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Students robbed on Corby Street

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

Three male Notre Dame students were robbed at gunpoint around midnight Sunday after parking their car less than two blocks from an off-campus party in the 500 block of Corby Street in South Bend, confirmed Lieutenant Marc Mersich of the South Bend Police Department.

The students, two juniors from Morrissey Manor and a sophomore from Keenan Hall, said two men, one of whom was waving a gun, approached them from behind a car parked across the street as they climbed out of their vehicle. The men told them to drop their wallets and the students complied.

The men then picked up all three students' wallets — which contained a total of roughly \$60 in cash, plus credit cards, phone cards and drivers' licenses — and took off on foot, the students said. After being robbed, the students walked to the Corby Street party and immediately called police from a friend's

cell phone.

An emergency dispatcher informed the students that two suspects had been picked up a few blocks away, but the students said they were unable to positively identify the men because the assailants were wearing nylons over their faces at the time of the robbery.

Without positive identification from the victims or an eyewitness, no one was charged with the robbery, police said.

Mersich said the case had been forwarded to the detective's bureau and that it would continue to follow up on any leads.

As of Tuesday night the students' wallets had not been recovered.

Mersich added that more than 300 people were present at the Corby Street party when he arrived.

"There are always a lot of parties the first week back [to school] and these guys were just in the wrong place at the wrong time," said Mersich.

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RETURNEES ENROLL



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Junior Mike Federico fills out his registration form in the JACC on Monday afternoon.

Trial dates set for fall

◆ Shoup: University policy will not change

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

Trial dates were set over the summer for the former football players charged with raping a Notre Dame female, according to the state prosecutor's office.

Lorenzo Crawford, Donald Dykes, Abram Elam and Justin Smith have all been expelled from the University for sexual misconduct.

The female student was allegedly raped March 28 in an off-campus house.

Crawford and Elam will be the first two to go before the court on Oct. 21. Crawford is charged with rape, conspiracy to commit rape, criminal deviant conduct and sexual battery. Elam is charged with criminal deviant conduct, con-

spiracy to commit rape and sexual battery.

Smith's trial is scheduled for Oct. 28. He is charged with rape, conspiracy to commit rape and sexual battery.

Donald Dykes, charged with rape and conspiracy to commit rape, goes on trial on Nov. 12.

Rape, conspiracy to commit

rape and criminal deviant conduct are all Class B felonies that carry a possible sentence of six to 20 years and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Sexual battery is a Class D felony with a maximum sentence of three years and a \$10,000 fine.

The four men were expelled from the University in April after a closed disciplinary hearing with the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

ResLife director Jeff Shoup said he could not comment on individual cases, but he said the University is not currently planning any immediate

changes to the duLac student handbook regarding student sexual misconduct.

"I don't perceive that there are going to be any changes to that policy," Shoup said.

Harvard University recently attracted attention by announcing its policy requiring "corroborating evidence"

before it investigates rape and assault allegations.

Shoup said Notre Dame would not be following their lead any time soon, although the University regularly reviews its policies.

"I think that Harvard is just a really different university for how they decide to make changes and I don't know that most universities would agree with how they've come to decide these cases," Shoup said.

Currently, the University investigates rape and assault allegations separately from the local police departments.

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immediate changes to the
duLac student handbook
regarding sexual
misconduct.*

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ND officials unveil alcohol changes

◆ Details include alternate dance venues, registration for tailgating

By JASON MCFARLEY
News Writer

School and student leaders are cooperating this fall on a plan to roll out changes to the Notre Dame alcohol policy, five months after announcement of the changes sparked controversy.

University officials this summer approved the historic changes that last spring put administrators at odds with student government representatives. Following a summer of drafting the revisions, both groups say what's key now is helping students understand specifics of the new policy.

Residence hall staff members will be the primary means of conveying the changes to students, said Jeff Shoup, director of Residence Life and Housing.

"Section and hall staff should have already been meeting with their residents in the dorms to talk about the differ-

ent rules," he said. The changes — the most significant rewrite of the alcohol policy since 1988 — affect mainly on-campus students. Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, feared student activity was becoming alcohol-centered when in March he announced three sweeping changes:

◆ the ban of "hard" alcohol in residence halls

◆ the outlaw of in-hall dances

◆ and the apparent loosening of tailgating rules to allow of-age students to host and attend parties where alcohol is served on Saturdays before home football games

Poorman, who deferred comment for this story to Shoup of Residence Life and Housing, detailed the changes in a July letter to parents of undergraduate students.

The three-page letter answered what constitutes "hard" alcohol, a distinction that the University relied on state law to make, Shoup said. Drinks that are more than 14 percent alcohol by volume are banned in dorms. Indiana law

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INSIDE COLUMN

Bishop, Foley hold promise

At first, I imagined Libby Bishop and Trip Foley curled up in sleeping bags and telling ghost stories to pass the night hours outside the Office of Student Affairs this summer. If they weren't making any headway with administrators on the alcohol policy, then at least they would have those pesky parietals beat.

Either way, a promise is a promise. And Bishop — in front of hundreds of her classmates last spring — had made a doozy of one.

Flanked by dozens of other student government officials at a so-called town hall meeting that followed announcement of changes to Notre Dame's alcohol policy, then-student body president-elect Bishop swore a twofold pledge: Her administration would fight the changes, and if University officials moved forward with the decision despite student outcry, she and Foley would "be at Bill Kirk's door every day."

As it turned out, Bishop and Foley, her vice president, made good on both counts. And they even did it with nary a tent or marshmallow roast.

Too bad. The Office of the Student Body President could probably use a campfire and singalong at this point. It's been a busy past five months.

Bishop and Foley entered office April 1, but their administration truly began March 18. That's when Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, announced that the University would ban hard alcohol and dances in residence halls. The unexpected unveiling also brought a loosening of tailgating rules, but Bishop and Foley were the leaders-elect of a campus full of students who found little solace in the third change.

The pair immediately became central to a student movement against the broad policy revisions. Anyone on the Fieldhouse Mall on March 20, will probably remember the passion — good or bad — of the protest that day. Most people will recall miffed Notre Dame undergraduates hoisting burning copies of the student handbook in the air or 600 students marching to the Dome and chanting for Poorman to "come downstairs."

Years from now, in my mind will be the same memories. But I'll remember, too, the conviction in the promise that Bishop made, a promise that likely fell on deaf ears among the protestors.

The student body president and vice president proved tough and smart — a good combination. They took the strong public stands that they needed to, they met in closed session with the administrators who they should have and when the fight turned futile, they went to Plan B — having a say in the rolling out of the changes.

Bishop slept in her own room at night, but indeed was a presence this summer as officials drafted the revised alcohol policy. By administrators' admissions and Bishop's own account, student government input into the rewriting was more than a formality.

"We met with [Kirk] twice a week this summer," Bishop said. "We had a lot of input in [Resident Assistant] training. We asked 'What does this mean?' or 'What does that mean?' Our job was to ask the questions."

Job well done. Now about that campout ...

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Meet the new hall rectors and get an insight to who they are and what they aspire to achieve at Notre Dame.	If a resolution to the hunger and malnutrition issues are not addressed in Zimbabwe as many as 300,000 people could die in the next six months.	Andersen Worldwide SC has agreed to pay \$40 million to settle lawsuits from Enron corp investors and employees.	Joe Muto offers a survival guide for freshman to refer to for information on dorm life, parties and gender.	Learn about the different opportunities Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students have in the communications and dance departments.	Carlyle Holiday reacts to Matt LoVecchio's leaving Notre Dame and the announcement of his position on the team.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

♦ ISLA Fall Reception, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. McKenna Hall, Center for Continuing Education Auditoriums 112-11 & Atrium

♦ Latino Freshman Open House, 7p.m. to 10 p.m. 102 Coleman-Morse Center.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

♦ "Circle of Blessings" 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. beginning at Holy Cross Hall and ending at Le Mans Hall.

♦ Office of Multicultural Affairs First Year Orientation 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Hagggar College Center, Welsh Parlor.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

NDPD finds missing bikes

On August 26, 2002 NDPD recovered and returned two missing bikes to their owners. The bikes were first reported stolen on May 32, 2002 at 7:50 a.m. from a campus location. This case still remains in the active file.

Owner receives lost wallet

A wallet was found in the Galvin Life Science Building on August 26, 2002. This wallet was reported lost on July 30, 2002 and has since been returned to the owner. This case has now been closed by Administration.

Investigators report larceny

On August 16, 2002 NDPD started to investigate a possible larceny on the Alumni Soccer Field at 8:45 a.m. This case has been further investigated and NDPD remains without any suspect information at this time.

Vandalism case pending

On August 22, 2002 at 11:59 a.m. a report of vandalism to signs on Holy Cross Dr. and St. Joseph Dr. NDPD has investigated this case and remains without suspects, however, the case is open and pending.

Male allegedly exposes himself

NDPD issued an alert on August 24, 2002 after female students reported that they were walking down Courtney Lane at 1:20 a.m. and saw a 40-year-old caucasian male standing near the tennis courts naked. Students returned to campus and contacted NDPD who searched the area but was unable to locate the suspect. Although the male did not try to make contact with the females, students are encouraged to be on alert and call NDPD as soon as a suspicious activity is witnessed by using the emergency telephones on campus.



Information compiled from the Notre Dame Security/Police blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today's Dinner: Broccoli Cheese Soup, Texas Chili, Al Prosciutto Pizza, Fettuccini with Fennel, Roasted turkey Breast, Bread Stuffing, Asparagus cuts & Tips, Apple Cobbler, Oriental Shrimp with Noodles, Amandine turbot, Rabat Vegetables, Coucous, Baked Sweet potato, Veggie Omelet, pancakes and Grilled Crispy Potatoes

Tomorrow's Lunch: Cream of Broccoli Soup, French Onion Soup, Cheese French Bread, Fried Cheese Ravioli, Swiss Steak, Russet herb potatoes, peas & Carrots, Japanese Ginger Chicken Tenders, Perch w/ Herbs, Curried Veggie Rice Pilaf, Sugar snap peas w/ Sesame, Cream of Wheat, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Almond French Toast, Cheesey Hashbrowns, Chicken Strips and Broccoli Quesadillas

South Dining Hall

Today's Dinner: Boiled Thin Spaghetti, Boiled Shells, Boiled Mostaccioli, Boiled Tri-Color Rotini, boiled Linguine, Pastaria Meat Sauce, Alfredo Sauce, Chicken Vesuvio, Cacciatore Sauce, Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Pizza, Vegetable Pizza, Brown-N-Serve Breadsticks, Chicken Fajita Pizza, Veal Parmigiana, Spinach, Rice with Olives, Beef Stew, Roasted Pork Loin, Roasted Poupon Potatoes, Chinese Noodles, SDH Oriental Court, Vegetable Eggrolls, Chinese Steamed Rice, Fried rice, Oriental Vegetables, Mongolian Beef, Chicken Taco, Taco Meat, Spanish Rice SDH Mexican Bar and Chili Frito.

Tomorrow's Lunch: Manicotti, Cacciatore Sauce, Pizza, Meatloaf Mixture, Mississippi Fried Catfish, Baked Ham, Baked Redskin, Grilled Cheese, Gyros, Sweet & Sour Pork, Chicken Taco, Taco Meat and SDH Mexican Bar.

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SMC construction progresses over the summer

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
News Writer

Returning Saint Mary's students found an addition to campus Saturday upon arrival for the new school year.

When they left in May, the new student center and dining hall consisted of a large dirt

pit dug next to the present dining hall. Upon returning, students reveled at the progress completed on the project over the summer.

The foundation and base for the new structure of the Noble Family Dining Hall now stands firmly in the center of campus and outlines promise for future construction of the stu-

dent center.

"I was actually really happy to see that they are making progress and it isn't still just a hole in the ground," said junior Fran Dunker.

H.G. Christman Construction Company of South Bend began working on the building in March. So far, they have faced only minor setbacks.

In the early stages of construction, the company found a natural gas line running through the site that needed to be removed.

Although it took longer than expected, workers were able to successfully remove the pipe.

John DeLee, director of facilities at Saint Mary's, assures that the building will be completed on schedule, and he foresees no immediate threat of a postponement.

"Weather like rain at this point of the project can always cause delay. Once the roof is completed and the building is in the dry, delays are less likely," DeLee said.

The construction itself is divided into two phases. The first phase, the re-designed dining hall, is anticipated to open by June 2003.

The second phase includes demolishing of the current dining hall and replacing it with a new student center.

The student center will include a cyber cafe, small theater, snack bar and con-

venience store. The three-level, 80,000-square-foot structure is due to appear in December 2004.

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Saint Mary's junior

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ND football ticket sale prices increase

By JOE HETTLER
News Writer

Watching Notre Dame football games just got a little more expensive.

The University has increased ticket prices to Irish home football games for students and the general public alike.

Last season, students were charged \$114 dollars for all six home games. This year, however, the prices have increased by \$2.50 per game, making student season tickets \$129 for season tickets.

General admission ticket prices have increased from \$38 to \$43.

According to Jim Fraleigh, assistant director for ticketing, the increased revenue will be

used to help pay for Olympic grants and aids.

"The University wants to increase aids to its Olympic sports," Fraleigh said. "The ultimate goal is to provide full grants and aids to these athletes in the next few years."

According to Fraleigh, the NCAA allows a certain number of scholarships each year for Olympic sports. Notre Dame's

goal is to provide its athletes with the full amount of scholarships the NCAA allows per year.

Fraleigh also said any

money left over will be used by some of Notre Dame's 26 varsity sports.

Compared to away game prices, ticket prices for Notre Dame football games still seem reasonable, despite the new increase.

Tickets for the Kickoff Classic against Maryland at the Meadowlands are \$48. Michigan State football tickets are \$42, Florida State are \$35, Air Force are \$30, and the University of Southern California has the most expensive tickets at \$55 per game.

As for future price increases, Fraleigh said that the University reevaluates its prices before every school year begins.

He said, as of now there is no plan to change the prices in the next few years.

Note:

♦ Another change regarding ticketing concerns the new "Alumni Alley" section designed for Notre Dame graduates who wish to continue to participate in student traditions such as standing throughout games.

To secure seats in this section, ticket buyers must check the appropriate section in their ticket forms. The University will then have a lottery to determine who gets these new seats.

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Notre Dame is a buzz with construction

By TERESA FRALISH
News Writer

Over the summer construction progressed on a number of projects, renovations and additions at Notre Dame. According to Jim Lyphout, vice president for business operations at the University, all projects are moving ahead as scheduled.

Hesburgh Library

The library is a scene of much transformation. According to Marsha Stevenson, renovation coordinator and director of reference at the Hesburgh Library, study space will be improved and the library's basement renovation will also add compact shelving for book storage and shelving. In addition, the new basement will contain a service desk and the library's holdings stored on microfilm and microfiche.

"It will be transformed," said Stevenson.

Further renovations to the library are planned and Lyphout believes that current renovations will be finished by early next summer.

"We will update the buildings as funds become available," said Lyphout.

Stepan Chemistry Hall

The addition to Stepan Chemistry Hall should be completed by the end of October said Lyphout. At a cost of \$5.5 million, the new addition will

provide more research and laboratory space.

Post Office and Security Offices

A new building for the post office and security offices will replace part of the Stepan basketball courts. Construction began over the summer and is expected to be finished by the summer of 2003, said Lyphout.

DeBartolo Center

On the south side of campus, the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts is scheduled to be completed by April 2004, said Lyphout. In addition to a 900-seat concert hall and other larger performance arenas, the DeBartolo Center will contain a 100-seat cinema, a 100-seat studio theater, rehearsal rooms and offices for the department of Film, Television and Theater.

O'Shaughnessy Hall

On the South Quad, work continues on the renovations to O'Shaughnessy Hall and should be completed by November of this year, said Lyphout. The renovation will add an office suite for the College of Arts and Letters dean's office as well as space for the enrollment office.

Indiana School of Medicine

As a result of a cooperation between the Indiana University School of Medicine and Notre Dame, the South Bend Center for Medical Education should begin construction in March. While Notre Dame is contributing some funds to the project,



NELLIE WILLIAMS / The Observer

A construction worker works on the new security building and post office. The new building overlaps part of the Stepan basketball courts. Construction began over the summer.

Indiana University operates most of the new facility.

"That project is really being handled by [Indiana University]," said Lyphout.

The new center will contain an Indiana University program that offers its students the first two years of medical school at Notre Dame. In addition to the medical school program, the University will lease space for transgene research, Lyphout said. The new center will be

located at the southwest corner of Angela Boulevard and Notre Dame Avenue.

Other construction projects at Notre Dame includes:

♦ A campus utility improvement project located near Leahy Drive south of the Loftus Center finished over the summer

♦ An addition to the Hesburgh Center for International Studies located on Notre Dame Avenue was completed in

July.

♦ Changes to the Loftus Center, such as a new weight-training center and new football department offices, are scheduled to begin late this year.

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President Bush confronts Saudi Arabian prince

Associated Press

TEXAS
President Bush confronted Saudi Arabia's top diplomat Tuesday over Iraq and other issues chilling relations between the uneasy allies, calling Saddam Hussein "a menace to the world."

In an hourlong session with Saudi ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan, Bush expressed exasperation with the kingdom for failing to meet its commitment to provide financial assistance to the new government in Afghanistan.

Bush also cited "crying humanitarian concerns" as he accused the kingdom of dragging its feet in response to children abducted from the United States to Saudi Arabia.

The president did not sway Bandar on Iraq; U.S. officials said the Saudis still oppose potential military action against the Iraqi president.

Just hours before the meeting, Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah's foreign policy adviser said U.N. inspectors can contain any threat posed by Saddam "without firing a single bullet."

"There is no country I know of supporting the use of force in Iraq at this time," Adel el-Jubeir said in an Associated Press interview in Washington. "Your allies in Europe don't. Your allies in the Middle East don't."

Still, Bush aides cast the meeting as a positive development after weeks of tension between the U.S. administration and the Saudis.

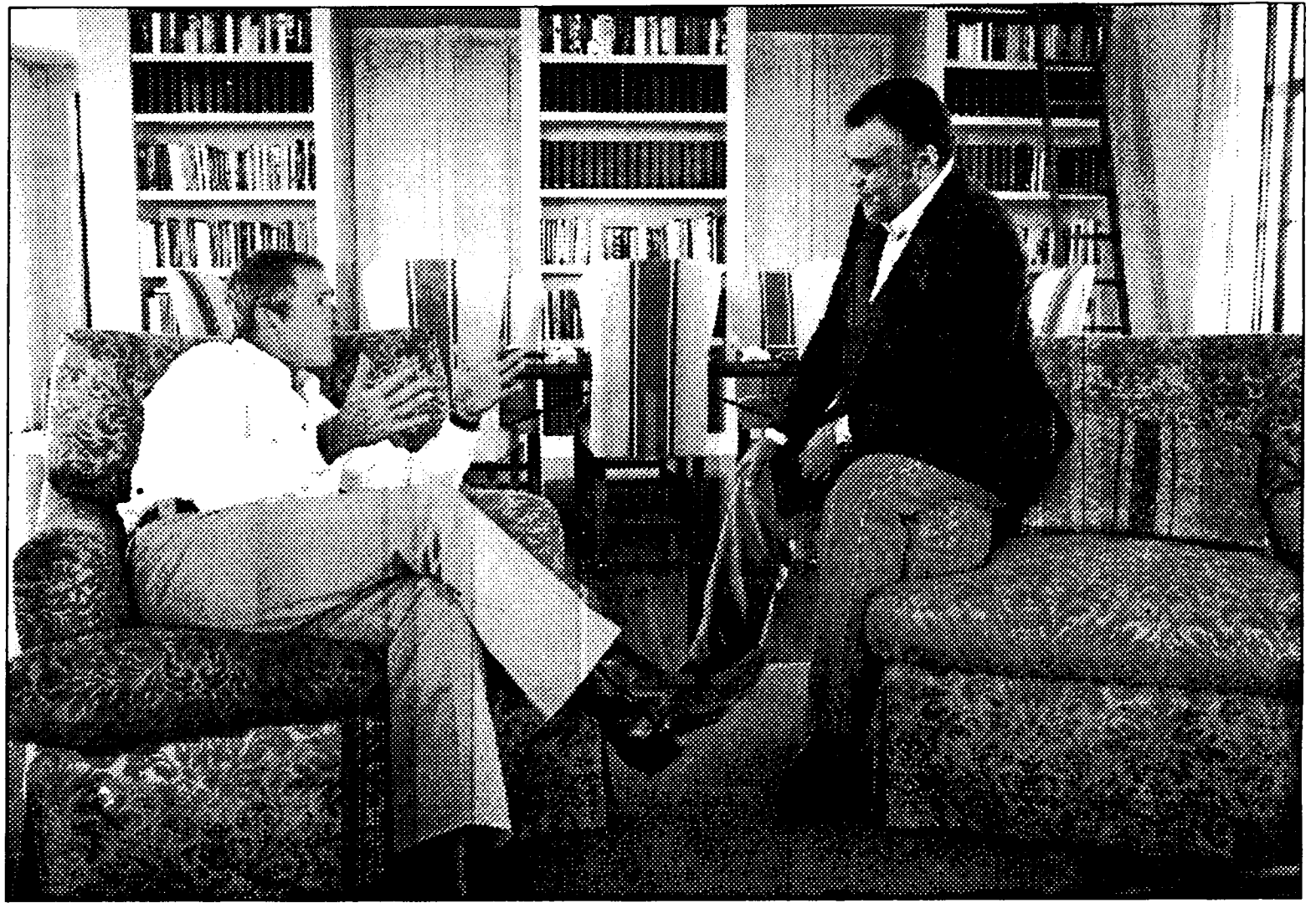
White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the meeting was "a social visit, as well as a business visit" that included a grilled-chicken-and-biscuits lunch and a coveted tour of Bush's 1,600-acre ranch.

