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Irish fans head east
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Students hope game sets tone for season



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Students celebrate Saturday night after the Notre Dame football team's 22-0 victory over the University of Maryland. Hundreds traveled to see head coach Tyrone Willingham's coaching debut in the New York Giants Stadium and thousands watched on campus.

By LAUREN BECK
News Writer

Cautious optimism turned to euphoria Saturday night among Notre Dame football fans after a 22-0 Irish victory over Maryland in the Kickoff Classic.

The general mood on campus following the game in East Rutherford, N.J., was one of hope and excitement as students looked ahead to the remaining 11 games on the football schedule.

"I knew the game was going to set the tone for the season, and that was the tone I wanted it to set," said sophomore Matthew Poetzinger.

Poetzinger hoped the team's showing would increase fan support in the upcoming games.

"Last year, it seemed like people were going to the Stadium to watch the Irish lose, but that won't be happening now. I see an attitude change among the fan base," he said.

For freshmen Joe McFarlane and Mike Ragsdale, Saturday's game was the perfect start to the next four years of watching Irish football.

"I'm proud to be a part of the Irish after their excellent show-

ing," McFarlane said. "They played better than I expected. They played with more spirit ... they really wanted to win."

Ragsdale said he was surprised by the team's performance, considering Notre Dame's absence from the pre-season polls.

"It was great to witness the first shutout by a new coach at Notre Dame in almost 50 years," he said about Tyrone Willingham's first game at the helm of the team.

Upperclassmen were also optimistic about the new season, citing the improvements they saw from last year. Several credited Willingham's leadership and work ethic for the team's new look and attitude.

"I could tell when seeing new plays and new strategy that it's a different team," said senior Katherine Karrat. "There are things they still need to work on, but I think we'll have a better season than expected as they continue to practice."

Senior George Salib said the Irish were more exciting to watch Saturday than last season as they brandished Willingham's West Coast offensive scheme.

Christine Bryant, also a senior, said she was impressed by Willingham's hard-working

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Anthony thrives despite slowdown

By LIZ KAHLING
News Writer

While the dollar may not get the average college backpacker as far in Europe as it used to, the sluggish travel industry has not affected Notre Dame and Saint Mary's local travel agent, Anthony Travel President John Anthony said.

Despite changes in the travel industry in the last two years, Anthony said Anthony Travel continues to add new clients to its already strong and narrow niche among universities and athletics.

"We offer services for these markets that others [travel agencies] don't. That makes our growth reasonable during the economic downturn," Anthony said.

Just last year Anthony Travel won a national bid to serve Purdue University in addition to other locations at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Central Missouri State and Dallas. While pressure and changes have increased in the travel industry, so too have the opportunities for Anthony Travel.

"The customer is looking around to see what you can do for them. We offer unique services for our unique clients," Anthony said.

Many students who plan on going abroad have utilized Anthony Travel to purchase wholesale student fares, passport photos, Eurorail passes and an International Student ID card all in one stop. A new service being offered to students, especially freshmen, is the student travel club. For a one-time fee of \$250, freshmen will be exempt from Anthony Travel fees on personal airline tickets for all four years. They will additionally be enrolled in frequent flyer programs, receive personalized luggage tags, a \$25 discount coupon for spring break tour packages and notification of important travel issues.

Faculty also receive discounts for certain airlines. Anthony Travel can bill the faculty's grant directly, saving paperwork. Notre Dame's athletic department saves \$100,000 each year by booking teams' traveling needs

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Diversity talk raises questions

By KELLY HRADSKY
News Writer

Through funding from the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, the Saint Mary's community gathered on campus to discuss diversity Saturday.

Frances Kendall, a leading diversity consultant and facilitator, led a series of workshops that encouraged participants to learn about themselves and to challenge authority. Students as well as faculty attended the frank seminars — "Creating a Welcoming and Inclusive Community," "Waking up to Privilege" and "Leadership Matters: Being Agents of Change."

"Changing individuals doesn't change institutions; we want to change policy and procedures," Kendall said. Starting the first seminar, Kendall asked members of the audience to consider questions such as whether there was a difference between the meaning of the Fighting Irish or the Washington Redskins mascots.

She asked the audience to contemplate if either or both of these mascots are offensive to people and if so, why. "I don't think that either are offensive, they are both just mascots," sophomore Jodie Emerick said.

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Frances Kendall
diversity consultant, facilitator

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"I don't think that either are offensive, they are both just mascots," sophomore Jodie Emerick said.

Kendall sparked a debate among the resident advisers when she brought up the topic of personal space. They debated whether resident advisers should be

allowed to have controversial items, such as a Confederate flag, displayed in their rooms.

The response from participants was heated as many burst into applause or quietly booed as differing opinions were expressed. Members of the audience argued that these items could create an unhealthy atmosphere, adding that resident advisers are representatives of

the college and their rooms are similar to an office space. Others argued that dorm rooms are their own personal space where they can express themselves.

"Since the resident advisers don't pay for their rooms, I think that their rooms are the school's and therefore they should not be able to hang things like the Confederate flag."

Jodie Emerick
sophomore

Kendall's purpose in asking the questions was to help audi-

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INSIDE COLUMN

It's time for online

8 a.m., first official day of class. Do you remember where you were? For some, you might have been in class, and for others, you might have been struggling to catch those last minutes of much-needed early-morning sleep. As for myself, I was standing in line at the Stadium along with hundreds of other students waiting to receive tickets for an undeniably exciting football season.

Kiflin Turner

Associate News Editor

Some were disgruntled and a little peeved, while others were just lethargic. There were a handful of cheery enthusiasts, but they were the minority. In fact, I blame their giddiness on the donuts and orange juice. While the refreshments were a nice consolation, the wait was a little less than tasty. The lingering debate on football ticket distribution is here yet again, but this time, there's a feasible plan to back up the complaints. Implementing an electronic ticket distribution system as an option would be a much better alternative to waiting in line to pay and show an ID.

I know there's the age-old tradition of waiting in line with all of your buddies in anticipation of receiving some of the most prized and coveted college football season tickets in the country, but it would be a lot more efficient if this were made optional. OK, here's the plan: We keep the lottery system — it's fair and everyone gets her own unique, allocated number.

Notre Dame sets up an electronic ticket system, along the lines of IrishLink, and at your appointed time, based on year and lottery number, you go online and get your tickets. At enrollment, students can show their ID, turn in their ticket application with their social security number, and receive a number. Before the drawing, the system would have already recorded both the unique lottery number and the matching social security number for each student to ensure authentication. At your appointed time, type in your social, your lottery number and choose whatever is available for yourself as well as your group of friends. And payment, no problem, through a secured server you can pay by credit or check. If cash is your thing, then you can pay in advance, or at enrollment even. Advance payment would be noted in the system, so that when a student wanted to pick tickets at a later date, they would just need to provide their social and lottery number.

But no worries to all of you die-hard fans who still want to wait it out in front of the Stadium during the wee hours of the morning. If that's your thing, then you can do it with other like-minded individuals and carry on the torch of tradition. For others, standing in line all morning is not a testament to show how much of an Irish fan they are. Real fans cheer half-naked in sub-zero weather, eating cold brats until they can't feel their feet. But I suppose everyone has his own definition.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kiflin Turner at ktturner@nd.edu.

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Notre Dame students made the drive to New Jersey as the Irish shut-out the Terps in this season's opener.	German officials deal with floods that amount to a \$20 billion problem for Europe.	World leaders attempt to bring big business into the fold as they look toward building sustainable development.	Columnist Mike Marchand looks at major league baseball's brush with a work stoppage.	Scene reviews "American Idol," one of this summer's hottest television phenomenons.	The Notre Dame women's soccer team posted back-to-back shutouts against Virginia Tech and Providence.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Movie, "Bread and Roses." 4 p.m. at Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Free admission.
- ◆ Lecture, "Venezuelan Economic Growth 1830-1908." Tues., Sept. 2, 12:30 p.m. at Hesburgh Center for International Studies C-103.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Recital Forum, noon, Little Theatre.
- ◆ SAB Meeting 9 p.m., HCC/#304 SGA Board Room.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

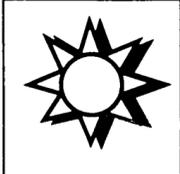
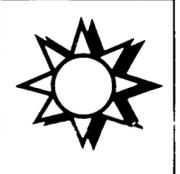
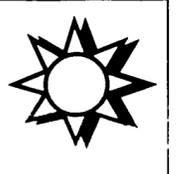
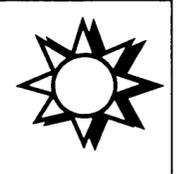
- Alcohol violations at SDH**
NDSP issued two University citations outside South Dining Hall early Thursday morning for minor consumption of alcohol. The cases are being referred for administrative review.
- Student loses football tickets**
A student reported losing her football tickets at an unknown campus location.
- Tree falls on car on Juniper**
NDSP responded to a report of a tree branch falling on a vehicle while on Juniper Road.
- Magazine solicitation halted**
NDSP apprehended an individual in Sorin Hall selling magazine subscriptions. The person was identified, issued a non-contractual interest form, and released.
- Bookstore thief apprehended**
A 43-year-old male was arrested by NDSP at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore for criminal conversion. The case is being investigated further.
- Seat belt violations issued**
NDSP issued two state citations for seat belt violations on Edison Road.
- Visitor injured at Stepan**
A visitor was transported by ambulance to Memorial Hospital for treatment of a sports injury.
- Student taken to hospital**
A student was transported by NDSP from the Rolfs RecSports Recreation Center to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a sports injury.
- NDSP issues alcohol citation**
NDSP issued a University citation early Saturday morning at the Post Office for minor consumption of alcohol, failure to produce identification upon request and possession of false ID. The case is being referred for administrative review.

Information compiled from the Notre Dame Security/Police blotter.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Meatless baked ziti, Tri-Color rotini, meatball Stoganoff sauce, supreme pizza, pasta primavera, spinach, chicken & dumplings, baked haddock jardiniere, mashed red-skin garlic potatoes, Teriyaki London broil, scrambled eggs, rolled cheese omelet, sausage patties, eggs benedict with ham, seasoned potato cubes, onion rings.
Today Dinner: Cream of broccoli soup, minestrone soup, french bread pizza, penne with gorgonzola, southern fried chicken, honey mustard chicken breast, corn, apple crisp, beef chop suey, boiled Chinese noodles.

South Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Meatless baked ziti, Tri-Color rotini, meatball Stoganoff sauce, supreme pizza, pasta primavera, spinach, chicken & dumplings, baked haddock jardiniere, mashed red-skin garlic potatoes, Teriyaki London broil, scrambled eggs, rolled cheese omelet, sausage patties, eggs benedict with ham, seasoned potato cubes, onion rings.
Today Dinner: Thin spaghetti, boiled shells, mostaccioli, tri-color rotini, linguine, meat sauce, spaghetti sauce, meatball with sauce, alfredo sauce, meatless baked ziti, meatball stroganoff, elbow macaroni, pesto sauce, apple turnover, whipped potatoes, cut corn, brown sauce, turkey gravy, plain rice, baked potato, broccoli cuts, baby carrots, frozen cut green beans, roasted vegetables, baked turbot jardiniere, beef bourguignon, kluski noodles, bourbon baked ham, baked sweet potato, hamburger, hot dog, chicken patty, grilled cheese on white, nature's burger, pretzel, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, tater tots, chinese noodles, SDH oriental court, vegetables eggrolls, oriental vegetables, sweet and sour chicken tenders, chicken taco, taco meat, Spanish rice, SDH Mexican bar, jalapeno poppers, broccoli quesadilla.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
						
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Media exhibition opens at Moreau Galleries

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

The Moreau Galleries opens its 2002-2003 season with a thought-provoking exhibit by artist Greg Pond, assistant professor of art at the University of the South.

"Beyond the Hedge" is a multimedia exhibit that merges nature with modern devices, such as DVD players, the hull of a car, and compact disc players.

"I am interested in American mythology and the related concepts of westward expansion, regeneration through violence, and cultural attitudes towards landscape," Pond said in his artist statement. "It is the landscape that largely influences our collective mythology, creates its narrative and heroes such as John Wayne and Daniel Boone."

His piece "Crickets" is composed of an aluminum basket filled with grass and dirt connected to electronic sound boards that

produce the sounds of crickets.

"Fox skinning" is among his more disturbing pieces, wherein a bowl of fox skins surrounds a small DVD player displaying the actual process of a fox skinning. The exhibit contrasts the image of the brutal nature of a fox being skinned against the gentleness of the soft skins placed in the bowl.

"The wilderness is seen as the place of the terrible unconsciousness and must necessarily be replaced by systems of order," Pond said. "Through compressing history and cultures, altering the pace of time and distorting the physical scale, I seek to portray a psychological rather than social or material realism."

This first display of the season will remain in the Moreau Galleries through Sept. 26, and the gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Saint Mary's senior Dorothy Carder looks closely at the works of Sandra Ginter on display Friday at Moreau Art Gallery.

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Irish fans pack Meadowlands

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

Hundreds of students packed their belongings on Thursday and Friday into vehicles en route to the East Coast to support the Notre Dame football team. Upon their return, students said the road trip raised school spirit.

"I think the morale among students is going to be a lot higher regarding the football program," said junior Ryan Crochet, who attended Saturday's game against Maryland in Giants Stadium.

"I think everyone's pretty excited for the upcoming season because I think [head coach Tyrone

Willingham] is such a great coach and the team looks really good," said junior Mike Smith, who rode with 14 other friends on a bus to New Jersey where the stadium is located. Included with the road trip was a tailgate in New Jersey along with a free T-shirt.

Students said the road trip was a fun way to begin the school year with friends.

"We've been gone all summer," Smith said, adding that the trip was still "mostly for the football team."

Trips to other states for Notre Dame football games are nothing new. Traditionally, students have traveled to Purdue or Michigan schools to see Notre Dame play, and even Florida or California for a warm weather game over fall break.

Senior Roland Newrones, who

traveled to last year's first football game against Nebraska, said road trips are good for students to see other parts of the country and have fun regardless of the record.

"You've got to support them through thick and thin," Newrones said.

Nevertheless, students said the victory has given them a renewed school spirit. Newrones, who did not attend this past weekend's game but watched it on television, said he learned from Nebraska fans the power of packing of stadium. The infamous game in the fall of 2000 made Notre Dame's stadium look like the Red Sea as thousands of Nebraska fans were able to buy tickets to a Notre Dame home game.

"I think it's good to try to invade opposing teams' stadiums," Newrones said.

The students who returned from the game said they have a renewed sense of team spirit and look forward to the upcoming season.

Smith said Willingham has made a difference.

"I think there's a lot of excitement regarding the new coach and the program, and I think a lot of people are really pumped up about it," Smith said.

Fellow junior Rob Falk agreed and complimented Willingham on his confidence.

"I haven't found one person that doesn't think that he's a great coach, so we're all pretty excited," Falk said.

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"I think it's good to try to invade opposing teams' stadiums."

Roland Newrones
senior

Travel

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through Anthony Travel.

Anthony reports that there has been a 15 percent drop in Point A to Point B travel but these gaps have been filled with new clients. They are currently in discussion with two other universities.

Another factor contributing to Anthony Travel's success is their excellent reputation among students and parents.

"I think there's a comfort factor for the parents to be able to call us up and order their

child's airline ticket with their credit card and tell their child to just come to us to pick it up," said Anthony. "It's just nice to know that if something goes wrong, we're here for you."

Anthony Travel also does extensive research for the ever-scandalous spring break deals that have scammed unsuspecting college kids time and again.

"We find reputable trips that may not necessarily be the cheapest but may be the best value for the quality and the price," he said.

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CHRISTINA REITANO/The Observer

Frances Kendall delivers a lecture on cultural diversity to the students of Saint Mary's Saturday as part of a weekend seminar regarding diversity.

Seminar

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ence members realize the number of privileges they had been afforded because of their race and acknowledge that race does matter.

"For those of us who are white, one of our privileges is that we see ourselves as individuals, 'just people,' part of the human race," Kendall said. "We play our race card every day."

In the final seminar, Kendall left students with a list of ways that change could be achieved in the policy and procedure of institutions.

"The last speech got me thinking, I want change and this speech made me feel more confident that it was possible," junior Yvonne Benson said.

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attitude.

"You would think a coach up at the half would be pleased, but when they interviewed Willingham at halftime ... he wasn't settling. He's tough, and that's what we need. We seemed more together and solid," she said.

Some students, such as junior Chrissy Maher, are hoping for a bowl game appearance from the Irish after the outcome of Saturday's game.

"I was optimistic before the game, with a new coach and a

fresh start, and I'm even more excited now," she said.

But students also recognized that they couldn't get their hopes up too high, too early, especially with a tough schedule that includes Michigan, Michigan State and Florida State.

"We can't get too hyped after the first game," said Bryant. "We have to keep our hopes up high, but don't expect a championship this year"

Salib added, "There is certainly reason to be optimistic, but it's easy for fans to get ahead of themselves. The team is showing promise, but there are things we need to work on."

Regardless, the Irish victory restored fans' faith in Notre Dame football and gave them hope for the rest of the season.

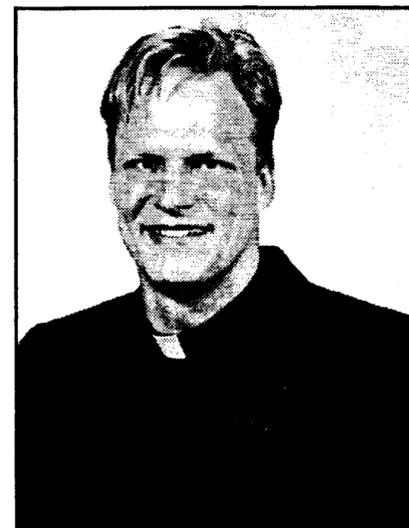
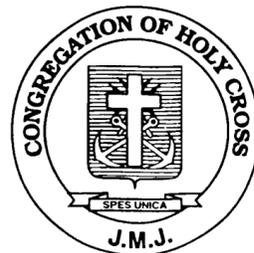
"I think we have more confidence now, win or lose," said sophomore Dennis Idawu. "We're all behind [Willingham], and we believe in him."

Salib said Saturday set a positive tone for what he hopes will be a memorable final football season at Notre Dame.

"I can't imagine how crazy the Stadium will be, with spirit from both the fans and players. I'm looking forward to that."

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GERMANY

High waters spread into central parts of Europe

Associated Press

BERLIN
Areas of Germany hit hard by last month's flooding were back under water Sunday after rainstorms deluged the east of the country and parts of Switzerland, the Czech Republic and Poland.

The overnight downpour flooded Dresden, Chemnitz and other parts of the German state of Saxony, where thousands of people are still cleaning up from the overflowing Elbe River.

Landslides also blocked roads in Saxony and the Baden-Wuerttemberg state.

In Switzerland, three people died in a house buried by a landslide set off by flooding.

In southwestern Poland, dozens of people were evacuated from their homes Sunday after torrential rain swelled mountain rivers and flooded villages, firefighters said.

Poland hadn't been affected by the high water that caused billions in damage across Europe last month.

Rain turned the Strzegomka, Lesko and Pelcznica rivers into roaring torrents, causing flooding near the city of Walbrzych, 260 miles southwest of Warsaw, and nearby Swiebodzie.

