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Rankings goals may conflict with education

College of Arts and Letters departmental changes arouse mixed opinions

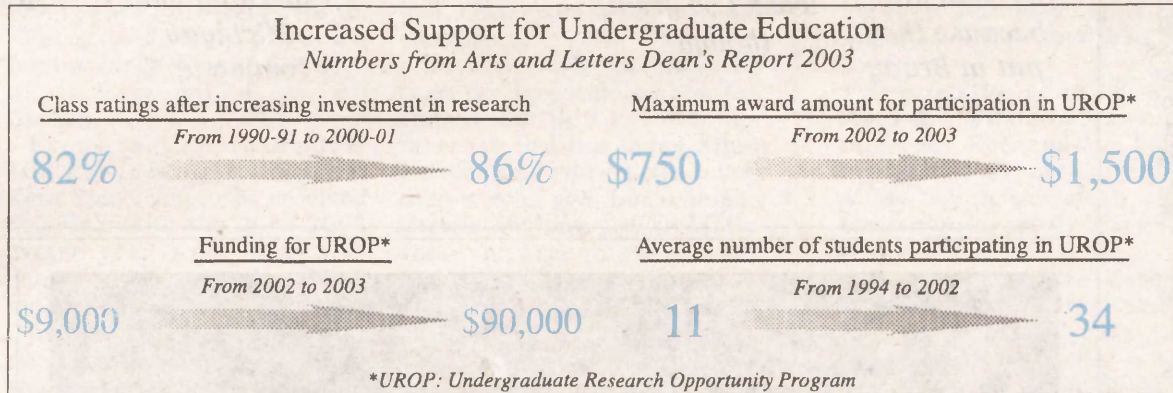
By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

In a concerted attempt to improve its national academic rankings, the University has recently made several departmental changes within the College of Arts and Letters.

This change has sparked controversy between those who feel that becoming a nationally accredited research university is critical for Notre Dame's future as a top academic institution and those who fear that this goal will encumber the University's mission of excellence in undergraduate education.

Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said an increase in faculty research is necessary for superior undergraduate education.

"Having as teachers as researchers who can bring to the classroom not only an interest in other subjects but



MIKE HARKINS/The Observer

"The single goal of the [new] department is to obtain a higher academic ranking."

David Ruccio
professor of Economics

the most recent knowledge in their fields, and the critical skills and passions of active

researchers, is ideal for students," he said.

David Ruccio, professor of economics, said that some feel pressure put on faculty in terms of research and publication will stifle their academic freedom.

"The administration's campaign against the majority of members of the old [economics] department certainly had a chilling effect on academic freedom," he said, "to the extent that faculty members

"...to improve our academic rankings we must excel in both teaching and research."

Richard Jensen
chair of
Economics department

were literally told that they should abandon their existing research and teaching in

order to focus on one approach, 'neoclassical' economics."

Richard Jensen, chair of the new Economics and Econometrics Department, said that faculty were merely encouraged to "to do any type of research that had a significant impact on the discipline."

The Department of Economics was split into two this year in part to make it a more attractive contender in the battle for prestigious academic rankings.

"Academic rankings depend on excellence in teaching as well as research, so to improve our academic rankings we must excel in both teaching and research," Jensen said.

Ruccio, who was vocal in his opposition to the Economics Department split last year, said that he believes that the University's decision to divide the depart-

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Freshmen experience exciting first game

By KATHERINE GALE
News Writer

Togas, body paint, kilts and shillelaghs — after Friday's pep rally, the Class of 2007 was fully prepared for the kickoff of their first Notre Dame football weekend.

Though most had seen Rudy, many had never been inside the Stadium and none had attended as students before, but by the end of Notre Dame's 29-26 overtime win against Washington State, they had become full-fledged Notre Dame student body football fans.

"Last year, I came to the Stanford and Boston College games, which were so much fun," said O'Neill freshman Steve Bass. "But it's even better being a student, knowing the cheers and realizing that the players on the field are our peers."

For many, the day began with annual dorm freshman football orientations, where upper classmen wake up freshmen unexpectedly in the early morning.

"[The Morrissey residents were woken] up at 6:45 and stripped down to our boxers," said Morrissey freshman Ravi Patel. "We pretty much went to every girls' dorm, singing the fight song and waking everyone

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"Stretched to the limit"

Irish Insider



Above, students cheer on the Irish defense. At right, the Irish Guard take the field at halftime.

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TCE results might be published

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

During Student Government elections last year, many candidates campaigned on the issue of Teacher Course Evaluation publication, each stating that they would work to have the publication available for student use. As the new academic year begins, the office of Student Body President Pat Hallahan is working to do just that.

Junior Jeremy Staley heads the committee working on the TCE issue. Staley has studied the current TCE process and believes that by publishing the TCE's for students to use, the University will facilitate a better student/faculty relationship, in addition to helping students create their own education.

"This is the biggest student-initiated academic proposal in years, because this has the chance to impact every student on campus," Staley said. "It is a big issue because students will be in a little more control over their education, to sculpt their education."

Currently, the TCE results are compiled by the University's Office of Institutional Research and are then given to respective professors, deans, and department chairs. These results are partially

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INSIDE COLUMN

A place for Potter

"Dude, you guys ... that's witchcraft."

But is it really? The words uttered by my ND classmate, preceded by ghastly stares from the rest of the group, mirror a world of similar conversation. In the Catholic world of wine and sacrament, where do Harry Potter and his wand stand?

Dolores Diaz

*Viewpoint
Production*

Apparently, sometimes outside on the church lawn. As I attended Mass on the weekend in which Rowling's latest Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix was released, I relived my college moment when the priest spoke out against the "evil" that is Harry Potter amidst furtive glances between parents and their Potter-loving offspring.

However, the Catholic Church has already made it clear that Harry's wand-waving isn't anything to be fearful of, as long as it is kept in its appropriate place in fictional literature. Besides, when priests come down too hard on the world of Rowling, Tolkien and the like, they run the risk of achieving the opposite of what they set out to do. Parents who are turned off by an extreme consternation from priests and disagree about the Potter stance end up showing their children that they can pick and choose from what is said at Mass. Parents could potentially end up having much larger problems than the Potter books could pose. For this reason, priests who reject the popular Potter with fire and brimstone may end up burning themselves and their cause.

Another of the more popular gripes against Harry Potter and his fictional friends is their alleged "escapist" nature. However, the world of faerie has very real applications and reverberations in the everyday. The world of Potter and Lord of the Rings has an underlining morality rooted in the real world. The fantastic packages this morality in an entertaining, understandable and artistic way. Really, it's the archetypes of good versus evil that captures us and makes such works as Harry Potter a part of our culture. Say what you will, but please — not escapism.

On the other hand, I must admit that on some level at least I understand what the spiritual hubbub is about. Let's face it; Harry hysteria seems to be sweeping the countryside; it may be only too easy to get too caught up. Parents must make sure that Harry Potter doesn't do their job for them. Morality should be reflected by the fictional books that children read and not dictated by them. In other words, the Harry Potter series, or any other such work despite its brilliance, should be a guide, but not the guide. That's where parents and religion come in; Harry can hang out in Catholic Mass so long as he stays in the pews and doesn't climb the altar. But then again, that's the least we expect from any one attending church.

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



Kaitlin O'Connor
Freshman
Lewis Hall

"It was really exciting, especially the second half because they put in Brady Quinn."



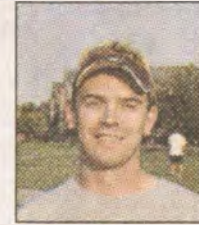
Mike Glave
Junior
Morrissey Hall

"It was a good second half. First half wasn't so great though."



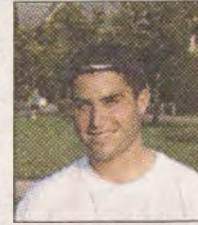
Sarah Blake
Senior
Off-Campus

"I think we got pretty lucky."



Justin Feeney
Senior
Knott Hall

"Spectacular, but room for improvement especially with Michigan coming up."



Brian Gerspach
Freshman
Dillon Hall

"If every game's like that, it's gonna kick [butt]."



Becket Gremmels
Junior
Alumni Hall

"What the hell?!"



ANDREW KENNA/The Observer

Football coach Tyrone Willingham attempts to quiet fans at Friday's pep rally before signaling a unified clap. Held before each home game, the rally kicks off every football weekend.

OFFBEAT

Waste not, want not

WHITEHALL, Pa. — One person's trash is another's treasure — reason enough to license trash scavengers, according to the former mayor of this Pittsburgh suburb.

"So much stuff is thrown away today, especially in suburbia," said 85-year-old Edwin Brennan, whose 14-year tenure in the middle-class borough ended a decade ago. "It's wasteful to do that."

Brennan asked the borough council last week to consider licensing a limited number of scavengers who would pay \$10 each to scour

curbside trash to use or resell. The borough outlawed scavengers after residents complained strangers were going through the garbage.

The licenses are "just to make sure we know who's out there, so if a patrol car sees a particular vehicle that's licensed, we know who that guy is," said police chief William Schmitt, recalling he once reclaimed cooling fans a neighbor had thrown out.

"Everybody did it," Schmitt said.

Pennsylvania to host nude volleyball tournament

BEAVER FALLS, Pa. — As many as 1,700 spectators

and participants were expected to gather this weekend as volleyball buffs play in the buff.

The 105-acre White Thorn Lodge nudist park in South Beaver Township, Beaver County, will host the 33rd annual Volleyball Superbowl on Saturday and Sunday. Nude & Natural magazine once called it "the most unique event in nudism."

Some members of the nudist park admit a few of the spectators who were to attend the tournament will do so to take in the sights.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A mandatory club meeting will be held tonight from 6 to 7 p.m. in LaFortune's Montgomery Theatre. All University club officers are expected to attend.

Hall commissioner training will be held tonight from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in LaFortune's Montgomery Theatre. Contact hall presidents for more information.

Watch your favorite teams and enjoy the atmosphere of Legends at the Monday Night Football Game Watch held tonight from 9 p.m. to midnight.

The First Aid Service Team will hold an informational meeting Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Stadium gate A. Information regarding club activities, football games, CPR and First-Aid training will be provided.

Saint Mary's Student Activities Board will hold its annual Twilight Tailgate Tuesday beginning at 3 p.m. Come and enjoy food, refreshments and entertainment.

Hall Signature Event training will take place Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. in LaFortune's Montgomery Theatre. This is an important meeting for all commissioners interested in preparing for Hall Signature Events.

Graduate and Professional School night will be held for Saint Mary's students Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. in LeMans' Stapleton Lounge.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Federal grants in jeopardy

By JENNIFER WELLS
Daily Kent Stater

KENT, Ohio — More than 80,000 students could lose government grants for college next year.

Budget officials at the Department of Education estimate that 84,000 students nationwide could lose their Federal Pell Grant eligibility for the 2004-05 award year.

Additionally, the department estimates the maximum Pell Grant amount will be \$270 million less than previous years. About 100,000 students will receive less money next year.

Pell Grants are federal grants for college that students do not have to pay back.

The Department of Education adjusted the formula that determines a family's expected contribution to college expenses last May. This formula decides how much financial aid a student will receive and how much a family will contribute to college costs.

The incomes, the allowances and the assets of both parents and the student determine expected family contribution. The formula deducts state and local taxes — deductions vary from state to state.

Families will be expected to contribute more to college expenses because the change in the formula reduced the percentage of deductions in

most states.

New tax tables will make a family's income appear higher than it is.

Previously the tax table had not been changed since the 1994-1995 award year.

Pell Grants are awarded based on need, and with the change, some students may now be ineligible to receive them.

Mark Evans, director of student financial aid, said it is too early to speculate how this new change will directly impact Kent State students, but in the past a large amount of students have relied on Pell Grants.

Evans said approximately 10,224 students at all eight Kent State campuses received Pell Grants in the 2002-2003 award year. Kent State students received a total of \$23.5 million in Pell Grants last year.

In most instances Pell Grants are available to undergraduate students who are determined financially eligible by a standard formula.

By request of Democratic lawmakers, the Congressional Research Service recently released a memorandum describing the possible impact students will notice because of the formula's change.

According to the memo, the percentage of taxes that can be deducted was unchanged in 13 states. Percentages rose in states like Connecticut, Nevada

and New Jersey, giving them more financial aid. But in states like Ohio it decreased, giving students less aid. This is because Ohio's tax deductions have been reduced by three percent for dependent students and by one percent for independent students.

But this three percent is not up to date, Evans said. He said the new tax tables are three years old and do not take into account today's economy. Evans said this makes incomes look higher and is not an ideal situation.

Recently, Ohio increased its sales tax; however, the new tax tables do not reflect the increase in Ohio taxes. Ohio citizens pay more taxes today than a year ago, but with the change students will deduct a smaller percentage of taxes when they fill out their application for financial aid.

According to Evans, not only will Pell Grants be impacted but other financial aid as well. He said even a slightly higher family income shows lower need base and this could affect how much financial aid a student could receive overall.

"Students at low income levels will face minimal impact," Evans said. "Those at the higher levels will be affected the most."

Students who currently have Pell Grants may now face having to take out more student loans.

Schools to schedule more Friday classes

By JEFF SICKELCO
Cornell Daily Sun

ITHACA, N.Y. — In planning out their future courses, few Cornell University students can deny the allure of working in a class-free Friday with a little scheduling finesse. But according to an article published in the Wall Street Journal last week, Cornell students could soon be spending their Thursday nights hitting the books rather than the bars.

Around the country, colleges are trimming down on three-day weekends by bulking up their Friday schedules, a day which has often seen classes go sparsely attended or not held at all.

For now, however, Cornell students who like their Fridays light and easy can breathe a sigh of relief — the University has no plans for a Friday-scheduling frenzy.

"We don't find an increasing scheduling of courses on Friday, not at Cornell," says Dotsevi Sogah, Chair of the Educational Policy Committee, which examines student scheduling. "Whether we will change and follow everyone else, we don't know yet."

University officials acknowledge that there is a dip in attendance rates toward the

end of the week but indicate that it is too mild to prompt any corrective action.

"It turns out there is a slight drop-off on Friday afternoons, but it's not that great," says one faculty member.

The relative lack of action stems in part from the fact that Cornell has always utilized Fridays to some extent, although historically they are not as heavily scheduled as earlier days of the week.

"In terms of the largest number of classes scheduled, they peak on Wednesday," Sogah says. "On Thursday and Friday we see less."

A busy Friday is not the case at all universities, however, and many schools are taking steps to reverse a gradual extension of weekend free time.

Syracuse University has made Friday classes the focal point of a new scheduling initiative, with plans aimed at halting a trend toward excessive Thursday-night partying and disturbances.

According to the Syracuse website, "many students view Thursday night as part of their weekend socializing time, just like Friday and Saturday nights," resulting in an increase in calls to the public safety department, thus creating an "adverse effect on social conditions."

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Ranking

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ment was not based on a concern for teaching, but rather to further Notre Dame's status among peer universities.

"The single goal of the [new] department is to obtain a higher academic ranking," he said.

The push to increase the University's national rankings is becoming ubiquitous throughout the College of Arts and Letters.

It has introduced an Undergraduate Research

Opportunity Program, which serves to enhance undergraduate education by providing financial support for independent and creative research projects. Many departments within the College have also implemented departmental honors tracks.

The psychology department plans to pursue a new graduate program within the next ten years with the intent of enhancing its national rankings.

"The decision to pursue a joint Clinical/Counseling program will have positive effects at both the graduate and undergraduate levels in terms of the types of classes,

research opportunities, and internship options available to graduate and undergraduate students," said Psychology Department chair Cindy Bergeman.

They said that the number of undergraduate classes within the psychology department will increase with the growth of prominent graduate faculty.

According to Jensen, increased hiring of eminent faculty will only enhance the variety of undergraduate course offerings within the economics department.

"We will offer more undergraduate electives this year than we have in my previous three years here," he said.

During the 1990-91 academic year, students rated 82 percent of Arts and Letters classes as "good" or "excellent." After ten years of increasing investment in research, the figure has improved to 86 percent, which was the highest among the University's colleges and schools.

Since the University's recent push for improved rankings at all costs, many students and faculty have said that they perceive less evidence of the University's traditionally strong interest in teaching social justice in an undergraduate education.

"The goal of improving academic rankings can be

and has been used to marginalize the concern for economic and social justice and to undermine schools of thought that are more in tune with Catholic values and commitments," Ruccio said, regarding the split in the Department of Economics.

Roche said that the new Economics department will offer greater breadth in its approach towards such issues.

"Sophisticated research is important to social justice issues," he said.

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used as a tool to determine promotions for professors, yet students are unable to see the compiled results of their opinions.

Due to the lack of information available to them, students routinely use non-University sources, namely NDtoday.com. However, the concern with sources such as this is that information is often out of date, many students' opinions are biased, and a broad range of student opinion is not posted.

These concerns would be eliminated with the proposed process. Student Government plans to publish the TCE results on Irishlink to ensure that the results would only be available to members of the Notre Dame community. Outside sources would not be able to view the TCE's.

Because a change in the way the evaluations are published is such a large issue, Student Government has already researched ways other universities have handled the situation. Staley said that of the "Top 20" schools they researched, 13 of those officially publish their version of the TCE with results available to students.

In addition to publishing the numerical results of the TCE questions, the new proposal includes space for the professor to write qualitative information about themselves that they wish be available to students to know. This would include information regarding their teaching style, requirements for their courses, etc.

The information, Staley commented, "adds more to the picture. Ideally, we get a better match between students and professors."

By including an opportunity to tell students about their respective professors, Student Government hopes to reassure faculty that TCE publication is beneficial for students to match themselves with professors whose teaching styles and class subjects would most further their education.

The faculty holds other concerns about this issue, however. Staley said that they are most concerned students will use the given information simply to pick professors who will give them the highest grades. Faculty members also fear some professors will provide an incentive to students, giving higher grades in return for better results on the TCE's, Staley said.

He, for one, believes this is an enormous underestimation of the quality of Notre Dame students and faculty.

"The typical student attracted to this university seeks an education of a caliber and comprehensiveness far beyond what any grade-point-average could provide. ...

Instructors who would resort to grade inflation in hopes of higher TCE evaluations would be easily identifiable by administrators, who would in turn evaluate that professor's performance," said Staley in his proposal draft for TCE publication.

