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Hallahan pushes for resolution

President attempts to increase power of Student Government

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

Student Body President Pat Hallahan introduced a resolution at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday which would, if passed, make three significant changes to the Student Government.

First, the resolution would grant Student Government the authority to approve the budget to be transferred to the Executive Cabinet. Second, it would allow for three senators to be seated on the Executive Cabinet and the Vice President to be granted voting authority on the council. Finally, the resolution would give sole power to amend the Student Union Constitution to the Executive Cabinet.

Hallahan said he placed this resolution in front of the Senate for two specific reasons. He would like the resolution passed before his report to the University's Board of Trustees, scheduled for next Thursday. He said this would be a strategic move in garnering more cooperation from the administration.

"If we can say we are moving in the right direction [in fostering cooperation within

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Cheney raises funds for Chocola

Vice President speaks at luncheon on campus

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

Vice President Dick Cheney delivered the keynote address at a fundraising luncheon held on behalf of local Congressman Chris Chocola's reelection campaign Thursday.

Cheney remained on campus long enough to host a brief \$2000 per-couple reception prior to the luncheon, and gave a 20-minute speech to a gathering of Chocola supporters, who paid \$250 per-plate for lunch at the Joyce Center.

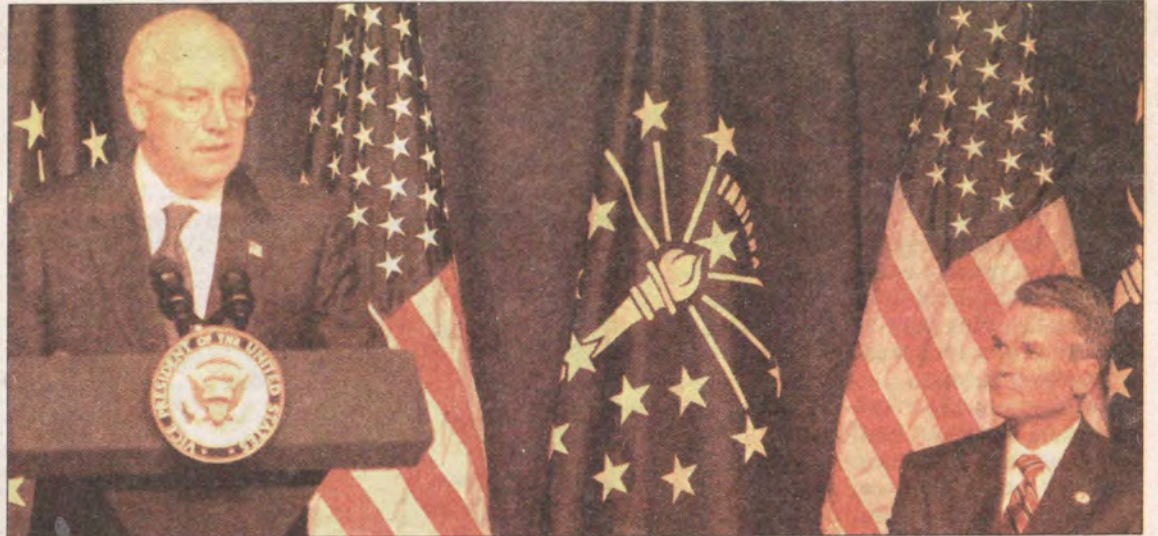
In his short appearance, Cheney endorsed Chocola for the 2004 Congressional Election and praised him as an outstanding new member of Congress. Cheney's visit raised \$200,000 for Chocola's reelection campaign.

"The 2nd District of Indiana definitely needs this kind of support," Notre Dame College Republican president Brandi Gill said. "We're one of the most highly contested districts in the country, and Chocola, being that it is only his first term, can only benefit from this extra attention."

Notre Dame's College Democrats had a different take.

"I think Cheney's visit shows that the Republicans are worried about this seat really early in the cycle. The district is one of the most closely divided in the nation, and Chocola is a

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Above, Vice President Dick Cheney speaks to supporters at a dinner. At right, protesters wave signs outside the Joyce Center during Cheney's visit.

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PAMELA LOCK



Students, faculty protest Cheney visit

By SHELIA FLYNN
News Writer

Approximately 100 protesters lined both sides of Juniper Road Thursday, waving signs and shouting chants against Bush administration policies as Vice President Dick Cheney spoke inside the Joyce Center for a fundraising luncheon.

"I'm here because the Cheney-Bush administration continues to

mislead Americans about the war in Iraq and about who will profit from it," said Notre Dame English professor Valerie Sayers, who participated in the event.

"Cheney and his pals stand to make millions in Iraq, while American soldiers die and the Iraqi people continue to suffer," she said.

Cheney spoke at the \$250-per-plate luncheon to raise funds for local Republican Congressman Chris Chocola. The event was not

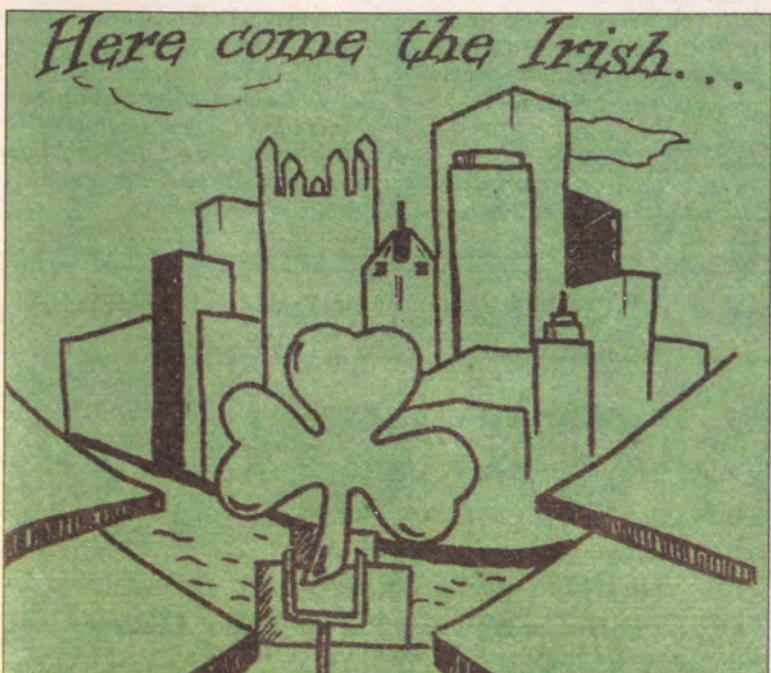
sponsored by Notre Dame, which simply rented space in the JACC to Chocola's campaign.

Protesters met at the Clarke Memorial Fountain at 10 a.m., and then marched across God Quad and South Quad as a number of students looked on in surprise. Members of a social psychology class, observing the protests for an assignment, said they did not think many Notre

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Alumni clubs welcome Irish fans for games

Club plans sea of green — Pittsburgh style



T-shirt design courtesy of the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Pittsburgh

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

When the Irish clash with the Panthers this Saturday, they will see an island of green Domers hyped for a win amid Pitt's sea of gold — the Notre Dame Club of Pittsburgh has plans to make sure of it.

In the tradition of the ever-loyal Notre Dame family, the Club has been pushing The Shirt as well as its own kelly green creation for the last few weeks, in addition to planning game weekend events that will make the Irish feel right at home.

As is the custom in Pittsburgh, the Club will hold a pep rally Friday night, featuring Notre Dame cheerleaders and alumni, Irish dancing and music and classic game

highlights on the big screen.

"[This is] the very first pep rally in the brand new [David L. Lawrence Convention Center] — a very cool 'green' building," said Club president Lauren Trocano.

The emcee of the event will be local newscaster Stacy Smith, father of a recent Notre Dame grad.

Unlike the pep rally, which is open to the public, the pre-game tailgate on the Riverwalk outside of PNC Park is available by presale tickets only. Those in attendance will prepare for the 6 p.m. game with a lunch buffet and entertainment by the local Mt. Lebanon High School Percussion, the Notre Dame Bagpipe Band and current and former members of the Notre Dame Glee Club. A parade will lead fans down a short road to

Heinz Field for kickoff.

The Club expects at least 500 fans at the pep rally and over 200 at the tailgate. To add to the group, the Club scheduled a chartered bus that Pittsburgh-area students could buy tickets for to bring them home for the weekend and back to school in time for midterms.

All of this will cost the Club over \$10,000, with no real expectations of breaking even. "The primary reason for doing all this is to support the Irish and give local club members and fans a place to be together. Generating revenue for the Club is nice, but secondary," said Trocano.

Pitt will counter these revels with events their own, as they set up PNC Panther Alumni

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INSIDE COLUMN

The joys of interhall

Everybody knows that Notre Dame is all about football. However, what most people don't realize — unless they're students — is that the real football isn't on Saturdays.

Sure, we buy The Shirt and wave shillelaghs and shake our keys on third downs — we love the game. But being a spectator gets old after a while. And that's why interhall football defines Notre Dame to me.

Kate Gales

Wire Editor

I started high school with a ready-made group of friends — my field hockey teammates. It made the transition from elementary school to high school that much easier. Unfortunately, I didn't have that comfort zone coming here to college. The first week of school was a difficult changeover for me.

However, during Frosh-O, a sophomore told me about her favorite Notre Dame activity — interhall football. It sounded fun, and a great way to get to know the people in my dorm, so I went to the first meeting.

The highlight DVD of last year's season was more professional than anything I'd seen in high school varsity sports. Practices were serious and our coaches looked tough.

Suddenly I was having second thoughts about coming out for football — watching it on Saturday afternoons with my dad was different than Cavanaugh interhall.

Joining the football team was the best thing I have done so far this year. I've gotten to know so many people in my dorm, especially my fellow clueless freshmen.

I got two really cool T-shirts and some hot green-and-white striped socks. Our coaches give advice on everything from doctor's appointments to what to buy for our brothers' birthdays. They send inspirational e-mails and lead us in cheers on the sidelines.

Six weeks ago, I didn't know a defensive lineman from a linebacker. Now I can impress my friends by explaining that we run a mix option/passing offense with a lot of trips right and three back sets, mostly just to grind out some yards from down series to down series.

Some high school teams could not rival our 60-page playbook, and watching our defensive coordinator call three-two-cover-two plays from the sideline will never cease to amuse me.

There's nothing better than football on a crisp October Sunday afternoon. Playing it, however, has given me a new appreciation for the sport. I don't get into the games much, but watching from a sideline is a much better view than my 50th-row seats in Notre Dame Stadium. I'm so impressed by the girls on the team and their skills; I feel like they could teach trained receivers a thing or two. I can't believe the time and effort our coaches invest in us — they're truly wonderful people.

And I can't wait for the postseason.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR PREDICTION FOR THE ND/PITT GAME THIS WEEKEND?



David L. Zhang
Morrissey Manor
Freshman

"Hopefully we can salvage something before USC embarrasses us."



Joe Lattal
Knott Hall
Freshman

"Vontez will make Pitt's passing game look like Zahm's interhall team's."



Jennifer Stagl
Lewis Hall
Freshman

"Go Irish. We're going to win... no questions."



Tiffany Mah
Howard Hall
Senior

"We will win."



David Esparza
Morrissey Manor
Junior

"Total Domination... by who, I don't know!"



Jeff Albert
Fisher Hall
Freshman

"Pitt — 3.
ND — 35.
Ditka — 742.
Ditka wins."



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Students, faculty and community members, some clad in hazardous materials suits to demonstrate their opposition to the Bush administration's military presence in Iraq, protest a fundraising visit by Vice President Dick Cheney Thursday. Cheney was on campus to promote the reelection campaign of local congressman Chris Chocola.

OFFBEAT

Elderly robber pleads guilty

LUBBOCK, Texas — A 91-year-old man who walks with a cane and is hard of hearing pleaded guilty Thursday to stealing nearly \$2,000 from a bank, his third such robbery in less than five years.

Leaning on his cane and wearing a headset to listen to the judge, J.L. Hunter "Red" Rountree initially responded "not guilty" when asked for his plea.

"I mean, 'Guilty,'" Rountree later said. "I'm sorry."

In August, Rountree handed a First American Bank teller in Abilene an envelope with "Robbery" written on it in red marker, prosecutors said. He gave

her a second envelope, telling her to put money in it. Twice the teller asked if he was kidding. After the first time, Rountree said, "Hurry up or you will get hurt."

A bank employee and some customers got Rountree's license plate number as he left the parking lot. Authorities stopped him about 20 miles from Abilene.

His lawyer, Shery Kime-Goodwin, declined to comment.

Authorities say Rountree's crime spree began in 1998, a week before his 87th birthday. He was arrested in Biloxi, Miss., minutes after robbing a bank. He was given three years' probation, fined \$260 and told to leave Mississippi.

French underwear ads too risqué

PARIS — The French don't blink at the topless look, but an ad campaign for thong underwear geared toward young people proved too risqué even here.

The campaign for Sloggi thongs drew fire from consumers and elected officials who said posters displayed around the country were degrading to women.

"Women are sick of being treated like merchandise," said lawmaker Segolene Royal, who was family affairs minister in the previous Socialist government.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The ND Marketing Club will sponsor a field trip to the Indianapolis headquarters of the NCAA today. Reservations are \$25 each, and \$20 will be returned to participants upon boarding of the bus. The bus departs at 6:45 a.m. and will return to campus at 10 p.m.

St. Edward's Hall will sponsor a 3-on-3 basketball tournament today on the courts outside the dorm from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The Notre Dame chapter of the American Cancer Society will sponsor its first Relay for Life, beginning tonight at 6 p.m. at Stepan Center. The event will last for 18 hours, and will conclude at noon Saturday.

A trip to the Niles Haunted House will be sponsored by FlipSide today. Transportation will depart from LeMans Circle at 7:15 p.m. and Main Circle after that.

Celtic band Three Men in Kilts will perform tonight from 9 to 11 p.m. at Legends. Admission is free.

Stanford Hall will sponsor its second annual Iron Grill competition Friday from 9 p.m. to midnight on the Fieldhouse Mall. Two-person teams may enter the competition, and the event is free and open to the public.

The German Club will sponsor its annual Okdomefest Saturday in the LaFortune Ballroom from 9 to 11 p.m.

Lyons Hall will sponsor the Mara Fox Fun Run Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m., starting on the Lyons Hall basketball courts.

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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First campus Relay for Life to be held tonight

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

The Notre Dame community will begin walking for its first Relay for Life tonight. This event, which raises money and awareness for the American Cancer Society, is the organization's most prestigious activity and holds the record as the largest community fundraiser in the world.

The Relay will begin with an opening ceremony today at 6:30 p.m. and will conclude Saturday at 12 p.m.

Teams consisting of dorms, clubs, friend and work groups have been formed to support the Society's efforts.

"Faculty, staff, students and their friends and family are invited to participate. All are invited to come out, even if they are not on a team," said Jessica Brookshire, an officer of the Notre Dame chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Those taking part in tonight's relay have secured donations from sponsors in exchange for their participation in the event. For the duration of the relay, one member of the team is required to walk the course at all times.

"Many individuals choose to spend the night and walk not only their shift but with their friends as well," Brookshire

said.

The University of Notre Dame has sponsored members of the Notre Dame community in the annual St. Joseph County American Cancer Society's Relay For Life since 1996. This event, generally held in May, had few participants. As a result, the sophomore class and the American Cancer Society Student Group tackled the problem and decided to sponsor a second Relay especially for the Notre Dame community.

"As a campus community, we are all working together to find a cure."

Jessica Brookshire
officer

Notre Dame has received two American Cancer Society grants, accumulating a total of \$1,476,000, for its efforts toward cancer research.

Crislyn D'Suoza-Schorey and Edward Hinchcliffe of the department of biological sciences direct the research. They, along with Rudy Navari, a medical oncologist faculty member, will address participants at the opening ceremony.

"Everyone [benefits from this Relay]: cancer patients benefit by seeing survivors walking who have beaten their cancer. Family members find the Relay to be a healing process. As a campus community, we are all working together to find a cure," Brookshire said.

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Multi-campus clubs increase

By ASHLEY DYER
News Writer

The number of clubs and the diversity of their missions seem to be expanding every day among the Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and Notre Dame campuses. Various clubs exist on two of the three campuses, but more and more students are in the process of formulating clubs that accent and expand club selection offered.

Often, clubs that extend between two of the campuses remain somewhat similar to each other in mission and content. In fact, two unofficial clubs developing at Notre Dame, known as "Feminist Voice" and "OutReachND" say they hope that next semester their applications for official recognition, which mirror Saint Mary's newly-established Feminist United and Sexuality Support Group organizations are approved.

The question remains why certain groups have been established on one campus and not granted club recognition on another. All three colleges stem from a Catholic belief system of education and campus life. Each individual institution, however, holds the right to determine what the college will and will not allow. Even though the three colleges are often lumped together under the umbrella of the Holy Cross community, they act as separate institutions.

Applying for club recognition at Saint Mary's consists of picking up an application at Student Activities, obtaining approval from the Board of Governance's Club Commissioner and ushering the application through BOG for debate and approval. Notre

Dame requires would-be clubs to go through a similar process, with the application moving through the Club Coordination Council in order to be approved.

Presently, the CCC at Notre Dame is in the process of revising current standards to garner a higher rate of club approval into the sponsorship of Student Activities. There has been an influx of 300 total groups that have applied for club status this year at Notre Dame alone. Consequently, the CCC has put a hold on all applications until new standards have been drafted, which is predicted to be determined by January.

"The case presently is that the CCC is revamping its standards due to the dramatic increase in the number of clubs which have applied for official university recognition," said Heather M. Rakoczy, faculty advisor for the Feminist Voice.

Nonetheless, members and advisors of the developing groups on the ND campus said they are in high spirits regardless of the delay. Rakoczy said she was told that Feminist Voice would more than likely be approved in January 2004, at which time it will be officially recognized as a club.

Mayra Gomez, president and founder of the developing Feminist Voice, feels that club recognition will allow for awareness and education as to what feminism is in terms of gender, class and race across the Notre Dame campus.

"As the Feminist Voice, we hope to focus on feminist issues on the community level while working our way to bring awareness of feminist issues on a national level," she said.

Group members from Saint

Mary's Feminists United and Feminist Voice have been crossing channels until club status at Notre Dame is granted for the latter. Once Feminist Voice is recognized, the groups say they hope to work together in establishing awareness on all three campuses.

OutReachND has also been seeking club recognition in order to utilize the advertising channels that go along with such official status in spreading awareness to the student body. The group, already affiliated with the faculty-run Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, said it hopes club recognition will bring more awareness to Notre Dame in respect to sexuality issues.

"We feel it is necessary to be recognized by the administration as a club to create visibility on campus," said Janeka Joyce, co-chair of OutReachND.

Joyce said she feels club recognition will build and broaden support systems linked to education about various sexuality issues between students and faculty.

Already this year at Saint Mary's, faculty/student rapport has been building in order to spread sexuality awareness on the campus.

PINS, a faculty support group similar to the Standing Committee at Notre Dame, planned this week to begin dialogue on sexuality issues through films and speakers. PINS has worked alongside student groups Feminist United and the Sexuality Support Group as a precursor to National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11.

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Cheney

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vulnerable freshman having won with only a slight majority in 2002," said Casey Fitzmaurice, president of the group. "The election next fall will ultimately come down to his record, not just how much money he can raise."

Cheney dedicated most of his 20-minute address to discussion of the 2004 Presidential Election.

He told the crowd that involvement in elections is crucial, using Bush's close victory in the 2000 election as an example.

"Never let anybody tell you that what you do in a campaign doesn't matter. Every dollar matters, every contribution, every hour of volunteer work matters," Cheney said.

Cheney reminded his audience of the fall of Baghdad to U.S.-led forces, which occurred exactly six months prior to yesterday's luncheon. He defended the government's actions in

Iraq. "The Iraqi people prefer freedom and hope to tyranny and terror," Cheney said.

The vice president said al-Qaida had "realized what a grave mistake it was to make enemies of [the U.S.] and of President Bush."

Cheney praised the bravery and honor of America's troops.

"I've never been more proud of the U.S. military," he said.

He did not address any questions concerning the issue of weapons of mass destruction, despite investigations being conducted in Washington and protests in front of the Joyce Center Thursday morning.

Cheney said he and Bush are "determined to solve problems" and credited Bush for "confronting whole problems and acting decisively."

"The American people can be confident of a better future, a stronger economy and greater

security because of the character of leadership of President George W. Bush," Cheney said.

Cheney said the Bush administration's actions have softened the effects of the recession and have produced the largest tax cut since Reagan's presidency. The energy plan currently under discussion focuses on reducing America's dependence on foreign oil, he said.

He acknowledged that he and Bush had many challenges ahead and many goals yet to accomplish. This visit was Cheney's second fundraising appearance at Notre Dame. His first visit was a similar engagement, held on behalf of Chocoma for his 2002 Congressional campaign.

"I've never been more proud of the U.S. military."

**Dick Cheney
Vice President**

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Protest

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Dame students were aware of the anti-Cheney campaign.

"Our teacher just told us about it," said freshman Jaclyn Riffert, who said she would not have otherwise known the protests were taking place, despite posters and other advertisements. "It's kind of offending me. I'm a Bush fan."

Other Bush fans — members of the College Republicans who volunteered to work at the event — stood outside the JACC before Cheney's speech, holding signs supporting Bush/Cheney for 2004. They said that, although they did not agree with the protesters' views, they supported their decision to protest.

"I think it's a good way to express their first amendment

rights," said sophomore Sturges Lochridge.

Protesting groups included the Progressive Student Alliance, the Peace Coalition and Women's Action for New Directions WAND, whose members wore yellow hazardous material suits on which were printed the words "Hunt for WMD [weapons of mass destruction]."

"I think it can show that, even at a fairly conservative school like this; I think there are a lot of people that are really mad."

**Matt Lerner
student**

The majority of protestors said their man goal was not to elicit a response from Cheney, but rather to show that Americans are discontent with administration policies.

"I think it can show that, even at a fairly conservative school like this; I think there are a lot of people that are really mad," said sociology graduate student Matt Lerner.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Suicide bomber kills nine in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide car bomber crashed a white Oldsmobile into a police station in Iraq's largest Shiite Muslim enclave Thursday, killing himself, nine others and wounding as many as 45. Earlier, gunmen — one dressed as a Muslim cleric — shot and killed a Spanish military attache.

The violence, six months to the day after Baghdad fell to American forces, underscored the predicament of a capital whose deliverance from Saddam Hussein's tyranny has been repeatedly undermined by terrorism, attacks on U.S. forces and sectarian unrest.

The ancient city's landscape is now lined with massive concrete blast barriers and coils of barbed wire outside hotels, government departments and along stretches of road near U.S. military bases.

As in previous attacks, there was no claim of responsibility for the 8:30 a.m. bombing in Sadr City, a Baghdad district with an estimated 2 million Shiites.

"It was a huge blast and everything became dark from the debris and sand. I was thrown to the ground," said Mohammed Adnan, who sells watermelons opposite the police station.

China preps for first space mission

BEIJING — China has picked three candidates for its first manned space mission later this month, but performances "at critical moments" in the run-up to this week's expected launch could decide who gets the single spot on board, an official newspaper reported Friday.