"The situation is very difficult and bad," said Dariusz Budkiewicz, deputy head of the fire department in nearby Swidnica. "Our teams are pumping water from flooded farms and evacuating people."

Many people in the area fled their farms as the water levels rose Sunday, flooding roads and rail tracks. Firefighters strengthened dikes around a lake which threatened to overflow and flood the city of Dobromierz.

With warm, dry weather expected over much of Europe in the coming days, leaders are focusing on how to repair damage estimated at over \$19.6 billion, with most of the burden falling on Germany.

European Union foreign ministers meeting Saturday in Helsingoer, Denmark, approved a European disaster fund of \$491 million. EU applicants Czech Republic and

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Dariusz Budkiewicz
deputy head of
Swidnica fire department



AFP Photo

A man from the eastern German city of Pirna stands in the middle of a flooded road. Many European countries have suffered from several downpours during the last month. The floods have led to home evacuations and an estimated damage of almost \$20 billion.

Slovakia affected by the flooding will also be able to draw on the fund.

The German government has begun releasing funds from a

hastily assembled package worth about \$9.8 billion to help residents and businesses get back onto their feet.

The German Chamber of

Industry and Commerce estimated Saturday that 2,500 businesses were destroyed and as many as 18,000 more were damaged by the floodwaters.

CANADA

Health officials suspect West Nile virus in Ontario

Associated Press

TORONTO

Ontario health officials said Friday they believe three people sick in the province have the West Nile virus, which would be Canada's first human cases of the mosquito-borne illness that has killed 24 people in the United States this year.

Colin D'Cunha, the Ontario chief medical officer, said final confirmation would take another two weeks.

Ontario is Canada's most populous province, and is across the border from

U.S. states where the virus has been reported.

If the three have the virus, it would document the continuing spread of West Nile throughout North America. Several U.S. states — including North Dakota, Iowa, Arkansas and South Carolina — have reported their first human cases this week of a virus that can cause fever, body aches, brain swelling, coma, paralysis or death.

Canadian officials have warned in recent years that the virus, which has been detected in birds and animals in Canada, eventually would spread to the human population. It is transmitted to

humans by mosquito bites.

Dr. David McKeown, the medical health officer for the Peel region west of Toronto, said two of the probable cases involved people over 65 from the Mississauga area.

One remains hospitalized in serious condition and another was hospitalized and then released to recover at home, McKeown said.

There was little information immediately available about the third case, but D'Cunha said authorities believe the person became sick in the United States.

According to the U.S. Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, 24 people have died across the country so far this year from the virus, with almost 500 cases reported in more than 20 states.

The virus is most dangerous for children, the elderly and people with weak immune systems. It can cause flu-like symptoms and encephalitis, a potentially fatal brain infection. Most people bitten by an infected bug never get sick.

West Nile is common in Africa and the Middle East. The disease was first detected in the United States in 1999, when seven people died from it in New York.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Fox admits falling short of promises:

Facing a country impatient for change, a humbled President Vicente Fox acknowledged Sunday that he still had work to do in achieving the sweeping reforms he promised two years ago when he toppled Mexico's entrenched political elite. In his second state-of-the-nation address late Sunday, Fox admitted that he hadn't achieved as much as he had hoped and pleaded with Congress to help him create the new Mexico he outlined during his campaign.

Israeli soldier retaliate on Palestinians:

Israeli soldiers, saying they had been warned of an attack, shot and killed four Palestinians near a Jewish settlement's vineyard in the West Bank on Sunday. The shootings brought the weekend Palestinian death toll to 13, including two children and several other civilians. Senior Israeli officials apologized for the loss of civilian lives, while Palestinians and some Israelis charged the army has lost its sense of restraint.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

California wildfire forces evacuation:

A wildfire spread rapidly across 10,000 acres of national forest Sunday, sending thousands of holiday campers fleeing. The fire was burning in the Azusa Canyon area of the Angeles National Forest about 30 miles east of Los Angeles. About 8,000 campers were told to evacuate campgrounds. "This was a holiday weekend and the canyon was full of people," state Department of Forestry dispatcher James Arthur said. About 11,420 acres of brush were aflame across California. In El Dorado County east of Sacramento, a fire destroyed one house and threatened about 100 others. It had consumed 770 acres Sunday and was 30 percent contained.

House explosion kills one, injures 17:

A house in Snow Hill, Md. exploded as firefighters and utility workers investigated a gas leak Sunday, killing one worker and injuring 17 people. Thirteen of those injured were firefighters and paramedics.

Three other homes reported gas leaks, and about 20 nearby homes were evacuated and the gas supply was turned off, police Chief Michael McDermott said. "It's a very dangerous situation," he said. "We're taking every precaution." Emergency workers were plugging in fans to blow the gas odor out of the one-story home when a spark ignited fumes, he said.

DEA reveals terrorist link to drug trade:

Federal authorities have amassed evidence for the first time that an illegal drug operation in the United States was funneling proceeds to Middle East terrorist groups like Hezbollah. Evidence gathered by the Drug Enforcement Administration since a series of raids in January indicates that a methamphetamine drug operation in the Midwest involving men of Middle Eastern descent has been shipping money back to terrorist groups, officials said.

Exploring the interconnectedness of religion, philosophy, and literature, seeking to understand our collective identity.



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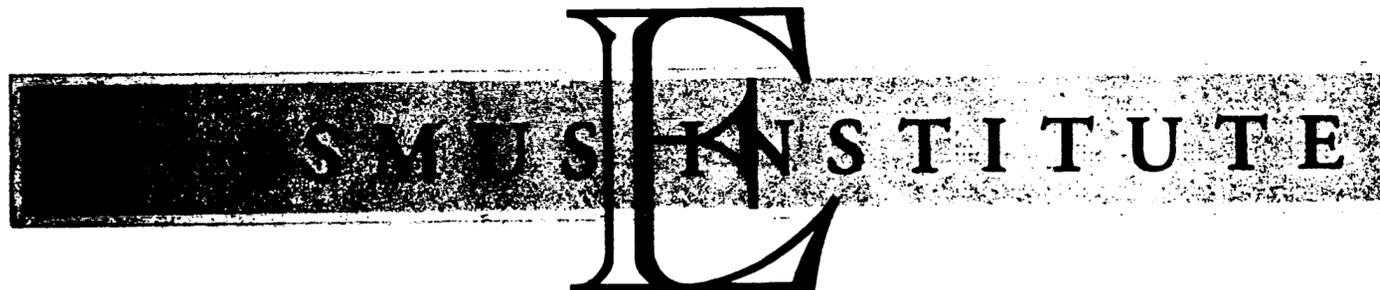
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SUN MICROSYSTEM(SUNW)	-3.66	-0.14	3.69
NASDAQ-100 INDEX(QQQ)	-1.16	-0.30	23.49
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IN BRIEF

United deliberates over new CEO

United Airlines' board of directors has called a special meeting for today amid reports it is poised to select an oil company executive as its new chairman and chief executive officer.

Glenn Tilton, the 54-year-old vice chairman of ChevronTexaco Corp. and acting chairman of struggling Dynegy Inc., has emerged as the front-runner to replace interim CEO Jack Creighton, according to several reports. He could be named to the job today.

But both the company and union sources said Sunday that no final decision has been made.

Government to inspect 1,400 jets

A day after the government called for 1,400 Boeing jets to be inspected for possibly faulty fuel pumps, major U.S. carriers said Saturday they had few planes in which the pumps have been installed.

The directive from the Federal Aviation Administration said the pumps could cause an explosion because wires were placed too close to a rotor and could chafe.

American Airlines, the nation's No. 1 carrier, said Saturday it was replacing pumps on three aircraft. United and Delta, the nation's second- and third-largest airlines, said none of their planes was affected by the FAA order.

Wal-Mart suit becomes class-action

A federal judge has granted class-action status to a lawsuit that claims Wal-Mart's denial of health insurance coverage for birth control is unfair to female employees.

U.S. District Judge Julie Carnes said Friday that all women working for the nation's largest retailer after March 2001 could pursue claims against the company if they were using prescription contraceptives.

Lisa Smith Mauldin, a customer-service manager at a Wal-Mart store in Hiram, filed the lawsuit in October asking the court to declare the company's health plan illegal and to order Wal-Mart to reimburse her and other employees for uninsured prescription contraceptives.

SOUTH AFRICA

Summit embraces business

◆ World leaders try to reconcile corporate values with concerns about environment

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG

Business can overcome its "evil empire" image by focusing on more than just short-term profits, government and corporate leaders said Sunday at the World Summit.

"Both business and society stand to benefit from working together," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said at a daylong series of Business Day events.

Attitudes have changed since the first Earth Summit 10 years ago, when big business was viewed as part of the problem, Annan said.

"We didn't understand how the private sector could be part of the solution," he said. Today there is a better understanding that "lasting and effective answers" can only be found in conjunction with business.

"The corporate sector and management to make things happen" without waiting for slow-moving governments to act, he said.

Speaking earlier, Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien sounded a similar note.

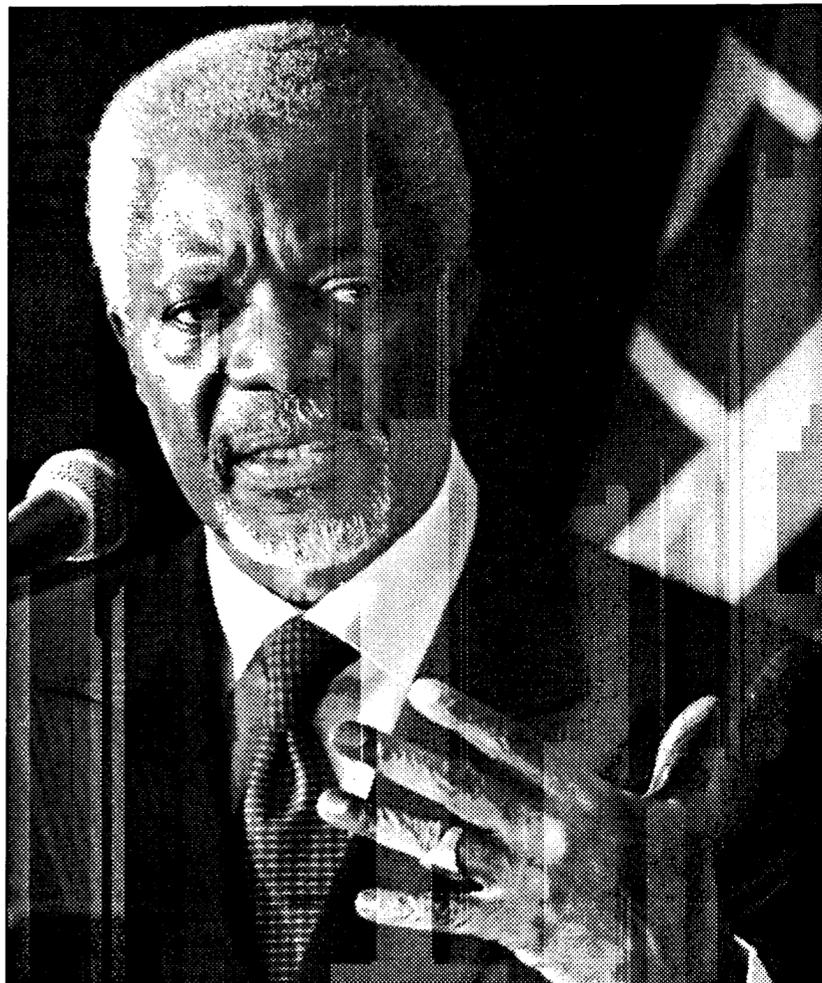
"We must move beyond the stale cliché that business does not care about the environment," he said.

Yet not everyone is happy at the prominent role allotted to business at the current World Summit, conceded the gathering's secretary-general, Nitin Desai.

Environmental and consumer groups especially view big business with a "continuing sense of suspicion," he said.

With the summit's action plan geared toward encouraging public-private partnerships to alleviate poverty while protecting the environment, activists have been pushing delegates to include rules to hold corporations accountable for their performance on social, environmental and economic issues.

Business leaders have argued against binding global standards in favor of their own voluntary rules,



AFP Photo

United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan speaks Sunday at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg about the role of the corporate sector in the environment.

drafted in concert with the United Nations.

About 140 companies — including the likes of AT&T, Ford, Nike and McDonald's — have incorporated the Global Reporting Initiative rules into their results, according to its backers.

Complicating matters is the lack of any international body that could enforce such rules, Desai said. "It's only national governments that have the opportunity to enforce," he said.

Many speakers argued that peer pressure was the best way to affect change in the business world.

One program highlighted Sunday was the Global Mining Initiative

started by 10 major mining companies to address social concerns.

"Having moved out of a competitive position with each other on those issues, the industry as a whole can take some quantum leaps," said Achim Steiner, director general of the World Conservation Union.

Robert Wilson, chairman of the British-Australian mining conglomerate Rio Tinto PLC, said there was a strong business case in favor of the step, including stability, risk management and employee motivation.

"In the long term it's going to make us stronger and better understood," he said.

Tokyo Sexwale of the Business Coordinating Forum of South Africa said business had to work to "dispel the evil empire image."

"We must move beyond the stale cliché that business does not care about the environment."

Jean Chretien
Canadian prime minister

Arthur Andersen revokes permits

Associated Press

CHICAGO

After 89 years in business, Arthur Andersen LLP on Saturday ended its role as auditor of public companies.

The Chicago-based company was convicted in June of obstruction of justice for shredding and doctoring documents related to Enron audits. Afterward, Andersen told the Securities and Exchange Commission it would cease auditing public companies. It already had given up its license to practice in several states.

"As of this day, Arthur Andersen LLP has voluntarily relinquished, or

consented to revocation of, its firm permits in all states where it was licensed to practice public accountancy with state regulators," the company said Saturday in a statement.

The company now has fewer than 3,000 of the roughly 28,000 employees it had before the Enron scandal. Of its more than 1,200 public-company audit clients, none will remain.

The firm's startling decline has come in less than nine months.

"It's like a family member who has terminal cancer," said Gary Brentlinger, human resources director for Andersen's offices in

Houston, Austin, San Antonio and New Orleans. "We're watching the firm die."

As people have left and files have gone into storage, Brentlinger said Andersen staff members have removed papers from offices in a downtown Houston skyscraper and turned off the lights, leaving only furniture and artwork. Office supplies were donated to charities.

Andersen has had to disconnect its e-mail system, overhaul its conference-calling operations to take into account offices that closed and sell computers and other hardware.

The once-mighty accounting firm is expected to be sentenced Oct. 17.

Air marshal defends gun brandishing

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Federal officials defended the response of an air marshal who trained his gun on a passenger-filled jet cabin for 30 minutes after detaining a man, prompting protests by a judge who was on the flight.

Two armed marshals detained the man on Delta Flight 442, which was flying from Atlanta to Philadelphia with 183 people on board, because he allegedly was rummaging through other people's luggage.

One marshal then held his gun on the coach cabin passengers because some of them ignored orders to remain seated with their seat belts on, a spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration said Sunday.

"If people would have stayed in their seats and heeded those warnings, that would not have happened," said TSA spokesman Robert Johnson in Washington. "It's our opinion that it was done by the book."

He said the TSA, which oversees federal air marshals, was still reviewing the marshals' response on the Saturday flight. The man whom the marshals detained was released and the U.S. Attorney's office decided not to press charges, said FBI spokeswoman Jerri Williams.

Johnson said that despite the passengers' complaints, he thought the marshals did what they needed to do to make sure that the plane could land safely.

"It's a highly charged situation," Johnson said. "It's [about] keeping the plane secure."

Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge James A. Lineberger, who was sitting diagonally across from the detained man, said he thought the marshals overreacted by holding their semiautomatic weapons on passengers for so long.

Lineberger also said he hadn't noticed any disturbance before the marshals suddenly took the man up to first class and restrained him.

Several minutes later, the judge said, the marshals returned to the coach cabin and pulled out their guns.

"I assumed at that moment that there was going to be some sort of gun battle," he said. "I'm looking right down the barrel of the gun as though it was pointed at me."

Lineberger said he plans to file a complaint with the TSA on Tuesday. He said about 30 other passengers also plan to complain.

David and Susan Johnson of Mobile, Ala., said they hadn't been aware of any disturbance when the sky marshals took the man first to the back of the plane and then to the first-class section.

"It never made sense," said Susan Johnson, 51, a social worker. "This guy was not any physical threat that we could see. Maybe he said some things to them that made them concerned. He just appeared to us unstable, emotionally."

One passenger, however, said he thought the air marshals handled the situation in a calm and professional manner.

"These guys looked pretty well like they had things under control," said Robert Venditti-Kramer, 28, who was in first class. He said the marshals only pointed their guns straight down the aisle, not at any passengers.

West Nile may spread via transplants

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Federal experts and the American Red Cross met Sunday to determine how to deal with the potential threat.

"We've known for some time that there is a theoretical possibility that people can get this through blood or organ transplants," said Tom Skinner, a spokesman with Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "It's highly unusual but it's certainly possible."

Officials with the Food and Drug Administration said they issued an alert to blood banks two weeks ago to exercise extra caution when screening donors, said Dr. Jesse Goodman with the FDA.

"We have been very active and tried to anticipate the possibility of something like this," Goodman said.

Four people, who were not identified, might have been infected with West Nile virus after receiving the kidneys, heart and liver of a woman who died in Georgia in early August after a car accident, the CDC said.

Three of the four patients developed symptoms of encephalitis, the inflammation of the brain and central nervous system, which is the most serious consequence of West Nile virus.

One of the four recipients, who was in

Atlanta, has died, said Dr. James Hughes, director of the CDC's National Center for Infectious Disease.

Standard pathology tests from an autopsy confirmed the recipient had encephalitis. Tests are ongoing to see if the recipient was infected with West Nile, which causes encephalitis.

Another recipient from Jacksonville, Fla., showed symptoms of encephalitis Sunday, said Dr. John Agwunobi, the Florida Secretary of Health.

The heart recipient, a 63-year-old man hospitalized in Miami, was diagnosed with West Nile last week. He was upgraded from critical to serious condition Sunday, said Evelyn Lichterman, an administrator at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Officials were sure the man didn't contract the disease from a mosquito in Miami-Dade County, said Mary Jo Trepka, epidemiology director with the county health department.

Officials say it is unknown whether the Georgia organ donor was already infected or got West Nile through blood transfusions in the emergency room. The CDC is backtracking to trace donors who contributed the transfused blood, the blood products made from those donations and any other patients who may have received blood or blood products from those donations, Hughes said.

Samples from the four transplant recipients were sent to the CDC's lab in Fort Collins, Colo., Hughes said. Tests results are expected within the week.

There is no test yet that can quickly and accurately identify the presence of the West Nile virus. Patients are diagnosed on the basis of their immune response to the virus.

However, researchers at the CDC are trying to find a way that will cut down the time from when infection occurs and when a response to the virus can be measured, the CDC said. Presently, it takes about 15 days between the time infection occurs and when the response can be measured.

Officials say they remain optimistic that the chances West Nile can spread through blood is low because there have been no confirmed cases to date.

There are also no known cases either of person-to-person transmission of other diseases in the same family as West Nile called the arboviral encephalitides: St. Louis encephalitis, La Crosse encephalitis and Eastern and Western equine encephalitis.