Father of eight, Bandar brought his family, including one child who attends nearby Baylor University.

"They discussed a variety of issues, including prospects of enhancing peace in the Middle East. They discussed the war on terrorism and Saudi Arabia's cooperation in the war," Fleischer said.

The United States needs Saudi oil and a moderate Arab ally in the Middle East, but there are major sticking points in the relationship — including the kingdom's opposition to war against Iraq, its weak human rights record and links to extremism and perhaps even terrorism.

The Saudis, in turn, bristle at suggestions that the government is responsible for the fact that 15 of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers were Saudis. A lawsuit filed by family members of the Sept. 11 victims fueled perceptions in Saudi Arabia that the relationship is not valued by Americans.



AP Online

President Bush meets with Saudi Arabian ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan Tuesday at Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas. Bush told the Saudi ambassador that Saddam Hussein is "a menace to world peace," and expressed disappointment at the lack of financial support given to Afghanistan.

Saudis were particularly upset by a private defense analyst's recommendations to a Pentagon advisory board that the ally be given an ultimatum to stop supporting terrorism or face retaliation.

Bush telephoned Crown Prince Abdullah on Monday to assure him the recommendation did not reflect his views.

As for Iraq, Bush told Bandar he had not decided whether to U.S. military force, and

promised to consult with the Saudis.

"The president made very clear again that he believes that Saddam Hussein is a menace to world peace, a menace to regional peace," Fleischer said.

AFRICA

Experts fear high death toll in African hunger crisis

Associated Press

ZIMBABWE
As many as 300,000 people in southern Africa could die from preventable diseases in the next six months if hunger and malnutrition are not addressed, health officials warned Tuesday.

Disease and declining health services have made the lack of food faced by 14 million people across southern Africa the region's worst humanitarian crisis, said Gro-Harlem Brundtland, head of the World Health Organization.

"A famine is about health. Food shortages are followed by illness ... food aid

must combined with health services," she told a meeting of regional and international health officials in Harare.

HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other diseases have increased the risk of death in vulnerable, impoverished groups suffering from malnutrition, she said.

The meeting of officials from U.N. agencies and 10 regional governments ends Wednesday. Most officials are scheduled to travel on to the World Summit on Sustainable Development in neighboring South Africa.

Carol Bellamy, head of the U.N. Children's Fund, said AIDS and the

recruitment of health professionals by countries outside the region drained already weakened health services.

In areas where up to a third of all adults were infected with the virus that causes AIDS, "young girls are selling themselves for shelter and food," she said.

"Whenever the word food comes up, it is difficult to get anyone to focus on anything but food. Our new crisis is far deeper. The implications of what we are confronting are enormous," she said.

In Zimbabwe alone, nearly half of the country's 12.5 million need immediate help in getting enough food.

Health Minister David Parirenyatwa said the hungry included 1.6 million children under the age of 5.

Zimbabwe is suffering its worst economic crisis since attaining independence in 1980.

As a result, health services are having shortages in personnel, drugs and money needed for new equipment and medication.

Relief agencies have blamed acute food shortages on political violence and the often violent seizures of white-owned farms in the agriculture-based economy in the past two years, along with drought.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Palestinian parliament to convene:

Israel would allow the Palestinian parliament to convene a special session to set a date for elections and discuss political reforms, the government said Tuesday. Another official statement, however, harshly criticized the Palestinian leadership. The conflicting statements reflected the divisions in Israel's center-right government, and came as the Palestinians discussed new U.S. demands for reforms that would sideline Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Ex-Nicaraguan president faces trial:

Nicaraguan congressional leaders were working toward an agreement Tuesday that may bring former President Arnoldo Aleman to trial on corruption, fraud and money laundering charges. Legislative discussions came after leaders of Aleman's party and others met for more than two hours with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Otto Reich.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Powder found in mail at Gore office:

A suspicious powder spilled from an envelope opened Tuesday at Al Gore's Nashville office in what one FBI agent referred to as an "anthrax hoax case." Gore spokesman Jano Cabrera said the envelope was received in the mail Monday. It was opened Tuesday by an office manager and the white powder spilled from it, Cabrera said. He described the piece of mail as "smaller than a usual envelope." The contents of the envelope were being tested. "No one has been transported because of medical reasons, and no suspects have been identified," said Jon Stephens, spokesman for the FBI in Nashville.

'N Sync singer gets NASA approval:

23-year-old N'Sync singer Lance Bass won the endorsement of NASA and other space agencies Tuesday in his bid to fly to the international space station this fall.

Men missing since 9/11 found alive:

Two men listed for months as missing in the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center have been discovered alive in area hospitals, city officials said Tuesday. In addition, the city medical examiner's office said a revised list of the missing and dead is expected to reflect at least five similar cases when it is released next week. "Tell everyone I'm alive and in good health," said Albert Vaughan, 45, when reached by telephone Tuesday at the Rockland Psychiatric Center in Orangeburg, N.Y. where he has been a patient. Vaughan has been removed from the city's official list of people missing after the attack, said Ellen Borakove, spokeswoman for the city medical examiner. She said another man, George Sims of Newark, N.J., whose family recently learned he was alive and in a New York hospital, has also been removed from the list released last week. Borakove said investigators have found at least five other people on the city's missing list who are alive.

New rectors bring variety to dorm life

By TERESA FRALISH
News Writer

Notre Dame welcomes six new rectors this fall to its tradition of residence life.

After living as a priest-in-residence at Keenan Hall, Father Mark Thesing will serve this year as the hall's rector. Though new to the position of rector, Thesing has been a part of Notre Dame for many years. He earned a bachelor's degree in science in 1981 from Notre Dame, as well as a master's in divinity and master's in business administration from Notre Dame.

Thesing is eager to begin the school year and earn Keenan's title as Dorm of the Year again. "I'm anxious for the students to arrive," Thesing said. "My goal is to be the best dorm on campus."



Thesing

Anne Napoli comes to Badin Hall from Yale University where she has recently completed her master's in arts degree in religion. Napoli is returning to South Bend, where she graduated from Saint Mary's in 1994. Badin's new rector brings a wide variety of service experience to Notre Dame, including experience with Americorps and as a teacher and counselor at the Youth Center for Change in New Haven, Conn.



Napoli

Betsy Bright joins the women of McGlinn Hall on West Quad as their new rector. Prior to coming to Notre Dame, she worked as a supervisor at the Northbrook, Ill. Department of Public Works. Bright holds a bachelor's in arts degree from Marquette University and a master's in arts degree from DePaul University and has previous experience in youth ministry through service at her parish.



Bright

Welsh Hall's new rector, Candace Carson, arrives at Notre Dame from Cleveland, Ohio where she worked as an associate for Ernst & Young, LLP. Carson graduated from Notre Dame with a bachelor's of arts degree in 1977 and has worked as a paralegal, college instructor, and served in the U. S. Air Force.



Carson

Carson credits her experiences at Notre Dame as being instrumental in her decision to become a rector.

"I wanted to see what I can give back to the community," said Carson. "I'm looking to build a community and a real sense of welcome."

The third new West Quad rector, Edward Mack, prepares to take charge of O'Neill Hall. Mack previously served as the assistant principal and dean of men at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio.



Mack

After spending 33 years in Catholic secondary education, Mack looks forward to beginning the year at Notre Dame and fostering a sense of unity in O'Neill Hall.

"I am very excited to watch as the University opens its academic year," said Mack. "My goal is to continue to build up the community spirit and brotherhood of O'Neill."

New to St. Edward's Hall, Dr. John Mojzisek returns to Notre Dame after graduating from the University in 1987. Mojzisek received his doctorate in pastoral counseling from Loyola College this year and has served as a teacher, counselor and campus minister before coming to St. Edward's Hall.



Mojzisek

Having attended Notre Dame himself, Mojzisek knows that he will have a significant influence on the men of St. Edward's.

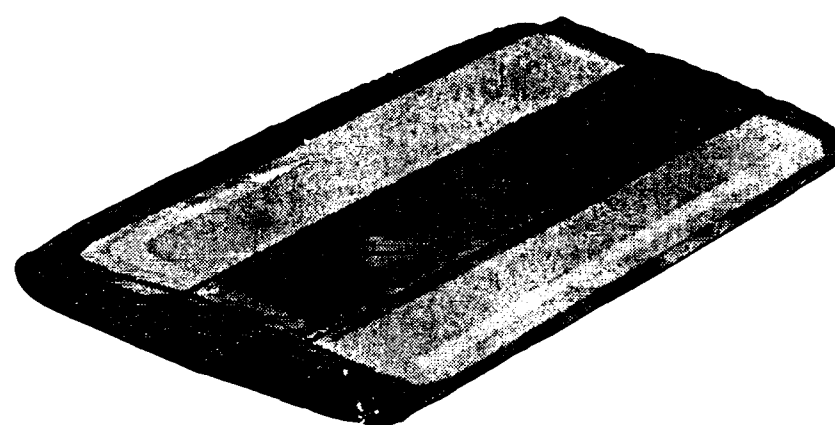
"I know well the pivotal role which rectors have the potential to play in the lives of students. I am hoping to be able to play that role and make a difference," Mojzisek said.

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MARKET RECAP

Market Watch August 27

Dow Jones		
8,824.41	↓	-94.60
NASDAQ		
1,347.78	↓	-43.96
S&P 500		
934.82	↓	-13.13
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TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ-100 INDEX(QQQ)	-3.49	-0.88	24.37
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ERICSSON LM-ADR(ERICY)	+9.52	+0.06	0.69
SUN MICROSYSTEM(SUNW)	-3.64	-0.16	4.24
INTEL CORP(INTC)	-5.24	-0.95	17.18

IN BRIEF

Dow down 95; Nasdaq down 44:

A sharp drop in consumer confidence stifled investors' enthusiasm for stocks Tuesday, sending the market sharply lower and more than wiping out Monday's gains. Technology suffered the worst of the selling, following bearish comments from Intel's chief executive. But because the market was primed for profit-taking anyhow following five winning weeks on Wall Street, analysts were pleased that a bigger selloff didn't develop. "The market is getting some heartburn today from the consumer confidence number," said David Sowerby, chief market analyst, Loomis, Sayles & Co. in Detroit. "But at the same time, what gives me some encouragement is that the rally that started on July 23 is not being derailed."

Judge proceeds with KPMG suit:

A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit by Lernout & Hauspie Speech Products shareholders against accounting firm KPMG's United Kingdom, International and Singapore operations, but will allow the case to go forward against KPMG Belgium and KPMG U.S. The order by U.S. District Judge Patti B. Saris, dated Aug. 19 and made available Tuesday, attempts to untangle a complicated web of defendants who have been sued by shareholders for alleged complicity in accounting fraud at L&H, which filed for bankruptcy in 2000 after acknowledging accounting "errors and irregularities." The 52-page ruling says notes that KPMG's U.S. division, though independent from the Belgian division that officially handled L&H's books, was listed as a 'principal auditor' and that KPMG officials were allegedly involved in reviewing the company's accounts. A "panoply of red flags" strongly suggests the inference that "KPMG U.S. acted with recklessness or actual knowledge" in instances including the preparation of L&H's annual 10-K filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1999, Saris wrote.

Andersen settles Enron suits

◆ Andersen agrees to \$40m for Enron claims

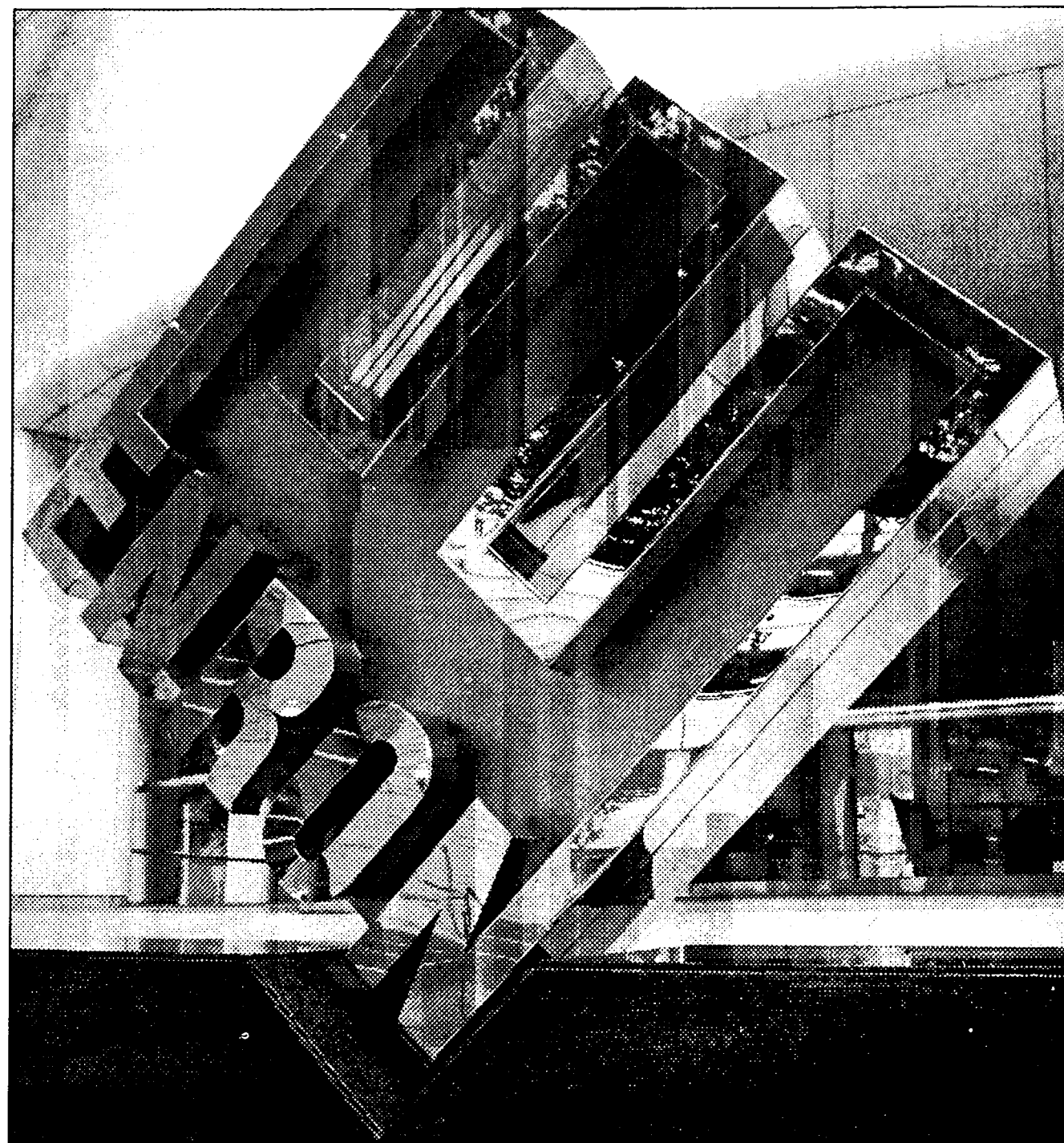
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Andersen Worldwide SC, the international umbrella organization that includes auditing firm Arthur Andersen LLP, has agreed to pay \$40 million to settle lawsuits from Enron Corp. investors and employees. The settlement, announced Tuesday, is the first to emerge from a \$25 billion lawsuit filed on behalf of Enron investors, led by the University of California, and another lawsuit filed by former employees in the aftermath of the failed energy company's swift collapse last year in a swirl of accounting scandals.

Andersen Worldwide serves as the coordinating entity for the international network of Andersen firms. Arthur Andersen LLP, its Chicago-based U.S. arm, remains a defendant in the suit.

"We regard this settlement only as a first step in obtaining recovery for the class, and will continue to pursue damages from the remaining defendants, most of whom had far deeper involvement in the Enron debacle than the overseas Andersen firms," said James E. Holst, general counsel for the university. Bill Lloyd, an attorney with Sidley Austin Brown & Wood in Chicago who helped negotiate the settlement, declined comment Tuesday. Arthur Andersen LLP spokesman Patrick Dorton also declined comment.

The settlement is subject to approval of U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon in Houston. The university said the \$40 million settlement includes \$15 million that will be available to pay for costs associated with



In response to a \$25 billion lawsuit filed by Enron investors and former employees, Andersen Worldwide SC has agreed to pay \$40 million in compensation.

the suit, but not attorney fees in the ongoing litigation.

Robin Harrison, one of the attorneys who represents employees, said lawyers haven't yet determined how to distribute the money.

Andersen Worldwide denied any liability or wrongdoing with regard to Enron, the university said.

In April, Andersen Worldwide said Arthur Andersen LLP, which was Enron's outside auditor for 16 years until fired in January, was the only proper defendant in claims relating to audits of faulty financial statements. The U.S. arm, like other offices around the world, operates

autonomously from the umbrella organization, Andersen Worldwide said.

"This first settlement recovers millions of dollars for the class and demonstrates that even relatively minor actors may face substantial liability to Enron's investors," said Bill Lerach, the lead plaintiff's attorney in the lawsuit.

Arthur Andersen LLP was convicted in June of obstruction of justice for shredding and doctoring documents related to Enron audits. The crippled firm has lost hundreds of clients and offices throughout the U.S. and in other countries have bolted to join

other firms.

The firm, which has said it expects to formally end any remaining audit business next week, will be sentenced by Harmon on Oct. 17.

Negotiations to settle civil claims against Arthur Andersen LLP broke down before the obstruction of justice trial began May 6. Negotiations to settle claims against Andersen Worldwide and Andersen firms outside of the U.S. then began, the university said.

The university also said Enron and its creditors weren't part of the settlement with Andersen Worldwide and will not receive a portion of the \$40 million.

Consumer confidence tumbles

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Consumer confidence in the American economy sank to a nine-month low in August, the third straight monthly decline. Yet in July, demand surged for big-ticket goods such as cars and computers.

The latest batch of economic news on Tuesday offered mixed signals to the economy's direction and suggested that while consumers may be growing more nervous, business might be feeling a little better, analysts said.

Still, it is the actions of consumers and businesses — their willingness or reluctance to spend and invest in the

months ahead — that will shape the recovery. Optimists are betting that consumers will keep their pocketbooks and wallets open and that businesses will slowly step up investment. Pessimists worry that they won't.