Another, less substantiated Chinese media report said the mission would be equipped with weapons to protect astronauts upon landing from animals and other threats.

NATIONAL NEWS

D.C. street gunfight kills one

WASHINGTON — A gun battle erupted in the capital's bustling Mount Pleasant neighborhood Thursday, killing one man and wounding the driver of a bus caught in the crossfire.

Five suspects were arrested and two guns recovered after the shootings, which sent people running for cover.

"It looks like it's gang-related," said Metropolitan Police Chief Charles Ramsey. "It has very strong gang overtones."

Much of the ballistics evidence was collected just a few feet away from a church childcare center's playground.

The trouble began around 2:30 p.m. An off-duty police officer in a restaurant heard gunshots and saw a group of youths running.

"He called 911 and saw a [police] scout car coming down the street and flagged it down," Ramsey said. "They heard more shots go off."

The dead man was not immediately identified. It was unclear whether he was a target or a passer-by.

LOCAL NEWS

Gary Airport seeks new carriers

GARY — A multimillion-dollar project to improve the city's airport continues, but talks with two commercial carriers have yet to produce a deal for passenger service.

The Gary/Chicago Airport has been in talks with Pace Airlines and Southeast Airlines for several months, but officials are still awaiting an agreement.

"We're in limbo now," said Otho Lyles III, a member of the board that oversees the airport.

Pace Airlines is based in Winston-Salem, N.C. Southeast Airlines is based in Largo, Fla.

Incentives have been offered to attract a carrier, but Lyles declined to elaborate. Representatives of both airlines expressed interest in the Gary market over the summer.

If an airline decides to serve Gary, the agreement would likely include a provision involving length of stay, Lyles said.

Democratic candidates debate

Field of nine pushes platforms, criticizes Bush on Iraq

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Democratic presidential contenders heaped fresh criticism on President Bush's postwar policy in Iraq on Thursday, faulting him in campaign debate for failing to win significant help from other countries.

"You remember on your report card you had your English grade, your history grade and then it said, plays well together? He flunked that part," jabbed Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri.

In the opening moments of their fourth debate in five weeks, some Democrats turned their fire on one another instead of the Republican in the White House.

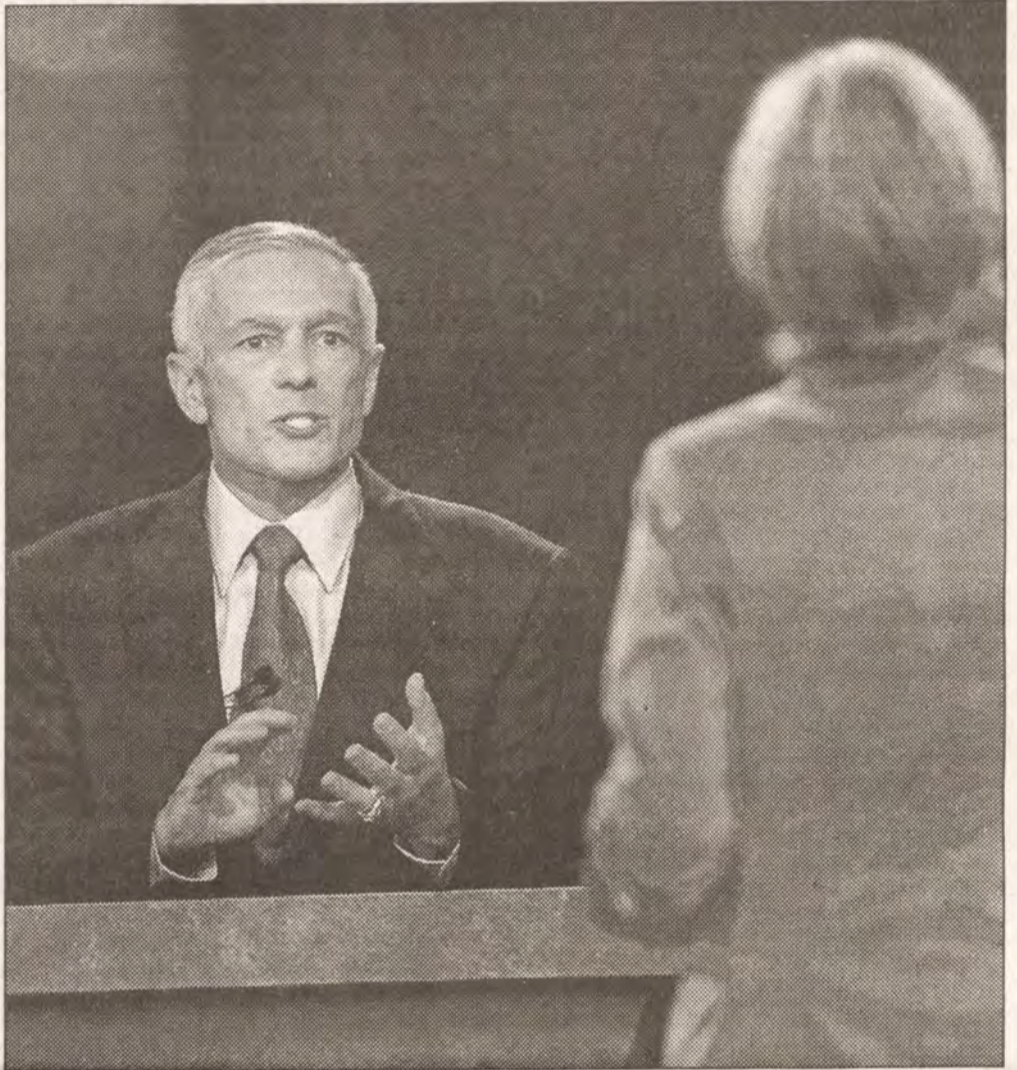
Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean accused several rivals of giving Bush "a blank check to go to war in Iraq" by voting for or voicing support for congressional legislation last year.

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark bristled at that. "I would never have voted for war. The war was an unnecessary war and it's been a huge strategic mistake for the country," he said, responding to Dean's charge that he had urged a congressional candidate to support the legislation.

Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, a supporter of the war, jabbed at Dean and Clark simultaneously. In a backhanded compliment, he said the former Vermont governor had been steadfast in his opposition to the war.

By contrast, he criticized Clark for what he called a history of inconsistency on Iraq. He said Democrats need a candidate who can "reach a conclusion and stick to it."

"I'm not going to attack a fellow Democrat,"



Presidential Democratic candidate retired Army General Wesley Clark answers a question posed by CNN anchor Judy Woodruff. The nine Democratic hopefuls criticized President Bush's handling of Iraq.

replied the former general, participating in his second campaign debate in a party he pledged his allegiance to only days before declaring his candidacy.

The field of Democratic contenders — shrunken by one with Florida Sen. Bob Graham's withdrawal from the race — met onstage at the Orpheum Theater in Phoenix, capital of a state that holds an early primary on Feb. 3.

The candidates sat on tall chairs in front of identical lecterns, each one

bearing a CNN logo. The cable network sponsored the debate, and Judy Woodruff, a network anchor, served as moderator.

Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina sought to make the case that his working class background as a millworker's son made him the best candidate to defeat Bush.

Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, who grew up wealthy and remains that way, quickly rebutted that. "In Vietnam, nobody cared about your back-

ground," said the war veteran.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, former Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley Braun and Al Sharpton are considered long shots at best.

Polls show Dean tied or ahead in Iowa and New Hampshire, the first major contests of 2004. His anti-war, anti-establishment message has caught fire through the Internet, helping Dean raise three times more money than any of his rivals from July through September.

JAPAN

Parliament prepares for major elections

Associated Press

TOKYO — Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi ordered the lower house of Japan's Parliament dissolved Friday, paving the way for national elections that he's counting on to strengthen his party.

The dissolution places the 480 seats of the powerful lower house up for grabs. Koizumi is expected to set Nov. 9 as the date for the balloting.

The order was issued after a morning broadcast by Japan's public broadcaster NHK and the Kyodo news service said. It will formally take effect after its read to the lower chamber Friday afternoon.

Before that, the charismatic prime minister wants a bill extending Japan's military support of the U.S.-led war on terrorism in Afghanistan

passed. The bill was expected to be approved Friday.

Koizumi's ruling Liberal Democratic Party already controls a majority in the chamber, with 244 seats. The largest opposition bloc, the Democratic Party of Japan, has 137 seats.

Although Koizumi, fresh from a landslide re-election as ruling party president, enjoys support ratings of around 60 percent, he has been dogged by Japan's lingering economic woes and criticism within his own Liberal Democratic Party of his reform plans. Some party members fear the reforms will alienate important interest groups.

Opposition leaders pounced on this weakness Thursday in the last day of face-to-face Parliamentary debate.

They hit Koizumi over his failed

promise to privatize the postal service and the weak economy, while challenging his strong support of U.S. President George W. Bush's position on Iraq.

Takako Doi, head of the Social Democratic Party, accused Koizumi of deliberately obscuring details of planned Japanese military and financial support for Iraqi reconstruction so that the unpopular issue won't become a focal point during the elections.

Koizumi defended his policies and maintained that lawmakers from his bloc were unified behind them too.

"My platform will become the platform of the LDP when elections are held," Koizumi said. "Party members may debate among themselves, but don't worry — in the end they will cooperate with my policies."

Club

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Headquarters in a tent outside of Heinz Field. The Pitt band and cheerleaders will pump up fans as they greet the players and coaches whose buses unload directly outside the venue. There will also be a pre-game scouting report and a fan question and answer session with the "Voice of the Panthers," local sportscaster Bill Hillgrove.

The celebrations in Pittsburgh are certainly not isolated events. They are common practice, especially by the alumni associations in cities where Notre Dame often plays.

In Boston, the Notre Dame Club plans to hold their annual "Legends Luncheon" with a keynote address by Kenneth MacAfee, 1978 alum and MVP of the 1977 National Championship team. Other weekend activities will include the Endangered Eagle Pre-Game Party at the Irish pub Clery's, a gamewatch for those who cannot obtain tickets and a post-game Mass at Saint Mary's Chapel on Boston College's campus.

The Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles celebrates each away game in the City of Angels with its biennial "The Game Is On" Luncheon. Held together with USC, the event features former coaches and players from both schools, and epitomizes the good nature of the "great rivalry between the

Irish and the Trojans," said Maryadele Clougherty, Club administrator. As in Pittsburgh, the Notre Dame Club of Orange County holds a Pep Rally the night before the game, followed the next day by an Irish Fest celebrated right outside the Coliseum.

With a budget of over \$25,000, the Notre Dame Club of Syracuse is packing the weekend of Notre Dame's first ever away game in Syracuse (and their first game against the Orangemen since 1961), with "40 years of party," said Club secretary and treasurer Jim Bonaventura. To honor

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, a Syracuse native, the Club will present one part of the Hesburgh Lecture Series on Dec. 4, followed by a Father Hesburgh Tribute Dinner on Dec. 5. In the

grand tradition of the South Bend campus itself, there will be a Kegs-N-Eggs Pre-game Tailgater on game day, as well as a post-game Mass. Club leaders project that upwards of 1,500 people will attend the festivities, and have been working on the event for over two years.

The outpouring of support for Notre Dame in cities across the country, whether it be in the form of pep rallies or pub gatherings, tailgaters or t-shirts, is a testament to the spirit of the Irish. In the words of the Notre Dame Club of Pittsburgh's weekly mantra, "Wear green! Wave green! Be green!"

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Notre Dame Club of Pittsburgh mantra

Hallahan

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the Student Government,] then we have more power and opportunity with the administration to ask them to make changes also in cooperating with the Student Government," Hallahan said.

Hallahan said the second and more important reason for the resolution is simply to make the Student Government a more efficient body as a whole.

"It just makes sense," he said. "I don't think anyone disagrees with the idea of working together with all the groups in Student Government."

The current body of the Executive Cabinet is comprised of members from every committee in the Student Government except the Senate.

In seating members of the Senate on the Executive Cabinet, it would, in effect, create a new committee, which is exactly what Hallahan wants to see happen.

Ultimately, this body would become the Council of Representatives. In the long-term plans for Student Government, this body would be the main committee in the government, with members from every council.

"I think the thing we want is to get people from every

student group at one table at a new setting," said Hallahan. "I want that group to be charged with making the entire student union more effective."

With such a goal in mind, Hallahan commented that, at least, he would like to see the Senate pass the sections of the resolution calling for Senate members to sit on the Executive Cabinet and for the Executive Cabinet to be given the power to amend the Constitution.

"If we give that power [to amend the Constitution] to this group, we can get a lot done," Hallahan said. He continued that two sections of the resolution "are the two most important things."

The section regarding the budget could possibly be held in the Senate for further discussion at a later date.

The passage of the two sections to which Hallahan is devoted could likely happen at the special meeting the Senate has called, scheduled for Sunday. They decided on the extra meeting in order to try to come to some conclusion about this resolution before Hallahan's report to the

Board of Trustees. However,

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Senators expressed concern of handing over such large powers to what would be a new body.

Jana Lamplota, Pasquerilla West Hall Senator, said, "I was a little skeptical of being introduced to this idea so quickly. I need more time to think about it and to consider not only the Senate's authority but the new body's authority. I'm still considering all the options."

Hallahan did comment on the possibility that the Senate could fail to approve either or both of the two sections he would like to see passed.

"Well, I think, first of all, if [the Senate doesn't] pass it, it will be a major statement to the student body that

Senators are choosing their own interests over the interests of the student body," he said.

"If we don't pass it on Sunday, we're going to pass it in the near future. I have every expectation that the Senators and everyone else will come together and realize that this is best for everyone."

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Upcoming Presentations

Company	Date/Time/Location
Mercer Open to All Students	10/13/03 6:30-8:30pm Alumni Rm, Morris Inn
Carson Pirie Scott Open to All Students	10/13/03 6:00-7:30pm Montgomery Theater, Lafun
Schlumberger Open to All Students	10/13/03 7:00-9:00pm Rm 112, CCE
Smart & Assoc "Open House" Open to All Business Students	10/14/03 7:30-9:30pm Rm 112, CCE
Teach for America Open to All Students	10/14/03 6:30-8:30pm Rm 117, Debartolo
The Vanguard Group Open to All Students	10/14/03 7:00-9:00pm Rm 210, CCE
AON Corporation Open to All Seniors	10/15/03 6:00-8:00pm Foster Rm., Lafortune

MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
Dow Jones	9,680.01	+49.11	
Up:	2,036	Same:	167
Down:	1,229	Composite Volume:	1,546,843,008
NASDAQ	1,911.90	+18.12	
NYSE	5,886.89	+31.55	
AMEX	1,015.95	+2.14	
S&P 500	1,038.73	+4.95	
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	10,531.44	0.00	
FTSE 100 (London)	4,313.90	+45.30	
Companys			
COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+0.34	+0.10	29.77
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+2.60	+0.09	3.55
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-2.38	-0.30	12.33
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.42	+0.12	28.94
YAHOO INC (YHOO)	+10.21	+3.96	42.75
Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	+0.95	+0.49	52.16
10-YEAR NOTE	+1.41	+0.60	43.02
5-YEAR NOTE	+2.91	+0.90	31.85
3-MONTH BILL	+0.34	+0.03	8.80
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	1.19	31.09	
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-6.20	369.80	
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.77	588.175	
Exchange Rates			
YEN		109.2	
EURO		0.8522	
POUND		0.6006	
CANADIAN \$		1.339	

IN BRIEF

Steel company fights to stay afloat

FAIRLAWN, Ohio — Republic Engineered Products LLC workers could know soon whether the specialty steel bar company will keep operating, as it seeks financing from lenders to keep going during bankruptcy proceedings.

The steelmaker filed for Chapter 11 reorganization protection from creditors in U.S. Bankruptcy Court on Monday, citing the Aug. 14 blackout that disabled its main blast furnace in Lorain, Ohio, a slow economy and other factors.

A potential agreement with lenders fell apart Wednesday night, company attorney Shawn Riley said. President Joseph Lapinsky was hoping financing could be approved in court Thursday.

The company doesn't have enough money to operate beyond that, spokesman John Willoughby said.

"It is very difficult for us to continue to operate without financing," he said. He also said discussions with lenders have been "very tense."

The dollar gains on euro, yen

NEW YORK — The dollar advanced on many of its global rivals Thursday, thanks to surprisingly upbeat U.S. labor market data, but still weakened against the yen.

The dollar's mixed performance stemmed from the day's dominant theme in currency markets — heavy euro selling, particularly against the yen — which maintained the downward pressure on the dollar against the Japanese currency. The greenback did, however, manage to rebound from new three-year lows against the yen, if only a little.

After climbing earlier Thursday to a four-month high within a cent of its all-time peak at \$1.1934, the euro was primed for a fall. The U.S. jobless claims data was the perfect excuse, and the dollar broadly benefited as a result.

Currency market participants have interpreted a Group of Seven communique last month calling for more "flexibility" in exchange rates as an endorsement for a weaker dollar, the burden of which should be carried by Asian currencies.

"Given that the G7 statement was aimed at Asian currencies, and then the slight improvement in jobless claims, you wouldn't want to be short of dollars against the euro," said Andreas Mann, senior dealer at Commerzbank in New York. So, selling euros at the yen "is the obvious trade."

Stocks surge, cap year of growth

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Powered by a streak of upbeat earnings and economic news, Wall Street surged higher Thursday, completing a remarkable year that saw the major indexes make a stunning rebound from the depths of the three-year-long bear market.

As of Thursday's close, the Nasdaq composite index had recovered an impressive 71.6 percent of its value since Oct. 9, 2002, while the Dow Jones industrials were up 32.9 percent and the Standard & Poor's 500 index had regained 33.7 percent.

A Labor Department report suggesting the pace of layoffs has slowed fed the market's good mood, especially after a spate of mixed economic news in recent weeks.

"Maybe the market is finally believing that this rebound we've been seeing is real," said Jay Suskind, head trader at Ryan Beck & Co. "If things continue to have a sunny outlook, people won't want to miss it."

The Nasdaq rose 18.12, or 1 percent, to close at 1,911.90. The most battered of the market's major indexes during Wall Street's three-year slump, the Nasdaq last closed higher 19 months ago, on March 11, 2002, when it stood at 1,929.49.

A year ago, on Oct. 9, 2002, the Nasdaq was at a six-year low of 1,114.11.

The Dow advanced 49.11 Thursday, or 0.5 percent, to 9,680.01 — its highest close since June 18, 2002, when the average was at 9,706.12. On Oct. 9 of last year, the Dow stood at a five-year low of 7,286.27.

The S&P 500 index rose 4.95, or 0.5 percent, to 1,038.73. A year ago, the S&P 500 had fallen to a six-year low of 776.76.

Although the market hit its lows a year ago, the current rally didn't take shape until mid-March. And many investors are



Reuters
Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange earlier this year. All of the major indexes rose Thursday and capped a 12 month period of strong economic recovery.

still on the sidelines, looking for positive signals that the economy is really improving.

But the market got a lift from the government's report that new claims for unemployment insurance fell last week to their lowest level in eight months. Analysts said a decline in the pace of layoffs could signal companies are more hopeful about the recovery's staying power.

Solid retail sales reports from Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Gap Inc. and others also contributed to the market's positive tone.

Investors are also focused on third-quarter earnings, which have delivered mostly positive

news so far. Many companies are to release reports in the next two weeks, including Dow component General Electric Co. on Friday.

After the market closed Wednesday, biotechnology company Genentech Inc. and Internet search engine Yahoo! each reported profits that beat analyst expectations.

Genentech saw a 70 percent jump in profits on strong sales of two cancer-fighting drugs and a one-time legal settlement. The company's results beat analyst expectations by 2 cents a share. Genentech rose \$3.23, or 4.1 percent, to close at \$81.98 on Thursday.

Yahoo doubled its earnings with strong revenue from advertising sales, and beat Wall Street forecasts by a penny a share. Yahoo rose \$3.96, or 10.2 percent, to close at \$42.75.

Wal-Mart advanced 44 cents to close at \$58.96 after the retailer reported same-store sales, those from stores open at least a year, rose 6 percent last month, beating its own expectations and analyst estimates.

Gap, which said same-store sales were up 13 percent last month, rose 96 cents, or 5.3 percent, to close at \$19.15. Same-store sales are considered the best yardstick of a retailer's strength.

Former Enron exec. to pay \$500,000

Associated Press

A former Enron Corp. executive on Thursday agreed to pay \$500,000 to settle Securities and Exchange Commission allegations that he helped manipulate the energy company's earnings in the months before it went bankrupt.

Wesley Colwell, the former chief accounting officer for Enron's long-defunct energy trading unit, became the second former executive from the company to settle with the federal government in an accounting scandal that sent shock waves across the U.S. economy.

A civil complaint filed Thursday by the SEC said Colwell, 40, inflated the values of assets to make Enron appear to have met earnings targets.

The complaint said he and others at

Enron used trading profits to offset losses in a retail energy unit and squirreled away higher-than-expected trading profits to report in future quarters to smooth out volatility.

In the first half of 2001, for example, the reserve accounts were used to mask more than \$1 billion in losses associated with Enron's retail energy business, the SEC said.

Colwell neither admitted to nor denied the allegations in agreeing to the settlement, the SEC said. Colwell did not immediately return a message left at his home by The Associated Press.

Luis Mejia, a lawyer in the SEC's enforcement division, also did not immediately return a call for comment.

Justice Department spokesman Bryan Sierra declined comment on whether criminal charges were forth-

coming. He said Colwell was cooperating with the Justice Department investigation.

The complaint did not mention others at Enron by name or title.

Colwell will continue cooperating with probes into Enron's 2001 collapse by the SEC and the Justice Department as part of the settlement.

The only other former Enron executive to settle with the SEC was Michael Kopper, once the top lieutenant to Enron's former finance chief Andrew Fastow.

In August 2002, Kopper pleaded guilty to fraud and money laundering charges for helping run schemes that enriched himself, Fastow and others at Enron's expense. As part of his plea, he agreed to surrender \$12 million in ill-gotten gains, \$8 million of which went to the SEC.

CUBA

Security breach investigation continues

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL STATION — Investigators are searching for security breaches at the U.S. prison for terror suspects, officials said Thursday at the camp where espionage charges have heightened tensions.

There were indications that more arrests were possible. A Pentagon official said a member of the Navy working at Guantanamo was being closely watched. A lawyer for some of the detainees and a former U.S. intelligence officer said two arrests were imminent. The sources spoke with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Nearly two dozen investigators from the Miami-based U.S. Southern Command reported to the island over the past few days. Also reporting were five non-American-born interpreters contracted by the same company that employed an American translator who has been arrested.

Investigators will try to establish how a translator already under investigation got secret clearance and was allowed onto the base, and how a second translator managed to leave with classified information. In addition, a Muslim chaplain is under investigation after allegedly leaving with diagrams of the prison layout.

The translators, from San Diego-based Titan Corp., arrived as officials boosted security by closely monitoring e-mail messages, asking troops to report suspicious behavior, and postponing the assignment of another Muslim chaplain.

Army Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller, who commands the detention mission, said they also are increasing baggage checks and considering lie detector tests.

He thought Titan had done a good job but said its contract is under review: "They go through a very thorough screening process, but that contract is being reassessed."

"I was surprised" by the arrests, Miller said, but would not discuss how security might have broken down.

