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Ristau resigns position

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's News Editor

Karen Ristau, Saint Mary's vice president and dean of faculty, has announced that she will be leaving her position at the College in two weeks.

Ristau said Wednesday at the Faculty Assembly meeting that her last day will be Oct. 18.

Her colleagues said they weren't sure why she was leaving.

"I don't know how long Karen was thinking of resigning," Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred said. "We will appoint an interim dean from the faculty for the remainder of this year."

Ristau did not return Observer phone calls.

Once an interim dean of faculty has been named, Eldred will begin the search for a permanent replacement.

"A search committee will be formed after fall break to begin the search process of finding a new dean for the College," she said.

Ristau took over the position of vice president and dean of faculty in August 1999, replacing Dorothy Feigl who retired in May of 1999.

Ristau formerly served as vice president for academic affairs at Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn., and as a faculty member at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Business in St. Paul, Minn., before coming to Saint Mary's.

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College starts new program

◆ Holy Cross develops four year baccalaureate program

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

The new Hardesty Plaza dedicated last Friday at the entrance to Holy Cross is symbolic of a new transformation occurring at the College — the creation of a four-year baccalaureate program to be added in the fall 2003.

The initiative, begun last fall by the College, will allow students with an associate's degree to receive a Holy Cross bachelor of arts degree with a broad emphasis in the liberal arts, according to William Mangan, vice president for academic affairs at Holy Cross.

Since the decision last fall to develop a four-year program, administrators, faculty and students have been outlining the program's details and meeting with the required accreditation committees to develop the new program, said Mangan. Over the summer, faculty worked to develop the baccalaureate courses, and the College finalized an agreement with the Brothers of the Holy Cross in Ghana to host students for the program's mandatory international experience.

On Sept. 9 and 10, a committee from the Higher Learning Commission visited Holy Cross to talk with administrators and review the College's accreditation proposal for the program.

"The team has informed the

College that [it] will recommend to the commission that the College receive accreditation approval for the new baccalaureate program," Mangan said.

The commission at its Oct. 28 and 29 meeting will consider the team's report and decide whether to grant approval to the new program.

On Friday, the College's Board of Trustees voted for a resolution to formally accept candidates for admission to the new program. According to Mangan, screening of the first applicants will begin in February 2003 and admitted students will be notified in April of their acceptance to the program.

After the accreditation process is complete, Holy Cross will continue to search for additional internship and leadership opportunities for the program's participants, said Mangan.

"The process is ... a never-ending one," he said, "so we will continue to make connections with leaders in the private and public sectors who recognize the value of a Holy Cross College education."

Wide-ranging benefits

According to Mangan, Holy Cross choose to create a four-year program for a variety of reasons. "First and foremost was the recognition that the proposed degree fits the mission of the College as a Holy Cross institution that educates students within the liberal arts," said Mangan.

Along with this, the new program will add mature, upperclass students to the campus and help stabilize



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Holy Cross Vice President for Academic Affairs Bill Mangan, (left), and Dr. Justin Watson, who is Program director for the Baccalaureate Program, stand in front of Hardesty Plaza.

enrollment with a base of baccalaureate students, Mangan said. Finally, students' desire to stay at Holy Cross for four years was a factor in creating the new program.

Justin Watson, director of the baccalaureate, stressed the important role upperclassmen in the new program would have

on campus.

"These older students will enrich both our campus life and our academic curriculum," he said.

While faculty and administrators were designing the baccalaureate degree, Watson

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SOUTH QUAD CEMETERY



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

The Notre Dame Right to Life Club set up a "cemetery of innocents" on Friday to demonstrate the number of abortions carried out in the United States each year.

SMC kicks off breast cancer awareness week

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
News Writer

Friday's Lee National Denim Day at Saint Mary's kicked off the College's participation in events scheduled throughout the month to celebrate breast cancer awareness.

The fund raiser invited companies and organizations to participate by allowing their employees to wear denim in exchange for a \$5 donation to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Within the past six years, National Denim Day has raised more than \$30 million to contribute to the foundation. This year's national goal was to

raise more than \$7 million.

This was Saint Mary's first-year participating in the denim fund raiser. Students and faculty have been donating money to support the breast cancer cause since the end of last month to.

"I have been so excited about students' response to this event," said Melissa Peters, LeMans Hall director and event coordinator. "The fact that they are willing to donate \$5 so they can wear jeans just proves that they know how important it is to find a cure for breast cancer."

Peters was diagnosed with

"Going through breast cancer treatment at such a young age has made me realize that life is short."

**Melissa Peters
LeMans Hall director**

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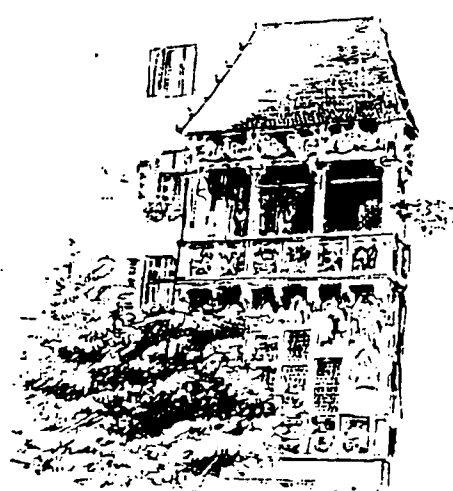
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CHAT TIME



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

Coach Tyrone Willingham, Regis Philbin and Chuck Lennon, president of the Alumni Association, enjoy Friday's pep rally.

Shakespearean films create understanding

By SOFIA BALLON and
MARIA SMITH
News Writers

Shakespeare film adaptations help viewers to connect with classic literature in a new way, said Peter Holland, the McMeel professor of Shakespeare studies at Notre Dame.

“Shakespeare on Film,” held Saturday, was the third lecture in the Saturday Scholar Series, which features talks on various topics held the morning before all home football games.

Before talking about modern Shakespeare films, Holland described the success of the earliest silent film adaptations of Shakespeare plays.

“Over 400 silent films of Shakespeare were made,” said Holland. “The audiences knew the stories.”

While Holland praised many of these early efforts, he said many modern Shakespearean films also show excellent understanding of the meaning of the plays, the difficulty of the language and the nature of the audiences.

One example of modern Shakespearean film Holland dis-

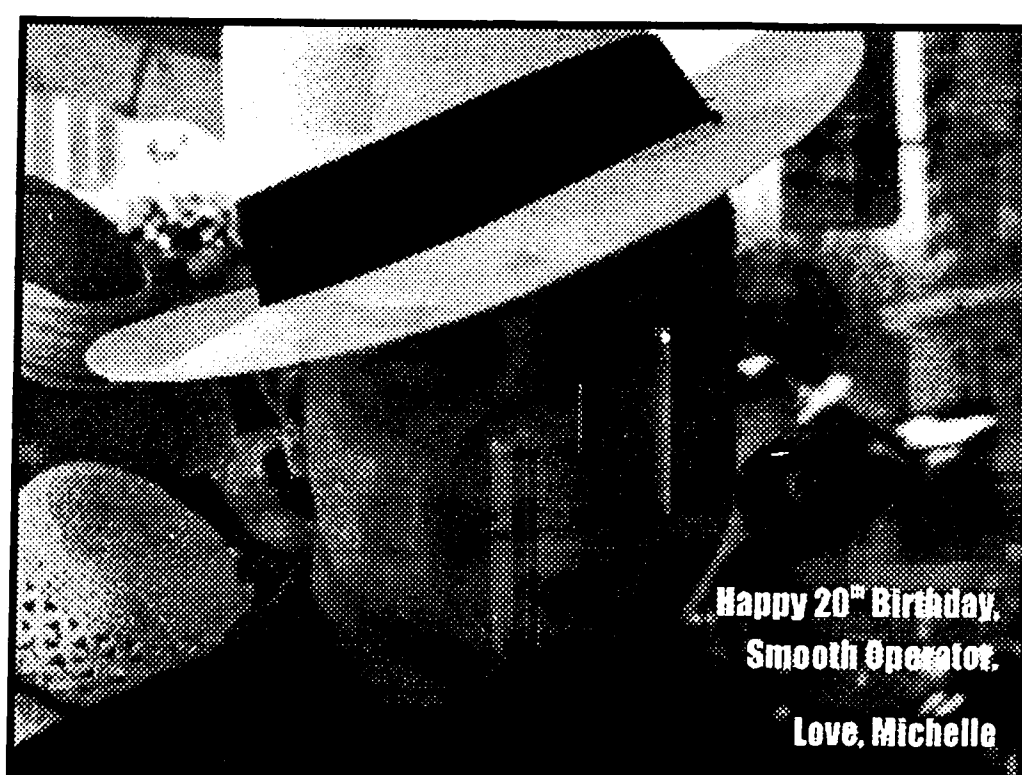
cussed was director Baz Luhrmann's 1996 “Romeo and Juliet,” which starred Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes. Holland praised Luhrmann's use of modern imagery and advanced film techniques in camera angles and film editing.

“You have to find new audiences that did not know they wanted to see Shakespeare,” said Holland.

Holland also discussed the 1993 film version of “Much Ado About Nothing,” which he credits with helping to initiate a return to the earlier high quality of silent Shakespeare films.

One problem Holland addressed was the antipathy among many viewers toward the idea of adapting Shakespeare to film. “Many people have suggested that when Shakespeare meets Hollywood, the film has sold its soul to the devil,” said Holland. He addressed this idea specifically in regards to films such as “Ten Things I Hate About You,” which is modeled after Shakespeare's play “The Taming of the Shrew.”

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Program

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served as chair of the Faculty Forum and helped to lead the initiative for a four-year program.

Increased ties with Holy Cross alumni will also be a key benefit of the new program, said Michael Mancini, director of development at the College.

"Our alumni usually have a split allegiance between Holy Cross and the four-year institution where they received their degree," said Mancini. "The baccalaureate program will strengthen those ties with Holy Cross."

Mancini said that alumni in general have been very supportive of the new program. "They have enthusiastically endorsed [it]," he said. Some alumni wished the program had been in place while they were attending the College and were also impressed with the practicality of the proposed program.

Students themselves are also very excited about the new changes that the baccalaureate program will bring to the Holy Cross campus.

"This is definitely a step in the right direction and where Holy Cross needs to go," said sophomore Casey St. Aubin, president of the Student Advisory Council, Holy Cross' student government association.

Sophomore Jennifer Nelson, who intends to apply for the new program this spring and has been closely tracking its development, said it would combine excellent academics with increased leadership on campus.

"[The classes] are just so interesting," Nelson said Holy Cross sophomore Jennifer Nelson. "It's so creative but practical [and] it's going to change the dynamics of student life."

Unique experiences

The new program will offer several distinct features to incoming students. First, all students will follow the same program of core liberal arts courses

with some options for electives.

"The bulk of their upper division work will be a core group of multidisciplinary courses and experiences," said Mangan. "The program will build on the College's tradition of excellence in liberal education by providing a strong liberal arts experience in a cohort model for students."

In addition to shared courses, students will be required to complete a study abroad experience in an area where the Congregation or Brothers of the Holy Cross have a ministry, Mangan said. Program participants must also complete an internship the career field that they intend to pursue. Students interested in graduate school must work with a career mentor

to plan their post-graduate studies.

Administrators hope that all these experiences will give Holy Cross graduates the broad-based skills they will need to continue their education or enter the workforce.

To be admitted to the new program, applicants must complete a separate procedure from the two-year program and have earned an associate of arts degree, Mangan said.

"In addition, students must submit references from faculty and staff and participate in an interview," he said.

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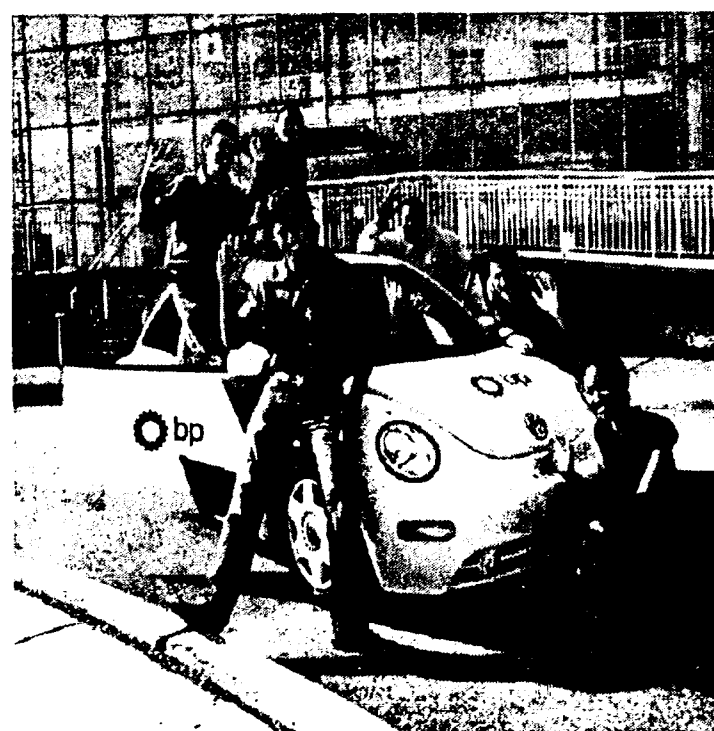
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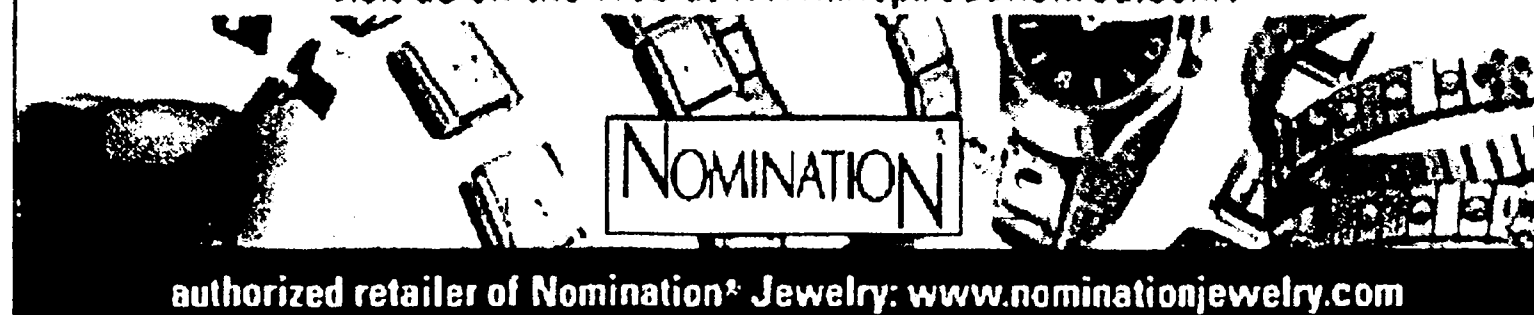


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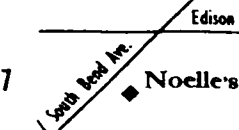
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Congress to approve war resolution against Iraq

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Congressional leaders said Sunday a resolution authorizing war against Iraq, expected to pass with little dissent, will strengthen the U.S. hand at the United Nations and increase pressure on Saddam Hussein to disarm.

President Bush, after a week-end in Maine, returned to the White House and prepared to address the nation Monday night from Cincinnati. He was making the case against the Iraqi president on the one-year anniversary of the start of bombing in Afghanistan.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, who has counseled caution in unilateral moves against Saddam, said he will vote for the resolution but only after trying to make it more to his liking.

A leading moderate Democrat suggested Bush was winning broad Democratic support for reasons of domestic politics as well as concerns about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Many Democrats opposed similar legislation that authorized the Persian Gulf War waged by Bush's father in 1991, and the party is still smarting from a perception as anti-war.

"I think we need to work to

improve our image on that score by taking a more aggressive posture with regard to Iraq, empowering the president," Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana, a leader of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, told "Fox News Sunday."

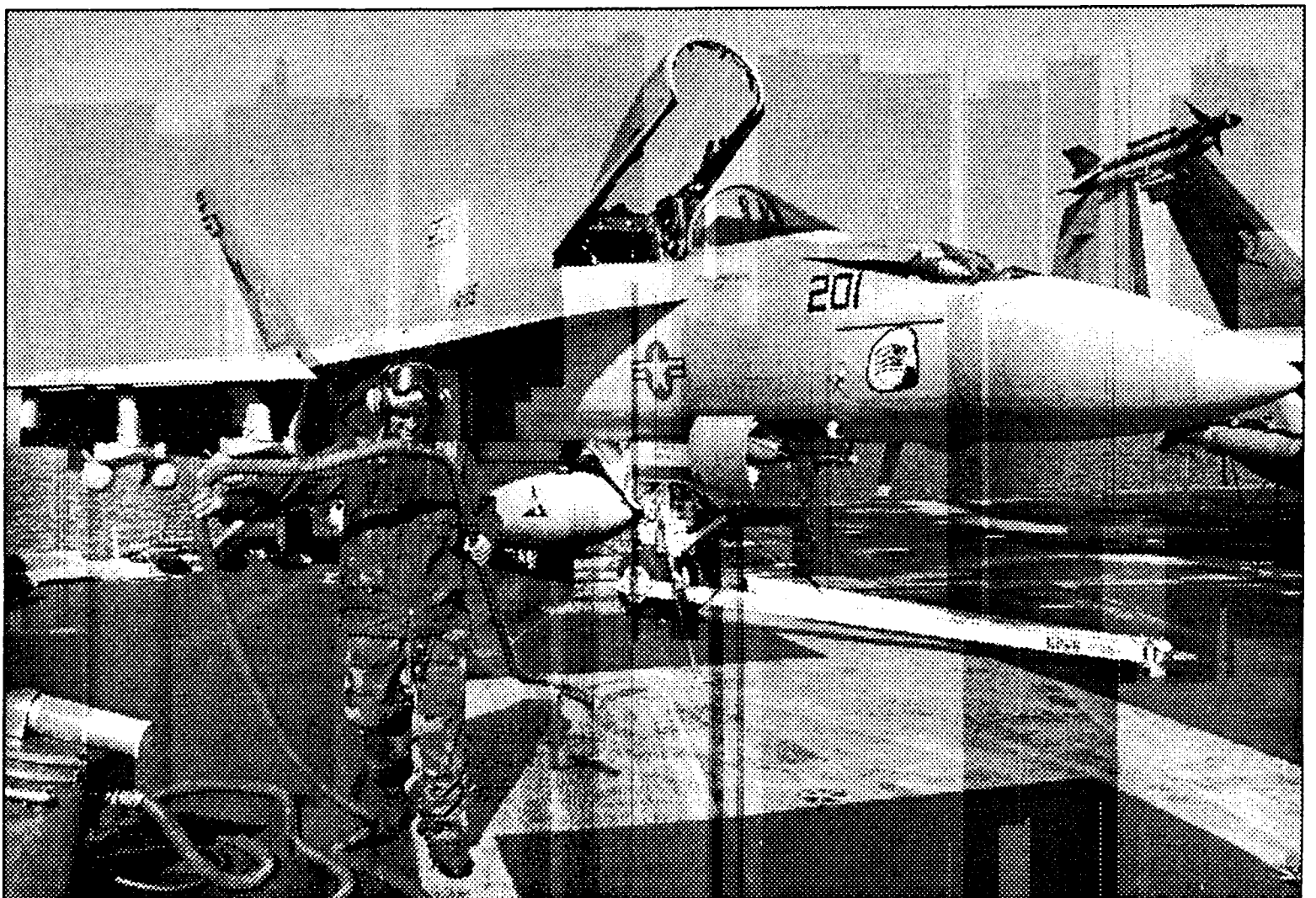
Bush requested a strong resolution that would have given him a virtual free hand to deal with Iraq's chemical and biological weapons arsenals and its nuclear arms research program by removing Saddam.

Last week, a bipartisan group of lawmakers went to the White House and endorsed a somewhat narrower version. It would give Bush broad authority to use force to enforce relevant U.N. resolutions, with or without the cooperation of the United Nations.

Daschle suggested would be more likely to win the approval he has requested from the U.N. Security Council if the case for moving against Saddam were to rest on a congressional resolution.

"I think he will be," Daschle told NBC's "Meet the Press." "At the end of the day, I think the U.N. is going to be with us."

A House vote is expected Wednesday or Thursday, according to Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. Daschle said Senate passage should come by next week. Congress is getting



AFP Photo

A crew member cleans the deck of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln deployed in the Arabian Sea. Congress is getting closer to granting President Bush approval for a pre-emptive strike against Iraq.

ready to break for midterm elections.

Bush warned in his radio address Saturday that "delay, indecision and inaction ... could lead to massive and sudden

horror" for the United States. Aides said Sunday his Cincinnati speech will answer lingering questions about why disarming Iraq is necessary, even by force if required.

The speech is meant to deliver in one cohesive 20-minute package Bush's arguments for force as a last resort, a senior Bush administration official said.

