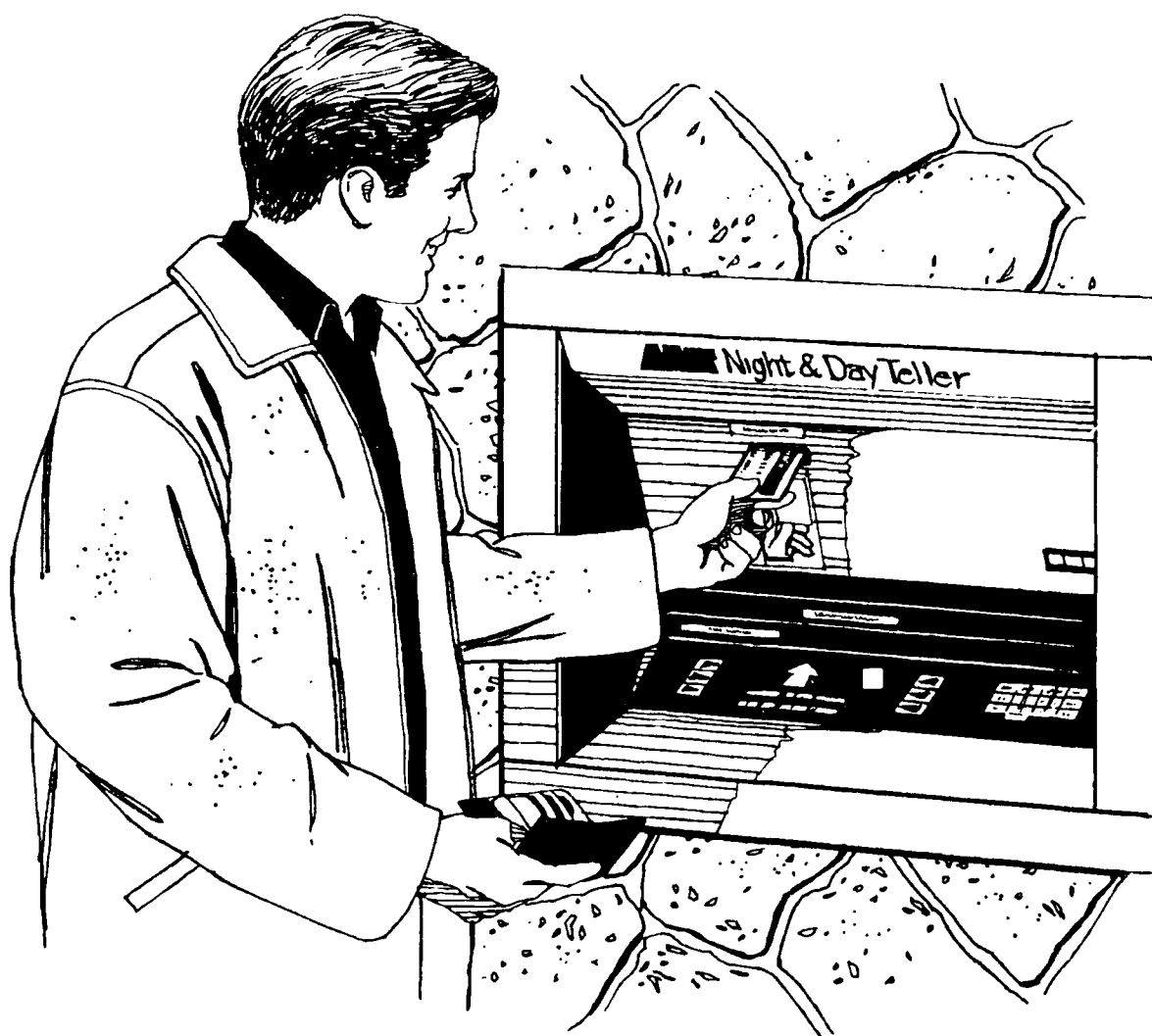
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year tenure with Notre Dame, after leaving the head coaching position at Cincinnati Moeller High School in Ohio. During his 18 years at Moeller, Faust tallied a career 174-17-2 record, including five state titles and four national championships. Faust's dream was to coach at Notre Dame, but once in South Bend, the coach had hardships on the field.