Finally, for those professors who are completely against the idea of publishing TCE results, Staley said they would be allowed to opt out of the process.

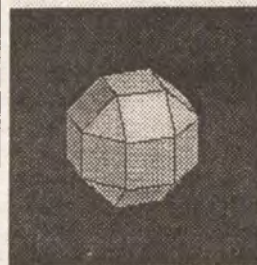
"If a lot of professors don't participate, students can still use NDtoday. But even that will show students the faculty culture," he said.

In order to begin the process of getting the TCE's published, the proposal must be presented to, and then passed by, the University's Academic Council. The council is chaired by University President Father Edward Malloy and includes members of the administration, faculty and four students. It is unknown when the meeting with the Academic Council will take place, but Staley believes it to be in the near future.

He reiterated his belief that TCE publication will greatly enhance the student learning experience, but acknowledged that a lot must happen before that can take place.

"Notre Dame still has a long way to go in terms of a student's power, but just because we don't see eye to eye doesn't mean they are not working in the students' best interest."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WTO protests divided over tactics

CANCUN — As the 146 member nations of the World Trade Organization meet in Cancun, Mexico this week, an estimated 15,000 demonstrators are divided over tactics to derail the proceedings.

A tangle of union members, Zapatista rebel sympathizers, anarchists, environmentalists and farmers cannot agree on protest tactics against the WTO, which they consider a mouthpiece for powerful nations and wealthy corporations.

"We've been fighting over the goal in meetings all this week," said Jessica Pupovac of the Washington-based Rights Action, a human rights group. "Some people are flat-out scared of the Mexican police."

Iraqi minister to attend League

BAGHDAD — Iraq's new foreign minister, a member of the Kurdish minority, said Sunday he is going to this week's Arab League meeting in Egypt to claim Baghdad's seat in the organization.

Iraq's seat on the pan-Arab group's council of ministers has remained empty since Saddam Hussein's ouster in April. The Cairo-based organization has refused to recognize the U.S.-picked Iraqi Governing Council, which was put in place in July.

Amr Moussa, the league's secretary-general, has hinted that the bloc may finally recognize the Governing Council as a legitimate government and include it in the 22-member organization. But he said the ministers must decide.

NATIONAL NEWS

California firefighters battle blazes

SAN BERNADINO VALLEY — Aided by relatively mild weather, hundreds of firefighters made slow but steady progress Sunday against a wildfire feeding on an area of dense brush and timber that hadn't burned in nearly 50 years. Hundreds of evacuees remained out of their homes because of that and other wildfires in the West.

The fire in the San Bernardino National Forest about 60 miles east of Los Angeles was 30 percent contained Sunday after charring some 1,350 acres, said Georgia Smith, a fire information officer with the U.S. Forest Service.

Congressman McInnis will retire

DENVER — U.S. Rep. Scott McInnis, a Republican who has represented a sprawling area across western and southern Colorado for 11 years, will not seek a seventh term, the head of the state Republican Party said Sunday.

"It's personal reasons," party chairman Ted Halaby said. Halaby said McInnis, who represents the 3rd Congressional District, told him of the decision on Saturday.

The Daily Sentinel of Grand Junction reported Sunday that McInnis sent an e-mail to friends and family telling them he wants to move on to new things and will not seek reelection.

LOCAL NEWS

Dalai Lama speaks in Bloomington

BLOOMINGTON — The Dalai Lama dedicated an interfaith temple Sunday and urged his audience of several thousand people to be religious and choose a faith.

"Religion should implement. The teachings should be part of our life," the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader said during the second stop on a 16-day U.S. tour.

"If there are people who don't have much interest in religion, they will see negatives," he said.

The Dalai Lama, winner of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent struggle against Chinese rule of his homeland, visited Bloomington to dedicate a temple at the Tibetan Cultural Center.

WEST BANK

Abbas resigns; road map endangered

Associated Press

RAMALLAH — A disillusioned Mahmoud Abbas resigned as prime minister Saturday after a four-month power struggle with Yasser Arafat, leaving Israel and the United States without a negotiating partner and prompting calls by some top Israeli officials to expel Arafat. After intense back-room negotiations, Arafat nominated Ahmmad Qureia, the speaker of the Palestinian parliament, as Abbas' successor.

Just hours after Abbas' resignation, an Israeli warplane dropped a 550-pound bomb on a Gaza City apartment in a botched attempt to kill several top Hamas leaders, including the Islamic militant group's founder, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, who escaped with a minor injury.

Saturday's dramatic events dealt the most severe blow in months to U.S.-led peace efforts: wrangling over an Abbas successor could freeze the troubled "road map" peace plan for weeks or months, and the attack on Yassin could provoke more Hamas suicide bombings and Israeli reprisals.

Israel declared a state of high alert Saturday evening, bracing for more attacks.

Yassin was the highest-ranking Palestinian leader ever targeted by Israel, and top fugitives, including Mohammed Deif, No. 1 on Israel's wanted list, were also in the room, security officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Israel saw Abbas' resignation as a power vacuum in which it felt compelled to act immediately against Hamas.

"No Hamas official is immune," said Israeli Foreign Ministry official Gideon Meir, adding that "there will be other chances" to go after Hamas leaders.

In Ramallah, there was confusion throughout the day about whether Arafat had accepted Abbas' resig-



Palestinian parliament Speaker Ahmmad Qureia talks with the press Saturday in Ramallah after Mahmoud Abbas' resignation. Qureia has been nominated to succeed Abbas as Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority.

nation — and if he had, whether his decision was final.

The veteran Palestinian leader had told a large gathering of legislators and Cabinet ministers that Abbas was now heading a caretaker government, implying Arafat agreed with his prime minister's decision. But he stopped short of confirming this in writing, as required by law.

An Abbas confidante, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the prime minister told him he felt abandoned by all sides and was deeply hurt by the events of the recent days.

Abbas told a closed-door session of parliament that he would not change his mind. Reading from a prepared statement, he

explained why he quit. Israel, he said, had not carried out its obligations under the road map, the United States had not enforced Israeli compliance and his detractors at home had constantly undermined him with "harsh and dangerous" incitement.

Abbas, who has a reputation for shying away from confrontations, was buffeted by stronger forces, including an entrenched and embittered Arafat, Israeli leaders who gave him little to show his people, and Palestinian militants who paid little heed to his calls for ending violence.

His resignation, if it stands, is not necessarily a victory for Arafat, whose international standing is likely to slip even further,

particularly if he is perceived as having engineered Abbas' ouster. Israel might be more likely now to make good on threats to expel Arafat.

Justice Minister Yosef Lapid, a member of the Israeli security Cabinet, said Israel has refrained from forcibly removing Arafat at the request of the United States. "Maybe the White House will have second thoughts now, and then we'll have to consider Arafat's presence again," he said.

Abbas' decision to quit apparently caught the Bush administration by surprise. As late as Friday, Secretary of State Colin Powell insisted that progress was being made in implementing the road map.

NASA plan details shuttle changes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seven months after the Columbia tragedy, NASA has come up with a "return to flight" plan for future shuttle missions — one that envisions a resumption of flights as early as next March.

The 78-page report offers a detailed and comprehensive look at the steps the space agency has been taking, and plans to take, in the wake of the Feb. 1 accident to comply with the recommendations from the Columbia Accident Investigation Board.

The NASA plan, which will be

released Monday, lists a number of improvements being made — including ways to better facilitate communication and encourage employees to "express dissenting views."

The AP obtained a copy Sunday.

To address safety questions, the report said NASA is reviewing ways to harden the shuttle against damage caused by debris impacts like the one that doomed Columbia and its seven astronauts.

Space officials also will add a suite of cameras in various locations on the shuttle to get a better idea of any possible damage, according to the report.

A return to flight schedule lists a

March 11 "launch date," but NASA spokesman Allard Beutel said the date is simply a planning date and not a foregone conclusion.

He said officials are looking at a March-to-April launch window, but that could easily slip if the agency isn't able to meet all of its targeted safety steps. The report makes no mention of what it might cost to get the shuttle flights going again.

Members of an independent advisory group will assess and evaluate NASA's progress on implementing the Columbia accident board's recommendations. The task force will be led by veteran astronauts Thomas Stafford and Richard Covey.

Bush asks for \$87 million to combat terrorism

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, facing doubts about his handling of Iraq amid rising casualties, is asking Congress for \$87 billion to fight terrorism and cautioning Americans that the struggle "will take time and require sacrifice."

Bush's money request — surpassing earlier unofficial estimates — would come on top of the \$79 billion that Congress approved in April for the initial costs of the war and its aftermath and for worldwide efforts against terrorism.

Despite calls from Republicans and Democrats alike for more troops, Bush said the 130,000 U.S. forces in Iraq were sufficient. But he urged other nations, even those that had opposed the war, to contribute troops and money.

The president addressed the nation Sunday night, his first speech on Iraq since May 1 when he stood on the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln and declared an end to major combat.

In the four months since, U.S. casualties have risen steadily, to the point where more have died in the aftermath of the war than during the combat phase.

Bush described Iraq in his 18-minute speech as the central battleground of the terrorism war and blamed the violence on Saddam Hussein loyalists and foreign terrorists.

"We are fighting that enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan today, so that we do not meet him again on our own streets, in our own cities," Bush said, four days before the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

While the confrontation with Saddam made the president's

popularity skyrocket, public confidence in his handling of Iraq has dropped since the war, leveling off in the mid-50 percent area.

Heading into a campaign year hoping to unseat Bush, Democrats have been emboldened to criticize him on Iraq. Even some Republican allies have urged him to change course.

A fresh burst of Democratic criticism followed the speech.

"Now that the president has recognized that he has been going down the wrong path, this administration must begin the process of fully engaging our allies and sharing the burden of building a stable democracy in Iraq," said Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., a White House hopeful.

Howard Dean, another Democratic candidate, said Iraq had pulled the country's attention and resources away from homeland security and the economy.

Comparing Iraq to Vietnam, Dean said, "The government again is feeding misinformation to the American people in order to justify an enormous commitment of U.S. troops."

Questions have been raised by the administration's failure to find any of Saddam's illegal weapons or the ousted Iraqi leader himself. Bush made just one reference in his speech to weapons of mass destruction — a sharp contrast to his repeated assertions about them before the war.

Bush said Iraq and the Middle East are critical to winning the global war on terror.

Describing Iraq as the central front in the war against terror, he said the "enemies of freedom are making a desperate stand

there, and there they must be defeated."

"This will take time and require sacrifice," he said. "Yet we will do what is necessary, to achieve this essential victory in the war on terror, to promote freedom and to make our own nation more secure."

While saying the United States

has enough troops in Iraq, Bush said American commanders have requested a multinational division to serve alongside similar units led by Britain and Poland.

Some countries have sought an explicit U.N. peacekeeping authorization, and Bush said Secretary of State Colin Powell would seek a Security Council

resolution to authorize deployment of new forces. Bush will address the U.N. General Assembly in two weeks.

Referring to France, Germany and Russia, Bush said "not all of our friends agreed with our decision [to] ... remove Saddam Hussein from power. Yet, we cannot let past differences interfere with present duties."



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up ... It was a good time."

McGlinn and Siegfried freshmen were "baptized" on game day as upperclassmen woke them to run through Stonehenge.

"It was freezing, and the water was dyed green," said McGlinn freshman Liz Vezino.

Although some freshmen had seen games before, their first official game as students in the "sea of green" ran the gamut of emotions.

"The first two, three quarters were disgraceful," said Bass. "The whole crowd was depressed until the end of the game."

Vezino agreed.

"The game itself was disheartening at first, but I told [the people around me] to keep the faith ... don't give up on the team," she said.

"I loved the traditions, like waving keys, learning cheers, doing the Irish jig and watching waves of people doing pushups after we scored," said Cavanaugh freshman Brigitte Sanchez.

High expectations for the season were on the line during the game. The much-anticipated season opener against Washington State brought freshmen to the depths of despair, the top of a pushup and fully into the Notre Dame community.

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IN BRIEF

Lycos e-mail recovers from glitch

WALTHAM, Mass. — Lycos Web portal users shut out of their e-mail for four days were finally able to access their accounts Friday evening, a company spokesman said.

The Lycos server went down Tuesday as the company attempted to upgrade its servers.

"An error was made in loading the new backup software onto the servers and that error will not be made again," spokesman Brian Payea said.

Lycos had to rebuild several databases to solve the problem. Payea has said e-mail users would not lose messages as a result of the error.

Lycos does not release information on how many customers use their e-mail. But comScore Media Metrix figures show Lycos is the seventh-most visited e-mail Web site, with just over 1 million different visitors in July.

Overall, Lycos is the No. 4 Web portal, behind Yahoo!, MSN and AOL.com.

Stocks retreat after huge run-up

NEW YORK — A disappointing jobs report rattled Wall Street Friday, quashing a seven-day advance for the Nasdaq composite index and a five-day, 250-point rise for the Dow Jones industrials.

"You have to keep in mind we have had a significant run-up this week," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co., who said higher-than-expected job cuts gave investors reason to lock in profits and were responsible for much of the market's losses.

The Dow closed down 84.56, or 0.9 percent, at 9,503.34. The loss followed a five-day advance of 254 points that carried the blue-chip index to its highest level since June 18, 2002.

The Nasdaq dropped 10.73, or 0.6 percent, at 1,858.24, following a seven-day gain of 104 points that had taken it to its highest closing level since March 19, 2002, when it stood at 1,880.87.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 6.58, or 0.6 percent, to 1,021.39, having garnered an eight-day gain of nearly 35 points. Thursday's close was the highest level seen since June 18, 2002.

Lilly predicts flat results for 2003

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli Lilly & Co. said Friday its 2003 earnings will be at the upper end of its previous estimates.

Lilly's chief financial officer Charles E. Golden told analysts the company's 2003 adjusted earnings will fall between \$2.55 and \$2.60 a share. In June, the company said it would earn between \$2.50 and \$2.60 a share. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call predicted Lilly would earn \$2.57 a share.

Lilly reported adjusted annual earnings of \$2.57 a year ago.

Lilly stock rose four cents to \$61.00 on Friday on the New York Stock Exchange.

The company did not predict its profitability beyond the end of this year. It promised to do so in January after it has a better idea of when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will approve a new drug for treating depression, Cymbalta.

Praise for new ADHD drug

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For many parents, the back-to-school buying includes not just books, binders and knapsacks — but also medicine for treating a child's chronically short attention span and hyperactivity.

Drug prescriptions typically rise in the fall as teachers notice a pattern of inattention, impulsivity and frenetic behavior among some students.

This year, one pharmaceutical company is touting a new drug of choice for attention deficit disorder or the related attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Eli Lilly & Co.'s product, Strattera, is winning praise from some doctors and parents because it is not a stimulant — a class of drug that can be addictive. Other popular treatments, such as Ritalin, are all stimulants.

Strattera was introduced by January and by June had quickly grabbed 12 percent of a prescription market, totaling nearly \$2 billion in yearly sales, according to IMS Health, a pharmaceutical research and consulting firm.

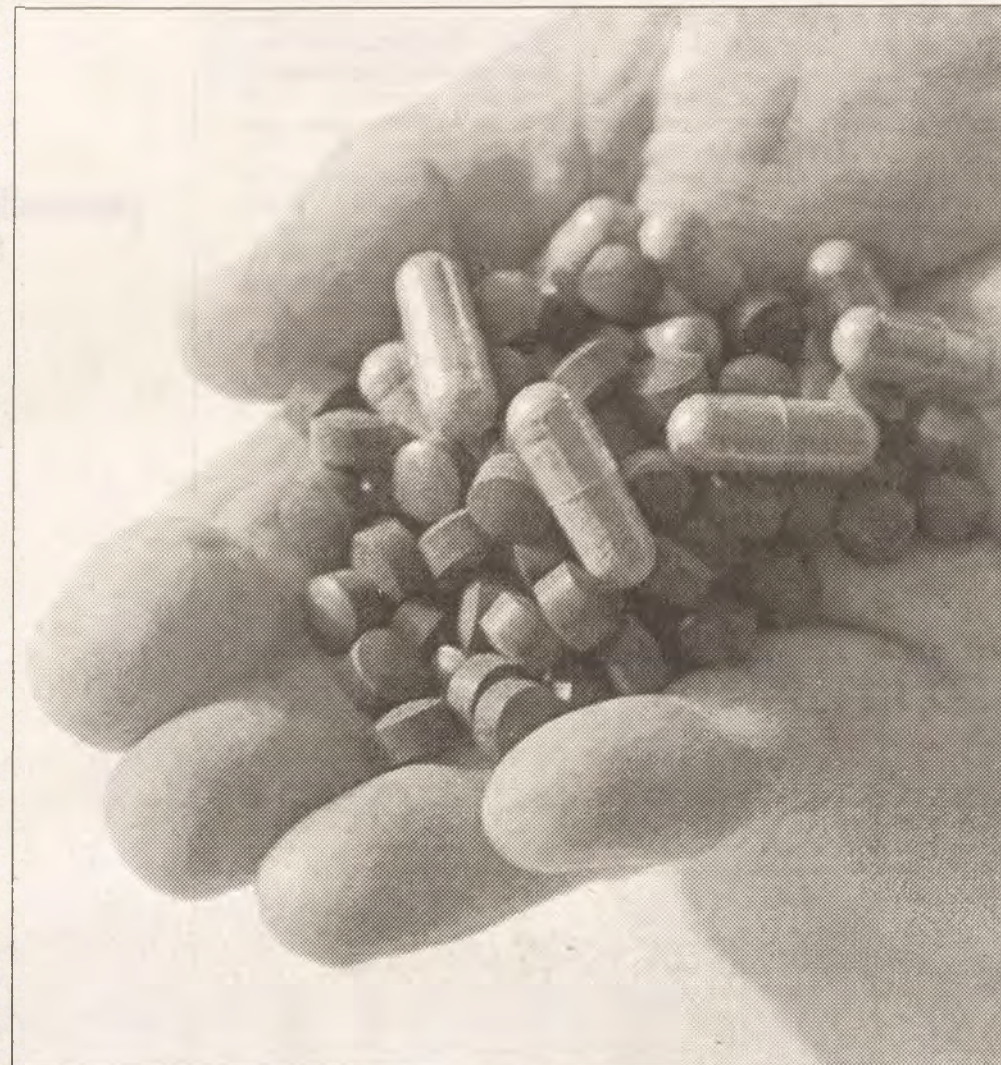
That exceeded some analysts' expectations.