"It seems the economy is at an inflection point, a turning point, where it either picks up momentum from the second quarter or loses momentum," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist for Banc of America Capital Management.

Reaser and most other economists don't foresee the economy sliding back into a feared "double dip" recession, but some aren't ruling one out.

The Conference Board, a private research group, reported that its

Consumer Confidence Index fell to 93.5 in August, the lowest level since November, from a revised 97.4 in July. The showing, much weaker than the 97 reading analysts forecast, raised new questions about consumers' appetite for spending in coming weeks.

"For the economy to start accelerating sharply, consumer confidence will have to start improving," said economist Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors.

The index is looked at by economists to try to gauge the behavior of consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of economic activity in the United States.

SMC adds Intercultural Living

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

In an attempt to bring more cultural awareness to Saint Mary's, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), Campus Ministry and Residence Life brought Intercultural Living to campus this year.

The purpose of Intercultural Living was for participants to learn about cultural diversity and share their findings with the student body. Faculty and staff saw Intercultural Living as a way to bring a community of students together that would not only benefit from the experience, but also bring cultural under-

standing and sensitivity to both the campus and South Bend community.

"The world looks a lot different than this campus. We need to be able to communicate with everyone, be it an African-American or an American-Indian," said junior Romona Parks.

Student input is the key to the program. While Tracy Robison, director, will oversee the program, the hope is that the participants will run it. Four women will be elected to make up an advisory board and will be responsible for creating a mission and a theme for the program.

Each Intercultural Living resident is responsible for planning

one social awareness activity per semester, either individually or as a team. Additionally, they must attend four activities as well. The residency is sponsored by CWIL, and was given \$10,000 to plan and run activities for the year.

The 22 participants span most of the fourth floor of Regina North. The committee hopes to see Intercultural Living expand to a larger range and number of students in years to come. Current participants are encouraged to form a community that is more closely knit than most residence sections and are expected to share reflections and learning with each other.

Preliminary ideas include bringing speakers to campus, attending conferences and putting on theatrical performances. Intercultural students were presented with a journal to track their personal progress and growth. The group also agreed to create a quilt that would be left on display at the culmination of the year.

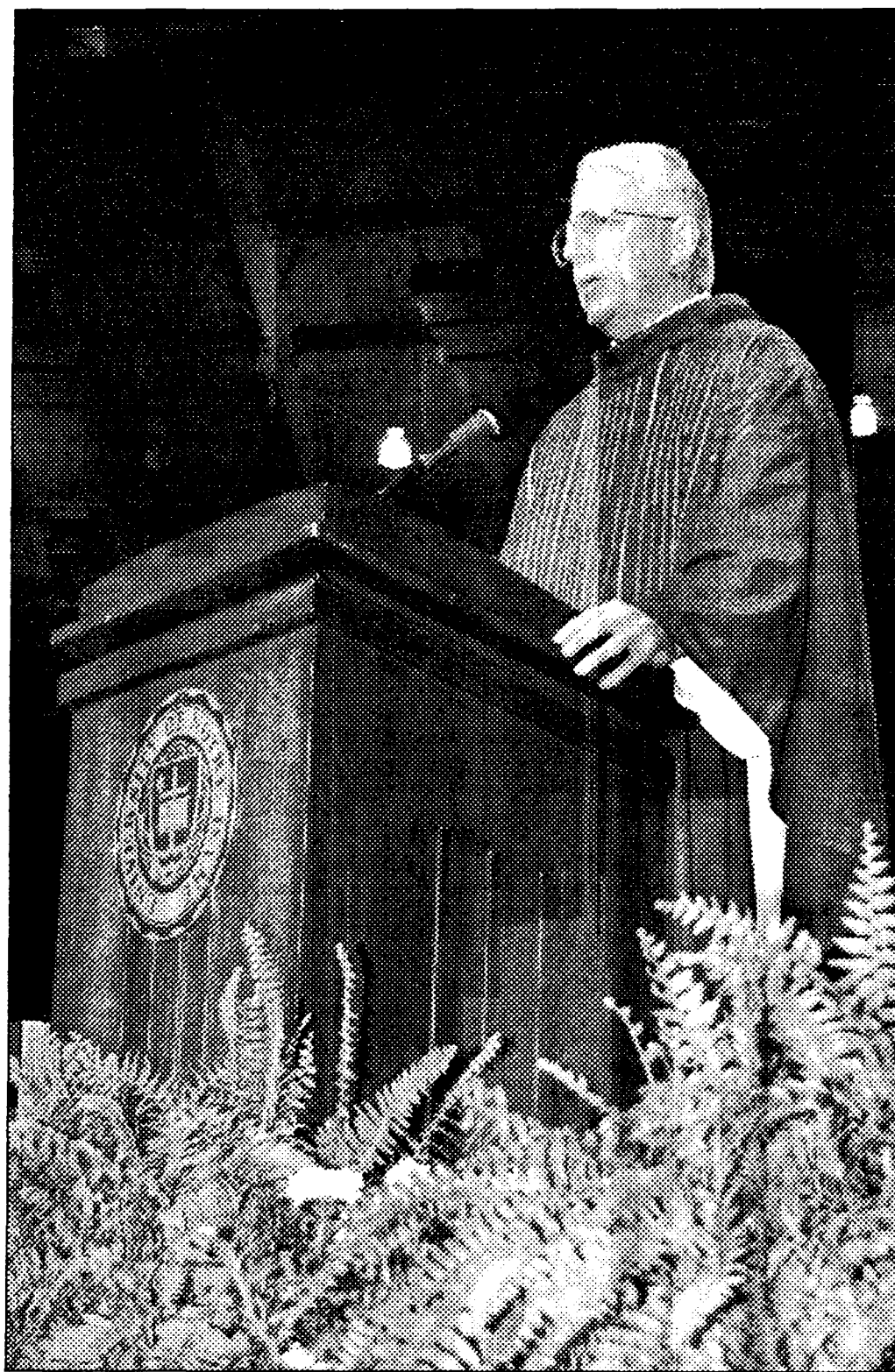
The residents are planning an Intercultural Ball with a target date in early October, which will be the first of its kind at Saint Mary's.

Judy Fean, director of campus ministry, is the liaison between the program and another source of financial support to the program.

"Intercultural Living is a vision of a broader aspect on campus," Fean said.

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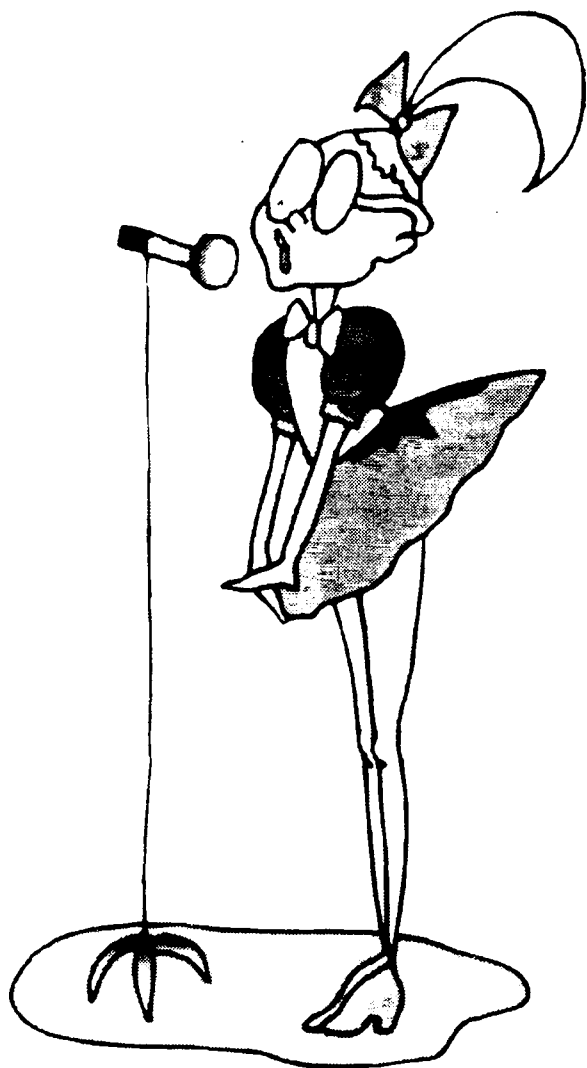
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University President Father Edward Malloy presided over Notre Dame's Opening Mass Tuesday evening at the Joyce Center. In his homily, Malloy referred to this year as a year to serve children. Fireworks and a picnic followed the Mass.

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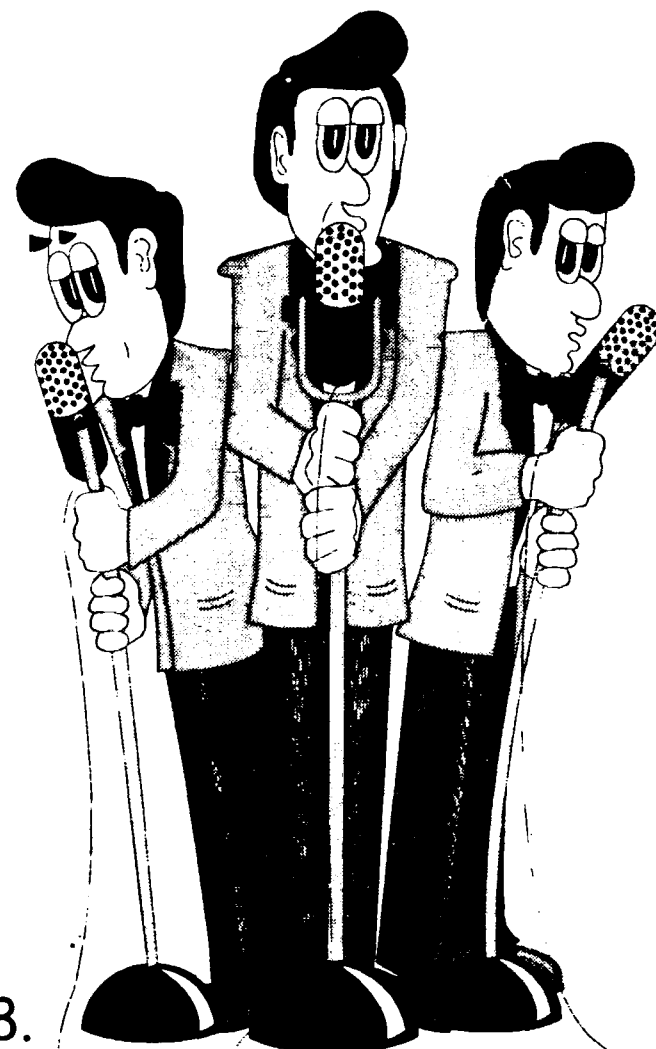
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Panel decides spy plane too costly for ops

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A highly promoted, high-flying unmanned reconnaissance aircraft may be getting too expensive to use in risky operations, a congressional committee says. The military says costly new enhancements are necessary to make the craft an effective target-hunter.

With new capabilities sought by the military, the cost of the Global Hawk spy plane, which made its combat debut in the Afghanistan conflict, is expected to reach \$45 million to \$50 million a copy, or as much as an F-16 fighter, Air Force officials say.

At issue are the competing visions for one of the Pentagon's latest technological wonders, the unmanned aerial vehicle, known as UAV.

With a proposed price tag of \$10 million each, the Global Hawk was proposed years ago as a cheap substitute for manned reconnaissance planes like the U-2, whose pilots are at risk whenever they cross enemy territory to snap photographs or eavesdrop on communications.

The House Intelligence Committee, in a recent report on its classified intelligence budget, says the military has gotten away from that vision, however, opting to load up UAVs with expensive cameras and other sensors.

"You are no longer dealing with a cheap aircraft," said

Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del., a member of the committee. "While not disposable (at \$10 million), you could at least afford to lose them. Now you're dealing with something you don't want to risk losing."

But some in the military say the idea of expendable UAVs is out of date, and money spent to equip a Global Hawk with the best cameras and electronic eavesdropping technology will pay off in better intelligence on America's adversaries. Military officials say they fully expect the planes to go in harm's way and survive.

Senior Pentagon chiefs are standing by the plane. They say efforts are under way to reduce the cost.

"It's a tremendous platform," Pete Aldridge, an undersecretary of defense who is the Pentagon's chief weapons buyer, said in an interview with reporters. "To start all over again and design yourself a high-flyer like that -- it's going to cost just as much. It's just a matter of fixing it."

The plane's military value has increased to the point that the Pentagon wants to add defensive countermeasures to protect it from attack, which would add still more to its cost, officials said.

The Global Hawk is designed to fly well above any battlefield, at about 65,000 feet, safely out of range of many anti-aircraft weapons. It can loiter over a target area for more than a day to transmit reconnaissance pictures back to base. It carries no

weapons.

Its endurance also allows it to photograph an area as large as Illinois in a single mission, said Air Force Lt. Col. Douglas Boone, who oversees the program.

Six have been built, and a seventh is to be completed this year. Three have crashed, including two that were used in the conflict in Afghanistan, leading some to question its reliability.

Although military officials say such crashes are to be expected in a new aircraft program, the Air Force has grounded the remaining three to seek the causes.

Beginning next year, the military wants to build at least 50 more, and the entire Global Hawk program is expected to cost \$3.8 billion.

Another House criticism of

the Global Hawk is it performs essentially the same mission as the U-2 — taking many photographs from far away — while the mission of the retired SR-71 Blackbird remains unfilled. The SR-71 performed what the military calls "penetrating reconnaissance," flying closer to a target for high-quality pictures.

The SR-71 could safely fly over enemy territory because it was so fast no missile or plane could catch it. A new plane, either with a pilot or without, probably would use stealth, rather than speed, to escape. Plans for a proposed UAV, the DarkStar, which would have performed this mission, were scrapped in 1999 after a prototype crashed.

Boone expects the Global Hawk to replace the U-2 in a decade or so. Any replacement

for the SR-71 requires more money from Congress, he said.

The Air Force envisions Global Hawk as the largest of a family of three UAVs. Another is the Predator, a smaller, lower-flying plane that can transmit video. At least 70 have been built and 24 lost, including some in combat. The CIA has armed several Predators, which it has used to strike at suspected al-Qaida targets in Afghanistan.

These are more affordable than their big brother at about \$4.5 million each.

A third plane, called the Predator B, also is in development. Boone describes the Predator B as a hunter-killer that would fly higher than the Predator and lower than the Global Hawk. It would be designed to carry short-range missiles or guided bombs.

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Los Angeles school board votes on soda ban

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The board of the nation's second-largest school district voted unanimously Tuesday night to extend the ban on carbonated soft drinks to all its schools in an effort to combat childhood obesity.

An audience of about 100 people burst into applause as

the ban was adopted after 2 1/2 hours of debate. It will take effect in January 2004.

Board member Julie Korenstein, who co-sponsored the measure, said it was needed to fight obesity among students. But a soda industry official complained that banning drinks isn't the solution.

"Physical education and physical activity are by far,

more important in combating obesity than banning soft drinks from students' diets," said Sean McBride, a spokesman for the National Soft Drink Association.

He added: "In the end, this is really about the couch and not the can."

Los Angeles Unified District, which has 748,000 students on its 677 campuses, already pro-

hibited carbonated drink sales at elementary schools.

Still permitted during school hours are water, milk, beverages with at least 50 percent fruit juice and sports drinks with less than 42 grams of sugar per 20-ounce serving.

Many Los Angeles Unified schools rely on soda sales to fund student activities such as sports and field trips.

Sodas sold in vending machines and student stores generate an annual average profit of \$39,000 per high school and \$14,000 per middle school.

In California, an estimated 30 percent of children are overweight or at risk of being overweight, according to the California Center for Public Health Advocacy.



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Utah polygamist sentenced to 5 years

Associated Press

NEPHI, Utah

A polygamist was sentenced Tuesday to spend five years to life in prison for a child rape that occurred when he took a 13-year-old girl as his "spiritual" wife more than a dozen years ago.

It was the lightest possible sentence for raping a child. He could have received a minimum of 15 years in prison, the judge said.

Before the sentence was handed down, Tom Green cried as he told the judge he was wrong to have married Linda Kunz when she was so young.

"I recognize, under the law, she was not capable of consenting to marriage," Green said.

Green, who drew the attention of prosecutors when he appeared on a half-dozen nationally televised talk shows, already has served a year of his five-year sentence for bigamy and failing to pay child support.

This latest sentence will run concurrently with the bigamy sentence, and Green could be out of prison in four years, his attorney said.

Green was convicted in June of child rape for

marrying and conceiving a child with Kunz in 1986 when she was 13 and he was 37.

"I do not consider myself a victim," Kunz said, sobbing as she begged Judge Donald Eyre for leniency. "I'm a 30-year-old woman who has seven children."

"It was me who pursued him. It was me who fell in love," Kunz said.

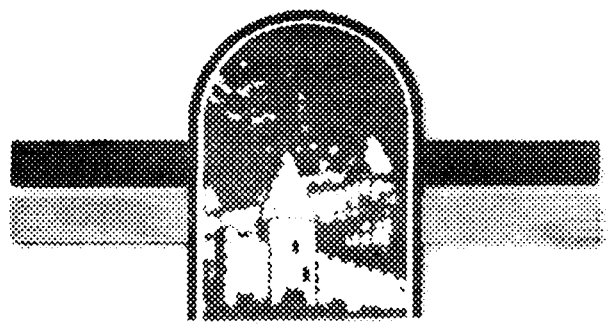
Eyre said his sentence was influenced by the Green's strong family relationship and Linda's defense of her husband.

Green and Kunz's 15-year-old son, Melvin, also took the stand.

"I don't consider myself a victim of my father or the product of a crime," the boy told the judge.

Green, now 53, has held out his practice of plural marriage as a God-given path to salvation. Until he was imprisoned, Green lived with five wives and 29 children in a cluster of trailer homes in Utah's west desert, 126 miles southwest of Salt Lake City.

Kunz was Green's step-daughter before their "spiritual" marriage. A Utah court declared the two legally married as part of Green's earlier bigamy trial.



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George Eliot
philosopher

VIEWPOINT

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GUEST COLUMN

Don't bomb Iraq to punish Hussein

Bush's well-oiled propaganda machine is belching out bellicose noises in full force.

We've been inundated over the summer by reports anticipating an invasion of Iraq. "It's not a question of if, but when," the top brass chants.

Cryptic references to biological weapons facilities in Iraq have been made by U.S. military officials, yet no one can pinpoint their location.

According to an essay by Helena Cobban in the Aug. 15 edition of the Christian Science Monitor, Shai Feldman, head of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, recently wrote: "Despite the deterioration of the monitoring and verification regime applied against Iraq in the aftermath of the Gulf War, Saddam Hussein failed to rebuild the facilities for the production of chemical and nuclear weapons."

Even if the United States found weapons facilities in Iraq, so what? Hussein has done nothing that can be construed as a threat to our so-called democracy to justify an attack by the United States. Countries such as Israel and other allies are producing "weapons of mass destruction" as well. Are we going to invade them, too?

Anyone who says that Hussein might assist Osama bin Laden (a mere bit player in Bush's Middle East Theatre of the Absurd) misses a major point. Bin Laden has little affection for the secular Hussein, whom he would describe as a bad Muslim for suppressing Islamic fundamentalism.

Iraq's use of gas to kill its opponents in the 1981 to

DENVER, CO

John R. Crane

The Metropolitan

1988 war with Iran has also been cited as justification for "regime change" by Bush's national security advisor, Condoleezza Rice. However, according to an Aug. 18 article in The New York Times, the Reagan administration "provided Iraq with critical battle-planning assistance at a time when U.S. intelligence agencies knew Iraqi commanders would employ chemical weapons in waging the decisive battles of the Iran-Iraq war."

Why did the United States provide such assistance? So Iran would be unable to take over oil-producing countries vital to U.S. interests.

The idea of such a "regime change" in Iraq has been a hard one to swallow in the Middle East. An article in the Aug. 14 edition of the Christian Science Monitor tells how Middle Eastern opposition is so pervasive, the Bush administration is considering advertising the invasion as an assault led by Iraqi opposition.