Faust said Tuesday he believes Willingham knew the expectations of coaching at Notre Dame when taking the job before the 2002 season.

"I don't think anybody likes to be a part of something like this," said Faust, who resigned in November 1985. "But it's the reality of the sports world and that's how the sports world operates. You've got to understand that as a coach. That doesn't mean you're not a good coach, that doesn't mean you're not a great coach, it just means maybe the circumstances that prevailed are what you're dealt. You have to go along with that."

Davie had an up-and-down career with Notre Dame, taking the Irish to three bowl games, including the BCS Fiesta Bowl at the conclusion of the 2000 season. But Davie also struggled in leading Notre Dame to two losing records, which eventually led to his firing in 2001.

Davie said Notre Dame coaches must win despite playing a rigorous schedule year in and year out. This puts any coach at Notre Dame at a significant disadvantage, Davie said.

"[To win] every year consistently, playing the kind of

schedule they play with the academic requirements they have with their players, I think it's unrealistic to be a nine, 10 or 11-win football team every year," Davie said. "You're going to have some good teams, you're going to have some average teams and you're going to have some below average teams. Bottom line, you're going to play a lot of close games and when you play close games, you're going to lose some of those close games."

Faust, whose 1981 schedule included five top 25 teams — and four in the top 15 — said the schedule, along with Notre Dame's prestige in the college football world, makes each

game difficult.

"Scheduling is tough and it should be like that," Faust said. "Everybody gets up for Notre Dame. Other schools, they only have two big games on their schedule every year; Notre Dame ends up with 11 because everybody's ready for them."

Faust also said he understood the disappointment Willingham is likely experiencing after being let go.

"I feel for Ty, for coach Willingham," Faust said. "I feel for his family. Yet I can understand that these things do occur and it's tough both ways."

Davie empathizes with Willingham, saying he believes the former Stanford coach did a good job, despite being fired after posting a 21-15 record during his three years with Notre Dame.

"He was an excellent football coach," Davie said. "I can't imagine he was that good of a coach his first year and that bad of a coach his third year. The reality is somewhere in between."

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"I felt we were in a place that I could no longer say that we could actually stand up and say that we were putting together a program in place that could contend, if not win, a national championship," White said in a Dec. 2, 2001 press conference. "I really believe we need to restart this thing."

In 2001, it was White who recommended to University President Father Edward Malloy that Davie not be reinstated in his sixth year, shortly after signing him to a five-year extension. Malloy agreed with him, and Davie was notified that day, as was the public.

This year, it happened differently.

A source said the Board of Trustees held a meeting Monday night, during which they decided to fire Willingham.

And at the beginning of the 2001 season, Davie was told by White that his job was in jeopardy. White said this year, that wasn't the case with Willingham.

"I would say that Coach Willingham and I had not had those specific conversations and really waited till the end of the season to sit down and have kind of a program evaluation conversation," White said. "We began that conversation on Sunday."

Both Davie and Willingham had successes off the field but were unable to translate to success on the field, as well.

Davie's teams were academi-

Notre Dame Coaching Records			
Coach	Years	Seasons	Record
Jesse Harper	1913-1917	5	34-5-1
Knute Rockne	1918-1930	13	105-12-5
Hunk Anderson	1931-1933	3	16-9-2
Elmer Layden	1934-1940	7	47-13-3
Frank Leahy	1941-1953	11	87-11-9
Terry Brennan	1954-1958	5	32-18-0
Joe Kuharich	1959-1963	4	17-23-0
Ara Parseghian	1964-1974	11	95-17-4
Dan Devine	1975-1980	6	53-16-1
Gerry Faust	1981-1985	5	30-26-1
Lou Holtz	1986-1996	11	100-30-2
Bob Davie	1997-2001	5	35-25
Tyrone Willingham	2002-2004	3	21-15

cally accomplished. Notre Dame won the AFCA Academic Achievement Award for graduating 100 percent of its players, the first time that number had reached 100 percent since 1988. White praised Davie in 2001 for his off-field actions.

"Bob Davie has brought good students and good people to Notre Dame," White said in 2001. "He has supported and had taken an active interest in

the academic progress of the players. He has encouraged good citizenship. I am proud to be associated with our football team. These are expectations that we have of

all of our coaches in all of our sports."