"Clearly, we are meeting an unmet need in the market," said Dr. Gary Tollefson, vice president medical-neuroscience of Lilly Research Laboratories.

Market leader Concerta's prescription share fell to 22.7 percent in June from 26 percent in January, according to IMS.

Adderall XR, the second most popular drug has a 20.9 percent share, down from 22.6 percent.

Still, doctors are uncertain Strattera will ultimately prove as effective as stimulants, which for now remain the benchmark treatment for atten-



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Along with Eli Lilly & Co.'s Strattera, algae supplements are used as non-stimulant alternatives to Ritalin for the treatment ADHD.

tion deficit and hyperactivity.

Concerta's manufacturer, McNeil Consumer & Specialty Pharmaceuticals, said it didn't change its marketing plans because of Strattera.

"Parents are very pleased with the results from Concerta," said Michelle Brennan, vice president of sales and marketing at McNeil, a division of Johnson & Johnson. "Eighty percent of patients respond to stimulants."

Doctors say parents are drawn to Strattera because its side effects are more mild than other drugs, which can cause

weight loss, irritability and sleeplessness.

"A lot of parents just don't want to use stimulants for their children," said Dr. Charles Gist, a child psychiatrist in Little Rock, Ark.

Stimulants increase the body's production of dopamine, a chemical necessary for concentration.

Strattera instead blocks cells from reabsorbing norepinephrine, another chemical considered important in regulating attention; more norepinephrine thus remains in the brain.

Bert Hazlett, an industry analyst with Suntrust Robinson Humphrey,

attributes some of Strattera's rapid growth in sales to Lilly's expertise in marketing drugs for the central nervous system, gleaned by years of promoting Prozac, its blockbuster anti-depressant.

Strattera is a key pillar in strengthening Lilly's sales and earnings, which plummeted when it lost the Prozac patent in August 2001.

In the second quarter, Strattera posted \$74.8 million in sales.

That strong showing prompted Hazlett to raise his 2003 revenue projection to \$340 million from between \$150 to \$175 million.

Rise in gasoline futures temporary

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Unleaded gasoline prices rose Friday on the New York Mercantile Exchange as traders bought contracts to cover earlier bets that prices would fall, but some analysts saw the upward move as short-lived.

Gasoline futures prices for October delivery settled up 0.87 cent at 86.15 cents a gallon. Analysts and traders had predicted the move, saying Tuesday's 8.08 cent drop in gasoline futures prices showed the market had been oversold.

But analysts were divided about whether the upward move indicates a market rebound or just helped investors pare some of the losses

throughout the Nymex crude complex from earlier in the week.

"We're not expecting this to last," said Derek van Eck, portfolio manager for Van Eck Associates in Manhattan. "In the next couple of months, we expect inventories to continue to build through high product imports" and short-term increases in refinery operating rates.

On Tuesday, light, sweet crude oil futures prices for October delivery fell \$2.16 in the biggest one-day selloff since Sept. 24, 2001. Heating oil futures for October delivery also fell dramatically, down 5.54 cents a gallon Tuesday.

"We've had a big move down here," said futures analyst Tom Bentz with BNP Paribas. "In general, we probably oversold. Short cov-

ering on news is likely — but by no means does that change the trend. To me, [crude] will have to get back over \$31 to change my opinion."

The Tuesday selloff "is probably a seasonal drop that isn't going to last very long," said Phil Flynn, analyst at Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago.

Analysts and traders attributed the drop in Nymex petroleum prices this week to the end of the typical U.S. summer driving season.

But traders' focus will shift to refiners' typical ramping up of heating oil production ahead of the winter heating season, they said.

Despite ongoing supply concerns, light, sweet crude oil futures for October delivery settled down 10 cents at \$28.88 a barrel Friday on the Nymex.

Edwards opts not to run for re-election

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — John Edwards will not run for re-election to the Senate in 2004 so he can concentrate on seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, a state party official said Sunday.

The North Carolina senator wrote a letter received Sunday by state Democratic Party chairwoman Barbara Allen announcing his decision, state party executive director Scott Falmlen said.

"I ... decided that I will not seek re-election to the United States Senate in order to devote all of my energy to running for president," Edwards wrote Allen.

Edwards was first elected to the Senate in 1998 but announced in January he would seek the presidential nomination.

North Carolina law allows him

to run for president and Senate simultaneously and state Democratic officials were getting restless in recent months while Edwards mulled his decision on whether to run for one or two jobs.

Edwards' five-paragraph letter to Allen resolves that question and lets other Democratic candidates begin building their campaigns.

"It takes one question out of the way," Falmlen said. "We've said all along the best option ... was for John Edwards to be the presidential nominee," because it will energize party voters, he said.

Rep. Richard Burr, R-N.C., already has announced he will run for the Edwards seat and has built up a campaign structure that brought the seat in doubt for the Democrats.

Allen didn't immediately return a phone call seeking com-

ment Sunday night. Neither did a spokeswoman for the Edwards campaign.

Former White House Chief of

Staff Erskine Bowles, who lost to Elizabeth Dole in the 2002 election, and former state House Speaker Dan Blue, a Democratic

primary candidate last year, have expressed interest in Edwards' seat should he not seek re-election.

Hurricane Isabel approaches coast

Associated Press

MIAMI — Isabel strengthened from a tropical storm into the fourth Atlantic hurricane of the season Sunday, but forecasters said it was still several days from reaching land.

Hurricane Fabian, meanwhile, was losing strength but gaining speed in the northern Atlantic, two days after plowing through Bermuda. Forecasters monitored the other major Atlantic storm, a tropical depression that passed over Florida on Saturday, to see if would strengthen back into Tropical Storm Henri.

At 5 p.m. EDT, Isabel had maximum sustained winds of 80 mph — above the 74 mph threshold for a hurricane. The storm was 1,510 miles east of the Leeward Islands and moving west-northwest near 15 mph. Forecasters said by Monday, Isabel was expected to strengthen to a Category 2 hurricane, with winds between 96-110 mph.

Isabel was projected to stay over open waters for at least five days, said Richard Pasch, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center in

Miami.

It was too early to tell whether it would affect the United States or the Caribbean, he said.

Hurricane Fabian was 290 miles south of Cape Race, Newfoundland, and moving east-northeast at 31 mph across shipping lanes in the north Atlantic.

Fabian's maximum sustained winds had dropped to 85 mph, down from the 120 mph winds that hit Bermuda on Friday. Forecasters expected it to dissolve and become extratropical by Monday as it moves over cooler waters.

Fabian, the first Category 3 hurricane to hit Bermuda in 50 years, shredded trees and sheared off roofs across the island chain. Four people whose cars were swept off a causeway were still missing Sunday and feared dead.

The tropical depression that had been Tropical Storm Henri, moving northeast near 8 mph, was about 160 miles east-southeast of Charleston, S.C., on Sunday with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph — below the 39 mph minimum threshold to become a tropical storm.

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
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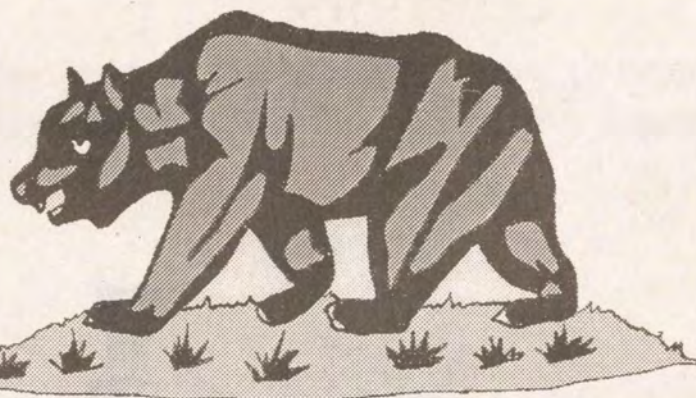
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Total Recall in California

Ah, California. Just when you think they've turned a corner toward some semblance of normalcy, they come around and remind you why a lot of people wish for everything west of the San Andreas to crack off and sink into the ocean.

Mike Marchand

Undistinguished
Alumnus

Minnesota elected a professional wrestler governor, Missouri elected a dead man to the U.S. Senate, Florida had no idea who they elected president, but California's gone and outweirded them all, reclaiming its title as undisputed Goofball Capital of the World.

Thirty months ago, Governor Gray Davis was looking like a pretty bright guy. Then the lights went out, quite literally: electricity shortages led to rolling blackouts in the summer of 2001. Davis engineered a quick fix whereby the state bought surplus power from neighboring states; however, this was often at incredibly marked-up prices, and in some areas of California, electricity bills more than tripled. Luckily enough for him, though, Enron emerged as Public Enemy Number One and became the straw dog for the energy crisis.

After he was safely reelected in 2002 (thanks to taking out ads in the Republican primary spiking the more moderate Republican candidate, L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan, so that he wouldn't challenge him in the general election), Davis announced a state budget deficit that was initially estimated at \$34.6 billion, then ramped up to \$38.2 billion. Either amount is bigger than all 49 other states' budget shortfalls combined. That was enough for many voters, and a recall initiative was drafted and approved.

Davis suffers the ignominy of going from the darling of the Democratic Party's dark-horse presidential watch

in early 2001 to almost certain removal: some polls predict 60 percent of voters will choose to oust him. And, just to shame Davis even more, since potential replacement candidates only needed to pony up \$3,500 and a petition with just 65 signatures, it allowed everyone in California who thought they could do a better job governing than he did to line up and take their best shot.

In the end, 135 people qualified to be in the recall race, and every one of them was either a joke candidate who was actually joking, or a joke candidate who is actually serious. The first group is made up of all the people who wound up in Jay Leno's punchlines: Gary Coleman, Gallagher, Larry Flynt, Mary Carey and Angelyne; or, respectively, a midget ex-sitcom star, a comedian who smashes watermelons with a sledgehammer, a porn-peddler, a porn star and a "billboard exhibitionist." California at its finest. The latter category includes the only two people who really matter in this race: Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Anywhere else, Bustamante would be completely unelectable, if for no other reason than being the second-in-command of the Hindenburg-level disaster that is the Gray Davis' administration. But he wants to go further, by punishing the businesses that make California the world's fifth-largest economy by hiking their taxes by \$8 billion, and then assuming state control of gasoline prices (because they've done so well controlling everything else).

He also hasn't answered questions about his membership in the radical Chicano group MEChA while in college, nor has he condemned their goal of forcing the return of the southwestern U.S. to Mexico. And he's making an end run around recently-imposed state campaign finance laws to pander to casino-owning Indian tribes to the tune of \$2 million or so. His cam-

paign's website asks Californians to vote "no" on the recall but "yes" to him, which is not only disingenuous, but impossible — voters can either elect to keep Davis or replace him, not both.

But this is California, so nobody really cares about all that, and Bustamante's being a Latino doesn't hurt, either. The only Republican who could possibly muster enough traction to win is Ahh-nold, whose only glaring defects are a lack of any specifics in his programs and admitting in a decades-old interview with defunct men's magazine "Oui" that he smoked dope and participated in orgies. But, again, this is California, (or as he pronounces it, "Cal-ee-forn-ee-ah"), so nothing scandalous there.

And at this point, what California really needs is a little Schwarzenegger-style non-specificity. One of the reasons Davis is in so much trouble is because he alienated so many people in his own party due to his arrogance; he all but commanded state legislators to "implement my vision," and they "saw" California go right into the toilet. Arnold may be a joke candidate in the eyes of serious politicians, but that's exactly why he's the best person for the job.

I don't think he's ever made a movie with boats, but Arnold might just sink Cruz's ship. Coming Oct. 7 to a voting booth near you. Hey, it beats an even lousier sequel than T3: if Bustamante gets elected, it'd be Titanic II.

Mike Marchand, class of 2001, is not where he wanted to be at this stage in his life. He'll be on campus today to say a couple of hellos, so if you see him, make him smile and ask for his autograph, or really make his day and buy him lunch. He can be contacted at Marchand.3@alumni.nd.edu. His column appears every other Monday.

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"Politics makes strange bedfellows."

William Shakespeare
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GUEST COLUMN

Democratic candidates need creativity

AMES, Iowa — To ensure that President Bush leaves the White House in 2005, one of the nine Democratic candidates needs to step up to the plate. They need to stress issues in areas Bush has had difficulty handling.

Jennifer Elshoff

Iowa State
Daily

It is true Bush has been faced with many overwhelming challenges during his presidency. Having to deal with Sept. 11, terrorist groups, the war in Iraq and post-war issues has proven to be a difficult learning experience for Bush and the American people. We have seen the trial and error in his attempts to hunt down terrorist groups in Afghanistan, and watched, confused, as all military work was quickly diverted to Iraq. Under Bush's plan, it is clear this process is going to be a long one.

Our Democratic candidate needs to have a strong opinion and plan of action for postwar solutions.

Also, because most attention was diverted to America's actions overseas, Bush's actions have been disappointing on other issues that are closer to home. Bush seems to have little to no concern for the environment. According to www.democrats.org, he has cut budgets for environmental agencies, has allowed power plants to increase their amount of pollution and has made it more difficult to add new names to the endangered species list.

The economy has also suffered under Bush's presidency. According to the same site, the federal budget deficit has increased from \$29.2 billion to \$54.2 billion in the last year. The number of jobs created has hit an alltime low during Bush's term as well.

We need a president who can reduce our use of natural resources and allow us to catch up with the rest of the world. For example, the United States is behind other countries in its use of efficient vehicles. In other parts of the world, new cars are being put on the road that save on energy use, but America is still driving the biggest automobiles that guzzle the most gas on the road today.

Few of the Democratic candidates have strong opinions on the situation in Iraq. This needs to change in order to create a strong Republican counterattack. Most have focused mainly on homeland security. For example, Sen. John Edwards (D-NC) prioritizes strengthening America's borders and having more extensive procedures for emergencies, according to his Web site.

Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) says on his Web site that he will direct more attention from the National Guard and Americorps to national security issues. His plan is to train more first responders and have

more equipment ready for use at any sign of trouble.

Sen. Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.) has shown to have the most focused plan for finding peace in Iraq. He has been working on a bill to lay foundations for democracy, meeting humanitarian needs and promoting prosperity. Although most other candidates shied away from the issue of procedures in rebuilding Iraq, all believed that having international allies was especially important for Iraq's future to be a success.

A strong Democratic candidate must be well-balanced in issues other than terrorist and postwar problems. Governor Howard Dean's environmental plans stood out in creativity from the other candidates.

According to deanforamerica.com, Dean's first action will be to bring the Environmental Protection Agency to the full attention of the cabinet. He sees environmental issues as being interwoven with all

issues. The environment affects agriculture and other business progress; it also affects our health.

Dean wants to embrace change, finding alternatives to the use of natural resources

and creating new jobs in energy technology.

A stronger economy depends on more than tax cut proposals, which seem to be commonplace across the board of presidential candidates. To turn the economy around, it will require job openings and opportunities for small businesses.

Something also needs to be done to cap the ability of large companies such as Wal-Mart and others from taking over entire business variety in towns and small cities.

Kerry's proposal was striking in his confidence in economy ideas. Out of 3 million jobs lost during Bush's term, Kerry believes his plan will replace all of them within the first 500 days of his administration.

His other economy-building strategies include renewing cities, training workers, getting financial help to states in need and supporting ways to help small businesses invest and expand.

It's time to shift gears and pull away from the humiliating direction in which Bush has led our country.

The Democratic candidates have creative ideas among them; however, in order to be a strong leader, one of the nine needs more creativity in their ideas across the board. We need a well-rounded president to create a well-rounded America.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



GUEST COLUMN

Two wrongs don't make a right in abortion fight

PENSACOLA, Fla. — "Usually, terrible things that are done with the excuse that progress requires them are not really progress at all, but just terrible things." — Russell Baker, New York Times nationally syndicated columnist from 1962 to 1998.

William Bolen

The Voyager

On the morning of July 29, 1994, Paul Hill killed Dr. John Bayard Britton, 69, Britton's escort and retired Air Force Lt. Col. James H. Barrett, 74, and wounded Barrett's wife, June. For that reason, Paul Hill should be executed by the state of Florida.

Britton was killed because he performed abortions and Barrett was killed because he believed in a woman's right to choose.

Hill later confessed that he was prepared to kill the police officer assigned to guard the clinic as well, simply because he was there. Had the officer not arrived late that morning, he would probably be dead as well. Hill believes that killing in order to protect the unborn is justified. But the issue isn't the morality of abortion. It's the cold-blooded murder of two men on a Friday morning in July 1994.

Some believe Hill's execution will inspire more violence against abortion clinics. They suggest executing Hill could make him a martyr to the more extreme elements of the anti-abortion movement. When he signed Hill's death warrant in July, Gov. Jeb Bush dismissed the suggestion that Hill's supporters might see him as a martyr.

"He's a murderer and he was sentenced to death and I have the duty to carry out that sentence," said Bush, who opposes abortion. The possibility of violence exists.

The recent death threats to local Circuit Judge Frank Bell, Corrections Secretary James Crosby, Prison Warden Joe Thompson and Attorney General Charlie Crist seem to support that point. But Paul Hill is not a rational man and those who would be inspired by Hill's actions in July 1994 or by his execution in September are not rational

either. He killed the two men with a shotgun as they drove to the Community Health Care Center of Pensacola on Ninth Avenue, or as it was known in 1994, The Ladies' Center. During his trial, Hill acted as his own counsel.

Other than brief opening and closing statements that centered on his feelings about abortion, he gave no defense.

After Hill was convicted and sentenced to death in December 1994, he said he looked forward to his fate because he believed it would prevent abortions by inciting further violence against abortion providers. He also said he was inspired to his crimes by the actions of Michael Griffin, a Pensacola resident who shot and killed another doctor in Pensacola in 1993. Irrational people do irrational things.

Violence may occur whether Hill is executed or not. But the crime is too heinous to go unpunished. He did not act in self-defense. He did not act in a fit of uncontrolled rage. He committed a premeditated murder and he's without remorse.

But the actions of one do not represent the whole. Mainstream anti-abortion groups condemn clinic violence. Most groups distanced themselves from Hill long ago.

"The movement has changed an awful lot," said Joe Scheidler, founder and director of the Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League. "We see the babies as martyrs, but not Paul Hill."