Even if such an exercise in international hucksterism works, it won't change that there is nothing link-

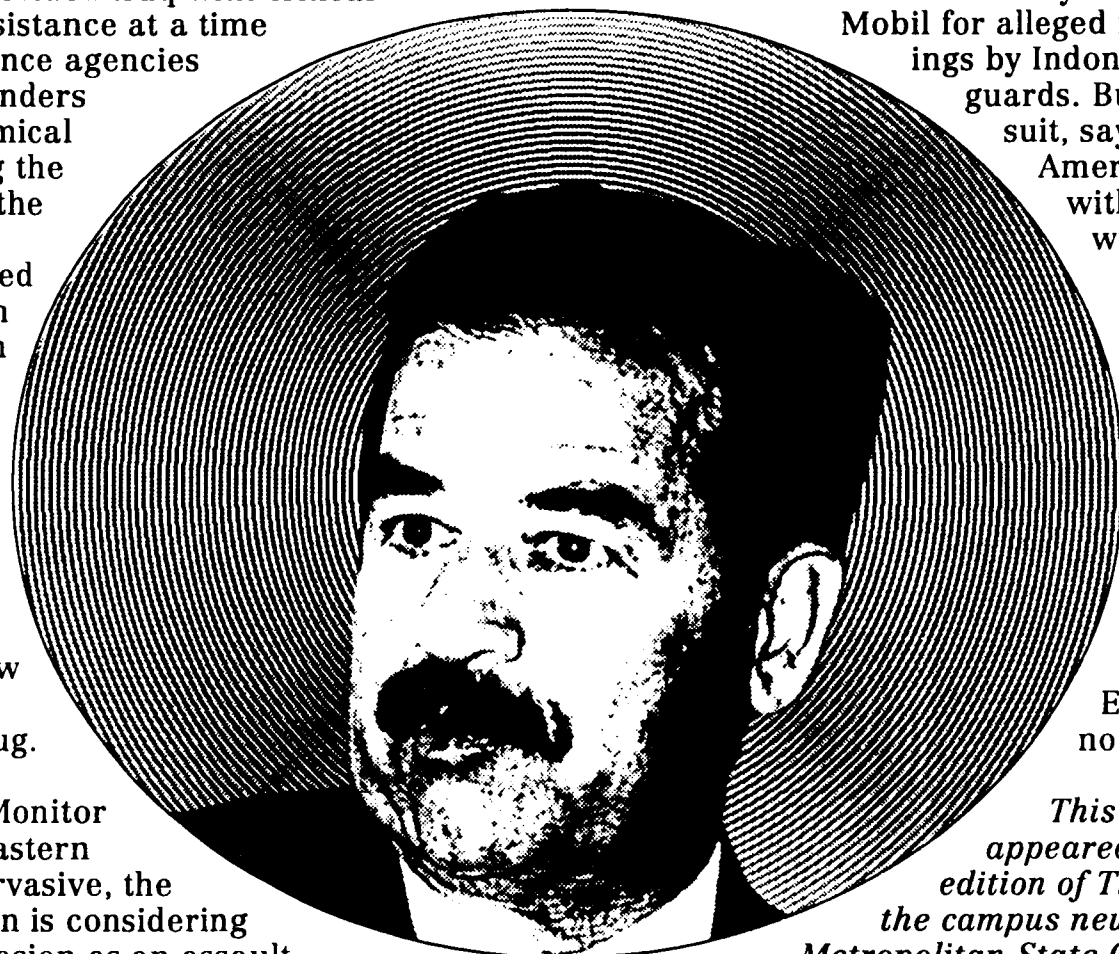
ing Hussein to Islamic terrorists involved in Sept. 11. But hey, it's all in the name of making the world safe for democracy.

Indonesians are experiencing such democracy firsthand. Eleven recently tried to sue Exxon

Mobil for alleged murders and beatings by Indonesian gas field guards. Bush blocked the

suit, saying it would hurt America's relationship with Indonesia in the war on terrorism.

Many innocent lives will be taken on both sides of this unjustified proxy war if and when it comes about. And it will be too late when America realizes, as the rest of the world has long known, that the Emperor Bush has no clothes.



This column first appeared in the Aug. 23 edition of The Metropolitan, the campus newspaper of Metropolitan State College of Denver. It is reprinted here courtesy of U-WIRE. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

GUEST COLUMN

'I pledge allegiance to save my neck'

NORMAL, Ill.

Taryn Fears

The Daily Vidette

It's quite ironic, really, how some American citizens claim that stating the phrase, "under God," in the country's pledge is a violation of First Amendment laws, but that flag burning is an exercise of those same laws.

Year after year, many people seem to take this nation's pledge, its song and its flag for granted, ignoring these icons at their whim. But when disaster strikes and the government begins to track enemies from within as well as without, patriotism is all the rage.

We've seen this phenomenon of "sudden patriot fever" many times before. Americans are known for falling back on the "we the people" act whenever any statements made to the contrary could prove detrimental to one's health.

Prime example number one: the Red Scare of the 1950s, where anything or anyone suspected of having communist sympathies was put on trial. America saw icons of the stage and screen, not to mention ordinary people, dragged before the court where their love of America was questioned. Innocent until proven guilty had gone out the window and all one could do was swear by every living creature and a few dead ones, to an undying love and devotion to the United States.

Now, I'm quite sure that many of the accused may have been communists, but the truth of their guilt or innocence

is neither here nor there. Neither is whether or not being anything other than a capitalist in America is right.

The point is, no matter what they may have believed, when the cameras were rolling as well as the heads, it was "America the Beautiful" all the way. People forgot about their right to free speech and proclaimed not to be anything less than a loyal American. They smiled and thought, "If crossing my heart and hoping that all America's enemies will die will save me from ruin, hey ... What have I got to lose?"

And now we see the emergence of convenient patriotism as President Bush and Homeland Security race to find in-house terrorists and anthrax specialists.

Dr. Steven J. Hatfill, a former federal scientist who is suspected of having connections with an anthrax-tainted mailbox in New Jersey, went the way of all others when faced with allegations of unpatriotic, even treasonous

behavior. He proclaimed his allegiance to America. Were you surprised?

Once again, the guilt or innocence of the good doctor is none of my concern.

It just seems funny to me how quickly the words, "I pledge allegiance to the flag," become a fail-safe, another way out.

If you find yourself in trouble with the government, just smile and wave a flag.

After a while, the symbols of our nation, the things our ancestors, friends and neighbors fought and died for, cease to be something Americans should believe in and uphold. Soon all that is left is a dyed piece of cloth and a jumble of well-meaning words. And if we no longer take our country seriously, why should anyone else?

We seem to forget that America could easily be a country struggling to survive under tyrannical rule. Our

freedoms could be crushed. All-powerful leaders could dictate our lives to us. We could be a country living in desolation and constant fear, uncertain about our future.

Wait a minute ... we are.

The events of Sept. 11 rocked this country to the core, changing our lives and turning us back to our principles. For a while, people didn't pledge allegiance and wave a flag unless they meant it. It was stained with the blood of American citizens — not soldiers, but ordinary people, and it was too precious for hypocrisy.

But the debris has been cleared away, Homeland Security is on the job, the economy is looking up (as long as we can find an honest bookkeeper) and America seems to be getting back to the business of living.

I wonder if we'll treat the flag or our pledge differently now. I wonder if the Constitution will cease to be ammunition for radicals who want the national anthem to be "If I Ruled the World."

I wonder if we'll get back to that more perfect union at a more perfect time when we loved what this country stood for even if it wasn't perfect.

I wonder if we'll stop pledging allegiance to save our necks and start pledging allegiance to save our way of life.

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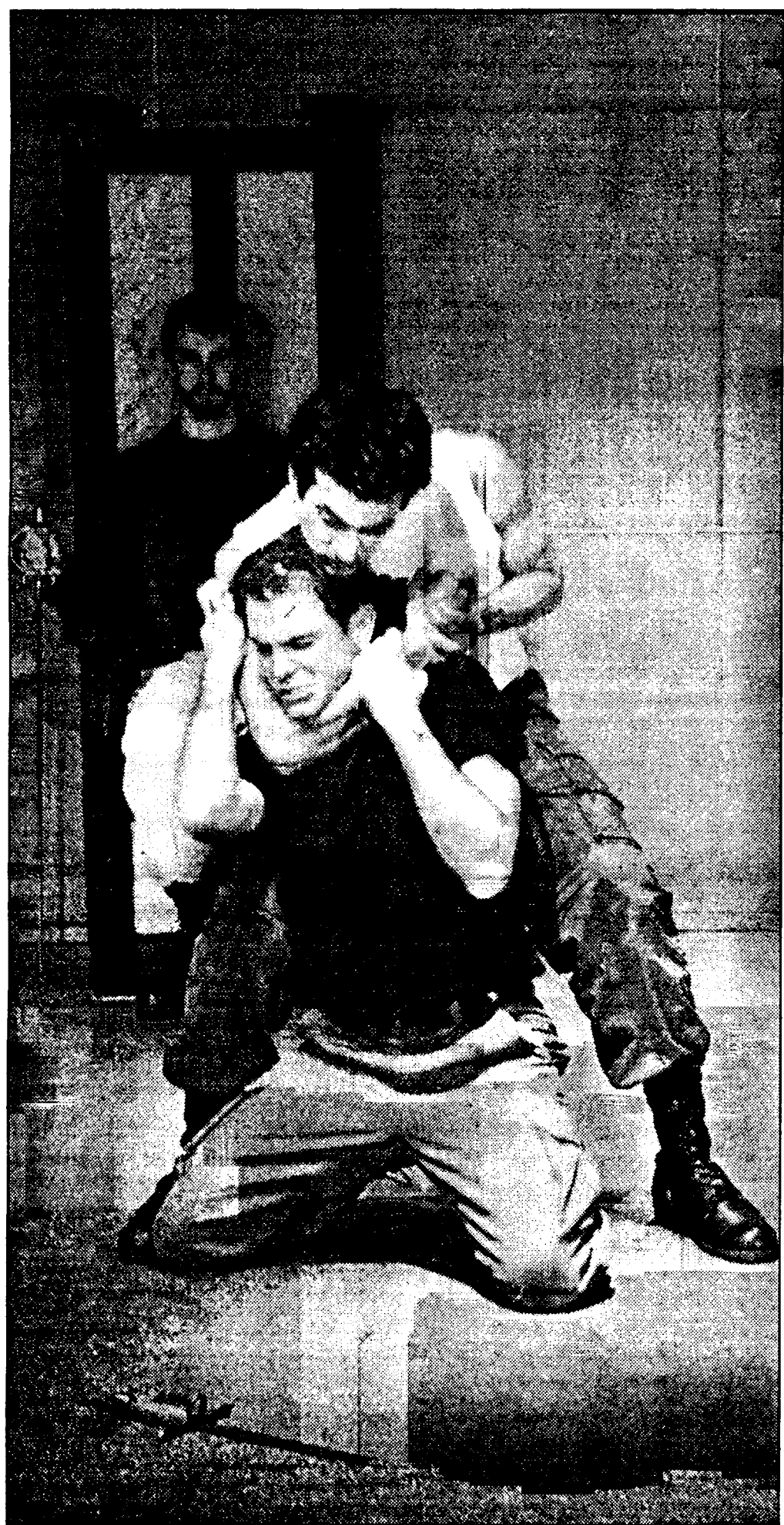
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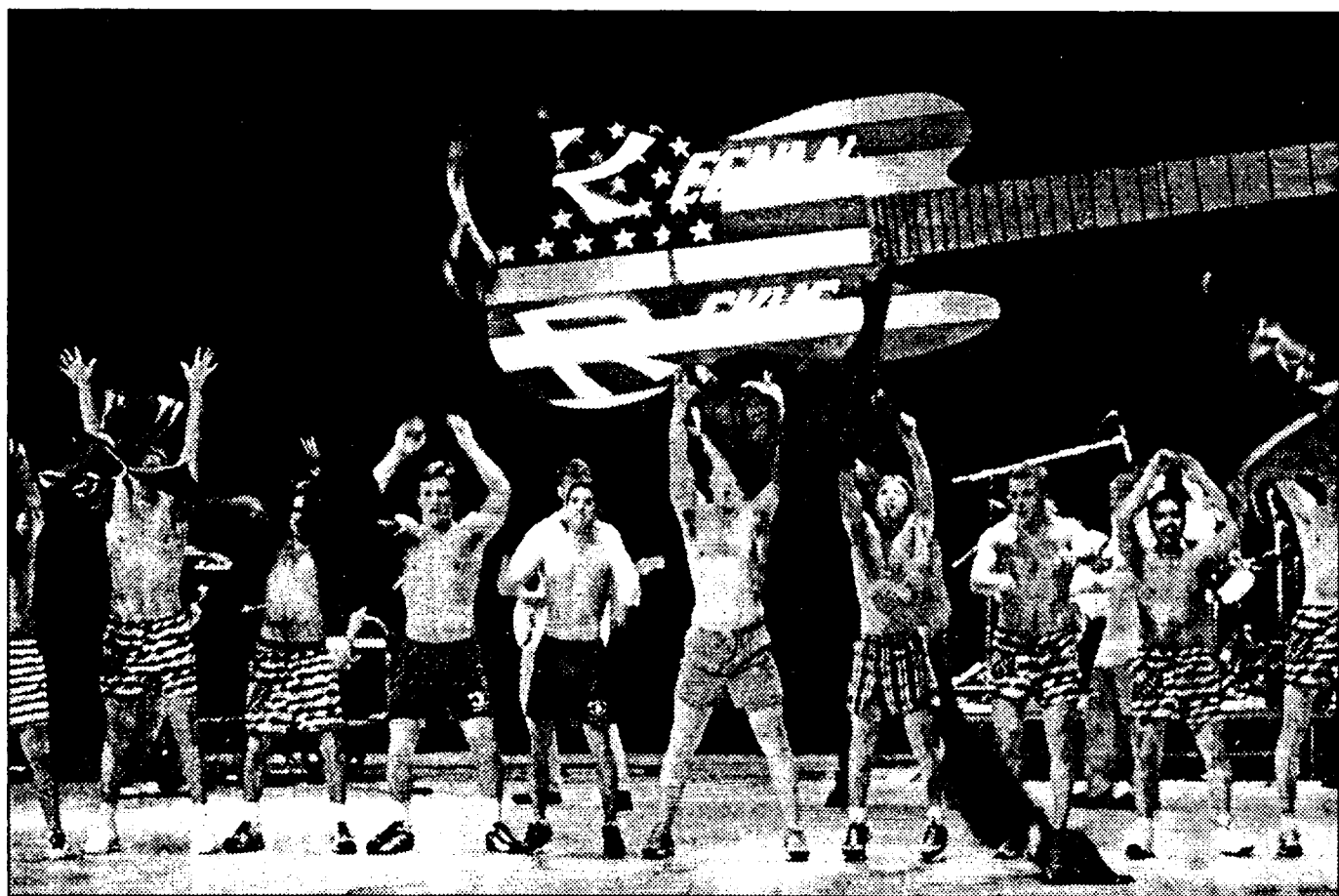
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Wednesday, August 28, 2002



FILE PHOTO/The Observer

"Henry IV, part I" was performed by The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company last fall.



FILE PHOTO/The Observer

Rip-away pants action at the 2002 Keenan Revue. The randy skit comedy fest is a campus favorite, though only Keenan men may perform.



Get your Macbeth on with stu

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

Each year over 14 major and a host of smaller theatre productions are performed on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses. With a combined student population under 10,000 and even fewer considering the number of abroad students, the theatre scene on campus is thriving and improving each year.

Of course, the major component of college theatre is the college part; almost every show is open to students of school. In fact, outside of the respective departmental shows of Notre Dame's Department of Film, Television and Theatre and Saint Mary's Communication, Dance and Theatre Department, the majority of participants in campus theatre activities are non-theatre majors.

"Theatre is a great opportunity for students to get involved on campus," senior JJ Marler, director of the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company's fall show, said.

The 2002-2003 theatre season line-up ranges from light farces like the CDT's "The Odd Couple" to dramatic heavyweights like the NSRSC's production of "Hamlet." But whether making the audience laugh or cry is your cup of tea, you can only do it if you try-out. Auditions tend to be early in the semester and easy to miss.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre

FTT will perform three shows this year beginning with Niccolò Machiavelli's slightly sinister sexual comedy "The Mandrake," directed by Siiri Scott. The play is a twisted look at courting behavior complete with aphrodisiacs and corrupt priests.

Auditions for "The Mandrake" are tonight and Thursday night at 7 p.m. Callbacks will

be held on Friday at 7 p.m. All

take place in Washington Hall. For more information call (574) 631-3017. There are two male roles and two female roles available.

The second FTT production of the year will be the Pulitzer Prize-winning serio-comedy "How I Learned to Drive." Directed by Wendy Arons, the show is an out of sequence memory play about sexual molestation. Auditions for "How I Learned to Drive" are tonight and Thursday



The Pasquerilla East Music Company performed "Dam" largest and best quality theatre shows on campus each

night at 7 p.m. Callbacks will be held on Friday at 7 p.m. All take place in Washington Hall. Those who audition are encouraged to prepare a monologue. Special audition information and materials are available online at <http://www.nd.edu/%7Ewarons/HILTD/audinfo.html>, though it is possible to do a cold reading from the play itself.

FTT will perform Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" in the second semester. Auditions will be held Jan. 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. Callbacks will be held on January 22 at 7 p.m. More audition information will be available later this year.

Watch the FTT Web site, www.nd.edu/~ftt, for more information.

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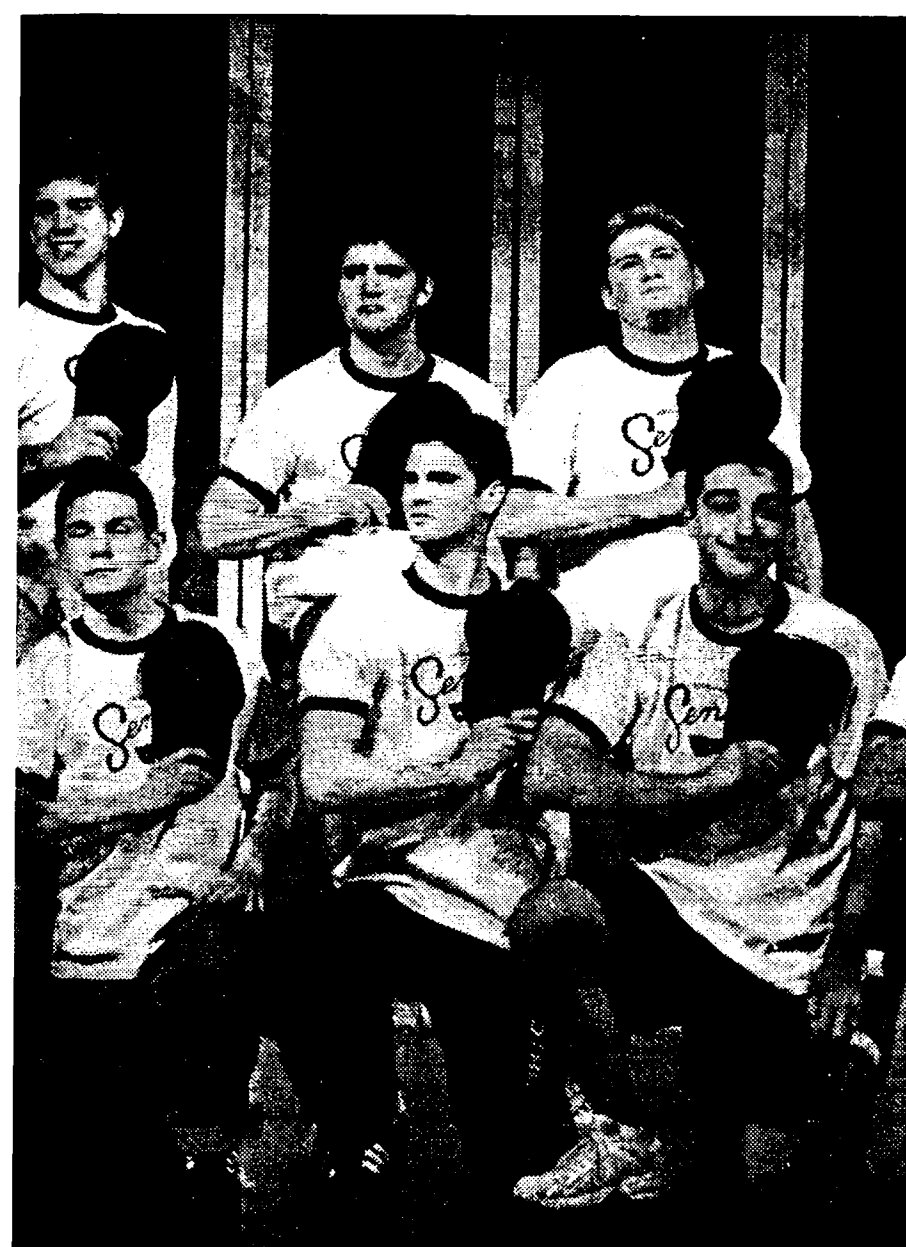
The Communication, Dance and Theatre Department

CDT will be performing Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple: The Female Edition," directed by Katie Sullivan. Auditions will be held on Sept. 18 and 19. The department will present "Medea" in the second semester. Further information is available from the department itself; call (574) 284-4640.