Titan employed Ahmed F. Mehalba, an Arabic translator charged with lying to federal agents when he denied the compact disc he was carrying contained secret information from Guantanamo.

A second translator, Senior Airman Ahmad al-Halabi, was already under investigation for allegedly making anti-American statements before he arrived at Guantanamo. He is now charged with espionage and aiding the enemy.

Both say they are innocent. Army Capt. Yousef Yee, the chaplain, is being held on suspicion of aiding the enemy.

Military and civilian officials acknowledge part of the problem is finding qualified linguists for Guantanamo, where about 70 translators help 200 interrogators in 17 languages.

"They're always looking for Arabic interpreters," said Peter Peterson, an Iraqi-American translator who arrived Tuesday. "I believe in what I'm doing, though, and I believe in the mission."

The detention mission began Jan. 11, 2002, as an impromptu operation with 20 shackled terror suspects locked behind crude chain-link cells.

The prison camp — now an enclosed facility called Camp Delta — has grown to 660 detainees suspected of links to al-Qaida terror network or Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime.

"You can have the most secure cells and an isolated military base, but if you don't control the people who come

onto the base, you have a serious problem," Matt Levitt, a terrorism analyst and senior fellow at the Washington Institute, said by telephone.

Levitt said if there were three security breaches at Guantanamo it represented "a colossal intelligence failure."

The prisoners, from 42 countries, are not allowed access to lawyers and none has been charged. At least three are teenagers. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has said they could be held until the war on terror ends.

Construction workers said Thursday they have begun building a permanent concrete prison.

New leaflets at the base warn troops to watch what they say. Soldiers who a month ago would start up conversations with translators said they no longer do so.

"Now, you think twice about what you do," said Army Sgt. Jovani Barber, 24, of the U.S. Virgin Islands, who has been guarding detainees for two months.

Miller, a Texan, took command in November 2002 and quickly started rewarding detainees who cooperate in interrogations.

Rewards range from bottled water to being moved to a medium-security wing that Thursday held 120 detainees, according to Army Col. Gerry Cannon, who took charge of Camp Delta in August. Cannon said 130 detainees considered the least cooperative were in a separate section.

Miller has said the rewards system has yielded valuable information about terror cells and recruiting. "We have five times as much intelligence" as a year ago, he said Thursday.

But as restrictions eased, relationships reportedly grew between detainees and captors.

GAZA STRIP

Israel sends tanks into refugee camp

Associated Press

RAFAH — Israel sent tanks into a Gaza refugee camp early Friday to destroy tunnels allegedly used to smuggle weapons, after warnings that militants were trying to acquire anti-aircraft missiles. Two Palestinians were killed.

Meanwhile, in the West Bank, Palestinian politics were in turmoil after the legislature on Thursday failed to approve the emergency Cabinet appointed by Yasser Arafat. Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia indicated he no longer wants the job, and a Palestinian suicide bomber struck an Israeli liaison office, wounding two soldiers and a Palestinian.

Witnesses said tanks and other armored vehicles entered Rafah from two directions. They were joined by special forces, including engineering units with dogs trained to uncover tunnels. A gunbattle erupted between soldiers and Palestinian gunmen.

A man and a woman were killed and 19 people were wounded by Israeli fire, Palestinians said. They said most of the casualties came when an attack helicopter fired a missile at the camp.

Residents said the Israelis destroyed three houses near the border and fired machine guns to drive families away from others. Explosions could be heard, possibly Israelis destroying tunnels or militants throwing explosives at tanks, they said.

A military commander at the scene said that weapons smuggled in from Egypt to Gaza eventually make their way to the West Bank, so "we had no choice but to strike deep against the tunnels."

Israeli military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Israel had intelligence warnings that Palestinians were planning to use tunnels under the border to smuggle in weapons that could have a strategic impact on the three-year Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but the Egyptians were not taking steps to stop them.

The officials said Palestinians were attempting to acquire missiles that could knock out tanks and aircraft, weapons they have not used up to now. These would include Stinger shoulder-mounted anti-aircraft missiles that could shoot down the attack helicopters Israel often uses in operations in Gaza, the sources said. Stinger missiles could also threaten Israeli warplanes or civilian aircraft flying close to Gaza.

Also, they said, the Palestinians were trying to smuggle Katyusha rockets, which would have the range to hit Israeli cities near Gaza. During the conflict, the Palestinians have been aiming homemade mortars and rockets at Israeli towns and settlements.

Israel has mounted dozens of smaller missions during the conflict, including several in recent weeks, aimed at uncovering and destroying the tunnels, turning the Rafah refugee camp into a constant battlefield.

Aides said Arafat received reports about the Rafah incursion and went to bed at 2:30 a.m. Friday. They denied rumors that he was seriously ill.

On Thursday, in a heated closed-door meeting at Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah, Qureia suggested he no longer wanted to be prime minister, just four days after taking office, officials said.

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Arnold introduces transition team

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger introduced key members of his transition team Thursday, saying the first thing they would do is conduct an audit to find out just how serious the state's deficit is.

He also called on Gov. Gray Davis not to make any more appointments or sign legislation in the waning days of his administration, although Schwarzenegger acknowledged it is Davis' right to do so.

"I would like it really if he doesn't sign any more bills, as far as that goes," Schwarzenegger said. "But we will be working on that, and I'm absolutely convinced that when the governor says that he wants to have a smooth transition, that we will in fact have a smooth transition. And I am looking forward to that and the process has already begun."

Davis spokesman Steven Maviglio said Davis will continue to make appointments and

act on legislation. He added, "The governor-elect might be interested in learning that bills that Gov. Davis does not act on before Oct. 13 automatically become law."

In California, the governor may veto a bill, sign it or allow it to become law without signing it.

Schwarzenegger, who will take office as soon as the results of Tuesday's recall election are certified, said his first priority will be investigating the state's finances. The Republican said the state's budget deficit shortfall for next fiscal year may have risen to at least \$10 billion.

"One of the first things we have to do is audit. Open up the books and let the people look inside. Let the sun shine in," Schwarzenegger said at a news conference at a Santa Monica hotel.

Schwarzenegger also introduced Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., who is heading his transition team, and the two said they hoped to select a broad group of Democrats and Republicans to help them.

The first name they announced was the team's finance director, Donna Arduin, who is on loan from the administration of Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, where she is budget director.

Other members of the team include two prominent elected Democrats — San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn —

as well as former U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Hewlett-Packard chief executive officer Carly Fiorina.

Schwarzenegger has vowed to immediately repeal the recent tripling of the state's car tax and to preserve educational programs as he trims the budget.

Meanwhile, Davis met Thursday afternoon with his cabinet members, congratulating each one and asking that they cooperate with Schwarzenegger's team.

"They may need our help and if they ask, I want you to provide it," said Davis, who did not take questions from reporters. "Our service is not complete until we've done everything humanly possible to prepare the

next administration for their assignment."

Davis has about 100 pending appointments to make, 15 of which require Senate confirmation, Maviglio said.

Another 21 appointments already are pending before the Senate. Majority leader John Burton said he is considering calling the upper house back into session to act on the appointments before Davis, like Burton a Democrat, leaves office.

Even after becoming only the second governor to be recalled in U.S. history, Davis still has a sense of humor. On Friday, he was to read the Top 10 list on David Letterman's "Late Show."

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Arnold Schwarzenegger
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U.S. set to provide France plutonium

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government has asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for an export license to ship 300 pounds of weapons-grade plutonium to France for processing into reactor fuel, prompting criticism from nuclear nonproliferation groups.

The plutonium shipments are part of a long-range plan to dispose of 34 tons of excess plutonium in the government's nuclear weapons program by turning it into a mixed oxide fuel for use in commercial U.S. reactors.

The plan calls for building a plant in South Carolina to process the plutonium. In the meantime, the 300 pounds of plutonium powder — enough, critics say, for 50 or more nuclear weapons — must be shipped to France for processing so it can be used in a commercial reactor test run in 2005, officials said.

The Energy Department, in its request to the NRC for an export license, said the plutonium will be shipped across the country from the Los Alamos weapons laboratory in New Mexico to a Navy base at Charleston, S.C., and by a special armed and escorted ship to France.

The shipments are to occur sometime next year.

Energy Department spokesman Joe Davis rejected suggestions by critics of the program that the shipments pose a terrorist risk.

"We will have safe and secure transport for any plutonium that we ship," Davis said. "Charleston and federal DOE officials are capable of making sure the shipments arrive safe and secure."

Davis said the department is committed to the plutonium disposition program, which is being conducted in conjunction with a similar effort in Russia. He said the reactor test runs, expected to begin in

2005, are an essential part of the program.

But some nonproliferation groups have long opposed using converted plutonium in commercial power reactors, maintaining that it erases the separation of military and commercial nuclear programs and adds to the chance that some plutonium might be diverted improperly.

The shipments to Europe of some 300 pounds of plutonium in powder form as planned by the Energy Department "presents an unacceptable proliferation and safety risk and should be canceled," said Tom Clements, a nuclear materials expert working for Greenpeace International.

While the department has openly discussed its plans to convert excess weapons-grade plutonium to so-called MOX fuel and burn it in commercial power reactors, the request for an export license was not publicized.


The application was placed quietly on the NRC's Web site this week and first disclosed Thursday by Greenpeace, the environmental advocacy group that has strongly protested nuclear waste reprocessing in Europe and opposes the U.S. government's plutonium disposal program.

The United States is sending "a message ... that commerce in weapons plutonium is acceptable," said Clements.

Under a U.S. agreement with Russia, both countries planned to dispose of 34 tons of excess weapons-grade plutonium by turning it into MOX fuel. Several utilities in the United States have agreed to use the converted fuel, which once processed is no longer usable for weapons, in commercial reactors.

Duke Energy plans the first reactor test runs using MOX fuel assemblies at its Catawba reactor south of Charlotte, N.C., over a period of three years, beginning in 2005.

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Consider the consequences

Rape. It's an issue typically not pondered in everyday life. It is an issue that few people willingly admit they fear. It is an issue that people tend to dismiss as a reality in their own lives, an issue that is not addressed as often as it perhaps should — until it hits close to home.

For the Notre Dame community, it already has. Although alleged incidents of rape have dotted Notre Dame and Saint Mary's records in the past, few have been as publicly scrutinized as the charges filed against former football players Abram Elam, Donald Dykes, Lorenzo Crawford and Justin Smith for their participation in a March 2002 incident in which a former student claimed the men gang raped her.

On Tuesday, Special Prosecutor Maureen Devlin announced her intent to file a motion dismissing charges against Crawford and Smith, the final two defendants to be tried. Devlin was relatively unsuccessful in prosecuting Dykes and Elam and said her decision to file the motion to dismiss came, in part, after considering how likely it would be for her to obtain a conviction. She also noted that the "prosecution of a case involves the utilization of substantial resources and involves an emotional and financial price for the victim, the witnesses and the community at large."

A year and a half after the incident occurred, there is finally

some closure. But in the process, five students' lives were turned upside down.

All had to place their lives on hold as the incident was deliberated in the criminal justice system, and the men were expelled from school and stigmatized as sex offenders.

College is supposed to be a worry-free place where students can do as they please. But this incident and others show that going out and partying without thinking of the consequences can have drastic consequences — for both men and women.

A man has the responsibility to control his behavior and not take advantage of a woman who has been drinking. A woman has the responsibility to use caution in deciding to go home with a group of men, especially if she has been drinking.

Random hookups, and occasional one-night stands, dominate the relationship scene at Notre Dame. But students should consider the consequences that one night could have on the rest of their lives. If you asked the woman if she regretted going to the off-campus house and the football players if they regretted their decision to have sex with the woman, they would certainly say yes.

Learn from their mistakes, assess your behavior and help prevent future incidents from occurring.

The Observer Editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rape trial dismissals send wrong message

I felt great dismay after I read Oct. 7 article about the rape trials. I found special prosecutor Maureen Devlin's announcement that she intends to file motions to dismiss the charges against Lorenzo Crawford and Justin Smith saddening. Devlin is not dismissing these charges in the interests of justice, it seems.

Rather, she has considered her personal record. After an acquittal and one lesser charge found against Abram Elam, she has decided her evidence, which was enough to indict, is not enough to warrant a successful result.

I pray Crawford and Smith were not involved in this rather personal attack on a fellow community member. However, there seemed to be enough evidence at one time to suggest to Devlin that they were. Now, she is going to throw in the towel, citing the cost of going to trial.

This alleged victim has allegedly cooperated with authorities and the district attorney's office up to this point, so I don't believe Devlin's assertion that these upcoming trials would involve an additional emotional and financial price for the victim, the witnesses and the community at large.

I wonder what kind of closure the alleged victim in these cases felt about the months she has put into these trials. Does she feel satisfied that Devlin has given up her cause, essentially saying, "You're not worth our time or our money?"

I'd suggest to Devlin that a great emotional price will be paid for by the Notre Dame community at large. The special prosecutor is essentially sending the message to the female student body: "If you feel you were raped, we have little or no recourse to successfully prosecute the individuals you feel harmed you." Devlin is also discouraging future victims of rape to keep the alleged crimes to themselves. What kind of message does that send to the female population of Notre Dame?

I pray for all individuals involved in this case. From my point of view, the process of seeking justice in these cases has gone awry.

Jude Seymour
class of '02
Oct. 9

FUTURE OF ALTAR SERVERS...



Questioning altar server decision

It was with great dismay that I read in the Oct. 8 Observer that the Vatican may be considering disallowing the use of altar girls as part of a large-scale plan to correct abuses in Roman Catholic liturgies. What is the reasoning behind such a move, and what is the underlying principle at stake here?

The Vatican officially, albeit reluctantly, allowed female altar servers in 1994, and, prior to that, it was common practice in many U.S. dioceses. According to The Philadelphia Inquirer, "The Vatican document wants parishes to rely primarily on altar boys and use altar girls only for just pastoral cause." The document states that, "Parishes should never feel obliged to seek girls for this function." Why? Is it because they might feel called to further serve their Church at the altar?

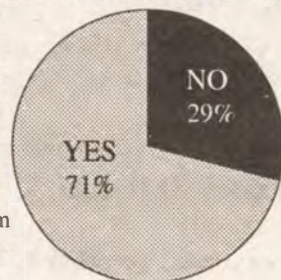
What is it about a person's gender that makes him or her more or less able to set table at a feast? What is it about a woman's presence at the altar (or even a little girl's presence, as many altar servers are children) that is so repulsive to the Roman Catholic hierarchy? What is it about a person's gender that makes him or her more or less able to be the face of Christ in the world? How long will women in the Church be treated as second class Christians? When will the Church acknowledge that all Christians are baptized just as Christ was baptized priest, prophet and king?

Anna Nussbaum
sophomore
Farley Hall
Oct. 9

OBSERVER POLL

The Vatican is considering curtailing female altar service.

Have you ever been an altar server?



*Poll appears courtesy of NDToday.com and is based on 240 responses.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What you do speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
American essayist

Cushioning the Gospel message

Call it the softening of the Gospels. Or, if you would, it's clever marketing. The desire to make the yoke easier and the burden lighter than Jesus had in mind. There is no point in fooling ourselves; those

parts of the Gospel that challenge our conspicuous consumption and excessive militarism, among other things we find difficult to

question, are dangerous. Not just to the social order they criticize, but also to those who might speak these truths.

So Catholic churches and Catholic universities stick to what is safe those things that might not challenge their constituencies too much.

Commencement speakers can be as far out of step with Church teachings on the death penalty, economic justice and wealth distribution, immigration and other social issues so long as they pass the litmus test of their stance on abortion. Outside observers are led to believe that this issue and sex comprise the whole of Catholic moral teaching. Sex is an interesting and worthwhile topic, but there is more to the Gospel message. At least I hope. I vaguely remember remarks like "woe to you who are rich, it is easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle," "turn the other cheek" and "put away your sword."

Church teaching on war, economics, migration, the environment and countless other social issues — the Catholic social teaching tradition — is widely regarded as the Church's best kept secret. Why is it kept secret? Perhaps because the message it offers is, at times, less than socially acceptable. It

might ruffle some feathers. It might upset the powers that be. That's funny, this sounds a bit like the experience of a first century man named Jesus.

This Saturday, another man not afraid of ruffling feathers will visit Notre Dame's campus. Bishop John Michael Botean, Roman

Catholic Archbishop of Canton, Ohio, will speak at Moreau Seminary. Botean chose, shortly before the start of the war in Iraq, to speak a dangerous truth. He chose to remind his diocese that their religion makes demands on their lives that go beyond the personal realm and into the social and the political.

Botean, aware of the sheer absurdity of the drive toward war in Iraq and cognizant that the situation in no way fit the minimal standards of the just war theory, felt it his duty to speak out. In a clearly and persuasively argued letter read at every parish in his diocese, Botean declared that "any direct participation and support of this

war against the people of Iraq is objectively grave evil, a matter of mortal sin."

His reasoning was simple and direct. Because the war clearly did not meet the standards of the just war theory, killing within the war would be unjust.

"Unjust killing is by definition murder. Murder is intrinsically evil and therefore absolutely forbidden, no matter what good may seem to come of it," Botean argued. By this logic, he concluded that "direct participation in this war is the moral equivalent of direct participation in an abortion." Botean's reasons for arguing so passionately against participation in the war are important to consider. As he himself said in the letter, he did not speak as a theologian or a private Christian expressing his opinion. Nor, it might be argued, did he speak as a political lobbyist, a partisan or even, for that matter, a committed member of the peace

movement. Rather, he spoke as a bishop, as a person with loving concern for the people he was called to serve. This calling rendered it a "moral imperative" for Botean that he not allow the people of his diocese to "fall into grave evil and its incalculable temporal and eternal consequences."

Botean could have chosen to remain silent. He even says he would have preferred to do so, for that would have been easier for both himself and his family. This silence, however, "would be cowardly." For though such silence might have saved him from criticism; it would also have prevented him from speaking the truth that he believed to be the teachings of Jesus.

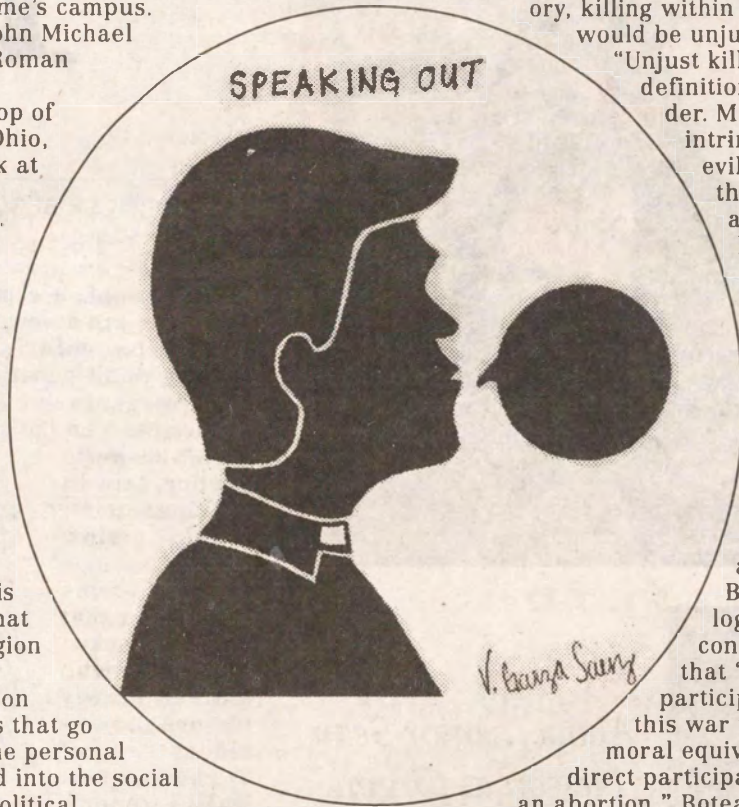
Botean could have chosen to affirm that, as Dorothy Day often said, "Christ came not only to comfort the afflicted, but also to afflict the comfortable." We might consider whether those who proclaim the message of Jesus truly challenge us to make the economic and social sacrifices the Gospels demand. At Notre Dame, caught up as it seems to be in the conspicuous consumerism and unquestioned militarism of our secular society, these questions grow even more important. If more graduates were taught and shown by example how to live the radical calling of Jesus, our endowment and multi-million dollar buildings might be in danger. Are we willing to take such risks for the Gospel?

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John Infranca

Dissident Poetry



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Clarify Charlie Ebersol's identity

Maybe it's me. I decided to move off campus this year, so maybe I am out of the loop, but I still think I keep up on campus news. I was wondering, then, if someone would tell me who Charlie Ebersol is?

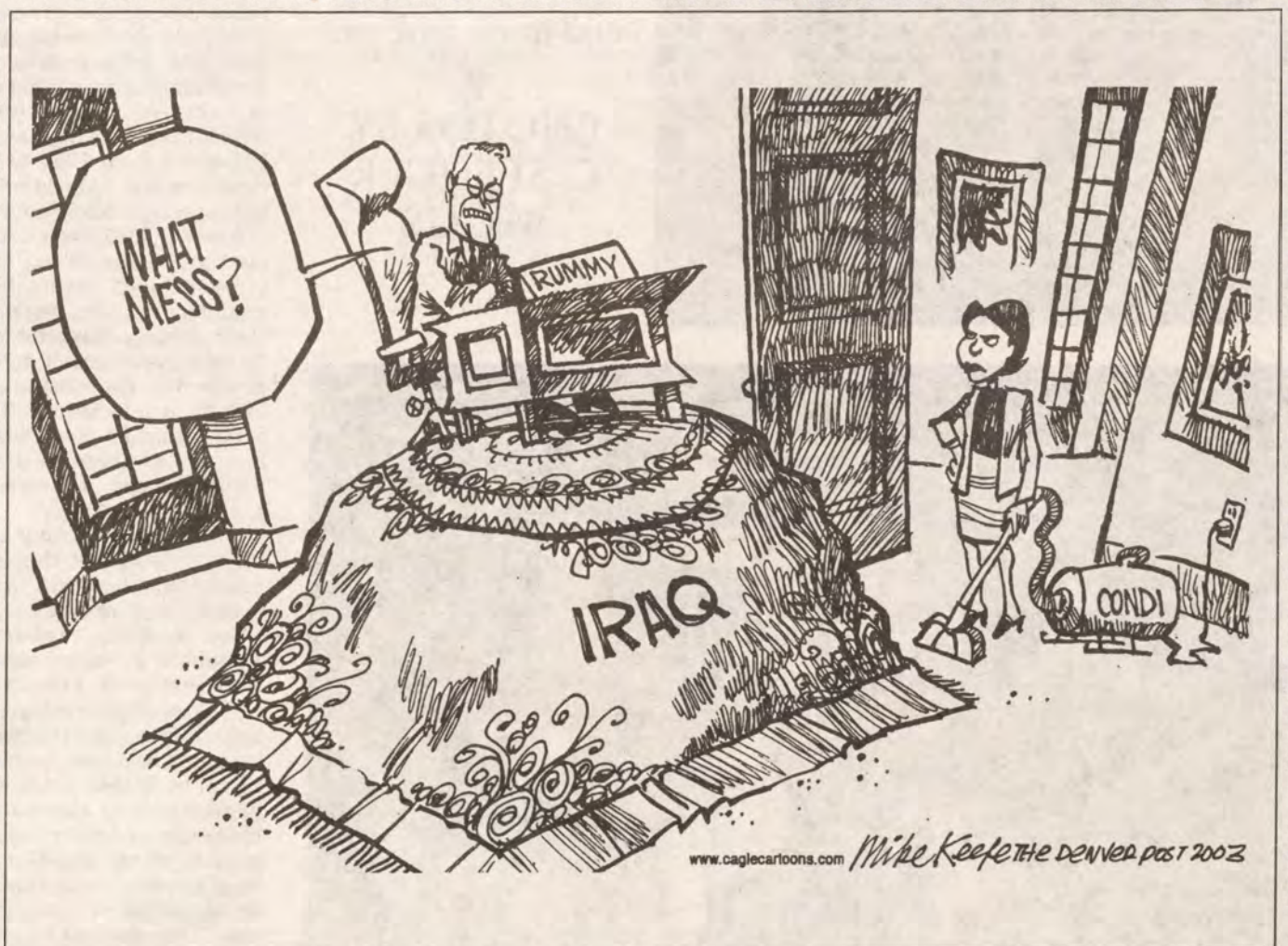
I saw his name in an ad for David Spade's show this weekend. I do not follow the career of Spade, so if Ebersol is his manager, then even if I was on campus, I would not know.