And what has Paul Hill accomplished? Nothing. Abortions still take place. It remains one of the most heated issues in America. There are those within his movement that have cast Hill as extremist and support his execution. Paul Hill gave up his right to life when he took those lives nine years ago. He was tried and convicted. He was given his due process. That's more than he gave John Britton and James Barrett.

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Old School getting Old

Over the past couple weeks, I have noticed a terrible epidemic that is sweeping across campus. If you haven't observed this phenomenon which I am about to bring to your attention, you are either completely oblivious to the entire world around you or you have been locked inside your room the past two weeks with absolutely no outside communication.

Tom Raaf

Scene
Columnist

What I am referring to, ladies and gentlemen, is the ridiculously excessive quoting of Old School, the newly released comedy starring Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn, and Luke Wilson. At first, I must admit that I did slightly fall into this trap myself, spurring out the occasional "You know it! You know it," but then I realized something. Absolutely everyone on campus was doing the exact same thing. Whether I be walking into the Stadium, sauntering back from Turtle Creek or taking a stroll across campus, I found it impossible to avoid this plague that seems to be the hippest thing since kids found out how cool it is to walk across South Quad with a cell phone. As a result, I began to run an in-depth study on this trend, seeing just how rampant the use and spread of it was and I discovered that one cannot go anywhere around Notre Dame without hearing some guy ramble on about how "once it hits your lips, it's so good" or how glorious Blue looks in heaven. I've found that some people just kind of sit in circles and quote it back and forth, namely the group of kids outside Sorin Hall on Saturday night — you know who you are, now proceed to hang your heads in shame.

At first I would kind of laugh, recognizing the reference and wanting to add a line or two myself, but then I asked myself this question: am I really SO completely unfunny that I need to rely on copying a movie verbatim in order to make people like me? Now I'm sure there's some of you out there saying "Hey, yeah I quote it sometimes for a few cheap laughs now and again, but I still think I'm pretty funny." Well, I hate to break it to you, but you're wrong. You are probably the kid who just got out his/her Zoolander quoting stage, which followed shortly after your Billy Madison, Happy Gilmore, and Dirty Work

stages. In fact, it's very likely that you have been using quotes from movies aimed at college students as a terrible comedy crutch for years to make up for your complete and total lack of originality. For bringing this to your attention, I apologize, but also realize that this had to be done eventually so you don't go through life as a parrot, waiting for the next quotable teen movie to come out on video so you can nail the lines exactly.

In an effort to see if anyone else noticed the uncontrollable abuse of Old School quoting, I went to a few fellow students. Junior Morrissey resident Ken Champa had this to say about the quoting craze, "It seems like everyone came to school this year with two missions...study and to quote Old School." How true that comment is, my equally observant friend Ken. As a result, I have decided that I am going to appoint this Ken character as the campus-wide regulator or Old School references. Therefore, if you DO in fact wish to pathetically quote this movie because you honestly can't think of anything better to say, then you must get personal approval from Ken Champa first. Any violators will be sent directly to ResLife, regardless of whether or not you think "you'll have enough TIME," between your

trips to Home Depot and Bed Bath and Beyond.

Upon interviewing another student, Dillon junior Michael Flanagan, he actually admitted to being part of this problem, saying "Tom, let's face it. I am not a

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funny person. I was so relieved that Old School finally came out on DVD because I was getting pretty desperate there for awhile, watching 1980's reruns of SNL for new material."

On a final note, I just wanted to say "I had an AWESOME time this weekend," and that if you want to come and hang out sometime, you can "bring your green hat" cause we're probably going to be "going streaking across the quad and into the gymnasium." Seriously, guys, give it a rest.

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CSI: Crime

The No. 1 hit TV show, CSI: Crime
of entertainment

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Editor

After spending all day watching the Irish play a good football game, it seems that many students find themselves tired and desiring to relax and reenergize for the rigorous week ahead. However, sometimes this desire for relaxation brings on the problem of boredom.

Some students choose to attend parties, both on- and off-campus, but other students choose to gather in a friend's room or in a dorm's 24-hour lounge to play games or watch a movie, hang out with friends and have a good time.

With so many recent DVD releases, students should not have a difficult time picking out something to entertain them. Between movie and TV show releases on both VHS and DVD formats, a simple trip to Family Video or Blockbuster for renting and a trip to Best Buy or Wal-Mart to purchase that DVD you have been dying to watch should resolve the problem of boredom.

Many of the hit movies from this past spring and summer have already been released or are still in the process of being released. A popular new

movement with television corporations is to release many TV series on DVD or VHS for home viewing anytime. It is a dream come true for hardcore fans of TV shows that opt to record each show while viewing. The DVD format provides better quality with the added bonus of commercial free TV watching. But with so many to choose from, it makes it quite difficult to choose; therefore, one can only ask what should be on the top of the list, providing the most entertainment?

The No. 1 hit TV show, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, released the complete second season on widescreen DVD Tuesday. If you have never watched the show, it is an hour of time that it worth the while. CSI Season Two was the People's Choice Award for Favorite Television Dramatic Series.

Jerry Bruckheimer produces the show with the help an all-star cast and crew, many of whom have been nominated for Emmys, to create a show that keeps viewers hooked and longing for the next episode to air.

For those who are not familiar with CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, it is an hour-long dramatic series on CBS set in Las Vegas, which focuses on the Crime Scene

Investigation Department of the Las Vegas Police Department. The CSI department deals with the forensic aspect of murders and how the police can be so precise in their assumptions of how the death occurred. Each episode tells the story of one or two deaths, depending on the complexity of the case, and begins at the time of the person's death and concludes with the wrap-up of the case.

Typically, an acquaintance, friend or family member either finds the body of the deceased or realizes that they are missing, which leads to the acquisition of the body, beginning the in-depth investigation. The police calls two or three of the CSI personnel onto the case once the evidence from the pre-investigation points in the direction of homicide.

Five of the characters are on-site investigators, who interview people who knew the victim as well as collect evidence from the crime scene. They then take all the evidence back to the lab and go through highly sensitive and thorough examination, using high-tech pieces of equipment.

While the investigation of the evidence ensues, the coroner participates in an autopsy of the body to find evidence of



Photo courtesy of CBS Television
Gil Grissom, played by William Petersen, examines an article through a microscope while he tries to solve a case.

e Scene Investigation

*e Scene Investigation, provides a nice escape to students' scope
t, yet lures viewers to watch it and want more*



Photo courtesy of CBS Television

CSI characters Gil Grissom, Catherine Willows and Jim Brass pose in the lab dressed to work.

include how the crew uses special effects and the techniques for all the make-up, along with the familiar music found throughout the show. Also found as a featurette are the shooting locations for the show, a tour of the set, and how the hit show is made.

Audio commentaries for three of the shows can be found on the DVDs, and the commentary is heard while a viewer watches the show but can be turned on and off.

The best part about watching the show on DVD is the lack of commercials. The one thing that irks most people about watching TV are the many commercials found at the best parts of shows. Watching this dramatic series on DVD gives one the opportunity to miss the annoying commercials, but also yields the power of the pause button, making up for the lack of commercials to run to

the kitchen to grab a snack.

After realizing the popularity of CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, CBS made another version of the show called CSI: Miami. This also hour-long version is set in Miami, Florida, which makes the show plots differ greatly than those from Las Vegas. The actors are all different people as well, giving a complete change for the viewers.

For the most part, the show operates in the same manner, with Crime Scene Investigators working with the police to solve murder cases.

One episode even brought together the casts of CSI and CSI: Miami, forging the way for more intertwined episodes since throughout the investigation, friendships and bonds were formed between the Las Vegas characters and the Miami characters. As with any good episode, there was conflict between the different CSI investigators, competing for the title of hero in the investigation. However, at the con-

clusion of the show, the leaders of the two teams agreed to keep in touch and work together in further investigations.

CSI: Miami has not been released on DVD and there is no word yet if CBS plans to do so. But for now, CSI: Crime

Scene Investigation DVDs for Season One and Season Two will have to suffice, particularly until the new season premieres later this fall.

"For a good, dramatic show, tune into CBS and watch both CSI: Crime Scene Investigation and CSI: Miami. Once you watch the first time, you'll be hooked and wanting more," junior Maureen Tate said.

Maureen Tate
junior

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CSI: Crime Scene Investigation has its season premiere on Sept. 25 at 8 p.m., while CSI: Miami premieres Sept. 22, at 9 p.m.

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death and any other information necessary for a proper, detailed report. The coroner and CSI investigators work hand in hand to analyze anything that the body might be able to reveal about the case.

After this analysis, the CSI investigators use the evidence from the coroner's report to make conclusions and help to solve the case. They continue to use the crime scene and the body until the case concludes.

The best part about the show is by far the process of running through all the evidence collected. The characters are highly intelligent people, who come from all walks of life and use prior experience to bring the case together. Watching the show draws you into the life of a forensic scientist, many times making you wish you could do that for a living.

Some of the things the characters experience are appalling; for example, in one episode, the CSI investigators discover a body that had been decomposing in a zipped up bag, deep in the woods for

over two months. The coroner opens the bag, and one can only imagine the stench that began to ripple through the room.

The writers of the show never fail to make it different and interesting from the last episode. This is the main reason why the show is the most watched TV show in the country.

Due to its popularity, CBS released the shows on DVD. Season One came out in March and Season Two last Tuesday. The CSI Season Two DVD features the 23 40-minute-long episodes of Season Two, along with in depth, brand-new, never-before-seen featurettes and audio commentaries. The DVD totals over 16- and-a-half hours of CSI entertainment on six discs.

The featurettes



Photos courtesy of CBS Television

The main cast of CSI: Criminal Scene Investigation pose together in uniform. The show has its season premiere on Sept. 25 at 8 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wood strikes out six as Cubs take division lead

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Kerry Wood felt right at home.

With a sellout crowd made up mostly of Cubs fans cheering him on at Miller Park, Wood won for the first time in a month. He gave up two runs on eight hits and struck out six to raise his major league-leading total to 234 as Chicago beat the Milwaukee Brewers 9-2 Sunday. Combined with Houston's 7-1 loss to San Diego on Sunday, the win gives the Cubs a half-game lead in the NL Central.

The Cubs are 7-0 in Milwaukee this season, and fans driving up from Chicago helped the Brewers sell out all three games over the weekend.

Sammy Sosa hit a solo homer and Randall Simon homered twice and drove in five runs.

"That's about as close as you're going to get to a home crowd feeling being on the road," Wood said. "The fans are great. They come out and support us and I think it's great."

Wood (12-11), had three losses in five starts since an Aug. 6 win over San Diego.

Sosa hit his 34th home run to lead off the seventh for a 7-2 lead. After Aramis Ramirez singled, Simon followed with his second homer and 15th of the season. Both homers were off reliever Leo Estrella.

Simon's homer in the third gave Chicago a 5-0 lead.

"It was one of the rare times, lately, we've gotten some runs for Woody early," Chicago manager Dusty Baker said. "He held them to two runs. Two quality outings in a row for him. His confidence is growing and I can just see him getting better down the stretch."

Marlins 3, Expos 1

On an afternoon when it reached 153 degrees on Hiram Bithorn Stadium's artificial turf, Dontrelle Willis kept his cool.

Willis pitched three-hit ball into the eighth inning and the Florida Marlins beat the Montreal Expos 3-1 Sunday.

"He pitched probably his best game of the second half," manager Jack McKeon said.

"He answered all those critics who were saying, 'He's losing it, he's fatigued,'" he said.

Willis (12-6) said he was cautious to stay hydrated during the game on his way to ending a three-game losing streak and earning his first win in his last five outings.

"It was scorching," the All-Star rookie said. "I drank a lot of water yesterday, before the game, during the game and after."

"At least it was easier to get loose, I guess."

After giving up consecutive hits to Orlando Cabrera and Jose Vidro in the first, Willis retired the next 15 batters before walking Brad Wilkerson in the sixth.

He then struck out Cabrera to end the inning. Willis struck out six and walked one.

Willis' only mistake was a leadoff homer by Todd Zeile in the eighth, the last batter he faced.

Braves 2, Pirates 1

Javy Lopez wasn't taking any pitches.

Using a more aggressive approach, Lopez went 3-for-3 with a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning to back another strong outing by Mike Hampton, pushing the Atlanta Braves past the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1 on Sunday.

"The last few weeks, I felt kind of strange at the plate," Lopez said. "I felt like I had to take some pitches before taking the first swing. Today I said, 'Forget it.' I was swinging at anything around the plate."

Lopez drove in both Atlanta runs, tying the game at 1 with a two-out double in the fourth. Three innings later, he led off by driving an 0-1 fastball over the center-field wall for the 37th homer of his comeback season. For good measure, he also threw out Tike Redman attempting to steal third.

"He did it all today," manager Bobby Cox said.

Hampton (13-7) snapped a two-game losing streak by pitching four-hit ball over eight innings. He gave way to Will Cunnane, who worked a 1-2-3 ninth for his first career save.

"I felt like I made good pitches even on the hits I gave up," said Hampton, who allowed only one hit over his final five innings. "I don't feel they hit too many balls hard. I was able to keep the ball down and away from the middle of the strike zone."

Cardinals 9, Reds 0

Matt Morris was on his game again, keeping the St. Louis Cardinals close in the NL Central.

Morris pitched no-hit ball into the seventh inning and finished with a three-hitter in a 9-0 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

After winning 39 games in 2001 and 2002, he's struggling much of the year and this victory got him to double digits.

"As far as the stats and numbers, it's a disappointing year for me because I set high goals," Morris said. "But to keep this snowball rolling and to end hopefully in a playoff spot and do some damage in the playoffs, that's the way I can save my season."

Fernando Vina had a season-high four hits and Orlando Palmeiro and Mike Matheny homered for St. Louis, which began the day two games out of the NL Central lead.

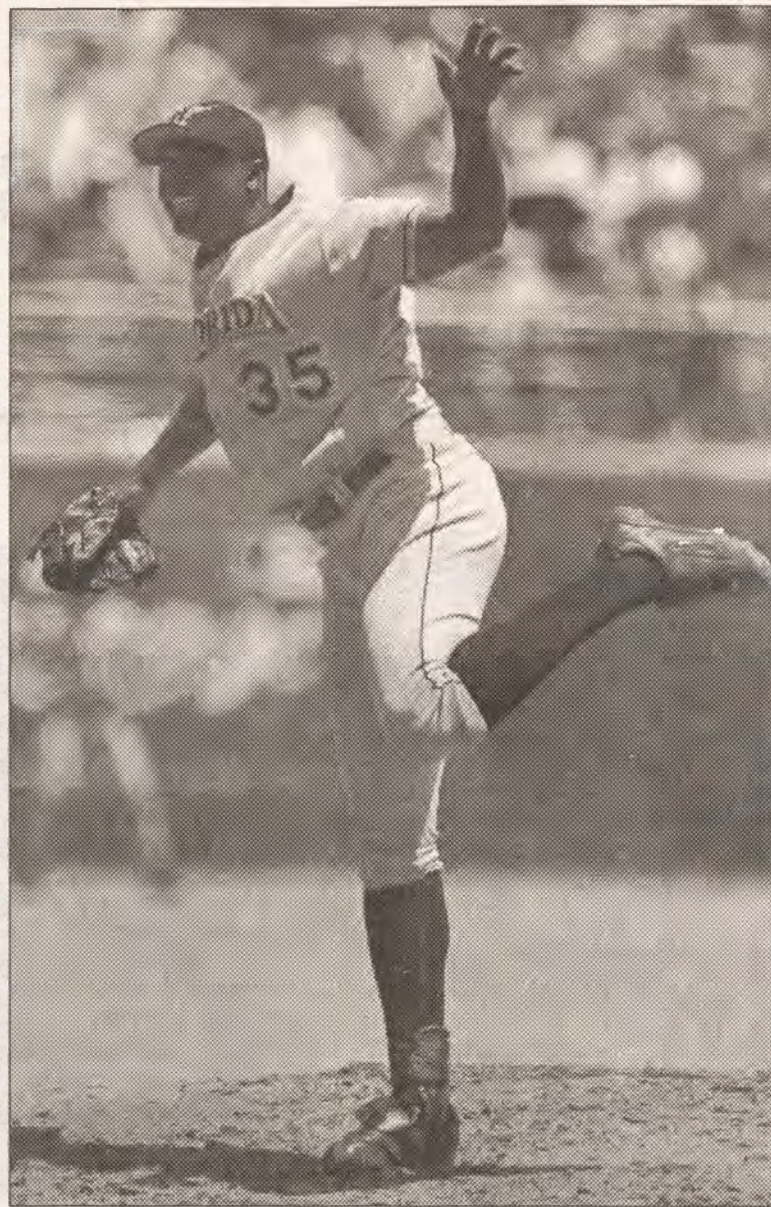
"I love this time of year," Vina said. "I love the challenge, I love the pressure. I think that makes me play a little better."

The Cardinals took two of three from the decimated Reds, who have lost 11 of 14 with a roster filled with young players.

The Reds' 14 rookies dressed in women's clothing, as a team initiation, for the trip back to Cincinnati.

Padres 7, Astros 1

Brian Giles remembers well the first homer he hit in San Diego when he returned to his hometown while playing for Pittsburgh in 1999.



Reuters Photo

Dontrelle Willis reacts after a home run hit by Todd Zeile in the eighth inning at the Hiram Bithorn Stadium in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Marlins won the game, 3-1.

Now he has another sentimental shot to cherish.

Giles hit his first home run for San Diego as the Padres beat Houston 7-1, dropping the Astros out of first place in the NL Central.

The Astros had won three in a row, but the loss put them a half-game behind Chicago. The Cubs beat Milwaukee 9-2 for their fifth straight victory.

Giles put the Padres ahead with a two-run homer in the

first inning. It was his 17th home run overall this year, and first in nine games with the Padres since being traded Aug. 26.

"Once I got traded, I thought about it," Giles said. "Obviously, it was nice to get one here in my first game with Pittsburgh. To do it in a Padre uniform also is definitely something special."

Giles later doubled and drew a bases-loaded walk from Wade Miller (12-12) in the fifth.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Wells helps Yankees salvage win over surging Red Sox

Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Wells bounced off the mound with excitement. He had rebounded, and so had the New York Yankees.