EGYPT

bin Laden might be speaker on tape about attacks

Associated Press

CAIRO

The Arab satellite station al-Jazeera broadcast an audiotape Sunday in which a male voice attributed to Osama bin Laden said the "youths of God" are planning more attacks against the United States.

"By God, the youths of God are preparing for you things that would fill your hearts with terror and target your economic life-line until you stop your oppression and aggression" against Muslims, said the voice in the audiotape.

There was no way to verify whether the person speaking on the tape was bin Laden, or when the recording was made.

The short message was broadcast with a photograph of bin Laden in the background.

Al-Jazeera chief editor Ibrahim Helal told The Associated Press by telephone that the station received the tape two hours before the Sunday evening broadcast. He refused to say how the tape was received.

"We had no doubt this was bin Laden. It was not only the tone of the voice but also the way he spoke and the logic of the message," Helal said.

He said the fact the message was so brief "showed that the man (bin Laden) was in tough circumstances and does not have a chance to talk."

Qatar-based al-Jazeera has become

known for its broadcast of audio and videotapes of al-Qaida leaders. Last month, it aired excerpts from a videotape in which a voice said to be bin Laden's is heard naming the leaders of the Sept. 11 hijackers.

Until then, bin Laden had not been heard from since shortly after the U.S.-led bombing campaign began in Afghanistan last October.

In the recording broadcast Sunday, the man said his message was addressed to the American people, whom he urged to "understand the message of the New York and Washington attacks which came in response to some of your previous crimes."

"Those who have initiated (the attacks) are the ones who brought injustice," he

said.

"But those who follow the activities of the band of criminals in the White House, the Jewish agents, who are preparing for an attack on the Muslim world ... feel that you have not understood anything from the message of the two attacks," he said.

"So let America increase the pace of this conflict or decrease it, and we will respond in kind," he said.

The reference appeared to be to the U.S.-Iraq confrontation many believe will lead to war, which would date the tape to recent weeks. The reference, however, could have been to another conflict.

The U.S. State Department had no immediate reaction to the tape.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Oil tanker explodes off Yemen coast:

An explosion and fire engulfed a French oil tanker on Sunday off the coast of Yemen, and the tanker owner said a small boat struck the vessel in a "deliberate attack." Yemeni officials, however, said there was no indication the tanker was attacked and that the fire was caused by an oil leak. French officials said it was still too early to say if the explosion was an act of terrorism.

Ivory Coast cease-fire collapses:

Heavy gunfire erupted around Ivory Coast's second city Sunday, heralding the start of a government offensive to reclaim the rebel-held north after cease-fire efforts collapsed. Government troops riding pickup trucks raced north toward rebels who have seized half this once-stable West African nation since launching a bloody failed coup attempt Sept. 19. Presidential spokesman Toussaint Alain said Ivorian troops had launched operations "aimed at liberating urban sites occupied by illegal fighters."

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Maryland shooting spree victim buried:

One of the six people killed in a suburban Washington shooting spree was buried Sunday as investigators completed a profile that focuses on where the killer might live. Police also were awaiting an FBI psychological profile of the shooter, Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose said. Police have begun to use a geographic profile submitted by investigators that uses crime locations to determine where the killer feels comfortable traveling and may live.

Bishop touts Church role in policy:

At a Mass for government officials, the head of the nation's Roman Catholic bishops expressed hope Sunday that the sex abuse scandals plaguing the American church would not lessen the role of religious ideals in shaping public policy. Bishop Wilton Gregory said, "It is the world's experience that true greatness in leadership, be it religious or secular, is a rare commodity."

U.S. officials divided on smallpox policy:

The Bush administration plans to offer the smallpox vaccine to the general public, but officials weighing the risk of the vaccine against the risk of bioterror remain divided over how quickly to act. Top federal health officials want a staged process in which the vaccine would not be offered to the public until it is fully licensed, probably in early 2004.

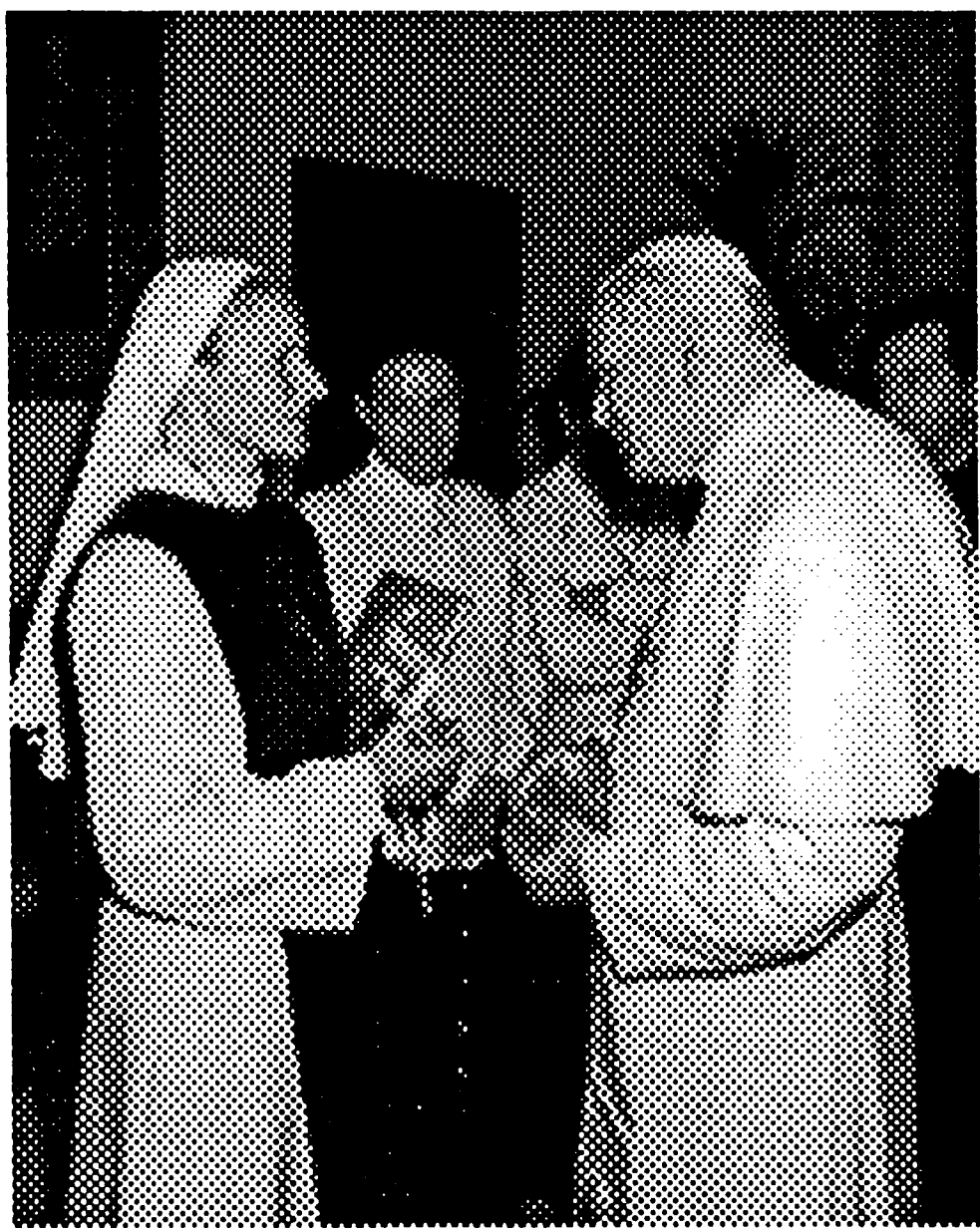
N.J. gov. seeks authority to fire poet:

Gov. James E. McGreevey is seeking the power to fire the state's poet laureate, who has refused repeated calls to resign after writing a Sept. 11 memorial poem criticized as anti-Semitic. Legislation giving the governor the authority to end Amiri Baraka's two-year term could be introduced as early as Monday, McGreevey said Sunday. Last month, McGreevey demanded Baraka's resignation after the poet read "Somebody Blew Up America" at an August festival.

Sister Emmanuel, a member of the Community of the Beatitudes who has lived in Medjugorje since 1989, will speak on the messages of



Our Lady, Queen of Peace, and lead the Rosary at the Sacred Heart Parish Center on Monday, October 7, the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, at 7:00p.m.



She will also pray the Rosary and speak to young people at 7:00 p.m. on October 9th at

Sacred Heart Parish Center. All are welcome! The words she brings from Medjugorje are a healing balm for these troubled times.

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MARKET RECAP

Market Watch for October 4

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S&P 500		
800.58	↓	-18.37
AMEX		
813.78	↓	-10.27
NYSE		
436.31	↓	-9.93

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COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
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NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	-1.88	-0.39	20.35
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-5.84	-0.15	2.42
EMC CORP/MASS (EMC)	-23.55	-1.18	3.83
SPDR TRUST SER (SPY)	-1.83	-1.51	80.80

IN BRIEF

Jobless rate drops to 5.6 percent

The nation's unemployment rate unexpectedly dropped to 5.6 percent in September, even as the economy lost jobs for the first time in five months, highlighting the difficulties some workers and businesses are confronting given the uneven economic recovery.

The latest snapshot of the country's employment situation, released by the Labor Department Friday, offered a mixed picture of the jobs market as well as the national economy.

But economists said that at least one clear theme emerged from the report: The economy, after being knocked down by last year's recession, is back on its feet, but sure isn't bursting with vitality.

September's 5.6 percent jobless rate — down from 5.7 percent in August — represented the lowest unemployment rate in seven months. But a big part of the hiring benefited teenagers. The jobless rates for adult men and women held steady.

Drug companies cut back discounts

Two pharmaceutical companies have cut back on discounts offered to the uninsured elderly because they fear the government will force them to offer similar prices to Medicaid, the federal insurance program for the poor.

GlaxoSmithKline and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. pared their discounts on Oct. 1 because of questions about whether the reduced prices offered to seniors fell under the law that says the government must receive the lowest price offered to any buyer on the market.

The two companies, along with five others, offer discounts through the Together RX card, which began four months ago and offers discounts of up to 40 percent to low-income, uninsured seniors. Glaxo also has its own discount card that was affected by the pricing change.

Health and Human Services Secretary Thomas Scully said he believed the companies wanted to change their prices and were using the government as a scapegoat.

Chairmen pleading ignorance

◆ Enron and Global Crossing scandal similar

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Two of the largest corporate collapses have at least one thing in common: company chairmen who took their creations to great heights, reaped millions from stock sales and said they knew nothing of problems until it was too late.

Kenneth Lay's defense after Enron Corp.'s spectacular downfall was that he was largely uninformed of how the energy-trading company's finances worked.

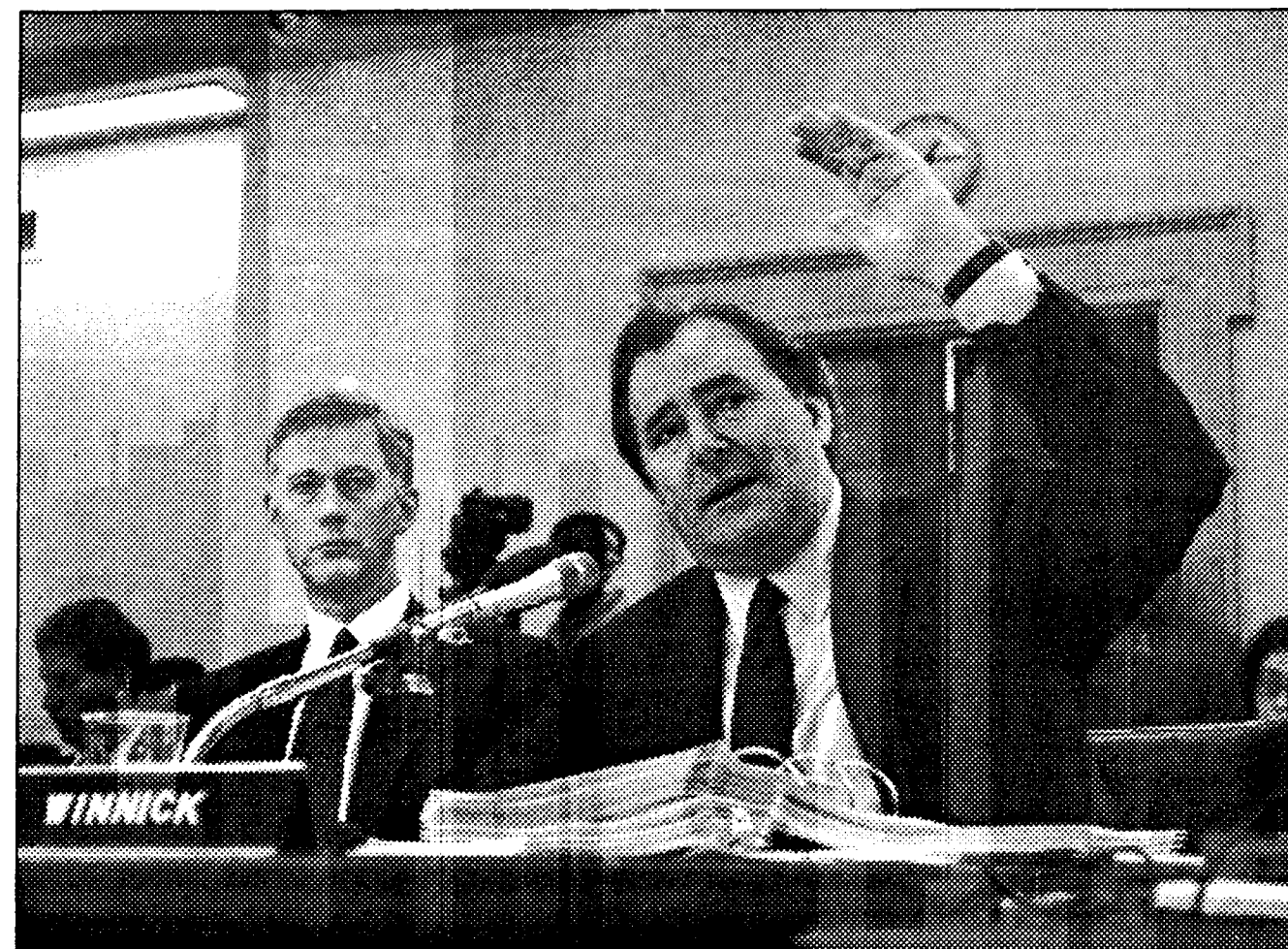
In congressional testimony this week, Global Crossing Ltd. Chairman Gary Winnick could not remember receiving a single warning about potential problems at his fiber-optic company, although senior executives were sounding alarms with increasing frequency in the spring of 2001.

Enron filed for bankruptcy protection in December. Global Crossing followed suit a month later.

Critics have challenged the veracity of the claims of ignorance, which also have raised questions about how involved chairmen should be — especially when they are so closely tied to their companies' rise. Winnick founded Global Crossing, while Lay transformed Enron from a small natural gas company into an energy giant.

"Regardless of size, you should expect chairmen to be aware of major factors affecting the business," said Robert Webb, professor of finance at the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Business.

There are, however, no well-established rules about what chairmen are supposed to know, said



AFP Photo

Gary Winnick, right, chairman of the board of directors for Global Crossing, and Dan Chors, CFO of Global Crossing testify during the hearing on capacity swaps.

Lawrence Mitchell, a George Washington University law professor. Chairmen who are not also chief executive are not necessarily kept abreast of day-to-day business, but instead focus on the big picture. At many corporations, the positions are combined.

Some chairmen are so closely linked to their companies that pleading ignorance would not be credible. The government's antitrust case against Microsoft, for example, revealed that Chairman Bill Gates was intimately involved in the company's affairs, Webb said.

David Skeel Jr., a University of Pennsylvania law professor and expert in corporate bankruptcy, said executives who have asserted they did not know what was happening in the recent round of corporate failures were employing a potentially effective legal strategy.

"Strategic ignorance, you might call it," Skeel said. "If you can argue you didn't know what was going on, it's hard to mount a securities fraud case against you."

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which is investigating Global Crossing, called Winnick's testimony something else — hard to believe.

"Impending corporate doom. Billion-dollar shortfalls. As many times as he said he didn't know that, I can't believe he didn't know that," Tauzin said.

Lay served as both chairman and CEO, then promoted Jeffrey Skilling to chief executive last year. It was in that period that many of Enron's off-the-books partnerships were formed and used to hide some \$1 billion in debt. Skilling also has testified he could not recall being involved in approving

transactions related to the partnerships.

Lay resumed running Enron when Skilling abruptly quit in August. He stepped down as chairman and CEO in January.

Lay, who asserted his constitutional protection against self-incrimination when he was summoned to testify before Congress, told an internal investigation he knew little about how Enron's finances worked and the forces behind its downfall.

In the Global Crossing case, documents and the testimony of other former and current Global Crossing employees contradict Winnick's assertion that he had no hint of trouble despite daily conversations with CEO Thomas Casey, said Rep. James Greenwood, R-Pa., chairman of the House panel at the forefront of Congress' probe of corporate failures.

Maximizing tax benefits with charity

Associated Press

NEW YORK

When investors have less money, they look for more tax savings and this can affect the way they donate to charity.

"What we found in our research is that even with people who have significant wealth, as they see their investment income decline, the bulk of giving is going to be tax-related," said Scott Slater, director of the Spectrem Group in Chicago.

So, before writing a check to charity, consider these more tax-efficient strategies: charitable remainder trusts, family foundations and donor-advised funds. These vehicles, besides giving you a deduction for your gift, also can provide either tax-free growth of your money or income for life.

These benefits help to explain, at

least partly, why investors are still giving at high levels. Last year, nationwide charitable giving reached a record \$212 billion, an increase of 0.5 percent over the \$210.89 billion the year before, according to the American Association of Fundraising Counsel. But after adjusting for inflation, total charitable gifts last year fell 2.3 percent compared with two years ago.

People who want to give but are worried that they'll outlive their money should consider charitable remainder trusts. These irrevocable trusts allow investors to put money in and get a monthly income from the trust until death. After the investor passes away, the charity gets the remainder of the balance.

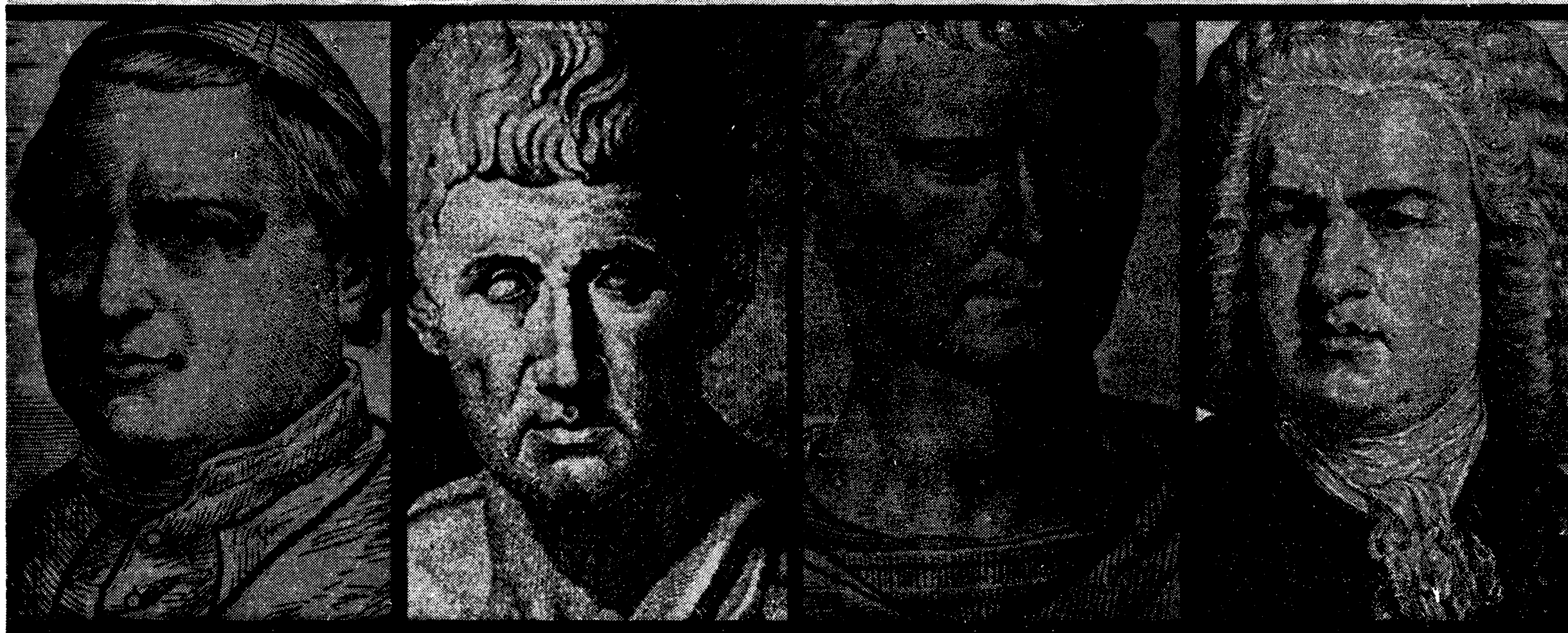
"The payout schedules to the donor can be significantly higher than it is with a commercial annuity

and there are tax deductions that you wouldn't get with a commercial annuity," said Ray Ferrara, a certified financial planner in Clearwater, Fla.