If 3,500 came, then Ebersol volunteered to shave his head. I was going to, but I decided to stay home and rent Tommy Boy from Blockbuster and save myself some money. So I have my own proposition: If the University brings in a good college stand-up comedian, I will shave my head. I am not asking that 3,500 or even 100 people come out for it. If we get someone like Mitch Hedberg I will shave my head bald. I will also sweeten the pot a bit.

If we get a good comedian I will not only shave my head, but I will also shave the moustache I have been sporting lately. I think this is a very fair deal. We all see a funny comedian, and then I shave my head and face. I just thought I would throw this out as an option.

Brian Foy
 senior
 off-campus
 Oct. 9

EDITORIAL CARTOON





Above, senior Sean Nelson as Orgon. At left, senior Michael Federico as the pompous courtier Loyal. Below, freshman Elizabeth Grams as Mariane begs her father for mercy as her mother, maid and uncle look on.

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Tartuffe

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Theatre Critic

"I see people accepting things at face value are deceived by illusions and are too gullible. I just think that we don't penetrate the messages we get from the media, from politicians, from the culture in general," Frederic Syburg said in his characteristically slow speech.

It's seems rather odd that this soft-spoken man, who ambles slowly through the corridors of Washington Hall, recommends a healthy dose of questioning authority to students, but that's exactly what Syburg said he wants to accomplish with his presentation of Notre Dame's Department of Film, Television and Theatre's first show of the year, *Tartuffe*.

But Syburg is also doing some questioning of his own with the show. *Tartuffe* is part of FTT's "best of" season, during which the department is reproducing some of its favorite shows from its 138-year tenure in Washington Hall before it relocates to the grand Marie P. DeBartolo Performing Arts Center next year. Syburg directed over 40 shows, including a 1964 adaptation of *Tartuffe*, for the department while he was a professor at the University from 1954 to 1991. This time around, Syburg said he sees the show in a whole new light.

When Syburg first produced his own prose adaptation of Molière's famous social satire, he added a monologue to the beginning of the show from a character playing the French poet himself defending the production from being seen as an attack on religion. This time, Syburg said he doesn't feel that the message needs to be drawn out as pointedly and is a reflection on a shared human frailty.

"I've done message plays, but this isn't one of them; this is a kind of universal observation of human nature," Syburg said.

Set in 17th century France, *Tartuffe* is a comedy about Orgon, a well-respected French nobleman who lives happily with his wife and two children in bourgeois society. He takes in a man named Tartuffe, whom he believes to be exceedingly pious, to act as a spiritual guide for his family. But not every member of his household sees Tartuffe's lofty speeches and melodramatic sighing as an indication of a deeper spirituality. They see him for what his is: a charlatan out to profit from Orgon's gullibility, ready to steal all he can from his benefactor including his newly betrothed daughter, Mariane.

Tartuffe is anchored by some

strong acting from a remarkably talented cast. The ensemble includes three freshmen along with a number of seniors and staples of Notre Dame theatre, but it would be hard to pick out who's who.

"I was really confident about everyone in the cast — there's three freshmen in the show and I've never worked with them before and I never doubted their talent at any point," senior Megan Olive said.

The female cast members are especially strong. Leading the way is Megan Olive

Marianne's pragmatic and clear-headed maid, Dorine. Olive, who is known for her skill playing rye, saucy wench types, infuses *Tartuffe* with a rambunctious spirit and brings out a lot of comedic moments from her character and from others. Senior Rose Lindgren and freshman Krysta Dennis also submit commanding performances as Orgon's mother and wife, giving

"Tartuffe"



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as the pompous courtier
Loyal. Federico, who is one stage
for no more than five minutes, had
the audience howling in laughter
and bursting into applause when he
exited.

Dennis said that working with
such a range of tal-
ents was a learning
experience for her,
though she seems
quite able to
teach the rest
of the cast a
thing or two
about acting
herself.

"It's nice
to work
with peo-
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new meaning to the Freudian idea
of wanting to marry your mother.

Senior Adel Hanash, known for
his fiery performances as passion-
ate characters like *Hamlet's* Laertes
and *Henry IV's* Hotspur, plays the
villainous Tartuffe with a surprisingly
gentle touch, guarding a
delightfully
devious smirk
just below his
angelic exter-
rior. Hanash
is able to pull
some particu-
larly funny
reactions
from senior
Sean Nelson's
volatile and
exceedingly
stupid Organ.
But the true
show stopper
here is senior
Mike Federico

before." Dennis said. "I love work-
ing with Adel — he's an amazing
actor. I couldn't have picked some-
one who is easier to work with."

Tartuffe is a fun play to watch,
and the cast gets some really big
laughs from the audience at times.
But this adaptation of Molière's
classic seems a bit tame for a play
that was once
censured by
religious
groups for
being seen as
an attack on
the church.
The biting
cynicism and
stinging wit
Molière is
famous for is
diluted in the
FTT produc-
tion by a lot of
gratuitous
and self-serv-
ing slapstick
antics. Like
FTT's produc-
tion of
Machiavelli's *The Mandrake* last
year, this show focuses too much on
getting the cheap laugh than really
burning the audience with its mer-
ciless insight. Molière's text is rich
in its psychological depth, and the
FTT production glosses over a lot of
the extremely powerful material
that makes his words truly venom-
ous rather than just pithy.

Megan Olive
actor

The set for the play also feels
cumbersome. Set Designer Emily
Phillips crosses a French drawing
room with an abstract landscape of
half-erect pillars, half-painted
floating walls at jutting angles and
selected words from the script
splashed across the set. Syburg
described the design as an "unfin-
ished world," which resonates with
an academic authority, but in prac-
tice, it looks a lot more like an
unfinished set.

The real drawback to this staging
is that it leaves the actors with little
room to maneuver and a lot of the
show is played dead on to the audi-
ence, which makes the perform-
ance feel like a series of mini-
speeches rather than the razor-
sharp repartee that made Molière
famous.

Even if the play has been
defanged, it's certainly enjoyable
with such a talented cast. Audience
members won't leave questioning
authority, but they will have had a
good time.

Tartuffe is currently playing at
Washington Hall. Performances are
tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
General admission is \$10, \$9 for
senior citizens and \$7 for students.
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Above, junior
Elizabeth Melly as
the maid Flipotte.

At right, senior
Megan Olive as the
saucy wiseacre
Dorine. Below,
senior Adel
Hanash as Tartuffe
tries to seduce
Elmire, played by
freshman Krysta
Dennis.

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ROWING

Veterans anchor promising squad

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

The Irish kick off their sixth season Saturday when they travel to Rockford, Ill. for the 18th annual Head of the Rock Regatta. The rowers, who ended the 2003 spring season with a second place finish at the Big East Rowing Challenge and a gold medal performance at the 2003 Central/South Sprints, are ready for fall competition.

Last year, Notre Dame's varsity four boats took first and third places at the Head of the Rock, while the varsity eight crews had third, fifth and seventh place finishes. The Irish are working toward equally strong performances this weekend.

Martin Stone, a national Coach of the Year finalist in 2002, returns for his sixth year as head coach. He is flanked by assistant coaches Pam Mork — recently named Central Region Assistant of the Year — and Joe Schlosberg.

"Pam and Joe have been instrumental in developing our rowers," Stone said. "Both have also been very active on the recruiting front."

Twelve returning seniors complement the veteran coaching staff. Stone is confident that the team will have another triumphant fall despite the graduation of key rowers, such as captains Ashlee Warren, a 2002 All-American who earned

her third consecutive first-team all-Central Region honor in 2003 and second CRCA National Scholar-Athlete Award, Casey Buckstaff and coxswain Cassie Markstahler.

Natalie Ladine, Alice Bartek, Danielle Protasewich, Kathleen Welsh and Jacqueline Hazen are among the seniors expected to assume the leadership positions that Warren, Buckstaff and Markstahler vacated.

"I think we have the makings of a very fine team," Stone said. "We have high expectations of our team both on and off the water."

The Irish have consistently met such expectations in the past. Each semester, the team has boasted an impressive overall grade-point average of at least 3.2 or higher. Ladine is one rower who has garnered honors for work both on the team and in the classroom. She has two years of experience in the first varsity eight and is a Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association National Scholar-Athlete. Last spring, Ladine was named a CRCA second-team all-Central Region winner for the second time. She also clocked the third-fastest erg score in Irish history last spring.

Ladine and the Irish look to start their season with a successful weekend at the Head of the Rock.

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SMC GOLF

Improving Belles travel to Olivet

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Saint Mary's is peaking at the right time, which could mean major problems for the rest of MIAA at this weekend's conference championship at Olivet.

"This is the biggest tournament of the fall," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said.

Saint Mary's is first in the conference standings and is coming off its best performance of the season. The team placed first at an MIAA competition at Adrian Sept. 27, beating rival Hope by 12 shots. Stefanie Simmerman took the individual medalist honors with an 81. Julie Adams fired an 83 and was followed by Megan Mattia's 84. The Belles had finished right behind the Flying Dutch in three previous tournaments before that victory.

The win put Saint Mary's nine strokes ahead of Hope

heading into this tournament, which will be played today and Saturday.

Hamilton said his team is ready for this weekend's challenge.

"They're peaking at the right time. They've really worked on the mental side and learning what is expected of them," Hamilton said. "The team is also learning how to practice better and better."

This weekend also showcases two of the best in the MIAA in Hope's Lacey Wicksall and Simmerman. Wicksall leads the conference with an \$1.7 scoring average, followed closely by Simmerman's 83.0 average. The Belles have three of the top five individual scoring averages in the MIAA, with Adams third and Mattia fifth, averaging 83.3 and 87, respectively. Adams is just one stroke behind Simmerman for the fall.

Hamilton said he believes

the Belles are the best in the conference, but they will have to prove that this weekend.

"[Last week] we felt like we got back to where we should be," Hamilton said. "We know [Hope] is a good team, but we honestly feel that we're better. This week we have to make that for real."

The winner of this tournament should get a better seed in the NCAA tournament and that could go a long way to helping one team win the national title.

The Belles have steadily improved from their first match this fall. They have placed no worse than fifth, took second twice and won one tournament.

The team will look towards a solid spring season after the fall and the possibility of placing in the national tournament.

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TENNIS

Co-captain loses national match

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame senior co-captain Alicia Salas, ranked No. 63 nationally in singles, lost to No. 27 Tammy Encina of Tennessee Thursday at the Riviera Tennis Club in the Riviera/ITA Women's All-American Championships, the first leg of the collegiate grand

slam. Salas and the rest of the Notre Dame women's tennis team will return to action on Friday, Oct. 17 in an exhibition match against rival USC in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

After winning three matches against ranked players to qualify for the main draw of the All-American Championships, Salas lost 6-4, 6-0 on

Thursday. She is 5-2 on the young season, with both defeats coming against top-30 players.

In qualifying, Salas beat No. 85 Ashley Schellhas of Vanderbilt 6-4, 3-6, 6-0 and No. 33 Alix Lacelarie of Clemson 6-1, 6-0 on Tuesday before defeating No. 39 Megan Muth of William & Mary.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Celebrations all around for Bullfrogs

By ANN LOUGHERY and ANNIE BRUSKY
Sports Writers

One bloody nose, two touchdowns and a round of "Happy Birthday" later, the Badin Bullfrogs found themselves victorious over the Pasquerilla East Pyros 13-6.

On the same night of Badin freshman Lizzie Shappell's birthday, Badin quarterback Steph Heath temporarily left the game with a bloody nose after colliding with a Pasquerilla East player.

Team mates watched with concern as they watched Heath recover from the accident and were at first unsure as to whether she would return to the game. Their qualms vanished when she returned to the game later in the second half.

The eventful game began with a number of key Badin defensive plays, including a sack by Rita Morgan. A short punt by the Pyros part gave Badin good field positioning and ultimately a touchdown pass from Heath to Jenn Carter. The Bullfrogs got the extra point after alternate quarterback Erin Zachry completed a successful pass to Mariah Marsh to put Badin ahead 7-0.

Badin coach Anthony Pilcher praised his players for the early touchdown.

"We played very well, but we

were more laid back in the second half," he said. "We just need to have more consistency on offense and some big plays on defense."

The Bullfrogs slowly began their offensive drive in the second half with Shappell running for 10 yards to put the Bullfrogs at first and goal. However, Badin failed to capitalize on the opportunity for a touchdown. On fourth and inches, Zachry was sacked.

The Bullfrogs countered the Pyros' defensive advances with some of their own. Sophomore Laura Feeney blocked a Pyros pass, eventually forcing a punt. The Pyros punt was short, and gave way to a quick Bullfrog touchdown by running back Megan Charlebois. Badin failed to convert

for two points following the touchdown.

With about two minutes remaining in the game, the Pyros still looked for an opportunity to score. Long passes from Pyros quarterback Katherine Lent to sophomore Leslie Follmer and freshman Rachael Maricich made the opportunity to score more attainable.

Pasquerilla East accomplished its pre-game goal to finish the season on a high note when Marcich scored the final touchdown of the game. The Pyros, however, failed to convert on a two-point attempt following the

touchdown.

"We haven't been doing well, so we just wanted to go out there and have fun," Marcich said. "We decided we needed a touchdown."

On the contrary, the Bullfrogs viewed Thursday's game as an opportunity for experimentation and practice.

"We tried a few different plays we don't normally do," Feeney said. "Today was all about getting ready for the playoffs."

Lyons 13, McGlinn 12

For a game that was supposed to answer the all-important playoff question, Thursday's even matchup between Lyons and McGlinn fell short of its mission.

After losing to McGlinn the first game of the season, Lyons redeemed itself by coming out with the 13-12 win last night, thus tying McGlinn for their 3-3 record and for third place in the Gold League.

"It's a great feeling," Lyons senior Allison Shenk said. "We really needed this win."

Lyons came into the final regular season matchup down by one game and needing a win to stay in the playoff hunt. By escaping with its one-point victory, Lyons extends its winning streak to 3-0 and anxiously awaits the outcome of the tiebreaker.

"We've finally found our offensive rhythm," Lyons coach Andy Kowieski said. "Hopefully we can keep it going if we make the playoffs."

McGlinn began the game strong with On-Kay Wong making a 40-yard run after a double reverse to score on the

Shamrock's first possession.

"Usually it takes us a long time to get into the swing of things but today we just stepped right up," Meacham said.

The Shamrocks caught the extra point but it was called back due to offensive pass interference. Then, late in the first half, Shenk, one of Lyons' key receivers, beat the last defender and caught quarterback Roxie Trevino's 30-yard pass in the end zone.

The two Lions connected moments later for the extra point, putting Lyons ahead 7-6 at halftime.

Meacham began McGlinn's second-half drive with a remarkable 40-yard run into Lyons territory.

After key plays by running back Raquel Ferrer and receiver Liz Maher, Wong caught a slant and ran it into the end zone.

McGlinn's defense struggled, however, and gave up several critical first downs late in the game.

Erin Brattoli made a huge catch out of the backfield on third and seven, giving Lyons a first down and the needed momentum. Lyons worked their way down the field with 20-yard passes to Shenk and fellow receiver Megan Regan.

Regan's height and athleticism gave her an advantage as she grabbed the final touchdown pass out of the air above McGlinn defenders' outstretched arms.

Her 15-yard penalty for spiking the ball hindered Lyons' attempts at an extra point, but a strong defensive showing for McGlinn's final drive preserved Lyons' win.

The teams know there's nothing more for them to do and are hoping to receive an answer from RecSports Friday.

"If we get the tie breaker, I feel we can make a serious run in the playoffs," Kowieski said.

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BASEBALL

Blue is winner in series

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame's big sophomore pitching tandem of 7-foot-2 righthander Ryan Doherty and 6-foot-6 lefthander Tom Thornton both turned in solid starts, each with no unearned runs allowed. But the game featured more miscues from both sides in Thursday's third and final game of the Notre Dame baseball program's annual Blue-Gold series. Doherty's Gold team registered a 5-1 win but it once again was a case of winning the battle but losing the war, as the Blue team narrowly won the series title based on run differential.


Only one of the runs in Game 3 was of the earned variety, with the teams combining for just seven hits manufacturing runs in several unique ways.

Doherty picked up the win after pitching just three innings due to the 65-pitch limit, allowed an unearned run on one hit and three walks while striking out four Blue batters.

Thornton was the tough-luck loser after yielding two unearned runs in the maximum four innings, allowing two hits with one walk and a hit batter.

A pair of freshman right-handers closed out the game with four shutout innings.

Jess Stewart retired all seven batters he faced, needing just 13 pitches to do so. Walk-on Nick Bertucci picked up the save.



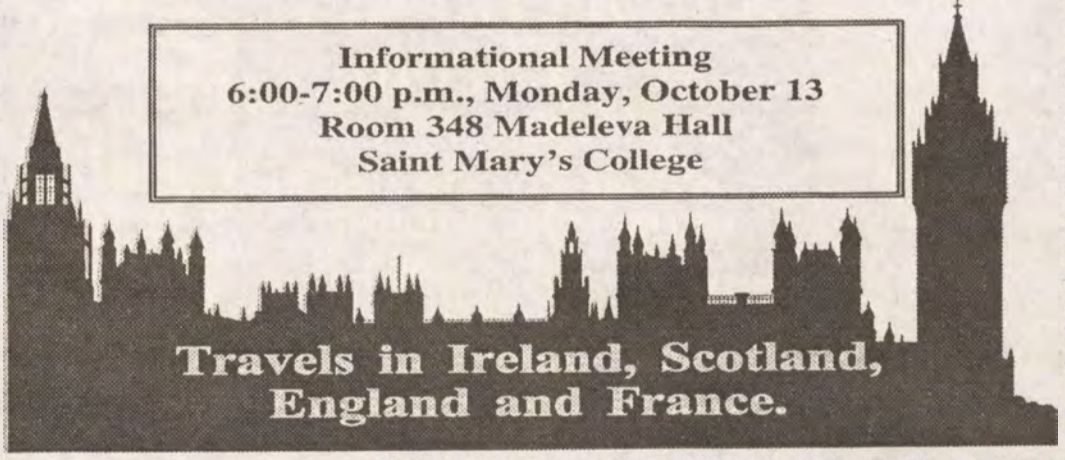
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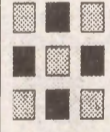


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MEN'S INTERHALL GOLD LEAGUE

Keenan and Morrissey battle to stay unbeaten

By KATHERINE GALES and KATIE WAGNER
Sports Writers

Neither team has given up a point to an opponent this season. Both boast strong returning players and solid freshmen. On paper, the matchup could not be more even as Keenan (2-0) and Morrissey (3-0) meet Sunday.

"Our record reflects the talent on this team," Morrissey captain Aaron Ronsheim said. "We have a chance not only to win on Sunday, but to make a deep run in the playoffs and eventually the championship."

The Manorites, however, are also a defensive powerhouse in the men's league.

"We forced nine turnovers in the first two games," Ronsheim said. "Our offense has a good passing attack with Marty Mooney — it lets us open it up, get big plays, get touchdowns and score points."

This weekend's game is also a chance for both the Manorites and the Knights to improve on the finer points of their game.

"We're not very balanced on

offense," Keenan quarterback Patrick Downey said. "Right now, we run the ball a lot better than we throw the ball against Morrissey and Dillon. We'll have to show a lot more balance to be successful."

Ronsheim has identified special teams as a point of improvement.

"Our special teams haven't done much this year," he said. "Last year we blocked a lot of punts — we're looking to improve."

Morrissey's roster has helped them with its 3-0 start this year.

"The biggest key to the team is our depth this year," Ronsheim said. "We don't have a lot of guys who play two ways, so we keep really fresh. We depend on a lot of guys to make plays."

A particular strength for Keenan is the senior trio of Ryan Crochet, Sean McCarthy and Brian Long. However, the incoming class of 2007 has brought both teams some new standout players.

"We rely on them offensively and defensively. They're the fulcrum of the front seven and control the line of scrimmage,"

Downey said. "Freshmen in key positions will have to step up and have a big game on Sunday."

There is also history at stake in this game. The 2002 regular season closed with Keenan and Morrissey in a battle for the final postseason spot. The Manor prevailed in a close 6-0 victory — but the Knights are ready for payback.

The Keenan and Morrissey game begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Riehle South field.

Alumni vs. Keough

Since both Keough and Alumni have lost to Dillon and been shut out by Morrissey, Sunday's game appears like it will be fairly even. Alumni already has one win under its belt defeating O'Neill. This game, however, was Alumni's first of the season, so it's been a while since the Dawgs have tasted victory.

"We've had a couple of tough games," Alumni captain Larry Rooney said. "We're pretty banged up."

Both of Alumni's losses were shutouts, which seems strange for a team that had done so well last fall. This might be due to the eight players missing in this year's roster that had helped lead the Dawgs to the stadium in 2002.

Despite Alumni's current slump, Rooney still is pleased with his team's efforts and play in games and practices.

"I think if we play to our potential we can win," said Rooney.

Despite Keough's winless season, one of Keough's senior captains John McCarthy is confident that his team can still pull



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Morrissey Manor is 3-0 this season, including a win over Stanford Hall. The Manor meets Keenan Hall this weekend.

through with a victory. He is happy with the improved attitudes and playing of his teammates since last fall. McCarthy credits Keough's new addition of a non-player coach to being largely responsible for his team's improved play this fall. Having a player-coach made calling out plays very difficult last year for Keough.

To win Sunday, Keough will need to forget its mistakes from its last two games and become more focused.

"We've given up two big plays each game," McCarthy said. "We have to show up to play four

quarters."

McCarthy is also concerned with Alumni's running back, Alex Roodhouse.

"We have to stop him," said McCarthy.

Both teams respect their opponent and feel capable of winning. Alumni needs to defeat Keough to qualify for the playoffs.

Keough and Alumni will battle Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle South field.

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Marathon

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this year," Nystuen said. "This is a testament to the quality of the event and to how mainstream the sport of running has become. We are delighted to bring this event to the 40,000 participants and to the one million spectators who rally the runners race day."