While there has been no confirmation that West Nile was passed by blood donation, there are cases on the record in which mosquito-borne diseases have been passed by blood transfusion or transplant.



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YEMEN

Iraqi minister seeks support against U.S.

Associated Press

SAN'A — Iraq's culture minister arrived in Yemen Sunday as part of Baghdad's diplomatic campaign to strengthen opposition to U.S. threats of an attack.

State-run Yemeni radio quoted Hamed Youssef Hammadi as saying that he wants to discuss "the political situation in the area and in particular American threats against Iraq."

The radio said Hamadi would meet on Monday with President Ali Abdullah Saleh and other Yemeni officials.

Washington has said it wants a regime change in Baghdad, accusing Saddam of producing weapons of mass destruction.

President Bush has warned President Saddam Hussein of unspecified consequences if he does not permit the return of U.N. weapons inspectors to verify that Iraq has dismantled its chemical and biological weapons and the missiles that can carry them. The inspectors left in December 1998.

Saddam has dispatched senior officials to international and regional capitals to try to garner opposition to an attack on Iraq.

Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan visited Damascus and Beirut in recent days, while Foreign Minister Naji Sabri left for Moscow on Sunday a day after returning to Baghdad from a mission to Beijing.

"There's still room for diplomatic solutions to avert a war with the United States," Ramadan said in Damascus.

Ramadan told reporters later in Baghdad that Iraq would broaden its diplomatic offensive to include European

capitals, in particular Berlin and Paris.

"There is a growing and tangible European opposition to the American policy of aggression," Ramadan told reporters.

French President Jacques Chirac has called the idea of unilateral U.S. action against Iraq "worrying." German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said Washington's stepping up calls for military action to oust Saddam is a mistake that undermines U.N. efforts to resume weapons inspections in Iraq.

On Sunday, the British Broadcasting Corp. released a text of an interview in which U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said, "The president has been clear that he believes weapons inspectors should return."

Iraq claims it has complied with U.N. resolutions — imposed following its 1990 invasion of Kuwait that sparked the 1991 Gulf War — but has said it wants to continue a dialogue on the inspectors' return, conditions of which U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has rejected.

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz told CNN's "Late Edition" on Sunday that the idea of the U.N. inspectors' return is "a nonstarter because it's not going to bring about a conclusion."

Sabri, Iraq's foreign minister, is expected in Cairo for talks with Arab counterparts at Wednesday's opening of their biannual Arab League meeting in the Egyptian capital.

The Iraqi issue is expected to top the Arab League meeting agenda with a draft resolution already being prepared to crystalize a pan-Arab position on the U.S.-Iraqi standoff.

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VIEWPOINT

Monday, September 2, 2002

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Enjoying sneakers and malls

A lot has happened since the last time I wrote a column. Four more months in Africa definitely provided lots of excitement. Much of my work involves working with girls throughout the school year, so when the school year ended I devised work that would take me to other parts of Mauritania. Peace Corps

Maite Uranga

Life in Africa

is a two-year commitment and I have passed the half-way point. Thirty-five new volunteers arrived in the country and 22 old volunteers left so now I am one of the people who is supposed to know that is going on in the country. And strangely, among all of this, I realized that I have forgotten how strange and beautiful living in Africa is. It is now simply my life. But by far the most exciting event of the summer is that I am currently sitting at my parents' house in the United States. I have been here for two weeks and relished every second of it. After living in an African village for 14 months I expected to have major culture shock upon reentry. I had heard stories about people coming back and being horrified by the mass consumption, wealth and waste of America and Western cultures.

On my layover in Paris, I wandered through the airport looking at the stores and also coming to terms with seeing so many white people. On the plane ride to Washington, D.C., I watched three Hollywood movies. This helped me catch up on American culture and reacquaint my ears to English. The in-flight music program provided a glimpse into the pop culture I had been missing. And the technology of the video games amazed me. After the discoveries on the plane, I marched with the other passengers towards the baggage

claim area and customs. I appreciated the efficiency, attentiveness and order of it all.

In the luxury of the airport I called my parents, went to McDonald's, bought some magazines, ate ice cream and finally understood most of what was going on around me. Every store had posted prices so I did not need to worry about bargaining. Everything felt so normal and seemed so easy. Within minutes the months in Africa seemed like a far off dream or nightmare depending on the day. An unknown weight lifted off my shoulders.

This ease of life continued for the entire trip. There were times when my life in Africa would resurface at unexpected times. The first day I wore tennis shoes and went to the mall. For some reason I felt clumsy and was very confused as to why. After about an hour of this I laughed and realized I had not walked in anything but sandals and sand for the past year so my body was not used to the cement expanses of the mall. These reminders appeared throughout the week and provided much amusement for my friends and family.

Now it is two weeks later and my plane leaves in five hours. It will be good to go back to Africa after a few days in Washington and Paris. I do miss the people and my work. The next 10 months will provide much more excitement. In spite of all this, these last two weeks have made me realize that I live in Africa, but America is my home.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Show enthusiasm
by wearing ties

As the Maryland game ended and I ran screaming through the halls of Dillon proclaiming my love for interceptions, special teams play and anything "West Coast," my mind turned to our fearless leader, Tyrone Willingham. As I contemplated how my fingers would have been contorted to make a "T" for Ty or a "W" for Willingham during the 1812 Overture, I knew there must be an easier way to support our coach.

Then, it hit me. What better way to emulate the style, cool demeanor and general suaveness our coach displays on the sidelines than wearing a tie? I would like to propose a "wear your tie, to support our Ty" campaign. When you are getting ready to don "The Shirt" next Saturday morning, why not throw on a tie?

Think of the possible benefits:

1. You're supporting a great coach who surrounded himself with an amazing coaching staff and an even better team
2. Nothing is quite as intimidating as eight to ten thousand ties being whipped through the air as Purdue faces a third and long.
3. It serves as a buffer to keep the food and beverages you will inevitably spill tailgating off of "The Shirt"
4. When your folks back home see you screaming your lungs out on NBC they can say, "Oh look, (insert your name here) got dressed up for the game, I'm so proud."
5. You can practice tying a tie because you will go to more home games than job interviews this year.

So here's to a great season with Ty at the helm. When you look to the stands I'll be the windsor knot in section 30 row 58.

Eric Bilinski
junior
Dillon Hall
Sept. 1

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ND must consider
Harvard policies

As has been widely reported, Harvard University has recently modified some of its student disciplinary procedures. As a result of the changes, Harvard will launch full hearings in cases in which sexual misconduct is alleged only if there is at least some corroborating evidence upon which to ground the charge and investigation. The reason for this requirement strikes many observers as obvious: in the absence of any corroborating evidence (examples: a confession, some physical evidence, a third party witness to relevant activity) those hearing and ruling upon the accusation would have to be able to "just see" who is telling the truth in order to reach a proper decision.

Most people agree that in some situations it is possible to "just see" who is telling the truth and who is not with a nontrivial degree of reliability even in the absence of corroborating evidence. The ability to do this with the high degree of certainty needed to morally and justifiably pass out severe punishments, however, is a magical ability that Harvard has determined its administrators lack.

As reported in the Aug. 28 edition of The Observer, Notre Dame sees no need for corroborating evidence before going ahead with full disciplinary procedures. Apparently Notre Dame administrators think they have the magical power that Harvard administrators lack. Or perhaps Notre Dame administrators see no moral problem with proceeding with potentially life-altering disciplinary hearings even in the absence of minimal corroborating evidence of guilt.

The small change at Harvard does not make Harvard's current disciplinary procedures a good model for Notre Dame or any other university (see Harvey Silverglate and Josh Gewold's essay in the Aug. 16 Chronicle of Higher Education for a discussion of difficulties that remain at Harvard). But on this particular matter, Harvard has made a significant improvement. It's too bad that Notre Dame will not do the same.

Fritz Warfield
associate professor of philosophy
Notre Dame
Sept. 1

Recognize the positive in
South Bend

There are not enough words in the English vernacular to describe my feelings after reading the Aug. 30 editorial entitled, "Life outside the bubble draws students into danger." The editorial was the most morally unethical piece of literature that I read to date. It is unfair and an injustice to demonstrate how one incident reflects an entire community. South Bend is like any other city in the United States.

Criminal activity occurs daily across the country at an alarming rate. I find it interesting that one robbery or series of events over a short period of time can shape an editorial staff's opinion about a community that they have little to limited knowledge. Besides the usual areas that students hangout at or community programs that they participate in, the average Notre Dame student has limited exposure to the South Bend community.

Frequently I have overheard negative comments about the community including the so-called "townies." What people fail to recognize is that South Bend is more than Boat Club, Corby's, Heartland or any other place that is regularly patronized. South Bend is attempting to establish its identity, but growing nevertheless. There are extraordinary community organizations and people attempting to make a difference and create a world that we can all appreciate.

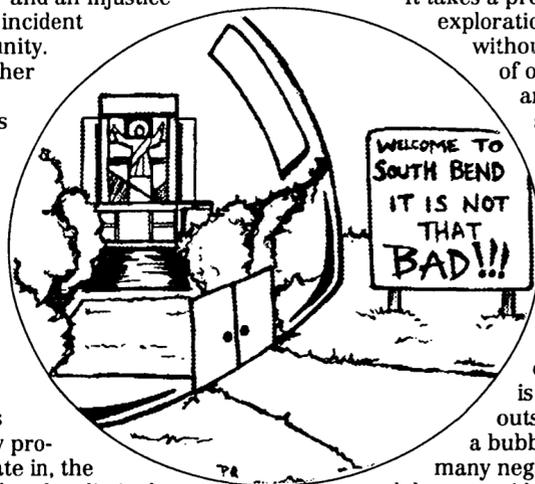
People never see or hear about the good that occurs in the community, only the bad. Individuals need to recognize that South Bend has a lot to offer if they take the chance and see it. Things do not appear miraculously.

It takes a process of self-discovery and exploration. This will not occur without the initial stepping out of one's own comfort zone and attempting to understand a culture and community unlike their own. I sympathize with the individuals who were robbed but understand that criminal activity can occur at any moment or time.

The Notre Dame campus is not immune to crime either. The campus is relatively safe from the outside community, creating a bubble environment which many neglect to burst. This editorial does not aid in the process, for more students will probably remain in their comfort zones, never exploring the possibilities or opportunities that South Bend has to offer.

To first-year students and the community, do not believe everything that you hear or read as the truth, discover it for yourselves.

Jourdan Sorrell
junior
Siegfried Hall
Sept. 1



SCENE
television

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Monday, September 2, 2002

Feeding the
'American Idol'
addiction

It's hard to be choosy about what to watch on TV without cable. Around 8 p.m. on any given weeknight you can count on CBS for its third hour of "Everybody Loves Raymond" reruns, NBC will have an extreme reality show or a stress-inducing drama involving police, firefighters and/or lawyers and ABC usually comes through with an overly dramatic news show featuring a thrilling investigative report on topics like how to escape from man-eating fish that walk on land in Thailand.

And these are the Emmy Award winners.

By the time I found my roommate frighteningly close to guessing an accurate value for a pilgrim's hope chest on "The Antique Road Show" and truly interested Jerry Falwell's advice on child rearing, I realized we'd hit a new low.

This is my excuse for being hooked on "American Idol."

A "Star Search" fan from way back, Fox's spring publicity plugs caught my attention. I had become acquainted with the British spin-off while studying in London last fall. Though I had watched a few episodes during the semester, I have no idea who won or what happened to his or her career.

Back then Simon was only being cruel to musical hopefuls on the other side of the pond, no one had heard of Randy outside a small circle of Columbia music producers and Paula Abdul was "Straight Up" washed up.

Although I managed to find more worthwhile ways to spend my time in Britain, I'm sorry to say I didn't have that luxury this summer in South Bend.

I actually watched the first episodes without knowing the commitment that would be required. I assumed the judges would narrow the contestant pool within a week or two and we'd have a new Britney wannabe by Independence Day, not Labor Day.

But alas, it's three months later, I'm still hooked and I'm not alone.

Throughout the summer my fellow "Idol" addicts emerged. My sister, my roommates, co-workers at my summer internship, even my mom had to watch when I went home for a week and couldn't miss an episode.

My parents have digital cable. I was out of excuses.

Within days of the program's launch, newspaper and magazine articles, Web sites and even an e-mail-based fan newsletter emerged. By mid summer talk show appearances and magazine covers were pervasive.

It's the perfect media circus; but is it anything more? What is the appeal of "American Idol?"

The show has been consistently referred to as a combination of "Star Search" and "Survivor," but "Idol" went one step further with audience participation. Fox was so sure of the success of its marketing campaign it decided to rely upon America for the contest's outcome.

In one sense it seems necessary that Fox ask for the nation's input if it's prepared to guarantee the success of this new idol with a \$1 million record contract, but in another it hardly seemed to be our choice. Fox sauntered into the summer season and announced what we would enjoy. The judges gave us 10 options, four of which had essentially the same name and another six with arguably the same manufactured identity. Is that really a choice? And is the show even a setting that reveals true talent? Somehow I don't see Bob Dylan and John Lennon having made the cut.

But this summer, it was impossible for the show to fail. Fox knew it could own the Nielsen's simply by giving viewers the illusion that we could control the rise of a popular star. But were those water cooler debates over who sounded better belting out karaoke favorites really that heated or did we know all along it was coming down to Kelly and Justin?

Fox's dream is fleeting. Another three-month "Idol" season would be a disaster. Though we all had fun this summer chatting cattily about how Tamyra's hair looked straightened or coyly mentioning our theories about Christina Christian's suspicious departure, the novelty will wear off. The shameless plugs for Coke and the Ford Focus are already hackneyed and in two years it's doubtful that anyone, even "Idol" addicts, will remember Kelly Clarkson's name.

Idol has been a great demonstration of the power of mass advertising, but the American attention span is a short, if coveted, commodity. Winning the contest is one victory, but obtaining any lasting success in the music industry will be a much bigger battle for the future idol.

By next year, I might be able to afford cable.

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Thou shalt worship

Pop culture enters real

By JASON McFARLEY
Scene Writer

Patience, pop music fans.

Three months and hundreds of performances after "American Idol: The Search for a Superstar" began, the hit Fox show will crown a winner on Wednesday. On Tuesday the final two contenders for a \$1 million recording contract will compete in the season-ending singing showdown.

With its "Star Search" meets "Survivor" format and pitch-perfect mix of celebrity, comedy and tear-inducing critiques, "American Idol" captivated fans this summer, becoming the stuff of water-cooler conversations and feeding online rumor mills. Love it or hate it, viewers tuned in each week in increasingly higher numbers, consistently putting the show in the Nielsen top-10 ratings.

This week should prove no different, as apparent fan favorites Kelly Clarkson and Justin Guarini go head-to-head for the last time Tuesday at 8 p.m. and then learn their fates Wednesday at 7 p.m. on local channel 28.

The summer's runaway hit is, in fact, the American version of the British show "Pop Idol." Initial auditions in April and May in seven U.S. cities narrowed a field of thousands of would-be idols to 100 singers in their late teens and twenties. A second round of auditions slimmed the pool to 50 contestants to appear in Hollywood on the first five episodes of the show in June.

A panel of three judges, including '80s pop diva Paula Abdul, assessed the acts. Afterwards, viewers decided each week by telephone vote which performers to advance to the round of 10 finalists.

Since July, fans have voted off (in order) eight of the finalists — Jim Verraros, EJAY Day, A.J. Gil, Ryan Starr, Christina Christian, RJ Helton, Tamyra Gray and Nikki McKibbin. This week only Guarini, a longtime frontrunner, and Texas chanteuse Clarkson remain.

America, meet the last singers standing.

Clarkson, 20, is a humble country girl with a big-league voice. Judges say she can sing anything — even the phone book — and make it sound good. In past episodes, the Burlison, Texas, native has showcased her vocal range and show-stopping stage presence with renditions of "Natural Woman," "Respect" and "It's Raining Men."

"Being on stage is the biggest rush for me," Clarkson said on the show's official Web site, www.idolonfox.com. "It's like I'm kind of nervous at first, but once I get out there, I never want to leave the stage."

Clarkson vanquished a host of female competitors to reach the Tuesday face-off. Her biggest competition came from big-voiced Atlanta product Tamyra Gray, who was voted off Aug. 21, and fellow Texan Nikki McKibbin, who departed the show Aug. 28.

While Clarkson and Gray for weeks seemed like shoe-ins to be among the top-three finalists, McKibbin was a question mark. McKibbin, 23, set herself apart from the other contestants with her punk look and penchant for singing obscure rock songs. For weeks she defied dismissal, being put on the chopping block four times with the lowest vote-getters. Judges consis-



tently criticized McKibbin's song selection and said the mother-of-one was out-matched by better singers.

Judges, on the other hand, praised Gray's performances. They compared her vocal skills to those of divas Mariah Carey, Celine Dion and Whitney Houston.

Gray may still be smarting from the fact that she received walking papers before McKibbin. Her departure left only Clarkson, McKibbin and Guarini, the lone male competitor since mid-August.

In the square-off between Clarkson and McKibbin, Clarkson seemed destined to win. Whereas McKibbin came close to being voted off several times, the public never thought about giving Clarkson the pink slip. Predictably, voters sent McKibbin packing last week.

Clarkson now faces her biggest test from Guarini.

From the beginning, Guarini, with his curly, uncoiffed mop, has reigned as the show's heartthrob. A favorite among female fans, Guarini's "Justin Timberlake before the buzz cut" look has brought him to the final round. Viewers sent him to the chopping block twice but opted on dismissing the other male competitors in lieu of Guarini.

Guarini outlasted a host of male crooners, including the pesky "J" factor — A.J., EJAY and RJ. His choice of soulful tunes "Ribbon in the Sky," "Let's Stay Together" and "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" distinguished him from the other men and brought tears to female fans' eyes.

"I want to be a beacon of ... fun!" Guarini said on the Web site about why he auditioned for the show. "Glitz and glamour are rampant in America, but I want to bring on the fun and share it with an America that now, more than ever, needs joy to get us through our current trials."

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Pop 'American Idol'

...lity, television that is



Hardly an episode has gone by that Cowell, typically clad in black T-shirt, hasn't called singers "awful" or told them that they resemble a karaoke act more than a pop superstar.

Cowell's frankness, of course, is balanced by Abdul and fellow judge Randy Jackson's less-abrasive critiques. Abdul, a former idolized songstress herself, never fails to provide a feel-good line for a contestant who Cowell has pummeled.

She even throws a few lines at Cowell.

"I don't know why Simon has to be so rude," she said during an episode last month. "Maybe he wasn't held enough as a child."

Cowell rebutted in another episode: "Paula, you have a comedy writer. Sue him."

In still another episode, Cowell nearly came to blows with Jackson, a former vice president at Columbia Records, over an assessment of a contestant. True to form, Cowell gave an unfavorable critique, while Jackson stood up for the performer.

"For a moment, I thought Randy was going to take me for a tumble," Cowell said later.

The Brit has gotten into verbal scuffles with hosts Brian Dunkleman and Ryan Seacrest too. Cowell time and again complements Seacrest's see-through apparel, saying "Ryan, I like your blouse tonight." And the hosts

without fail throw in their own barbs when they introduce the judges to open each show.