White echoed the same sentiments about Willingham Tuesday. Willingham has had one player earn Academic All-America honors and two players earn academic all-district honors, all while his teams have maintained a solid grade-point-average.

"From Sunday through Friday, our football program has exceeded all expectations

in every way," White said. "As I just indicated in the statement, the academic performance is at a fever pitch; it's never been better. Tyrone has done some wonderful things."

But, for both coaches, it came down to his on-field performance. Although both coaches went to a bowl game, neither came out with desirable results. Davie took the Irish to the Fiesta Bowl in 2000, where they were blown out by Oregon State, 41-9. Willingham took the Irish to the Gator Bowl in 2002, where they were also blown out by North Carolina State, 28-6.

In both firings, White emphasized the need for both on and off-the-field performance. His sentiments were expressed again Tuesday.

"And I do feel we've made some progress, as I've tried to articulate that in a statement," White said. "Just haven't made enough on game day. Have made great progress everywhere else around this program. In a lot of ways, this program has not been — has not been as healthy in a long time. We've got to find a way to get back to the elite, and that needs to happen on game day."

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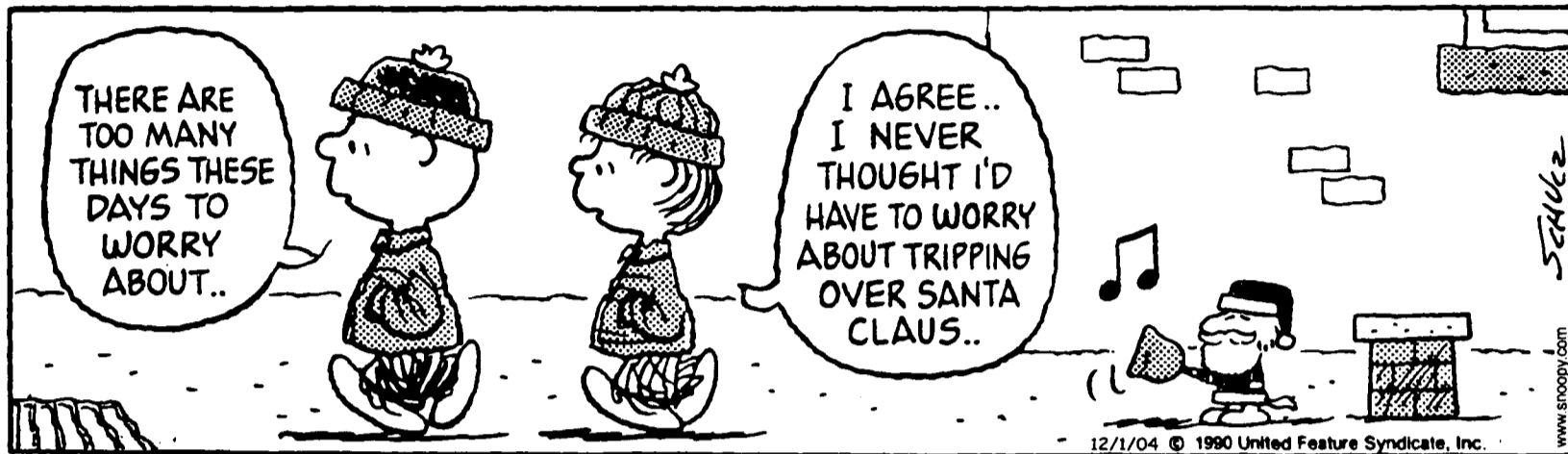
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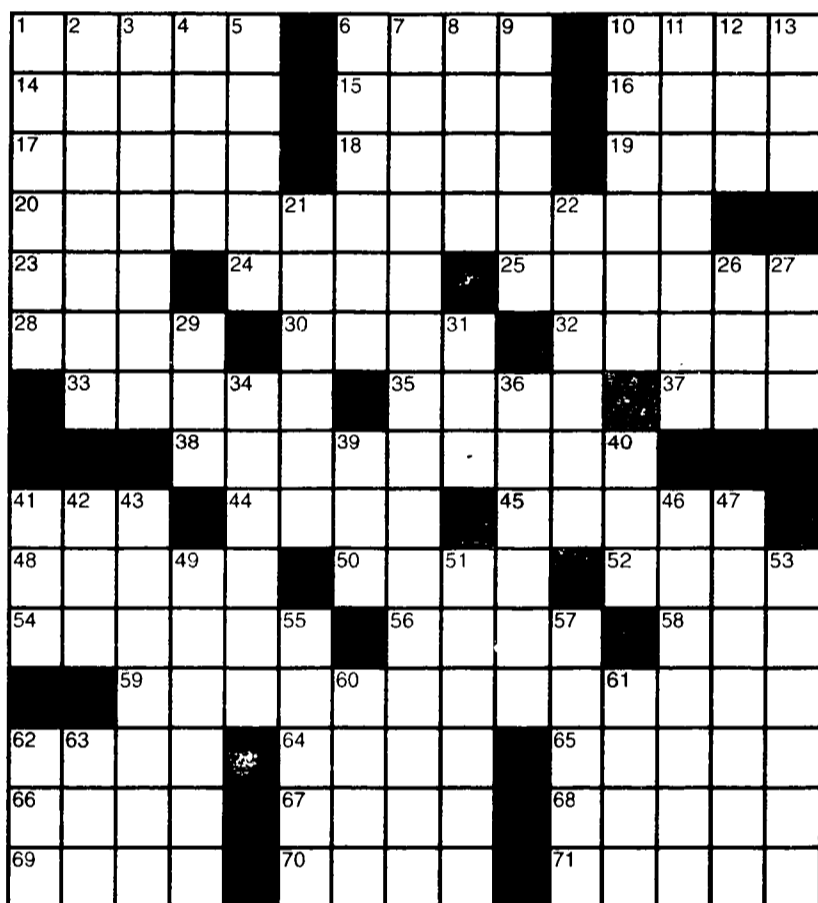