This will be a very different kind of race for Shula who has never ran, in practice or any other running competition, for more than 20 miles at one time. But he still feels he can break the three-hour barrier, which would qualify him for Boston.

"I'm from Maine, so I'm used to running around lakes so this

will be a different experience," Shula said. "I'm looking forward to it."

The Chicago Marathon had several records broken last year, including a new women's World Record set by Paula Radcliffe (2 hours, 17 minutes, 18 seconds) and the crowning of Chicago's first four-time winner Khalid Khannouchi.

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slipped in its dominance the past couple years and we want to show everyone that we're back. I think everyone who played [in the loss last year] remembered how terrible the game was. No one forgot that feeling."

The Hoyas, who ended up tied with Notre Dame in the Mid-Atlantic Division last season, stand at 0-3 in the Big East and 4-8 overall coming into their game against the Irish, which will be at 7 p.m. tonight.

The Irish will then play their seventh game in 15 days when they take on Miami on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Due to their depth, the Irish have been very strong when playing only two days after a previous game, going 7-0 while outscoring their opponents 22-2.

"Our depth plays a huge part in getting through this stretch," Scheffter said. "By being able to play more people it helps keep everyone's legs fresh and the team's energy up. It's important mentally to with school being near midterms. It takes a toll dealing with the mental aspects of the game plus school."

The Irish rank fourth in the nation offensively and defensively, scoring an average of



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Sophomore forward Maggie Manning splits two Oklahoma defenders in a nonleague game earlier this season.

3.54 goals per game while only giving up 0.33 on average in each contest. The Irish have only allowed two goals in their last 905 minutes of action, beginning with their game against Oklahoma.

Notes:

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0.33 goals-against average ranks fourth in the country
◆ Warner ranks fourth in the nation with 8 assists.
◆ Junior Mary Boland is fourteenth in goals (10) and tenth in points (24).

◆ Notre Dame's success comes despite seven Irish players having already missed a total of 70

games this season due to injury.
◆ Notre Dame has been ranked either No. 1 or No. 2 at some point in nine of the last 11 seasons.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles look to end three-game losing streak

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

It's been a roller coaster season so far for the Saint Mary's volleyball team, but the Belles hope to get out of their current valley as they travel to the Tri-State University Triangular this weekend. Saint Mary's will face Tri-State University at 11 a.m. Saturday and the University of Michigan-Dearborn later that day at 1 p.m.

The Belles (10-10) started the season 8-4, but since then, inconsistent play has dropped the team back to a .500 record. Saint Mary's is currently mired in a three-game losing streak, but this tournament could be just the boost they need to get out of that slump.

Saint Mary's played Tri-State at home earlier this year in the SMC Triangular and defeated the Thunder in straight sets. Despite this fact, Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek isn't

expecting a cakewalk at all. "Looking at their website, they've beaten some good teams recently including [MIAA member] Albion," she said. "We're not taking anything for granted."

The Belles are coming off perhaps one of their most-competitive matches of the year, losing in five games to MIAA leader Calvin Tuesday night at home.

"After the Kalamazoo loss [when the Belles lost in straight sets Oct. 4] we had a

good long talk about how we have to stay strong and build on our successes," Schroeder-Biek said. "Against Calvin we had a lot of successes, and we need to improve on those and take them into this weekend."

The Belles hope to be successful at the Triangular and carry that positive streak into their next conference game Tuesday at home against MIAA-opponent Adrian.

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SMC SOCCER

Practice makes perfect

The Belles will focus on basics against a winless Adrian team

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

It isn't quite practice, but playing Adrian College in soccer is pretty close.

The Bulldogs are 0-11 overall, 0-7 in the MIAA and face Saint Mary's Saturday at Adrian.

The Belles beat Adrian 7-0 in the two teams' first meeting.

"The challenge we have is to play quick and not hold on to the ball," Belles coach Peter Haring said. "We need to work on the things we do in practice."

Saint Mary's will use the Adrian matchup to tune up for several more difficult games in the near future.

Haring also said he wants to get more players involved in this game.

"We just want to continue to develop a rhythm," Haring said. "We can also get more bench players involved in case we need them, then they're ready."

The biggest task Haring wants to accomplish is working on the Belles two-touch game plan. This involves having players receive a pass then quickly deliver the ball to another teammate and ignite more ball movement.

The goal is to get the ball to the outside and look for opportunities from that point. When the Belles perform this strategy well during games, they usually have success, Haring said.

"Our center and midfield players haven't done a great job with [the two-touch strategy], which allows other teams to step in and win," Haring said.

When the Belles struggle, they usually have players trying to run with the ball and not pass it to teammates.

Then other teams have an easier time intercepting passes and converting those turnovers into fast break opportunities.

In their last meeting, Carolyn Logan scored three goals, while Ashley Hinton added two goals and two assists.

The Belles have a tough stretch of their schedule coming up in the next few weeks. After playing Adrian, the team faces MIAA leader Hope, which hasn't lost a conference game, standing at 7-0.

The Belles then take on non-conference foe Tri-State before playing Alma in the team's final home game.

Alma is tied for second in the division with Saint Mary's.

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Rutgers	3-1-1	10	6-3-1
Providence	3-1-1	10	5-4-1
Boston College	3-2-1	10	5-4-2
Virginia Tech	3-2-0	9	8-3-1
Seton Hall	2-1-3	9	4-2-4
West Virginia	1-3-1	4	4-6-1
Villanova	1-4-0	3	6-5-1
Georgetown	1-4-0	3	4-6-2
Pittsburgh	1-4-0	3	4-8-0
Syracuse	0-3-2	2	2-6-3

Big East Women's Soccer Northeast Division

team	conf.	Points	overall
Syracuse	2-0-0	6	8-3-0
Connecticut	2-1-0	6	7-2-2
Miami	1-1-0	3	7-5-0
Virginia Tech	1-2-0	3	7-5-0
St. John's	1-2-0	3	5-7-1
Providence	0-0-1	1	5-4-2
Boston College	0-1-1	1	8-1-2

Mid-Atlantic Division

team	conf.	Points	overall
NOTRE DAME	2-0-0	6	12-0-1
Villanova	2-1-0	6	10-3-0
Rutgers	1-0-0	3	7-3-3
Pittsburgh	1-0-0	3	4-6-1
West Virginia	1-1-0	3	10-2-0
Seton Hall	0-2-0	0	3-7-1
Georgetown	0-3-0	0	4-8-0

Big East Volleyball

team	conf.	overall
NOTRE DAME	4-0	12-2
Pittsburgh	3-0	13-3
Miami	3-0	13-4
Virginia Tech	2-1	8-9
St. John's	1-1	19-6
Connecticut	1-1	11-7
Boston College	2-2	13-5
Syracuse	2-2	13-8
Rutgers	1-2	7-10
Georgetown	1-3	6-12
Villanova	1-3	4-12
Seton Hall	0-3	14-6
West Virginia	0-3	3-13

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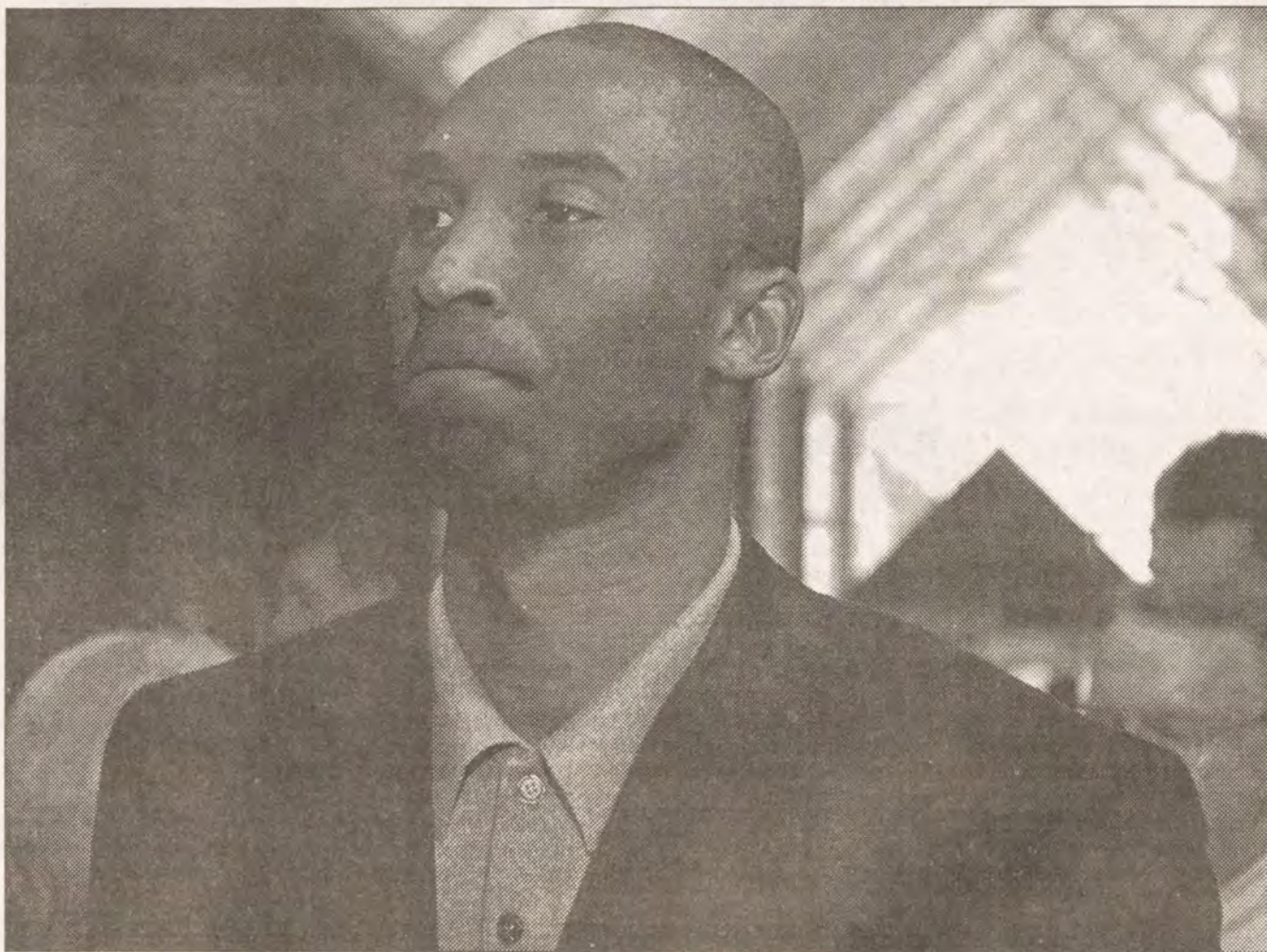
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Los Angeles Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant waits in the hallway during a brief recess in his preliminary hearing Thursday. Bryant has been charged with the sexual assault of a 19-year old woman.

Bryant's preliminary hearing begins

Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — The woman who accused Kobe Bryant of rape told police a flirtatious encounter quickly turned ugly when he grabbed her by the neck, bent her over a chair and attacked her, repeatedly asking, "You're not going to tell anybody about this, right?"

The 19-year-old woman was raped after agreeing to go to Bryant's suite at the resort where she worked, Eagle County Sheriff's Detective Doug Winters testified Thursday at a preliminary hearing to determine whether Bryant will stand trial.

Winters described in graphic detail for a packed courtroom how, according to the woman, an exciting, chance meeting with the Los Angeles Lakers' superstar led to a nightmarish assault that left her shaken and in tears.

She said she told Bryant "no" at least twice and he ignored her, pulling her dress up and her underwear down and raping her from behind.

At one point, the woman told police, Bryant forced her to face him and say "no" when he asked if she was going to tell anyone. After the attack, Bryant made her kiss his penis, Winters said

the woman told investigators.

Bryant, 25, has insisted the sex was consensual. He sat at the defense table staring straight at Winters for much of the hearing, hands folded in front of him. Bryant occasionally clenched his jaw, but showed little other reaction.

Though the testimony was graphic, the most explosive statement came from Bryant's own defense attorney when she suggested under cross examination that the woman's injuries would also be "consistent with a person who has had sex with three different men in three days."

That led an angry Judge Frederick Gannett to empty the courtroom and summon the lawyers to his chambers. Gannett was also upset earlier when defense attorney Pamela Mackey said the woman's name four times when asking questions.

She apologized, saying she would write herself a big note not to say it.

"Or I could get you a big muzzle," Gannett said.

The hearing — expected to last only an afternoon — was finally adjourned after more than six hours, an indication the trial could be long and laborious for both sides. Gannett said it would continue next Wednesday.

IN BRIEF

James might play Sunday

INDIANAPOLIS — Edgerrin James could play for the first time in three weeks Sunday for the Indianapolis Colts as he continues recovering from a back injury.

Colts coach Tony Dungy said Thursday that James was in good shape after practicing Wednesday for the first time since he was hurt in a Sept. 21 game against Jacksonville.

"It was a good sign, I think, coming back a second day after a hard practice. I'm optimistic about his chances this week," Dungy said.

The Colts (5-0) hope to have the two-time NFL rushing champ back on the field for Sunday's game against the Carolina Panthers (4-0).

"It'll be a game-time (decision)," Dungy said, "but I would think if he goes three practices in a row without any problems, he should be fine."

The Colts also are watching James Mungro, one of the running backs who have filled in for James the last two

games.

Mungro suffered a sprained right knee late in Monday's game against Tampa Bay and did not practice Wednesday or Thursday. He had an MRI on Wednesday and the results showed a slight cartilage tear.

Dungy said Mungro's injury could heal on its own, but there was a chance he would need arthroscopic surgery.

"I think the thought process now is to probably let it go," Dungy said. "He's going to practice [Friday] and hopefully it will be OK."

Yagudin applies for alcohol education program

HARTFORD, Conn. — Olympic skating champion Alexei Yagudin applied Thursday for an alcohol education program that would clear his record of a drunken driving charge.

Yagudin, 23, who trains at the International Skating Center of Connecticut in Simsbury, was pulled over just after midnight on Aug. 31

while driving near his home in Avon, a Hartford suburb.

The four-time world champion was charged with operating under the influence of alcohol, traveling too fast and making an improper lane change without signaling.

Police said the skater's blood-alcohol content level was above the legal threshold of 0.08. Yagudin was cooperative during the arrest, police said.

He appeared briefly in Hartford Superior Court on Thursday to apply for the special program for first-time offenders. He agreed to pay the \$150 application fee and court costs. The one-year program includes 10 to 15 counseling sessions administered by the state Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

In a statement, Yagudin said: "I am appreciative to the court for its offer to me to apply for this education program. I know I can benefit from it, and look forward to using what I learn in the future."

MEN'S INTERHALL BLUE LEAGUE

Fisher playoff hopes rest on win over Zahm

By RACHEL SCHIROS, ANN LOUGHERY and STEVE COYER
Sports Writers

If you hear the sound of thunder on Sunday, don't look to the skies. The Zahmbies clash with rivals from Fisher this weekend and each team is looking to storm on for a run at the playoffs.

Both teams are coming off their first wins of the season and hope to continue to pick up speed toward the playoffs. A win will put the Green Wave one game away from matching last year's 3-1 record or help Zahm even their record to 2-2.

"This game is ... a huge game for us because Zahm is one of our rival dorms and it is always an intense match up," Fisher captain Tom Gorman. "We really look forward to playing them."

The Zahm loyalty is noticeably apparent as the team looks to make up for a playoff loss to Fisher last year. Zahm has a group that is about a quarter freshmen and is significantly strengthened by the number of returning starters framing their lines, especially on defense.

"We are rock solid at every position," Zahm captain Mike Maimone said. "A lot of guys only have to play one way."

Leading the defense are linebacker and co-captain Pat McGarry and freshman defensive back Kyree Blackwell.

The new talent on the offensive side has improved with experience and the focus they've shown in practices. Standouts include quarterback Mitch Knapke, running back Eric Tarnowski and wide receiver Mike Russell.

The Fisher team also counts on strong hall support for this game. Last year's pre-game even included a dorm pep-rally and barbeque.

The players hope to satisfy their spectators by building off momentum after defeating defending champion Siegfried last week.

"It's going really well because we are finally getting used to playing with each other and it certainly is going much better," Fisher captain Tom Gorman said. "We are improving every week which is the most important part — to not be at your best at the beginning of the season, but to finish off the season at your best."

Gorman notes Fisher's strengths to be the defensive intensity and the balance of passing and running in the offense.

The Green Wave has a mix of upper and lowerclassmen in their ranks this year.

"They are a really good class and a lot of fun to play with because they obviously were very good in high school football as well," Gorman said.

The game begins at 2:00 p.m. Sunday on Riehle North field.

Carroll vs. Knott

It's tough being the little guys. The Vermin of Carroll Hall (1-1) are all too familiar with this situation. As the smallest dorm on campus, Carroll is forced to combat teams of larger numbers. Up to half of the team's players step up to play on both sides of the ball, estimates Carroll captain Jim Butz.

"We just have to keep everyone fresh and ready to go," Butz said. "It's tough on the team, but we manage."

This past week, Carroll had a bye after a 6-0 loss to St. Ed's. The bye provided much needed rest for the Vermin before they meet the Knott Hall Juggerknotts (1-1-1) Sunday.

"We had a chance to get all the nicks and injuries healed up," Butz said. "We're ready to play."

And so is Knott, according to captain Drew Donovan.

The past two years have been rebuilding ones for the Juggs, but this year Donovan said the team has played with more confidence. Confidence will be especially necessary in Sunday's

game, Donovan said, because a win over Carroll would send the Juggs to the playoffs.

Over the past week, Knott has focused on execution, team dynamics and consistency in preparation for the game. Donovan cites consistency on the offense's part as the Juggs' primary weakness.

"There are times when the offense moves the ball well and there are times when the offense is discombobulated," he said.

Both teams anticipate a hard-fought battle, despite their weaknesses.

Sunday's game will ultimately test the two teams staying power. The game will take place at 1 p.m. at Riehle North field.

Sorin vs. St. Ed's

Sorin and St. Ed's have had their share of excitement this year with close games decided by a field goal and tight defensive battles. On Sunday the stakes are raised as both teams fight for a playoff spot.

Sorin's record stands at 1-2 and is looking to turn things around going into their last game. After a thrilling 3-0 win to start their season, the Otters have had problems maintaining their intensity late in the game.

"We've had some problems keeping the team focused, but if we win this last game we'll have a good shot at making the play-

offs," Sorin captain Collin O'Keefe said.

St. Ed's enters the week coming off a tough 6-6 tie against Knott. They are currently undefeated (1-1) with both games being low scoring with neither side scoring more than six points.

Key players for St. Ed's are running back and defensive threat Mike Giampa and quarterback Chris Wagner. The team looks to stay strong on defense and create more scoring chances on offense.

"We're going to keep up our strong running game and defense but we need to find a way to get the ball in the end zone," St. Ed's captain Kevin McNamara said.

Sorin also hopes to jumpstart their offense behind the strength of its wide receivers. The Otters' offense has struggled all year, only scoring a total of 17 points.

"We need everything to come together on offense with our wide receivers leading the way," O'Keefe said.

The game will be played Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle North field.

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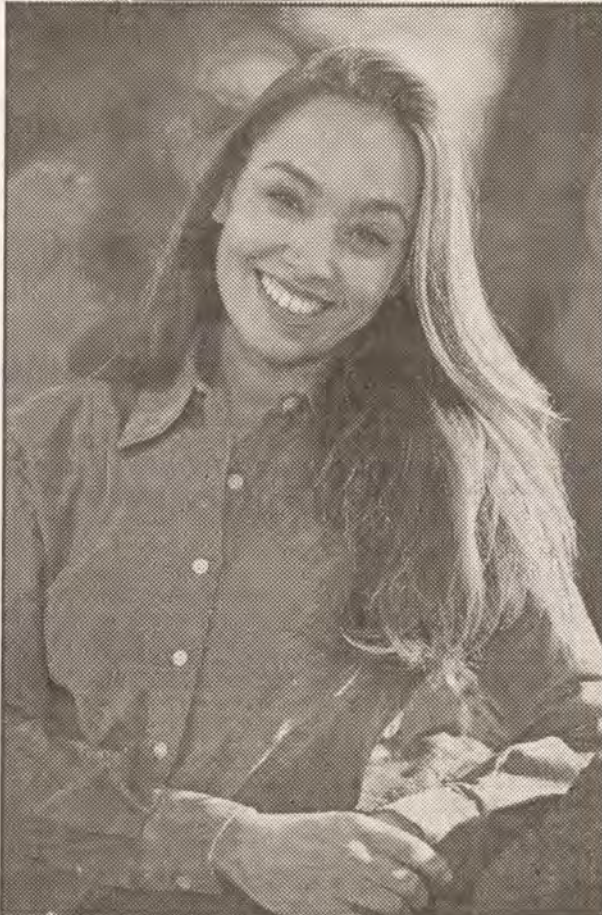
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Spanish film director Pedro Almodóvar (b. 1951) has made 27 films to date. His latest film, "Bad Education" is in post-production and is slated for release in 2004. Almodóvar won an Oscar for "Best Writing, Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen" for his 2002 film, "Talk to Her." Check out his other films at: www.imdb.com/name/nm0000264/.



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WOMEN'S GOLF

Tournament score shows late-round resilience

The Irish rebound from early trouble in the Shootout at the Legends

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame shot a 308 in the first round of The Shootout at the Legends tournament earlier this week, and they would have been pleased with such a score last season.

But this year, the Irish weren't.

"We were upset after the first round," coach Debby King said. "And that's a big step for us, because last year we would have been happy with that score."

The Irish came back to produce two solid rounds and finished the tournament in seventh place, with a three-day total of 902 against a very difficult field. The Legends had schools from all across the nation, including some very strong Big Ten foes.

"That was the toughest field we will face all season," King said. "It was massively filled

with Big Ten teams, and we were able to beat quite a few of them."

Perhaps the biggest indicator of the team's improvement from last season was its score this year — 41 strokes better than when the Irish took 13th in 2002 at the same tournament. They shot 308-294-300 during the three rounds.

The biggest difference in the shootout at the Legends tournament and throughout the fall has been the consistent play of two freshmen and the strong effort from the

rest of team. Freshman Noriko Nakazaki leads the team with an 18-hole scoring average 75, while fellow first-year golfer Stacy Brown has averaged just over 81 strokes per round.

Katie Brophy and Sarah Bassett have also been crucial in lifting the Irish to impressive showings at all of their fall tournaments. They have averaged 76.33 and 76.67 strokes per round, respective-

ly. King said she is extremely pleased with her team's play in the fall.

Notre Dame has already accomplished several team goals, such as being ranked in the top 50th. The Irish started the year at 99th and have jumped to 36th.

"We might have to rework our goals," King said.

One of the biggest keys for the team's ascension in the rankings is their ability to fire rounds near 300.

King wants to continue to see that score reached by her team.

"We still want to be around 300 for every round," she said.

The Irish have a week off before heading to Palm Harbor, Fla. for the adidas Invitational Oct. 19-21, where King says the competition will be fairly strong once again.

They will end the fall season in Charleston, S.C. at the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Dunes Intercollegiate Invitational Nov. 3.

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The Irish fought against a tough opening round at the Shootout at the Legends to finish seventh with 902 total strokes.