When the show wraps on Wednesday, an new star will be crowned, but "American Idol" will seemingly leave its judges and hosts in good stead as well. The show has harkened the comeback of Abdul, setting her up for future TV roles, possibly on a sitcom. As for Dunkleman and Seacrest, both men's showbiz careers seem certain to take off.

"Three months ago, I was driving a car with no reverse that couldn't go over 40 miles an hour," Dunkleman, a stand-up comedian said. "Now I ride in limos."

On Wednesday, Clarkson or Guarini may share Dunkleman's same good fortune. While the public's vote will decide the winner, co-host Seacrest said the "x-factor" will determine America's next music star.

"Sure it takes dedication, confidence and passion, but it takes something else," Seacrest, host of a top-ranked Los Angeles radio show and the rumored boyfriend of Abdul, said. "We've heard our sometimes abrasive friend Simon call it the x-factor. Remember the first time you had a crush on someone, you could describe some of the traits you were attracted to, but there was also probably something else. That thing. That thing makes someone stand out."

This week, that unknown quality will give the country its first American idol. Stay tuned.

The format for the final two episodes is a closely guarded secret, but Clarkson and Guarini are expected to sing twice Tuesday night. Each contestant will sing an original single, and the winner's song will be released to stores Sept. 17.

With the success of the show this summer, the 10 original finalists were subject to a huge media blitz, a schedule chock full of newspaper interviews, magazine photo shoots and appearances at paparazzi-laden events such as the Teen Choice Awards and MTV's Video Music Awards. Plans for an "American Idol" book and home video are in the works. And a 30-date concert tour is planned in October and November, including an Oct. 16 show in Chicago and a Nov. 7 Indianapolis stop.

Both Clarkson and Guarini say the exposure hasn't changed them and that there's little they'd change about themselves to become the American Idol.

What wouldn't they change?
"My personality and outlook on life," Guarini said. "I just want to have fun doing what I love."

"I'm happy with myself. Of course, there are little things here and there that I wish were smaller and bigger, but I don't know one person who is perfectly happy with their physical appearance," Clarkson said.

While the contestants duke it out on stage, the show's other staples — the judges and hosts — will wage their own war of words. Comedic banter among the off-stage talent is as much a part of "Idol" as '70s hits and orchestral accompaniment.

At the center of the non-stop wit is bad-boy British judge Simon Cowell, a veteran of the music industry. Cowell is notorious for his tongue-lashing of performers.

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False idols

The contestants viewers voted off



Nikki McKibbin, 23
Grand Prairie, Texas



Tamyra Gray, 23
Takoma Park, Md.



RJ Helton, 21
Cumming, Ga.



Christina Christian, 21
Brooklyn, N.Y.



Ryan Starr, 19
Sunland, Calif.



A.J. Gil, 17
San Diego, Calif.



Ejay Day
Lawrenceville, Ga.



Jim Verraros
Chicago, Ill.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Brabbs misses 2 but makes game-winner

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. Philip Brabbs went from unknown to goat to man of the hour for Michigan.

The walk-on kicked a 44-yard field goal — the first of his career — as time expired to give Michigan a riveting 31-29 victory over Washington Saturday.

"I've hung low for a while in college," said Brabbs, a junior who had never attempted a field goal for the Wolverines before Saturday. "This changes things."

A blunder by the Huskies made the sensational finish possible.

After the Wolverines failed to complete a pass on third-and-10 with 6 seconds left, Washington was penalized 15 yards for having 12 men on the field. Without the flag, Michigan would have attempted a 59-yard field goal.

"We switched substitution groups, which we're going to kick ourselves about for a thousand years," Washington coach Rick Neuheisel said.

Wolverines quarterback John Navarre spiked the ball to stop the clock at 5 seconds, allowing the field-goal team to get on the field. To the delight of the crowd of 111,491 at Michigan Stadium, Brabbs' kick went right down the middle for his first field goal since he was a senior at Midland (Mich.) Dow High School in 1998.

"I didn't know how to react," Brabbs said. "I started doing circles around the field, then I got tackled by one of my teammates. Then I had 10 guys on top of me, then everybody piled on and I got scrunched."

Brabbs atoned for two misses in the first half from 36 and 42 yards, and he was replaced by Troy Nienberg, who missed a 27-yarder with 1:24 left.

Michigan's Chris Perry ran for 120 yards and three touchdowns. Navarre was 22-of-38 for 268 yards with a TD and an interception.

Colorado St. 19, Colorado 14

Colorado State is no longer intimidated when it plays its higher-profile in-state rival. Three wins in the last four years

makes certain of that.

Bradlee Van Pelt ran 23 yards for a touchdown with 6:20 left, and Colorado State survived a second-half Colorado rally to beat the Buffaloes 19-14 Saturday.

"We knew going into the game that this CU team wasn't unbeatable," Van Pelt said.

The Rams dominated the first half, building a 13-0 lead, before Colorado bounced back to take a 14-13 advantage.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Colorado's Jeremy Bloom returned a punt 75 yards for a score. Five minutes later, Chris Brown atoned for three earlier fumbles with a 1-yard scoring run, capping an 81-yard drive and giving the Buffaloes a 14-13 lead with 9:39 remaining.

Colorado State countered immediately with a seven-play, 84-yard TD drive.

Van Pelt passed 11 yards to Chris Pittman, 9 yards to Cecil Sapp and 16 yards to Joey Cuppari. With a first down at the Colorado 23, Van Pelt broke off the left side and cut back to the right on a clinching scoring run. Van Pelt threw incomplete on the 2-point conversion try.

Colorado subsequently drove to the CSU 12, where John Donahoe couldn't pull down Craig Ochs' high pass on fourth down at the goal line with 21 seconds left.

"Ultimately, when the game was on the line, CSU got it done and we didn't," Colorado coach Gary Barnett said. "They were behind and they put together a great drive. Their quarterback is a great warrior. He played with great heart like he did last week."

Brown, who fumbled only once all last season, finished with 93 yards rushing on 22 carries. Sapp had 80 yards rushing, and Van Pelt added 74.

Colorado has dropped four straight season openers for the first time since 1938-41.

Kentucky 22, Louisville 17

Taylor Begley kicked three field goals and Kentucky's defense dominated No. 17 Louisville and quarterback Dave Ragone in a 22-17 victory over

the Cardinals on Sunday night.

Jared Lorenzen threw for 195 yards and a touchdown as the Wildcats snapped a three-game losing streak to their in-state rivals in the opener for both teams.

Ragone, touted as a Heisman Trophy candidate, spent most of the game on the run from Kentucky's pass rush. He was sacked three times and finished 14-for-39 for 193 yards with a touchdown pass and an interception.

The Cardinals mustered only 248 total yards against a Kentucky defense that ranked 109th in the nation in yards allowed last season.

Louisville returned only one starter from the team's 2001 offensive line, and the Wildcats' defense battered the newcomers. On Louisville's first four offensive series, Kentucky sacked Ragone twice and held the Cardinals to minus-3 rushing yards.

Louisville's more heralded defense, led by Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year Dewayne White, also asserted itself early, holding the Wildcats to minus-8 yards on their first five plays.

The Cardinals blitzed on Kentucky's sixth play, but Lorenzen dumped a short pass to Ernest Simms before taking a hit. With most of the Cardinals chasing Lorenzen, Simms sprinted untouched for a 64-yard touchdown.

The Wildcats put together a nine-play drive later in the first quarter, and Begley, a redshirt freshman, kicked his first career field goal, a 40-yarder, with 4:32 left.

Meanwhile, Ragone continued to scramble and struggle. Running for the sideline, he was hit by sophomore safety Claude Sagalle and fumbled at the Louisville 18 with 6:01 left before halftime. The turnover set up Artose Pinner's 8-yard touchdown run with 3:58 left in the first half.

Broderick Clark, a redshirt freshman from Alabama, temporarily turned the momentum toward Louisville when he returned the second-half kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown.

Ragone led the Cardinals 84 yards to set up Nathan Smith's 24-yard field goal that put Louisville up 17-16 with 5:51 left in the third quarter.

The Wildcats chewed up almost five minutes on their answering drive, and Begley restored Kentucky's lead with a 32-yard field goal. He added a 31-yarder with 4:09 left for a 22-17 lead.

The Cardinals got the ball back deep in their own territory, but Ragone was intercepted near midfield by Mike Williams with 3:09 remaining.

Nebraska 31, Troy St. 16

The way DeJuan Groce played, Nebraska could afford a bad performance by its offense.

Groce returned two punts for touchdowns and grabbed two interceptions to help the Cornhuskers defeat Troy State 31-16 Saturday night.

"It was kind of like in basketball when somebody gets the hot hand. I had the hot feet," Groce said.

Dahrran Diedrick and Jammal Lord each added touchdown runs for the Huskers, who needed all the special-teams help they could get.

Nebraska had 313 yards of offense, its lowest total since gaining 270 against Notre Dame in the third game of last season. The performance followed a sporadic effort in last week's opener against Arizona State.

"There is no question that we need to improve as an offense. We are young at some spots, and these were two very important games for us," coach Frank Solich said.

Troy State, which proved a surprisingly tough opponent during its first Division I-A season, didn't flinch in the first game of its second year. The Trojans, who lost at Nebraska 42-14 last year, outgained the heavily favored Huskers 374-310, aided by a 73-yard scoring drive in the final minute.

South Carolina 34, New Mexico St. 24

South Carolina's Lou Holtz is happy to share a place in college

football history with his friend and rival, former Michigan coach Bo Schembechler.

"But if I worried about wins and losses, or winning percentages, I sure wouldn't have taken over six losing situations," said Holtz, who tied Schembechler with his 234th career victory as the Gamecocks beat New Mexico State 34-24 Saturday.

"All that means is I've coached a long time," said Holtz, who can tie his former Ohio State boss, the late Woody Hayes, with four more victories.

South Carolina's largest season-opening crowd of 83,717 didn't see the thumping it expected. But the Gamecocks got 113 yards rushing and a pretty, 44-yard touchdown pass from new quarterback Corey Jenkins to win their third straight opener.

"You can't win pretty all the time," said Jenkins, who also threw for 166 yards on 9-of-18 passing. "The best part about this all is we won, and we've got a lot of guys who are disappointed."

Especially since things were in doubt until the final quarter.

The Gamecocks could get little going early behind Jenkins, a 26-year-old senior starting for the first time.

And when Walter Taylor ran in from a yard out with 1:35 left in the third period — set up by Eric Higgins' 75-yard carry — the Aggies trailed just 20-17.

"I like how we silenced the crowd a couple of times," said Higgins, who finished with 111 yards rushing.

But Jenkins and the Gamecocks soon took control of the game.

Jenkins had a 16-yard run and an 18-yard pass to Michael Ages on the next drive. An 8-yard run by Jenkins took the ball to New Mexico State's 2, and freshman Daccus Turman followed with a touchdown that put the Gamecocks up 26-17 less than two minutes into the final quarter.

A fumbled punt on the Aggies' next series set up another score for South Carolina. Andrew Pinnock got his 21st career rushing touchdown to put the game away.

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PERSONAL

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One Observer editor hasn't seen one episode and personally doesn't care who wins.

Simple Simon's

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The toothpick was behind the ear.

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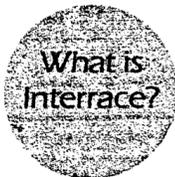
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WNBA

**Sparks win 2nd title
 on Teasley 3-pointer**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Clinging to a two-point lead in the final minute, Los Angeles' Latasha Byears turned the ball over on a three-second violation.

Then New York's Tari Phillips hit a 15-footer to tie the game, putting the Sparks' chance at retaining their WNBA title in jeopardy.

But rookie Nikki Teasley, dogged by 4-for-11 shooting, hit a 3-pointer for the go-ahead basket with 2.1 seconds remaining and the Sparks beat the Liberty 69-66 Saturday to successfully defend their championship.

"They'd been backing off me all night, obviously my shot wasn't falling. I was fortunate enough to knock the shot down," said Teasley, who played at North Carolina and was drafted by Portland, then traded to the Sparks in April.

"I've never hit a game-winning shot. I've won an AAU tournament when I was 10 years old, but nothing ever big, nothing in college," Teasley said. "I didn't get to play in the state championships in high school, but you know what, I'm not disappointed because this is the one to get."

Only the Sparks and the Houston Comets, who claimed the first four WNBA titles, have won the championship in the league's six-year history.

Guarded by Teresa Weatherspoon, Teasley shot from 21 feet out, near the Sparks bench.

"I was kind of trying to pick my poison," said Weatherspoon, who was playing between Teasley and Sparks star Lisa Leslie. "If I could do it all over again, I would do it differently. She made a good shot."

The Sparks joined their Staples Center tenants, the Lakers, as professional basketball champions for another year. The Lakers won their third consecutive NBA title in June.

"Hey, if you're playing for an L.A. team, you're bound to get a championship," Sparks forward DeLisha Milton said. "There is something special about this city. It breeds championships."

Leslie scored 17 points, Mwadi Mabika added 12 and Teasley had 11 points and 11 assists as the Sparks rallied in the second half after squandering a 14-point lead.

"This organization had so much belief in me and so much confidence when other people didn't want to take me, everybody was questioning the trade," Teasley said. "It's a dream come true. As a player, you always dream about hitting the big shot to win the game."

Leslie was selected the most valuable player of the Finals for the second consecutive year, completing her second consecutive sweep of the All-Star and finals MVP awards.

"This championship was so much harder to win," Leslie said. "We had to find different ways to win. We've held our own, we've been strong and it's just an amazing feeling."

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INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL

U.S. starts slow, still routes China by 21

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

For much of the first half, the sight on the scoreboard was shocking. The U.S. team was losing, and the score wasn't even close.

China nearly became the first team to hold a halftime lead against the United States since NBA players began competing internationally in 1992, but the U.S. team recovered from its poor start to win 84-65 Saturday night at the World Championships.

"I was not surprised, because when a strong team is playing a weak team they usually are very relaxed," China coach Wang Fei said.

Relaxed might not be the correct word.

To hear U.S. coach George Karl describe it, his team was "startled" before it turned up its defensive intensity and held China to 13 points in the third quarter and 10 in the fourth.

China held a 28-16 lead after one quarter and remained ahead until the final 6.5 seconds of the second quarter.

The U.S. team took the lead for good with about four minutes left in the third quarter but didn't close out the lightly regarded Chinese until Jermaine O'Neal scored inside with about 6 1/2 minutes left for a 69-58 lead.

Teams from around the world have been encroaching over the past few years on the American dominance in the sport, and Saturday night's game was yet another example of how foreign teams have closed the gap.

Chinese teams had never come close to competing with the United States in the past decade. The U.S. team defeated China by 63 at the 1996 Olympics and by 55 at the 1994 World Championships.

Just two years ago at the Sydney Olympics, the Chinese team lost by 47 points.

That defeat was so lopsided that Chinese center Yao Ming

said it "may not be in our generation or the next" before China can defeat the United States in a premiere level men's basketball tournament.

For a while Saturday night, it looked as though his prediction might be off by about 80 or so years.

Yao pumped his fist in glee after hitting a 3-point shot to give China a 10-4 lead early in the first quarter, and the crowd gasped in astonishment as the Americans fell further behind as the quarter progressed.

China used backdoor cuts and timely jumpers to open a 28-16 lead at the end of the first quarter.

"They made (five) 3s in the first quarter, and the 3 is a powerful weapon," Karl said. "Because of that we got startled a little bit, but it got us to play the type of intense pressure defense we needed to play."

The U.S. chipped away at its deficit, and Michael Finley hit a 3-pointer with 18 seconds left in the half to cut China's lead to 42-41.

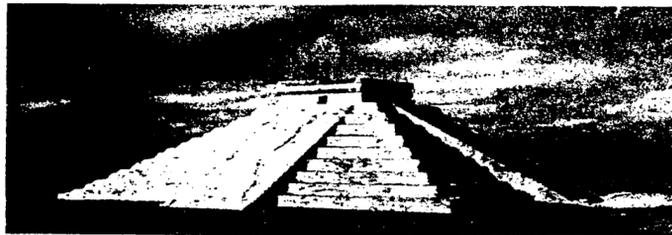
Finley then came up with a steal that led to his pair of go-ahead free throws with 6.5 seconds left before halftime as the U.S. team took a 43-42 lead — its first of the game.

Since the 1992 Olympics, the United States is 56-0 in international competitions when using teams of NBA players.

U.S. teams have never trailed at halftime, but this was the second time in as many nights that they led by only a single point at the break. On Friday night, the U.S. team was unable to shake Germany until the final quarter.

"We tried to come out with intensity and it was our third game in three days," U.S. guard Andre Miller said. "They came out fast themselves and hit some big shots early. For us to give up 28 points in the first quarter, that's pretty bad."

"I think we can get better," Miller said. "We're going to get every team's best shot."



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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Dodgers stay atop wild-card race with win

Associated Press

HOUSTON
Hideo Nomo only made one mistake, and that wasn't enough for the Houston Astros to beat him.

Nomo won for the 11th time in his last 12 decisions, pitching the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 2-1 victory over the Astros.

"The home run was the only mistake he made all day. His split-finger was unhittable. All you could do was fight it off and hope you will get another pitch you can hit," said Geoff Blum, who homered off Nomo.

The Dodgers, who lead the NL wild-card race, have won 13 of their last 17 games.

Nomo (13-6) gave up five hits over seven innings, striking out eight. He has lost only once since May 12 — a span of 21 starts.

"We scored first, so that was good. Right after I gave up the home run, from that point on, it was my goal not to give up any runs after that," Nomo said.

Said Dodgers manager Jim Tracy: "I've run out of adjectives to describe the job Hideo Nomo has done for this club all season."

The loss was Houston's fourth in 11 games.

"He had everything going today. That split-finger would look chest high and would end up in the dirt," said Houston's Daryle Ward. "He didn't hang it at all, he kept it in the zone."

Paul Quantrill and Jesse Orosco combined to pitch a scoreless eighth and Eric Gagne escaped his own ninth-inning jam for his 46th save in 50 chances.

Jeff Bagwell led off the Astros ninth with a single. It was his 1,937th hit, tying Jose Cruz for second place on Houston's career list.

Jason Lane followed Bagwell's hit with a bunt single, but Gagne struck out Orlando Merced, got Geoff Blum on a foulout and fanned Gregg Zaun to end it.

Carlos Hernandez (6-5) lost despite striking out a career-high nine in six innings.

Braves 6, Expos 4

John Smoltz and the Atlanta Braves have some significant accomplishments well within their sights.

Kevin Millwood hit a two-run double on his way to winning his sixth straight decision as the Atlanta Braves beat the Montreal Expos 6-4 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

Smoltz saved all three games in the series, pitching a scoreless ninth for his major league-leading 49th save. Bobby Thigpen set the major league record with 57 saves with the Chicago White Sox in 1990.

"Obviously with the amount of games we have left it's something that you can't help think about," Smoltz said.

Seeking its 11th straight division title, Atlanta finished a 6-6 road trip and lowered its magic number to clinch the NL East to 11.

"We had an all right road trip," Braves center fielder Andrew Jones said. "We started really bad playing against San Diego and Los Angeles, and went to Pittsburgh and got beat that series, too. But it was good to come out here and play three good games against these guys and make the series even."