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FILE PHOTO/The Observer

A black and white photograph of a woman with a joyful expression, smiling broadly. She is wearing a crown made of several sticks or branches tied together. Around her neck is a thick, multi-strand necklace made of various beads and small objects. She is wearing a patterned, possibly lace or embroidered, garment. The background is dark and out of focus, with some light spots visible.

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"Glen Garry, Glen Ross" was performed last spring as an independent project in conjunction with the Student Players.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Oakland gets 14th straight win to build lead

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Athletics won their 14th straight game Tuesday night, matching their longest streak since moving to Oakland, as David Justice homered and drove in three runs in a 6-4 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

The streak is the longest in the majors since Seattle won 15 straight last season and tied the 1988 A's for the longest since the team moved to Oakland. The franchise record is a 17-game streak in 1931 when the team played in Philadelphia.

Mark Mulder (16-7) allowed four runs and seven hits in seven-plus innings to win his third straight start.

Billy Koch pitched the ninth for his 35th save in 40 opportunities.

Ray Durham homered off Runelvys Hernandez (3-3) in the fifth for the A's, who scored single runs in the third through eighth inning.

Terrence Long drove in two A's runs with a sacrifice fly in the third and a double in the seventh.

Justice hit a solo home run in the sixth, an RBI single in the fourth and a run-scoring double in the eighth inning.

Joe Randa had three hits, including a two-run triple in the eighth off Jim Mecir. Carlos Beltran had an RBI single earlier in the inning to end Mulder's night.

Kit Pellow had an RBI single in the seventh for Kansas City's first run.

Hernandez allowed four runs and eight hits, including two home runs, in six innings.

Tigers 6, Indians 1

Mark Redman pitched eight strong innings to win for the first time in five starts and help Detroit end a six-game losing streak with an 8-5 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Redman (8-12) survived a three-run rally in the fourth and got some much deserved run support from Damian Easley and Bobby Higginson, who had two RBI each. Carlos Pena homered for the Tigers.

Entering the game, Redman was last in the American League in run support with 3.65 runs per nine innings.

He gave up five runs — four

earned — on seven hits, two walks and five strikeouts.

Juan Acevedo pitched the ninth inning for his 27th save.

Jason Phillips (1-3) allowed six runs and six hits in five innings in his worst of six starts this season. He hasn't won in five starts since July 15.

After two solid innings, Phillips gave up three hits and a walk in the third, including a two-run single to Easley. Pena hit his 14th homer, 434 feet to right field, in the fourth to make it 3-0.

The Indians responded in the bottom half with three straight RBI singles from Jim Thome, Travis Fryman and Matt Lawton to tie it at 3.

The Tigers made it 5-3 in the fifth on an RBI single from Higginson and Randall Simon's RBI groundout.

John McDonald hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth to drive in Karim Garcia, who reached on an error by shortstop Shane Halter, to make it 5-4 in the fifth.

Brandon Inge had a RBI single in the sixth and pinch-hitter Hiram Bocachica had an RBI double. Higginson made it 8-4 on a sacrifice fly.

Garcia drove in a run in the seventh and was thrown out trying to stretch a double into a triple. Robert Fick got his league-leading 15th outfield assist on the play.

Yankees 6, Red Sox 0

David Wells took a shutout into the ninth inning to win for the eighth time in nine decisions, and the New York Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox to open an eight-game lead in the division.

The Yankees moved a season-high 34 games over .500 and matched their biggest lead of the season in the Eastern Division. The teams play four more times in the next eight days.

"Every game you win, it's one off the schedule," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "It just makes it a little easier."

The Red Sox, who entered the night trailing two teams in

the AL wild-card race, refused to concede the division race to focus on the wild card.

"Hopefully, we can build a nice winning streak and they can start a nice losing streak," said outfielder Johnny Damon, who won Monday's night's game with a homer in the 10th.

"But every time we lose now, it's a tough loss."

One night after the Red Sox pounded out 18 hits in an emotional victory over wild-card leader Anaheim, they managed just two singles and

three doubles against Wells (15-6). In all, Wells struck out six and walked none before leaving after Damon's leadoff double in the ninth.

Steve Karsay got three outs to finish the five-hitter and has not allowed a run in his last 13 games.

Wells, who is 9-10 in his career at Fenway Park, was just glad to get out of town unscathed.

"I've had some bad games in this park and it's nice to be victorious," he said. "It's been a long time coming."

Casey Fossum (2-3) retired the first 11 batters — striking out the first five — before falling apart in the fifth, when the Yankees took a 4-0 lead. He allowed six hits and a walk while striking out eight.

"The game started out with both pitchers throwing very well," Boston manager Grady Little said. "Their guy just kept going a little longer than ours did."

Seeking his first win as a starter in seven tries this season, Fossum gave up a double to Raul Mondesi, a single to Shane Spencer and a sacrifice fly to Rondell White to start the fifth. One out later, Alfonso Soriano doubled to make it 2-0 and Derek Jeter singled him home.

Jason Giambi doubled to make it 4-0 and chase Fossum before Frank Castillo got Bernie Williams to end the inning.

Williams singled in the fourth to extend his hitting streak to 18 games, the longest for a Yankee since he hit in 21 games straight in

1993. Manny Ramirez doubled to reach base safely in his 24th consecutive game.

The Red Sox recorded a strange double play in the seventh, when Williams' fly ball fell in front of a diving Ramirez. Jeter thought the ball was caught and retreated to second base. Ramirez threw the ball to shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, who tagged Jeter and then second base just before Giambi got there from first.

The Yankees added two in the ninth when Robin Ventura, Soriano and Jeter all singled, then Giambi added a sacrifice fly to make it 6-0. Jeter had three hits in the game and drove in two runs.

White Sox 8, Blue Jays 4

Joe Crede gave White Sox fans something to get excited about.

Crede hit his first career grand slam in the bottom of the 10th inning after tying the game with a two-run shot in the ninth to lead the Chicago White Sox over the Toronto Blue Jays 8-4 Tuesday night.

Crede, who is supposed to be the third baseman of the future, was recalled from Triple-A Charlotte on July 30 after the White Sox decided to go young. He has started 33 games at third base since and has struggled with a .225 batting average. But he didn't show it Tuesday night.

"There's many ways to look at it, but I think that this is something that I can definitely build on," Crede said.

Chicago ended Toronto's four-game winning streak.

Scott Cassidy (0-4) gave up a leadoff single to Magglio Ordonez in the 10th and walked Carlos Lee. Felix Heredia came in and gave up a sacrifice bunt to Royce Clayton, then intentionally walked Aaron Rowand to get to Crede, who homered to left center.

"The only thing you can do is try to get good wood on the ball and hit the ball hard somewhere and if you do that I think the job is considered

done," Crede said.

Antonio Osuna (7-2) retired the Blue Jays in order in the 10th.

Kelvim Escobar came in for relief for Toronto starter Roy Halladay in the ninth with a 4-2 lead. Halladay was in line for his ninth straight road victory, but Escobar blew the save after hitting Rowand with a pitch and giving up a two-run homer to Crede. Escobar has blown seven save chances this season.

Blue Jays manager Carlos Tosca didn't want to take a chance of pushing Halladay. Halladay's pitch count was at 109.

"He's our franchise," said Tosca. "And I'm going to protect the interests of this organization."

Halladay retired 11 of 12 batters between the fourth and seventh. He pitched eight innings, giving up just two runs on five hits. He struck out four and walked three.

Shannon Stewart led off the game with a double and Dave Berg followed with a single. Mark Buehrle then walked Chris Woodward to load the bases. Stewart then scored on

Carlos Delgado's groundout and Vernon Wells doubled in Berg and Woodward to make the game 3-0.

Stewart hit a two-out homer in the second inning to add another Toronto run.

Carlos Lee and Jeff Liefer both scored on groundouts in the second to narrow the lead to 4-2.

Buehrle pitched nine innings. After giving up the home run in the second, Buehrle gave up just two hits.

With Buehrle's pitch count at 100, he thought he had something left for the 10th. But he couldn't convince manager Jerry Manuel.

"I only had 100 pitches and I ran over and showed them the clicker and it had 100 on there and he said 'Don't worry, we're not going to go out there for the 10th, we are going to win it right here.' I had nothing to say back to him," Buehrle said.

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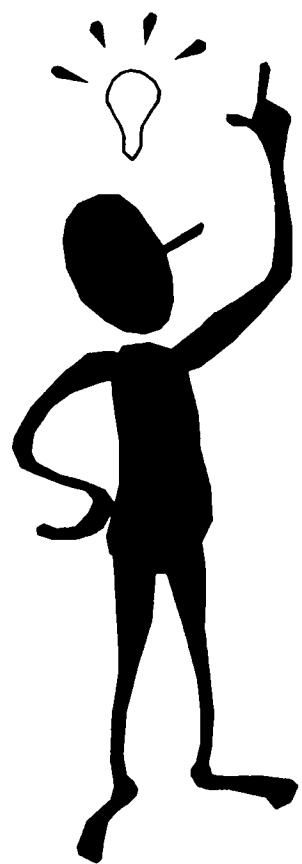
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I hope God enjoyed his night writing during this night of Hell in the basement. Tomorrow should be fun with the second insider in a row. I got nothin'

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NBA

Francis agrees to extension

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Stevie Franchise soon will be cashing paychecks befitting his nickname.

Steve Francis, heading into the final year of a four-year, \$14.1 million contract with the Houston Rockets, has agreed to a six-year extension at the NBA maximum, which should be between \$80 million and \$90 million once the new salary cap is established.

"They're willing to put that significant amount of money on the line that we can get some results," Francis said Monday. "When a lot of guys get healthy, I think we can have one of those seasons (this year) that we'll always remember."

Francis is among the Rockets trying to get healthy. He is recovering from surgery on his right shoulder and is treating an inner-ear disorder that caused debilitating headaches last season.

The injury and the headaches, diagnosed as Meniere's Disease by the Mayo Clinic, kept Francis out of 25 games. He said Monday his ear treatment is going well and doesn't anticipate headaches to recur this season.

Also returning from injuries are Maurice Taylor, who missed all of 2001-02 with an injured right Achilles tendon and guard Glen Rice, who was lost in January with a hurt right knee.

Owner Les Alexander gushed at the prospect of his returning veterans joining first-round picks Yao Ming, the 7-foot-5 center from China who was the NBA's No. 1 overall choice, and Slovenian forward Bostjan Nachbar.

"The talent that's coming back now is just unbelievable," Alexander said.

Despite Yao's much-anticipated arrival, the contract solidifies the 25-year-old Francis as the Rockets' go-to guy, as the headrests of his white Mercedes-Benz that sport the embroidered word "Franchise" attest.

The 6-foot-3, 195-pound Francis was an NBA All-Star for the first time last season. Often playing in pain, he averaged 22 points, seven assists and seven rebounds last season.

Francis said he's eager to fully assume the team's leadership role as the Rockets try to transform from a rebuilding club into a contender.

"I think it'll be a good opportunity, not only in being a leader in talking or yelling, but proving things on the court," Francis said. "I will be judged, definitely, on how much we win and how much we lose, and I'm ready for that next step."

Francis, drafted No. 2 overall in 1999 by Vancouver, was traded three years ago Tuesday after refusing to sign with the Grizzlies. He was the league's co-rookie of the year that season.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Seminoles chopped down 1 in poll

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va.

A close game with Iowa State on Saturday night dropped Florida State one spot in the latest USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, released Monday.

The Seminoles fell from fourth to fifth, switching places with Tennessee, after a season-opening 38-31 victory over Iowa State in the Eddie Robinson Classic. Linebackers Kendyll Pope and Jerel Hudson stopped quarterback Seneca Wallace at the 1-yard line on the final play of the game.

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden passed Bear Bryant and moved into sole possession of second place on the all-time Division I-A wins list with his 324th — but not before the

Seminoles nearly squandered a pair of 24-point leads.

Defending national champion Miami, which opens its season Saturday against Florida A&M, remained at the top of the poll. The Hurricanes will take a 22-game winning streak into the 2002 season.

Miami received 42 first-place votes — eight more than in the preseason poll — and 1,466 points in the nationwide poll of 61 coaches.

Four of the top eight teams in the poll are from the Big 12 Conference, including No. 2 Texas, which received 10 first-place votes and 1,424 votes, and No. 3 Oklahoma, which got seven first-place votes and is 24 points behind the Longhorns.

No. 6 Colorado and No. 8 Nebraska are the other Big 12 teams in the top eight.

Nebraska was one of six ranked teams in action last weekend, routing Arizona State, 48-10.

Florida State received the remaining two first-place votes.

Florida, which begins a new era under coach Ron Zook, is seventh in the poll.

Washington and Michigan, a pair of teams that meet Saturday in Ann Arbor, complete the top 10.

Ohio State is 11th and switched places with Georgia

after opening its season Saturday with a 45-21 win over Texas Tech.

Washington State is 13th and is followed by Louisiana State, Oregon, Virginia Tech, Michigan State, Louisville, Southern California and Maryland. Virginia Tech stayed at 16th after a 63-7 win over Arkansas State on Sunday.

South Carolina, Marshall, Penn State, North Carolina State and Wisconsin complete

the poll. Wisconsin dropped two spots despite a 23-21 win over Fresno State. North Carolina State advanced one spot after a 34-14 win over New Mexico.

The coaches' poll is part of the Bowl Championship Series formula that determines the participants in the national championship game.

The top two teams in the ratings meet in the game, which this season is the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Cora returns after concussion

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles Dodgers shortstop Alex Cora was released from the hospital Tuesday, a day after being knocked unconscious during a collision at second base.

Cora returned to the team and took early batting practice, but as a precaution he sat out Tuesday night's game against Arizona and will miss Wednesday's game, too.

"The good thing is I'm healthy and all right," he said.

The 26-year-old Cora sustained a mild concussion when he collided at second base with Arizona shortstop Tony Womack on Monday night.

Cora was unconscious for more than 30 seconds, general manager Dan Evans said.

"Even when they rolled him over his eyes stayed shut," Womack said.

Cora was taken off the field on a stretcher, hospitalized for observation and released Tuesday morning.

"He won't be available for a couple of days due to the significance of the concussion," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "We're going to monitor him and make sure he doesn't revisit any symptoms that go along with having had a concussion. That's an order, that's not a request."

Cora's teammates were especially glad to see him back at Dodger Stadium.

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U.S. OPEN

Champion struggles to advance

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Former champion Marat Safin battled his temper and some booming serves from Nicolas Kiefer to advance in the first round of the U.S. Open on Tuesday with a draining 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4) victory.

Safin smashed two rackets during the match, which lasted 4 hours, 31 minutes. In the end, the German gave in to fatigue and cramps.

It wasn't easy for Safin, the Open's 2000 champion and seeded second this year. He traded huge serves with Kiefer that exceeded 130 mph.

Twice, Kiefer broke Safin's serve late to stay in the match, and another time Kiefer raced from one corner

of the court to the other to save a point.

Both players were iced for cramps in their upper legs as the match neared the end. Safin was flat on the court being stretched while Kiefer sat in his chair as the trainer worked on him.

Limping badly, Kiefer twice saved match points and forced a tiebreak. But he collapsed on the court reaching for a shot at 3-5. He was helped to his feet and won the next point before the Russian ended the marathon.

"He tried as much as he could," Safin said. "It was unbelievable."

Safin had 15 aces and 64 unforced errors to 12 aces and 59 unforced errors for Kiefer. Twelve double faults hurt Kiefer's chances for the upset.

Defending champion Lleyton Hewitt advanced 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 over Nicolas Coutelot, riding 14 aces to the victory.

Carlos Moya, awarded his highest seed at the U.S. Open in three years at No. 9, advanced to the second round of the season's final Grand Slam by defeating Adrian Panatta 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

The victory was a grind for Moya, a clay-court specialist

who came into the Open after winning at Cincinnati — just the second hardcourt title of his career. Ten of his previous 11 victories were on clay, and he won at Cincinnati by defeating No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt in the final.

Former finalist Mark Philippoussis, hounded by knee trouble, was forced to retire from his match against No. 24 Sjeng Schalken after winning the first two sets.

Moya came into the Open with four titles this year, tying Andre Agassi and Hewitt for the most on the tour.

It's the first time since 1995 that Voinea has lost in the opening round of this tournament.

Philippoussis, runner-up in the Open in 1998 but unseeded now and battling a cranky left knee, looked strong for two sets against Schalken. But

after losing the third, the Australian fell in a heap on an overhand and came up grimacing as he gripped his left knee.

There have been three operations in 14 months on the knee, and Philippoussis was in obvious pain as ATP trainer Doug Spree examined him. When Spree asked how he felt, Philippoussis said, "I'm scared."

The Australian struggled to his feet and, after Spree worked on him, he was able to continue for a while, even winning another game. But on a changeover Spree examined him again.

"It hurts," he told the trainer. A few moments later, Philippoussis retired from the match, allowing Schalken to advance 6-7 (1), 4-6, 6-3, 5-3.

He left the grounds to get an MRI on his knee.

"He tried as much as he could. It was unbelievable."

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Agassi, Sampras team up

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Andre Agassi is joining Pete Sampras as an investor in The Tennis Channel, a 24-hour cable network launching this year.

Agassi, a seven-time Grand Slam tournament champion, will be a spokesman for the channel, which will help promote the Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation.