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 - 10 With 69-Across, caped crusader player of 1966
 - 14 Spinners' output
 - 15 Like water under the bridge
 - 16 Palm starch
 - 17 Koran focus
 - 18 Sight from a fjord
 - 19 ___ Hubbard
 - 20 Caped crusader player of 1989
 - 23 Fed. watchdog
 - 24 Fabric rib
 - 25 Excellent
 - 28 Bitter end?
 - 30 Fizz producer
 - 32 Spanish carnival
 - 33 Butler of fiction
 - 35 Order
 - 37 Elbow-bender
 - 38 Caped crusader player of 1995
 - 41 Space station name
 - 44 Kite part
 - 45 Nancy of "Access Hollywood"
 - 48 Show flexibility
 - 50 Part of A.C.L.U.: Abbr.
 - 52 Catty call
 - 54 1:51, 2:51 or 3:51, e.g.
 - 56 Put-on
 - 58 Bruin who wore a 4
 - 59 Caped crusader player of 1997
 - 62 Rude response
 - 64 Old times
 - 65 Of service
 - 66 Razor name
- DOWN**
- 1 Flower part
 - 2 Item with adjustable legs
 - 3 Not involving check or credit
 - 4 Wife of Jacob
 - 5 "Ridiculous!"
 - 6 God who killed the dragon Python at Delphi
 - 7 27- and 41-Down, and others
 - 8 Molokai, for one
 - 9 Greek porticos
 - 10 Slanting
 - 11 Hole fixers
 - 12 Give it ___
 - 13 Fall football night: Abbr.
 - 21 It's between Long Bch. and Pasadena
 - 22 Sporting plumage
 - 26 "Flying Down to ___"
 - 27 With 41-Down, this puzzle's theme
 - 29 A few: Abbr.
 - 31 Feel low
 - 34 Needle work?
 - 67 School for Prince William
 - 68 Pitches
 - 69 See 10-Across
 - 70 Sunset shade
 - 71 "Now you ___, now ..."



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- 36 Not worried about right and wrong
- 39 Sportage maker
- 40 "Shiny Happy People" band, 1991
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- 42 Despot Amin
- 43 Park sightings
- 46 Strong and proud
- 47 Rhine temptress
- 49 Intently view
- 51 Epoch of the Tertiary period
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FOOTBALL

Similar, but different

Willingham firing compares, contrasts with Davie's; former coaches give opinions

By HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Reporters waited outside the interview room at the Joyce Center, hoping to get a glimpse of Tyrone Willingham after a press conference announced his firing.