Montreal lost its fourth straight game.

Millwood's two-run double off Masato Yoshii broke a 1-1 tie as the Braves scored three runs in the fourth.

Millwood (15-6) allowed five hits and two runs in 5 2/3 innings. He scattered three hits, including Jose Vidro's RBI single in the first, through the first five innings.

Cubs 5, Cardinals 4

The St. Louis Cardinals have gone 81 years without a four-game sweep in Chicago, and they'll have to wait some more.

Angel Echevarria homered and Alex Gonzalez singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning as the Cubs beat the Cardinals 5-4 Sunday.

Chicago avoided being swept in a four-game series at home by its longtime rivals for the first time since 1921 — when

Wrigley Field was called Cubs Park.

"It would have crushed me, seeing I was a Cubs fan as a kid," said Joe Girardi, who grew up in Cardin territory in Peoria, Ill. "My dad has to take grief in Peoria because of the Cardinals. So I know my dad was happy."

Girardi, who drove in a pair of runs, wasn't the only one. The Cubs had dropped four of their last five games, and the Cardinals really hurt.

"It was real important to win this ballgame," Cubs interim manager Bruce Kimm said. "The way we struggled the first three games, you sort of wonder, are we ever going to win another game?"

The Cubs had to be thinking that after the seventh inning, too, when Eli Marrero homered — his third in as many games — to give St. Louis a 4-3 lead.

But Chuck Finley (5-4) unraveled, giving up a leadoff homer to Echeverria to tie it and walking Fred McGriff.

"I tried to milk another inning out of Chuck," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "We pushed him too far."

Rick White relieved, and speedy Corey Patterson ran for McGriff. Patterson took second on a sacrifice bunt, and Gonzalez followed with a soft bloop that landed in shallow center for an RBI single.

"It just went in the right spot," Gonzalez said. "It's one of those things in baseball, you don't do everything right, but it lands in the right spot."

Juan Cruz (2-10) pitched a scoreless eighth for his first win since May 21. Antonio Alfonseca worked the ninth for his 16th save.

Brewers 4, Reds 2

The Brewers are feeling the power.

Ryan Thompson homered twice Sunday, and Lenny Harris hit a two-run shot to give Milwaukee a 4-2 victory and a series sweep of the Cincinnati Reds.

The Brewers hit 10 homers in the three-game series.

"Harris and Thompson are hot, hot, hot," said Milwaukee manager Jerry Royster.

"It's just nice, normal baseball. We're doing to them what other teams have been doing to us all year. We're winning games with our offense, and our pitching is keeping them down. Our extra guys are picking us up right now."

All three homers Sunday were off Elmer Dessens (7-7), who allowed five hits and seven innings.

On Saturday, Reds starter Chris Reitsma gave up five homers, and after losing three straight to the last-place Brewers, Cincinnati manager Bob Boone was left with no explanation.

"It has nothing to do with the Brewers," Boone said. "You've got to swing the bat. If you look at our August stats, we're just not hitting the ball."

The Reds stumbled badly in August, and now into September. Cincinnati was 11-18 in August, its worst record for any August since going 9-20 in 1987.

Batters hit .235, their low for any month this season, and pitchers had a combined 5.53 ERA, their high for the year. RERAs got just two saves.

"I just want to put a good ballgame together," Boone said. "That's what I'm trying to do now."

Nick Neugebauer, activated from the 15-day disabled list before the game, made his first start for Milwaukee since May 8. He allowed two runs on four hits, four walks and two strikeouts in four innings.

Jose Cabrera (6-10) pitched two perfect innings for the win, striking out two. Mike DeJean worked the ninth for his 22nd save in 25 chances.

Phillies 9, Mets 5

The message on the clubhouse marker board urged the New York Mets to put a miserable August behind them: "It's a New Month!!! Sept. 1."

Instead, from the time Edgardo Alfonzo threw a ball away in the first inning to allow

the first run to score, September started off as poorly as August ended for New York and its fans.

The Mets matched the longest home losing streak in National League history with their 14th straight defeat at Shea Stadium as the Philadelphia Phillies pounded Al Leiter for three homers in a 9-5 victory Sunday.

"It is demoralizing," said Mike Piazza, who watched the latest loss with a sore wrist. "Everyone has had losing streaks, everyone has had slumps. But this is uncharted waters for me. I'm a little bit in shock."

One day after completing the first winless month at home in league history, the Mets matched the 14-game home skid by Boston's NL franchise in 1911, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

While Boston added a 44-year-old Cy Young to its team that season, the only help the Mets are getting will be from minor league callups as they attempt to avoid the St. Louis Browns' major league record of 20 consecutive home losses in 1953.

"It's certainly been a disappointment," Leiter said. "We still have a month of baseball to go. There's no reason we can't have a great month and finish on a high note."

Pat Burrell, Todd Pratt and Tomas Perez all homered off Leiter (11-11), who lasted two-plus innings in his shortest regular-season start in 14 years.

"I feel for them," said Pratt, who spent 4 1/2 years with the Mets. "We have to beat them, but I feel for them. I have a lot of good friends over there."

Brett Myers (3-3) allowed four runs in six innings as the Phillies won for the 10th time in 11 games to move a season-high three games over .500.

Meanwhile, the Mets kept hitting new franchise lows in a season that began with so much promise. They broke a tie with the 1979 team for the longest losing streak at home, reaching a level even the 40-win expansion team in 1962 didn't.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tejada's homer gives Athletics 18th straight

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif.

Over and over again, the ball left Miguel Tejada's bat and landed in the left-field seats. Each time, the Coliseum crowd cheered wildly as Tejada screamed with joy and pumped his arms while rounding the bases.

The televisions in the Oakland clubhouse played just one program after the Athletics won their 18th straight game — and every time, Tejada was the star.

Tejada hit a dramatic three-run homer as the A's blew a two-run lead in the ninth inning, then rallied to beat the Minnesota Twins 7-5 Sunday to extend baseball's best streak in 49 years.

Everyone in Oakland was in a bit of disbelief — particularly the A's clubhouse staffers, who played the final at-bat on a continuous loop.

"Every year, I take all my tapes back home (to the Dominican Republic), and I show them to my dad," Tejada said. "This one might break. I'm going to watch it every day."

The first game-ending homer of Tejada's career extended the majors' longest winning streak since 1953, when the New York Yankees also won 18 in a row, on a day it seemed certain to continue — and then seemed certain to end when Oakland allowed three solo homers in the top of the ninth.

"This thing has a life of its own," Oakland manager Art Howe said of the longest streak in franchise history, besting the 17-gamer by the 1931 Philadelphia A's. "I can't say I'm surprised by anything that happens. We sort of blew that game, but Miggy found a way to get it for us anyway."

Matthew LeCroy, Corey Koskie and Mike Cuddyer homered for Minnesota in an improbable rally that ruined the complete-game hopes of Mark Mulder and sent the Coliseum into stunned, empty silence.

But in the ninth, Ramon Hernandez walked and Ray Durham singled against ace closer Eddie Guardado (1-3). Pinch-hitter Olmedo Saenz struck out, setting the stage for Tejada's homer.

Red Sox 7, Indians 1

Johnny Damon knows the Boston Red Sox must start winning consistently to earn a playoff spot.

Damon had three hits and scored three runs for the wild-card chasing Boston Red Sox, who got consecutive home runs from Manny Ramirez and Brian Daubach in Sunday's 7-1 win over Cleveland.

"I told this team Friday that now is the time to go and I'm ready to accept the responsibility for doing it," said Damon, who went 7-for-13 in the three-game series. "I feel good. I want to get back to the playoffs."

Tim Wakefield pitched seven strong innings, Ramirez drove in three runs and Shea Hillenbrand had two RBI for Boston, which won for just the third time in eight games.

The Red Sox are 23-25 since the All-Star break.

"We've got a lot to do in a short period of time," manager Grady Little said. "We've got no time to waste. We want this to

carry right in to New York."

The Red Sox open a three-game series at Yankee Stadium on Monday.

Wakefield (8-5) did not allow a hit until Matt Lawton led off the fifth inning with his 15th homer to make it 7-1.

"He made us chase a lot of pitches out of the strike zone," Lawton said. "He didn't leave many pitches up high."

Blue Jays 7, Yankees 6

Rookie Josh Phelps thoroughly enjoyed wrecking New York's weekend.

Phelps doubled twice and drove in three runs and the Toronto Blue Jays rallied for a 7-6 victory over the Yankees on Sunday.

Phelps went 8-for-14 with 10 RBI as the Blue Jays took three of four from the AL East leaders.

"It's always nice to beat up on the Yankees when you get the chance. You can't beat it," Phelps said. "When I look at 10 RBI I say, 'Wow, that's a great series.'"

The Yankees, who have lost just two of their last 19 series, started their six-game road trip by sweeping a two-game series against Boston.

"We started off good and ended up terrible," David Wells said. "We got our behinds kicked in Toronto. We just have to regroup."

With the score tied at 4 in the seventh, Toronto's Jayson Werth singled off Wells (15-7) for his first major league hit. Wells then walked Shannon Stewart before Dave Berg hit a tiebreaking single to center.

Vernon Wells followed with an RBI single off Ramiro Mendoza

and Phelps hit an RBI double, giving Toronto a 7-4 lead.

"Josh is swinging the bat real well. He's one of our guys that we are counting on for the future," said Toronto manager Carlos Tosca, whose team has 13 rookies.

"To take a series from these guys is big for us. The Yankees are the model. They exemplify championships and that's what we are trying to become. It's certainly nice to beat them," he said.

Mariners 9, Royals 4

When the Seattle Mariners tied a major league record with 116 victories last season, their longest winning streak was a team-record 15 games.

So all they can do is shake their heads in admiration at what the Oakland Athletics are doing.

"What have they won — 18 in a row or so?" Mariners manager Lou Piniella said after Seattle's 9-4 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Sunday. "Tip your hats to them."

Dan Wilson homered and drove in three runs as the Mariners broke out of their hitting doldrums. They scored only eight runs in their previous five games — four losses, including two to the lowly Royals.

Desi Relaford and John Olerud each had three hits for the Mariners, who have fallen into third place in the AL West, six games behind Oakland. They began the day 2 1/2 games back of Anaheim in the wild-card race.

"They've got a good team," Wilson said of the A's. "They hit a nice streak at the right time."

Relaford said the Mariners just marvel at the A's right now.

"They're just playing just out-of-this-world baseball right now," he said. "Eighteen in a row. That's phenomenal."

The Safeco Field crowd of 45,461 let out a collective groan when the scoreboard posted Oakland's comeback victory over Minnesota in the seventh.

The defending division champs have 25 games left, with six each against Oakland and Anaheim.

"It's going to be up to us," Seattle's Bret Boone said. "We're going to be able to control our own destiny. Hopefully, we're going to get out of this funk we've been in and start scoring runs like we're capable of scoring runs."

Piniella doesn't know if the Mariners can catch the A's, but he knows they're going to try their hardest.

"We need to start winning with some consistency," he said. "Right now, the only way we're going to get back in it is to win some ballgames."

The Mariners have dropped from third to sixth in runs scored in the AL since the All-Star break.

Mike Sweeney hit a three-run homer for Kansas City, but Jeff Suppan (8-15) lost his career-worst eighth consecutive start.

"He's been struggling," Royals manager Tony Pena said. "Struggling with his command. He was behind in the count and just continues to struggle. He made 87 pitches in four innings. That is very tough to do."

Ismael Valdes (8-10) won for the second time in three starts

with Seattle since being acquired from Texas for two minor leaguers Aug. 18. He gave up four runs on seven hits and four walks in five-plus innings.

Angels 9, Orioles 3

Scott Spiezio has emerged as a major contributor during the Anaheim Angels' playoff chase.

Spiezio set a new career best for RBI Sunday, driving in four with a three-run homer and an RBI single as the Angels beat Baltimore 9-3 Sunday night.

"I've always been a guy who believes in driving in runs any way possible," Spiezio said. "I've made some adjustments this year and I'm trying to do things a little bit differently. It's paying off, and I'm just going to try to continue to do the same thing."

Spiezio gave Anaheim a 3-1 lead in the second with his ninth homer, following a leadoff single by Garret Anderson and a walk to Troy Glaus. Spiezio's eighth-inning RBI increased his season total to 69, eclipsing his previous best of 65. He has 20 in his last 21 games, and is fourth on the club in RBIs — three ahead of Darin Erstad.

"The pleasant surprise with Speez is the way he's swinging the bat right-handed," manager Mike Scioscia said. "That's why his numbers have been a pleasant surprise. But there was no doubt in our minds from the outset of the season that he could knock in runs and contribute what he has."

Adam Kennedy capped a five-run eighth inning with a three-run homer, helping Anaheim win its fourth straight. The Angels are 2 1/2 games ahead of Seattle in the AL wild-card race.

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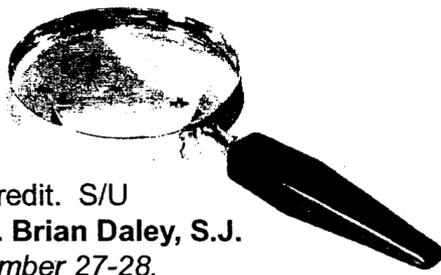
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American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	84-51	.622	5-5	-
Boston	76-58	.567	5-5	7.5
Baltimore	63-72	.467	1-9	21
Toronto	60-76	.441	7-3	24.55
Tampa Bay	47-89	.346	5-5	37.5

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	80-58	.580	5-5	-
Chicago	66-70	.485	6-2	13
Cleveland	69-76	.437	5-6	19.5
Kansas City	55-82	.401	3-7	24.5
Detroit	50-86	.368	1-9	29

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	86-51	.628	10-0	-
Anaheim	82-54	.603	7-3	3.5
Seattle	80-57	.584	4-6	6
Texas	68-75	.444	5-5	25

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	86-49	.637	5-5	-
Philadelphia	69-66	.511	9-1	17
Florida	67-68	.496	6-4	19
Montreal	66-70	.485	3-7	20.5
New York	61-73	.455	3-7	24.5

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	76-60	.559	5-5	-
Houston	72-64	.529	6-4	4
Cincinnati	66-70	.485	3-7	10
Pittsburgh	60-77	.438	5-5	16.5
Chicago	67-79	.419	4-6	19
Milwaukee	49-87	.360	5-5	27

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Arizona	85-51	.625	5-5	-
Los Angeles	79-57	.581	7-3	6
San Francisco	77-59	.566	7-3	8
Colorado	61-76	.445	1-9	24.5
San Diego	59-77	.434	6-4	26

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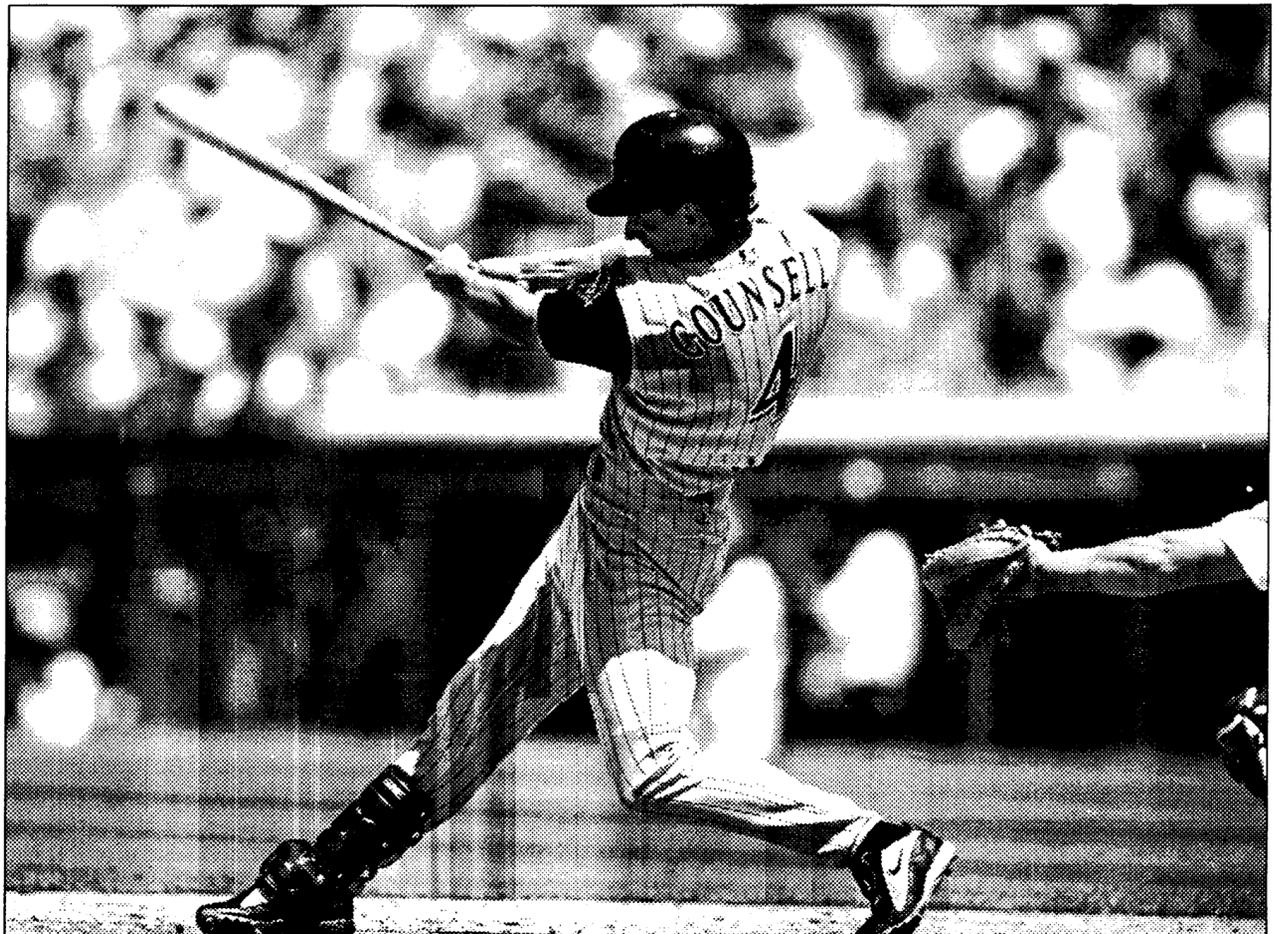
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Arizona Diamondback third baseman Craig Counsell takes a swing in a game Aug. 13. The Notre Dame alumnus is considering whether to have season-ending neck surgery.

Counsell considers season-ending surgery

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Craig Counsell, considered by many of his Diamondback teammates to have been Arizona's most valuable player, will decide soon whether to undergo season-ending neck surgery.

"At some point, there's going to be surgery," Counsell said Sunday. "When? We're trying to put that off, but I don't know if I can."

Counsell has been on the 15-day disabled list since Aug. 9 with a pinched nerve in his neck. An MRI showed two bulging disks that will require surgery.

He will travel to Dallas to meet Wednesday with spine specialist Drew Dossett. The Diamondbacks want Counsell to decide by Friday whether to have the surgery now.

"I think I'll have a lot more information by Friday," Counsell said, "and that will make it easier to make a decision."

Counsell has received three epidural injections and undergone strenuous exercising but still experiences numbness and tingling in his right hand.