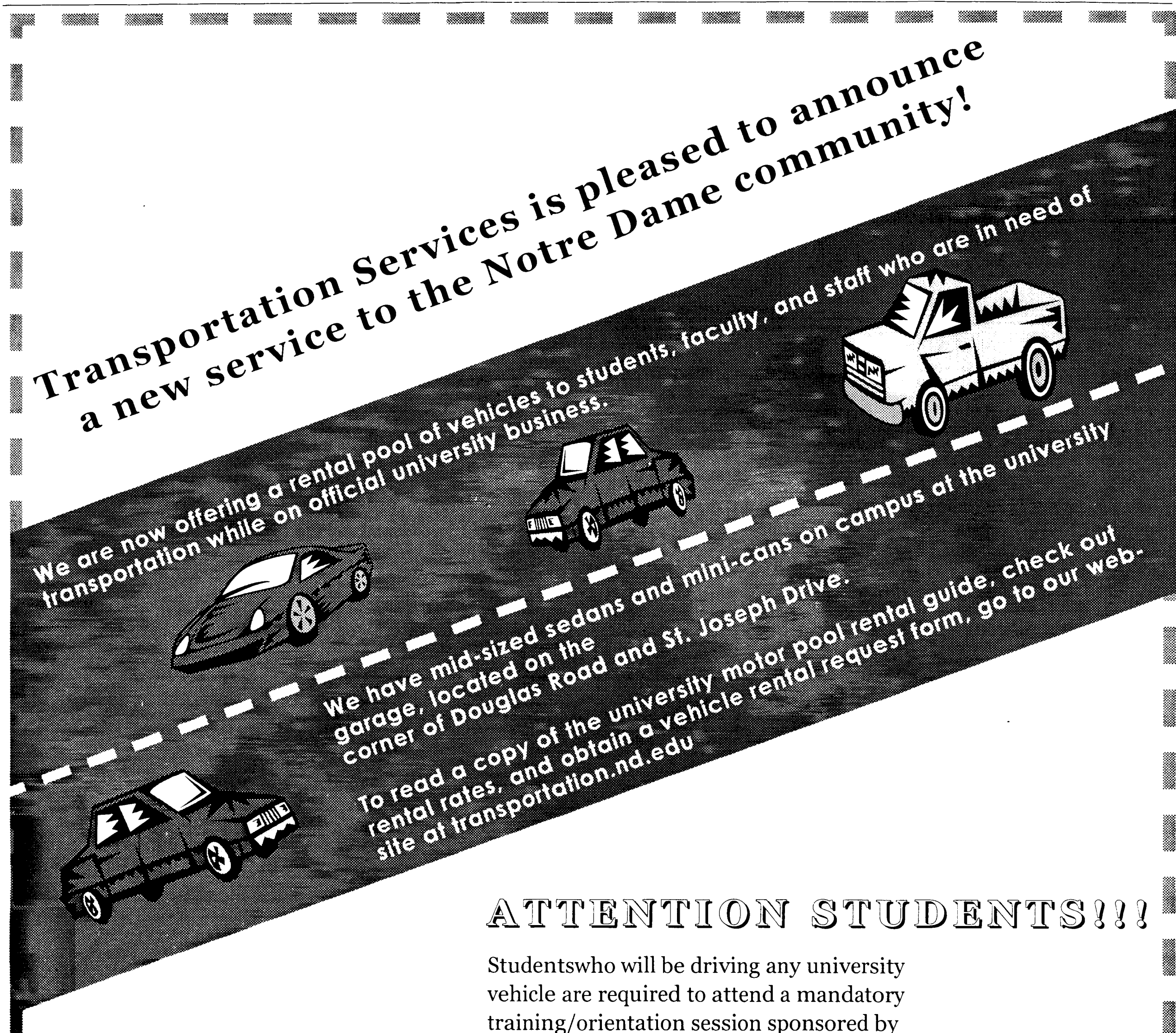
His association was among a series of announcements made Tuesday by the 24-hour network, which will be a basic cable service:

- ◆ Deals to broadcast seven pro tournaments: WTA Tour stops in Charleston, S.C.; Manhattan Beach, Calif.; Sarasota, Fla.; and Paris; ATP Tour events in Chennai, India; San Jose, Calif.; and Houston.
- ◆ An original series called "No Strings," billed as "an intimate look at the glamorous lifestyles of professional tennis players off the court." Sampras, Lindsay Davenport and Andy Roddick will be featured in the first three episodes.
- ◆ TV rights for World Team Tennis.
- ◆ A multiyear advertising deal with Wilson Racquet Sports, a division of Wilson Sporting Goods.

The Tennis Channel hasn't said when in 2002 it will launch, but it currently has deals that would put it in 38 percent of the country's cable households.

The network now has rights to more than 1,400 hours of tournament tennis, including five WTA Tour events and seven ATP Tour events.

Its programming lineup will be about 40 percent tournament play, 40 percent instructional shows and 20 percent news or features.



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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Bonds aims for the fences and the title

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO
Willie Mays knows Barry Bonds better than almost anyone. Mays counsels his godson on everything from the perils of fame to the difficulties of

hitting in San Francisco's famously fickle weather.

So when Mays says Bonds is capable of becoming a first-time batting champion at 38, it's not wise to take the Hall of Famer's opinions lightly.

"I think Barry can do exactly what he wants," Mays said.

"He's trying for the batting title this year. Whatever Barry does, he knows I'm behind him. ... He's still a young man. He'll have a lot of records when he quits. He's got a lot of records now, but he'll have more."

"Don't even worry about [the

batting title]. He'll get that. It's not even a problem."

After hitting his 600th homer earlier this month, the San Francisco Giants' slugger isn't within reach of any more dramatic home run milestones this season. Instead, Bonds has set his sights on an unlikely goal: the NL batting championship.

Mays, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and Frank Robinson all won batting titles. Bonds hasn't done it in his first 16 major league seasons.

During his run to 600, Bonds again expressed surprise at his recent home run feats. It was never his goal to hit this many home runs, Bonds said — and then, almost without prompting, he gave a rare insight into one of his goals beyond that still-elusive World Series ring.

"I want to win that batting title," Bonds said simply.

With five weeks left in the season, Bonds entered Monday night's game against Colorado hitting .357.

After leading the league for much of the summer, he's neck-and-neck atop the NL leaderboard with the Rockies' Larry Walker, the champion in 1998, 1999 and last season. Montreal's Vladimir Guerrero is more than 20 points behind in third place.

"He's got a good chance, but it's a long process," San Francisco manager Dusty Baker said. "You can be right in the running until the last week of the season, and if you go in a slump, it's all over. I'd love to see it, though. It'd be nice to see somebody win it who doesn't play in Colorado."

Since joining the NL in 1993, Walker and fellow Rockies Andres Galarraga (1993) and Todd Helton (2000) have won five of the nine titles; San Diego's Tony Gwynn won three others.

Geography is working against Bonds in two ways. While Walker hits in the thin air of Denver, Bonds plays half of his games in Pacific Bell Park — perhaps the most pitcher-friendly environment in the NL, according to Helton, the Mets' Mike Piazza and other talented hitters.

In fact, no member of the San Francisco Giants has won a batting title since the franchise moved west in 1958 — the longest drought in the NL.

Candlestick Park's soggy, windy weather stopped Mays, who won his only batting crown in 1954 while playing at New York's Polo Grounds.

Mays, Aaron and Ruth — the only three home run hitters still in front of Bonds — all won batting titles early in their careers.

But Bonds, unlike almost every great player before him, seems to be getting better with age.

Bonds, who began his career as a speedy leadoff hitter before his well-chronicled transformation into a muscle-bound slugger, has never hit higher than .336 — and that

was in 1993, his first season with the Giants.

Last season, Bonds put up some of the most mind-boggling offensive numbers in baseball history — and he still hit only .328, finishing sev-

enth in the NL. Managers and pitchers always tread lightly around players with high averages, but Bonds' power abilities make him almost impossible to challenge.

"I think he'll make the most of his chances," said Robinson, a former Triple Crown winner who was passed by Bonds on the career homers list earlier this season. "The only question is whether Barry will get enough chances. There's no team that wants to let him beat you."

Robinson, the Montreal Expos' manager, illustrated that point at Pacific Bell Park on Sunday by intentionally walking Bonds with runners on first and second base — his 148th walk of the season.

Nobody in baseball history has walked as frequently as Bonds, who set the major league record with 177 free passes last season. Walker has nearly 100 more official at-bats than Bonds, and that's not likely to change if the Giants stay in the NL West race.

"Barry gets fewer pitches to hit than almost anybody ever has in the history of the game, and he's still in the running for that batting title," teammate Shawon Dunston said. "To me, that's the most impressive thing about his season. I think he'll get it. Nothing he does will surprise anybody these days."

"He's trying for the batting title this year. Whatever Barry does, he knows I'm behind him. ... He's still a young man. He'll have a lot of records when he quits. He's got a lot of records now, but he'll have more."

Willie Mays
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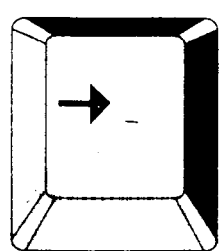
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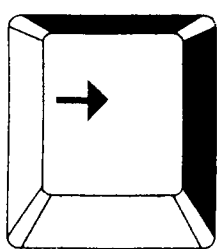
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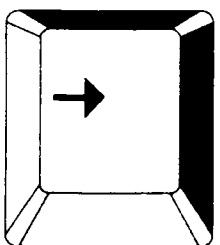
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INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL



Reggie Miller, far right, stands for the National Anthem during an exhibition game against China with the U.S. National team. Miller may miss the first game of the World Championships with a sprained right ankle.

Miller may miss first game, wants to play

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS
Reggie Miller is questionable for Thursday's opening game of the World Championships with a sprained right ankle.

The Indiana Pacers guard had his ankle elevated and wrapped in ice while the U.S. national team practiced Tuesday.

National team coach George Karl said a decision on Miller likely would be made before the opener against Algeria.

"Asking him to come back in two or three days is hard," Karl said.

The 37-year-old Miller was injured in an exhibition game Sunday against Germany. He said he would be ready to play by

Friday.

"I want to play," Miller said. "To be a part of something as special as this, that I put so much work into, I want to be ready."

Miller has received constant treatment and said he felt much better Tuesday. Still, he only shot free throws and will be held out of the final practice.

Miller and Jermaine O'Neal, his Pacers' teammate, were the only two players to start in both exhibition games against China and Germany.

No decision has been made on Miller's replacement. Karl said the lineups would be rotated for the first four or five games.

"I told the team that I

hope we don't have to have a starting lineup," he said. "The guys that are important to me are the guys who are going to finish the game."

Miller, who won gold medals in the 1994 World Championships and 1996 Olympics, could become the first American male to earn two World Championship gold medals.

"To be asked to play for your country is an honor," he said. "To be asked to play with the up-and-coming superstars that are assembled on this team kind of gave me another sense of motivation to come out play."

He's already accustomed to the role of elder statesman. He was the oldest player last season

on the Pacers, the youngest team in the league. Miller is one of two players over 30 (with Toronto's Antonio Davis) on the national team, where the average age is 26.2 years.

"It's fun to be around the young guys and teach and to learn," Miller said. "It's fun to see if you still have it, which I feel that I do."

Before he was hurt, Miller showed he was one of the top players on the team.

"He's probably been one of the best players on the court almost every practice," Karl said. "I think he's come here with a lot of pride to show the young kids that he's still one of the best players in the world."

Major League Baseball

American League East				
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	82-48	.631	6-4	-
Boston	74-56	.569	5-5	8
Baltimore	63-67	.485	4-6	19
Toronto	57-74	.435	9-9	25.5
Tampa Bay	43-87	.331	3-7	39

American League Central				
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	79-54	.594	7-3	-
Chicago	62-70	.470	4-6	16.5
Cleveland	57-74	.435	3-7	21
Kansas City	53-80	.398	3-7	26
Detroit	50-82	.379	4-6	28.5

American League West				
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	82-51	.617	10-0	-
Anaheim	77-53	.592	5-5	3.5
Seattle	78-54	.591	4-6	3.5
Texas	58-72	.446	6-4	22.5

National League East				
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	83-47	.638	4-6	-
Philadelphia	65-65	.500	7-3	18
Montreal	65-66	.496	5-5	18.5
Florida	63-68	.481	5-5	20.5
New York	61-69	.469	3-7	22

National League Central				
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	72-58	.554	4-6	-
Houston	69-62	.527	6-4	3
Cincinnati	65-66	.496	3-7	7.5
Pittsburgh	58-74	.439	06-4	15
Chicago	55-75	.423	4-6	17
Milwaukee	45-85	.344	2-8	27.5

National League West				
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Arizona	84-47	.641	8-2	-
Los Angeles	75-56	.573	7-3	9
San Francisco	73-58	.557	7-3	11
Colorado	61-71	.462	4-6	23.5
San Diego	56-75	.427	5-5	28

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IN BRIEF

New York, San Francisco possible 2012 hosts

CHICAGO

New York and San Francisco were selected Tuesday as the U.S. finalists to host the 2012 Summer Olympics, while Houston and Washington, D.C., were eliminated as contenders.

The U.S. Olympic Committee's board of directors will pick the U.S. candidate for the 2012 Games at a Nov. 3 meeting. Then comes the international competition, where things really get serious.

As many as a dozen cities — including possibly Toronto, Rome, Paris, Moscow, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil — are expected to be in the mix. The International Olympic Committee will pick the host in 2005.

Vikings suffer another loss

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn.
The wife of Minnesota Vikings

offensive lineman Lewis Kelly died of pregnancy complications, the second consecutive year of preseason tragedy for the team.

Rakiva Kelly, 24, was four months pregnant, tight end Byron Chamberlain said. Chamberlain and coach Mike Tice were with Kelly when his wife died just before midnight Sunday at Methodist Hospital in nearby St. Louis Park.

"We had a tremendous tragedy," Tice said Monday. "Right now we're reeling a little bit as a family. We'll battle our way through it ... and we will all pick up the slack for Lewis Kelly."

Charges against Erickson dropped

A second-degree assault charge against Baltimore Orioles pitcher Scott Erickson was dropped after prosecutors interviewed the player's live-in girlfriend, prosecutors said.

Erickson was arrested July 22 after an argument with Lisa Ortiz that spilled out of their Inner Harbor condominium and into a hallway and elevator. He was scheduled to appear before a domestic violence judge Sept. 6, but court records show that prosecutors decided earlier this month not to press the charges.

"The victim was interviewed by the prosecutor, and her testimony bordered on a recantation," state's attorney spokeswoman Marty Burns said. "With no other independent evidence, the case just could not proceed."

Scott Shellenberger, Erickson's attorney, said he was "extremely pleased" with the decision.

"After reviewing the facts, they determined that Mr. Erickson did not commit a crime, which is what Scott's position has always been," Shellenberger said.

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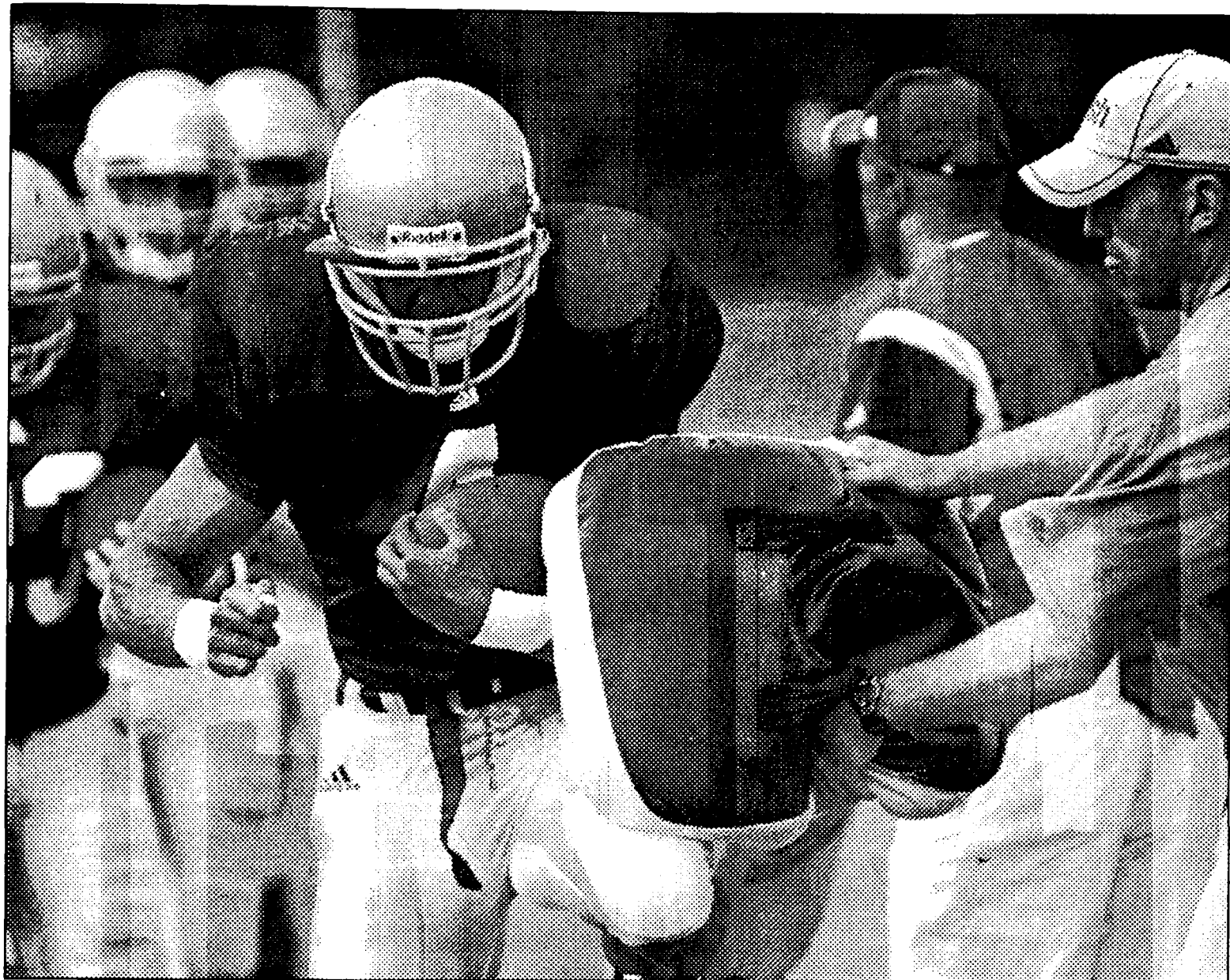


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Sophomore running back Ryan Grant will joined teammate Marcus Wilson as No. 1 on the depth charts for the Irish following the departure of would-be senior Julius Jones.

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during which he rushed for 77 yards. Four minutes into the second quarter, with the Notre Dame trailing Purdue by three, Grant rushed for 14 yards and crossed the goal line for the first time in a Notre Dame jersey.

But will he add more touchdowns to that total?

"Absolutely. As many as I can," he said.

Despite Jones's unexpected exit, Grant is confident that he's ready to be a top player. After all, he didn't come to Notre Dame to watch from the sidelines.

"I came to Notre Dame to be that type of guy," he said. "I didn't come here to sit and watch. If you want to be a competitor, you want to be in the spotlight."

Wilson, too, is ready to step up to the role that's been assigned to him. Although he was not expecting his chance to come this early, he was

nonetheless prepared for it.

"I've been preparing myself whether I'd been second string, first string, no matter what," he said. "It came a lot sooner — my chance — I guess. I'm ready."

As fall camp ends, the two rushers are feeling comfortable in both their new roles and in the new offense. The pro-style offense of Notre Dame's new coach Tyrone Willingham will be a distinct

change from the run-heavy offense former coach Bob Davie ran last season. Neither Grant nor Wilson can count on carrying the ball as often as they would have in the old offense. But there are expectations that, when it counts, the ball will still come to them.

"I still think that we're going to run the ball," Grant said. "I have the utmost confidence that they're going to run the ball and get in a good position to run the ball."

And the benefit of a pass-heavy offense for a running back?

"It keeps the defense honest," Grant said. "They can't blitz all the time, they don't know where ... the ball is going to go. That helps you out a little bit."

Grant claimed that he doesn't have too many pre-game jitters. Whether Notre

Dame plays a tough opponent like Maryland near his hometown, or an opponent that presents fewer challenges far way, football is football.

"You have to take every game as

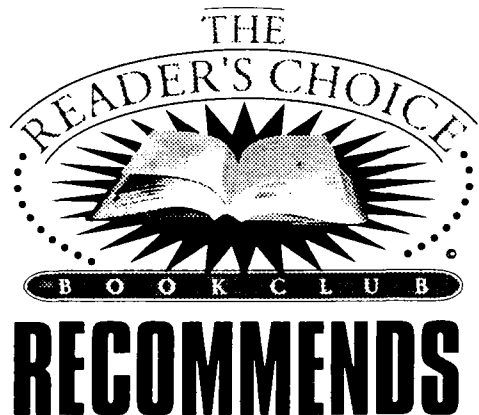
that's it," he said.

Wilson, however, has no game experience. He saw no playing time last season after injuring his foot during fall camp. His nerves aren't quite as steely as Grant's.

"I'm a little bit nervous, but that's about it," he said. "I'm ready to play football."