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Rutgers

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Richards and junior Kevin Goldthwaite man the wing-back positions, and reliable junior Jack Stewart and precocious freshman Greg Dalby are the unit's core at the middle of the field.

On offense, Irish seniors Justin Detter and Devon Prescod share the team lead with 11 points. Detter has taken 42 shots and gotten 18 on goal. Prescod leads the team with five goals.

His five goals so far already surpasses the amount of three he netted last season.

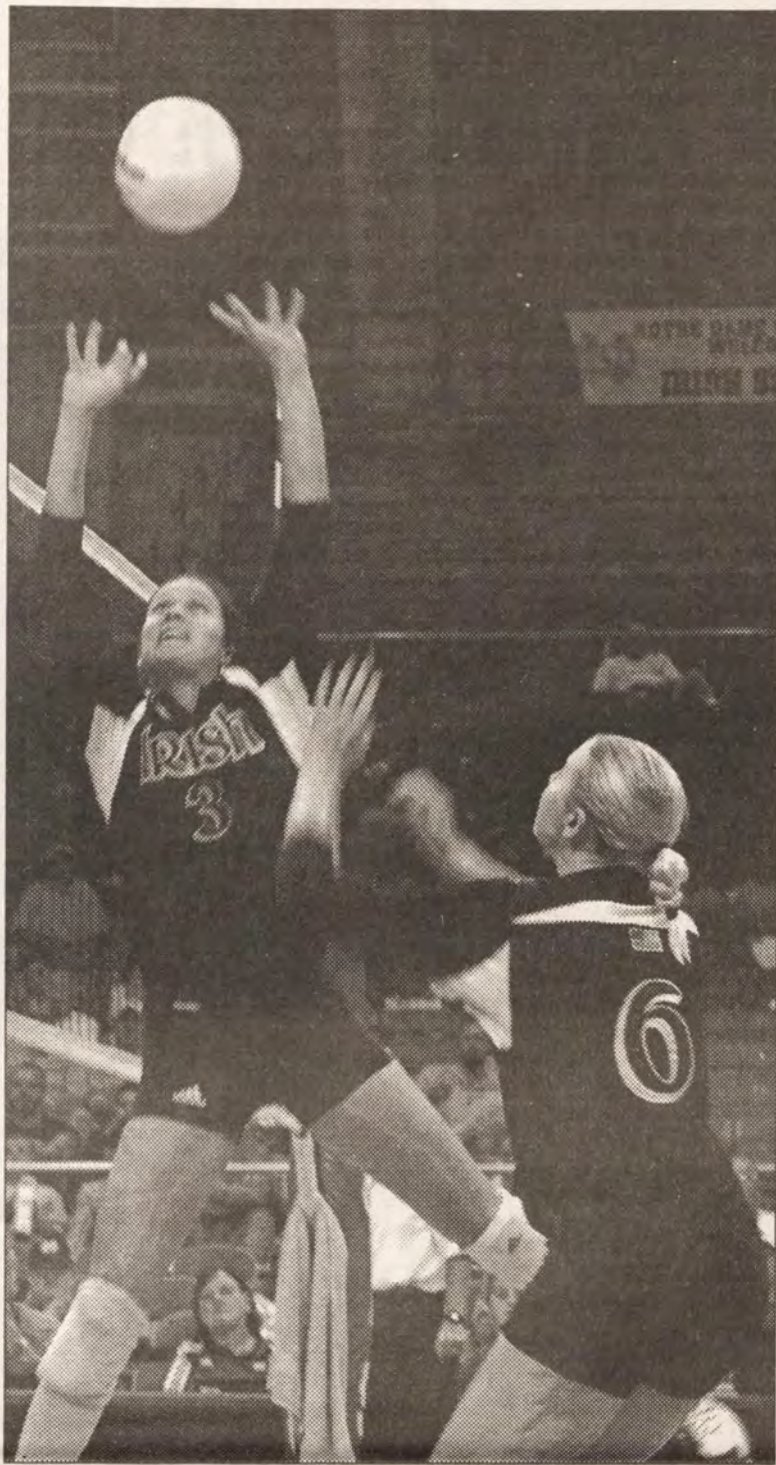
Saturday will be the thirteenth meeting between Notre Dame and Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights lead the all-time series with an 8-3-1 record, including five straight wins from 1998 to 2001. That losing streak ended for the Irish last season with a 1-1 tie in Piscataway, NJ.

The last win for Notre Dame over Rutgers came in 1997, when the Irish pulled out a 1-0 shutout at Alumni field.

Rutgers is 2-1 all-time at Notre Dame's home field.

Saturday's game begins at 7:30 p.m. It marks the first of Notre Dame's final two home games.

The last regular season game at Alumni field will be on Oct. 31 versus Villanova.



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Sophomore setter Kelly Burrell elevates to set up sophomore middle blocker Lauren Kelbley.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Potent Irish offense awaits visiting teams

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Domination has been key for the Irish of late.

Last weekend's Big East play saw the Irish cruise on the East Coast, defeating St. John's and Connecticut.

"Our passing was very good," senior Kim Fletcher said. "Offensively, we're always a good team and when the passing is there, we just dominate."

Dominate they did, as the Irish (12-2, 4-0 in the Big East) out hit St. John's .369 to .236 Saturday, and they out hit Connecticut .244 to .129 Sunday.

Lauren Brewster led the hitters with 24 kills on .457 hitting to go along with 15 blocks on the weekend. Brewster's efforts garnered her the Big East Co-Player of the week. She was the fourth Notre Dame winner in the six weeks of this season's awards.

Brewster stepped it up Sunday, matching a career high with 17 kills on .596 hitting percentage.

She made just one error in 27 attempts, along with her eight blocks. Brewster ranks sixth in the nation in blocks per game, with 1.61. As a team, the Irish are ranked second, with a team average of 3.44.

But there is no time to dwell on the wins for the Irish.

"We work hard every week in practice," Fletcher said. "This weekend is going to be a big one."

This weekend finds the Irish in the Joyce Center tonight

against Seton Hall (14-6, 0-3) and Sunday afternoon against Rutgers (7-10, 1-2). Both teams would love a win over Notre Dame.

In fact, one Seton Hall player has the single goal of beating the Irish before she graduates.

"They're going to come out ready to play," Fletcher said. "Seton Hall always comes out strong when they play us."

The Irish will counter with some firepower of their own. Emily Loomis has hit double digit kills in the last 20 consecutive matches.

Also leading the offense is senior setter Kristen Kinder. Kinder has taken over the setting duties after the Irish switched their rotation to the 5-1.

"It's always hard when there's two setters to adjust to having different setters, and for the setters to adjust to having different hitters," Fletcher said.

The Irish have really caught fire with the new offense.

Lauren Kelbley had 15 kills and was in on five blocks for the Irish against Connecticut. Against Rutgers she had 11 kills on .429 hitting percentage.

"When we have good passing, it's easier to get the offense going," Fletcher said.

For the Irish, winning the Big East is just another step in the right direction.

"Our goal is to win the Big East and with the Big East Tournament because that gets us a NCAA bid," Fletcher said.

With their 4-0 record in Big East play, the Irish are on the right track, but still have a long road ahead.

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HOCKEY

Irish open with familiar foe in Ohio State

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

It might seem like déjà vu for the Irish as they take the ice for their first game of the regular season this weekend on the road against the No. 15 Ohio State Buckeyes.

Ohio State ended Notre Dame's 2002-03 season with a 3-2 come-from-behind win over the Irish in the first round of the CCHA Super Six in Detroit last year. It's a game that has still left a sour taste in the mouth of the Irish, according to head coach Dave Poulin.

"Believe me, [revenge] has been mentioned," he said. "Any time a team knocks you out and you're as close and we played as well as we played in that game, you certainly want to come right back and get right at them."

"We would have preferred to have played them the next night rather than after six months, but it definitely has been mentioned this week."

The Buckeyes (1-1-0) participated in the Lefty McFadden Invitational last weekend, losing to Denver 5-2 and defeating Miami (Ohio) 5-3. Ohio State returns 14 of 22 letterwinners from last year's team that finished third in the CCHA.

The Buckeyes will have to

replace two talented forwards in R.J. Umberger and Ryan Kesler, who signed with professional teams over the summer. Kesler scored one of the goals in that 3-2 win over the Irish at Joe Louis Arena last year.

Goalie Mike Betz will almost certainly be looked at to lead the Buckeyes this year. The senior goaltender led the CCHA in goals-against-average last year.

Despite the loss of Umberger and Kesler, the Buckeyes still feature a veteran team with nine seniors who are used to playing for one of the top teams in the league.

"I think [losing Umberger and Kesler] changes them a lot," Poulin said. "I think it does change their team dramatically, and I really think they'll be looking at Betz in net a lot more."

The Irish will have to go against Betz with their backup, however. Junior Morgan Cey, who was slated to be the number one goalie, is still recovering from off-season knee surgery and will be unavailable for the Ohio State series.

Sophomore Rory Walsh, who was the MVP of the Blue-Gold scrimmage game, and freshman David Brown, who picked up the victory in Notre Dame's pre-season win over Western Ontario, will compete for the chance to start in net against

the Buckeyes.

"Somebody's going to have to be ready, but I don't know who that is yet," Poulin said. "They're very close right now. ... They both played well last weekend and they both played well in the Blue-Gold game."

"Certainly you don't replace Morgan Cey at this point, but someone will step up."

As with any new season, the Irish will also look to replace its departed seniors. Among those who graduated last year were captain and number-one defenseman Evan Nielsen, backup goaltender Tony Zasowski, Michael Chin, Connor Dunlop, Jake Weigand and John Wroblewski.

Also, junior Kyle Dolder and Yan Stastny left the team to play major junior hockey in Canada.

"I think you look at your team and see who will step up. Certainly our senior class, particularly on defense, is full of veterans," Poulin said.

Seniors Tom Galvin, Neil Komadowski and Brett Lebda will serve as a trio of talented offensive defensemen on the Irish back line. The three combined for 11 goals and 46 assists last season.

On offense, the Irish feature one of the best senior forwards in the country. Despite being drafted as a sophomore by the Florida Panthers, Rob Globke has remained with Notre Dame his entire career and has stayed among the CCHA's top scoring leaders each season as well.

Last year Globke led the team in scoring with 21 goals and 15 assists for 36 points. His class-



Notre Dame opens the 2003 season against Ohio State, the team that eliminated the Irish from last year's Super Six.

mate Aaron Gill, a talented center, will serve as the 2003-04 captain. Gill was an alternate captain last season and scored 25 points with 13 goals and 12 assists.

Notre Dame was voted seventh in the 12-team CCHA pre-season poll, another fact that Poulin has noticed.

"It's great to start against a team as good as Ohio State is,"

he said. "Because it's a chance to maybe go out and show the pollsters that maybe they've underestimated you."

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The No. 5 Notre Dame men's soccer team has proven it can play anywhere through its first 11 games of the season.

The Irish (7-1-3, 3-1-1) look to continue their dominant play — particularly on defense — when they play host to No. 25 Big East foe Rutgers this Saturday at Alumni field.

Notre Dame has lost just one game this season, a 3-0 home defeat at the hands of conference opponent Saint John's.

Otherwise, the team has been solid regardless of the venue.

The Irish won five of seven games and tied once in a seven-game home stretch in September. The team then went 1-0-1 on a weekend road trip to Syracuse and Pittsburgh, returning with still just one blemish on its record.

This weekend's match-up

with Rutgers is the beginning of the end.

The Scarlet Knights (6-3-1, 3-1-1) enter South Bend three days after tying Seton Hall, 1-1.

Notre Dame and Rutgers are in a three-way tie with Providence for third place in the Big East. Connecticut sits in second place with a 3-1-2 conference record, and St. John's is first at 4-1-0. The Irish can overtake St. John's for first place on Saturday with a win over the Scarlet Knights and a Red Storm loss to Providence.

A team effort will include the same of what Clark has been getting from his disciplined squad. He will look for the defense to halt the Rutgers attack and remain stable to give the midfield and offense chances to advance.

The defense is tied for first in goals allowed (7) and first in goals against average (0.58) in the conference. Senior Kevin

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Midfielder Chad Riley sprints downfield in an earlier match versus West Virginia. The Irish can make huge strides in the Big East conference standings with a victory over Rutgers this Saturday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish eager to dominate conference

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

A month ago the Irish were challenged in the early going by then No. 13 Arizona State, who took a 1-0 lead early in the game. It was the first time in the young season that the Irish had faced a deficit.

Now through their first thirteen games, there has not been a second time. The Irish rallied quickly against the Sun Devils, winning 3-1. Furthermore, they have not allowed more than two shots on goal in a game since, a stretch of ten games. In those ten games, the opposition has managed only a meager 13 shots, while the Irish have scored 31 goals.

The No. 2 Irish will look to continue that streak and their overall dominance as Georgetown and Miami pay visits to Alumni Field this weekend.

The Irish, now 12-0-1, will have revenge on their minds against the Hoyas, as they dropped a 4-3 decision last year despite current senior Amy Warner's second career hat-trick.

Based on past history, the



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Senior forward Amanda Guertin makes a tackle against a challenging Northern Illinois player.

Hoyas do not stand a good chance of duplicating their upset, with Notre Dame having won its past 46 home games against Big East opponents. Before last year, the Irish had won the first seven games in the series by a com-

bined score of 55-1.

"Our mindset in all our Big East games is really to pound the opposition," midfielder Annie Scheffter said. "Notre Dame has

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CHICAGO MARATHON

Students race with ambition

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Drew Shula has never run 26.2 miles at any point in his life. The fourth-year Notre Dame architecture student hopes that changes Sunday.

Shula, along with 39,999 other runners will compete in the 26th annual Chicago Marathon Sunday for a chance to qualify for other national races, win money or simply accomplish a goal of finishing the marathon.

For Shula and several other Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, this weekend also gives them an opportunity to challenge themselves in one of the most famous marathons in the United States.

"It's something I always wanted to do," Shula said. "The first time you're supposed to just try and finish it and get one [marathon]

under your belt. It's going to be a challenge to finish so I'm a little nervous."

The race begins at Grant Park and ends at that same location, 26.2 miles later. It began in 1977 and has become one of the biggest events in Chicago ever since. Supporters and fans usually total over one million for the race.

A significant difference between the Chicago Marathon and other national races, like the Boston Marathon, is that there is no qualifying time needed to participate. The runners all give an \$80 to \$90 entry fee and must be one of the first 40,000 people to register. This year that quota was met Wednesday, to the delight of event chairman and chief marketing officer for LaSalle Bank Mark Nystuen.

"We have reached our registration cap in record time

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

HOCKEY

Notre Dame at Ohio State

Tonight, 8:05 p.m.
The Irish look for revenge against the Buckeyes.

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Seton Hall at Notre Dame

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The Shootout at the Legends

Notre Dame finished in seventh place with a total of 902 strokes.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Alumni vs. Keough, 1 p.m.
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Keenan vs. Morrissey, 2 p.m.

Check out men's interhall games this Saturday.

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Saint Mary's at Adrian

Saturday evening
The Belles play the winless Adrian squad on the road.

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On his way to the top

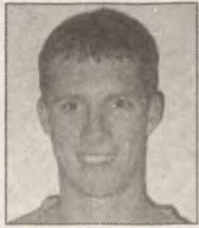
**Vontez Duff has climbed
great heights to get
where he is today**



Photo Illustration by SHAWNA MONSON and MIKE HARKINS

Holiday accepts demotion with class

Carlyle Holiday doesn't listen to the snide remarks people make after they walk by, doesn't read the newspapers that say he can't play and doesn't bother looking over e-mails he receives that say he has no business playing college football.



Andrew Soukup

Sports Writer

But three weeks ago, Holiday did hear something he would never forget.

With the Irish trailing by a touchdown to Michigan State, Holiday didn't see Michigan State's Greg Taplin standing between him and his receiver. So Holiday fired a pass directly into Taplin's arms, an interception that was returned 40 yards for the game's back-breaking touchdown.

Holiday snapped off his chin-strap in disgust and started trudging toward the sideline. That's when he heard it.

Not loud at first, but it started in each corner of Notre Dame Stadium and crescendoed to the point where the sound reverberated through Holiday's helmet.

Boos.

"That," Holiday said weeks later of an image bound to give him nightmares, "was pretty tough not to hear."

In Holiday's 24 games as the starting Notre Dame quarterback, he knew he had to develop elephant skin — and not just to handle the crushing hits he would receive courtesy of a porous offensive line. He watched how Notre Dame fans ruthlessly pummeled Matt LoVecchio two seasons ago, begging Irish coaches to install Holiday at quarterback. He heard those same fans first praise him, then criticize him, then boo him and beg for true freshman Brady Quinn to start over Holiday.

Two weeks ago, Notre Dame coaches apparently grew tired of trying to cram the square peg into the round hole and dumped Holiday, a 24-game starter whose greatest asset was always his legs and never his arm, in favor of Quinn. The Irish coaching staff has given every indication that Quinn will start Saturday against Pittsburgh and probably the rest of the season.

That means Holiday is relegated to spot duty on the field, like taking snaps at wide receiver, while he prepares himself to go back in and face the boos if Quinn gets injured.

Holiday could have sulked. He could have moped. He could have blasted the fans. He could have ignored reporters. He could have

called out his teammates.

But he didn't. When he first heard about a T-shirt that read, "The Holiday is Over," he smiled it away.

When he got bombarded week after week with questions about his ability, he openly discussed his flaws. When Notre Dame got embarrassed by Michigan and beaten by Michigan State thanks largely in part to an offense that had as much life as Venus, Holiday shouldered all the blame.

And never once did he fire a salvo back.

"That's something you have to deal with," he shrugged. "For you to start to hit back and let your anger show, that sticks out more than any other thing."

Publicly, Holiday hid his disappointment and frustration. Privately, you couldn't blame him if he didn't want to leave his room or go to class. Why not? He'd just be walking by or sitting with fellow students who lambasted him Saturday after Saturday.

So Holiday took it all in stride, laughing away questions that wound him to the core, taking too much blame even though the rest of his offense wasn't clicking, trying to ignore the jeers he received in his own stadium. And during the week Holiday was replaced as the starting quarterback — a decision coaches appeared to make during the week but didn't reveal until

game time — the senior was the consummate team player by not letting on that his days as Notre Dame's starting quarterback were likely over.

Now, Holiday walks unmolested by the throngs of media members who once clamored for a sound bite from him but now only want to hear from Notre Dame's newest golden boy. So far, he says he hasn't given Quinn any advice on how to handle all the off-the-field pressure of being Notre Dame's starter, which he knows makes lining up under center against Michigan seem appealing in comparison. "That's something he has to experience for himself," the deposed starter said.

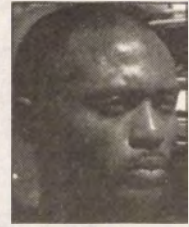
But maybe Holiday should talk to Quinn. He might have known he was walking into the lion's den two years ago when he was named the starter, but he certainly didn't think he'd get eaten to pieces if he didn't succeed.

Depending on how Quinn's next four years at Notre Dame turn out, the day he was named starter could be one of the best days of the freshman's life.

But as Holiday knows, it could also be one of the worst.

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game hype



Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

"I feel much more rested and a lot better."

"We could be very easily sitting here right now being 3-1 and not 1-3."



Brady Quinn
Irish quarterback

"It's like every week to me. This is just the next No. 1."



Vontez Duff
Notre Dame cornerback

"I think Notre Dame is dangerous any time."



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A constant reminder

Vontez Duff's seven tattoos remind him of his roots

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame cornerback Vontez Duff is like a human canvas.

In all, he has seven tattoos. But none are more important — or more visible — than the two he wears across his throat. On the left side is "Wynoka," the name of Duff's mother and the woman who raised four children virtually by herself. On the right side is "Warren," the name of Duff's father, who passed away when Vontez was only two years old.

"I got my dad in memory of him passing away," Duff says of his most noticeable tattoos. "But I had to get my mom as well, because she'd have been mad if I got him and not her."

He says it with a laugh, but the tattoos serve as both a tribute and a reminder. They pay respect to the father he barely had the chance to know and the mother who helped mold him into the person he is today.

But they also serve as a reminder of the important things in his life and the obstacles he's had to overcome.

Rottweiler

On Duff's lower right arm is a tattoo of a rottweiler dog. He calls it his "young and stupid" tattoo — the first one he got and the characterization of an eager young man trying to break out onto the big scene.

But there was really very little "young and stupid" about Duff at the time. As the oldest of four children, Duff often served as surrogate dad to his two brothers and one sister while their mother worked. While others may have taken the circumstances as the freedom to find trouble, Duff was busy making sure his siblings stayed out of trouble and on the right path.

"Being the oldest child of two brothers and a sister and with my mom working, I was always the big brother in the house," he said. "I spent most of the time just watching after them, making sure they were on top of everything and not getting in trouble."

But Duff doesn't like to harp on what could have been or how

things could have been better. He is thankful for the opportunities and the abilities he did have.

"It's like that sometimes, and everybody has their story," Duff said. "You just try to make a positive out of every negative and be glad for the opportunities that you have ahead of you."

Excelling on the field

Those opportunities were many for the Duff, a three-sport star at Copperas Cove High School in Copperas Cove, Texas. In fact, in his younger days, Duff first saw himself as a basketball standout.

"Growing up, I thought I was going to be a basketball player," Duff said. "I thought I was going to be like 6-foot-9 and the next Michael Jordan. But then it came to a point where I was playing football well, and I knew that's what I had to be. So I was going to try to be the greatest football player that ever played."

But off the field and court, Duff's real love came on the track, where he was a top-class long jumper and sprinter. In high school, Duff recorded a 10.5-second 100-meter dash time and a long jump of 23 feet. The events really gave Duff a chance to show off his superb athletic ability.

"Track — I loved running track," Duff remembers. "It was just fun being out there with all the fellas, running up and down the track and long-jumping. I had a pretty good jumping career and our 4 x 100 [meter] team was pretty good — we went to state. But that was all fun and games to me, although I knew in the back of my head that it helped me with my speed."

In the long jump, Duff was a major rival of Texas star wide receiver Roy Williams. The two squared off head to head in the event in many important meets.

"We competed in the long jump a few times in state and regionals," Duff said. "We both were jumping like 24 feet and everybody else was behind us. We were really the only guys that were competing for first place. He ended up beating me in state, but I beat him at regionals before."

From a runner to a hitter

At Notre Dame, Duff met another minor challenge as then-head coach Bob Davie asked the young star running back — who in his final two years of high school racked up 3,400 yards rushing and 38 touchdowns — to change positions and sides of the ball and become a cornerback in the thin Irish secondary.

Duff accepted the challenge without a second thought.

"When [Duff] came in, there was a real need for a corner," said defensive line coach Greg Mattison, who was defensive coordinator under Davie at the time Duff made the change. "To show you the kind of man he is, he was one of the most highly touted running backs in the state of Texas, and he gladly made the switch. He just said, 'I'll do anything to play and help the team.' He's always been an unselfish football player and the kind of guy that wants to do something to help."

Duff not only accepted the switch, but he committed himself to becoming one of the best corners in the game. Duff worked diligently on learning the position and perfecting his technique.