"I can't play right now," he said. "It's got to get better. It's got to get a lot better. If it doesn't improve, there's no reason to wait."

Trainer Paul Lessard said that if Counsell continues to put off the surgery, there is a chance that the nerve being pinched will simply shut down, compounding the problem.

Two types of surgery are possible. One involves drilling a hole to relieve pressure on the nerve. The other would fuse the disks together with a metal plate.

In either case, Lessard said, Counsell wouldn't be able to even begin strengthening exercises for four weeks and it would be two months at the earliest before he could begin playing baseball.

Counsell's scrappiness and ability to come through

in the clutch have been sorely missed. He remains second in the National League in hitting with runners in scoring position at .364, behind only Edgardo Alfonzo of New York at .368.

Counsell was hitting .282 with 22 doubles and 51 RBI in his first season as an everyday player. He started at third base while Matt Williams recovered from a broken ankle, and also played second base and shortstop. Counsell committed only eight errors in 112 games. By comparison second baseman Junior Spivey and shortstop Tony Womack have 14 errors apiece.

IN BRIEF

University of Minnesota lineman murdered

University of Minnesota football player Brandon Hall was shot to death early Sunday in Minneapolis, hours after playing in his first college game.

Hall, a 19-year-old redshirt freshman who was a reserve defensive lineman, died following a dispute between a group of teammates and three other men near a downtown bar, police said.

"To the best of my knowledge, Brandon Hall was an innocent victim," Minnesota coach Glen Mason said.

The 6-foot-5, 270-pound Hall made one tackle in the Golden Gophers' 42-0 season-opening victory over Southwest Texas State on Saturday night at the Metrodome in Minneapolis.

It's the third tragedy to strike a Minnesota football team in just over a year. Last summer, Minnesota Vikings

offensive tackle Corey Stringer died of heat stroke in training camp. And last week, the wife of Vikings offensive tackle Lewis Kelly died of pregnancy complications.

Womens group targets CBS in fight with Augusta

Now that The Masters has eliminated its television sponsors, the leader of a national women's group said Saturday she will urge CBS Sports to drop coverage of golf's most watched tournament until Augusta National has a female member.

Martha Burk, chairwoman of the National Council of Women's Organizations, said she will not give up the fight until The Masters fades away as a major championship or until the club admits a woman.

CBS spokeswoman Leslie Anne Wade declined comment except to say that "CBS will broadcast the Masters next year."

Augusta National chairman Hootie

Johnson said Friday he was dropping The Masters' three television sponsors — IBM, Coca-Cola and Citigroup — to shield them from any controversy over the club's all-male membership.

Marbury punished for DUI

Phoenix Suns guard Stephon Marbury was suspended for one game by the NBA and will serve 10 days in jail after pleading no contest in Phoenix Friday to extreme driving under the influence.

Marbury, who entered the plea in Scottsdale Municipal Court, also agreed to pay a \$1,000 fine and attend alcohol education classes. He was scheduled to start serving the sentence Saturday, according to court records.

"Rather than extend this process and try to avoid my obligations, I fully intend to serve the required penalty levied by the court," Marbury said in a statement released by the Suns.

U.S. OPEN

Williams overcomes rain, stalker to advance

Associated Press

NEW YORK

As usual, nothing fazed Serena Williams on court.

With a man who's tracked her around the globe for a year sitting in a jail cell less than 10 miles away, Williams waited out a long rain delay Sunday and then eased into the U.S. Open quarterfinals with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Daja Bedanova.

The only match completed in a short break from Sunday's downpours was the 18th straight Grand Slam match victory for the top-seeded Williams, who beat older sister Venus in the finals at Wimbledon and the French Open.

The same German man accused of following Williams at those two tournaments, and others in Germany and Italy, was arrested early Saturday at the National Tennis Center after police spotted him watching through a fence while she played.

Albrecht Stromeier, 34, will remain in custody at Rikers Island until a court appearance on Thursday unless he posts \$3,000 bail, corrections department spokesman Tom Antenen said Sunday. Stromeier admitted in a written statement to police that he had been following Williams around the world.

"The bail is so low, I think that encourages him to keep doing what he's doing," Williams' father, Richard, said. "It makes me wonder, 'Could he hurt Serena?'"

He also wondered whether his daughter is as worried as she should be.

"This guy could have got in and hurt Serena," Richard Williams said. "I don't think Serena takes it seriously enough."

She has been traveling with a bodyguard since May, and tournament officials have been given photos of Stromeier so police can spot him.

"The WTA could do a little bit more, but I don't know too much more that they can do because, you have to remember, tennis is not set up like baseball and football. The players go outside to practice and with those sports they can practice inside the stadium and travel underground, where tennis is not" like that, Richard Williams said. "But I hope that it will help the WTA to take a good look at it."

Williams snapped photographs from the stands while he watched his daughter play her fourth-round match against the 20th-seeded Bedanova. Rain delayed the start of play from 11 a.m. to a little after 5:30 p.m., and theirs was the only match that was completed by the time new showers suspended action at about 7 p.m. So people paying a minimum of \$48 per ticket got to see 42 minutes of action.

If just one match is completed in a session, according to the Open's policy, no credits for tickets to next year's tournament need to be given.

At 9:50 p.m., play was called off for the night, with matches involving Lindsay Davenport and Andy Roddick washed out completely. Among matches halted in progress: Four-time Open champion Pete Sampras was trailing 1997 finalist Greg Rusedski 5-4, on serve in the first set; No. 3 Tommy Haas won the first set 6-4 against No. 29

Thomas Enqvist; Gustavo Kuerten won the first set 6-1 against Nicolas Massu; and 11th-seeded Daniela Hantuchova led No. 8 Justine Henin 6-1, 1-2.

The last time an entire day at the Open was rained out was Sept. 4, 1988.

Williams won her first service game at love with the help of three straight aces and needed just 18 minutes to win the first set. She finished with eight aces.

"I've been really, really working on my serve," Williams said. "Once I serve well, my whole game goes up."

Bedanova, a quarterfinalist in the 2001 Open, made things easier for Williams by double faulting on break point in the first and fifth games of the match.

All told, the encounter took 42 minutes, and Williams nearly had a winner for each. She hit 35 winners total — including 16 forehands and eight backhands — and had just five unforced errors.

"Well, just my luck, I got out

here around 9, because I like to practice two hours before the match," she said. "I was thinking, 'Yes, 11, I could be done by 12, have the rest of the day.' Unfortunately, it didn't work out that way."

Williams didn't talk at all

about Stromeier after the match, with WTA Tour spokesman John Dolan preceding her news conference by saying: "Serena will not be addressing any questions related to the stalker incidents due to legal and security reasons."

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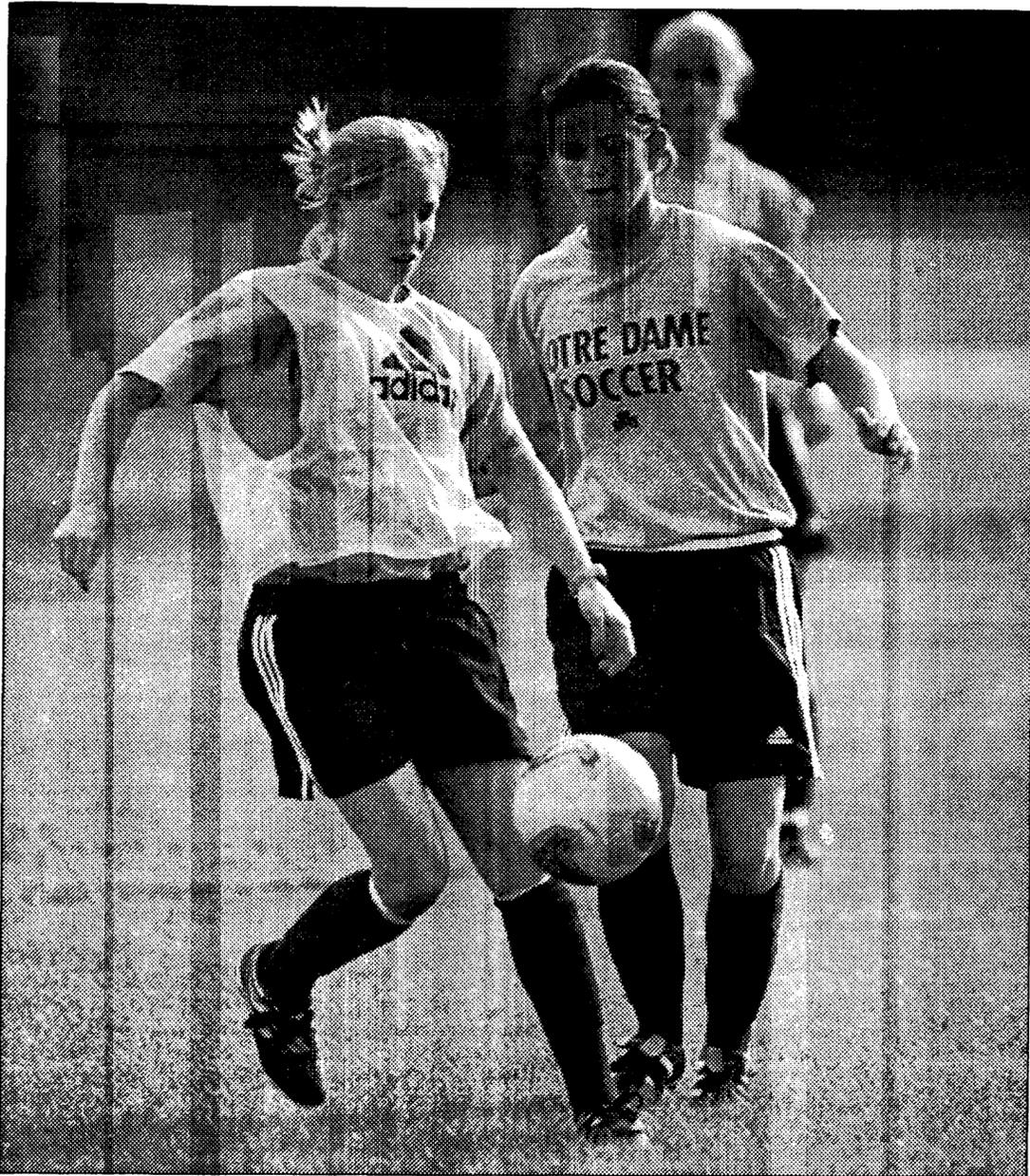
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Two Irish players go for the ball in drills during summer practice at Notre Dame. The Irish won their first two Big East games of the season against Providence 3-0 and Virginia Tech 5-0.

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collegiate goal of her career. Ford appeared to be sending a crossing pass into Boland, but the ball skipped past both Boland and the Hokies goalkeeper Dirda for the goal.

Boland promptly followed Ford's goal with her second goal of the weekend to extend the lead 3-0.

Scheller provided Notre Dame's fourth score of the game and her second of the season on a strong right-footed blast from five yards outside of the goalie box.

Just as she started the Irish scoring over the weekend with a goal against Providence, Warner finished the scoring with a goal at just over one minute remaining in the game.

"I think we've just taken a big step," Boland said. "Last year, we didn't always put the games away. This year we're getting a number of goals put in there. We're finishing a lot of opportunities."

While the Irish offense played an exciting brand of soccer all weekend, the young Irish defense was equally impressive. Sophomores Gudrun Gunnarsdottir and Kate Tulisiak coupled with freshmen Cat Sigler and Miranda Ford severely limited the offensive firepower of their two opponents.

On the few occasions where the Notre Dame defense suffered a breakdown, the Irish goal-keeping tandem of Lauren Kent and Erika Bohn stepped up to make some crucial saves. Bohn played the first 60 minutes of Friday's game with Kent replacing her in the second half. Each goalie played an equal amount of time over the weekend.

Waldrum has indicated he would like to settle with one goalkeeper, he will not name a starter until he feels more confident with one.

"I told them both before the game that [the goalkeeper] is up in the air," Waldrum said. "Whoever establishes their consistency will get the starting position. This is a big week in training for both of them."

Notre Dame will have no time to rest on the laurels of this weekend's victories. The Irish will host two of last year's Final Four teams in next weekend's Notre Dame Classic. Friday night the Irish host defending national champion Santa Clara, and Sunday the Irish return to action against Portland.

"Next weekend is huge for us because it's an opportunity for us to set a tone for the rest of the season," Boland said. "Coming out with these two Big East victories helped a lot. With a good week of practice, we will be ready for next weekend."

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Mary Boland
Irish midfielder

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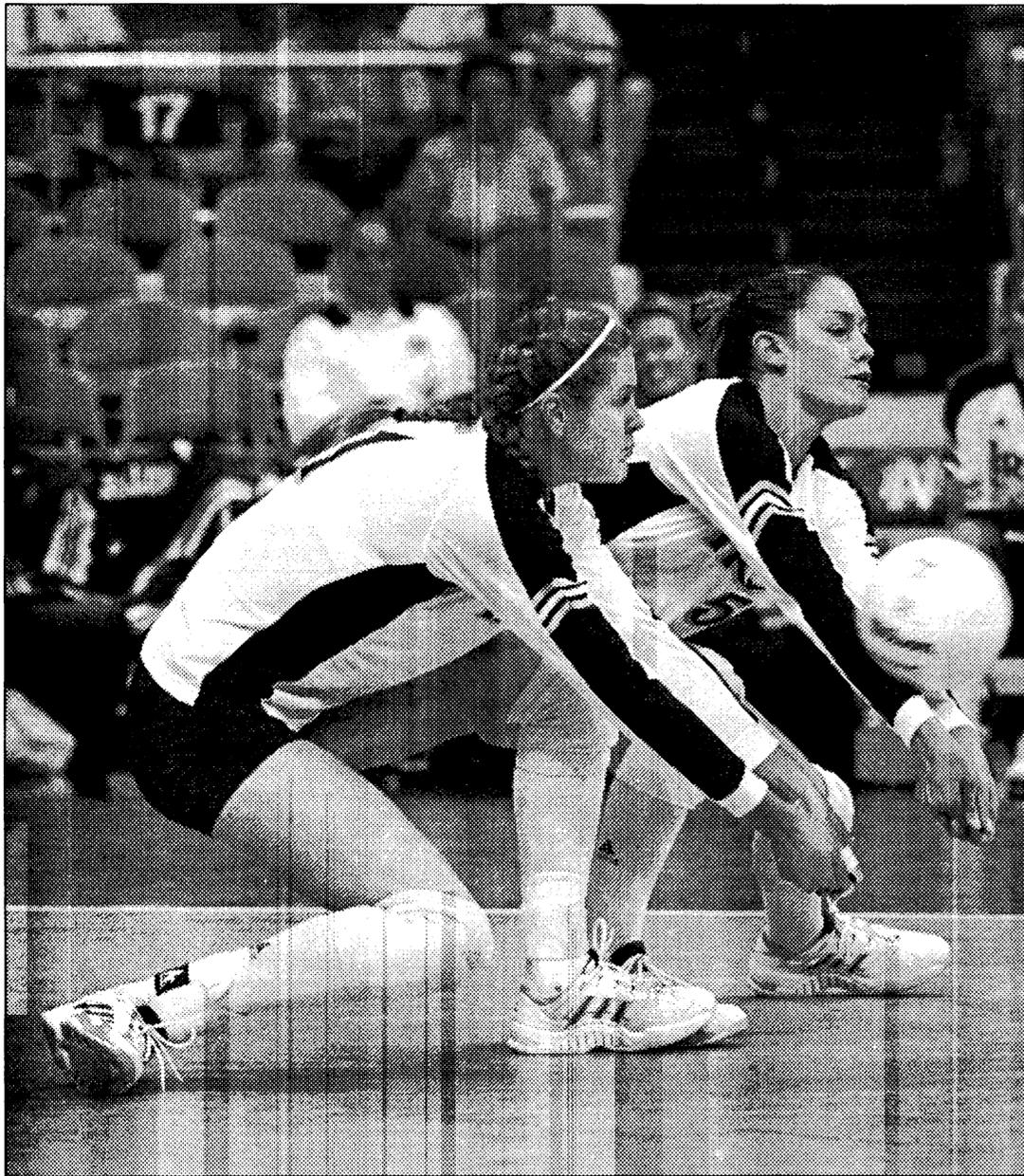
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Outside hitters Emily Loomis, left, and Jessica Kinder attempt to return a serve during the Shamrock Invitational this weekend. Notre Dame swept the tournament for the title.

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Shamrock

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Wisconsin-Milwaukee 30-26, 30-17 and 30-26. Kelbley had 12 kills while Brewster had 10.

Sophomore Emily Loomis, who was also named to the all-tournament team, collected a career-high nine blocks in the contest.

On Saturday, the Irish defeated the Cincinnati Bearcats 30-19, 30-24, and 30-23. Kelbley and Brewster combined for 20 kills. For the second straight match, the Irish posted 15 team blocks.

"I thought we played pretty well," Brown said. "It's

always tough when you come into the first weekend and don't know a lot about the opponents you are playing, but I think the team gelled pretty well together."

Junior tri-captain Kinder felt the same way.

"I think we came out and had chemistry right away, and that made it easy to play," Kinder said. "We got our jitters out in the beginning. We got better each game."

Three victories this weekend extended Notre Dame's home-court winning streak to 25 games. The school record is 27.