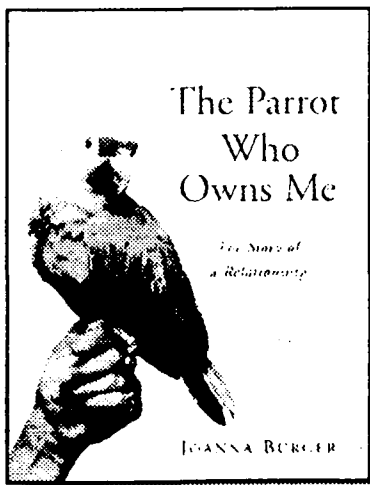
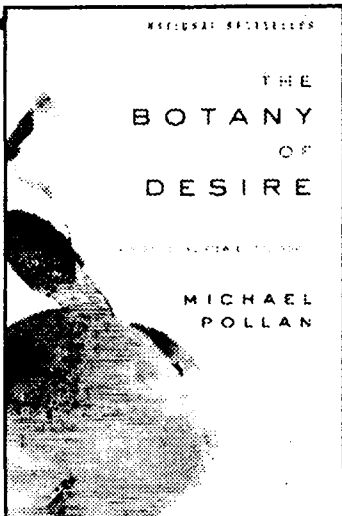
Ryan Grant
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even though we won the game. We actually created more scoring opportunities than North Carolina. We did not come out with the same intensity against Kentucky."

Notre Dame did not start well in their game against last year's NCAA runner-up, North Carolina. After falling behind 3-0, the Irish battled back with a goal by Amy Warner in the 64th minute of the game. Warner slipped past the Tar Heel defense to rebound a deflected shot from fellow junior Amanda Guertin. The goal to cut the North Carolina to 3-1. Coach Waldrum has been extremely satisfied with the play of Warner throughout the preseason.

"Amy Warner is back to her form from her freshman year," said Waldrum. "Last year was a difficult year for her coming back from the ACL injury. She's extremely fit and her speed is back. I expect her to have a huge year for us."

Six minutes after Warner's goal, Sarah Bush responded with North Carolina's fourth goal of the game. The Irish answered once more with a goal by freshman Maggie Manning via an assist from Warner. Manning, who filled in for injured junior Melissa Tancredi at the forward position, is one of several freshmen who are expected to see significant action this season. Waldrum has been very impressed with the progress of the freshman thus far in the preseason.

"Maggie Manning has really put herself in the picture for us," said Waldrum. "She continues to get better and better. Jen Walz is another freshman who has really stood out in the preseason. Miranda Ford has done a great job at midfield and defense. Kat Sigler had a great weekend for us as well. These players will see a lot of minutes for us this season."

Sunday's game against Kentucky was another challenging tune-up for the Irish. Notre Dame started the game on fire, but a mental lapse on defense cost the Irish early control of the game. Last season's leading scorer, Amanda Guertin blasted a long shot from the outside the goalie box to give the Irish a quick 1-0 lead in the game's eighth minute. The lead would not last long, though, as the Wildcats answered back only 18 seconds later to tie the game at 1-1. For almost the entire rest of the game, the Notre Dame offense failed to recapture any of the rhythm and cohesiveness that served them well against UNC. Not

until Ashley Dryer's last minute goal did the Irish show signs of offensive life.

This critical score was indicative of the quick-strike capability the Irish offense will have this season. The goal was set up by Ford. The freshman crossed the ball to midfielder Randi Scheller, who sent the ball up the right side of the field. Fleet-footed forward Warner tracked the ball down and crossed it to Dryer, who promptly sealed the game with an 18-yard rocket shot.

While the Irish offense showed flashes of brilliance over the weekend, the Notre Dame defense struggled at times. Injuries and missing players may have caused the defensive breakdowns. None of last season's four starting defenders were in action over the weekend, while Monica Gonzales and Lindsey Jones

have graduated. All-American Vanessa Pruzinsky was held out of action with a knee injury, while returning sophomore Candace Chapman was playing

with the Canadian National Team during the weekend.

To make matters worse, sophomore Gudrun Gunnarsdottir injured her foot in Friday's loss against North Carolina. She did not play two days later against Kentucky.

Waldrum was forced to convert many midfielders such as Molly Tate, Ford, and Kim Carpenter into defensive roles over the weekend. Unfortunately, these players may have to play defense again this weekend when the Irish open the regular season and Big East play against Providence and Virginia Tech.

Chapman and highly touted freshman defender Katie Thorlakson will remain with the Canadian National Team

this weekend. Waldrum was doubtful that Pruzinsky would return this weekend, while Gunnarsdottir's availability still remains a question mark. The Irish will continue to be without a few projected offensive starters this weekend as well. Forward Tancredi and mid-

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Randy Waldrum
head coach

fielder Mary Boland are not expected to recover in time from injuries that sidelined them during last weekend's exhibition games.

Notes:

◆ Notre Dame will travel to Providence, Rhode Island on

Friday night for their season opener to battle the Providence Friars. Game time is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. EST.

◆ Notre Dame will return in action on Sunday for its home opener against the visiting Virginia Tech Hokies. Game time is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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Holiday

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Indiana, the spotlight, the pressure and the expectations were all Holiday's.

LoVecchio never discussed

why he left Notre Dame, saying only that "personal reasons" were behind his decision. But Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said he could see LoVecchio's transfer coming.

When Diedrick visited LoVecchio and his father, Larry, in mid-May, Diedrick

said months later that, among other things, the pair wanted a guarantee LoVecchio would start. The offensive coordinator wouldn't give it to him and LoVecchio was headed to Bloomington, Ind. without a word of explanation to coaches or teammates.

"Apparently they made their decision for whatever reason, and if it was guarantees that they wanted they weren't going to get guarantees," Diedrick said. "[He had] the guarantee to compete for the job, then if he felt like he didn't want to compete for the job, he could leave and go someplace where it was guaranteed. That's what he did."

That left Holiday standing alone at the mountaintop, in charge of running a complex pro-style offense that few outside the Notre Dame program had confidence he could handle effectively. Last year, the Irish threw an NCAA-worst four touchdown passes and Holiday himself only completed a modest 50.7 percent of his passes in the 10 games he started.

But a determined Holiday buckled down as soon as he got the offensive playbook.

Offensive line man Jordan Black joked quarterbacks tend to loaf in the off-season. But over the summer, Black noted Holiday diligently lifted weights with the rest of the team, studied dozens of offensive schemes and established himself as a take-charge guy in the huddle.

"He's kind of taken the ball club and become the leader," Diedrick said. "We definitely weren't there last spring. A lot of gain and headway was made during the summer."

The new offense forces Holiday to rely less on his legs and more on his mind — a change he relishes. The days of Holiday tucking the ball and scampering along the line of scrimmage with the ball, as he did so often last year, appear to be long gone. The run is still an option, of course, but Holiday says it's the last option.

"Last year there were a lot of run plays where you really didn't have to think as much," he said. "Now, you have to make a lot of decisions now and I'm just going to have to test my knowledge right now."

Your legs are going to be a good utility, but at the same time, your head is a much better option."

"The thing that I don't want to do is shackle him and put handcuffs on him," Diedrick said. "I want him to be very free-flowing as the system will allow him."

Everyone who has seen Holiday in practice claims the junior is a much different player from the battered and bruised option quarterback who limped through the end of the season.

The change in Holiday's personality is drastically different, as well. No longer is he quiet and reserved, clutching his helmet behind his back in interviews. Now, Holiday speaks with a voice that exudes confidence and can't wait to step onto the field against Maryland in the Irish's first game this Saturday.

"He's kind of taken the ball club and become the leader. We definitely weren't there last spring. A lot of gain and headway was made during the summer."

Bill Diedrick
offensive coordinator

"Four touchdowns, that's not a lot by any standards," said Holiday, referring to Notre Dame's total passing touchdowns last season. "I think this year is going to be very different."

We're going to stretch the field a little bit, we've got great offensive at all positions, and we're going to allow them to make their own plays."

Still, Holiday knows he has doubters who love to bring up the game against Stanford last year. Engulfed by a maelstrom of questions about the future of Bob Davie and swirling around in the midst of a losing season, Holiday completed just 1-of-16 passes in cold and rainy conditions — a game he calls the low point of last season.

But he's not focusing on the quarterback he was last year. He's focusing on the quarterback he can be this year.

"I don't really care what they believe," he said. "I know what I can do, my teammates know what I can do. [Everyone else will] just have to wait and see."

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FOOTBALL

Safely filling vacated positions

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

When Maryland throws its first pass against Notre Dame on Saturday, the effects of the tumultuous Irish off season may become blaringly clear. Depth at the safety position took the biggest blow with rape allegations involving four football players.

Donald Dykes, Justin Smith and Abe Elam, all safeties, were expelled from the University, leaving only Jerome Sapp who had real, consistent game experience at that position. But, according to secondary coach Trent Walters, if spring was the time for the players to deal with the shock of losing teammates and friends, fall camp was the time to get focused on what lies ahead — a season opener.

"A couple of the guys [who were expelled], the guys were personal friends of theirs," Walters said. "We felt the effect of it in the spring but this fall it seems like they've concentrated and focused on the upcoming season and it really hasn't been a big issue. ... I think right now our focus is on the upcoming game and getting better."

And the safeties have reason to focus. In addition to losing Dykes, Smith and Elam, the Irish also lost Ron Israel to graduation. Aside from Sapp, the only other player returning with game experience is senior free safety Glenn Earl, who has a long history of nagging injuries.

Earl, a reserve defensive back for the Irish during the 2001 season, suffered a quad injury against Nebraska and missed the next two games, left play early against West Virginia due to injury, suffered a separated shoulder in the Tennessee game and had a concussion against Stanford. His game experience, at best, was inconsistent. But the 6-foot-1 Illinois native is feeling healthy now.

"I feel good," Earl said. "Everybody's trying to get their legs back. Everybody's trying to get over these little nagging ailments ... but I feel good about myself. I feel good about the team."

Although Earl is aware that an injury could hit at any time, especially considering his unfortunate history, he's not letting that take any focus away from his preparation for playing a full season as a starter.

"You can control what you can control," he said. "You can play hard, just play the game, you know, just take it one game at a time."

Sapp, who returns to the Irish as the most experienced safety on the squad and was rated the defensive MVP following the Blue-Gold game last spring, will be counted on as the leader. Last season he was an Irish reserve safety until he made his first start against Pittsburgh. Sapp, who grabbed his first two fumble recoveries against Navy, is feeling very comfortable in his new role as the senior-most player in terms of game experience.

"It's really, really great, coming back for my senior year, being the guy with the most in

terms of being in the game," Sapp said. "I don't really think that makes me better than any other safety. ... I just use all that experience to be a leader, as kind of an inspiration to be a leader and go out there."

The real problem for the Irish lies in depth at the safety position. They return only two other players at the position — sophomores Quinten Burrell and Lionel Bolen and freshmen Jake Carney and Mike Richardson, forcing the coaching staff to put some serious concentration into training the inexperienced.

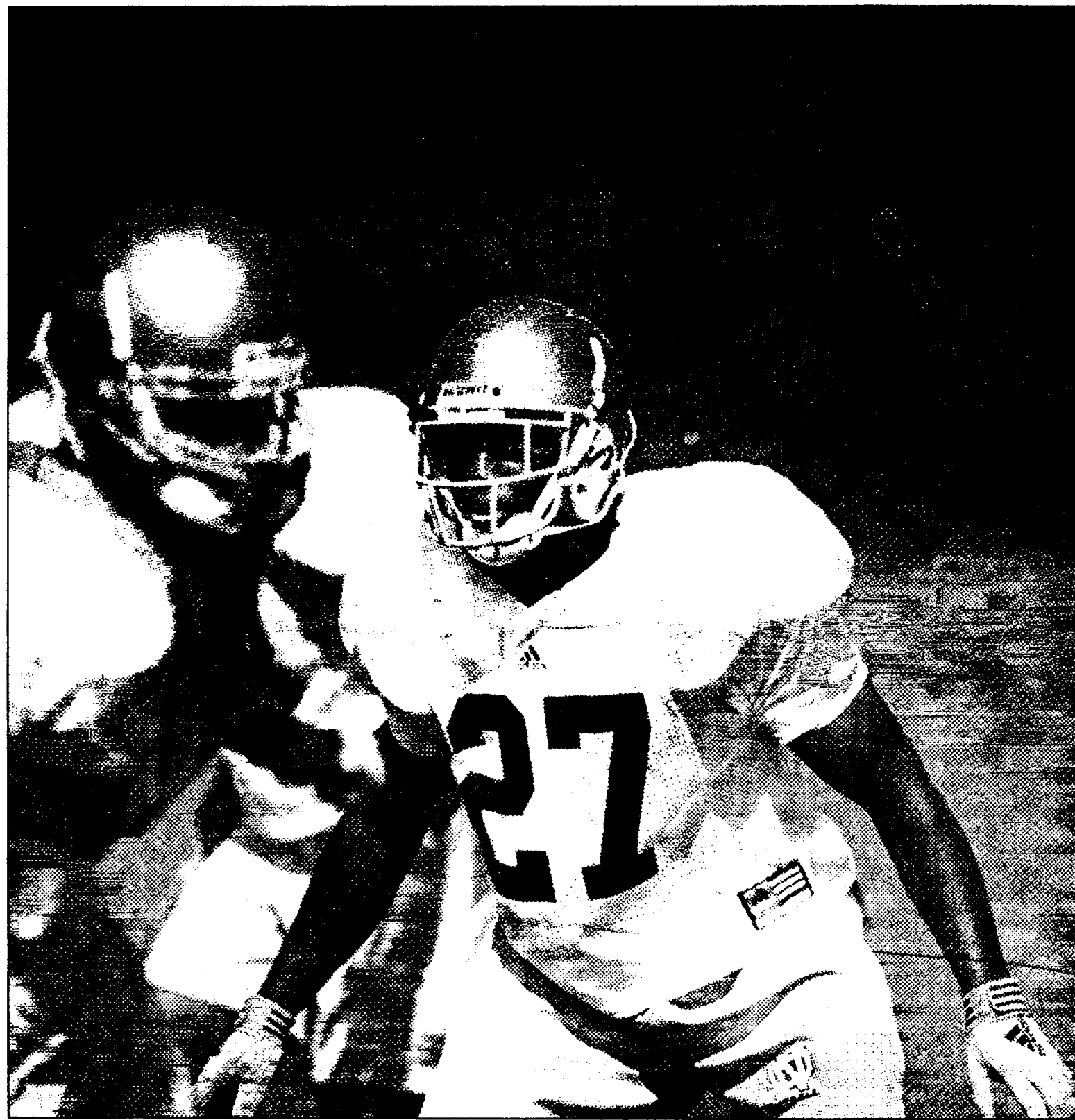
"The first thing you can say is we've given them a lot of attention, special attention, working with them and trying to get them to be better so they can be a starter or a back-up," Walters said.

No one player has stepped to the forefront of the coach's mind as the go-to guy for the back-up position, but Walters is counting on that as a good sign that they're all being competitive. According to Walters, the staff will come to a decision about who will back up the position later this week.

Despite the depth problems and the inexperience at the safety position, the Irish think they can hold their own against Maryland on Saturday. If nothing else, they're excited to play.

"I guess right now, I'm just kind of anxious to see these guys play," Walters said.

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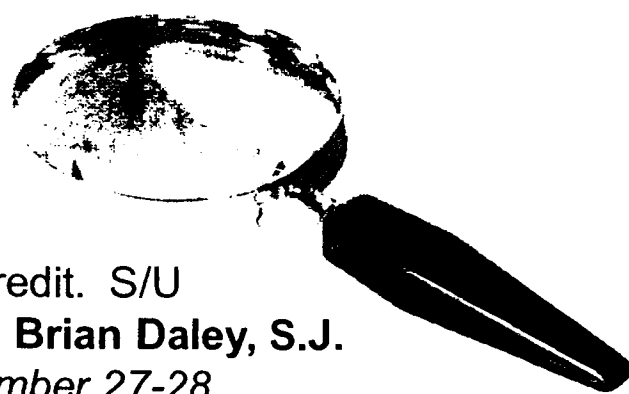
Sophomore Lionel Bolen stands ready at fall practice. Bolen, along with teammates Quinten Burrell, Jake Carney and Mike Richardson, are all competing for the back-up safety position.

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SPORTS

Wednesday, August 28, 2002

FOOTBALL

Taking roll call

◆ Holiday outlasts other quarterbacks, claims role for himself

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The message on his answering machine left Carlyle Holiday bewildered.

All Holiday heard from Matt LoVecchio, his friend, colleague and competition for the starting quarterback job was that LoVecchio was transferring from Notre Dame. At the time, LoVecchio didn't know where he was going to go, just that he didn't want to be at Notre Dame anymore.

Before Holiday pushed the button on the answering machine, he was in a neck-and-neck race for the starting quarterback position at Notre Dame. After LoVecchio's words settled into his brain, Holiday realized he was the man.

"I was a little bit surprised, we were competing hard and nobody was No. 1 or anything like that," Holiday said. "We were all shocked, he's a great friend of ours, and we didn't see any reason why he would leave."

Now, the Irish are counting on Holiday to execute the complex pro-style offense after he earned the starting job by outlasting his competition.

When Holiday arrived on campus as a freshman with LoVecchio and Jared Clark, Arnaz Battle appeared to be the quarterback of the future. After Battle went down with a broken wrist, Gary Godsey stepped in for two games before coaches replaced him with LoVecchio.

LoVecchio led the Irish to seven straight wins and a berth in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl but lost the starting job to Holiday three games into the 2001 season. Clark's shift to tight end in the spring left only Holiday and LoVecchio competing for the starting job - Battle had long since moved to wide receiver and Godsey was now a tight end. And when LoVecchio decided to transfer to

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NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer
Junior Carlyle Holiday holds the quarterback position alone after competitors Jared Clark and Matt LoVecchio dropped out of the three-way race.

◆ Grant, Wilson step into spotlight near hometown fans

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

It will be both a homecoming and a walk into new territory for Notre Dame's top two running backs as they head into Giants Stadium this Saturday. Sophomores Ryan Grant and Marcus Wilson, who, even combined, have very limited game experience, will step into the spotlight not more than 45 minutes from hometown fans.

As Grant, the Nyack, N.Y. native, started the spring, many expected him to back up returning starting running back Julius Jones. Wilson, who hails from Brooklyn, was only expected to see sparse playing time.

But with Jones's departure this summer, there was a need for a new No. 1 man, and both New Yorkers stepped up.

"The next guy's got to step up and be able to play and, in this place, he gives two guys a great opportunity to stand up," said offensive coordinator Bill Dierick.

The depth charts for Saturday's game have Grant and Wilson in the same spot and Dierick said it's fair to expect that they'll be counted on to play the same role on this team. And what's more, he's confident they can both execute that role.

"If I'm not comfortable with them, something's wrong," he said.

Grant will start Saturday's game as the only running back on Notre Dame's roster that has game experience. He had his first carry during the Boston College game in October 2001 and had nine subsequent carries in the Tennessee game and the Navy game before a hyperextended elbow sat him down for Stanford.

His real break, however, came in the last game of the Irish season, a game

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish regroup to end weekend with split

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

If the preseason is any indication, the Notre Dame women's soccer team will once again be a national force.

Despite playing, at times,

without six projected starters, the Irish finished last weekend's IPFW Soccer Showcase with one win and one loss against two of last year's NCAA Tournament teams.

On Friday night, Notre Dame suffered a 4-2 defeat at the hands of perennial power North

Carolina, but the Irish regrouped on Sunday to defeat Kentucky 2-1, thanks to Ashley Drier's last minute heroics. The senior midfielder's goal with only 39 seconds remaining proved to be the difference maker in the hard-fought contest.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum was extremely pleased with his team's effort in both contests, but he acknowledged the Irish need to improve in several phases of the game, particularly on defense and maintaining intensity for the full 90 minutes.

"We had a lot of problems

defensively and we still have not decided on a goalie," said the fourth-year coach. "I was extremely happy with our play offensively on Friday night against North Carolina, but I was just as disappointed two days later against Kentucky

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SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

BASEBALL

Reaching new heights

The Irish reached the College World Series for the first time since 1957 last June. On their way, they knocked off the nation's top-ranked team three times and attained the program's highest ranking. Inside is a recap of their season and the path they took to Omaha after classes let out in May.