With their AL East lead down to 1.5 games, the Yankees needed a win badly to blunt Boston. After Derek Jeter talked his way back into the lineup, Wells pitched his finest game this season and Bernie Williams woke up with his first home run since mid-August, propelling New York to a critical 3-1 victory Sunday.

"A game like this, it's huge," Wells said. "Those guys are coming in for the sweep — you want to try to get the momentum back, and that's what we did today."

Williams broke a scoreless tie — and a whole lot of tension — with a two-run homer in the seventh off Jeff Suppan (1-2). Wells took a shutout into the eighth inning, and Mariano Rivera got five outs in the final scheduled meeting this year between the teams.

New York (85-56) boosted its division lead to 2.5 games over Boston (83-59) with three weeks remaining.

White Sox 7, Indians 3

Frank Thomas wasn't about to let a little slump hold him back.

Thomas, in an 0-for-11 slide, came to plate in the seventh with

two out, two on and the White Sox trailing Cleveland by a run. He hit the first pitch from reliever Danys Baez into the seats in left field and the White Sox went on to win 7-3.

"All season I've had my little stretches where I've struggled, and I've come out swinging every time," Thomas said. "That was my whole mind-set. I was not looking for a little single, I was looking to smoke the baseball."

Chicago swept the three-game series and is 10 games over .500 for the first time this season. The White Sox remain tied with Minnesota for first in the AL Central and host the Twins for four games starting Monday.

Devil Rays 11, Athletics 2

Victor Zambrano and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays had it all over the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner.

Zambrano pitched his first career complete game and the Devil Rays once again roughed up Barry Zito, beating the Oakland Athletics 11-2.

Zambrano (10-8) gave up nine hits, walked none and struck out eight in his 35th major league start. He became just the fourth Tampa Bay pitcher ever to win 10 or more games in a season.

"I'm not really thinking about what team I'm going to face," Zambrano said. "I'm only thinking about what I'm going to do that day and how I feel. Just go in and do my job."



KRT Photo

New York pitcher David Wells pitches in the second inning of a 3-1 Yankee win over Boston at Yankee Stadium.

Zito (11-12) was tagged for seven runs, six hits and three walks over 5 1-3 innings.

"Getting behind guys is frustrating," said Zito, who threw 100 pitches.

On July 8, the Devil Rays battered Zito for seven runs and 15 hits in 5 1-3 innings during a 9-3 win at Oakland.

Rocco Baldelli drove in three runs as Tampa Bay took two of three from the AL West-leading Athletics. The Devil Rays also won two of three from wild-card contender Seattle during their six-game homestand.

"First of all, we're trying to win as many games as we can," Devil Rays manager Lou Piniella said. "Second of all, a little pride factor involved when you're playing those teams with postseason aspirations. Go do your work someplace else ... not at our expense."

Oakland has dropped four of five since a 10-game winning streak. The Athletics did maintain their two-game lead over the second place Mariners.

Orioles 2, Mariners 1

The Seattle Mariners made

former Cy Young winner Pat Hentgen look like a candidate to capture the award this year.

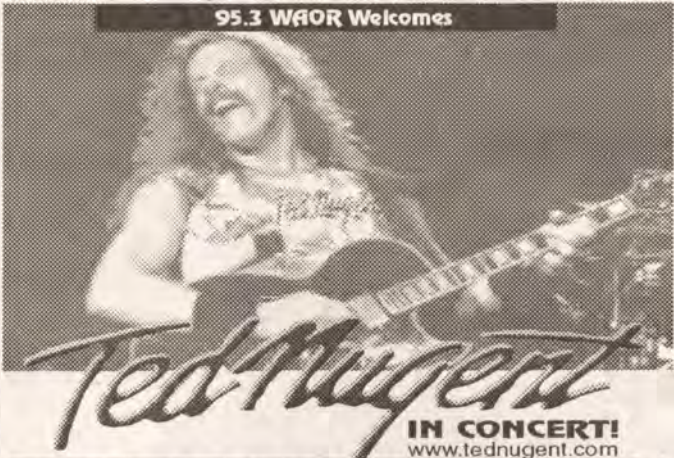
The Mariners have been doing that quite a bit lately, much to the dismay of manager Bob Melvin.

Hentgen allowed five hits in eight innings and Brian Roberts kept up his assault on Seattle pitching as the Baltimore Orioles beat Seattle 2-1 Sunday.

The Mariners totaled two runs in losing the final two games of the three-game series and went 2-for-24 with runners in scoring position in dropping two of three.

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NFL

Warner fumbles six times as Giants' D rolls

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — With apologies to Kerry Collins and company, winning for the New York Giants still starts with defense.

Kenny Holmes recovered one of Kurt Warner's six fumbles for a touchdown, and the Giants sacked the St. Louis Rams' quarterback six times, intercepted him once and sent him to the hospital with a concussion in a 23-13 victory.

"This has always been about defense since I've been here and it always will be," defensive tackle Keith Hamilton said after opening his 12th season with the Giants.

"With all the juggernauts we have on offense, it's easy to say we can do this and that," added Hamilton, who missed most of last season with an Achilles' tendon injury. "If you don't have defense, you're not going too far."

Warner found out about the Giants the hard way. Besides being sacked, the two-time MVP was hit about a dozen times, including a brutal shot late in the first half by linebacker Mike Barrow, who had two sacks and a forced fumble.

"I'm not sure when it happened, but it might have been on the [Holmes] touchdown," Rams coach Mike Martz said of the concussion.

Falcons 27, Cowboys 13

Not even Bill Parcells can keep the Dallas Cowboys from making the kind of mistakes that lead to losses.

Despite vowing to be more disciplined and to play smarter, the Cowboys were as sloppy as they were under coaches Dave Campo, Chan Gailey and Barry Switzer in losing 27-13 to the Atlanta Falcons in their first game for Parcells.

Quincy Carter offset some big plays with a fumble and an ill-advised pass that was intercepted, while the rest of the offense made silly penalties. The defense went from a good first half to a porous second half. And kicker Billy Cundiff missed a short field goal and an extra point.

"That's a recipe for disaster," Parcells said.

Vikings 30, Packers 25

Randy Moss sure knows how to spoil a party.

Moss caught nine passes for 150 yards and a touchdown as the Minnesota Vikings beat the Green Bay Packers 30-25 before a record crowd of 70,505 at remodeled Lambeau Field, which was rededicated at half-time.

Moss is glad the stadium was refurbished and not replaced because it always brings out the best in him, starting with a five-catch, 190-yard coming out party in 1998.

"I think since my rookie year, the excitement we had in the locker room is something I'll never forget," Moss said. "And what happened on the field I'll never forget. It's what drives me to come here and do good."

The Packers stormed back from a 27-3 deficit but their comeback was stifled by injuries to starting receivers Donald Driver (neck strain) and Robert Ferguson (ankle, knee) and backup Karsten Bailey (hamstring).

They were hurt one week after the Packers lost No. 4 wideout Carl Ford (knee) for the season and tight end Wesley Walls to a pulled hamstring.

In the closing minutes, the Packers were left to line up Arena League star Antonio Chatman and tight end David Martin at receiver with Javon Walker.

49ers 49, Bears 7

While the San Francisco 49ers provided all the fireworks Dennis Erickson promised, Kordell Stewart and the Chicago Bears were total duds.

Jeff Garcia passed for 229 yards and two touchdowns, and Garrison Hearst caught a TD pass and rushed for another score as the 49ers sparked in new coach Erickson's debut, beating the Bears 49-7.

Ahmed Plummer returned an interception 68 yards for a score. Jimmy Williams and Brandon Lloyd made exceptional special-teams plays in San Francisco's electric debut under Erickson, who replaced Steve Mariucci with a vow to ratchet up the 49ers' aggression and explosiveness.

Mission accomplished: In his first game, he led the 49ers to their biggest victory since 1989.

The 49ers took a 33-7 half-time lead with their biggest offensive output in a half since 1992. They punted just twice in the first three quarters.

Erickson left in nearly all of his starters to finish two fourth-quarter drives in an impressive blowout.

With a variety of big plays, San Francisco scored 23 points in the final 6:01 of the first half. Tai Streets had a TD catch, Terrell Owens caught seven passes for 112 yards, Plummer had two interceptions and Jeff Chandler kicked five field goals.

Lions 42, Cardinals 24

Joey Harrington made sure Steve Mariucci's debut with the Detroit Lions was a good one.

Harrington threw a career-high four touchdown passes to lead the Lions past the Arizona Cardinals 42-24, spoiling Emmitt Smith's first game with his new team and Anquan Boldin's record-setting day.

"Everyone wanted to see what would happen with Coach Mariucci handling things," Harrington said. "I don't think it could've been much better."

Boldin caught 10 passes for 217 yards, a record for a rookie in his debut, and two touchdowns. Boldin, a second-round pick from Florida State, broke the record set by Washington's Hugh Taylor, who had 212 yards against Philadelphia on Sept. 28, 1947.

"Right now, I don't think I can enjoy it," Boldin said. "I would give those stats back for the win."

Lions defensive end Robert Porcher said if he were Smith, he would've retired in Dallas after breaking Walter Payton's NFL rushing record last year.

Smith may have thought the same thing after he gained just 4 yards on his first five carries without a blue star on his helmet. He is playing on a poor team after winning three Super Bowls, one MVP award and one Super Bowl MVP trophy in 13 seasons with the Cowboys.

Smith ran for 64 yards on 13 carries, extending his rushing record to 17,226.



Al Wire Photo

Rams' quarterback Kurt Warner is sacked in the endzone. He fumbled on the play and the Giants' defense recovered for the touchdown in a 23-13 New York victory.

It was a close game for almost three quarters between two teams expected to be among the NFL's worst until the Lions scored three TDs — one on a punt return, another on an interception return — in about seven minutes.

Panthers 24, Jaguars 23

Jake Delhomme ran into the Carolina Panthers' huddle, fists pumping and words of encouragement flying. It was his first chance to be the starting quarterback, and Delhomme wasn't going to blow it.

Delhomme replaced a highly ineffective Rodney Peete at the

start of the second half and energized the Panthers with a pep talk and three touchdown passes — the last with 16 seconds to play — to rally the Panthers to a 24-23 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars in Sunday's opener.

"He came in and kind of gave everyone a high-five and said, 'We're going to win the game,'" receiver Muhsin Muhammad said. "We had no doubts in our mind after that."

The Panthers trailed 17-0 when Delhomme came in, but he never panicked, not even facing fourth-and-11 on the Jaguars 12 with time ticking

away.

With the defense closing in, he found Ricky Proehl, another offseason acquisition, in the left corner of the end zone for the winning score.

"The huddle was very calm and I was very calm," Delhomme said. "I had guys in the huddle wanting the ball and that gives me confidence as a quarterback."

As the Panthers celebrated the score, new Jacksonville coach Jack Del Rio — Carolina's defensive coordinator a year ago — slumped his shoulders in disgust but wouldn't allow the Jaguars to quit.

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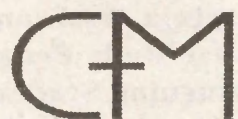
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NFL

Warner and Driver sidelined in Week 1

Associated Press

Kurt Warner was hospitalized with a concussion after the Rams lost to the New York Giants on Sunday.

Coach Mike Martz said the two-time league MVP would return to St. Louis on Monday.

Martz said the injury may have occurred in the first quarter of the 23-13 loss when Warner was sacked in the end zone and fumbled, with the ball recovered for a touchdown by the Giants.

"He didn't seem the same after that," Martz said. "A lot of times he didn't seem to understand the plays we were calling from the sidelines."

Warner complained of an upset stomach after the game and lay in the trainer's room before Dr. Bernard Garfinkel, the team physician, made the diagnosis. Garfinkel said the concussion was "mild to moderate."

He finished 34-for-54 for 342 yards with one touchdown and one interception. He was sacked six times and fumbled six times. Also in the game, Giants left tackle Luke Petitgout left in the second quarter with back spasms.

The Green Bay Packers lost two of their top receivers on the same drive in a 30-25 loss to the Minnesota Vikings.

Pro Bowler Donald Driver strained his neck in a scary fall in the fourth quarter.

Driver went up for a high pass and came down on his right shoulder and helmet with 8:40 remaining. He was down on the field for several minutes before being wheeled off on a stretcher and taken to the hospital, where all X-rays and scans were normal, according to trainer Pepper Burruss.

Driver never lost consciousness or experienced paralysis, but the Packers took every precaution to immobilize his neck "due to the high level of pain he was describing on the field," Burruss said.

Driver was to be kept overnight in the hospital for further evaluation Monday. Barring

a setback, his playing status is week-to-week, team doctor Patrick McKenzie said.

Shortly after Driver was hurt, the Packers' other starting receiver, Robert Ferguson, tore ligaments in his right ankle and knee when he was hit hard and twisted by cornerback Ken Irvin.

Coach Mike Sherman said Ferguson sprained his medial collateral ligament, but that the ankle was hurt worse.

Also, wideout Karsten Bailey pulled a hamstring. For the Vikings, cornerback Denard Walker left in the second quarter with a mild concussion.

New Orleans Saints defensive end Darren Howard will miss up to three months after dislocating his right wrist against Seattle. He was hurt while rushing Matt Hasselbeck, collapsing on his wrist after colliding with 315-pound Seahawks tackle Walter Jones.

Saints coach Jim Haslett said the injury may require surgery which would put Howard out up to three months. Howard will be evaluated again after the team returns to New Orleans.

Also, Seahawks rookie FB Chris Davis left in the second quarter with a knee injury.

Atlanta Falcons receiver Brian Finneran broke two bones in his left hand against Dallas and will be out four-to-six weeks. Finneran was Atlanta's leading receiver last season with 56 catches for 838 yards and six touchdowns.

Tennessee kicker Joe Nedney sprained his right knee as he tackled Ronney Jenkins on a kickoff return midway through the second quarter against the Oakland Raiders and left the game.

Two of the Dolphins' defensive backs were injured against Houston. Backup DB Shawn Wooden strained his right hamstring and broke his left hand, while CB Sam Madison twisted his left ankle, but said he expects to practice this week. Also, Houston LB Antwan Peek sprained his right knee and missed the second half.

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NFL

Houston upsets Miami with late field goal

Associated Press

MIAMI — A humble second-year franchise playing at highly touted Miami, the Houston Texans were the biggest underdogs of the NFL's opening weekend.

That made them mad. So did the Dolphins' trash-talking during pregame warmups.

"One of their players said, 'I'll see you after today's practice,'" Houston's Jabar Gaffney said. "That was their thinking — they were looking at us like this was just a little practice."

The Dolphins can only wish the game had been just a practice. Kris Brown kicked his fifth field goal, a 35-yarder, with 25 seconds left and the Texans stunned Miami 21-20 Sunday.

"Not many people gave us a chance to win, but we're not shocked," Brown said. "We took it as a slap in the face that we were the largest underdogs the opening weekend."

The Week 1 upset was the Texans' second in as many seasons. Last year they became the first expansion team since 1961 to win their opening game by beating the Dallas Cowboys.

Miami, a 14-point favorite, fell to 0-1 for the first time in 12 years.

Bills 31, Patriots 0

The Buffalo Bills' victory was well in hand when Drew Bledsoe and Lawyer Milloy — the two Pro Bowl players in the middle of this captivating drama — shared a few words on the sideline Sunday.

"We were talking about what you probably think we were talking about," Bledsoe said with a wink. "We were both pretty happy with the win."

Try ecstatic.

Bledsoe and Milloy combined to stick it their former team, the New England Patriots, sparking the Bills to a dominating 31-0 victory in their opener.

Colts 9, Browns 6

Mike Vanderjagt kicked and made up with the Indianapolis Colts.

Vanderjagt, whose offseason comments in an interview irked his coach, quarterback and teammates, booted a 45-yard field goal with 1 second left Sunday, leading the Colts to a sloppy 9-6 win over the Cleveland Browns.

"I'm one of the boys on the team, not some idiot kicker," Vanderjagt said.

Shortly after the Colts lost in the playoffs last season, Vanderjagt said Colts coach Tony Dungy was too nice, quarterback Peyton Manning needed to show more emotion and other Colts players lacked passion.

The normally reserved Manning responded at the Pro Bowl by calling Vanderjagt, "an idiot."

And although he had been publicly forgiven, Vanderjagt's game-winning kick probably didn't hurt his popularity with Manning or the other Colts.

"Everything is fine and dandy between me and Mike in Coltsville," Manning said.



EPA Photo

Miami running back Ricky Williams is stopped by a Houston defender at Pro Player Stadium in a Dolphins' loss. The Texans won 21-20 on a game-winning 35-yard field goal by Kris Brown.

Manning, who threw two interceptions in the first half and wasn't sharp for most of the afternoon, drove the Colts 65 yards in the final 2:39 to set up Vanderjagt's third field goal.

Broncos 30, Bengals 10

Marvin Lewis gave the Cincinnati Bengals a new look — all black uniforms. Clinton Portis made them look like the same sorry team.

Portis ran for 120 yards and

two first-half touchdowns Sunday, and the NFL's worst team of the past 12 years went on another self-destructive binge that helped the Denver Broncos roll, 30-10.

The Broncos (1-0) turned to their Rookie of the Year rusher to pull them through their new quarterback's shaky debut. A nervous Jake Plummer was repeatedly off-target, threw three interceptions and looked skittish.

Steelers 34, Ravens 15

On a day filled with mismatches, the biggest of all might have been Tommy Maddox against a Ravens defense supposedly among the NFL's best.

Maddox threw three touchdowns passes, two to Hines Ward, and Pittsburgh's defense roughed up Baltimore rookie quarterback Kyle Boller in his NFL debut, a 34-15 Steelers victory.