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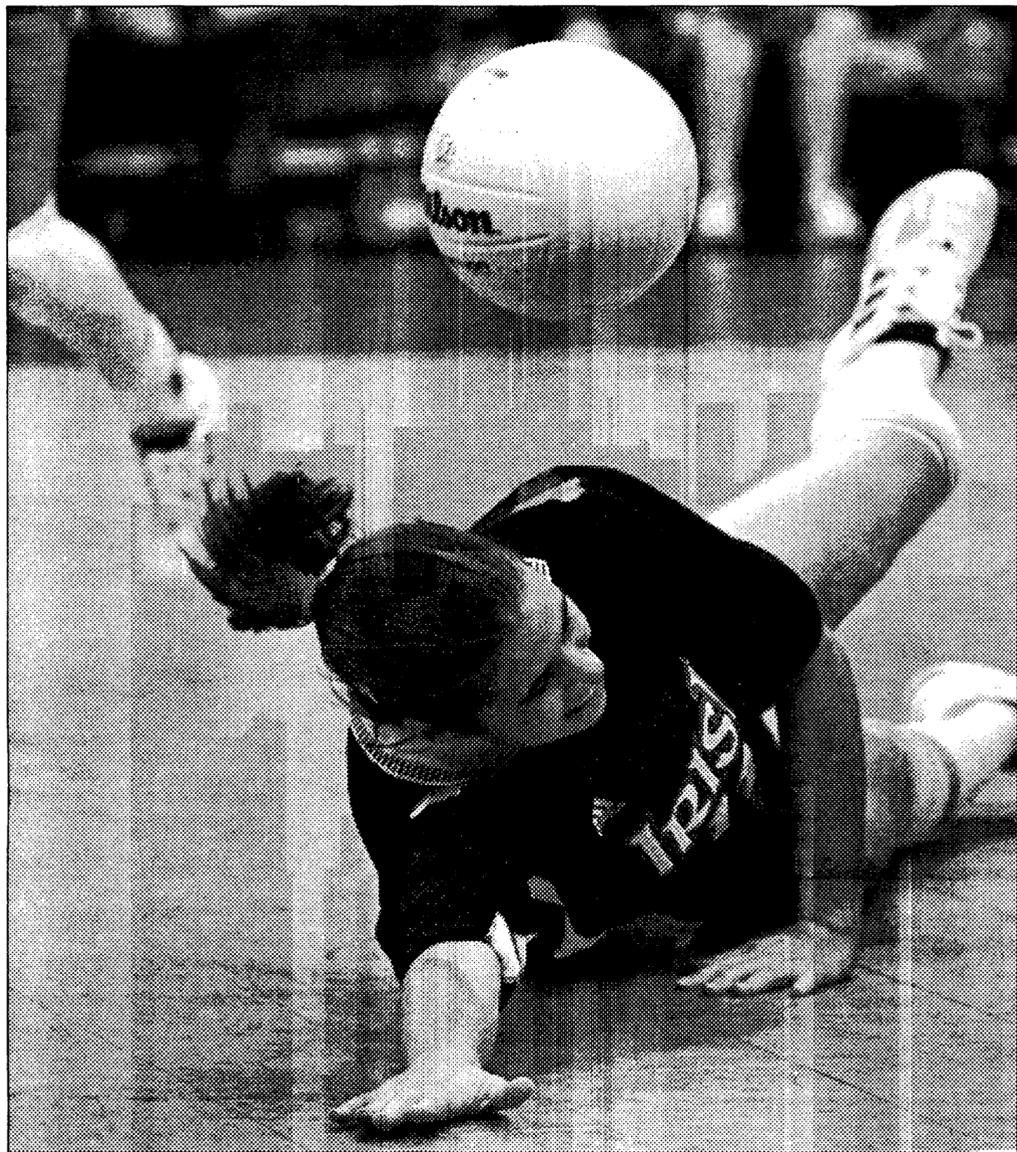
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VOLLEYBALL

Taking home the green



Senior Keara Coughlin, playing the newly created position of libero, makes a tough dig during Sunday's match against Cal-Poly. The Irish won the Shamrock Invitational over the weekend.

TIM KACMAR/The Observer

◆ Irish sweep Shamrock Invitational to begin season undefeated

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Lauren Brewster and Lauren Kelbley missed the memo that freshmen are supposed to be nervous and tentative in their first collegiate action.

Both first-year players played like seasoned veterans and were named to the All-Tournament team as the Irish swept the Shamrock Invitational this weekend at the Joyce Center.

"[The freshmen] did really well," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "Every match they were very poised, and they did a great job. Both Lauren Kelbley and Lauren Brewster were very strong at the net blocking for us. I couldn't have asked for anything more from the two of them."

In Sunday's championship match against Cal-Poly, the Irish had trouble breaking away from the Mustangs before finally pulling ahead 30-26, 30-28 and 30-23.

"I think they played a little bit better than they had against the other teams, and I think we

made a few mistakes that weren't characteristic," Brown said. "It was good for us that they pushed us a little bit, and we had to make some plays to stay in it for the whole time."

In Game 2, the Irish again had trouble finishing the Mustangs. After taking leads of 22-15 and 29-25, Notre Dame finally ended the match on a kill from Kelbley. She had eight kills on Sunday and 34 for the weekend.

Even though Cal-Poly had already lost once to Wisconsin-Milwaukee — a team Notre Dame had already beaten — the Irish knew Cal-Poly wanted to keep them away from the title.

"We knew [Cal-Poly] would come out here to beat us," tournament MVP Kristin Kinder said.

"They had an off-weekend up until they played us, and we knew they were coming out to get us. We were ready for that."

Cal-Poly showed more persistence overall in Game

3. Notre Dame took an 18-9 lead before Cal-Poly won seven straight points to pull within two of the lead. The Irish then went on to win five straight points and put the Mustangs away for good.

Junior Katie Neff and Kinder both set career highs in kills with 11 and seven, respectively.

In the season-opener and first game of the tournament, Notre Dame was victorious over

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Debbie Brown
Irish coach

WOMENS SOCCER

Irish kick off season with pair of shutouts

◆ Notre Dame beats Providence, Virginia Tech for 2-0 start in Big East Conference

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

Despite playing without three projected starting defenders, the Notre Dame womens soccer team recorded not one, but two

shutouts against Big East conference opponents over the weekend.

On Friday, the Irish opened the season with a 3-0 road victory against the Providence Friars. Two days later, the Irish returned home to Alumni Field and blanked the Virginia Tech Hokies 5-0.

After Sunday's victory, Irish coach Randy Waldrum was extremely proud of the way his young team opened the season.

"We're playing an awful lot of young players," Waldrum said.

"Even through mistakes, they have been really enthusiastic. The effort and attitude has been great. The team chemistry has been great. There are a lot of things outside the soccer aspect that's been a big plus this year that maybe we lacked a little bit last year."

With returning forwards Amanda Guertin and Amy Warner to lead the way, the Irish offense kept pressure on the Providence and Virginia Tech defenses.

After a scoreless first half

against the Friars, the Irish registered three goals in a span of seven minutes to take control of the game.

Warner's goal in the fifth minute of the second half ignited the Irish offense. Three minutes later, midfielder Randi Scheller registered her first goal of the season. Mary Boland then followed three minutes later with a score off an assist from Warner to put the cap on the Irish victory.

Versatility described the Irish offense Sunday as five different

players scored. Guertin got the scoring started with a brilliant left-footed shot that curled over the outstretched arms of Virginia Tech goalie Natasha Dirda in the 21st minute of the game. Although the Irish created numerous scoring opportunities for themselves in the first half, they held a tentative 1-0 lead at half time.

Freshman Miranda Ford quickly erased any chance of a Tech comeback with the first

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SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

FOOTBALL

Notre Dame 22 Maryland 0

In their first football game under coach Tyrone Willingham, the Irish rolled to victory over Maryland in the Kickoff Classic in East Rutherford, N.J. Cornerback Shane Walton had three interceptions, a feat last accomplished by Dave Duerson in 1982. Nicholas Setta was the Kickoff Classic MVP with five field goals. The Irish held Maryland to just 133 total yards of offense, while moving the ball 356 yards themselves.

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Willing the win

Despite the hype of coaching his first game at Notre Dame, Willingham focuses on winning as the Irish shut out the Terrapins

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. For Tyrone Willingham, Saturday's game came down to one thing — playing football.

In the midst of the hype surrounding his first game as Notre Dame's head coach, what to focus on was simple. In the face of a Maryland team coming off a fairy tale season and ranked No. 20 in the preseason coaches' poll, it was clear what was important. With the eyes of the nation upon him, it came down to one thing.

Playing football. "Gosh, it was a football game," Willingham said when asked how it felt to be coaching his first game as Notre Dame's head coach. "And I don't know how to describe it any other way."

And his team played football. Behind five field goals from Nicholas Setta and a sensational defensive performance, the Irish took the field in front of nearly 71,000 spectators and shut out the Terrapins 22-0.

Kickoff Classic XX.

"I was hoping we would play hard and well," said defensive coordinator Kent Baer. "Things just sort of fell into place."

The Irish defense brought its A-game Saturday, holding a Maryland team that averaged 440 offensive yards last season to 133 total yards and just 16 yards rushing. The inside linebackers, playing without a sick Courtney Watson, recorded 19 tackles while the Notre Dame pass coverage allowed only 12 completions.

"[The Notre Dame defense] did some things differently than we anticipated but nothing that really should have hurt us," Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen said. "It was not what they did it was how they did it. They won the one-on-one battles and there were a lot of one-on-one battles."

That first one-on-one victory came on the Terrapins' first possession. Notre Dame deferred after winning the coin

toss and allowed Maryland to rush for four yards and complete one pass for a first down before Shane Walton picked off Terps quarterback Scott McBrien. Walton added two more interceptions in the fourth quarter, the first time since 1982 an Irish player picked off three passes in a game.

"I look forward to Shane getting an interception every time they throw the ball," cornerback Vontez Duff said. "It's just as much our ball as it is their ball when they throw it up there."

In the first half, Maryland's longest drive covered 21 yards in eight plays. The first quarter series brought them as close as the Irish 40-yard line before Brooks Barnard had to punt — a whopping 7-yarder that landed out of bounds and set the Irish up for their first score of the 2002 season.

The first Irish scoring drive was indicative of the offense's performance throughout the rest of the game. Before even

beginning the first play of the drive, the Irish were set back to first and 20 after two false start penalties. In all, the Irish offense was charged with 11 penalties for 80 yards.

"For the most part, you have linemen making calls, but we really have to begin to get the calls in tact and break the huddle and those sorts of things for us to win as a ball club," said quarterback Carlyle Holiday. "We can't have those sorts of penalties."

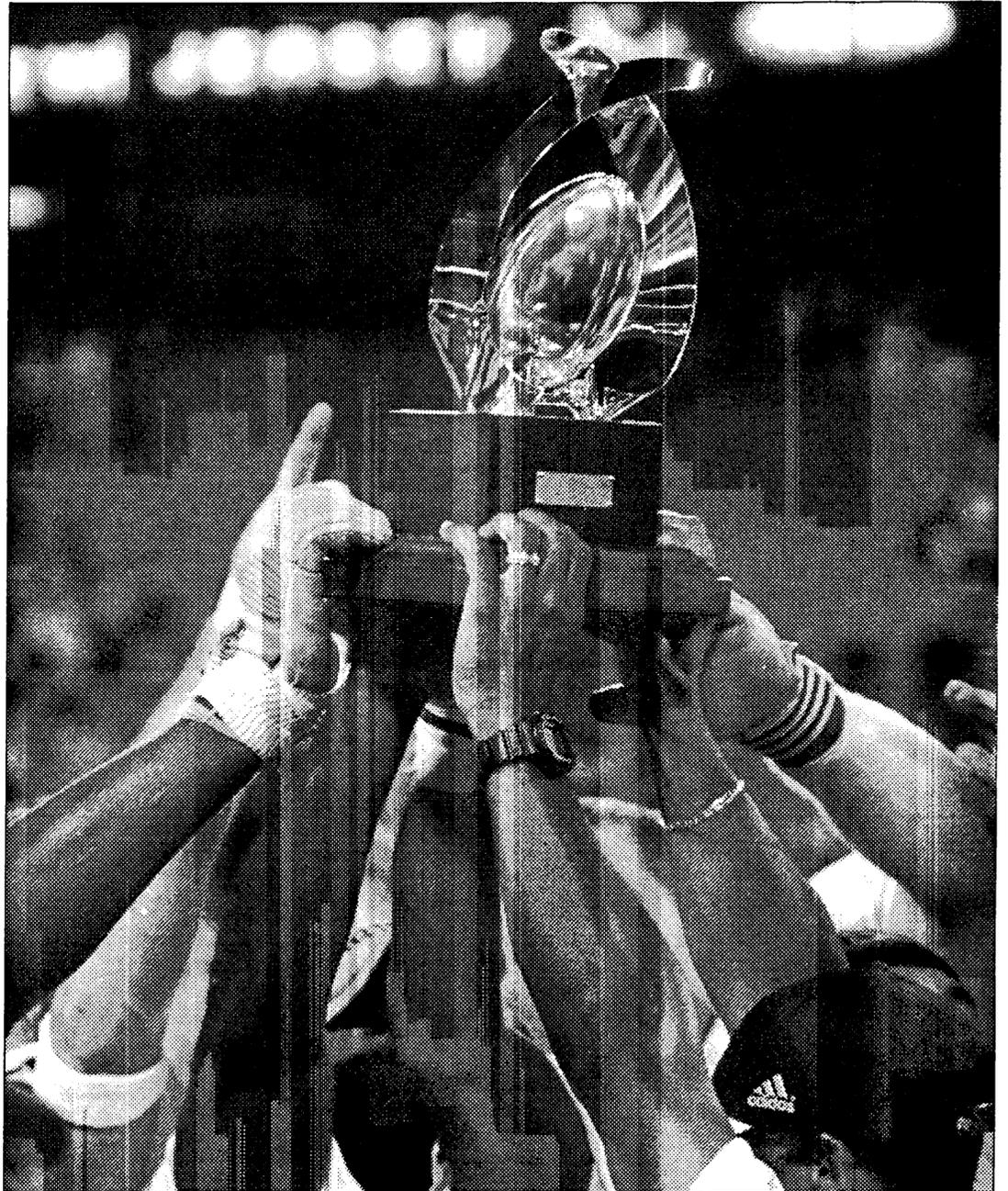
Despite the penalties, a nine-yard run by full back Tom Lopienski set Holiday up for a 29-yard completion to Arnaz Battle. Three plays later, the Irish found themselves facing fourth-and-6 at the Maryland 34. Setta, who missed a 56-yard kick earlier in the game, completed the 51-yard field goal and gave the Irish the 3-0 lead.

"I tried to just take each one," said Setta, who was named the Kickoff Classic MVP. "After that first one, it's a new one after the next one it's the same thing."

In the three quarters that followed, Setta kicked four more

"Gosh, it was a football game. And I don't know how to describe it any other way."

Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

The Irish lift up the Kickoff Classic trophy after they took home their first win under the leadership of Tyrone Willingham, defeating the Terrapins 22-0.

field goals for the Irish. Despite the fact that the Notre Dame offense was inside the Maryland 20 three times, it never found the end zone.

"We really can't have Nicholas out there that many times," Holiday said. "I mean, we have to score in the red zone, preach that breakfast lunch and dinner from now on."

The only Irish touchdown came from another special teams player. Less than five minutes into the second half,

Duff returned a punt 76 yards to punt the Irish up 16-0 and the game out of reach.

"I told Coach [at half], 'Man, they're not punting the ball to me but if they punt it to me I'm going to get us one, all I need is one,'" Duff said. "Thank God that I had the opportunity to get that one and I ran with it."

In the final minutes of the game, the Terps looked to be putting together a solid offensive drive, driving from their own 10-yard line to the Irish 45. But with just five minutes

left in the game, Walton preserved the shutout when he intercepted McBrien for the second time. Then the Irish were done playing football.

"[The win] was real special," Holiday said. "I'm sure there was a lot of pressure on coach, you know to win this game and for him to be able to come out and lead us to victory is a big thing."

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player of the game

Shane Walton

The senior cornerback had three interceptions, a major tackle on fourth down and made a key block that opened the way for Duff's punt return.

stat of the game

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number of field goals completed by Nicholas Setta. The Kickoff Classic MVP finished with 16 points.

play of the game

Vontez Duff's 76-yard punt return 10:28 remaining in the third quarter
Duff's 76-yard TD was the only touchdown scored in the entire game. It was a combination of good blocking and phenomenal running.

quote of the game

"Night. Day"

Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

when asked about the difference between last year's offense and this year's offense

report card

- A-** **quarterbacks:** Despite some ineffectiveness in the red zone and offensive penalties, Holiday adjusted well to the new offense and threw for 226 yards.
- B-** **running backs:** Although Grant netted 66 yards and Powers-Neal totaled 33, the running backs had a slow start in the first half and had trouble gaining more than a few yards.
- A-** **receivers:** Eight receivers made catches. Jenkins and Battle added solid yards after the catches.
- B** **offensive line:** The offensive line provided some protection, but allowed the Terps to sack Holiday four times.
- A** **defensive line:** The defense allowed only 16 yards rushing for the entire game. Maryland's net rushing yards for the second half — negative 10 yards.
- A** **linebackers:** The linebackers had never played a down and didn't show it for a minute. Hoyte and Goolsby both had eight tackles, while Curry added four.
- A** **defensive backs:** Walton's three interceptions is all that really needs to be said here. But, what's more, the secondary limited Maryland to a 37.5 completion percentage.
- A** **special teams:** Without special teams, the game would have been scoreless. Setta's first missed field goal can be forgiven — it was 56 yards — and he made five field goals, including a 51-yard career-long kick. Duff's return put the game away.
- B** **coaching:** Despite adapting his team to his new offensive scheme, Willingham's team earned 11 penalties, suggesting a lack of preparation for game time.
- 3.55** **overall:** Not a bad start for a new coach and his team. The Irish will be looking to improve.

adding up
the numbers

- yards Setta kicked his first field goal of the night, a career long **51**
- 1982 last time an Irish defensive back had three interceptions — Dave Duerson against Navy
- Holiday's passing yards in the first quarter, more than the last two games of last season combined **88**
- 7 yards Maryland's Barnard kicked his first punt
- amount of time Notre Dame possessed the ball more than Maryland **22:08**
- 8 number of Notre Dame receivers who caught passes during Saturday's game
- pounds Friedgen lost before this game — two concerned boosters are donating \$500 for every pound he loses **50**
- 10:57 time left in the game when the Maryland mascot walked off the field. It did not return.

Holiday passes to next level

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Carlyle Holiday knew he made a mistake as soon as he let go of the ball.

As a Maryland defender wrapped his arms around Notre Dame's quarterback midway through the fourth quarter, Holiday flung a submarine pitch, weakly floating the ball a few feet short of the line of scrimmage.



Andrew Soukup

Irish
Insight

The Irish got a ten-yard penalty for intentional grounding. Holiday got a tongue-lashing for unintentional brain freeze.

He didn't have to wait for his next jaunt to the Irish sideline to know he'd used his reflexes and not his head. Tyrone Willingham left his spot on the 50-yard line to personally tell Holiday he screwed up. Offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick got on the phone after the drive ended to chew Holiday out.

"I've never been yelled at so much in my entire life," Holiday said. "Things like that just happen, but I can't let it happen again. That's a kindergarten mistake right there."

In that instant, Holiday became the playground quarterback who relied on reaction and not reason. The rest of the game, he played with such precision few could tell it was his first game directing a pro-style attack. Brimming with confidence, the gunslinger delivered bullets with an uncanny accuracy he rarely showed last season.

Last year, Holiday threw more than 17 passes twice. Saturday, he completed 17 passes. Eight different receivers caught passes. And in the first 15 minutes of Notre Dame's 22-0 win against Maryland Saturday, Holiday passed for more yards than he did the final two games of last season.

In Notre Dame's 22-0 victory over Maryland, Holiday and the Irish proved everything. They also proved nothing.