For instance, let's say that you want to put \$100,000 worth of stock into a charitable remainder trust. You wouldn't have to pay capital gains tax because this is a gift to charity, meaning that at current rates, you would be able to get an average payout of \$7,200, or 7.2 percent of the initial amount per year, according to Ferrara. But with a commercial annuity, you'd have to sell the stock first and pay a capital gains tax of 20 percent, leaving you with \$80,000. This amount, when invested in a commercial annuity, would currently pay out at about 8.4 percent, a higher rate than with a charitable remainder trust, he said. Still, you'd only get \$6,720 per year.

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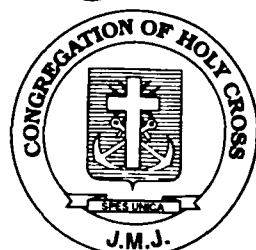
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breast cancer herself a year and a half ago at age 27. She found a lump while doing a self-exam and went to her doctor who confirmed that she had Stage II cancer. This month marks her one-year completion of a 10 month treatment process.

"Going through breast cancer treatment at such a young age has made me realize that life is short and I had to work hard and keep a positive attitude while going through treatment," said Peters. "Now I'm a survivor and looking forward to the next chapter in my life."

Only 0.3 percent of women under the age of 30 are diagnosed with breast cancer, yet detecting it in its earliest stages increases treatment options as well as the chance for survival. Breast cancer is the leading cancer site among American women and is second only to lung cancer in all cancer deaths. An estimated total of 203,500 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year.

"Now I'm a survivor and looking forward to the next chapter in my life."

Melissa Peters
LeMans Hall director

"In general, I feel that college-age women recognize breast cancer as an important issue, although more so for older women. This is far from the truth," said Cathi DeCleene, director of health services. "Monthly breast self-examination is recommended for women from puberty on."

Other campus events planned for the month to support awareness include "Love Your Body Day" on Oct. 14, sponsored by the women's studies department, and

a forum to address women's health and wellness on Oct. 30, sponsored by the Student Diversity Board and the Health and Wellness Center. Peters will be

one of many speakers at the event. LeMans Hall Council is selling "Proud to Wear Pink" T-shirts with all proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Informational bulletin boards have also been put up in residence halls to help students gain awareness about breast cancer facts. In addition, hall front desks are collecting Yoplait "Save Lids to Save Lives" yogurt lids.

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GUEST COLUMN

Quality of TV news is questionable

For a week at the beginning of the semester, my television was broken. Until it was magically repaired one afternoon while I was in class, I was completely out of touch. Gone were my morning updates with Matt and Katie, evenings sessions of "Crossfire" and late nights with the WB news team.

Katherine Reilly

*The Daily
Princetonian*

After a summer spent as an intern playing "Hardball" with Chris Matthews at MSNBC, one would think I would know better than to rely on television for my news, but alas, I had fallen into the trap of every time-strapped 21st century information seeker. I had forgotten that television news is, by and large, a contradiction in terms.

The problems with news broadcasts are evident no matter what time of day one tunes in. Local broadcasts are predictable: anchors will do 10 stories on street fairs and burglaries before they even mention City Hall. Network news producers are careful to offset any reference to Capitol Hill or the President with pieces on personal finance or the latest outbreak of West Nile Virus. But the ultimate in current events inanity is the cable news industry, where the ethos of fluff and sound bites that has come to define television journalism is on display 24 hours a day.

Cable news' troubles begin with the stories they choose. Over the summer, one couldn't flip through the channels without seeing a picture of Elizabeth Smart. The Smart story was a tragic one, but it was hardly as newsworthy as it was made out to be. As an intern, I watched producers reject stories about international

women's rights, federal civil liberties mandates and American political maneuvering, in favor of reports that nothing new had turned up in the Smart case. When they tired of reporting the lack of news, the creative geniuses at the three cable networks found new kidnappings to cover.

Each offset this coverage in its own way. MSNBC is a particular fan of showing footage from long, dangerous car chases. Fox News, never able to turn down a story that makes fun of Democrats, once pre-empted a major White House press conference to air a piece about actors from The West Wing campaigning for Janet Reno. The judgment calls are questionable at best.

Even when they report on the important stories, television journalists don't always do it right. One of my tasks at "Hardball" was to identify sound bites we could use in each evening's broadcast. The goal was not necessarily to capture the essence of someone's remarks but to find a quote that was inflammatory, provocative or off the wall. Similarly, guests for primetime discussions shows, from "Hardball" to "The O'Reilly Factor," are selected not necessarily for their level of expertise or insight but because they are entertaining to watch. Anyone who has ever seen cable news favorite Ann Coulter, the conservative bombshell who is better at making unhappy faces and yelling at anchors than providing real analysis, can attest to this phenomenon.

The people who make television news are not evil or stupid. They are caught in the chasm between journalism and entertainment. As they struggle to fill the void between the two, we can make use of their work if we watch as savvy viewers. Cable news, for example, allows us to catch

up on current events quickly, but we should read newspapers as well, seeking out the stories about international relations and domestic affairs that the networks maintain Americans could care less about. After all, most television producers get their ideas from print journalism, and the level of depth in any New York Times or Wall Street Journal article goes far beyond that of a minute long television hit.

In addition, we have to be aware of the biases of our news outlets. For every kidnapping of a wealthy white child reported on the airwaves, there are dozens more that revolve around families with less picturesque snapshots. Similarly, we should try and garner what logic and useful commentary there is from the yelling matches of "Hardball" and "Crossfire." By understanding the leanings and affiliations of talking heads, and trying to listen to the ideas beyond the smack down political rhetoric, we can actually gain some insight from the news being offered.

Most of us are guilty of not being as informed as we should be, as students, voters and citizens. With television news in the state that it is, we can hardly be blamed for our failings. Changing the industry ought to be a long-term goal of the American viewing populace, but in the meantime, we can become more informed about the world around us by understanding the failings of what we see on the airwaves and by, occasionally, turning off the television.

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former British prime minister

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Ordinary things make Notre Dame extraordinary

I wanted something extraordinary to happen this weekend.

Heading back to my first Notre Dame football game as an alumna, I thought for sure I would come back with some amazing story to write about.

Either I'd see Regis in the dining hall, and he'd invite me to New York. Or better yet, I would sit next to Father Hesburgh at the Basilica, and he'd offer me a job at Notre Dame.

But unfortunately, nothing extraordinary happened.

It was normal to be picked up from the airport by my best friend and reminisce about our lives in Badin Hall — the SYRs and the formals. Our "comfort" boy, the parties in the basement of 222 St. Louis St. and the numerous nights spent at The Observer.

It was normal to listen to Ludacris, laugh and even cry because we miss the everyday events so much.

It was normal to get up early Saturday morning and head to the soccer fields to tailgate. It was normal to see the hundreds of Irish fans wearing their green shirts, eating burgers and

drinking Strawberry Hill Boones Farm.

It was normal to be in the house that Rockne built again. It was normal to sing the fight song, yell the "We are ND." cheer, and form a "W" with my hands alongside the 80,000 Irish fans during the "1812 Overture."

It was normal to meet up with all the girls at the end of the game and listen to the band one more time. It was normal to see Touchdown Jesus in the distance and the entire student section as one large entity.

It was normal to meet up with my parents and siblings after the game and go to dinner. It was normal to all be sunburned, and tired and hungry. It was normal to talk about the "great plays" of the game and laugh about

past memories.

In fact, it was even normal to hear about my younger brother's life at Notre Dame. It was normal that it is now his time to be under

the Dome, eat in South Dining Hall, study in LaFortune, work out at Rolfs and rush the field after big wins. It was normal to be exhausted on Saturday night and yet still rally to go to the 'Backer. It was normal to drink a Long Island Ice Tea, dance and sing to "I Want It That Way."

It was normal to end the night, once again arm in arm with the girls, as the fight song finished and "Oh What a Night" blasted over the loud speakers.

It was normal to come home crammed in a taxi, laugh, eat Papa John's leftovers and go to bed way too

late. It was normal to realize that I would leave these best friends in a matter of hours and miss them for months.

It was normal to get up early Sunday morning and go with my family to Bibler's. It was normal to barely be able to keep my head up, wish the weekend had gone by more slowly and feel tears swelling up in my eyes as I hugged my mom, dad, sister and brothers goodbye.

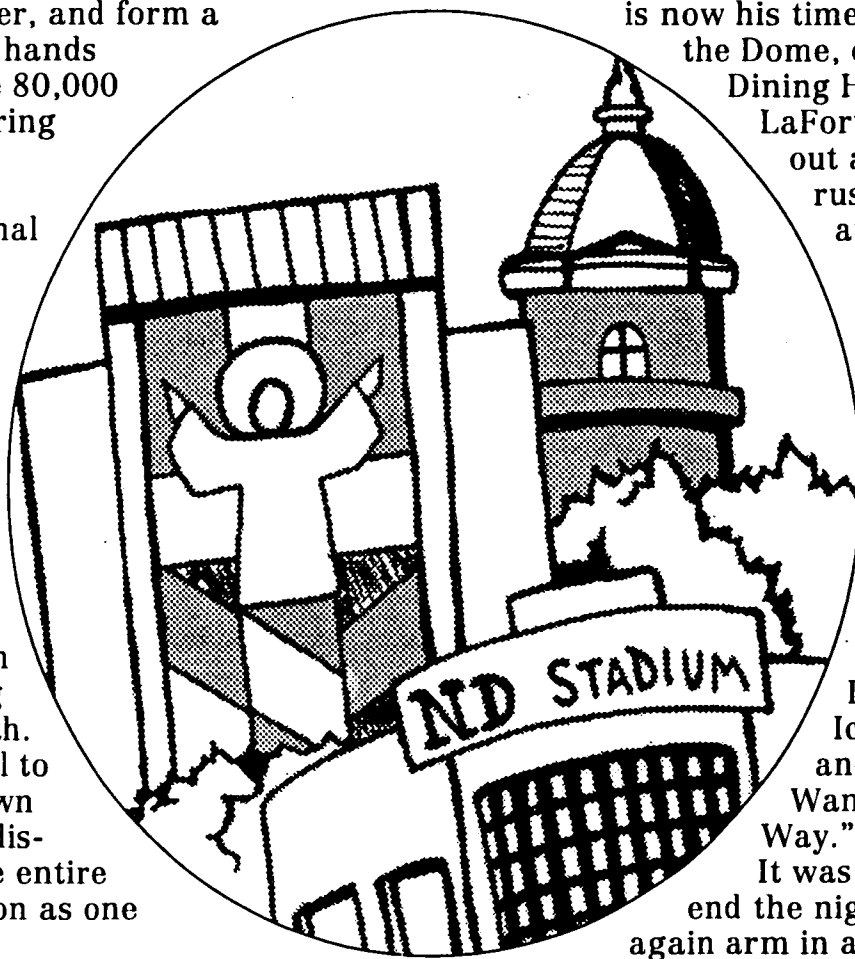
As I was flying back to Oklahoma City Sunday, I realized nothing extraordinary happened this weekend at all. But perhaps that is the wonderful thing about Notre Dame.

It is not the extraordinary events that happen on football weekends — it is the normal events. It's the traditions and the comfortable feeling that takes away the worries about work, the stack of papers I have to grade and the ACE assignment due today.

In fact, it is all those ordinary events this weekend that made my trip to Notre Dame quite extraordinary.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Incendiary insults do not support arguments

This is in response to John Little's Oct. 4 column, "Where's the Class?" Let me start off by wholeheartedly agreeing with him: That horrendous column was as low-class as the so-called low-class activities of certain persons and groups mentioned on campus. But setting aside the outrageous and ridiculous views asserted throughout the article, the immature and low-brow statements made to those groups and persons were not only low-class, but pointless. Explain to me for one second what that accomplishes beyond getting one avid reader fired up, and I'll be there to listen.

Now, I won't go so far as to insult Mr. Little by saying that he himself exemplifies everything that he complains about, but only for a simple and specific reason: Change is not brought about by insult and degradation.

Even if the Stadium ushers were the insensitive, authoritarian Gestapo police that Mr. Little depicts them as, it does no good whatsoever to call them "power-tripping, rent-a-cop wannabes," and if he wishes to go so far as to say that he feels "abject hatred" towards stadium ushers, I think a slight change in priorities and a visit to a ResLife counselor might be a more appropriate course of action for him.

Even if not allowing students to tailgate before games on campus could be called low-class, it does no good whatsoever to say that Father Poorman "strives for low-class excellence" and does his best to be "offensively demeaning" towards the student body with his policies.

Even if the NDSP was disrespectful to every single ticketed and non-ticketed person this past Sept. 11 (and mind you, I don't support this any more than the next person), it does no good whatsoever to say that they are the prime members of a group that exhibits the "lack of common human courtesy that we endure every day."

Are these actions low-class? Possibly. But writing these words in a newspaper simply to get a rise out of the people reading or to get attention without regard for respect or courtesy to the readers or the people affected and denounced, and seemingly without the slightest degree of thought put into the criticisms is the true definition of low-class.

Maybe I am nothing more than a happy-go-lucky, optimistic freshman. Maybe I have no idea what sort of unbearable torture it must be to wait a whole 10 minutes in line to get into the student section yet. Maybe I haven't experienced firsthand the terrible, evil injustice of a parking ticket or a tailgating citation. Heck, maybe I'm not accomplishing any more than Mr. Little will, in the end, by writing this response.

But if nothing else, I will learn, experience and accomplish it with far more class.

John Klein
freshman
Dillon Hall
Oct. 4

Investigate hidden scandals at Notre Dame

On Oct. 14, when the "Restoring Trust" conference on the sexual abuse crisis in the Church convenes at Notre Dame, its lead speaker will be University President Father Edward Malloy. I have been surprised to see him in the news over the past six months.

I first wrote to Father Malloy about priest sexual abuse at Notre Dame in June of 1991. He never replied to my letter, he refused to meet with me and he avoided me when I tried to talk with him in a public forum. I wrote to him about a priest who had been the University Provost and Chair of the Theology Department in the 1970s, and later a "spiritual advisor" with an apartment in the back of Holy Cross Hall. When the stories broke about Father Burtchaell in the National Catholic Reporter, The Observer and Common Sense (December 1991), his defenders, including Notre Dame's Dennis Moore (now a vice president) came as close to calling me a liar and my allegations lies as anyone did.

Nevertheless, Burtchaell reluctantly admitted the harm he caused to many of those he had advised (I'm told our numbers could fill a bus) and he resigned from the faculty. Notre Dame and Holy Cross officials said at the time that Burtchaell had essentially been a bad apple and that they acted as soon as they could.

A decade later, the times have changed and now I am the one that can say that Malloy and Moore were probably the liars. Malloy is the closest person you'll find to Bernard Law on campus.

I wrote about this in my Masters the-

sis at Notre Dame, called "Tell Me What Home is Like" (1993); it's in the Hesburgh Library and was published last year (www.firetrap.com). To believe Malloy did not know of Burtchaell's 15-plus year history of abuse, nor of the abuse of the many other Holy Cross priests and brothers, seems, well, unbelievable.

The questions that anyone who cares about this issue need ask are simple: Father Malloy, what did you know? And when did you know it? How many sexually abusive priests and brothers have you hidden? And for how long?

An answer from him would be a welcome surprise; an honest one might qualify as a miracle. In the meantime, do a Google search on Notre Dame and priest sexual abuse. You'll find out more about this University and the order that runs it than you probably care to know. The knowledge still turns my stomach. Ten years ago we called for an independent investigation into the Burtchaell Matter. Malloy and company ignored that call.

Now that it is standard practice in most parishes around the country, perhaps Notre Dame can stop leading with words it doesn't intend on following and show leadership through action. The real problem, I imagine, is that if you root out all of those in the Holy Cross order who are guilty, the next president of Notre Dame will be the first not from the order.

John Michael Vore
class of 1986, 1993
New York City
Oct. 6

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Musical ambassador

*The Glee Club travels around the globe to share its musical talent.*By MARIA SMITH
Assistant Scene Editor

It's a cool, clear Wednesday night and a few lucky girls are gathered around the steps of the Dome to listen to the sounds of "Vive L'amour" and "Loch Lomond."

The next day the girls praised the show excitedly.

"They sounded really good on Wednesday night," said sophomore Gwen Schmiedebusch. "I was touched at the end when we all put our arms around each other and they sang the alma mater."

And who wouldn't be? What's better than being serenaded under the stars by a group of cute, clean cut and talented Notre Dame boys?

Casual performances like these are fun for the students and the singers, but this only scratches the surface of what the Notre Dame Glee Club is and what they do. Stereotypes aside, the Glee Club is a group of talented and hard-working singers who put a lot of time and effort into making their music sound great.

Over the years the Glee Club has represented every dorm, every major and every part of the country. No matter what their backgrounds, these guys have one important thing in common: they love music, and they love to sing.

Notre Dame Glee Club performances are always exciting. Concerts have been a huge draw for students for

years and not just because they're singing guys in immaculate suits. People throughout the Notre Dame community come to hear what never fails to be an excellent show.

The group performs fight songs, spirituals, Beethoven, Gilbert and Sullivan with equal ability and enthusiasm. The music is always diverse and sophisticated, and the shows themselves are simply fun. The Cavalcade of opponents fight songs at Notre Dame in Revue before home games and the bells and Santa hats of the Christmas concerts are all an important part of the Notre Dame experience.

The Glee Club has long been a Notre Dame tradition. Established in 1915 by Samuel Ward Perrott, it is the University's oldest choir. More than 2,000 men have sung with the club in the past 85 years.

The time commitment is demanding, but

rewarding. Singing with the Glee Club offers students a lot of exciting opportunities. The group is often seen at university functions ranging from football luncheons to alumni birthday parties. A busy weekend might include five performances in a single day, and while not all are mandatory, the men rarely have to be reminded to attend.

The Glee Club members have been honored to perform not only for University celebrities like Kevin White and Tyrone Willingham but national figures such as Dick Vitale and Supreme Court Chief Justice

William Rehnquist.

"Today was an example of how hectic things can get," said senior president Jacob Rodenbiker, between the performance at the football luncheon Friday and a later show for alumni at the Eck Center. "The guys were excited though, we got to hear Coach Willingham's speech."

Performing for so many functions requires the group to have a large repertoire and to know their pieces very well. While the shows in themselves take a lot of time, rehearsals take far more. The group rehearses every day Monday through Thursday with director Dan Stowe, working first on the notes and then on the details that go into making a good performance. The group is constantly expanding its collection, working on new pieces every year, as well as constantly brushing up old favorites like Shenandoah and Franz Biebls Ave Maria.

"I've been really pleased with the increase in musical sophistication in the group," said Stowe, who has directed the Glee Club since 1993.

The Glee Club begins performing early in the year, and new members especially have to work hard to learn the new music and the old favorites. Rehearsals run two hours, and while the first hour is optional, rookies especially are encouraged to attend.

"You really need to come to rehearsal as much as you can," said sophomore rookie Josh Towns. "But it's like a planned study break. It's more like playing basketball than like a chore."

No choir can succeed without a good conductor, and Stowe puts in as much time and effort as any of his singers.

"Dan's a great guy," said Towns. "He always has a sense of humor, and he's obviously knowledgeable about his music."

Though the preparation for so many performances can become intense, Stowe maintains a sense of humor and a friendship with his singers that keep rehearsals from being overwhelming.