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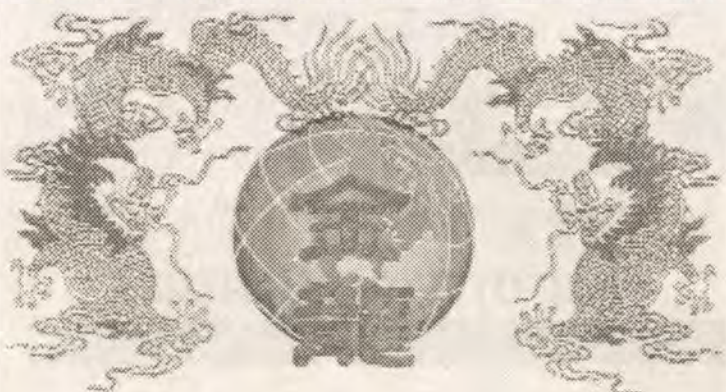
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	team	record	points
1	Oklahoma (47)	2-0	1,549
2	Miami (2)	2-0	1,448
3	Ohio State (8)	2-0	1,398
4	USC (4)	2-0	1,398
5	Michigan (2)	2-0	1,332
6	Texas	1-0	1,267
7	Kansas State	3-0	1,198
8	Georgia	2-0	1,085
9	Virginia Tech	2-0	1,075
10	Florida State	2-0	998
11	Pittsburgh	1-0	980
12	LSU	2-0	896
13	Tennessee	2-0	879
14	Wisconsin	2-0	669
15	NOTRE DAME	1-0	615
16	Arizona State	1-0	507
17	Colorado	2-0	493
18	Nebraska	2-0	435
19	Florida	1-1	383
20	Wake Forest	2-0	330
21	Washington	1-1	286
22	TCU	2-0	195
23	Iowa	2-0	184
24	N.C. State	1-1	181
25	South Carolina	2-0	127

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Oklahoma (41)	2-0	1,543
2	Miami (8)	2-0	1,477
3	Ohio State (13)	2-0	1,429
4	USC (1)	2-0	1,333
5	Texas	1-0	1,302
6	Kansas State	3-0	1,257
7	Michigan	2-0	1,219
8	Georgia	2-0	1,143
9	Virginia Tech	2-0	1,048
10	Florida State	2-0	998
11	LSU	2-0	887
12	Pittsburgh	1-0	876
13	Tennessee	2-0	830
14	NOTRE DAME	1-0	697
15	Wisconsin	2-0	674
16	Arizona State	1-0	491
17	Colorado	1-0	480
18	Nebraska	2-0	425
19	Iowa	2-0	424
20	Florida	1-1	410
21	Wake Forest	2-0	230
22	N.C. State	1-1	221
23	TCU	2-0	157
24	Washington	1-1	153
25	Texas A&M	2-0	120

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Louisiana Tech at MICHIGAN STATE (2-0)
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BOSTON COLLEGE (1-1) at Connecticut
Georgia Tech at FLORIDA STATE (2-0)
BYU (1-1) at New Mexico
Louisville at SYRACUSE (1-0)

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STANFORD (1-0)

U.S. OPEN



Andy Roddick hoists the U.S. open trophy after his victory Juan Carlos Ferrero Sunday in the finals. It is the first grand slam victory for the 21-year-old. Roddick recorded 23 aces against the number one ranked Ferrero.

Roddick wins U.S. Open over Ferrero

NEW YORK — Three points from his first Grand Slam title, Andy Roddick stepped to the baseline, crouched, sprang up like a jack-in-the-box and smacked the ball.

The result: ace. Next point: ace. Again: ace.

It was a fitting end to an awesome serving display. And there couldn't have been a more fitting successor to Pete Sampras as U.S. Open champion.

With 23 aces, strong baseline play and a veteran's composure, Roddick beat Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-3, 7-6 (2), 6-3 Sunday, a breakthrough victory that very well could be followed

by a series of major triumphs.

"I can't imagine my name and 'U.S. Open champion' together. It's more than I could ever dream of," Roddick said. "I came to this tournament so many times as a little kid and watched from way up there."

He's still a kid, of course, just 21. And the newly No. 1-ranked Ferrero is 23, making for the youngest combined ages of U.S. Open finalists since Sampras beat Andre Agassi in 1990.

After Roddick's final too-fast-to-see serve — his 123rd ace of the tourna-

ment — he curled into a ball, covering his eyes as they welled with tears. Then he waded through the court-side photographers' pit and climbed into the stands for a frenzied series of hugs with his singer-actress girlfriend, Mandy Moore, his parents, his brothers and a couple of friends who drove 10 hours to cheer on their buddy.

It was an uplifting end to a rain-soaked Open with scheduling problems that forced Ferrero to play four matches in four days, the first time in the 35-year Open era that's happened at a major.

The Open began two weeks ago with a retirement ceremony in Arthur Ashe Stadium for Sampras, who beat Roddick in the quarterfinals last year en route to his record 14th Grand Slam title. And Sunday's performance on the same court allowed Roddick to strut into the postmatch news conference and announce: "No more. 'What's it feel like to be the future of American tennis?'"

"I don't think you could have written a script any better, with Pete's retirement," Roddick said. "It was just too good."

IN BRIEF

Tway prevails over Faxon at the Canadian Open

HAMILTON, Ontario — Bob Tway took full advantage of an unexpected miss by one of the best putters in the world to win the Canadian Open.

Given new life when Brad Faxon's 4 1/2-foot birdie putt slid by the cup on the second hole of a playoff, Tway two-putted for bogey on the third extra hole Sunday to become the eighth player 40 and over to win a PGA Tour event this year.

"It takes some luck, good fortune and some good golf," Tway said.

The 44-year-old Oklahoman had all of that on the final two holes on the hilly Hamilton Golf and Country Club course, the 87-year-old layout that drew rave reviews.

Tway birdied the par-5 17th — hitting a 35-yard chip to 3 feet — to tie Faxon at 8 under and finished regulation with a 25-foot par putt for his second straight 4-under 66,

a bogey-free round that included an eagle on the par-5 fourth. Faxon shot a 67.

After the two veterans opened the playoff with pars on No. 18, Faxon hit a brilliant 55-yard bunker shot to set up the birdie putt for the win on the 17th.

"It's a hard putt. I thought it was going to break a little left; it never did," Faxon said. "I'd love to go do it again."

Tway marveled at Faxon's bunker shot.

"The shot he hit out of the bunker was incredible," Tway said.

Two men killed at shop owned by Mourning

MIAMI — Three or four hooded gunmen walked into a barbershop co-owned by NBA star Alonzo Mourning and killed two men who had just gotten haircuts, police said.

"Both were shot in the head. It

seems like a message," police Lt. Lorenzo Whitehead said. No one else was injured in the shooting Saturday, including a 1-year-old child who was with one of the victims.

The victims were identified as Emmett Greene, 27, and Alexander Harris, whose age was not available Sunday night.

The Cutz barbershop is owned by Mourning, a former Miami Heat center now with the New Jersey Nets, and barber Peter Bethel.

Mourning's agent, Jeff Wechsler, did not immediately return a call Sunday. There is no phone listing for Bethel in Miami.

The shop has attracted upscale restaurants and businesses in the redeveloped neighborhood in northern Miami.

"This is a really classy spot. A lot of celebrities come here," said Paul Jenkins, a regular Cutz customer. "Nothing would ever indicate that this would happen here."

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Freshmen get experience at Valparaiso meet

Irish women grab 1st-place finish, men take 2nd

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Running without their top athletes, the women's cross country team, led by sophomore Jean Marinangeli, took first place at Friday's Valparaiso Invitational.

The men saw similar results, as the younger and less experienced Irish harriers pulled off a second-place finish with four runners in the top 10.

"We were hoping to allow the freshmen to have a good experience with their first 6K," sophomore Elizabeth Webster said. "We were hoping to come

out at least second, and we were surprised to take the victory."

Not only did the women take the team title, but Marinangeli also finished first individually. Her 22:16 performance for the six-kilometer race gave the second-year Irish runner her first career victory. She was closely followed by senior Maggie Nelson, who finished in 22:29. Webster came in fourth overall, with a 23:04 performance.



Kerwin



Marinangeli

Both the men's and women's teams had pulled their top runners from the races in order to give extra time off to those who were still recovering from extended track seasons, as well as to afford freshmen and others additional race experience.

For the women freshmen, Friday's race was their first

6,000-meter experience, and for the men, their first 8,000-meter race.

"We thought we would do well," Marinangeli said. "We didn't expect to win, but we expected to go out there and just get a feel for where we were at."

The strong performances of the team's less experienced runners proved to the Irish that they have depth, which likely will be a great asset to them as the season gets tougher.

"[The freshmen] handled the race very well and really came through for us," Webster said. "Coming off of this race, the whole team has confidence right now. It gives us a sense of what to expect in the future, and we realize that the team is fairly deep."

The men were in a similar situation.

"[Irish coach Joe Piane] obviously held out a lot of guys," senior Brian Kerwin said. "He either threw in some guys who needed some more experience, or who he thought could bene-

fit from an extra race in the season. There are a lot of people who could benefit from extra experience."

The men were led by Kerwin, who finished second with an 8,000-meter time of 25:13. Sophomore Austin Weaver arrived in 25:37, putting him in fifth place. Junior A.J. Andrassy and sophomore Tom Longo finished eighth and ninth, respectively, and junior Michael Manning rounded out the Irish top five with his 16th place finish.

"Even though we didn't have all the varsity runners, we feel like everyone on our team is pretty good," Weaver said. "We felt that we could run with anyone at that meet."

According to Kerwin, one of Notre Dame's major focuses at Valparaiso was helping the incoming runners adjust to the increased rigor of collegiate cross-country.

"It's a good meet to break in the freshmen," Kerwin said. "We had a lot of older guys in there trying to show them the ropes. It was kind of a low key

meet, so when some of the bigger meets come up they're not in a world of shock."

Both the men and the women will host their first home event of the season Sept. 19 when teams from many of the nation's Catholic schools come to the Burke Memorial Golf Course for the National Catholic Invitational. While the competition will be tougher than Friday's race, and the top runners will likely run, both Irish squads will not see much national caliber competition until later in the season.

"Ever since the big name teams quit coming to it, the competition hasn't been all that good," Weaver said. "But there are a few individuals [who are very good]. It's more of a team race, where we just work on working together in the races, talking and helping each other, to sharpen up a little bit before any of the big meets roll around."

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HOCKEY

Poulin adds LeBel to his staff as assistant coach

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame hockey coach Dave Poulin has named Layne LeBel as the newest member of his coaching staff. He begins his

duties with the Notre Dame hockey team immediately.

LeBel replaces former assistant coach John Micheletto, who accepted an assistant's position at the University of Vermont ear-

lier this August. He will be involved in all aspects of the job including on-ice instruction, recruiting, scouting opponents and video breakdowns.

"I am proud and excited to

have Layne LeBel joining our coaching staff," Poulin said. "He is a great addition and brings with him the experience of working with some of the top young players in the United States Hockey League. Mark Osiecki has built a strong program in Green Bay and Layne has been a key part of that success over the last three seasons."

A native of Val Marie, Saskatchewan, LeBel spent the last two seasons with the USHL's Green Bay Gamblers, where he worked with incoming Irish defensemen Noah Babin and Ves O'Neill. During his seasons in Green Bay, the Gamblers captured the Eastern Division title in

his first year (2001-02). Prior to his stint in Green Bay, LeBel was the head coach for the Wisconsin Midget AAA hockey club.

A 1994 graduate of Michigan Tech University, LeBel, a defenseman, was a four-year regular with the Huskies and is sixth all-time among Huskies' defensemen in scoring with 25 goals and 68 assists for 93 points in 149 career games. He also had 71 penalties for 156 minutes during his career.

A two-time finalist for the WCHA Defensive Player of the Year, LeBel was an honorable mention all-WCHA selection and a WCHA all-academic selection following the 1992-93 season.



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However, in the third game, the Irish picked it up, jumping out to a 10-4 lead. They never looked back, winning 30-21. Katie Neff registered eight blocks on the match.

Freshman libero Danielle Herndon led the defense of the Irish with 15 digs. Meanwhile, Meg Henican contributed 13 digs.

The middle blockers were set the most in the first game, as Brewster finished with 13 kills on .409 hitting percentage.

Friday was the first time that the Irish came back to win from an 0-2 deficit since Sept. 2, 2000, when they defeated BYU at the Joyce Center.

Saturday was a different story for the Irish as they came out strong and defeated Texas in three games.

"We made adjustments really fast, and that's something we have worked on," Kelbley said. "We just came out and made the adjustments that we had to right away."

The Irish were forced to adjust as the Longhorns decided to put up two blocks in the middle. This led setters Kristen Kinder and Kelly Burrell to set the outsides more, where there were either one or no blockers.

Emily Loomis took full advantage of Texas's defense, as she put away 15 balls from the outside, with just two errors. Kelbley, meanwhile, had eight kills with just one error.

Notre Dame blocked well once again, finishing with 13 blocks.

However, after taking the

first game 30-20, the Irish ran into some problems. Neither team had more than a three point advantage the whole game, but the Irish came away with the game, as Loomis and Henican hit consecutive kills to win it 36-34.

"We juts kept fighting, even when Texas made their adjustments in the second game," Kelbley said. "What our team gained from winning that game was just awesome."

The Irish (4-1) were very happy with their performance this weekend.

"We just want to take every game and learn from it," Kelbley said.

NOTRE DAME 3, Texas 0 at Austin, Texas, Sunday

NOTRE DAME	30	36	30
Texas	20	34	24

NOTRE DAME — Kills 56 (Emily Loomis 16), Assists 46 (Kristen Kinder 23), Digs 55 (Kelly Burrell 12), Blocks 11 (Lauren Kelbley 6), Hitting percentage .257 (Kelbley .412), Aces 5 (Kinder 2)

Texas — Kills 45 (Mira Topic 15), Assists 38 (Jenny Andrew 36), Digs 52 (Erin Larson 12), Blocks 9 (Brandy Magee 4), Hitting percentage .168 (Kathryn Wilson .462), Aces 5 (Topic 3)

NOTRE DAME 3, Houston 2 at Austin, Texas, Friday

NOTRE DAME	24	25	30	30	15
Houston	30	30	21	21	11

NOTRE DAME — Kills 68 (Lauren Kelbley 22), Assists 57 (Kristen Kinder 27), Digs 55 (Meg Henican 12), Blocks 15 (Kelbley 8), Hitting percentage .257 (Lauren Brewster .476), Aces 6 (Kelbley, Jessica Kinder 2)

Houston — Kills 65 (Kelly McAnelly 18), Assists 59 (Lauren Grover, Mirela Vasconcellos 24), Digs 72 (Jaci Gonzalez 33), Blocks 5 (Loure Dews 3), Hitting percentage .162 (Becca Sartori .324), Aces 4 (Sartori 2)

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Belles

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In all five matches of the tournament, the freshman Playko collected 110 kills, 14 blocks, 49 digs and 10 service aces. Rupright had 36 kills, 20 blocks and 25 digs.

Among other statistical leaders, libero Anne Cusack led the team with 50 digs and Lauren

Temple led with 212 assists. Both Cusack and Temple are freshmen.

Saint Mary's began the tournament by facing Westminster at 6 p.m. Friday, defeating their opponent in five sets by the scores of 28-30, 30-18, 13-30, 30-20, 15-10. Two hours later, they knocked off LaRoche in straight sets, 30-9, 30-15, 30-16.

The Belles returned to pool action early Saturday morning at 9 a.m., defeating Heidelberg once again in straight sets, 30-25, 30-24, 30-28.

With a 3-0 record and number one seeding in Pool B, Saint Mary's had the opportunity to face Wooster, the second place team from Pool A, in the semifinal round of the tournament at noon Saturday.

Saint Mary's defeated Wooster in four sets, 30-24, 26-30, 30-26, 31-29. It was a hard-fought win.

"We had struggles at times in that game where mentally we

didn't play too well," Schroeder-Biek said. "The players just played through it and got the job done."

Saint Mary's advanced to the championship game at 2 p.m., but just didn't have enough to defeat Marietta, falling by a score of 24-30, 23-30, 30-22, 27-30.

The Belles played 19 total games in the tournament in a span of less than a day.

"I think we were pretty fatigued then," Schroeder-Biek said. "With our injuries and

everything that we've been having, it was kind of tough on our girls to play so much."

The four wins for the Belles so far this season is actually ahead of their halfway mark for all of last year, in which the team collected a 7-21 record. This is no surprise to their coach.

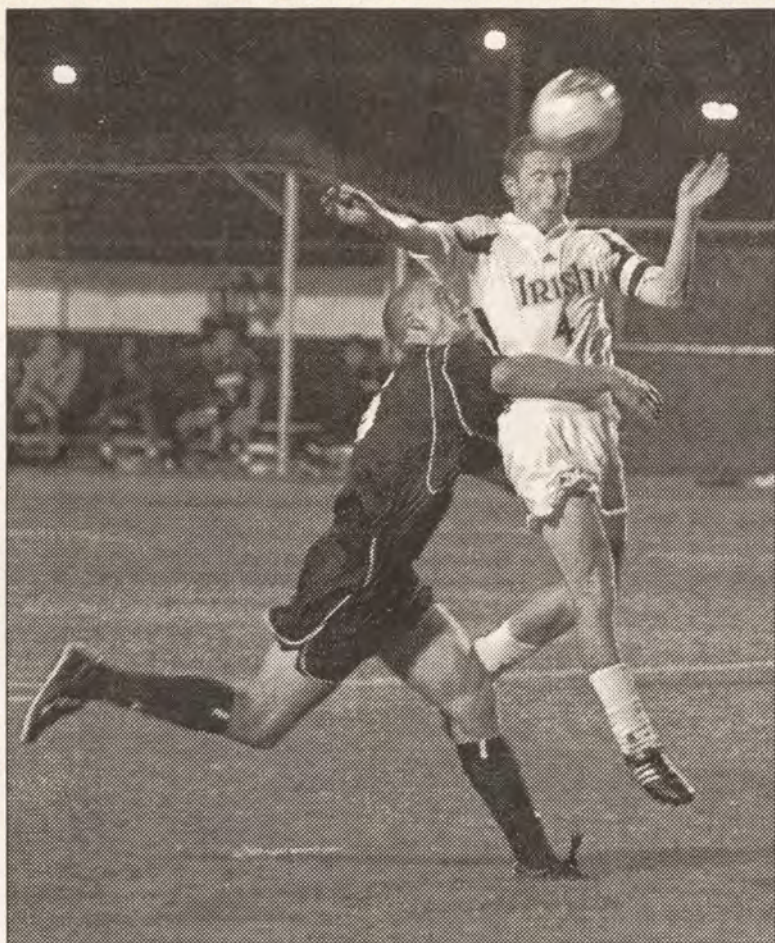
"We could have won more games last year, but I'm not sure we had the confidence," Schroeder-Biek said. "This year I think we have that confidence. The girls were really geared toward coming in and having a winning season this year."