In just his first year with the Irish, Duff saw significant playing time filling in for cornerback Shane Walton against Rutgers and corralled his first career interception in that game. He moved into the starting lineup in just the fourth game of his sophomore season. As a junior last season, Duff started every game at cornerback for the Irish opposite the All-American Walton.

"Duff's progress has been outstanding," Mattison said. "That's his other strong point. He's totally coachable. He comes in every day with a great attitude and an attitude to want to get better."

But Duff has not forgotten his roots and how difficult it can be to come into college football and learn to play in such a new environment. Now, as the experienced senior, he takes time to coach the younger members of the Irish secondary who are breaking into the lineup.

"I sit with the young guys after practice and ask them how they played that day and what they could have done better," Duff said. "Every time we do one-on-ones, I talk to the younger guys and coach them up on what they did wrong and what they did right."

"It just comes with being a senior, you feel as though you have to do it. The younger guys will usually come to you anyway, so you have to accept that role."

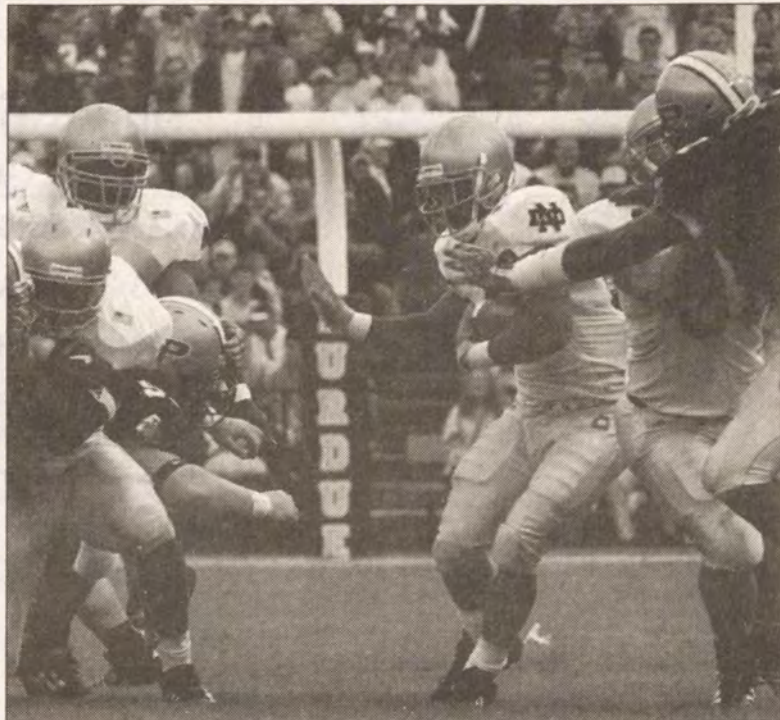
Still a little kid

While Duff's family situation may have forced him to mature a little before his time, the senior cornerback is still just a kid at heart.

"Yeah, it helped me grow up in some ways, but I still love to be a little kid," he says. "I love playing the video games and just having that opportunity to just relax and have fun. I love being around my brothers and sister and just watching them grow up and things like that."

Duff's fun-loving personality even carries over to the football field, where he is often the one jumping around in the huddle like it was his first game on the field.

"When you're a coach, you love to have players around you that have fun playing the game. And



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Notre Dame cornerback Vontez Duff returns a kick two weeks ago at Purdue.

[Duff] really does — he has fun playing the game of football," Mattison said. "Vontez is more of a guy that when you look in the huddle, he's always bouncing around. He always has a lot of energy, and that's how he leads."

Last season, Duff was part of an Irish defensive backfield that made its presence known to its opponent every game. With Walton in the mix, he and Duff went hand-in-hand bouncing all over the field, joking with each other, talking to opposing players and, generally, just playing off each other's success.

With the graduation of Walton, Duff has tried to carry over that excitement and love for the game to this year's squad.

"Most definitely, it's my job to bring that attitude to the field this year," Duff said. "But it can be kind of different when guys don't have as much experience, and they're still learning the position a little bit. It's harder for them to get out there and run all over the place and yell and be excited, because they're still trying to learn what their role is and what their position is."

Three more tattoos

Back home, in Copperas Cove, Texas, there are three pairs of eyes on big brother Vontez.

They probably watch him every football Saturday as he bats down a pass or returns a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown. But they also watch him all the time, day-in and day-out, just as he watched them so many days when their mother was working to support them.

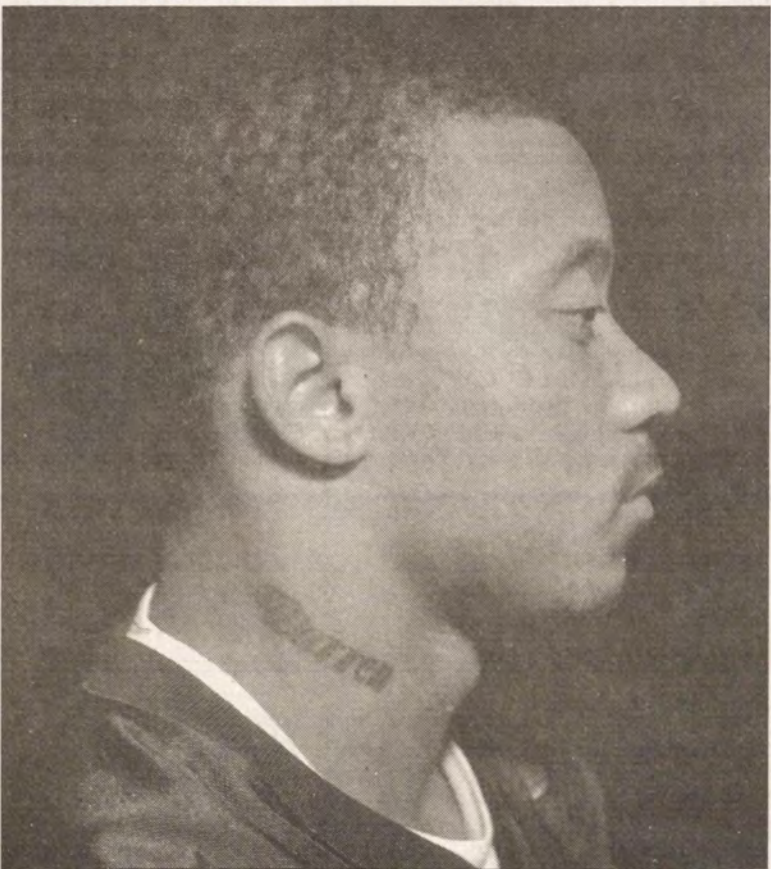
Even though they may not like to admit it, Duff knows they look up to their big brother.

"They try not to show it — especially my brothers, they don't want to show it. But when you go home, they love seeing you," he says. "They want to wear your Notre Dame gear and your shoes and everything else you own, and they want to be just like you. You know they try to hide it on the outside, but you know it's there."

Maybe those three have a tattoo to get too, someday.

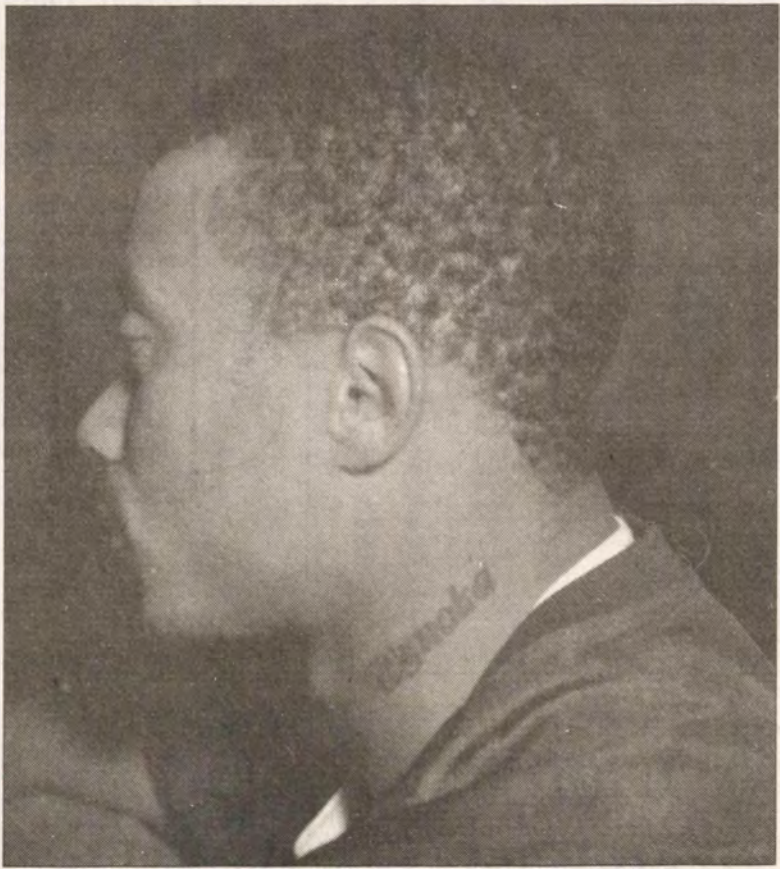
How about the same one Duff has on his stomach — "Vontez."

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The name of his deceased father, Warren, is on the right side of Vontez Duff's neck in remembrance of Warren's death.



SHAWNA MONSON/The Observer

Vontez Duff got a tattoo with his mother's name, Wynoka, as a reminder of the woman who helped him become who he is.

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Tyrone Willingham head coach

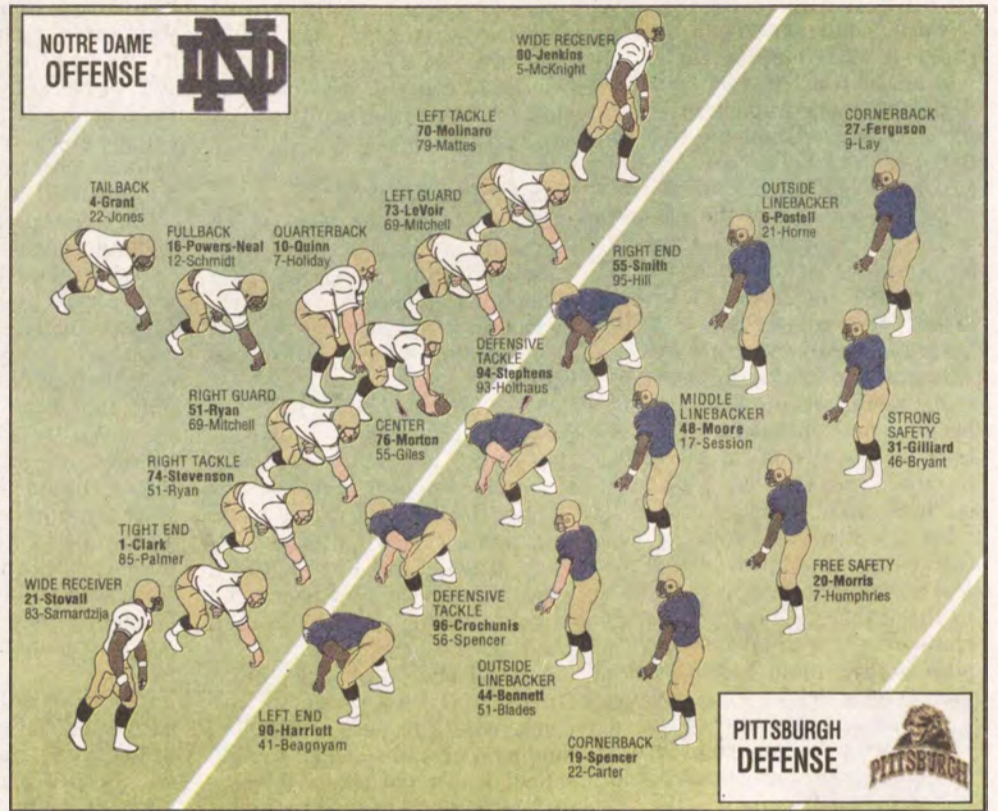
Tyrone Willingham second season at Notre Dame career record: 55-42-1 at Notre Dame: 11-6 against Pittsburgh: 1-0

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Jared Clark	TE	6-4	230	SR
2	Freddie Parrish	DB	6-1	195	FR
4	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	211	JR
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-2	207	SO
6	Carlos Campbell	CB	5-11	194	JR
7	Carlyle Holiday	QB	6-3	214	SR
8	Matt Krueger	QB	5-10	180	SR
8	Quentin Burrell	FS	6-0	180	JR
9	Jason Beckstrom	CB	5-10	186	SR
9	Pat Dillingham	QB	6-1	209	JR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	210	FR
11	Marcus Wilson	RB	5-11	199	JR
12	Josh Schmidt	FB	6-1	220	JR
13	Nicholas Setta	K/P	5-11	184	SR
14	Gary Godsey	TE	6-6	259	SR
15	Preston Jackson	CB	5-9	177	SR
16	Rashon Powers-Neal	FB	6-2	227	JR
16	Stan Revelle	QB	5-11	183	JR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	180	FR
18	Ronnie Rodamer	WR	6-4	211	SR
19	Glenn Earl	FS	6-1	205	JR
19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	6-1	192	SR
20	Travis Thomas	RB	6-1	200	FR
21	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	221	SO
22	Julius Jones	RB	5-10	210	SR
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	190	FR
24	Dwight Ellick	CB	5-10	177	JR
25	Nate Schiccatano	RB	6-3	224	SO
26	Garron Bible	FS	5-10	197	SR
27	Lionel Bolen	SS	6-0	206	JR
27	Mike Profeta	TB	5-11	208	SR
28	Cole Laux	FB	5-10	229	SR
28	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	185	FR
29	LaBrose Hedgemon	DB	5-10	180	FR
30	Mike Richardson	DB	6-1	188	SO
31	Jake Carney	DB	6-0	180	SO
32	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	211	SO
33	Courtney Watson	ILB	6-1	234	SR
34	Vontez Duff	CB	5-11	194	SR
35	Ashley McConnell	FB	6-0	240	FR
36	Isaiah Gardner	DB/RB	5-10	190	FR
37	Matt Mitchell	DB	5-9	184	SO
39	Brandon Hoyte	ILB	6-0	226	JR
39	David Bemenderfer	SS	5-11	195	SR
40	Nate Schomas	LB	5-10	165	SR
41	Mike Goolsby	LB	6-3	243	SR
42	Ambrose Wooden	WR	6-1	190	FR
43	Anthony Salvador	LB	6-2	226	SO
44	Justin Tuck	DE	6-5	246	JR
45	Carl Gioia	T	5-11	165	FR
46	Corey Mays	ILB	6-1	238	JR
47	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-2	210	FR
48	Jerome Collins	OLB	6-4	250	SR
49	Derek Curry	ILB	6-3	228	SR
50	Cedric Hilliard	NG	6-2	295	SR
51	Jamie Ryan	OT	6-5	290	SO
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	215	FR
54	David Fitzgerald	OL	6-4	271	SO
55	Zachary Giles	C	6-3	281	JR
56	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-1	205	FR
57	Dwight Stephenson	LB	6-3	237	FR
58	Paul Jancha	LS	6-1	245	SO
59	James Bent	OL	6-2	253	SO
60	Darrell Campbell	DT	6-4	288	SR
62	Scott Raridon	OT	6-7	300	SO
64	Casey Dunn	OT/OG	6-4	255	JR
65	Sean Milligan	OG	6-4	291	SR
66	Derek Landri	NG	6-2	265	SO
68	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	270	FR
69	Darin Mitchell	OL	6-4	280	JR
70	Jim Molinaro	OT	6-6	301	SR
71	David Kowalski	OG	6-2	249	SR
71	James Bonelli	OG/OT	6-6	282	SO
72	Jeff Thompson	C/OG	6-4	287	JR
73	Mark LeVoi	TE	6-7	309	JR
74	Dan Stevenson	OG	6-5	297	JR
75	Chris Frome	DE	6-5	264	SO
76	Bob Morton	C	6-4	299	SO
77	Greg Pauly	DT	6-6	291	SR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	280	FR
79	Brian Mattes	OT	6-6	250	SO
80	Omar Jenkins	WR	6-2	204	SR
81	Chinedum Ndukwe	WR	6-3	190	FR
82	Matt Shelton	WR	6-1	172	JR
83	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-4	190	FR
84	Mike O'Hara	WR	5-10	174	SO
84	Rob Woods	WR	6-2	205	SO
85	Billy Palmer	TE	6-3	251	SR
87	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-4	242	SO
88	Patrick Nally	TE	6-3	243	SR
88	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-4	253	SO
89	John Carlson	TE	6-6	230	FR
90	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-4	283	JR
91	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	165	SO
92	Kyle Budinscak	DE	6-4	270	SR
93	Dan Santucci	DE	6-5	270	SO
95	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-5	245	FR
97	Travis Leitko	DE	6-6	264	SO
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-2	290	FR
99	Jason Sapp	DE	6-3	256	SR

NOTRE DAME 2003 Schedule

Sept. 6	WASHINGTON ST. - W
Sept. 13	at Michigan - L
Sept. 20	MICHIGAN ST. - L
Sept. 27	at Purdue - L
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Oct. 25	at Boston College
Nov. 1	FLORIDA STATE
Nov. 8	NAVY
Nov. 15	BYU
Nov. 29	at Stanford
Dec. 6	at Syracuse



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NOTRE DAME

One word has described the Irish offensive scheme this year — inept. Just one year removed from an 8-0 start, the Irish are 1-3 through their first four games in 2003. That comes down to coaching, scheming and execution.

Quinn will be the starter this week, but even his role isn't safe, as Holiday could come in at any time. Quinn threw for nearly 300 yards against Purdue and looked brilliant at times, but he also looked like a typical freshman at times too, with four interceptions.

The Irish only gained 49 yards on the ground against the Boilermakers. Through four games, the Irish are ranked 109th in the nation in rushing with just 91 yards per game. They have only one rushing touchdown all year.

Quinn has the potential to have a strong year for the Irish. He will have to make some better decisions Saturday than he did against Purdue, and the offensive line will have to protect him better than they did against the Boilermakers.

PITTSBURGH

Harris hasn't had a particularly stellar head coaching career. Pittsburgh is his second head coaching position after starting out at Pacific University. His last three Panther teams were over .500 and he has a lot of talent to work with this year.

Rutherford is the top rated quarterback in the nation — by a comfortable margin. He has completed nearly 62 percent of his passes, with an astounding 16 touchdowns in only four games. He only has three interceptions and can be a threat to scramble.

The Panthers have a solid rushing defense that has allowed only 120 yards a game this season. Pittsburgh's opponents average 3.4 yards per rush, but have only put the ball in the end zone three times this year on the ground.

If Pittsburgh has a weakness, it is passing defense. The Panthers are ranked 99th in the nation, yielding 264.5 yards a game. Their biggest mishap came in their only loss of the season, when Toledo went 24-for-36 passing for 315 yards and three touchdowns.

ANALYSIS

Neither side has really distinguished itself in this area. Harris nearly pulled off the upset in Notre Dame Stadium last year. Willingham needs to show that he can provide that little something extra that helped the Irish to big wins last year.

The Panthers clearly have the edge here. Rutherford is at the top of the class for collegiate passers. He is big and strong, with an accurate arm and can even be a threat to run out of the pocket. Quinn simply doesn't have the experience to compare.

Notre Dame has not dominated anybody with its rushing game yet this season. Jones and Grant have struggled to find holes — largely because the offensive line has struggled to open them up for the runners. The Panthers are ranked 35th in rush defense.

The Panthers have shown they can be beat through the air. Quinn should have the first game jitters out of the way. Against Purdue, he showed flashes of brilliance, such as his 86-yard touchdown pass to Stovall. He could have a strong day.

Irish experts



Andrew Soukup Editor in Chief

The Irish may have had a week off to figure out how to contain — not stop — Rod Rutherford and Larry Fitzgerald, but it still won't be enough. And unless the Irish imported new offensive linemen, Notre Dame's offensive woes are going to continue. Add a hostile road environment to the mix and the Irish will lose their third straight.

FINAL SCORE: Pittsburgh 31 Notre Dame 20



Joe Hettler Sports Editor

The good news was Notre Dame had the week to improve. The bad news is this week they're facing one of the best offenses in the nation on the road. Notre Dame needs to contain Fitzgerald and Rutherford to keep the offense in the game. Quinn could have success against a weaker Pittsburgh passing game, but if the Irish don't show much improvement this week, it could be a long day against Pitt.