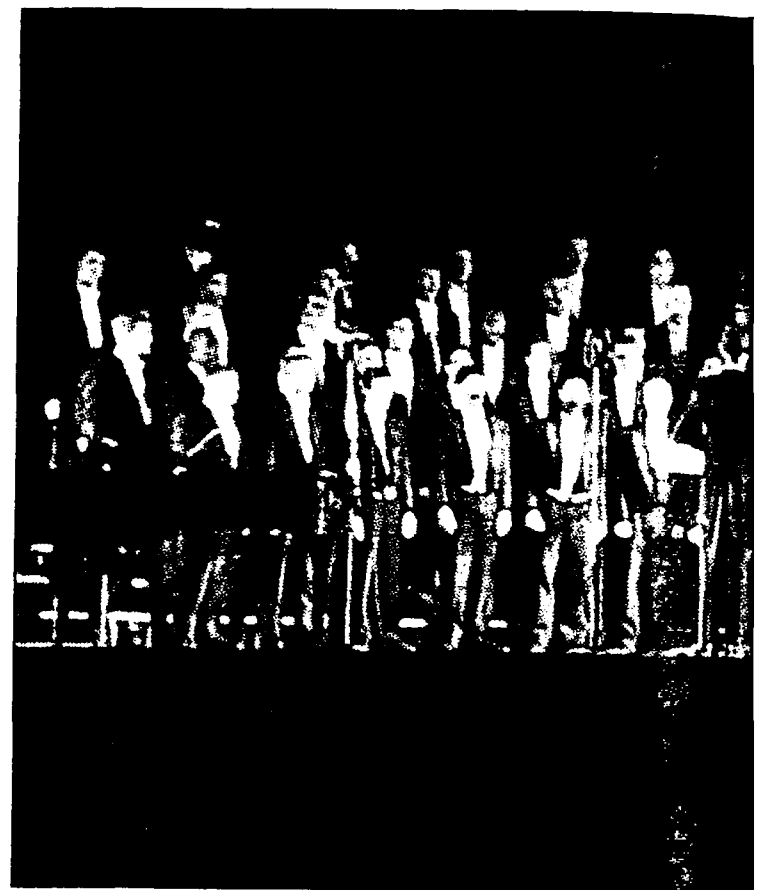
"We can't have one voice that's too edgy. It's an all-or-nothing proposition," said Stowe, cultivating a mellow tone in the choir's performance of "Shenandoah" in an open rehearsal Friday. "But don't let that scare you."

The Glee Club's hard work is noticed other places than just around campus.

The club has not only performed at countless

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Dan Stowe
Glee Club director



The Glee Club dresses up and performs at the 2001 Stowe and performs at numerous campus events, su

local Notre Dame functions, but has represented the University coast to coast and around the world.

The club visits various U.S. cities and towns on its yearly fall and spring break tours, performing in churches and concert halls for Notre Dame alumni and fans. This year alone the Glee Club plans to visit 10 states in the northern Midwest and Great Lakes region and cross the border into Canada.

Since 1960 the group has also toured internationally every other year, visiting Europe multiple times and recently breaking ground in new parts of the world. The Glee Club first performed in Israel in 1997, and recently visited Singapore, Beijing, Shanghai and other cities on their first tour of Asia in 2001. The group plans to return to Europe in 2003, and hopes to visit Latin America in 2005.

"We say we're musical ambassadors for Notre Dame, and it's true," said Rodenbiker. "We establish relationships around the world and with alumni."

For many singers, touring is one of the most exciting opportunities the Glee Club offers.

"I've seen the world because of Glee Club," said senior Sean Martin. "It was an amazing experience; the culture was so different. The group spent almost a month in Asia, and had plenty of time to explore and see the sights between performances."

Tours within the United States, though not as exotic, often take singers to their own hometowns. This year's Midwest tour will give many friends and parents the chance to hear the choir perform.

"Tours are more meaningful if you're singing at someone's home,"

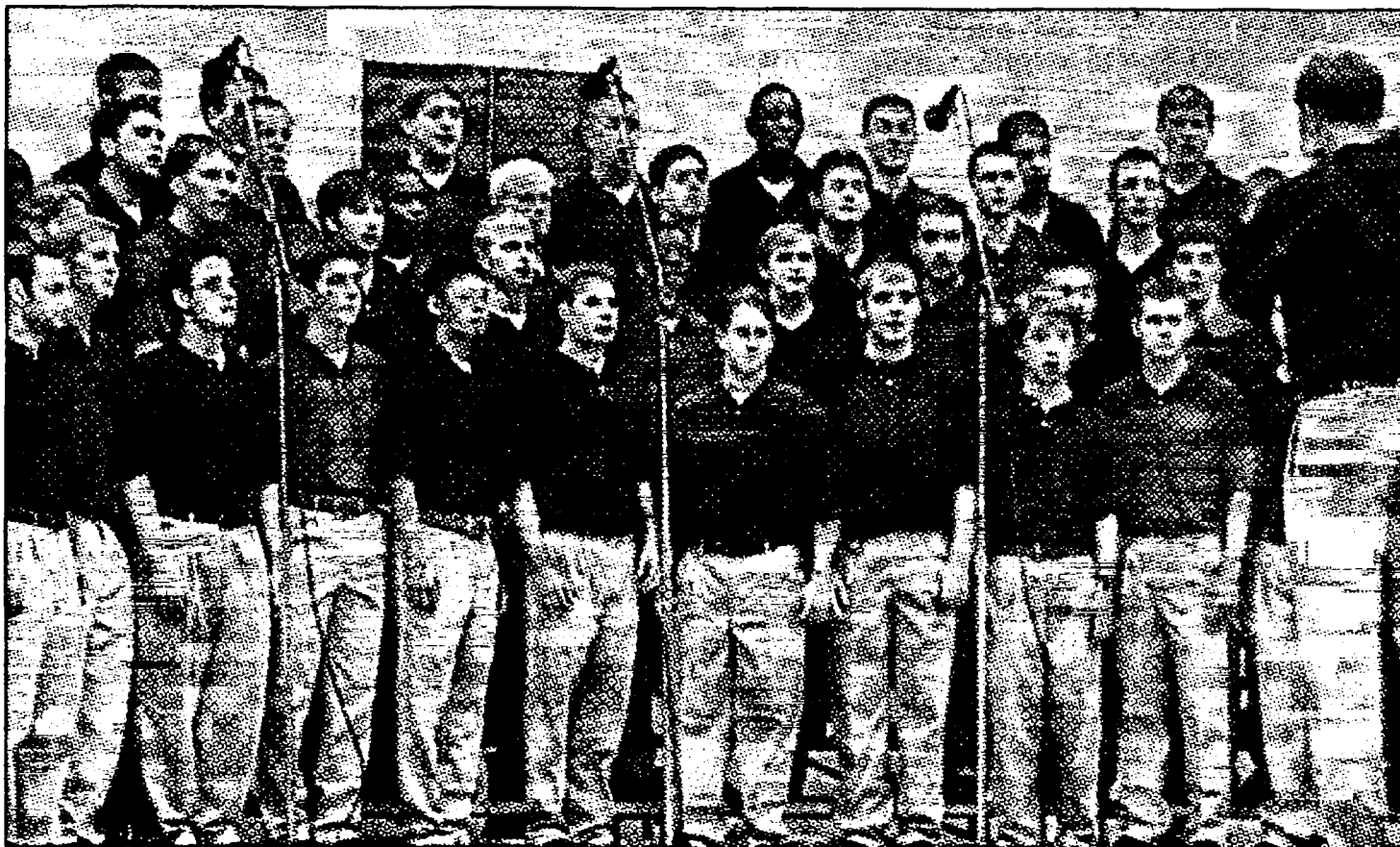


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The Glee Club takes a more casual approach and performs in their khakis and polos for alumni. This performance was at the ND In Revue, an usual event for the Glee Club to perform.

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ts and develop close relationships with alumni, friends and family



Photo provided by THE GLEE CLUB

Commencement. The club is directed by Dan
uch as Masses, graduation and social functions.

said Rodenbiker.

One of the club's most memorable concerts was on last year's tour of New England. The itinerary took the group to New York less than two months after Sept. 11. The club had been scheduled to perform for the New York alumni before the event, and kept the date on the itinerary as a benefit concert. The Glee Club raised thousands of dollars for charity at Staten Island.

"We met a lot of the police and fire-fighters, and visited Ground Zero," said Martin. "It was one of the most amazing experiences we've ever had."

While most of the group goes on tours, everyone turns out in full dress for the fall, Christmas and spring concerts. Stowe's musical selections appeal to every taste.

"Dan does an amazing job of setting up a concert," said Martin.

The first half of every concert features difficult classical works, which would impress any music critic. The beginning always ends with the group signature "Ave Maria" by Franz Biebl.

The second half features spirituals, Irish folk songs and other crowd pleasers. At the end of each concert the Glee Club alumni are invited to come on stage and sing the Alma Mater.

The Christmas concert especially is a community event, benefiting the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

"The best moment is when we're singing and we all come together on one note. And all the different guys sound like one voice."

Josh Towns
Glee Club member

The group performs in Stepan Center instead of the smaller Washington Hall, and tickets usually sell out. People from South Bend and the area come to hear Christmas favorites.

Notre Dame is famous for its loyal alumni, and Glee Club alums are some of the most enthusiastic. Many not only put up current members on tours but come back to hear the concerts and sing the traditional songs. Every four years the Glee Club has an alumni reunion, with a dinner banquet and concert with the graduates.

"It's great, you can sit down and talk to any guy there and you have something in common," said Martin.

The club periodically puts out alumni news letters as well, to let old members know what's going on, who they have been singing for, where they're going to tour. No matter how long they've been gone alums never lose their Glee Club loyalties.

An open rehearsal and performance at the Eck Center brought many alumni back to see their show. Alumni going back to 1948 attended the rehearsal.

Many universities have glee clubs dating back to the 1800s, and the choirs can often begin to resemble fraternities. While the Notre Dame

Glee Club might seem to have a sense of this as well, the glee club guys don't see their choir this way. Members stay close, and friendships formed in the choir often last a long time, but the Glee Club is not any sort of exclusive club.

"Some people might call it fraternity, but it's friendship," said

Rodenbiker.

"We sing, and we're all friends. That's pretty much it," said singer Corey Kelly.

In the final analysis, the Glee Club is primarily a group of guys who love to perform and are good at what they do.

"The best moment is when we're singing and we all come together on one note," said Towns. "And all the different guys sound like one voice."

Anyone who wants to hear more of what the Glee Club does can come to the fall concert the Thursday and Friday of Halloween weekend or buy one of their many recordings in the bookstore.

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The Glee Club goes global

The Glee Club traveled to abroad during their Asia Tour 2001. They visited places such as Singapore, Hong Kong and Beijing and performed for alumni and others around the nation.



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Glee Club members rehearse for a performance in Taipei.



The Glee Club goofs off in Shanghai on their Asia Tour 2001.



Members of the Glee Club pose at the Forbidden Palace in Beijing.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Longhorns avoid getting spurred by Cowboys

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas

The Texas Longhorns said they weren't looking past Oklahoma State to their matchup with rival Oklahoma.

Right.

Second-ranked Texas will have a hard time getting anyone to believe them after Saturday's 17-15 victory over the Cowboys that took cornerback Rod Babers' defensive stop on a 2-point conversion and a drive-killing interception in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

"It was a good, hard fight," said Texas quarterback Chris Simms, who passed for 267 yards and a touchdown and ran for another in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

Entering next week's showdown against rival Oklahoma, Texas is 5-0 for the first time since 1983. The Longhorns went undefeated in the regular season that year.

Texas was anything but perfect Saturday.

Missed field goals, a dropped touchdown pass and an inability to put the Cowboys away in the second nearly did Texas in.

The crowd of 83,116 at Royal-Thomas Memorial Stadium was expecting a typical home blowout. But they couldn't start chanting "Beat OU!" until the final seconds ticked off of this one.

"Not many good things happened to us today," said Texas coach Mack Brown, who tried to find the positive.

It was a fight Texas could have lost.

Leading 17-9 in the fourth, Texas pinned OSU on its own 1 after a punt. Josh Fields then hit Rashaun Woods for a 25-yard

completion, and a 25-yard run by Seymore Shaw quickly moved the ball to midfield for the Cowboys (2-3, 0-1).

Facing third-and-23 from the Texas 33, Fields threw a prayer to John Lewis, who came down with the ball just inside the goal line for the touchdown.

On the 2-point try, Fields found Woods at the goal line, but his back was turned to the end zone and Babers stopped him before he could get across.

Washington State 30, USC 27

Drew Dunning is a soccer player who kicks footballs. He used another sport to describe his field goals.

"It's kind of like a putt. When you know it's in, you know it's in," Dunning said.

The junior kicked a tying 35-yard field goal with 1:50 left in regulation, then made another 35-yarder in overtime to give Washington State (No. 17 ESPN/USA Today, No. 18 AP) a 30-27 victory over Southern California (No. 20 ESPN/USA Today) on Saturday night.

"My mindset was: What's different than any other kick I've had?" Dunning said.

Dunning, who last kicked a game-winner as a senior in high school, sprinted to midfield and did a soccer-style slide before being mobbed by teammates and fans.

The Cougars gave coach Mike Price his first victory over USC at home. The team gave the game ball to Price, who has spent 14 years in Pullman.

"He's the longest reigning coach in the Pac-10 and he finally got his win against USC up here in Martin Stadium," quarterback Jason Gesser said. "I'm

proud to be writing history with him. Hopefully, we'll keep writing history together."

Ryan Killeen missed a 52-yard field-goal attempt on USC's overtime possession. He missed an extra point earlier that would have won the game for the 18th-ranked Trojans (3-2, 1-1 Pac-10) after Carson Palmer threw a 55-yard touchdown pass to Mike Williams late in the game.

Gesser led the Cougars (5-1, 2-0) with TD passes to Mike Bush and Devard Darling, and Jermaine Green ran 75 yards for another score. Gesser, playing with a padded flak jacket over a sore rib, completed 23 of 44 passes for 315 yards and one interception.

"The crowd kept me going," Green said after finishing with 92 yards on six carries. "The momentum changed after the first quarter."

USC entered as the nation's top defensive team, holding opponents to an average of 204 yards. But Washington State had 216 yards by halftime as Gesser hit his receivers on long pass plays.

Washington State had 201 yards rushing, while USC had just 72.

"That's awesome. To put 200 yards up against the No. 1 defense in the nation," Gesser said. "Our goal was to get 150 and we went way past that."

Air Force 48, Navy 7

Chance Harridge's career game couldn't offset his disappointment at missing an open receiver in the end zone.

Harridge ran for a career-high 161 yards and scored two of his four touchdowns in Air Force's 21-point second quarter as the

Falcons beat Navy 48-7 Saturday.

Navy scored first, but Harridge had touchdown runs of 7 and 1 yards in the second quarter and added an 8-yarder early in the third to help Air Force pull away. Harridge also hit 6 of 7 passes for a career-high 107 yards, but all he could talk about afterward was overthrowing Ricky Amezaga on a corner-post route in the first quarter.

"I'm happy with that (game), but I'm not satisfied," said Harridge, who also scored on a 3-yard run in the fourth quarter. "We're trying to be perfect here. We're down there trying to score and we have to settle for a field goal. I make the right read and the throw and we have a touchdown rather than a field goal."

Air Force, the nation's second-best rushing team, ran for 429 yards to improve to 5-0, its best start since opening the 1997 season with seven straight victories. The Falcons also have won six straight against Navy (1-4) and 19 of the last 21 meetings.

Air Force needs to beat Army on Nov. 9 to win the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the sixth straight year.

Navy, which has lost four straight after opening the season with a win over SMU, continued to struggle with turnovers. The Midshipmen led early after a 5-yard touchdown run by Kyle Eckel but lost fumbles on their next two drives.

Ole Miss 17, Florida 14

Just when it looked like Florida coach Ron Zook had quieted the skeptics in Gator Nation, Mississippi gave them something new to complain about.

Matt Grier returned the second

of his two third-quarter interceptions 24 yards for the go-ahead touchdown, and Mississippi shut out the Gators (No. 8 ESPN/USA Today, No. 6 AP) in the second half to win 17-14 Saturday.

It was the Rebels' first victory over a top-10 team since 1997, when they beat No. 8 LSU on the road, and one of their biggest victories ever in Oxford.

"It feels great," Grier said. "Florida is a national team. A win like this brings national attention."

The Gators (4-2, 2-1) found themselves in a defensive struggle as Rex Grossman threw four interceptions. He was 19-of-41 for 205 yards and two touchdowns.

Grier's first interception came on Florida's first possession of the second half. He returned it 10 yards to the Florida 18, and three plays later, Vashon Pearson scored from 4 yards out. Eli Manning hit Jason Armstead for the 2-point conversion to cut the Gators' lead to 14-10.

Grier's clincher came when Grossman threw into double-coverage. Grier caught the pass at the Florida 24 and made a nice cutback before vaulting into the end zone to give Ole Miss its first lead, 17-14, with 7:34 left in the third quarter.

Manning was 18-for-33 for 154 yards, and for the first time in his career he didn't throw a touchdown pass as a starter. But he did become the first member of his family to beat the Gators. His brother, Peyton, was 0-4 against Florida while at Tennessee.

"He'll probably be the first one to call me," Eli said of his older brother, now the Indianapolis Colts' quarterback.

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PGA

Howell III savors 1st tour win

Associated Press

Charles Howell III accomplished his top priority for the season by winning the Michelob Championship.

Winning for the first time in his career was just gravy.

"When I started the year, my No. 1 goal was to make the Tour Championship and there was no question about that," Howell said Sunday after shooting a 4-under-par 67 — the best of the day — for a 14-under 270.

The victory was worth \$666,000 and vaulted Howell from 37th place to 18th on the PGA Tour's money list for the season. He has nearly clinched a spot in this month's \$5 million event for the year's top 30 money winners.

"It's hard to put into words. It really hasn't sunk in yet," said Howell, who scored a two-shot victory over Brandt Jobe and 1996 winner Scott Hoch.

The victory came in his 68th career start, and he was starting to get annoyed about questions if he felt overdue for a win.

"After a while, you start listening to it," the 23-year-old Howell said. "I know that ideally I'm not supposed to, but it starts to get in your head a little bit."

Howell ended such talk with a clutch up-and-down birdie on No. 15. He had an eagle, four birdies and three bogeys on his card through 14 holes. He said challenging for the lead and giving shots back actually helped his game in quest of his first victory.

"I was just enough in contention to get nervous but I was just enough out of contention to get hacked off at myself for not being ahead," he said. "So for the first win, I probably couldn't give a better scenario."

Howell became the 14th first-time winner on the PGA Tour this year, tying the record set in 1991, and the sixth player to break through at this event. He's also the last since it was the 22nd and final PGA Tour event on the River Course, which will play host to the LPGA Tour next year.

Jobe, who matched Howell's birdie at No. 15 but bogeyed the next hole, drove into the rough on the par-4 finishing hole. He hit his second shot into the greenside rough, missed a chip to tie it and two-putted for 72.

"It was just a frustrating day because it was so close to being good and so close to being bad," Jobe said. "It was kind of one of those days."

Jobe's career best finish on the PGA Tour earned him \$325,600.

Hoch's long putt gave him a 69 to match Jobe at 272. Geoff Ogilvy was fourth at 273 after a 70 and Billy Mayfair finished in fifth at 274 after a final round 73.



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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Twins contract A's season with 5-4 victory

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif.

Not only are the Minnesota Twins here to stay, now they're going home — to open a most unlikely AL championship series.

Brad Radke pitched 6 2/3 dominant innings to beat Oakland again, and the Twins survived a late rally to top the Athletics 5-4 Sunday in the decisive Game 5 of their Division Series.

The Twins made their first playoff appearance in 11 years despite a tiny payroll and baseball's offseason plan to eliminate them. But facing consecutive elimination games, the Contruction Kids won 11-2 at the Metrodome on Saturday, then crossed half the continent to win the tense clincher about 30 hours later.

"People keep underestimating us, but we've had our backs against the wall all year long," said All-Star catcher A.J. Pierzynski, who hit a two-run homer in the ninth. "We're the Twins. That's the way we like to live, and we're not done yet."

But it didn't happen without drama. After A's closer Billy Koch gave up three runs in the ninth, Mark Ellis hit a three-run homer against Minnesota closer Eddie Guardado to pull Oakland back within a run.

Randy Velarde singled with two outs, but Ray Durham —

who homered earlier and had three hits in the game — fouled out to second baseman Denny Hocking.

The Twins formed a joyous pile on the field, while many of the A's sat motionless in the dugout. Later, the Twins doused each other with champagne and beer — as well as the ice from the champagne trays — while leaving a layer of ice and water on the clubhouse carpet.

The Twins, who ran away with the AL Central, will face Anaheim in the ALCS beginning Tuesday night in Minnesota. The wild-card Angels shocked the four-time defending AL champion New York Yankees in the division series.

During spring training, there probably wasn't a soul who would have predicted a meeting between the underfunded Twins and the overlooked Angels.

"I don't think we're surprised to be here, and I don't think Anaheim is surprised, either," All-Star outfielder Torii Hunter said. "Everybody else in the world? They're surprised as hell."

Matthew LeCroy drove home one run and scored another as the Twins got two early runs to support Radke, who got two of Minnesota's three wins in the series. The Twins simply out-pitched the A's, who won 103 games and the AL West with their peerless starting rotation.

Pierzynski homered off A's closer Billy Koch in the ninth to finally give Minnesota some breathing room, and the Twins leaped out of their dugout to celebrate. Several hitters later, David Ortiz added an RBI double to make it 5-1 — and provide what turned out to be the winning run.

With consecutive victories against star Oakland pitchers Tim Hudson and Mark Mulder, the Twins stuck around while big spenders like the Yankees and Arizona went home early this October.