But he was nowhere to be found.

It was quite the opposite of the scene in 2001, where Bob Davie calmly addressed reporters for nearly a half-hour in a press conference announcing his firing.

Willingham, who was not available for comment, was the first Irish football coach to be fired without finishing his first contract, as he coached just three of the six years of his initial contract and finished with a 21-15 record.

Athletic director Kevin White attributed Willingham's short tenure to the high expectations at Notre Dame.

"I think the best way I can respond to that is — there's very high expectations, competitive expectations relative to Notre Dame football," White said at Tuesday's press conference. "I think everyone in the room realizes that, and we just were not meeting those programmatic or competitive expectations on Saturday."

It was similar but also different from 2001, the year Bob Davie was fired after five seasons and a 35-25 record. Then, White attributed the change in coaching to a need to start over.

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Tyrone Willingham became Notre Dame's head football coach after a rigorous search following the 2001 season. Willingham was fired Tuesday after three seasons with the Irish.



Bob Davie coached Notre Dame for five seasons.



Gerry Faust coached Notre Dame from 1981-85.

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

If anybody understands what Tyrone Willingham is going through one day after being fired as Notre Dame's head football coach, it's Gerry Faust and Bob Davie.

Faust coached the Irish from 1981-85, compiling a 30-26-1 record before resigning after his five-year contract expired. Davie took over the program after Lou Holtz resigned in 1996, leading the Irish to a 35-25 record from 1997-2001.

Both coaches didn't expect Willingham to be fired Tuesday, after three years as Irish coach.

"I was surprised just like everybody else," Faust said. "When they accepted the bowl, I figured he'd keep his job because there's always talk. You lose a game there's talk, you win a game there's no talk and you're doing a great job. Don't get me wrong, there's nothing wrong with that. It's worth it at Notre Dame to go through that because of what Notre Dame is."

Davie agreed. "To be honest, I'm surprised," Davie said in an interview with ESPN's Dan Patrick Tuesday evening. "I'm surprised that Tyrone did not get the opportunity to finish his five years at Notre Dame."

Willingham became the first Notre Dame coach to lose his job before fulfilling the terms of his initial contract.

Faust endured a rocky five-

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Batteast, Duffy combine for 45 points in win

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Another close road game ended in another victory for the No. 3 Irish, improving the team to 2-0 away from the Joyce Center and 7-0 on the season.

Notre Dame beat Valparaiso 69-59 Tuesday night as Jacqueline Batteast scored 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Megan Duffy added 20 points and four assists for the Irish.

The team went 18-18 from

the free throw line to seal the lead as the Crusaders pulled to within a field goal with two minutes remaining.

"We had to make our free throws down the stretch," coach Muffet McGraw said. "We had our best shooters shooting ... Megan especially down the stretch, and Jackie faced really critical [shots]."

Charel Allen and Teresa Borton each pulled down nine rebounds and scored six apiece in the team's second road victory.

The Irish were off to a quick start as Batteast scored 11 of

the team's first 13 points. Notre Dame would never relinquish the lead, but the Crusaders remained within striking distance, cutting a 10-point lead to five with 13 minutes remaining.

In her second career road game, Allen came through with a crucial offensive rebound with 11 minutes to play.

"She had a really big offensive rebound late in the game that we really had to have," McGraw said. "Then she got fouled and made the free throws."

Free throws were the bright-

est part of the Irish offense. The team shot just 41.7 percent from the field and 37.5 percent from beyond the arc. Notre Dame committed 10 turnovers to the Crusaders' seven.

But the team came up strong when it counted. McGraw called a timeout when Valparaiso was within two points.

"We ran a play for Jackie to score [and] she made a nice shot," McGraw said. "She was able to convert it, that was big, we got [the lead] up to four and they never got any closer."

Duffy connected on four free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Last year, Notre Dame started 0-4 on the road. This year, the team has yet to register a loss.

"I think it's better leadership," McGraw said. "Megan and Jackie are playing so well right now, they're carrying the team. They made all the big plays and we're still looking for some other people to step up and help us."

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Georgia Tech 99
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Georgia Tech blew out Michigan with the help of an early 20-0 run.

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