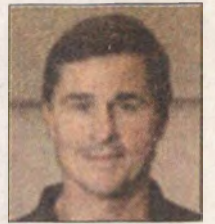
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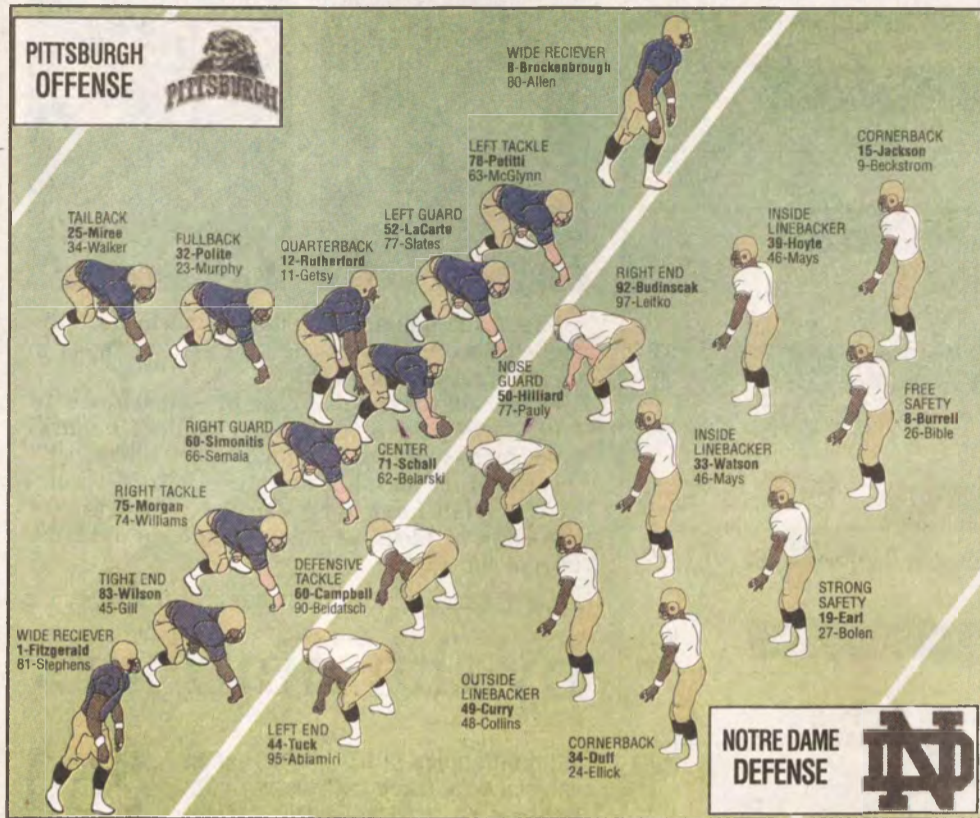
Pittsburgh Panthers

Record: 3-1
AP: No. 15
Coaches: No. 16

Walt Harris
sixth season at
Pittsburgh
career record:
50-60
at Pittsburgh:
39-36
against Notre
Dame: 1-3



Walt Harris
head coach



PITTSBURGH 2003 Schedule

Sept. 6	KENT STATE - W
Sept. 13	BALL STATE - W
Sept. 20	at Toledo - L
Sept. 27	at Texas A&M - W
Oct. 11	NOTRE DAME
Oct. 18	at Rutgers
Oct. 25	SYRACUSE
Nov. 1	at Boston College
Nov. 8	VIRGINIA TECH
Nov. 15	at West Virginia
Nov. 22	at Temple
Nov. 29	MIAMI

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Larry Fitzgerald	WR	6-3	225	SO
2	Marcus Furman	DB	5-8	190	JR
3	Joe DelSardo	WR	5-8	200	FR
4	Tyler Palko	QB	6-2	220	SO
5	Chris Curo	WR	6-3	220	SR
6	Kennard Cox	WR	6-1	180	FR
7	Malcolm Postell	LB	6-1	235	SR
8	Corey Humphries	DB	6-2	210	SR
9	Tom Kail	WR	6-4	220	FR
10	Princell Brockenbrough	WR	6-3	205	SR
11	Bernard Lay	DB	6-2	195	SO
12	Ryan Regula	WR	5-9	170	SO
13	Mike Phillips	DB	5-11	180	FR
14	Andrew Garcia	WR	5-11	175	FR
15	Luke Getsey	QB	6-2	220	SO
16	Rod Rutherford	QB	6-3	225	SR
17	Joe Flacco	QB	6-6	210	FR
18	David Abdul	PK	5-10	185	SO
19	Clint Session	LB	5-11	230	FR
20	Adam Graessie	P	6-4	205	FR
21	Shawntae Spencer	DB	6-2	180	SR
22	T.J. Morris	DB	5-10	190	JR
23	Reggie Carter	DB	6-0	190	SO
24	Jemeel Brady	DB	6-0	190	FR
25	Alex Zavackis	WR	6-2	195	SO
26	Tuazama Edwards	DB	5-10	230	SR
27	Branndon Miree	RB	6-0	200	SR
28	Darren McCray	RB	5-9	200	JR
29	William "Tutu" Ferguson	DB	5-10	190	SR
30	J.B. Gibboney	PK/P	5-9	175	SR
31	Matt Flaus	QB	6-2	180	SO
32	Mike Vranesovich	DB	6-0	205	FR
33	Doug Roseberry	LB	6-0	225	FR
34	Mark Yezovich	FB	6-0	220	FR
35	Tyrone Gilliard	DB	5-11	195	JR
36	Lousaka Polite	FB	6-0	245	SR
37	Jawan Walker	RB	5-10	215	SO
38	Larry Moore	DB	5-9	180	SO
39	Andy Lee	P	6-2	205	FR
40	Chris McKillop	LB	6-2	230	SR
41	Kellen Campbell	FB	6-0	230	FR
42	Mike Hull	FB	5-10	240	FR
43	Derron Thomas	LB	6-1	220	FR
44	Joe Dipre	LB	6-4	250	JR
45	Azzie Beagnyam	LB	6-1	245	SO
46	John Pettiford	RB	5-11	185	FR
47	Raymond Kirkley	RB	5-10	225	JR
48	Brian Bennett	LB	6-0	235	SO
49	Erik Gill	TE	6-5	265	JR
50	Sam Brvant	DB	6-0	210	SO
51	Malcolm Pinder	DL	6-1	235	SR
52	Lance Asbee	RB	6-1	240	FR
53	Lewis Moore	LB	6-2	245	SR
54	Justin Acierno	FB	6-1	240	JR
55	Joe Villani	OL	6-2	290	SO
56	H.B. Blades	LB	5-11	245	FR
57	Dan LaCarte	OL	6-4	290	SR
58	Ron Idoko	DL	6-2	260	SO
59	Troy Banner	DL	6-3	295	JR
60	Matt Parsons	OL	6-2	290	JR
61	Charles Sallet	LB	6-0	225	SO
62	Thomas Smith	DL	6-4	275	JR
63	Charles Spencer	DL	6-5	320	JR
64	Pat Borelli	OL	6-4	330	SO
65	Andy Alleman	DL	6-4	260	SO
66	Joe Clermond	LB	6-2	220	FR
67	Joe Perri	OL	6-2	270	FR
68	Nick Pietracatello	OL	6-3	295	SR
69	John Simonitis	OL	6-3	300	SO
70	Eric Fritz	DL	6-3	285	SO
71	Justin Belarski	C	6-3	285	SR
72	Mike McGlynn	OL	6-5	320	FR
73	Chris Vangas	OL	6-2	300	FR
74	Penny Semaia	OL	6-5	330	SR
75	Mike DeLuca	OL	6-3	290	FR
76	Matt Maiers	OL	6-3	290	SR
77	Kurt Johnson	LS	6-1	250	SR
78	Jason Capizzi	OL	6-9	300	SO
79	Jon Schall	OL	6-4	300	SR
80	Rob Frederick	C	6-3	295	SR
81	Dale Williams	OL	6-5	295	JR
82	Matt Morgan	OL	6-7	300	FR
83	Neal Tracey	C	6-3	295	FR
84	Zach Slates	OL	6-2	325	FR
85	Rob Pettiti	OL	6-6	330	SR
86	Marco Tinor	WR	5-11	190	SR
87	Terrell Allen	WR	6-0	185	FR
88	Joe Stephens	WR	6-0	190	JR
89	Yogi Roth	WR	5-10	195	SR
90	Kris Wilson	TE	6-3	250	SR
91	Steve Buches	TE	6-3	240	SO
92	Greg Lee	WR	6-2	180	FR
93	Kyle Smith	DL	6-5	240	FR
94	Claude Harriot	DL	6-4	255	SR
95	Jonathan Sitter	LS	6-1	270	SR
96	Michael Hearn	DL	6-5	235	FR
97	Jake Holthaus	DL	6-1	285	SR
98	Dan Stephens	DL	6-2	295	SR
99	Keith Hill	DL	6-3	260	SR
100	Vince Crochunis	DL	6-4	290	JR
101	Kevin Harris	DL	6-5	285	SR
102	Vernon Botts	DL	6-4	255	SO

PANTHER RUSHING

PANTHER PASSING

SPECIAL TEAMS

INTANGIBLES

Miree has gotten off to a solid start in 2003, gaining 4.4 yards a carry to compliment a potent Panther passing attack. He has four touchdowns through the first four games. The Panthers are in the middle of the pack in rushing offense, gaining 165 yards a game.

This is where the Panthers excel. They have the nation's top passer in Rutherford and one of its top receivers in Fitzgerald. The pair has gotten together for nine of Pittsburgh's 16 passing touchdowns.

Setta has been one of the few standouts for the Irish so far this year. He has made nine of his 10 field goal attempts. Duff has yet to break a return for a touchdown this season, but he has been close on a couple of punts. Kick protection has been shaky for the Irish.

Off to a 1-3 start, the Irish are hungry for a win. This game could be the first of a four-game slide if the Irish aren't careful. Quinn has one game under his belt, so first-game jitters should be gone.

The Irish have been consistent in containing the run this season. Opponents have rushed for 130 yards a game and only have five rushing touchdowns. Hilliard has done a solid job filling in. The Irish are deep on the defensive line.

The Irish defensive backs will have their hands full with Pittsburgh and the likes of Rutherford and Fitzgerald. On the plus side, the Irish have allowed less than 200 passing yards per game this season and rank 34th in that category.

Abdul is 4-for-6 kicking this season, but his misses came from 49 and 50 yards. Lee averages over 46 yards a punt. The Panthers' longest kickoff return of the season was only 21 yards. Ferguson has a 41-yard punt return to his credit, but no touchdowns.

The Panthers are still stinging from last year's loss at Notre Dame. They outplayed the Irish in nearly every facet of the game, but fell victim to Notre Dame's uncanny ability in 2002 to pull out wins. Plus, Pittsburgh will be at home, where it has been tough.

The Panthers probably aren't looking to beat Notre Dame on the ground. Even if the Irish have to run nickel and dime sets, they should be able to contain the Pittsburgh running game, which could include Rutherford scrambling out of the pocket.

The Pittsburgh passing attack is ranked 14th in the nation, averaging just over 300 yards a game. Rutherford has only thrown three interceptions this year. So far this season, Duff has shut down the opponent's top wideout and has a big challenge in Fitzgerald.

Setta has been consistent on field goals for the Irish and has handled punting duties well. Duff is still one of the most dangerous return men in the nation. The Panthers have a very strong kicking game with Abdul and Lee.

The Irish have had a bye week to prepare for this game, but so have the Panthers, as both teams were off last Saturday. Pittsburgh wants to make up for losing a game it thought it should have won last season.

NOTRE DAME
PITTSBURGH
ANALYSIS



Matt Lozar
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish are 21-2 in their last 23 games coming off a bye week, but the Panthers had a week to recover after their win at Texas A & M. Brady Quinn will have a better grasp of the offense, but the running game must get going. Larry Fitzgerald, Rod Rutherford and the Pittsburgh offense prove to be too much.

FINAL SCORE: Pittsburgh 28
Notre Dame 16



Chris Federico
Sports Writer

Brady Quinn showed against Purdue that he can be the quarterback to lead the Irish. But he can't do it on his own. The Irish still need the defensive pressure of the quarterback. Defensively, the Irish will contain Rutherford, and — for the first time this season — create the turnovers to turn the game in Notre Dame's favor, as they did in 2002.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27
Pittsburgh 24

Sizing up the Irish and the Panthers

AVERAGE PER GAME	NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE VS PITTSBURGH'S DEFENSE		PITTSBURGH'S OFFENSE VS NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE	
	Irish	Panthers	Panthers	Irish
total yards gained	366.5		546.2	
total yards allowed		483.5		422.5
rushing yards gained	91.2		164.8	
rushing yards allowed		120.5		130
passing yards gained	184.8		300.8	
passing yards allowed		264.5		192.8
kick return yards gained	62.8		41.5	
kick return yards allowed		67.5		46
punt return yards gained	23.3		22.8	
punt return yards allowed		25		35.8
yards per punt	41.1		46.5	
punts blocked	1		0	
turnovers lost	13		4	
turnovers recovered		8		9
yards penalized	58.8		58.2	
yards penalized		69		48
points scored	13.8		38.2	
points allowed		21.2		27.2

KEY MATCHUP

LARRY FITZGERALD

VONTEZ DUFF



Pittsburgh quarterback Rod Rutherford is having a breakout season and the man he looks to most is Larry Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald has hauled nine of Rutherford's 16 touchdown passes and made countless remarkable catches among a number of defenders.

Vontez Duff has shut down every No. 1 receiver the Irish have faced so far this year. On Saturday, he faces his biggest challenge yet from Fitzgerald.

by the numbers

point difference in the last 11 games between Notre Dame and Pittsburgh. The Irish have outscored the Panthers 414-154 **260**

402 number of yards gained by Pittsburgh against Notre Dame last year. The Irish gained 185 but won 14-6

number of wins in the last 22 games following a bye week for the Irish **21**



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Schedule not getting any easier for the Irish

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Through four games, the combined record of Notre Dame's opponents is 18-5.

And that was supposed to be the easy part of the first eight games.

In the upcoming four weeks, the Irish face three top-15 teams — Pittsburgh, USC and Florida State — and one of their bitter rivals in Boston College. But according to Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham, it's not a problem at Notre Dame, but at each school.

"The truth of the matter is today that game doesn't exist. We're seeing an unprecedented level of competitiveness on every team that you play," Willingham said. "So I don't think in today's football that that exists. You're probably better off having the schedule that we have, provided you can be successful."

One of the problems that does exist at a school like Notre Dame is getting your opponent's best game every week. Each and every team wants to beat the Irish.

This year, with the Irish appearing vulnerable at 1-3, there is extra motivation for teams to jump on the Irish when they are down.

"I don't think there's any question as to whether or not every team on our schedule gets up for Notre Dame," Irish offensive coordinator

Bill Diedrick said. "It's probably one game that everybody looks forward to. Regarding the schedule from our standpoint, the most important game is the next one, and that's Pittsburgh. You've got to play them one game at a time."

Freshmen making the jump to college have a number of adjustments to make on and off the field. Instead of seeing a Division I dorm-mate in their collegiate game, this year the freshmen played Rose Bowl participant Washington State the first week.

The next week they traveled to the Big House and played Michigan. That's not an easy start to their college careers, but Diedrick feels it might help down the road.

"It's probably difficult. I think that's really getting wet the hard way. But I think in the long run it truly helps. Every week you're seeing the best, competing about the best nationally," Diedrick said. "Sooner or later, when you arrive and meet your potential ... it's going to allow you to develop a lot quicker than probably you normally would."

The past bye week gave the Irish a chance to do a number of things. Diedrick was able to work with Brady Quinn and get him more familiar with the offense in preparation for his second collegiate start in his fifth collegiate game. Nagging injuries had time to heal.

The coaches had two weeks to prepare for the best offense the Irish have seen.

But one thing that was hanging over the team was its 1-3 start. Students, fans and critics have been quick to jump on this team and that's where Willingham has to jump in.

"It always falls, I think, on the head coach first. So then, of course, that falls on the coaches, then to our players, our leaders, our seniors, etc.," Willingham said. "You can't accomplish anything, I don't believe, in a negative state of mind. So you've got to stay positive, you've got to be motivated to be positive."

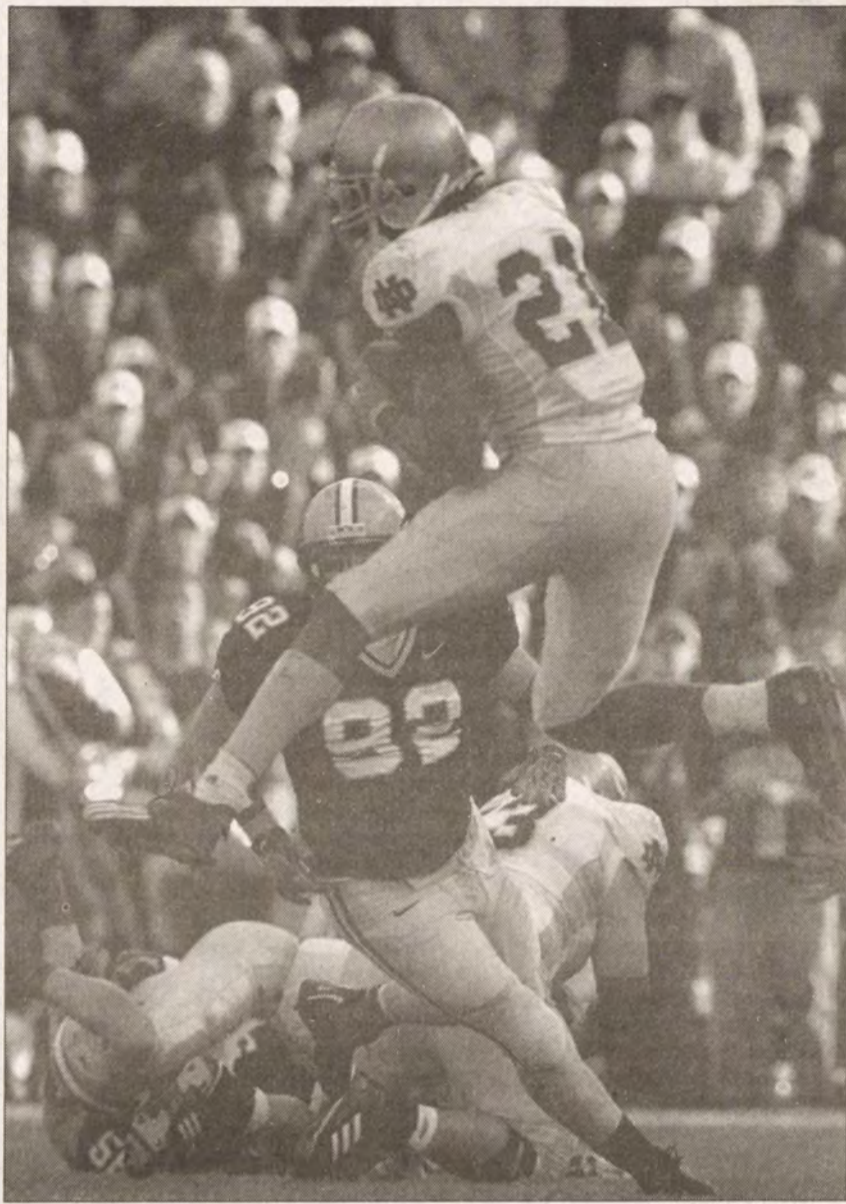
As the schedule doesn't get any easier and the pressure to get back into the win column builds, the Irish have a lot on their shoulders. The 1-3 start seems to have banished the Irish for a horrible season.

But Willingham isn't ready to write off the year just yet.

"I like our football team. I like a lot of the things that I'm seeing from our football team," Willingham said. "But what we have to continue to do is continue to improve, believe in [our]self, the individual and team, and I think we can get some things done."

"Our focus cannot be all that we have in front of us, but simply Pittsburgh this week."

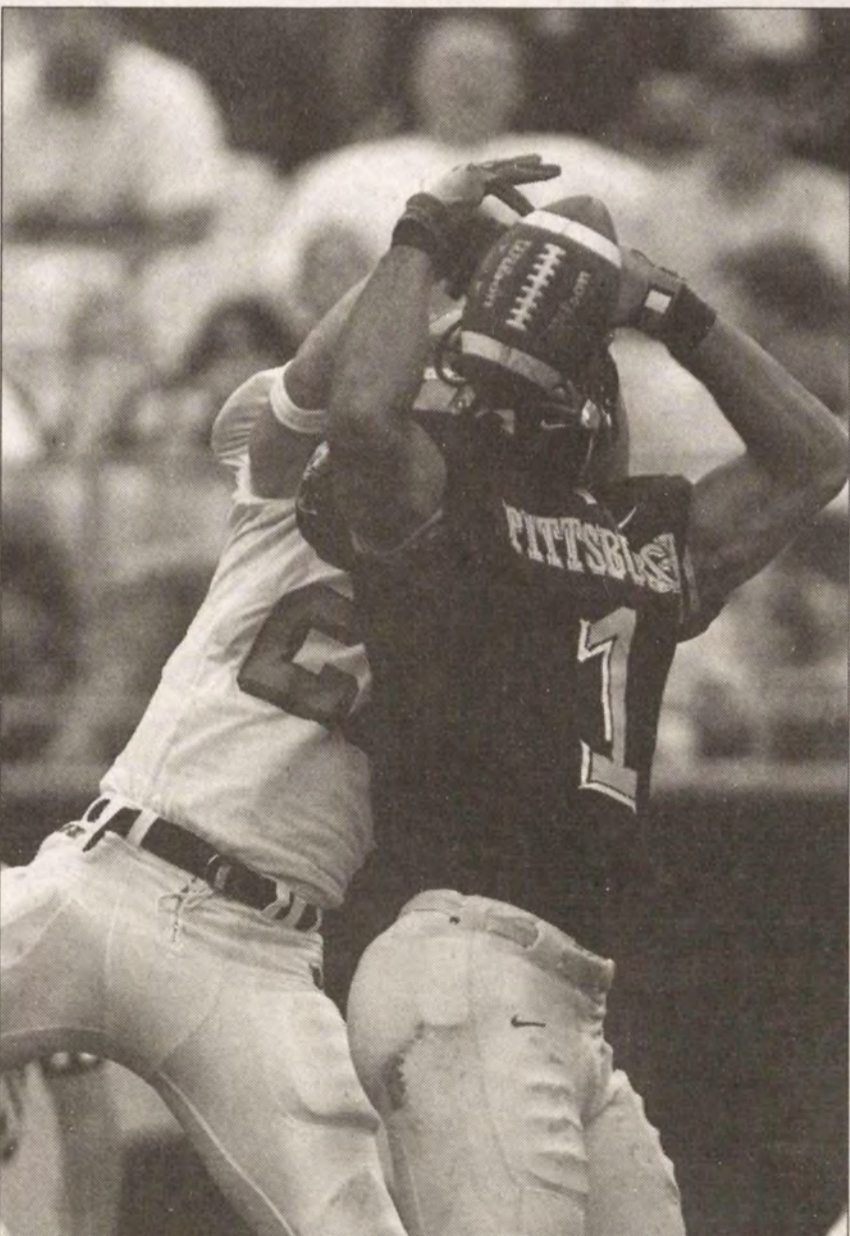
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Wide receiver Maurice Stovall makes a catch against Purdue. The Irish face three top 15 opponents in their next four games.

Duff wants to get physical to stop Fitzgerald



Pittsburgh wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald pulls down a touchdown pass against Ball State earlier this season.

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Vontez Duff knows about Pittsburgh wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald. He knows the challenge Fitzgerald presents to the Irish secondary Saturday. He knows that Fitzgerald is one of the top offensive players in the nation.

But Duff also says he knows something else — how to contain him.

"I think most people try to get in great position to play him," Duff said. "But I don't know if anybody has gotten up in his face and been real physical with him. They just let him run down the field and run all over the place. I'm going to be a little more physical with him; that's the type of person I am. We're going to try to disrupt his timing a little bit."

Notre Dame's defense will need to hinder Fitzgerald's performance if the Irish have a chance of upsetting No. 15 Pittsburgh on the road. The Panthers offense is one of the best in the nation, and Fitzgerald is a major contributory to that success.

The Irish have been able to contain other teams' passing attacks, ranking 34th in the nation against the pass and allowing 192 yards per game.

But Fitzgerald brings something to this game that the Irish have not seen yet this season. The 6-foot-3, 225-pound sophomore has averaged 145 yards and eight catches in Pittsburgh's first four games. He also has nine touchdowns and 583 receiving yards this season. He grabbed three touchdowns for the Panthers win over Kent State, took in 201 yards in a loss to Toledo and had three more touchdowns against Texas A&M two weeks ago.

"He is very consistent and spectacular,"

Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "That is a very difficult combination for us to defense or even attempt to defense. As of right now, no one has really done a good job of doing that."

Fitzgerald uses his size, quickness and speed to dominate games. During his freshman season, Fitzgerald caught 69 passes for 1005 yards, which broke Pittsburgh's previous freshman records by Antonio Bryant. He was a first-team all-Big East selection and named the conference's Rookie of the Year.

To stop such a force, Duff knows he must be physical and pressure him from the line of scrimmage.

"He's a good receiver. He goes up and gets the ball. He's the type of guy that always catches it away from his body," Duff said. "That's why I feel like you've got to get in his face, disrupt that and get him out of his game."

The Irish did a decent job against Fitzgerald last season, holding him to only seven catches for 83 yards and zero touchdowns.

One of Fitzgerald's best attributes is his ability to go up and get the ball in midair. He uses his jumping ability and good hands to take passes away from defenders.

Duff said stopping this aspect of Fitzgerald's game may be the most important task the Irish defense must accomplish.

"He's real good at catching the ball in traffic," Duff said. "He's real good at using his body, too. He's always using his body to out-jump you or get in position to make the catch and be sure he's the only one that can make the play."

"You've got to play him and the ball and the quarterback, as well. There's times when you know the ball is coming, and you can see it, and you have to go up and be just as physical as him."

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