LaTroy Hawkins dramatically struck out Miguel Tejada to end the eighth with a runner on, preserving a one-run lead. Guardado struggled mightily in the ninth in a non-save situation, but he survived.

Minnesota hadn't been to the postseason since 1991, but the Twins have won all five playoff series they've been in since 1970. Oakland has lost its last five series since 1990 — the last three in a decisive fifth game.

Oakland hoped the series would turn on its outstanding starting pitching. Instead, Mulder and Barry Zito were good but not great, while Hudson was terrible in two starts.

Radke, on the other hand, was phenomenal in his first postseason starts after eight seasons with Minnesota. He struck out four and didn't walk a batter Sunday.

Giants 8, Braves 3

Livan Hernandez boasted about his postseason perfection, then went out and backed it up.

Hernandez won again in October and the San Francisco Giants battered Tom Glavine for the second time to beat the Atlanta Braves 8-3 Sunday and even their NL Division Series at 2-2.

"I tried not to put pressure on," Hernandez said. "I knew it was a big game. I do it the same as I do every day. I came into the park and batting practice relaxed, my mind relaxed. I did not want to make a lot of mistakes ... and I won again today."

Barry Bonds drove in the first run and the Giants led all the way, sending both teams back to Atlanta for a decisive Game 5 on Monday night. Buses to carry the clubs to the airport for cross-country flights were lined up before it ended.

Kevin Millwood, already waiting at home in Atlanta, will pitch for the Braves on three days' rest against a fully rested Russ Ortiz.

Handed a 7-0 lead, Hernandez — the 1997 NLCS and World Series MVP — improved to 6-0 in the postseason. Even after a disappointing record of 12-16 in the regular season, he was confident before his first outing of this series.

"I never lose in October," he said.

At least one team in the

neighborhood is still alive. After the Oakland Athletics were eliminated by Minnesota in the AL division series across San Francisco Bay, Hernandez gave fans plenty to cheer about.

The wild-card Giants won for the first time in six tries when facing postseason elimination since the 1971 NL championship series.

Hernandez carried a no-hit bid into the fifth, but Vinny Castilla hit a high popout that dropped between Hernandez, third baseman David Bell and shortstop Rich Aurilia for a single.

Bell charged in too far and the ball fell behind him. Keith Lockhart followed with another base hit.

Hernandez allowed three runs and eight hits in 8 1/3 innings, striking out six. Giants manager Dusty Baker was booed when he lifted his starter, but Scott Eyre and Robb Nen finished up.

"We were trying to make him throw strikes," Braves manager Bobby Cox said of Hernandez. "The first inning we had three strikes (hard-hit balls) at him, but we didn't do much after that. Livan's hard to hit. He comes with so many angles at you. He's sneaky quick."

Aurilia hit a three-run homer in the third — his third hit of the game — as the Giants found the offense that eluded them in the two previous games of the series, both losses.

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NFL

Rams continue slide, lose to San Francisco

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

The St. Louis Rams were winless and hurting, and the San Francisco 49ers were only too happy to shove their biggest rivals deeper into despair.

Jeff Garcia threw for a touchdown and ran for another, and Garrison Hearst rushed for 116 yards and a score in a 37-13 rout that ended the 49ers' six-game losing streak to the

defending NFC champions.

Jason Webster staggered the already roughed-up Rams when he intercepted career backup Jamie Martin — starting for the injured Kurt Warner — and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown and a 27-3 lead just before halftime.

The 49ers (3-1) looked forward to this game for months. Not only did they reclaim superiority in the NFC West, they all but ended St. Louis' playoff

hopes — no team has come back from an 0-5 start to reach the postseason.

"They're down right now, and we took the attitude that we wanted to take it to them and not allow them to get back into a playoff hunt or get back into a position where then can get rolling," Garcia said.

"They're in a real difficult position right now and we didn't want them to have any breathing room."

At a team meeting Saturday night, coach Steve Mariucci asked how many of his players had beaten the Rams.

"There weren't a lot of guys standing up," he said. "We have a really young team and it's a big win for all of us."

Not only were the Rams missing Warner, out for up to two months with a broken pinkie on his throwing hand, but cornerback Aeneas Williams sat out with a turf-toe injury, ending his streak of 177 consecutive starts.

"It's a step backward," coach Mike Martz said. "This is a game of emotion, intensity and attitude and we've got to restore that. We've got to put this thing together. This is a real challenge for this group."

Before the Rams started their three-year run as one of the NFL's most powerful teams, including two trips to the Super Bowl and one championship, they lost 17 straight to the 49ers from 1990-98.

The Rams are off to the worst start in franchise history since the 1963 Los Angeles Rams opened 0-5 en route to a 5-9 finish.

Martin threw two interceptions, and the Rams didn't score a touchdown until he hit running back Lamar Gordon with a pass with 29 seconds left in the game.

Saints 32, Steelers 29

The Pittsburgh Steelers haven't stopped anybody all season, and Deuce McAllister was no different.

The second-year running back rushed for 123 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries as the New Orleans Saints held off Pittsburgh 32-29 Sunday.

"It was a very poor defensive effort," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said. "There were too many big plays. I don't even think they punted until the fourth quarter. I'm very disappointed in how we performed defensively."

The Steelers came in ranked 24th in the NFL in total defense, and McAllister took advantage. New Orleans (4-1) has won all three games this season when McAllister runs for 100 yards.

"When you can run your offense and don't have to throw it every time, they can't tee off on you," McAllister said.

Steelers quarterback Tommy Maddox, the MVP of the NFL in its only season, made his first NFL start since 1992.

A first-round flop in Denver, Maddox played well in place of the benched Kordell Stewart, but the Pittsburgh defense was riddled again.

The Steelers (1-3) were shredded for big passing days by Tom Brady and Rich Gannon earlier this season.

Saints safety Sammy Knight thwarted a late fourth-quarter drive when he intercepted Maddox.

The Steelers then drove 47 yards, and Maddox hit Terance Mathis with a 14-yard touchdown pass. Maddox found Hines Ward for the 2-point conversion to bring Pittsburgh to 32-29 with 1:26 remaining.

The onside kick was recovered by the Saints, however, and New Orleans ran out the clock.

Maddox completed 22 of 38 passes for a career-high 268 yards and three touchdowns. He was intercepted once and sacked four times.

New Orleans quarterback Aaron Brooks was 14-of-24 passing for 207 yards and a touchdown. He was sacked twice.

Dolphins 26, Patriots 13

Zach Thomas busted his chin strap tackling Kevin Faulk, one in a series of jarring hits that helped the Miami Dolphins knock the New England Patriots out of first place.

The Dolphins sacked Tom Brady three times, pressured him into mistakes, pounded the middle with Ricky Williams and handed the Patriots their second loss in a row Sunday, 26-13.

The victory left Miami (4-1) alone atop the AFC East, while the defending Super Bowl champion Patriots (3-2) fell a game back.

"They have something we want," Dolphins cornerback Patrick Surtain said. "We want to get where they were last year."

Surtain led a resurgent defense that rebounded from a 48-30 loss at Kansas City a week ago. Miami took a 16-0 lead in the first half, when New England totaled just 26 yards and committed two turnovers, and the Dolphins finished with a 20-minute advantage in time of possession.

Williams lost a fumble for the second week in a row but topped 100 yards rushing for the fourth time in five games. He gained 105 tough yards on 36 carries, a team regular-season record.

Jay Fiedler threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, all on third down.

"We were embarrassed last week with what happened," Miami coach Dave Wannstedt said. "To see our team bounce back in every phase was rewarding."

The Patriots fell to 0-13 in Miami in September and October. They can take some consolation that Sunday's loss was similar to a 30-10 drubbing in Miami a year ago, when Brady threw for just 86 yards. The Patriots recovered from that defeat, their worst of the season, and went on to win the Super Bowl.

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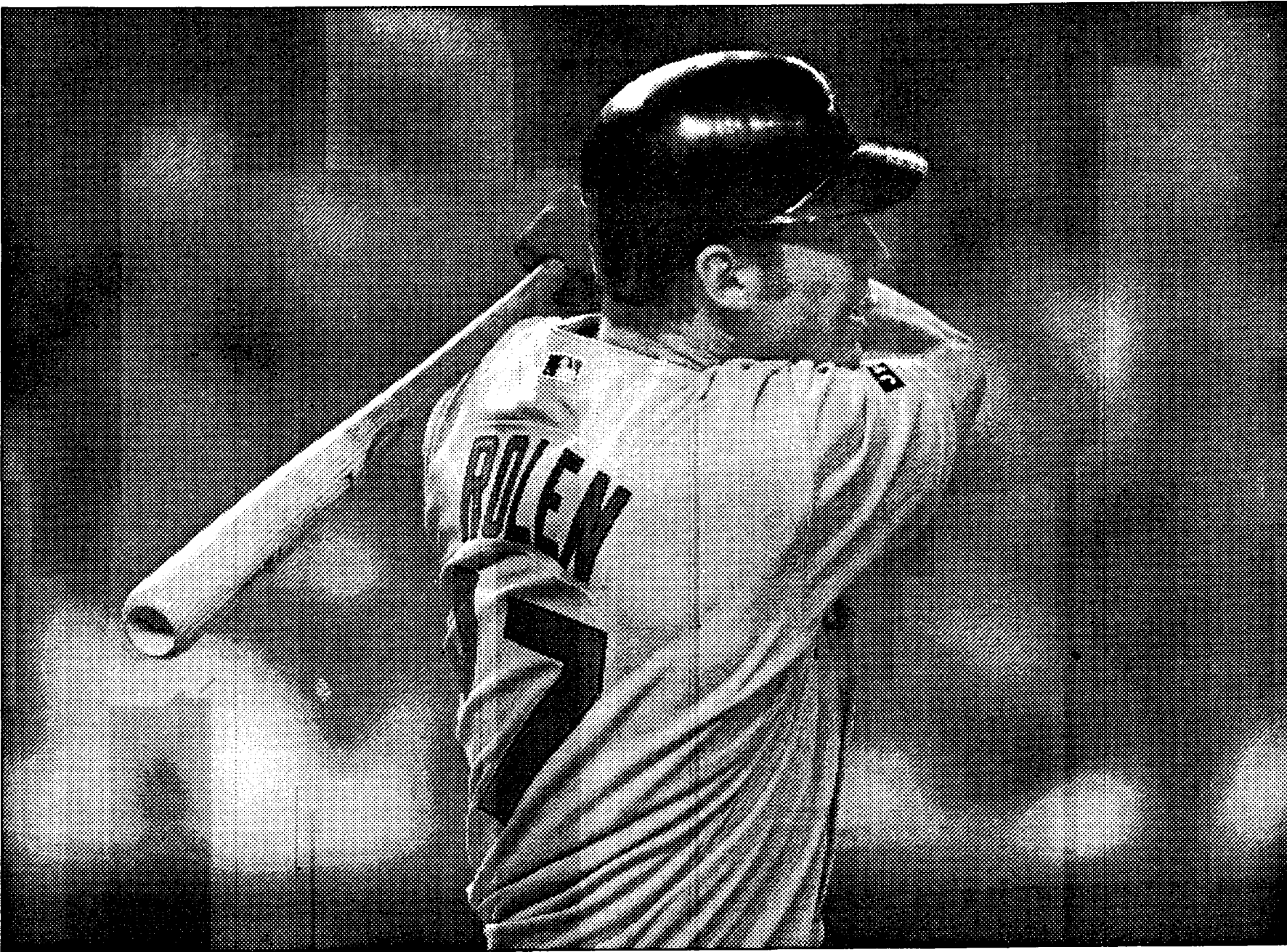
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



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St. Louis third baseman Scott Rolen takes a swing in Game 1 of the Divisional Series against Arizona. Rolen injured his shoulder in the game and is expected to sit out until at least the World Series.

Rolen still hampered by pain in shoulder

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS Cardinals third baseman Scott Rolen could not raise his arm at the shoulder and had limited movement of his forearm after sustaining multiple sprains that could keep him out of the National League championship series, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Sunday.

"It still hurts pretty bad," Rolen said. ESPN's Karl Ravech reported Friday that Rolen wouldn't return unless the Cards advance to the World Series.

Rolen injured his left shoulder in Thursday night's playoff game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, including a severe hyperextension of the three ligaments supporting his clavicle, the newspaper reported, citing unidentified sources familiar with tests performed Friday. Rolen, injured in a collision with Diamondbacks pinch runner Alex Cintron, underwent an MRI that lasted more than two hours. The exam revealed sprains in four regions of his shoulder and collarbone. Rolen said surgery is not being considered. "To put it at seven days, 10 days or 14 days is a bit premature," Rolen said

before Saturday night's Game 3 of the Division Series. "Right now, I'm just waiting for it to stop hurting. I'm looking to make progress day by day. It's kind of hard to think about playing when it feels like this." Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said Saturday that the MRI agreed with the original diagnosis "that there wasn't a serious injury there ... that would require surgery. It's a sprained shoulder and there isn't any permanent-type damage that we found or anything like that."

"Right now, I'm just waiting for it to stop hurting. I'm looking to make progress day-by-day."

Scott Rolen
Cardinals third baseman

IN BRIEF

NFL may meet with lawyers over lack of black coaches

The NFL is considering meeting with two lawyers threatening to sue the league over the lack of black head coaches.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello confirmed Sunday that the league received a request from Johnnie Cochran Jr. and Cyrus Mehri, the two lawyers who released a report on the issue last week.

"We've had many meetings over the years on this subject," Aiello said. "We're considering the request and will respond next week."

The letter, first reported in the New York Times, was addressed to commissioner Paul Tagliabue, who was out of town. Aiello said that while Tagliabue might not meet with Cochran and Mehri, they could meet with some other top league official.

Tagliabue long has advocated hiring more black coaches. There are currently two in the NFL — Tony Dungy of the Indianapolis Colts and Herman

Edwards of the New York Jets.

Using statistics from the past 15 years, the lawyers' report said black coaches had been more successful than their white counterparts, but that they weren't being hired in numbers commensurate with that success on the field.

Public course to hold U.S. Open in 2008

The 2008 U.S. Open was awarded to the South Course at Torrey Pines in La Jolla, Calif., by the U.S. Golf Association on Saturday, pending approval of the San Diego City Council.

It would be the second public course to host the tournament.

The Black Course at the Bethpage State Park in New York, where this year's U.S. Open was played, is the only public layout to have been the site of the championship.

Torrey Pines, site of a PGA Tour event each year, was designed by William Bell Sr.

U.S. Open champions Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Tom Watson have won tournaments at Torrey Pines.

The Open has been played in California nine times, most recently at Pebble Beach Golf Links in 2000. The Open was last played in southern California in 1948 at Riviera Country Club.

Pippen to miss 10 days

Portland Trail Blazers captain Scottie Pippen will miss at least 10 days of practice at the teams camp in Tualatin, Ore., with swelling in his right knee.

He had surgery on the knee in June to have bone chips removed and needed another operation because of an infection.

The 37-year-old Pippen, ordered to skip practice by team orthopedist Don Roberts, might miss all of training camp. He also could be sidelined for the Oct. 30 season opener against the Los Angeles Lakers.

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ROWING

Irish win two races, finish in top five in several more

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

The Irish triumphed Saturday at the Head of the Ohio Invitational. The team won two races, including the open four, and the open eight placed fourth. The club four and varsity four crews were successful. In the pairs races, the team finished in third through sixth places.

The Irish A crew of coxswain Cassie Markstahler, Natalie Ladine, Ashlee Warren, Elizabeth Specht, Alice Bartek, Rachel Polinski, Erica Drennen, Kerri Murphy, and Kathleen Welsh finished fourth in the open eight

with a time of 15:25. Ohio State took first in 14:31, followed by Michigan State in 15:05, Boston University in 15:11. Kathryn Long, Kati Sedun, Ann Marie Dillhoff, Casey Buckstaff, Meghan Boyle, Diane Price, Meredith Thornburgh, Katie Chenoweth and Sarah Keefer led the Irish B crew to a sixth place finish.

"Our performance this week tells us once again that we have great depth of talent, but that we need to improve as a group to have great depth at a higher level," said Drennen. "We all raced well and showed toughness in enduring some harsher water conditions than we ordinarily face

here at home."

The team of coxswain Caitlin Rackish, Shannon Mohan, Melissa Felker, Christine Donnelly and Sarah Palandech won its varsity four race.

Notre Dame also secured third through sixth place in the pairs race. Bartek and Dillhoff led in third, followed by the twosome of Murphy and Price. Natalie Ladine and Ashlee Warren were fifth and Drennen and Keefer were sixth.

"This was the most competition we have faced so far this fall, and our team handled it fairly well," said Drennen. "This weekend we saw Ohio State, Michigan, and Michigan St. and next weekend

we'll face Iowa and Wisconsin — rounding out the teams we consider to be our major competition for a team NCAA bid at the Central Regions this spring."

The club four team of coxswain Kathryn Long (coxswain), Buckstaff, Boyle, Chenoweth and Thornburgh finished in first and the second club four Rebecca Campbell (coxswain), Katie O'Hara, Kristen Henkel, Antoinette Duck and Megan Sanders took fourth.

The team has consistently performed well in races this fall and will travel to Rockford, Ill., for the Head of the Rock On Oct. 13th.

"With the Head of the Rock

being our last fall race, it's our final chance to see how we stack up against some tough competition before we head into winter training. Hopefully we will be able to end the fall season on a positive note so we can build off that energy as we shift the focus to spring racing," said Warren. "Each year we have been able to improve our speed as a team in relation to how some of the other schools are rowing. Two years ago we were third. Last year we were second. Hopefully we can continue this pattern."

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ND, SMC SWIMMING

Irish men and women, Belles finish in top 5 at ND Relays

♦ Belles' 5th place finish marked by improvement

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The Belles took huge strides between last year's appearance at the Notre Dame Relays and this year's performance. For example, they qualified for all of their events.

Last season, Saint Mary's was disqualified in three relays because of false starts. This season, they only had one false start.

"There was definitely [improvement]," said junior Megan Ramsey. "We only had one false start instead of three, so that's a good improvement."

The Belles finished fifth or higher in nine of the 12 relays among a field of tough Division I competition. Last year's Big East

Champion, Notre Dame, won the meet, but Saint Mary's took home its small victories.

"We never have any thoughts that we're going to catch the Notre Dames and Illinois States but we're trying to catch some of the programs," said Belles coach Greg Petcoff. "It's a matter of winning the small little battles but knowing we may not ever win the war."

The first race of the night showed a lot of promise. When freshman Kelly Nelis left the blocks in the 200-yard freestyle relay, the Belles knew they were a stronger team. The Belles relay team finished in third place, behind Notre Dame and Illinois State.

Not bad for a Division III team. "In the first college meet they definitely did [meet expectations]," Petcoff said. "Last year some of our false starts were freshman aggressiveness. This

time around you can see the freshmen held their own. They answered the call."

That was the highest finish of the night for the Belles. Sophomore Molly Maloy, senior L a n e Herrington and junior M a u r e e n P a l c h a k joined Nelis on the relay team, coming home with a team time of 1:45.66 seconds, just six seconds away from the first-place finish, and barely two seconds away from a new school record.

"I wasn't expecting that," Petcoff said. "It's not that I had depressed expectations, but

they're a little more than two seconds off the team record in the first meet of the season. They swam a very good race."

Saint Mary's showed once again that its strength is freestyle, with its fourth place finish in the 500-yard freestyle relay. Sophomore Ashley Dyer and freshmen Leeann Godfrey and Leah Kimper joined Maloy and Herrington and finished with a time of 5:22.53.

"We knew that our freshmen were talented," Ramsey said. "And it was great to see them in action for the first time and have them live up to expectations."

Saint Mary's took fifth in the

400-yard medley relay, the 400-yard butterfly relay, the 800-yard freestyle relay, the 400-yard backstroke, 400-yard breaststroke, 1,000-yard freestyle and 200-yard medley, and sixth in the 400-yard freestyle.

The only race in which the Belles were disqualified was the 400-yard medley. A false start took them and Illinois State out of competition.

The Belles will have nearly a full month off before heading into their regular season. But, according to the team, prospects are looking good.

"The team has already meshed well, there's a lot of good team spirit, we have a lot of people who had good races especially for early in the season," Ramsey said.

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♦ Irish squads each finish first, win all but two events overall

By JOE HETTLER
Associate Sports Editor

In their first meet of the season, the Notre Dame mens and womens swimming and diving teams dominated the competition en route to winning the 2002 Notre Dame Relays Saturday.

The teams combined to win all but two events during the meet. The mens team took first place by earning 220 points, which was 62 points better than second-place Milwaukee-Wisconsin and over 100 points ahead of third-place Valparaiso. The womens team outdistanced Illinois State 220-166 for first-place, while Milwaukee Wisconsin came in third.