Saint Mary's returns to action Tuesday as they travel to MIAA-rival Calvin College for a 7 p.m. matchup. They play their regular season non-tournament home opener Thursday against non-conference opponent Rochester College.

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Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles coach



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Irish captain Greg Martin goes for a header against Michigan Aug. 25. The Irish lost to St. John's 3-0 Saturday.

Storm

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4-1 in that period. In the 16th minute, the Red Storm broke the scoreless tie.

The Irish lost the ball at midfield after a sloppy pass from a defender, and Ralph collected the ball and got off a great assist to midfielder Matt Groenwald, who had managed to pass the entire Irish defense. Groenwald forced Sawyer to commit and blasted a shot to the right of the diving goalie to give the Red Storm their first goal of the game on only their second shot.

Just three minutes later, the Red Storm added to their lead as Salinno took the ball down the right side and made a nice assist to Ralph, who was inside the box. Ralph waited for Sawyer to commit to the shot and then timed a perfect cross to forward Angel Rodriguez, who put the ball in the vacated left side.

Neither team would have a good offensive look until the very end of the half, when Dettner got off a hard shot from the top of the box, but Hertz made a fine save.

Any hopes of an Irish comeback were deflated just three

minutes into the second half, as St. John's took advantage of another bad turnover by the Irish defense to take an insurmountable 3-0 lead.

An Irish defender attempted to trap the ball inside the box, but instead allowed for the ball to squirt away from him. Salinno made a quick move to get to the ball, and then dribbled in uncontested on Sawyer, drilling a shot past the helpless goaltender.

"Tonight we possibly made a couple of mistakes that you can't make in games like that," Clark said after the game. "That's a lesson that we'll maybe learn; we can't make mistakes in games of this size."

After falling behind 3-0, the Irish offense seemed to regroup, but it was too little too late for a team that came into the match with heavy expectations. Perhaps the best example of Notre Dame's night came right at the end of the game.

In the 87th minute, Dettner came in alone on an uncontested shot against Hertz. The Red Storm goalkeeper was out of position and had to slide across his line to get to the ball. Dettner's shot just grazed off Hertz' foot and flew harmlessly into the air, where a St. John's defender was able to volley the

ball harmlessly back toward the midfield.

The Irish ended the game outshooting the Red Storm 12-9 but were unable to get anything past Hertz and the rest of the vaunted St. John's defense.

"You can make statistics out whichever way you wish," Clark said. "Their goalie had three times the number of saves our goalie had. Some of those saves — if he hadn't made them — then it could have been us [who would have won]."

"At the end of the day, the only statistics that really count are goals."

St. John's 3, NOTRE DAME 0 at ALUMNI FIELD, Saturday

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	0	0	0
St. John's	2	1	3

Scoring Summary

SJU — Matt Groenwald (1), 28:44 (Sebastian Ralph, Tim O'Neill)
SJU — Angel Rodriguez (1), 31:42 (Ralph, Simone Salino)
SJU — Salino (2), 48:21

NOTRE DAME — Saves 2 (Chris Sawyer 2), Shots 12 (Justin Dettner 5), Corner kicks 1, Fouls 14

St. John's — Saves 6 (Guy Hertz 6), Shots 9 (Ralph, Rodriguez, Salino 2), Corner kicks 4, Fouls 17

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got the best of a crucial series as goalkeeper Erika Bohn made a huge save on an Arizona State penalty kick. A few minutes later, Warner's goal off an assist from Buczkowski gave the Irish a two-goal advantage that they never relinquished.

The Oklahoma game presented a different challenge for the Irish. Almost the entire game was played in the Sooners' end of the field, with the Irish amassing a 27-4 advantage in shots.

Buczkowski opened the scoring for the Irish, scoring five minutes into the game. Guertin added a second goal at the 20-minute mark, scoring off assists from Warner and Buczkowski. After Oklahoma scored on a breakaway to close within 2-1, the Irish tacked on two more first half goals from Buczkowski and Scheffer to lead 4-1 going in

to the break.

"Buczkowski has really made a difference," Waldrum said. "She may have been one of those missing links. She's so good in that spot that we play her. She and Kim Lorenzen and Lizzie Reed have come in and played like veteran players."

Buczkowski attributed some of the team's offensive success to strong work in the preseason.

"It just comes from playing together," Buczkowski said. "We've been here for a long time for preseason, so after awhile it just all comes together."

The Irish continued to be aggressive this weekend even after getting the lead.

"We've made it our theme in the preseason. We can play a lot of players and have gotten to buy into this pressing idea," Waldrum said. "That's most of what we've worked on, and we're certainly getting better."

The large lead and style of play allowed Waldrum to empty his bench in the second half, with most of the team seeing

some action.

"Today was the first time we've been able to get in some of the players that haven't gotten in yet, so it was our first real look at them," Waldrum said. "It allowed us to rest some other people and stay healthy."

NOTRE DAME 5, Oklahoma 1 at ALUMNI FIELD, Sunday

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	4	1	5
Oklahoma	1	0	1

Scoring Summary

ND — Jen Buczkowski (1), 5:58
ND — Amanda Guertin (3), 20:45 (Amy

Warner, Buczkowski)

OU — Becky Nelson (2), 25:19 (Lauren MacIver)

ND — Buczkowski (2), 33:31 (Lizzie Reed)

ND — Annie Scheffer (1), 41:09

ND — Molly Iarocci (1), 84:12 (Kim Carpenter, Scheffer)

NOTRE DAME — Saves 0, Shots 27,

Corner kicks 6, Fouls 12

Oklahoma — Saves 12 (Catherine Wade 7), Shots 4, Corner kicks 0, Fouls 7

NOTRE DAME 3, Arizona State 1 at ALUMNI FIELD, Friday

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	2	1	3
Arizona State	1	0	1

Scoring Summary

ASU — Stephanie Peel (1), 10:20 (Courtney Crane)

ND — Mary Boland (5), 17:38 (Jen Buczkowski)

ND — Boland (6), 22:38 (Amanda Guertin)

ND — Amy Warner (3), 70:27 (Buczkowski)

NOTRE DAME — Saves 4 (Erika Bohn 4), Shots 11, Corner kicks 4, Fouls 8

Arizona State — Saves 1 (Kelly Fitzgerald), Shots 11, Corner kicks 4, Fouls 15

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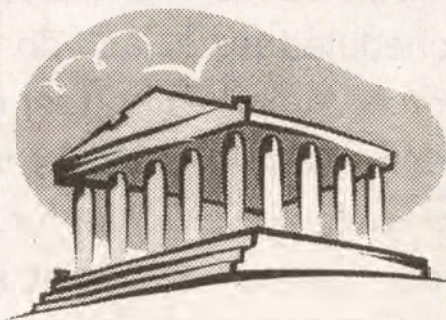
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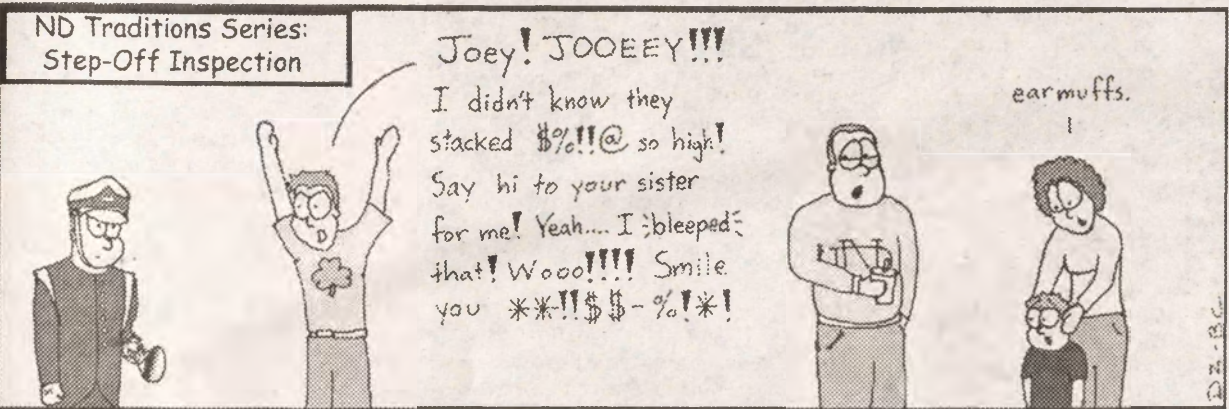
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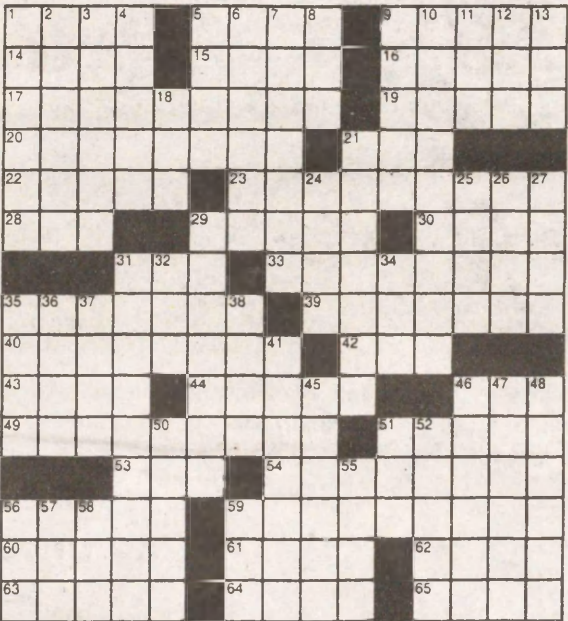
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Still rolling

Irish shine in Notre Dame Classic with pair of victories

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

About 15 minutes into its first game of the weekend against Arizona State, the women's soccer team had many spectators wondering if they were the same team that had dominated two foes the week before. Two wins later, there was no more reason to wonder.

After allowing an early goal against the Sun Devils, the Irish settled down and scored three goals to take the win 3-1 Friday night, before coming out Sunday and dominating an overmatched Oklahoma squad 5-1 in the Notre Dame Classic.

The Irish had five players named to the All-Tournament team for the weekend, including senior Vanessa Pruzinsky and freshman Jen Buczkowski, who were named defensive and offensive MVPs, respectively. Senior Amy Warner, junior Mary Boland and freshman Kim Lorenzen were Notre Dame's other awardees.

"I'm pleased with our production," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "We're more efficient this year in our goal scoring."

The only thing I'm not pleased with is giving the goal away [against Oklahoma]. We got countered a couple times Friday and then had the same thing happen."

Buczkowski paced the Irish attack over the weekend, scoring two goals and adding three assists. Boland added two goals against Arizona State. Warner, Annie Scheffer and Amanda Guertin all added a goal and an assist, while freshman Molly Iarocci scored the first goal of her collegiate career to cap the scoring against the Sooners. Lizzie Reed and Kim Carpenter added assists against Oklahoma.

"We've started off the season showing that we're capable of finishing off our opportunities," Pruzinsky said.

The Irish struggled in the early going against Arizona State. The Sun Devils took a 1-0 lead 10 minutes in on a goal from Stephanie Peel. The Irish regained control, however, with Boland scoring two goals five minutes apart to give the Irish a lead they would never relinquish.

Still leading 2-1, the Irish

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Observe Staff Photo

Notre Dame midfielder Jen Buczkowski chases after the ball against Oklahoma Sunday. The freshman was named Offensive MVP for the tournament. The Irish beat Oklahoma and Arizona State over the weekend.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles get hot, take 4 straight

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The Belles managed to get their first victory of the season at the 2nd Annual Kilt Classic at Wooster (Ohio) College this weekend. Even better, they managed to get their second, third and fourth victory of the season as well.

The Saint Mary's volleyball team blazed through the tournament, advancing all the way to the championship game before finally losing to Marietta (Ohio) College. Along the way, the Belles knocked off Westminster (Pa.), LaRoche (Ohio), Heidelberg (Ohio) and host Wooster.

"We were very happy," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "I still thought we could have won, but the girls did great."

Saint Mary's (4-2) achieved an additional honor at the eight-team tournament by being one of two teams with more than one member chosen for the all-tournament team.

Both outside hitter Kristen Playko and middle hitter Elise Rupright were named to the team, a fitting tribute to a Belles squad that prides itself on sharing the responsibility.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Blown away by the Storm

Irish outmanned by No. 13 St. John's in 3-0 home opening loss at Alumni Field

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The game was billed as a matchup of the two best teams in the Big East, but on Saturday night, St. John's left Alumni Field with the upper hand.

The Red Storm took advantage of sloppy play by the Irish and ran away with a 3-0 victory in the Big East opener for both teams.

It was an unusual score for the conference rivalry, as the previ-

ous three St. John's-Notre Dame matchups were all decided by one goal.

Irish coach Bobby Clark was disappointed with the final outcome, especially in front of a spirited home crowd of over 1,700 people. However, he also realizes that the loss is only one game in a long conference schedule.

"I think we've got to stick together," he said. "I think that winning or losing tonight isn't really going to make our team. It was an opportunity lost, but [St. John's] is a very good team."

Red Storm goalie Guy Hertz made six saves in the victory, despite looking shaky at times throughout the game. His Irish counterpart, Chris Sawyer, made two saves in the loss.

St. John's forward Simone

Salinno paced his team with a goal and an assist, and forward Sebastian Ralph collected two assists.

It was the Irish who held much of the offensive momentum to start the game, in which the only quality chance for the Red Storm early in the match was a soft header easily controlled by Sawyer.

In the 9th minute, Irish defender Kevin Goldthwaite stole the ball from a Red Storm player and gave a nice assist to forward Justin Detter, who aimed a shot for the lower right corner. Hertz made the save but gave up a weak rebound that he was able to corral.

Notre Dame controlled the shots for the first 15 minutes of the game, outshooting St. John's

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Kelbley wins MVP, Irish capture Classic

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

The Irish had fun this weekend. So much fun that they won two matches en route to the Longhorn Classic Championship.

"We played together awesome," sophomore middle blocker Lauren Kelbley said. "It couldn't have been more fun."

Notre Dame defeated Houston (2-2) Friday and Texas (2-3) Saturday to win the championship.

Kelbley led the way for the Irish on the weekend as she connected on a career-high

22 kills with only two errors. This was good for a .526 attack average that went along with seven blocks. She was also named tournament Most Valuable Player.

"It was a complete team effort," Kelbley said. "Even though I got the kills, my team had to be there to make the passes and give me the sets."

Despite the strong play of Kelbley, the Irish struggled in the match against Houston, losing the first two games, 25-30. In those games, starting middle blocker Lauren Brewster sat out due to flu-like symptoms.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Notre Dame at Valparaiso Invitational

The Irish women finished in first place and the men took second at Notre Dame's first meet of the season.

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame coach Dave Poulin hired Layne LeBel as an assistant coach last week. LeBel comes to the Irish from the Green Bay Gamblers of the USHL.

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NFL

A round-up of some of Sunday's games from around the National Football League.

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A report of injuries from around the league suffered during the opening week of NFL play. Most notably, St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner suffered a concussion.

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Baseball scores from the American League and the National League from Sunday's games.

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Notre Dame 29, Washington State 26, OT

Stretched to the limit

Down 19-0, Irish score 26 straight and pull out 29-26 overtime win

By HEATHER VAN
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Sports Writer

On their way into the locker room after Saturday's overtime victory, Rhema McKnight and Derrick Curry yelled, "We never give up ... The Irish never quit trying."

That attitude allowed the Irish to come back Saturday from a 19-0 deficit at Notre Dame Stadium and defeat Washington State in overtime, 29-26.

It was the largest comeback for the Irish since Oct. 16, 1999, when Notre Dame came back from a 24-3 deficit to defeat USC 25-24.

"Early in the game we needed something to go our way, but we could not get everything working together at the same time," Willingham said. "In the second half we eliminated our mistakes [and] that helped us turn the game around."

Running backs Ryan Grant and Julius Jones combined for 128 rushing yards in the final quarter and Nicholas Setta nailed five field goals to lead the Notre Dame comeback.

After struggling offensively throughout much of the first three quarters, Notre Dame got the big break it needed thanks to the defense — namely Vontez Duff.

With a little under 12 minutes to go in the fourth, Duff read the pass from Washington State quarterback Matt Kegel. As Cougar tight end Troy Bienemann caught the pass, Duff crushed him and jarred the ball loose. Glenn Earl immediately fell on the ball at the Washington State 25.

"It was just one of those plays where you gotta make the hit," Duff said. "You wait for it, and make sure you make the hit."

Duff's fumble-causing hit proved to be the turning point of the game, as the Irish went on a tear, scoring 20 fourth quarter points.

"I know that during the game, only a few plays determine the ballgame, and that was probably one of those few plays," Duff said.

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham also acknowledged the importance of Duff's play.

"Anytime you can get a big play ... now you have a chance to get your team in gear," Willingham said. "Without those plays you still struggle, and that play allowed us to



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Notre Dame running back Julius Jones dives into the end zone to cap his 19-yard fourth quarter touchdown run that gave the Irish a 23-19 lead. Jones rushed for 72 yards on 11 attempts in his first collegiate game since Dec. 1, 2001.

gain an edge."

The tide had certainly turned; quarterback Carlyle Holiday then led the Irish on two straight touchdown drives.

"In the second half, we all came out and knew what our plan was, and we took over the game," Holiday said.

"We just tried to take it to them right then and there."

Holiday finished with 21 completions, a career high, in 34 attempts, good for 149 yards, one touchdown and one

interception. McKnight caught his first career touchdown pass, the Irish's first of the 2003 season.

Meanwhile, on the ground, the Irish took care of business in the second half. After only rushing for 19 yards in the first half, the Irish finished with 163 yards

rushing for the game.

The running game, comprised of a Jones and Grant duo, proved to be the difference. Jones played in his first game for Notre Dame since the

2001 season.

"It's what we hoped and anticipated [Jones] would add to our football team," Willingham said.

Jones finished with 72 yards on 11 carries, including a 19-yard touchdown run that put the Irish ahead 23-19 in the fourth quarter. Grant, meanwhile, carried 17 times for 98 yards.

The Irish offense, however, would not have been able to come back without the defensive effort.

"The defense did a great job of doing just enough to hold them," Willingham said.

Led by Brandon Hoyte's eight tackles, the Irish defense held the Cougars scoreless in the third quarter. They then stopped Washington State in

overtime and forced Cougar kicker Drew Dunning to miss a 34-yard field goal.