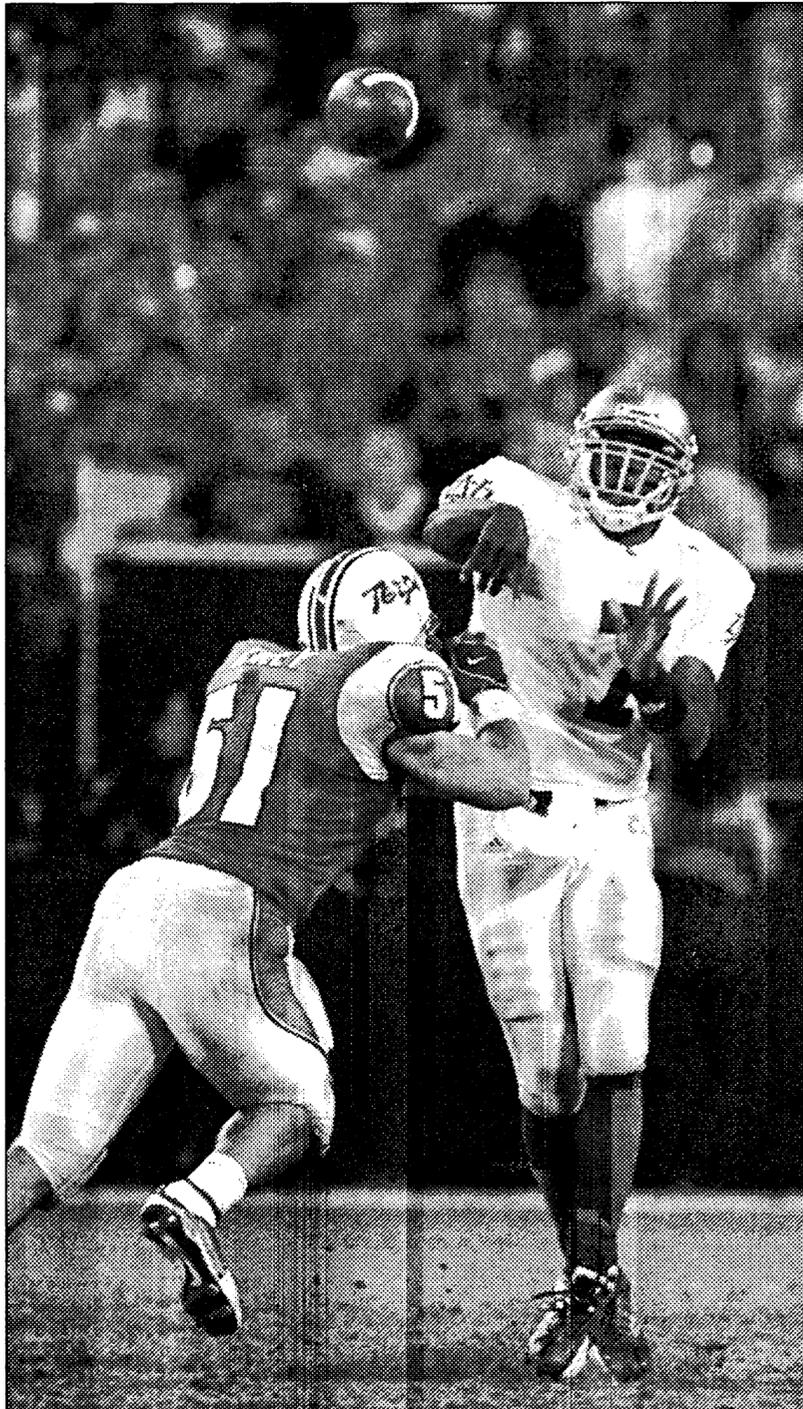
Holiday directed an offense that managed to move the ball effectively — except in the red zone. He showed he could cycle through receivers and complete tough passes — against a bad secondary. He showed he could set up a scoring drive — as long as said scoring drives ended in Nicholas Setta field goals.

A kicker and a defensive back scored more points than the entire Irish offense.

Notre Dame beat a poorly prepared football team with a bad defense and an even worse offense, and the margin of victory should have been much greater. For all its progress, Notre Dame's offense stopped itself from scoring touchdowns.

False starts, delay of game penalties, a porous offensive line, a sub-par running game — all things coaches will be harping on come team meetings this week.

Still, Holiday's assertiveness



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Carlyle Holiday throws a pass against Maryland on Saturday. The junior quarterback completed 17 of 27 passes, passing for a career-high 226 yards. He also quieted many doubters who questioned his ability to play effectively in a pro-style offense.

under center eased the concerns of worried fans who questioned his passing ability.

Holiday said he wasn't out to prove anything against Maryland. Bill Clinton said he never had sexual relations with that woman. Both were blatant lies.

Though he didn't say it, Holiday wanted desperately to erase the terrific display of inadequacy he exhibited for Willingham the last time the two stood on a field together. The memory of 1-for-16 against Stanford still lingered in Holiday's mind, the lowest point in a low season.

Saturday, Holiday flashed signs that he is a changed quarterback running a changed offense. With the poise of a veteran in a Steve Spurrier offense, Holiday tucked himself away in the pocket and stayed there.

He rarely moved around, he rarely scrambled. And when he did, he ran for big yards, exhibiting the athletic ability that made him Notre Dame's first and only

option on offense last year.

Nowhere was the change in offensive philosophy more evident than Notre Dame's first offensive play from scrimmage, when Holiday three-step-dropped and fired a screen to Omar Jenkins. The play only gained seven yards, but at least Julius Jones wasn't stuffed going up in the middle.

Even Willingham, when asked to describe the differences in offenses, laughed before curtly responding, "Night. Day."

If the Irish hope to return to greatness, Holiday took the first step Saturday. He realized quarterbacks win games with noggins, not limbs.

After the game, Holiday laughed about his boneheaded underhand pass. It was a moment of happiness in a whirlwind of questions hurled at him by armchair quarterbacks.

As Holiday answered question after question, one of his teammates walked by and muttered, "Look at Carlyle, backed against the wall."

Finally, he took his first step away from it.

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Walton turns in MVP performance

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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It isn't often that a player grabs three interceptions in a football game and fails to earn MVP honors for his performance. But that's what happened to Irish cornerback Shane Walton Saturday night in the Kickoff Classic against Maryland.

The fifth-year senior and Irish co-captain for the game grabbed two interceptions from starting quarterback Scott O'Brien and one from replacement Chris Kelley, becoming the first Notre Dame to have three interceptions in a game.

But the effort wasn't enough to grab MVP honors. Those went to Irish kicker Nicholas Setta who made five field goals — including kicks from 46 and 51 yards — and scored 16 of Notre Dame's 22 points.

"As fine a job as Nicholas Setta did, it's hard to believe that a guy with three interceptions isn't at least a co-MVP," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "[Walton] played a fantastic ball game. He was one of our captains, and he provided us not only with the leadership but also the excellent play that we expect from a guy in that role."

Walton led an Irish secondary — and an Irish defense — that held the Maryland offense to just 133 total yards in the shutout. Last season, the Terrapins put up 35.5 points a game and averaged 390 yards of offense.

"Any time you get a shutout on such a balanced team coming out of last year — if you remember they were one of the top team's in the country in terms of offensive production and balance — to hold them to a shutout is almost unbelievable," Willingham said.

Walton sent a message to the Terrapins early in the game — on their first possession, in fact.

On the third play of the game, Walton reached up and snared a Scott McBrien pass over the middle. The Irish were unable to convert the turnover into points, but the pick made the Maryland quarterbacks aware that they weren't going to be able to throw at will.

The confident and sometimes cocky cornerbacks Walton and Vontez Duff terrorized the Maryland signal callers for the rest of the night.

"When [Walton's] on the other side I have confidence because I know he's going to make a play — he's a playmaker," Duff said. "Shane and I always strive to be great. We worked all summer, and we're working together to be the great corners."

The injury of Bruce Perry, Maryland's leading rusher and receiver from last season, took some pressure off the Irish defense. In effect, it took away the Terrapin rushing game and forced the



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Senior cornerback Shane Walton gets up to celebrate after intercepting Maryland's Scott McBrien. Walton had three interceptions against the Terps.

inexperienced quarterbacks McBrien and Kelley to the air, where Irish defensive backs were waiting for them.

"We pride ourselves on stopping the run and the pass," Walton said. "When we stop the run like we did tonight, they've got to throw the ball. That's what we love as defensive backs, because we get picks on that."

In addition to the three interceptions, Walton had a drive-stopping tackle in the third quarter with Notre Dame up 16-0 and Maryland deep into Irish territory. On fourth-and-4 at the Notre Dame 26, McBrien ran the option down the line to Walton's side and pitched to Mario Merrills as Walton dropped him for a three-yard loss.

Just before that, Walton had a key block to spring Duff's 76-yard punt return for touchdown.

"Yeah, that was me [on the block]," Walton said with a smile. "Vontez [Duff] is my boy, and I've got to protect my boy. But there were 10 other blocks that were just as good. It was just one of 10 blocks."

The play of the defense also made life easier for young quarterback Carlyle Holiday and the rest of the Irish offense, playing its first game with Willingham's new scheme.

"The way the defense played, it got the confidence up for the entire team," Holiday said. "The secondary did a heck of a job today, and our front held their ground. Whenever you can do that, you feel like you can be more aggressive and make a few more plays."

Ironically, heading into Saturday night's game, most of the focus had been on the Irish offense and its ability to convert to Willingham's new style of play. But the defensive players don't mind that role out of the spotlight, and they especially don't mind shocking opposing offenses.

"I want people to focus on the offense," Walton said. "We can be the silent assassins on the defense."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	3	6	10	3	22
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0

First quarter

Notre Dame 3, Maryland 0
Nicholas Setta 51-yard FG with 5:01 remaining
Drive: 8 plays, 32 yards, 3:15 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 6, Maryland 0
Setta 32-yard FG with 13:27 remaining
Drive: 12 plays, 61 yards, 5:45 elapsed
Notre Dame 9, Maryland 0
Setta 18-yard FG with 0:26 remaining
Drive: 11 plays, 61 yards, 7:07 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 16, Maryland 0
Vontez Duff 76-yard punt return (Setta kick) 10:28 remaining
Notre Dame 19, Maryland 0
Setta 46-yard FG with 3:52 remaining
Drive: 9 plays, 42 yards, 5:01 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 22, Maryland 0
Setta 24-yard FG with 14:50 remaining
Drive: 7 plays, 44 yards, 2:41 elapsed

statistics

total yards

NOTRE DAME	356
MARYLAND	133

rushing yards

NOTRE DAME	130
MARYLAND	16

passing yards

NOTRE DAME	226
MARYLAND	117

return yards

NOTRE DAME	126
MARYLAND	111

time of possession

NOTRE DAME	41:04
MARYLAND	18:56



45-130	rushes-yards	21-16
27-10-0	comp-att-int	32-12-3
4-36.8	punts-yards	7-37.6
1-0	fumbles-lost	0-0
11-80	penalties-yards	2-20
15	first downs	8

passing

Holiday	17-27-0	McBrien	9-23-2
		Kelley	3-9-1

rushing

Grant	23-66	Crawford	10-16
Powers-Neal	8-33	Merrills	4-6
Holiday	8-15	McBrien	4-3
Lopienski	3-8	Killian	1-2
Wilson	2-4	Kelley	2-(-11)
O'Neill	1-4		

receiving

Holiday	5-87	Williams	5-68
Lopienski	4-68	Dugan	2-15
Wilson	2-17	Parson	2-11
O'Neill	2-9	Crawford	2-10
Jenkins	1-9	Suter	1-13
Battle	1-16		
Campbell	1-7		
McKnight	1-5		

tackling

Clark	8	Jackson	14
Stovall	8	Henderson	11
Godsey	8	Cochran	11

Young starters make serious stops

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Courtney Watson did not start on Saturday. Doctor's orders kept the most experienced linebacker out of the game with an upset stomach.

Mike Goolsby, however, did start on Saturday. He and the other two starting linebackers had never played a down on defense. But you wouldn't have known by looking at them.

Brandon Hoyte — who replaced Watson — and Goolsby each had eight tackles. Derrick Curry had four.

"I thought Goolsby and Hoyte and Curry did an excellent job," coach Tyrone Willingham said. "They stepped up and made plays just as we would expect them to. We tell our football team that it doesn't matter, we believe it is an opportunity when

a guy goes down"

The three linebackers were part of an offense that held Maryland to 16 total rushing yards. The Terrapins had 26 going into the second half. That means they netted minus-10 yards in the final 30 minutes of the game.

"It was a blast out there, that was the most fun I've ever had playing ball," Goolsby said. "After the first quarter, getting accustomed to things, I just went out there being my normal self. I had a blast out there."

Penalties show Irish green

Notre Dame did leave some evidence that they were still an inexperienced team. The Irish had 11 penalties that cost them 80 yards in the course of the game. Nine of those were offensive. Notre Dame was charged with a

false start five times, delay of game twice, intentional grounding and holding.

"I need to look at the video to see how much of it was sloppy play," said offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick. "I think it they just came at very inopportune times."

Five penalties were in Maryland territory.

Not Jones up the middle

For the first time in years, Notre Dame came out throwing. Carlyle Holiday opened the Irish's first series with a 7-yard pass completion to Omar Jenkins — a change from last year, when first-and-10 meant the Irish often ran.

"[The play was] very refreshing," said wide receiver Arnaz Battle, who finished the game with four receptions for 68 yards. "I thought it was coming to me. Carlyle

decided to go the other side."

Game time leadership

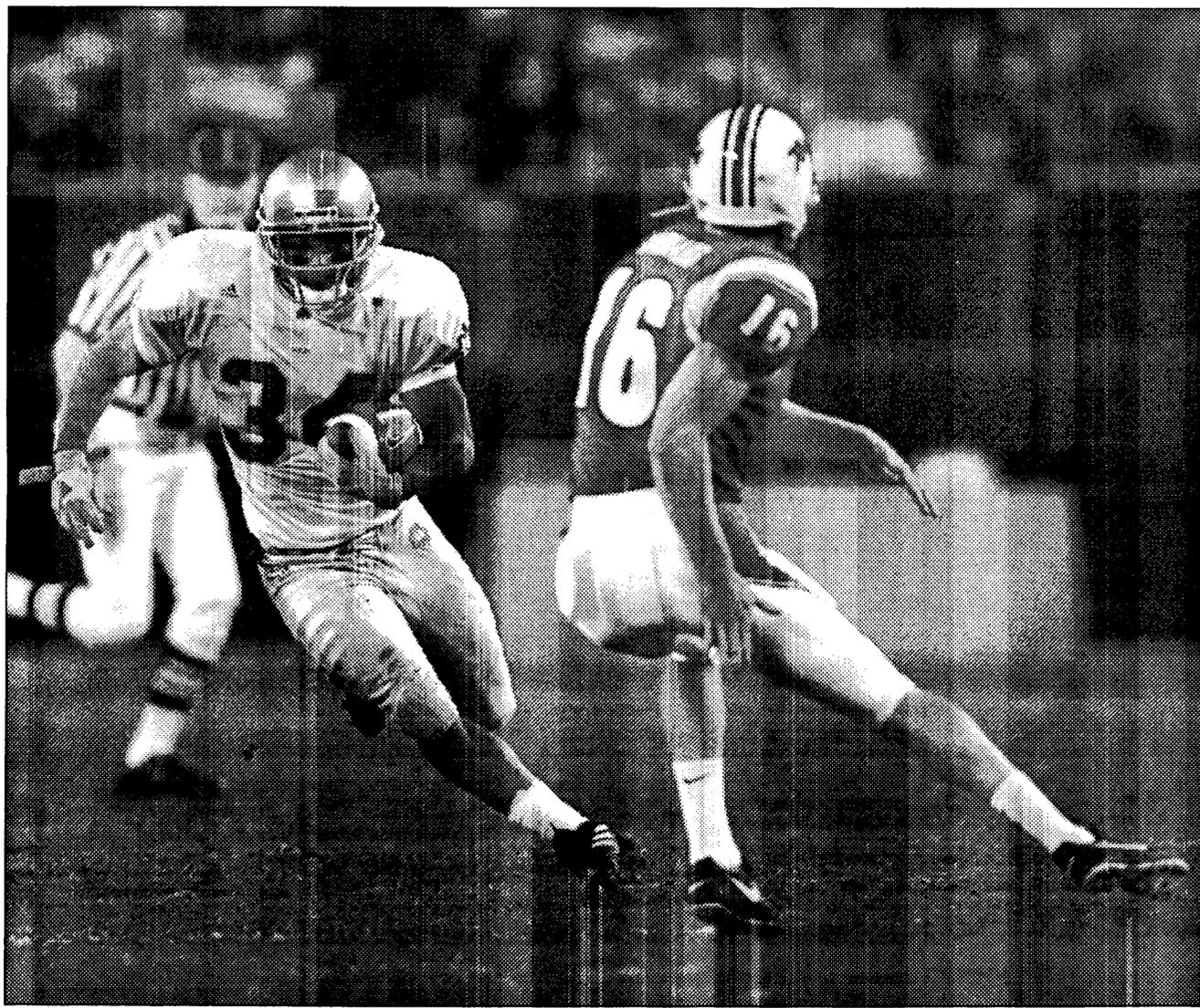
For the second time in 114 years of football history, the Irish are naming game day captains. The last time the Irish did so was in 1946 under Frank Leahy.

Saturday's game day captains were center Jeff Faine, Battle, cornerback Shane Walton and defensive end Ryan Roberts.

Big time security

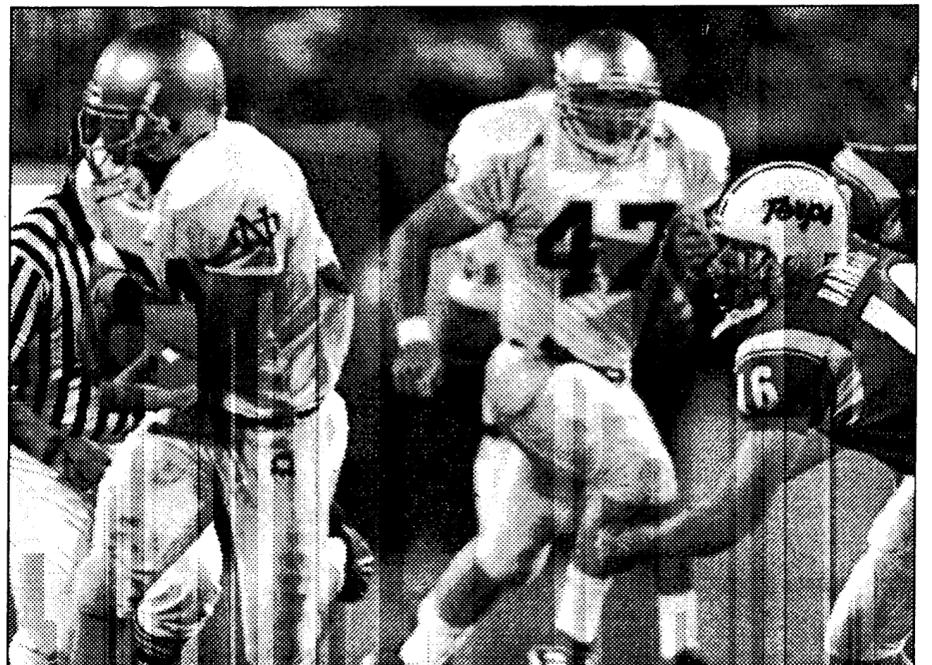
National Security Advisor Condolezza Rice was present at the Kickoff Classic. Willingham said that as a close friend, she came to watch and support him.

"Dr. Condolezza Rice is a dear friend," Willingham said. "And it was awful nice in the ballgame to see her here."



SPECIAL TEAMS SPECIALTY

Ultimately the Irish offense couldn't quite get it done. They couldn't cross the goal line. But when it came to special teams, they had the Terrapins' number. With 10:28 left in the third quarter, Vontez Duff fielded a punt at Notre Dame's 24-yard line and sliced through the coverage, covering 76 yards and becoming the only Irish player to score a touchdown.



Vontez Duff fields the ball behind teammate Dwight Ellick (No. 37). He broke past Maryland's punt team, finally breaking away from punter Brooks Barnard (No. 16) as he ran 76 yards for the only touchdown of the game.

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