The Irish men won 12 events on the day, losing only the 800 freestyle because of a disqualification. The women also won 12 events, but lost the 500 crescendo relay after being disqualified.

"All the freshman really swam well, especially Doug Bauman. He probably had one of the best swims of the night," sophomore Frank Krakowski said. "He had a really excellent swim in the first event so he really got everyone started off."

Bauman, along with relay partners Tyler Grenda, Patrick Hefferman and David Moisan, won the 400 medley relay with a time of 3:33.46. Krakowski, Jason Fitzpatrick, Tim Randolph and Drew Pittman added a 200 free

relay win by posting a time of 1:27.39.

The womens 200 free relay team of Heidi Hendrick, Courtney Campbell, Kalei Walker and Laurie Musgrave finished with a time of 1:39.39 to grab first-place in that event.

Krakowski said he knows there are a lot of difficult events in the future.

"This is probably the toughest schedule, from what I know, that we've had to date," Krakowski said. "We have to go to Texas to swim at Texas Christian University and Air Force to swim Air Force, plus we have another couple top 25 ranked teams. So ... everyone's goal is to win the Big East this year. We should hopefully be in contention to win."

Krakowski believes the Irish were confident they could win both mens and womens fields during the weekend meet because of their depth.

"We kind of thought [we would do well] just because of the teams that came in we didn't think they had the depth that we had," Krakowski. "They had a couple fast people but they weren't as deep as we were. In events where you don't have depth you may win the event but the other team may come in second, third and fourth and then they end up having more points in the event than you."

The mens team next faces Kalamazoo on Oct. 11 at home, while the womens team travels to the Colorado to take on the Air Force Academy on Oct. 18.

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Soccer

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The Irish had plenty of opportunities to score Friday, as evidenced by their 20 shots on goal compared to the Panthers' 10.

The weather played a factor in the game as well as strong winds wreaked havoc on Notre Dame's distance game, altering any ball kicked high in the air.

The most significant threat for the Irish came in the first half, as a crossing pass from Kevin Richards to Kevin Goldthwaite was deflected by a Pitt defender. The ball bounced just in front of an unguarded goal line before it spun out of bounds just wide of the net.

Another major opportunity for the Irish came late in the second half, when a shot from Luke Boughen was deflected towards the net by a Pitt defender. The ball seemed destined for the net but smacked the crossbar and went out of bounds.

The goal for Pittsburgh came with 1:57 remaining in the first sudden-death overtime, as a high pass from forward Jeff Krause found a wide-open Keeyan Young. Young's shot sailed past Tait to give the Panthers a sudden 1-0 victory. On the scoring

play, several Irish players protested, claiming Young was offsides. However, Clark pulled his players aside and acknowledged the loss.

The Irish rebounded Sunday against Akron, as the lone goal of the game was scored with 18:35 left in the second half. Chad Riley kicked a lead pass to Stewart, who booted the ball past Zips goalie Justin Christafaris for the lone goal of a very evenly-matched game.

The goal for Stewart was the first of his career at Notre Dame, and the assist for Riley was his eighth of the season, marking the first time since 1998 that an Irish player has notched eight assists in a season.

The win Sunday for the Irish was their first victory in the nine-game series between Notre Dame and Akron. It was also the first win for the Irish since a 5-1 drubbing of Providence at Alumni Field on Sept. 22.

After scoring 18 goals in their first seven games, the Irish have scored only twice in their last four games.

The Irish have a six-day break between matches, before the Irish take on Big East rival Boston College in Chestnut Hill on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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Volleyball

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"We wanted to start off really strong and get the respect back from the coaches and players in the Big East," Coughlin said.

Loomis led the Irish again, this time with 14 kills. She tied setter Kristen Kinder for the team-high in digs with seven.

Jessica Kinder played at the libero position against the Pirates instead of her usual position at outside hitter.

Kelbley continued her recent strong play with eight kills and a .571 hitting percentage.

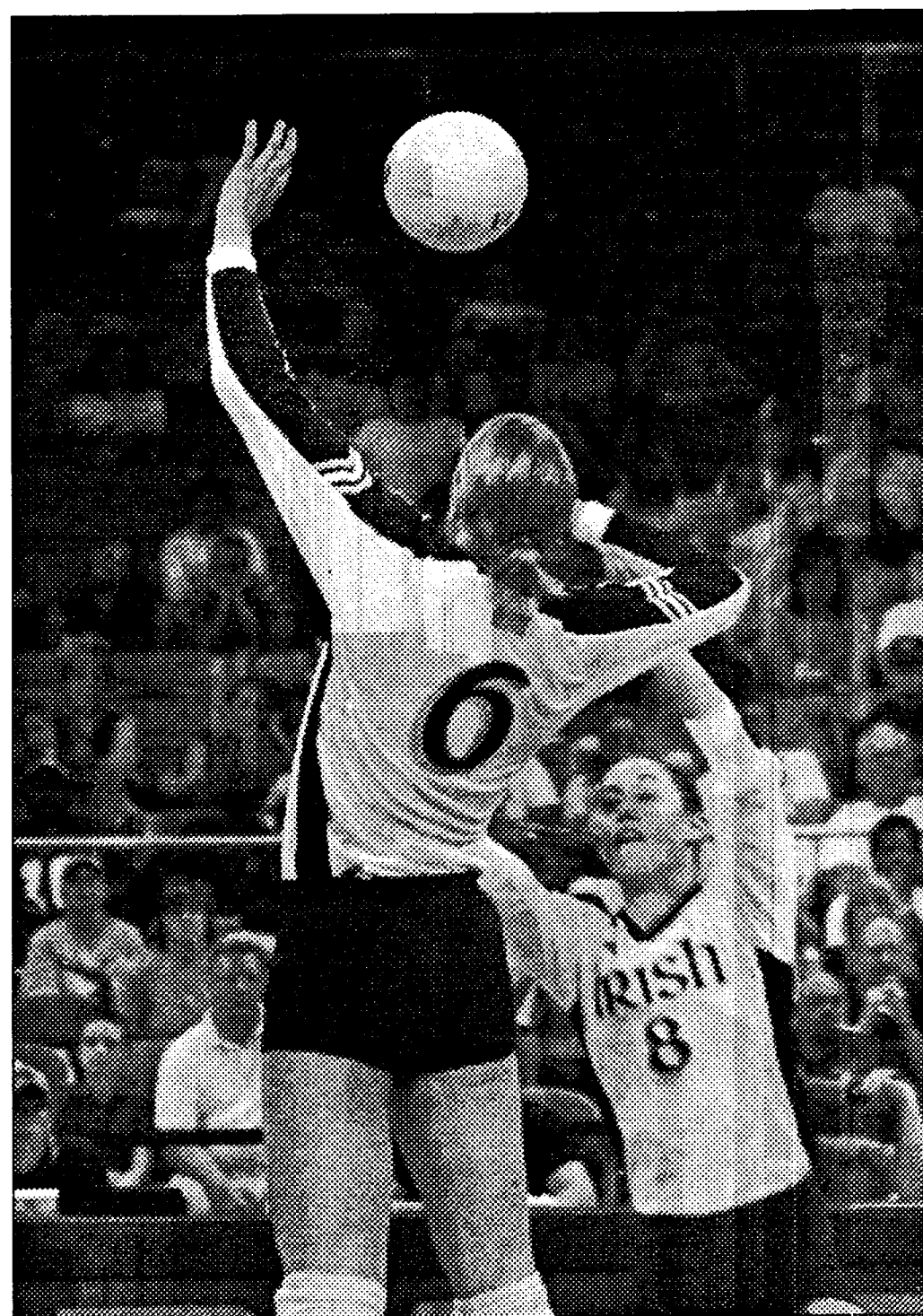
Notre Dame's defense played well for the second consecutive day holding Seton Hall's hitters to a .113 percentage.

Neff had five kills and six blocks — including three solo.

Leading Seton Hall (8-12, 0-2) was outside hitter Jenna Myers with 10 kills. Middle blocker Alyson Furch had three blocks for the Pirates.

Notre Dame's two wins this weekend extended the team's Big East regular winning streak to 37 games and overall Big East winning streak to 30.

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Notre Dame setter Kristen Kinder passes to teammate Lauren Kelbley. The Irish swept Rutgers and Seton Hall last weekend.

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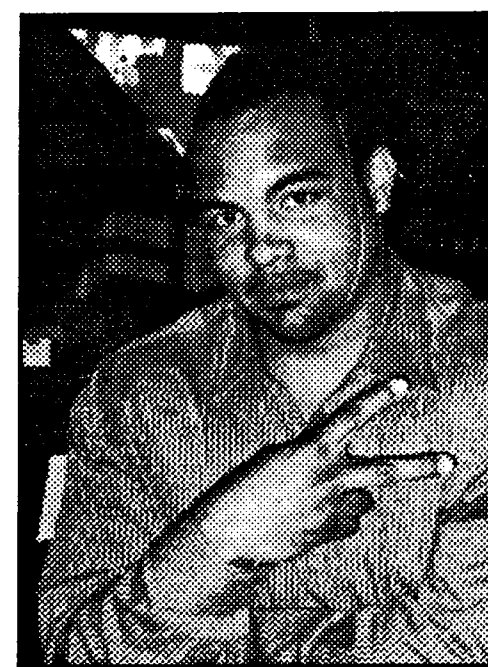
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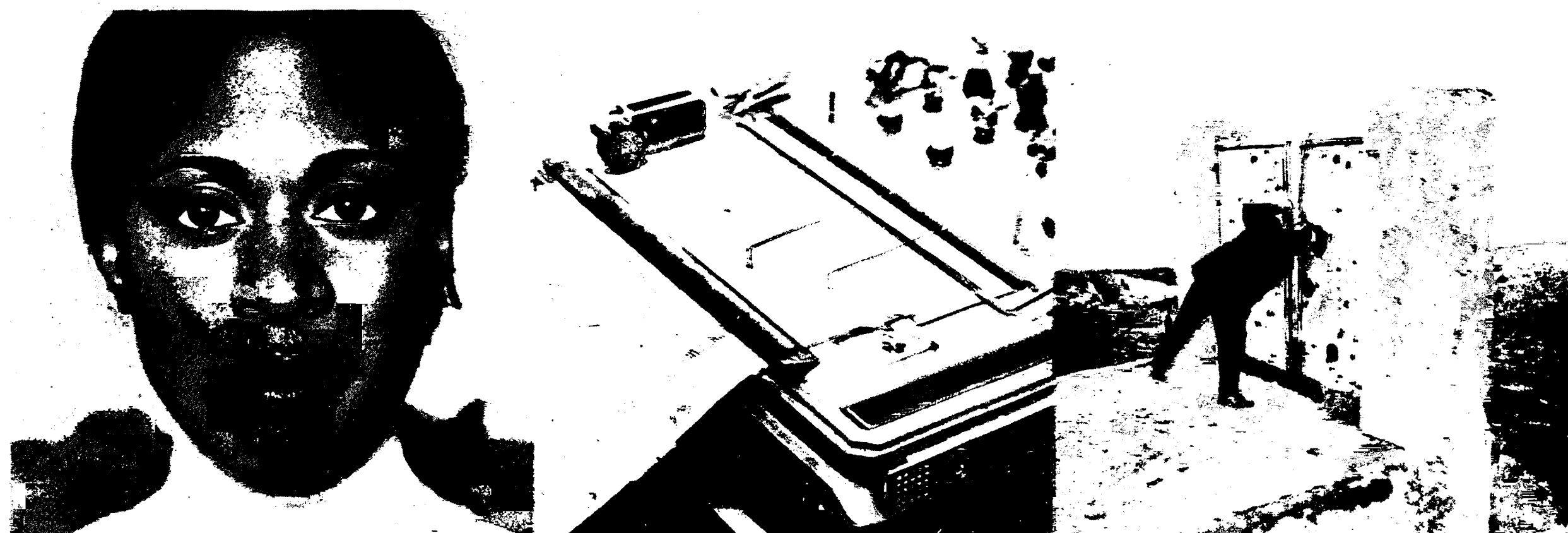
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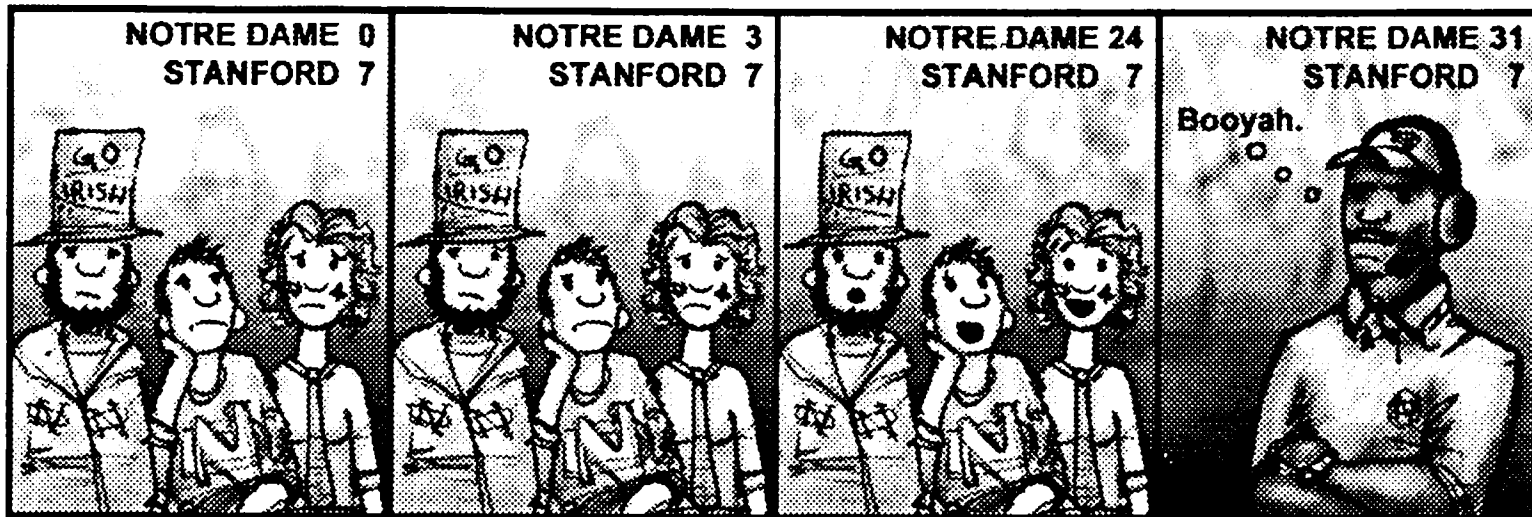


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SMC GOLF

Finally champions

◆ After many close calls, Belles finally take home MIAA Championship

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

It was seven years in coming. It was filled with frustrating finishes.

Ultimately, it was worth it. On Saturday, the Belles finally found what they were looking for. It took a second place finish early in the season to give them the motivation they needed, but that motivation catapulted them to their first MIAA Championship.

"It's been long in waiting and we finally got it," Liz Hanlon said. "We deserve it."

Behind the lead of course medalist Julia Adams, Saint Mary's turned in a performance that was good enough to give the team first place at the MIAA Championship meet, more than 10 strokes ahead of second-place finisher Hope.

The win was what Saint Mary's had been striving for since its disappointing third-place finish last season.

But what is even more impor-

tant is the short amount of time it took this team to be successful.

Seven years ago, Saint Mary's had no golf program. Now it not only has a golf program, but it has an MIAA Championship, a course medalist and a chance at a bid for the NCAA Tournament.

"It feels great to finally win," said sophomore Stefanie Simmerman. "I don't think we could have asked for a better year to win it."

We put in a lot of hard work the past couple of years and we've gotten a lot coming from having no program to having a conference title within seven years."

Adams led the Belles charge at Zolner Golf Course in Angola, Indiana. The sophomore had a two-day total of 161 strokes, just one stroke ahead of last year's medalist, Alma's Courtney Rheinhardt.

Adding to the Belles team score were Simmerman, freshman Megan Mattia and Hanlon. Both Simmerman and Mattia

finished in the top 10 — Simmerman in fourth with 165 strokes and Mattia in fifth with 171. Hanlon finished off the weekend with a 182 total.

This season started off with a bang for the Belles when they broke the Saint Mary's team record in their opening season tournament.

With that win, the goal of first-year head coach Mark Hamilton to win the MIAA Championship didn't seem too far out of reach.

"It's been long in waiting and we finally got it. We deserve it."

Liz Hanlon
junior

"Our coach has been talking since the spring when we interviewed him that his goal would be to win the conference championship," Simmerman said. "We kept our goal the entire season."

But when the first MIAA tournament came around, things didn't go quite so well. The Belles finished in a tie for second place, not quite where the record-breaking team wanted to be.

But the second place finish gave them the boost they needed to carry on through the season.

"I think starting out we were tied for second and it kind of gave us more drive," Hanlon said. "We still had the goal to get that first place finish."

Last season, the Belles took home first place in the first conference tournament of the season. After that tournament, they just couldn't get back to first.

"Not winning our first match this year really gave us the momentum to go forward and work hard for the conference championship," Simmerman said. "It gave us something so that we didn't start off with really big heads, showed us that there were going to be challenges along the way."

With the MIAA championship under their belts, the Belles still have work to do. An NCAA bid isn't guaranteed.

Saint Mary's will play in one final tournament, again at Zolner Golf Course, on Saturday. DePauw, ranked fourth in the nation in Division III women's golf, will be the toughest competition.

"Our main goal is to beat DePauw," Simmerman said. "They're ranked fourth in Division III teams. If we beat DePauw the NCAA should look at us and hopefully they'll say 'Let's give them a chance.'"

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish take two Big East wins

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Setting the tone early in a road match can quickly deflate the home team's chances of upsetting the defending league champion.

The Notre Dame volleyball team did just that this weekend in sweeping two road victories.

On Saturday, the Irish (13-3, 4-0 in the Big East) beat Rutgers 30-16, 30-24, 30-19 and Sunday defeated Seton Hall 30-14, 30-19, 30-25.

"We actually had a pretty decent weekend," libero Keara Coughlin said. "Our goal was to play strong and consistent, no matter who showed up on the other side of the court, whether it was Rutgers or Seton Hall."

Against the Scarlet Knights, the Irish compiled a .571 hitting percentage in cruising to a game one victory.

Over the three games, the Irish hit a season-best .418 and collected 48 kills.

Outside hitter Emily Loomis led Notre Dame with 13 kills and only committed one hitting error.

Freshman Lauren Kelbley contributed 11 kills and five blocks while not committing an error.

Keara Coughlin recorded a match-high 16 digs. As a team, Notre Dame amassed 12 blocks.

Outside hitter Jessica Kinder had six kills, 11 digs and three blocks—two solo. Middle blocker Lauren Brewster also had six kills while junior Katie Neff had seven kills along with three blocks.

Rutgers outside hitter Shayla Bush led both teams with 16 kills. In Game 1, the Scarlet Knights (11-5, 0-1) hit only .061 and for the match they hit .128.

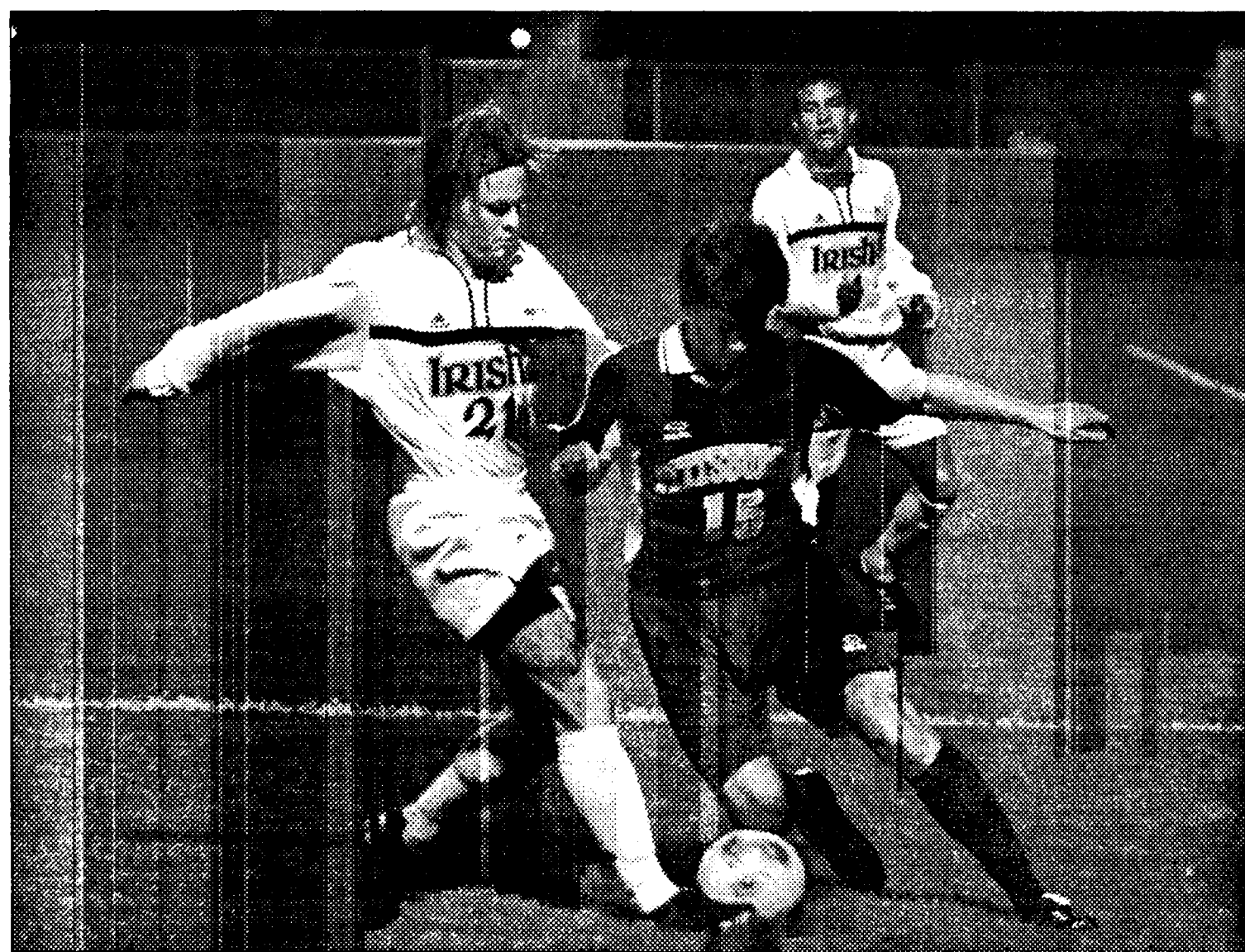
Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown was able to give her regulars some rest against Seton Hall as 14 players saw game action. Freshman Carolyn Cooper had three kills and junior Christa Moen had three digs.