"Our defense is on that path to being great," Duff said.

When the Irish got the ball in overtime, they played for the field goal. They had practiced for an almost identical situation last week.

"I felt good about the scenario," Willingham said.

Setta's attempt started out right but hooked just inside the right upright to give Notre Dame the victory.

"We are very fortunate to win against a good football team," Willingham said. "We have to be a better team than that."

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player of the game

Nicholas Setta

The kicker nailed five field goals and allowed the Irish to make their second half comeback.

stat of the game

26

consecutive points scored by the Irish after spotting the Cougars a 19-0 lead

play of the game

Vontez Duff's third quarter forced fumble

The turnover was the big play that swung the game in Notre Dame's favor.

quote of the game

"Nick Setta is my hero."

Glenn Earl
Irish safety

report card

B- **quarterbacks:** Holiday did complete a career-high 21 passes, but he couldn't connect on the long ball and had little pocket presence. Quinn showed poise in his limited action.

B+ **running backs:** Grant and Jones didn't do much in the first three quarters but were the difference in the game during the fourth quarter. They broke tackles and ran well in the open field.

B **receivers:** The receivers didn't make any extraordinary plays but had zero drops and a touchdown. Jenkins made some key third-down receptions and led the team with 46 receiving yards.

C+ **offensive line:** The offensive line struggled in the first half but played better in the second half. They kept the Cougars off Holiday late in the game and opened up holes for the backs.

B+ **defensive line:** The line played fairly well, holding the Cougars backs to only 55 yards rushing. They put decent pressure on Kegel and played very well late in the game.

B **linebackers:** Without Watson, the linebackers did a good job. Curry had a key interception and they limited the Cougars rushing attack.

C+ **defensive backs:** Kegel threw for 274 yards, but the backs contained the passing attack fairly well, aside from the first and last drives. Injuries hurt the group and they allowed a couple big plays.

A- **special teams:** Setta's field goals were the difference in the game. Bad snaps could have been costly, but the coverage and punts teams did well.

B+ **coaching:** The team didn't execute well at all in the first half. But Baer had his defense keep the team in the game long enough for Diedrick's offense to come through for the win.

2.74 **overall:** It wasn't pretty, but the Irish got the victory. The team played decently for their first game of the season.

adding up the numbers

completions by Holiday — a career best. He ended the game 21-34 with 149 yards and a touchdown **21**

12 quarters since Notre Dame last scored an offensive touchdown — the Irish scored in the fourth quarter Saturday

rushing yards by Grant and Jones in the fourth quarter after gaining only 32 yards in the first three **128**

643 days since Jones had last played for Notre Dame. He missed last season with academic troubles.

number of field goals made by Setta — tying a career-high **5**

0 number of net yards gained by Washington State in the second quarter

number of fumbles by the Irish on Saturday — they lost three of them **5**

1 number of Ron Powlus jerseys in the press box — courtesy of a campus tri-weekly magazine writer



Notre Dame running back Ryan Grant breaks through the Washington State defense during Saturday's 29-26 overtime victory. Grant carried the ball 17 times for 98 yards. Grant, along with fellow running back Julius Jones, gained 128 yards in the fourth quarter to lead the Notre Dame comeback.

Running to success

Heading into the fourth quarter of Saturday's game against Washington State, Notre Dame running backs Ryan Grant and Julius Jones had a combined 14 carries and all of 32 yards.

By the end of overtime, that total was up to 28 carries and 170 yards — and an Irish victory.

The difference? The offensive line blocked better, while Jones and Grant used determination and grit to break tackles and make key cutbacks in the open field.

And that formula is the only way Notre Dame will have success this season.

They can't throw the ball 29 times through three quarters like they did Saturday. Or give the ball to Jones four times before the fourth quarter begins. They can't rely on the pass and then establish the run.

But that's what the Irish did through most of the Washington State game. By the time the final 15 minutes arrived, Notre Dame was facing a 19-6 deficit and an ugly opening loss.

That's when offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick showed why he had such great success with Stanford's offense during his tenure there. Instead of panicking and trying to throw deep passes to secure a quick score, Diedrick began running the ball more — and it kept

working.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Irish were down two scores with the ball on their own three. After gaining four yards on first down, Grant took a handoff, bowled into the line and broke free, then cut back to race 32 yards down the Irish sidelines. The play set up a Nicolas Setta field goal that got the Irish within 10 points.

On the ensuing Notre Dame possession, Jones broke an 18 yard run to set up the first touchdown of the season.

Notre Dame ran on all six plays of their next possession, with the end result of a Jones touchdown to give Notre the lead.

The contrast between the play calling in the first three quarters and the pivotal fourth is drastic. During one drive in the second quarter, quarterback Carlyle Holiday dropped back to pass 10 times out of 14 plays. It seemed like he was throwing the ball two times to every Grant and Jones rush attempt.

Notre Dame can't move the ball doing that. The Irish must establish the running game if they're going to score points this season. With all their talent on offense, that should be very realistic.

Look at the backs, for example. Grant isn't the flashiest of runners, but he's coming off a 1,000 yard season and gained 98 yards Saturday. The biggest key for him will be his ability to cutback when

the defense allows it.

Jones, besides having arms bigger than my legs, showed glimpses of greatness by ripping through tackles and finding holes in the defense where no hole existed.

Coach Tyrone Willingham's eyes must have lit up with excitement during that fourth quarter when those guys ran up and down the field.

"I really think that 1-2 combination Julius Jones and Ryan Grant really gives us something to be proud of," Willingham said.

Holiday said after the game how important the two backs are to the success of the offense.

"In the second half it showed that if you can run the ball, everything else opens up."

Carlyle Holiday
Irish quarterback

While Notre Dame may have gotten through this game despite the offense struggles during the first three quarters, next week's opponent, Michigan, won't let that happen.

If they can't run effectively, the offense could have a lot more quarters like the first three Saturday.

But if they can get the backs more touches and run like they did in the fourth, the West Coast offense may find a home in the Midwest.

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Sports Editor

Setta's field goals keep Irish in it

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Glenn Earl called him his hero. But Nicholas Setta was just happy to do his job.

"To go out there, do your job and get the opportunity to do it, that's all you can ask for," Setta said. "It's great. It's all you can ask. When you can put that amount of points on the board, it really feels great."

Helping out an offense that for three quarters shot itself in the foot every time it reached the red zone, Setta connected on 5-of-6 field goals in Notre Dame's 29-26 come-from-behind win against Washington State Saturday afternoon. Without Setta, the comeback wouldn't have been possible.

"Nick did a fabulous job with his kicking today to get us over the hump, especially at the end," Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said.

The first three times the Irish drove inside the Washington State 20, sacks or penalties pushed them back and forced Willingham to call on Setta. The senior rose to each occasion and let the Irish hang around long enough.

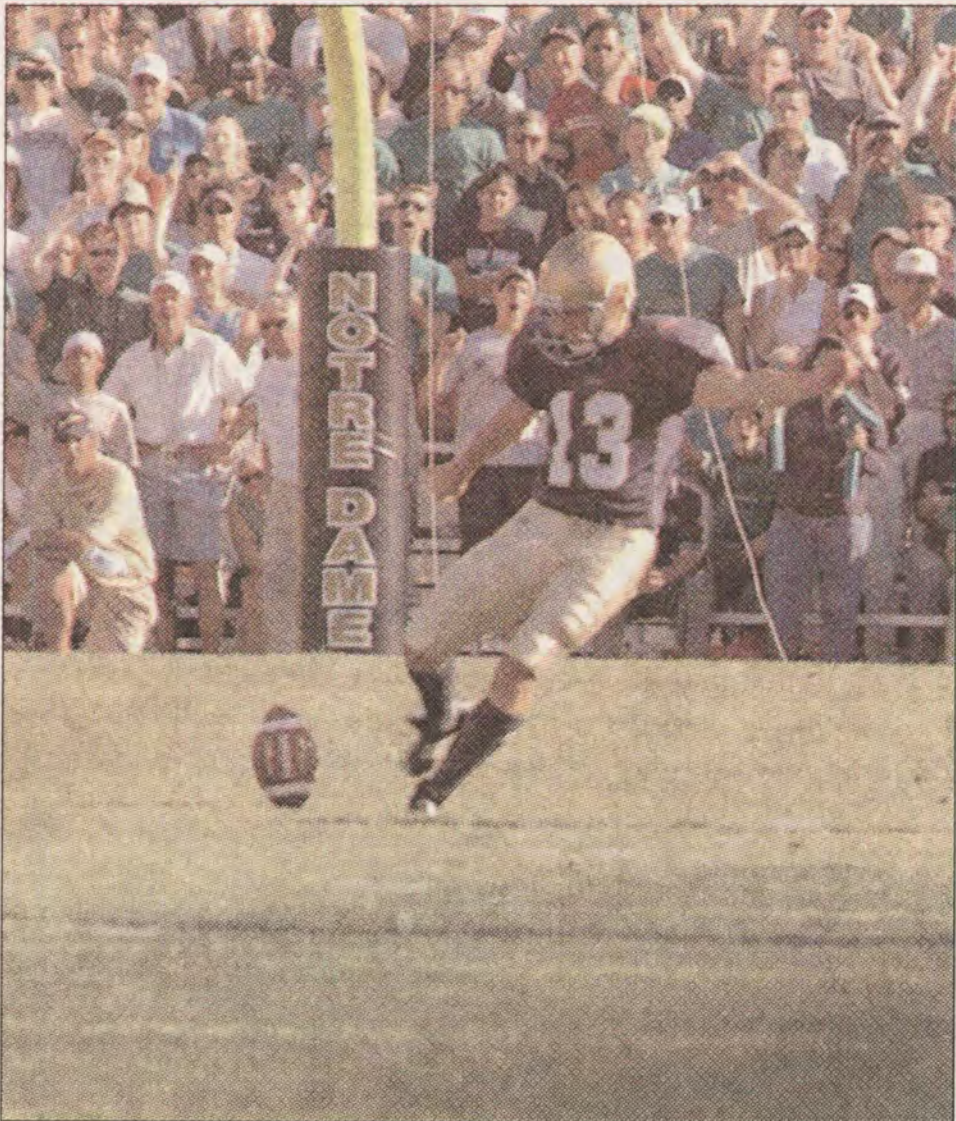
This same situation was very similar in the 2002 season opener, when the offense couldn't get to the end zone. Setta made 5-of-6 field goals, only missing a 56-yard attempt. He was named the national special teams player of the week.

"It's exciting because you are really pushing it; the momentum is there. When you miss it, everyone feels it on the sidelines," Setta said. "If you don't make it, then what else is going to go right? Having that and everything else go right, that really helps the momentum continue."

Besides his normal job of placekicker, Setta added the responsibility of punter with the graduation of Joey Hildbold. In his first game as the official punter, Setta averaged 39.7 yards per punt, including an impressive 54-yard boot on his first punt of the season.

Surprisingly to many, Setta feels handling both kicking and punting duties will actually keep his leg fresher throughout the season.

"It makes the whole transition easier during the day," Setta said. "It always keeps you in the game. It takes some wear off your leg, because you aren't always kicking field goals



Notre Dame's Nicholas Setta kicks off to Washington State in the Irish's 29-26 overtime win Saturday. Setta made five field goals, including the game-winner.

warming up."

Any kicker just asks the team to give him a chance to contribute, since the kicker has very little control over when his attempts actually occur. The Irish turned to Setta Saturday to keep them in the game while the offense sputtered in the red zone. Setta couldn't ask for anything else.

The only negative on an otherwise solid day for the kicking game was the first field goal attempt. Snapper Scott Raridon's snap hit the ground before getting to holder D.J. Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick did what he could to get the snap down, but Setta had already started his motion to the ball. Setta attempted to hold up but couldn't regain his momentum, and the 47-

yard field goal fell short.

"It was unfortunate the way things happened," Setta said. "They did a good job of getting it down. The first one, you kind of expect things like that."

Despite the negative start for the kicking unit, Setta just put it out of his mind.

"You take it as what went wrong, and then move on," Setta said. "There are going to be so many more chances, especially in this game, you just have to take your mind off it."

It's a good thing he did, because Setta gave the Irish what they needed — a chance.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Wash. State	12	7	0	7	0	26
Notre Dame	0	3	3	20	3	29

First quarter

Washington State 6, Notre Dame 0

Sammy Moore 15-yard reception from Matt Kegel with 7:52 remaining (PAT failed)
Drive: 9 plays, 64 yards, 5:30 elapsed

Washington State 9, Notre Dame 0

Drew Dunning 20-yard field goal with 4:56 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 18 yards, 1:21 elapsed

Washington State 12, Notre Dame 0

Dunning 20-yard field goal with 0:31 remaining
Drive: 7 plays, 24 yards, 3:07 elapsed

Second quarter

Washington State 19, Notre Dame 0

Issac Brown 12-yard fumble return with 2:37 remaining (Dunning kick)

Washington State 19, Notre Dame 3

Nicholas Setta 37-yard field goal with 0:10 remaining
Drive: 9 plays, 26 yards, 2:27 elapsed

Third quarter

Washington State 19, Notre Dame 6

Setta 32-yard field goal with 10:10 remaining
Drive: 15 plays, 58 yards, 4:50 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Washington State 19, Notre Dame 9

Setta 39-yard field goal with 12:09 remaining
Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, 2:38 elapsed

Washington State 19, Notre Dame 16

Rhema McKnight 11-yard reception from Carlyle Holiday with 10:32 remaining (Setta kick)
Drive: 3 plays, 25 yards, 0:55 elapsed

Notre Dame 23, Washington State 19

Julius Jones 19-yard run with 5:03 remaining (Setta kick)
Drive: 6 plays, 80 yards, 2:41 elapsed

Notre Dame 26, Washington State 19

Setta 47-yard field goal with 3:03 remaining
Drive: 4 plays, 5 yards, 1:48 elapsed

Notre Dame 26, Washington State 26

Moore 34-yard reception from Kegel with 0:53 remaining (Dunning kick)
Drive: 9 plays, 80 yards, 2:10 elapsed

Overtime

Notre Dame 29, Washington State 26

Setta 40-yard field goal
Drive: 3 plays, 3 yards

statistics

total yards

NOTRE DAME	312
WSU	329

rushing yards

NOTRE DAME	163
WSU	55

passing yards

NOTRE DAME	149
WSU	274

time of possession

NOTRE DAME	>29:13
WSU	30:47



45-163	rushes-yards	31-55
21-34-1	comp-att-int	22-39-1
3-39.7	punts-yards	7-42.1
5-3	fumbles-lost	2-2
9-72	penalties-yards	14-118
19	first downs	16



passing

Holiday	21-34-149	Kegel	22-39-274
rushing			
Grant	17-98	Smith	14-43
Jones	11-72	Green	9-23
Powers-Neal	1-2	Kegel	7-(-10)

receiving

Jenkins	5-46	Darling	4-68
McKnight	5-33	Moore	4-66
Clark	4-28	Bienemann	4-30
Stovall	3-24	Green	3-26

tackling

Hoyte	8	Derting	10
Bible/Curry	5	Paymah	8.5

Penalty keeps Watson on sidelines

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Irish All-American linebacker Courtney Watson did not play in Saturday's game. A press release was issued less than an hour before the game stating that he will play the remainder of the season, however.

"There were events that happened outside of Courtney's control that necessitated us to sit him for one game," Tyrone Willingham said after the game.

Corey Mays replaced Watson in the starting lineup. Watson was on the sideline wearing his jersey and shorts for the game.

Watson is a preseason All-American by Athlon and was one of three finalists for the Butkus award in 2002, which is given annually to the best linebacker in the nation.

Freshmen see playing time

Highly-touted freshman

Brady Quinn saw his first action this weekend, as he stepped in for Carlyle Holiday as quarterback. Quinn entered the game in the fourth quarter with 7:07 to go. He handed the ball off five times, the last resulting in a Julius Jones touchdown.

"It was fun, and a good experience," Quinn said. "I was hoping to get a drive of some sort ... I would have been more calm if I would have thrown the ball around."

Willingham is excited for Quinn's future with the Irish.

"He is a quick study, he is confident, and he has an almost laser-like arm, and at some point, he's going to do some great things, which I think he did in a limited role today, for this team," the second-year Notre Dame head coach said.

Quinn was joined by four other freshmen making their debuts for the Irish.

Wide receivers Chinedum Ndukwe and Jeff Samardzija, cornerback Freddie Parrish and defensive end Victor Abiamiri played their first minutes in an Irish uniform. Samardzija made his first career reception for six yards with 13:34 left in the third quarter, and Parrish finished the game with one assisted tackle.

Secondary Injuries

The Irish secondary took a beating Saturday. Cornerback Jason Beckstrom, who did not play last year due to injury, came out of the game with 4:56 remaining in the first quarter. He returned to the sidelines without pads but sporting a neck brace. Willingham said he is expected to play next weekend, however.

Cornerback Dwight Ellick went out with an injury a minute later, and Parrish took his place.

Later in the game, Vontez Duff missed a few plays, leaving the Irish with only one starter, Glenn Earl, on the field.

Overtime facts

Saturday was the first overtime game at Notre Dame Stadium since Oct. 28, 2000 when the Irish beat Air Force 34-31. Joey Getherall scored the game-winning touchdown on an end around in the overtime after Air Force had kicked a field goal. The Irish also won the coin toss and the game, marking the second time in five overtime games in which both events happened for Notre Dame.

Game captains

Captains Saturday were seniors Vontez Duff, Glenn Earl, Omar Jenkins and Jim Molinaro. It was Duff's third time as captain and the second time for Earl and Jenkins. Saturday was Molinaro's first time as captain for the Irish.



It wasn't the prettiest of victories, but coach Tyrone Willingham and his Irish are 1-0 after beating Washington State 29-26 in overtime. Notre Dame fell behind 19-0 to the Cougars before scoring 26 consecutive points and eventually won in overtime on Nicholas Setta's fifth field goal of the game. Julius Jones returned to the Irish and had 72 rushing yards for the game and a touchdown in the fourth quarter.



FINDING A WAY TO WIN



Kyle Budinscak sacks Washington State quarterback Matt Kegel (top left). Marcus Wilson, Glenn Earl and the Irish race out of the tunnel for the first time this season (top right). Irish quarterback Carlyle Holiday attempts to avoid a Washington State defender (left). The Irish celebrate their first touchdown of the season.

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