Insider

FOOTBALL

Safely filling vacated positions

After the departure of four key safeties, seniors Gerome Sapp and Glenn Earl will try to lead a young, inexperienced batch of safeties as the Irish open their season against Maryland on Saturday.

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IRISH INSIDER

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College World Series

Reaching new heights

◆ Historic season ends with first World Series appearance in 45 years

By CHRIS FEDERICO and
JOE HETTLER

Sports Editor and Associate Sports Editor

It began with a shaky 7-6 victory in New Orleans and ended as one of the most memorable seasons in Notre Dame sports history.

After a bleak 12-10 start, including an 0-4 Big East record during its season-opening 22-game road trip, the Notre Dame baseball team turned its early disappointments to go where no Irish team had in 45 years — Omaha, Neb., and the College World Series.

Early-season injuries depleted the Irish line-up, as shortstops Matt Macri and Matt Edwards were lost for the season, leaving a gaping hole at that position. Further injuries to Steve Sollmann, Andrew Bushey and Brian Stavisky forced Irish head coach Paul Mainieri to find replacements and continually change line-ups.

"There were such high expectations on our team going into the year," Notre Dame associate head coach Brian O'Connor said. "The injuries that we've suffered really show when you go on the road and play in the conference."

Once the Irish finally got healthy, they exploded for 35 victories in their next 40 games. During this run, Notre Dame won the Big East Tournament for the first time since joining the conference in 1995.

The Irish hosted the four-team NCAA Regional tournament against no.1 seed South Alabama, Ohio State and Kent State. After winning the opening game against the Buckeyes 8-6, the Irish trounced South Alabama 25-1 before clinching the Regional crown by defeating Ohio State for the second time 9-6.

From there, Notre Dame faced the task of trying to beat the top ranked team in the country, Florida State, at the Seminoles home park in a best-of-three series with the winner heading to Omaha, Neb., for the College World Series.

In Game 1, the Irish silenced the hostile crowd, who gave the northern team little chance to upset the ACC champions, winners of 25 straight games. Freshman right-handed pitcher Grant Johnson kept the Seminoles in check, while right-fielder Kris Billmaier collected four hits and drove in a career-high five runs to the lead the Irish to a 10-4 victory.

After losing the second game of the series 12-5, Notre Dame finished off Florida State in Game 3 behind freshman pitcher Chris Niesel, who allowed only one run and six hits in eight innings of work to lead the Irish to a 3-1 win.

"I'm sure we shocked the college baseball world this weekend," Mainieri said at the final press conference of the series. "It's a feeling you just can't explain. We really believed that we could come down here and do it. But to come down and actually do it, you just can't have words to describe the way we



CHRIS FEDERICO/The Observer

Irish centerfielder Steve Stanley slides safely into third base during Notre Dame's first World Series game against Stanford. Notre Dame lost the game 4-3. It was their first World Series game since 1957.

feel at this particular time."

With the hallmark wins, Notre Dame advanced to the College World Series for the first time in 45 years.

In their first game, the Irish had the luck of drawing Stanford — National Championship runners-up the past two years — and pitcher Jeremy Guthrie, a first round draft pick of the Cleveland Indians.

Cardinal ace Guthrie shut down the Irish offense for most of the game, only allowing a three-run homer to Javier Sanchez in the seventh inning for Stanford's 4-3 win.

In its first elimination game, Notre Dame faced the Rice Owls, who were coming off of a 2-1 loss to Texas.

Trailing 3-2 in the bottom of the ninth with one out, centerfielder Steve Stanley tripled and was driven in with a single from Sollmann for the tying run. With Sollmann on first, Stavisky drove a two-run, game-winning home run to the left field bleachers, keeping Notre Dame's season alive.

The Irish fell short, however, in their next game against Stanford 5-3, finishing their season with a 50-18 record. The loss also signified the end of the careers at Notre Dame for eight seniors, including four-year starters Stanley, Bushey and catcher Paul O'Toole.

"We had a remarkable year and it's an unbelievable honor for me to coach this group," said Mainieri in his final press

conference of the season. "I don't think you've seen the end of Notre Dame baseball."

Stanley agreed, saying he'd never forget his experiences in Omaha after three frustrating years of near misses.

"This is the greatest baseball experience I've ever had," Stanley said. "This College World Series is something that I'll never forget. Besides maybe the 1957 team, this is the best Notre Dame [baseball] team in the last hundred-some years. And I'm very proud to say that."

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player of the series

Huston Street
Texas Longhorns

The Texas closer shut down each of the four games for the Longhorns, earning three saves and allowing only one run.

quote of the game

"This is the greatest baseball experience I've ever had. This ... is something I'll never forget."

Steve Stanley
Irish centerfielder

stat of the game

23 runners left on base

Notre Dame stranded 23 runners on base in their three games. Scoring two or three of these runners may have gotten the Irish more wins.

report card

B **starting pitching:** An ERA of 5.00 isn't too bad, considering the Irish were facing some of the top hitting teams in the nation with the luxury of having strong winds at their backs for each game. More importantly, the starters never gave up the big inning, keeping Notre Dame within striking distance in each game of the Series.

A- **relief pitching:** The relievers logged 7.2 innings, allowing only 2 runs. The home run allowed by Gagne in Game 2 was almost a back breaker, but the Irish recovered.

B- **hitting:** While the Irish did collect 26 hits in the three games, they got many of those with two outs and few with men in scoring position.

A- **defense:** The Irish committed two errors but allowed zero unearned runs. Steve Stanley's catches all over centerfield routinely kept Notre Dame in the game.

B **coaching:** Mainieri's decision to bring in Gagne nearly cost the Irish Game 2. However, starting two freshmen pitchers took guts, but both gave Notre Dame a chance to win.

C **situational hitting:** The Irish left the bases loaded twice in Game 2. However, Stanley, Sollmann and Stavisky's clutch hits in the ninth inning kept Notre Dame's season alive. Only 12 runs scored and 23 runners left on base isn't enough to win in Omaha.

C- **experience:** Stanford had played in four straight World Series and had four senior infielders. Notre Dame hadn't played in the CWS since 1957, and it showed in front of the biggest crowds the Irish had ever seen. Stanford had the composure to win the close games. Four-year starters Stanley, Bushey and O'Toole did have the experience of playing in NCAA tournament games.

2.80 **overall:** Despite being ousted after three games, the Irish had the ability to beat any team in Omaha. With a few more timely hits, the Irish could have made a run at the title.

adding up
the numbers

years since Notre Dame had been to their first College World Series — 1957

45

4.0 Notre Dame's ERA during their three games in the College World Series

Sollmann's batting average (23-37) in NCAA tournament games during his college career

.564

22 number Stanford game 1 starting pitcher Jeremy Guthrie was picked in the Major League Baseball draft

number of wins Notre Dame had this season, which signifies the most in school history

50

.500 Billmaier's NCAA tournament batting average (33-66)

ERA of Irish pitchers in the first inning of games this season — the highest inning ERA

5.64

1 number of times The Observer's Sports Editor was mistaken for Harry Potter by ESPN baseball analyst Harold Reynolds



CHRIS FEDERICO/The Observer

Local Notre Dame fans came out in full force for the Irish games in Omaha. Besides the hometown Nebraska Cornhuskers, Irish fans made up the majority of people in Rosenblatt Stadium.

The perfect place for baseball

♦ Fans soak up atmosphere circling College World Series at Rosenblatt stadium

By JOE HETTLER
Associate Sports Editor

OMAHA, Neb.

Omaha is the perfect place to host the College World Series. Just ask anyone who's spent the week there.

"It was electric, it was a wonderful atmosphere," said a Clemson fan outside Rosenblatt Stadium. "The atmosphere couldn't be duplicated. The fans were great. All the fans around us were just very complimentary and pleasant. They hollered and we hollered. It was the greatest atmosphere I've ever experienced at a sporting event."

These are the reason why college baseball's National Championship has stayed in this city of just over 750,000 people.

The College World Series moved to Omaha 53 years ago after spending two years in Kalamazoo, Mich., and one in Wichita, Kan.

During the first few years of the tournament, each geographical region of the country sent its best team to play in the College World Series. Now, the NCAA has grouped teams into a four-team regional, followed by a two-team, best-of-three super regional and finally an eight-team World Series field.

According to ticket vendor Joe Dervin, the atmosphere surrounding the Series has greatly increased over the past 20 years.

"When I first started out it was

small, and over the last 20 years it's really gotten commercialized, which is good for the players and the teams for notoriety," Dervin said. "The best part about it is that the players are out there playing their hearts out, and it's just good baseball. It makes for a good environment, and that's why it's gotten so popular over the last 10 to 20 years."

Former Michigan head coach Don Lund is one of many fans who noticed several other changes in the college game as the years have passed.

"[Metal bats] are a heck of a difference," Lund said. "Believe me, it makes an ordinary hitter a little bit better. The ball goes a lot farther. [Metal bats] make it a difficult judgement where you're judging some guy as far as power is concerned, and he hits a ball that looks like an ordinary fly ball and it goes out of the ballpark."

Lund also believes Omaha is the right type of city for the tournament.

"I'll tell you one thing, the NCAA made a good move by having this tournament in Nebraska at Omaha, because everybody supports it thoroughly and the town gets behind them," Lund said. "They were talking about moving it to major league ballparks, but they kept it here, and it was the best move they ever made."

While Lund originally made the trip to Omaha to participate in the CWS, most fans simply come to

follow their team or to simply watch some good baseball.

"You get a variety of fans because you're getting some fans from out of town and they have their own reserve seats," one longtime fan, George Howard, said. "That's part of the strength and variety of the mixture [of the crowd]. You've got people who originally came because they were following a team. Then they end up buying seats every year and have reserve tickets. They just keep coming back."

The popularity of the CWS was evident during Notre Dame's experience there. During the Texas-Rice

game, the tournament director announced that the CWS had amassed over five million fans since it began in 1949.

With so much excitement surrounding this event, the CWS shows no signs of slowing down.

"It's just a wonderful thing," South Carolina fan Bill Golding said. "This is baseball's best. It's the finest place in the world the kids could ever experience. It's tops in the nation. The people in Omaha are outstanding people. They do a good job here, and it's just fantastic."

As new teams reach the CWS each year, more fans are exposed to the Omaha experience. These fans continue to follow their teams all the way to Omaha and keep the fun of the College World Series at an all-time high.

After all, five million fans can't be wrong.

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Clemson fan

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Stanley proves clutch

◆ Centerfielder helps keep Irish alive in Omaha

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

OMAHA, NEB. Irish centerfielder Steve Stanley had 999 at bats in his collegiate baseball career. But none of them was as big as his 1,000th in Notre Dame's second game of the College World Series against the Rice Owls.

With the Irish down one run and just two outs away from elimination, Stanley drove a 3-2 pitch from Rice pitcher Justin Crowder to the gap in right centerfield and hustled into third for the triple. Steve Sollmann would later hit a line drive up the middle to bring Stanley home.

Heading into what could have been the last inning of its season, the Irish squad had confidence that Stanley could still make something good happen.

"I didn't feel the game was over at all when I came in at the bottom of the ninth. I thought we had it all the way," said junior Brian Stavisky, who would later hit the game-winning homerun to give the Irish a 5-3 victory.

"I just thought that with Stanley up there with two strikes ... I knew [he] was not going to back down," said Irish

coach Paul Mainieri. "You could just see it in his eyes that there was no way he was going to be denied, and then he hits the triple."

The hit was huge, considering Crowder had allowed only two hits in 5 2/3 innings of relief, and had set down 13 of the last 14 Irish hitters.

"Steve just did to Crowder what he does to every pitcher, every game of the season," Stavisky said. "He battles, and he's never going to go down without a fight. That was just a great at bat."

On top of the rally-sparking triple, Stanley had not one, but two game-saving catches in centerfield, continuing the stellar defensive play that has highlighted his career.

With the score tied and Rice runners on first and second in the sixth inning, pinch hitter Enrique Cruz crushed a ball to the left field gap off of freshman pitcher Chris Niesel. The crowd reacted as if Cruz had a bases-clearing double. But Stanley proved them wrong when he made a leaping catch and slammed into the outfield wall to end the inning.

"Steve's been playing great

defense for us all year. That's just what he does out there in centerfield," Niesel said. "He gives it 100 percent every time he goes out there. He's the hardest worker, hardest runner on the team. You just know when you go out there that with Steve Stanley in centerfield, any ball hit to center is going to get caught."

Stanley had another acrobatic catch up his sleeve in the very next inning as he stole a base hit from Rice shortstop Paul Janish with a diving catch in shallow centerfield.

But what else could be expected from Stanley, the senior co-captain who has been the backbone of the Irish for the better part of four years?

In fact, Notre Dame's second game marked Stanley's 255th consecutive start — that's every game since he's been at Notre Dame— tying the NCAA record.

In that time, Stanley has played 98.9 percent of Notre Dame's innings.

Stanley's other accolades are too many to list. His .383 batting average ranks third in Irish history. He's had 383 hits and scored 255 runs — both Notre Dame career records. But no hit was as big as that triple against Rice.

It kept the season alive. It kept the team in Omaha. And it kept Steve around to see at bat 1001.

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Irish centerfielder Steve Stanley takes a pitch during Notre Dame's game against Rice. Stanley would later hit a triple and scored the game-tying run in the ninth inning. The Irish won 5-3.

The Road to Omaha

February 22

Notre Dame opens its season with a 7-6 win over the University of Missouri.

March 9

Freshman infielder Matt Edwards' season ends when he breaks both bones of his lower leg when chasing a pop fly.

March 23-24

Notre Dame is swept in its first Big East series by Connecticut, dropping its record to 9-9. Centerfielder Steve Stanley breaks the Irish record for consecutive games played (205) and ties the record for career hits (295).

March 28 - May 4

Notre Dame wins 25 of its 27 games during this time, including a 16-game winning streak, to improve its record to 34-12 and 13-6 in Big East play.

April 4

Notre Dame wins its home opener for the seventh straight year, beating BYU 1-0 behind a three-hit shut out from junior J.P. Gagne.

April 3

Freshman shortstop Matt Macri has season-ending "Tommy John" surgery to repair his shoulder, which had kept him from playing infield since early March.

May 15

Notre Dame beats Detroit 23-1, the largest Irish victory in 89 years.

May 17-18

Notre Dame sweeps Boston College in a three-game series to end its regular season with a 41-14 record, 18-8 Big East record.

May 23-25

Notre Dame goes 3-1 in the Big East Tournament, defeating Rutgers 3-2 in 10 innings in the championship game for its first Big East Tournament title. Left-fielder Brian Stavisky hit a game-winning double to score Steve Sollmann and send the Irish to the NCAA Regional tournament.

May 31 - June 2

Notre Dame hosts the Regional Tournament at Frank Eck Stadium as a No. 2 seed. The Irish outscore their opponents 42-12 and finish the tournament undefeated to advance to the NCAA Super Regionals where they face No. 1 Florida State.

June 7

Notre Dame surprises the FSU crowd of 5,388 fans by beating the nation's top ranked team 10-4.

June 9

Florida State scores eight runs in the top of the first inning en route to beating Notre Dame 12-5 and tying its best-of-three series at one game apiece.

June 10

The Irish defeat Florida State 3-1 in the decisive Game 3 of the NCAA Super Regionals to advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., for the first time since 1957.

June 15

In their first game of the College World Series in 45 years, the Irish fall 4-3 loss to Stanford.

June 17

Trailing the Rice Owls 3-2 with one out in the ninth inning, Steve Stanley drives a triple to right center and is hit home by Steve Sollmann. The next batter, Brian Stavisky, keeps Notre Dame's season alive by blasting a game-winning, two-run home run to right field.

June 18

For the second time in three days, Notre Dame falls to Stanford, this time by a score of 5-3 and is eliminated from the College World Series. The Texas Longhorns would eventually win the Series by defeating South Carolina.



Above left, Irish shortstop Javier Sanchez and third baseman Andrew Bushey ready themselves for action during a game. Above right, Irish first baseman Joe Thaman signs an autograph for a fan. Right, Kids hope for autographs from their favorite Notre Dame players before a game.

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Heroes for a week

◆ Players become superstars for week in Nebraska

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OMAHA, Neb.

There stood Notre Dame centerfielder Steve Stanley, signing autographs and posing for pictures just minutes after seeing his Irish get knocked out of the College World Series 5-3 at the hands of Stanford.

Despite the disappointment at his collegiate baseball career being finished, Stanley didn't even think about telling a kid "No" to an autograph. Instead, he just kept on signing.

For players and coaches at the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. the week is a time to undertake the role of a superstar and hero to kids and adults alike.



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"It never gets old. It's a tremendous experience for me personally and for all of our players," coach Paul Mainieri said before the team's final game against Stanford. "Our players walk around the streets and they're celebrities. Everybody wants their autograph - everybody wants to talk to them and take their picture. It's really their day in the sun. I wanted them to enjoy every moment of it."

The media and fans followed the Irish players from the day they arrived in town. Before, during and after practice and games reporters and fans constantly attempted to get a few seconds of the players' time.

After losing to Stanford and being ousted from the Series, Irish third baseman Andrew Bushey still couldn't walk out of the stadium without a group of young girls yelling, "Hey, Number 12, could you please come back here and sign this ball for me?"

The demand placed on the players by the media and fans could be overwhelming for a group of guys that usually saw roughly 600 to 800 fans come to each home game at Frank Eck Stadium.

"This is an experience that I've never, ever had before, but it's so exciting that you don't really sit back and think about it too much," Stanley said. "It's the first time we've been on national

television. It's the first time our team, in 45 years, has been to the College World Series, so we're soaking every minute of this up. It's been a great experience."

Stanley seemed to be the most sought after member of the Irish during their stay in Omaha. Young children to older adults and everyone in between wanted to ask Stanley for an autograph or picture. Before warming up for his final game in a Notre Dame uniform, Stanley signed more autographs by the dugout and answered questions posed by a pair of 12 year-olds.

Stanley had heard "Can you please pose with my son really quick?" more than a few times, yet he, along with the rest of his team, always found that extra second to say "yes."

"[Signing autographs and posing for pictures] never gets old," Stanley said. "I would do it, if I could, for the rest of my life. People sometimes, in the big leagues, complain about having to sign autographs - it's ridiculous. Little kids come and want your autograph, during a press conference people ask you questions - it's a dream come true for me and something that's very

exciting. I never get sick of it."

Performing well in Omaha also causes a stir among the media

and fans. Just ask Irish left fielder Brian Stavisky, who blasted a two-run, walk-off home run against Rice in Notre Dame's first elimination game to lift

the Irish to a 5-3 victory.

After the game, Stavisky was stopped several times to sign autographs before being interviewed by a local radio station. When that interview was finished, Stavisky went back to signing more autographs.

"Kids, they want autographs all the time, but it's great," Stavisky said. "It's our chance to give something back to the little kids. And who knows, they're where we were 10 or 15 years ago, looking to get here, so maybe they'll end up here when they're a little older, too."

When the Irish were on the field, crowds as high as 24,000 people greeted them. After the initial shock, Stavisky, along with the rest of the Irish, enjoyed the large crowds of Rosenblatt Stadium.

"This has been an awesome atmosphere, and it never gets old," Stavisky said. "We've been

able to play in front of good crowds back home over the past couple years and we've done well. Lots of people have come out to support us, but it's been nothing like this. This is the pinnacle of college baseball. You have great crowds and not only our own fans, but neutral fans cheering for you and cheering for good plays."

Although the Irish didn't win the College World Series, they became part of another experience that none of the players will soon forget. During their stay in Omaha, Notre Dame's team transformed from everyday collegiate baseball players into heroes. For a few short days, these players got a taste of playing in the big leagues, with all the hoopla and excitement that comes with the territory.

Yet, isn't that what the College World Series is all about? The event gives young adults a chance to live out their dreams in front of the entire country and for just a few days feel like the players they looked up to as little children.

Only difference is, now, they're the heroes.

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