The Irish hit only .565 in the first game and .362 for the match and had 47 kills.

The team wanted to reestablish its status as the team to beat in the conference.

MENS SOCCER

Panthers stun Irish in overtime heartbreaker



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Notre Dame midfielder Chad Riley battles a Pittsburgh player for the ball during Friday's 1-0 overtime loss for the Irish. The Irish rebounded from the loss Sunday by beating Akron 1-0.

◆ Irish follow up 1-0 OT loss Friday with 1-0 victory at Akron Sunday

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

One goal made a difference twice for the Notre Dame mens soccer team this weekend.

After the Irish gave up the only goal of Friday's game in the first sudden-death overtime against Pittsburgh, Notre Dame defender Jack Stewart scored the only goal of the game in Sunday's match at Akron.

The loss to Pittsburgh was particularly costly. Not only did it hurt Notre Dame's position in the Big East standings, but starting goalie Chris Sawyer had to leave the game five minutes into the second half with an injury. Sawyer was replaced by senior Greg Tait, who went on to give up the game-winning goal with just under two minutes remaining in overtime.

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The Irish returned two interceptions for touchdowns, and two Irish running backs ran for over 100 yards as Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham defeated his former team

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The Irish finished strongly at the Head of the Ohio regatta last weekend, winning two events and placing in the top five in several more.

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Notre Dame Relays

The Irish men and women won all but two events while the Belles finished fifth at the Notre Dame Relays held last weekend.

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Leaving his past behind

Facing familiar faces across the field, Willingham led his new team to victory

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis made no attempt to be patient. Mumbling, "Excuse me, I need to shake a hand," he edged his way between reporters surrounding Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham, who was preoccupied with a NBC interview.

Suddenly, Lewis broke through the crowd surrounding his former head coach. Willingham stopped talking to the camera and embraced his former player, whispering something in Lewis' ear. Then the two symbolically parted, Willingham returning to his interview, Lewis returning to his team.

Lewis wasn't the first, nor was he the last, Stanford player to approach his former coach. As Willingham jogged toward the tunnel under a deafening roar, Cardinal after Cardinal lined up to talk to their old coach. What Willingham told his former protégés, only they will know.

But Willingham, who joined Jesse Harper, Knute Rockne and Ara Parseghian as the only Irish coaches to start 5-0 in their first season, didn't have to do much talking after Notre Dame's 31-7 win. The No. 8 Irish sent the Cardinal out of Notre Dame Stadium with a message of their own, showing Stanford what a Willingham-led team is capable of.

"If I were on the other side of the ball and the game's over, whichever way it goes," Darrell Campbell said, "I would definitely start the line and shake coach Willingham's hand because he's such a tremendous person, such a tremendous coach. He's like a father figure to us."

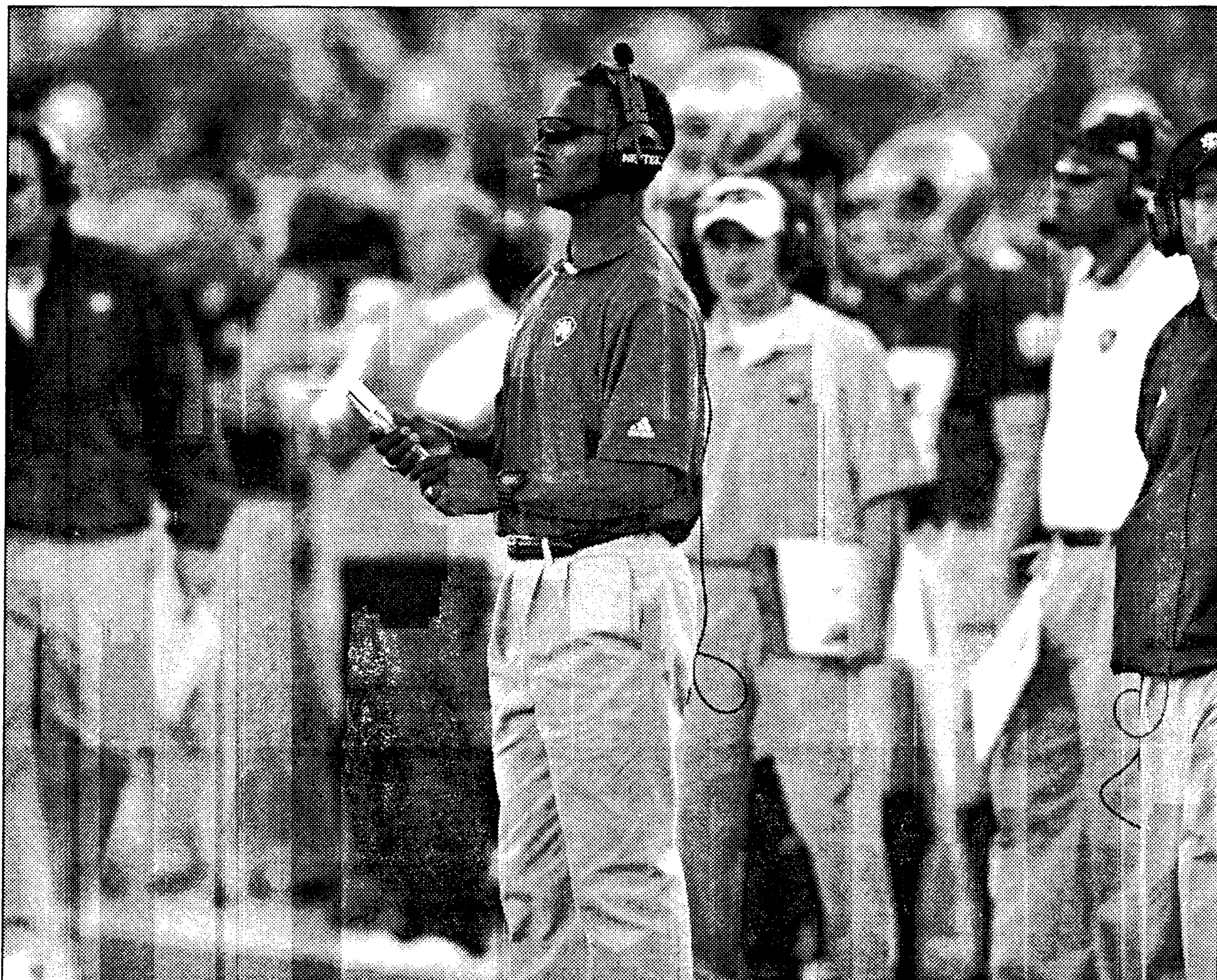
Carrying a 7-3 lead into the halftime, the Cardinal appeared poised to hand its former coach a shocking upset. But while Stanford celebrated in its locker room, the Irish — including Willingham — flung curse words around to express their displeasure with what Willingham called the worst half the team played all year.

But as it has done all season long, Notre Dame relied on its defense to provide a quick burst that preserved its undefeated season. Keyed by its third and fourth defensive touchdowns of the season, the Irish rattled off 28 points in a 6:54 span midway through the second half, a spurt from which the Cardinal never recovered.

Campbell launched the rapid Irish turnaround when he launched himself at Lewis midway through the third quarter, sacking the Stanford quarterback on the Cardinal 5-yard line. Almost single-handedly, Campbell had swung the momentum in favor of the Irish and the floodgates opened.

"I think it inspired a lot of people at that time, especially the fans in the stands," defensive lineman Cedric Hilliard said. "They really got into the game ... and made it hard for the offense to hear. I think it was definitely a turning point."

On Notre Dame's next possession, quarterback Pat Dillingham, who learned



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Irish coach Tyrone Willingham looks across the sideline at his old team before the first snap of Saturday's game. Willingham left his sentiments behind as he led the Irish to a 31-7 victory against Stanford.

early Saturday morning he would start over the injured Carlyle Holiday, led the Irish on a 6-play, 57-yard drive that ended in Rashon Powers-Neal's three-yard touchdown run.

Two plays later, Shane Walton picked off Lewis' pass and raced 18-yards for a touchdown. Five plays after Walton's score, Courtney Watson snatched a ball away from tight end Alex Smith and sprinted 34-yards for another Irish touchdown, giving Notre Dame a 24-7 lead with 1:09 remaining in the third quarter.

"A thing we stress to our football team is that we really need to elevate our energy in all areas," Willingham said. "We hit a stretch in the third quarter where it all seemed to come together with the energy of our defense and the energy of our offense. We put together multiple scores pretty quick."

But the Irish weren't finished yet. On the first play of the fourth quarter, Gerome Sapp picked off another Lewis pass, setting up Ryan Grant's 1-yard touchdown run.

Once again, the Irish defense rescued a lackluster offense that generated just 119

first-half offensive yards. Dillingham looked shaky for most of the first half. Notre Dame's offense had trouble moving the ball and only generated five first downs.

"On the sidelines we told [our defense], 'We may have to score a touchdown here to win this thing,'" defensive coordinator Kent Baer said.

But second half adjustments and a dominant running game helped the Dillingham and the Irish offense inch along. As the offensive line wore down Stanford's defense, Dillingham looked increasingly comfortable on the field. With his father, who works for the Stanford medical staff, watching from the other sidelines, Dillingham finished 14-for-27 with 129 passing yards.

"I have to hand it to him, he had confidence, he was emotionally stable, he handled all the pressures of playing here better than anyone I have ever seen," Irish offensive lineman Jordan Black said. "It's hard to play here, you've got millions of people watching you on TV, 80,000 people in the stands, people expect you to play a certain way. Having all those pres-

ures on you, he did a good job."

For its part, the oft-maligned Irish offensive line had a field day against Stanford's defensive front. The Irish ran the ball extensively in the second half, clearing the way for Grant and Powers-Neal to both finish with over 100 yards rushing.

Notre Dame nearly had another touchdown in the first quarter, but a roughing the center penalty nullified a 92-yard Vontez Duff punt return for a touchdown. Stanford got the ball back, moved 21-yards on a "fumble-rooskie" play and scored its lone touchdown of the day on a Teyo Johnson 14-yard reception.

After the game, after Willingham finished shaking hands of his former players, after the Cardinal disappeared from the field, Notre Dame's head coach ran out of the field pumping his fist toward the student section, leaving no doubt which team he was in charge of.

To be 5-0, he said with a grin, "feels pretty special."

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player of the game

Courtney Watson

The Irish linebacker had 11 tackles and an interception return for a touchdown.

stat of the game

3

number of Irish interceptions

Two interceptions were returned for touchdowns and the third set up another Irish touchdown.

play of the game

Shane Walton's 18-yard interception return for a touchdown
Walton's interception return helped turn the tide and give the Irish the momentum they needed to win.

quote of the game

"Coach Willingham — he is the man"

Shane Walton
Irish cornerback

report card

- B** **quarterbacks:** Although Pat Dillingham showed poise in his first start and was 14-for-27, he threw an interception and had trouble with the long pass.
- A-** **running backs:** The running backs had their best game of the year, picking up 249 yards, 12 first downs and two touchdowns.
- B** **receivers:** Although eight Notre Dame players caught the ball, the Irish had only 129 passing yards. But the unproductive offense in the first half was just too much to overlook.
- A-** **offensive line:** The offensive line showed major improvement. They opened huge holes for the running backs and allowed only one sack.
- B+** **defensive line:** Darrell Campbell had the sack that turned the game around. The defensive line put good pressure on Lewis and had three sacks.
- A-** **linebackers:** Courtney Watson had another phenomenal game — 11 tackles and an interception. Derek Curry added a big sack.
- A-** **defensive backs:** The defensive backs did a good job containing Teyo Johnson and Shane Walton and Gerome Sapp both had interceptions which helped turn the tide.
- C+** **special teams:** Nicholas Setta missed three field goals and Joey Hildbold didn't look very solid punting. However, Vontez Duff had serious return yardage.
- B** **coaching:** The Irish looked awful in the first half. However, the coaching staff managed to get the team back on track in the second half and win the game.
- 3.25** **overall:** Despite a bad first half of football, the Irish pulled together and came up with the win thanks to a good running game and excellent defensive play.

adding up the numbers

- number of Irish players on the field during Vontez Duff's 92-yard punt return that was called back **10**
- number of personal fouls called during the football game. Notre Dame had three, the Cardinal had one **4**
- length of time in which Notre Dame scored 28 points — two touchdowns on interceptions and two rushing **6:54**
- last time two Irish running backs had more than 100 yards a piece. Autry Denson and Clement Stokes picked up 100 yards each against Pitt **1997**
- total number of rushing yards picked up by the Irish offense — its best performance of the season **249**
- number of Notre Dame punts in the second half. The Irish had two touchdowns, two missed field goals and an interception **0**
- Irish coaches who have begun the season 5-0. Leahy, Parseghian, Harper and Willingham. Leahy also defeated Stanford in his fifth game **4**
- number of push-ups Shane Walton and Preston Jackson did after missing picks. They do 10 push-ups for missing interceptions during practice **5**

Lightning strikes the Golden Dome

When Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham walked into Notre Dame Stadium Saturday, he had already made believers out of fans and critics alike.

People believed he could turn a 5-7 team that "didn't have enough talent or speed into a national title contender."

People believed he could take a program tarnished by NCAA sanctions, rape allegations, expulsions and transfers and return it to glory.

People even believed he could turn the fashionably non-homogeneous Notre Dame Stadium into a sea of green, like he did Saturday.

But few would believe he could conjure lightning out of a cloudless, South Bend sky. Enter the electric Notre Dame defense, which forced three third-quarter Chris Lewis interceptions as the Irish scored four touchdowns in just 6:54, and Stanford watched a potential upset of its former coach float away like Lewis passes under pressure.

"We went on the field unspirited, but we knew the game wasn't over," linebacker Courtney Watson said. "It gave us a spark, that spark ... totally changed everything around."

The Notre Dame offense had been largely ineffective all day against a Cardinal defense that yielded 535 yards to Arizona State a week ago. Notre Dame's first nine drives yielded five punts, two missed field goals, an interception and only three points.

When the Irish finally reached the end zone on a three-yard run by Rashon Powers-Neal with 4:22 left in the third quarter, almost nobody in Notre Dame Stadium expected the lightning storm that was about to erupt out of Willingham's team.

On Stanford's ensuing possession, Irish cornerback Shane Walton picked off a Chris Lewis pass and strutted into the end zone.

Lightning struck once.

Just six plays later, Notre Dame linebacker Courtney Watson pulled a Lewis pass away from Stanford's Alex Smith and sprinted 34 yards for another touchdown.

Lightning struck twice.

On Stanford's next possession, Lewis threw his third interception of the day to Irish safety Gerome Sapp.

Lighting struck for the third time and Stanford was smoked.

On that Notre Dame drive, Irish running back Ryan Grant punched it in for his first touchdown of the day on a 1-yard run, and the rout was on.

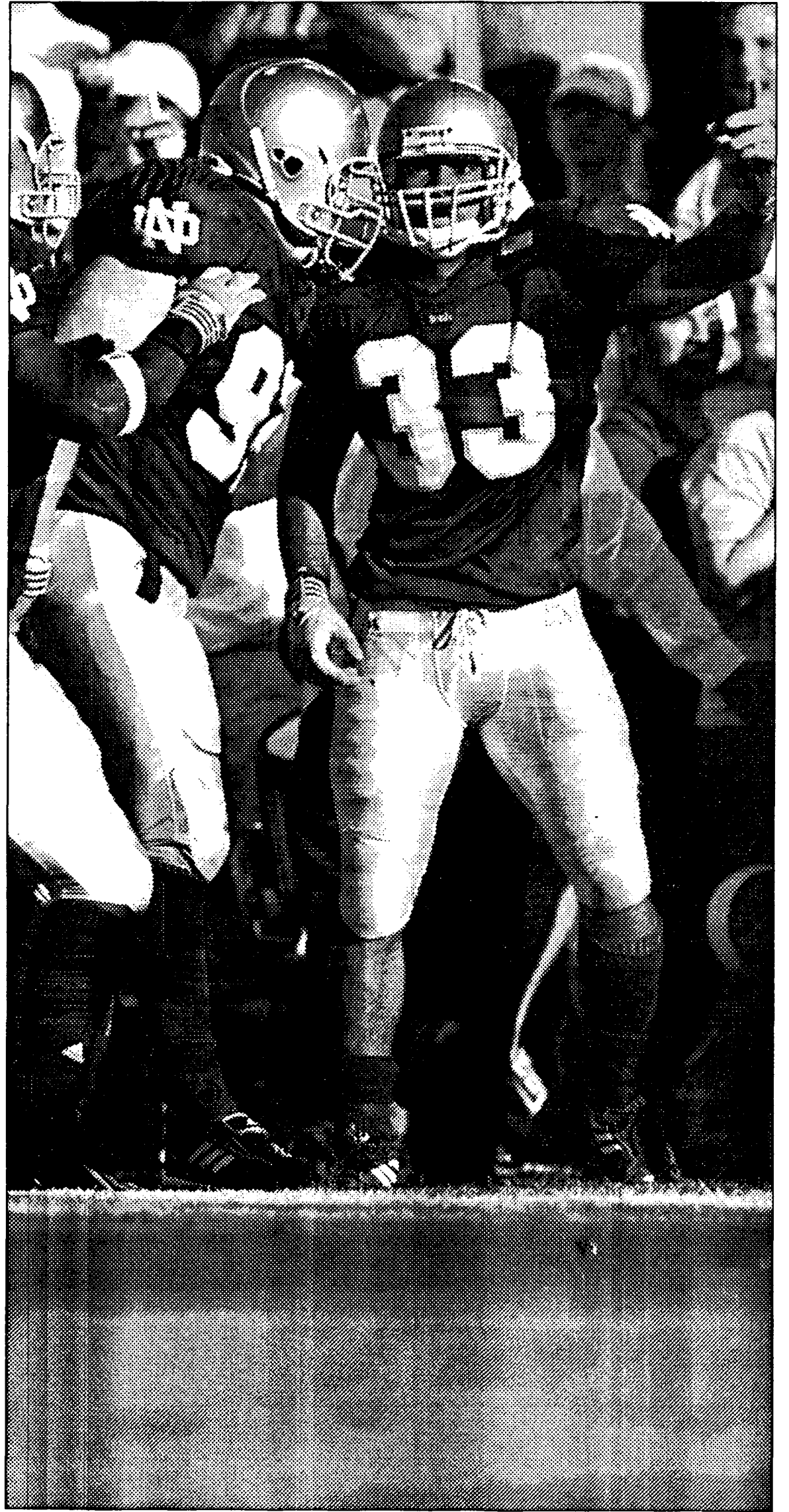
"That's one of our goals — to go out there and take the other team's heart from them," Notre Dame defensive tackle Cedric Hilliard said. "Once you do that, they give up — game over."

But the story of the Irish defense is nothing new this season. All year it's been making up



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Courtney Watson celebrates after a 34-yard interception return for a touchdown. The Irish defense burned Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis and made the big plays that turned the tide.

for a less-than-spectacular offense with big plays at key times.

"On defense, we really strive on scoring and creating turnovers," Irish cornerback Vontez Duff said. "But we don't want to just create turnovers, we want to score on defense. If you score on defense or special teams, it really knocks their game out."

Duff knows about landing that knockout punch on defense. His interception return for touchdown against Purdue turned the lights out on the Boilermakers in Notre Dame's second game.

Against Michigan, it was Walton's turn with a pass deflection on Michigan's two-point conversion attempt that would have tied the game. On the Wolverines' final drive, the defensive line swarmed quarterback John

Navarre, who threw up a floater that was snared by Walton to end the game.

The next week, Sapp intercepted Spartan quarterback Jeff Smoker's bomb to Charlie Rogers to seal the game after the Irish comeback.

Willingham has his team — and especially his defense — doing what it hasn't been able to in a long time — make big plays at big times.

Instead of waiting, hoping or praying for the big plays, they are going out and causing them.

"I just believe that no matter the situation, in our heads, we know we're going to win," Walton said. "That's just the confidence that Coach Willingham has instilled in us."

So as the Irish pulled it out again, Willingham's list of believers got longer and longer: players, fans, opponents, critics and even meteorologists.

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Irish rushing game returns to glory

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Rashon Powers-Neal and Ryan Grant didn't need the words emblazoned on their chests to point out what their goal was. The green "Return to Glory" shirts that the running backs donned Saturday evening served only as a gentle reminder of the power-packed punch they had delivered to Stanford that afternoon.

"I came here, to this university, wanting to get back to where it used to be," Powers-Neal said. "... Return to glory is what we thought about all year ... that's what it's all about."

With the offensive line opening the way, Powers-Neal and Grant both rushed for over 100 yards as the Irish offense tallied 249 running yards, its best numbers of the season.

A return to glory indeed.

After a first half that had most fans struggling to keep their eyes open, the Irish run game was looking anything but glorious. Notre Dame had only tallied 59 rushing yards. The Irish were averaging four yards a carry, but no Irish back had found his way into the end zone.

"Obviously, the first half, we didn't put a lot of runs together," said tackle Jordan Black. "The second half, we knew the run would work, so we just did run after run after run."

In the final two quarters, Notre Dame recorded 190 rushing yards, eight rushing first downs and two touchdowns.

"I think Stanford was getting tired and we saw that and started attacking them," Grant said. "Getting bodies on bodies and just driving them into the ground. We were moving chains and moving chains and moving chains."

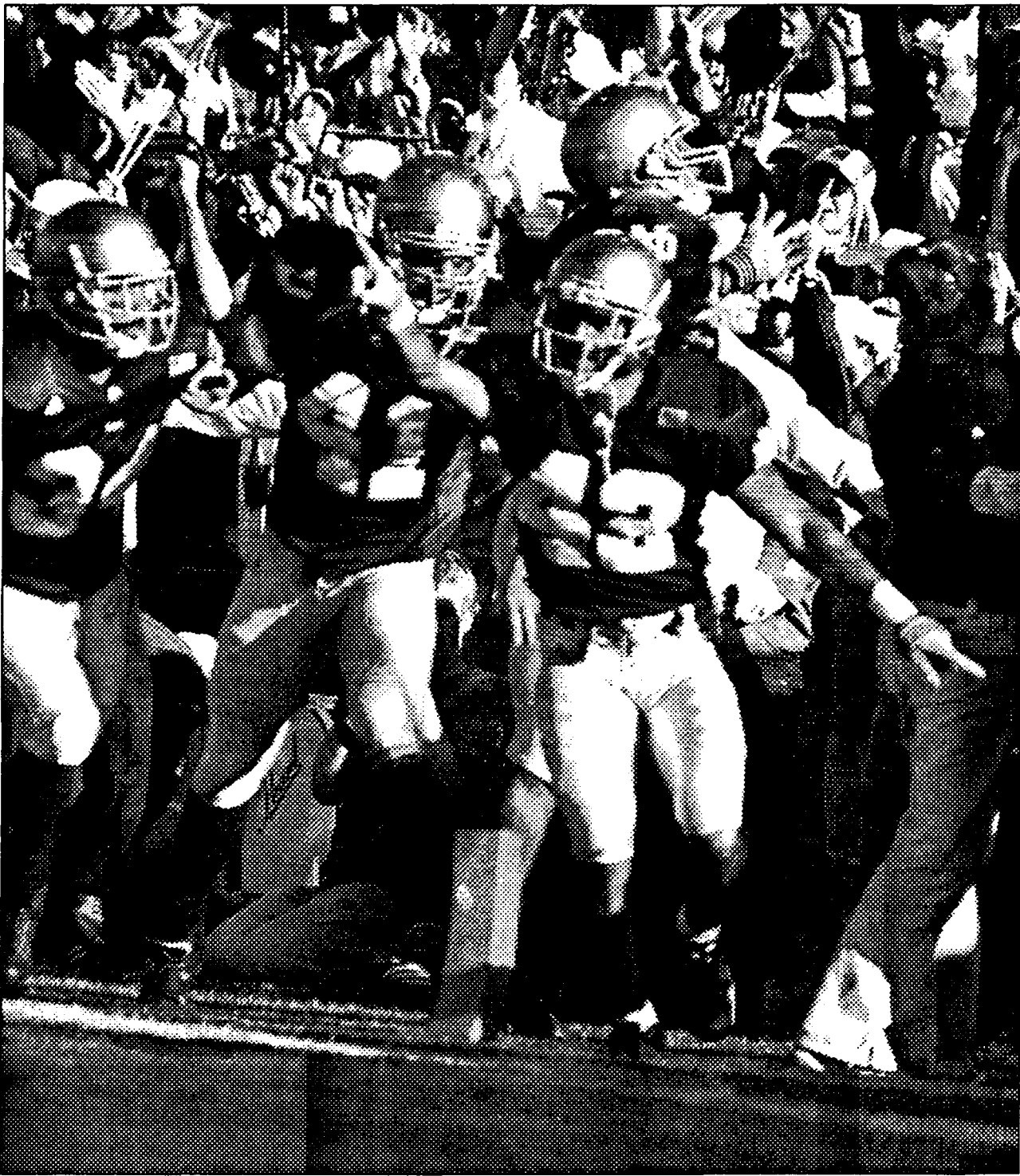
The Stanford defense, fabled for stopping the run, could not contain Powers-Neal or Grant in the second half of football. Both running backs attributed that to the offensive line.

"[The offensive line] did an excellent job," Powers-Neal said. "I didn't really have to do anything, just run hard. The holes were so big anybody could have run through them. All they ask of us is run hard and all we ask of them is good blocking."

By then end of the game, holes were opening up all over the place. The Stanford defense was thin inside and Powers-Neal, Grant and sophomore Marcus Wilson made use of those holes. Powers-Neal

"We like to call it road rage. Just beat on them and beat on them until they fold."

Jordan Black
offensive tackle



Sophomore running back Rashon Powers-Neal celebrates after the Irish win on Saturday. Powers-Neal and teammate Ryan Grant rushed for 211 yards Saturday.

averaged nearly 8.3 yards a carry, while Grant picked up nearly six yards a carry.

The running game pushed through.

"When you're working with a quarterback who is just getting his feet on the ground, it's important to have the rest of your team step up," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "And our running game did just that today."

With quarterback Pat Dillingham starting his first game since high school, the rush game was key for the Irish. Dillingham only grabbed five first downs passing and the Irish receivers failed to find the end

zone. After the game, he said just exactly how important the run game was.

"A quarterback's best friend is the run game," Dillingham said.

Powers-Neal and Grant both found the end zone, giving Notre Dame 14 of its 17 offensive points. Both touchdowns came in the second half when Stanford's defense was starting to suffer at the hands of the Irish running game.

"[We] just pounded at them," Grant said.

In the end, Stanford just couldn't take it. "We like to call it road rage," Black said. "Just beat on them and beat on them until they fold."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	0	3	21	7	31
Stanford	7	0	0	0	7

First quarter

Stanford 7, Notre Dame 0
Teyo Johnson 14-yd. pass from Chris Lewis with 0:46 remaining (Michael Sgori kick)
Drive: 6 plays, 59 yards, 1:31 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 3, Stanford 7
Nicholas Setta 30-yard FG with 2:03 remaining
Drive: 10 plays, 67 yards, 3:54 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 10, Stanford 7
Rashon Powers-Neal 3-yd. run with 4:22 remaining (Setta kick)
Drive: 6 plays, 57 yards, 2:06 elapsed
Notre Dame 17, Stanford 7
Shane Walton 18-yd. interception return with 3:58 remaining (Setta kick)
Notre Dame 24, Stanford 7
Courtney Watson 34-yd. interception return with 1:09 remaining (Setta kick)

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 31, Stanford 7
Ryan Grant 1-yd. run with 12:28 remaining (Setta kick)
Drive: 7 plays, 41 yards, 2:26 remaining

statistics



total yards	
NOTRE DAME	378
STANFORD	262

rushing yards	
NOTRE DAME	249
STANFORD	61

passing yards	
NOTRE DAME	129
STANFORD	201

return yards	
NOTRE DAME	118
STANFORD	56

time of possession	
NOTRE DAME	30:32
STANFORD	29:28

	
43-249	rushes-yards 30-61
14-27-1	comp-att-int 21-43-3
5-177	punts-yards 7-282
0-0	fumbles-lost 0-0
10-109	penalties-yards 9-72
16	first downs 17

passing			
Dillingham	14-27-1	Lewis	20-42-3

rushing			
Powers-Neal	13-108	Carter	7-35
Grant	18-103	Sabes	2-21
Wilson	7-35	Lemon	4-17
O'Neill	2-18	Moore	9-16
Lopienski	1-5	Tolon	3-10
Dillingham	1-(20)		

receiving			
Jenkins	3-64	Mason	5-28
Battle	3-26	Moore	3-54
Stovall	2-21	Johnson	3-41
Godsey	2-9	Camarillo	2-25
McNair	1-6	Carter	1-13
Lopienski	1-6	Crochet	1-13
Wilson	1-5	Wells	1-12
Grant	1-(8)	Powell	1-9

tackling			
Watson	11	Atoigwe	11
Earl	7	Branch	8
Sapp	6	Torrence	7

Penalties continue to plague Irish

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Notre Dame continued to make critical mistakes Saturday to take themselves out of good position, committing a total of 10 penalties for 109 yards.

The most painful came on a Stanford punt at the end of the first quarter, when Irish cornerback Vontez Duff broke an apparent 92-yard touchdown return to notch the first points of the game. The long return was called back, however, on a 15-yard personal foul for roughing the center on the punt rush.

After the game, all Willingham had to say of the questionable call was that it was, "a little unusual."

Once Stanford got the ball back, it only needed three plays to score on a 14-yard pass to receiver Teyo Johnson for a 14-point swing in the Cardinal's direction.

"We've had some drives,

but what we have continued to do all year is kind of shoot ourselves in the foot at certain points," Willingham said. "Occasionally we'll go in there and get a penalty that stops the drive. Right now, we've not been good enough to overcome the mistakes and situations we've put ourselves in."

Holiday's status

Irish quarterback Carlyle Holiday never stepped onto the field Saturday for the Irish. The starter injured his shoulder two weeks ago in the third quarter against Michigan State.

"We just wanted to be cautious," Willingham said of his decision to keep Holiday on the sidelines.

Willingham would not comment further on Holiday's health status after the game, nor would he mention which quarterback would start Saturday against Pittsburgh.

Push 'em back, push 'em back

The Irish defensive line continued to get good pressure on the quarterback Saturday. The team combined for four sacks of Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis. The pressure also played a big part in Walton's and Sapp's interceptions as Lewis had to hurry and make a hasty pass, each time because of the rush.

"You always love backpedaling and seeing the quarterback go down," Sapp said. "Coach Willingham always told us the quarterback can't throw the ball if he's on his butt."

It's their ball

Irish cornerback Shane Walton's interception in the third quarter moved him into second place in the nation. Through Notre Dame's first five games, Walton has a team-high five interceptions, returning his most recent one Saturday for a touchdown.

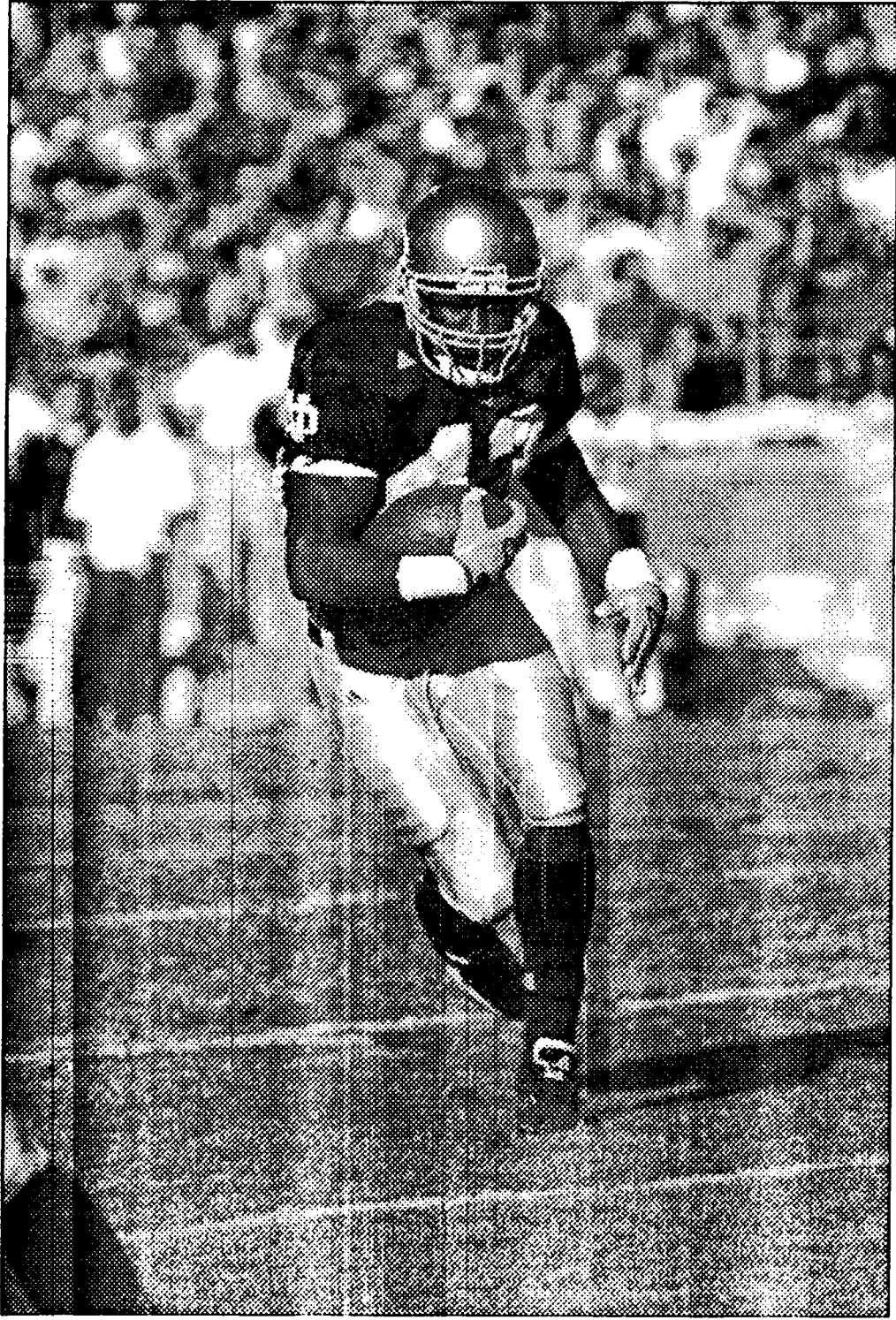
With Notre Dame's three interceptions as a team Saturday — the other two coming from safety Gerome Sapp and linebacker Courtney Watson — it moved into seventh place nationally with 10 interceptions, or two per game.

But the stats aren't enough for now as Walton believes both he and the team should have even more.

"I'm kind of disappointed, because we should have had three more [interceptions], myself included," Walton said. "That's something we have to work out in practice. I should have more than [five]. I dropped a couple in the Purdue game and today, so I'm really not very happy with myself right now."

Gameday captains:

Captains for the Irish Saturday were Walton, defensive end Ryan Roberts, center Jeff Faine and wide receiver Omar Jenkins.



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Sophomore running back Rashon Powers-Neal picks up a few of his 108 rushing yards.



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The Notre Dame marching band takes the field during halftime of Saturday's game. The Irish were behind at the half for the first time all season.



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The Irish cheerleaders look on after the national anthem as fans raise green signs to create the "Sea of Green" that Irish coach Tyrone Willingham had requested earlier in the week.



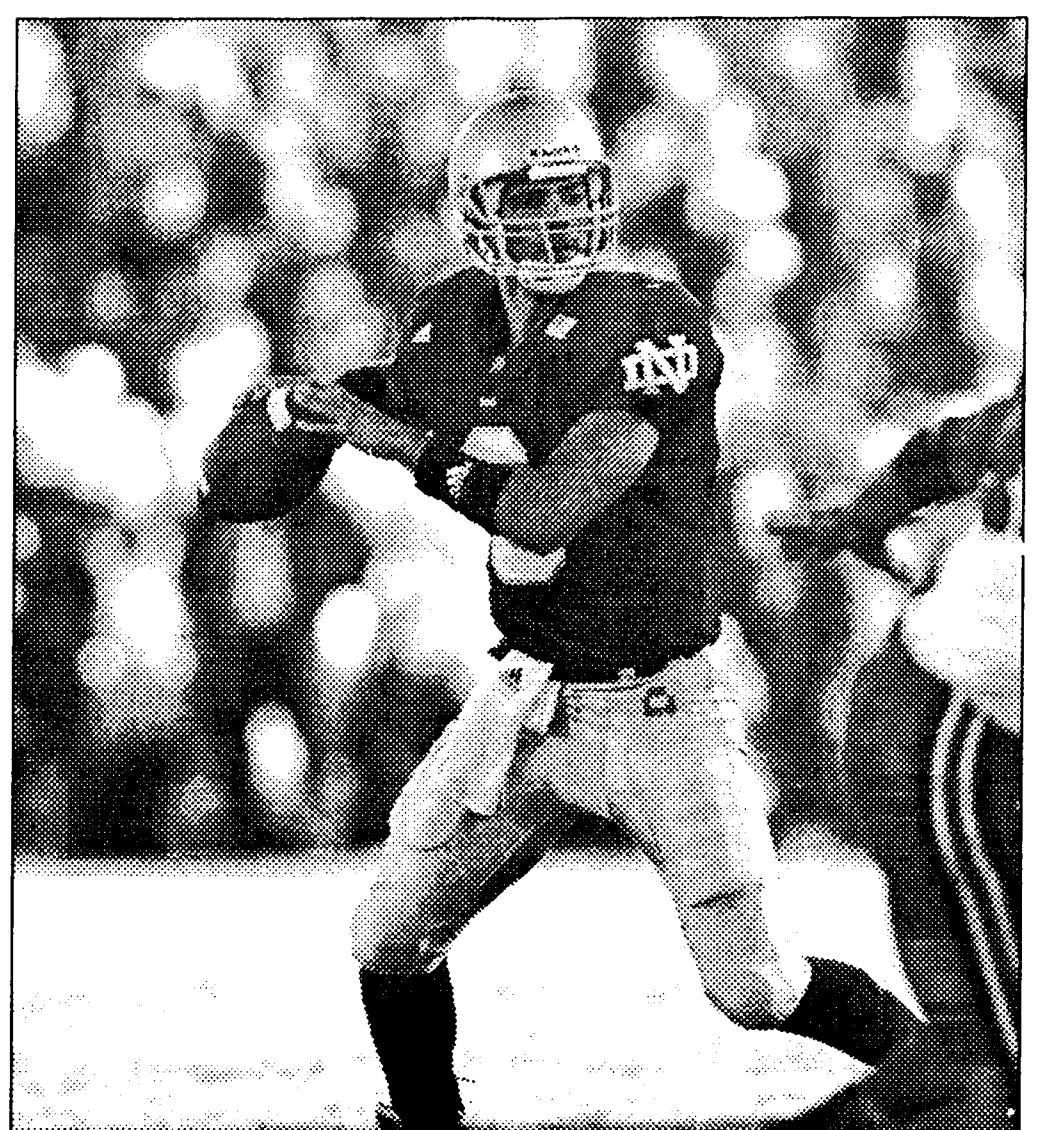
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Shane Walton and Courtney Watson prepare to hit Grant Mason. Watson and Walton both returned interceptions for touchdowns in the third quarter of Saturday's game.



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Marcus Wilson finds a hole and runs through it on Saturday. The sophomore running back added to the Irish offense's 249-yard rushing effort Saturday.



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Quarterback Pat Dillingham got his first start since high school on Saturday. He settled down as the game wore on and passed for 129 yards.