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Ticket exchange can't meet student demand

By BETH ERICKSON,
News Writer

Standout attendance at this year's student ticket exchanges may indicate an increased feeling of disheartenment amongst even the truest fans, as Notre Dame's football team continues to perform unsatisfactorily.

In the recent student ticket exchanges for the USC and Florida State games, students braved long lines to trade in their football tickets, coveted in more successful seasons. Many stu-

dents were unable to trade their tickets, for far more than the 300-person limit showed up to make the exchange.

Students began camping out before dawn to trade in their USC tickets two weeks ago, Breen-Phillips junior Sarah Cancellare said.

Students arriving even an hour prior to the ticket exchange could not exchange their tickets. This was due to the process' chaotic organization, which allowed many students to work the system to their advantage, Cancellare said.

"There is absolutely no rhyme or reason to the ticket exchange process," she said.

While the number of students vying to exchange their USC tickets was unusually large, the number seeking to swap tickets in this year's other exchanges has not been remarkable, assistant athletic director Jim Fraleigh said.

"[The exchanges] have been consistent throughout the past few years," he said.

Because of the team's performance this season, some students feel that an increase in students

wishing to exchange is justified.

"This season was supposed to represent a return to fundamentals, yet a majority of the weaknesses we have seen are fundamental mistakes," Chris O'Boynick, an off-campus senior, said, "This season is not the one I envisioned for my senior year. If students want to trade in their tickets, that's fine by me."

Others remain hopeful that the Irish can rekindle last season's spark, holding out for the team's next upset. "Even though this season isn't as exciting or as successful as last season, I still sup-

port the Irish every Saturday because I know Ty's a great coach and that our players can be better," Erin Phillips, a Breen-Phillips Hall junior, said.

"I think everyone's quick to jump off our bandwagon but the students have to stay. I definitely wouldn't have sold my ticket. I'd rather be in the student section than watching it on TV," Phillips said.

Many other students have resigned themselves to an imperfect season but will continue to

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Institute reacts to Kroc gift

Money drives graduate program expansion

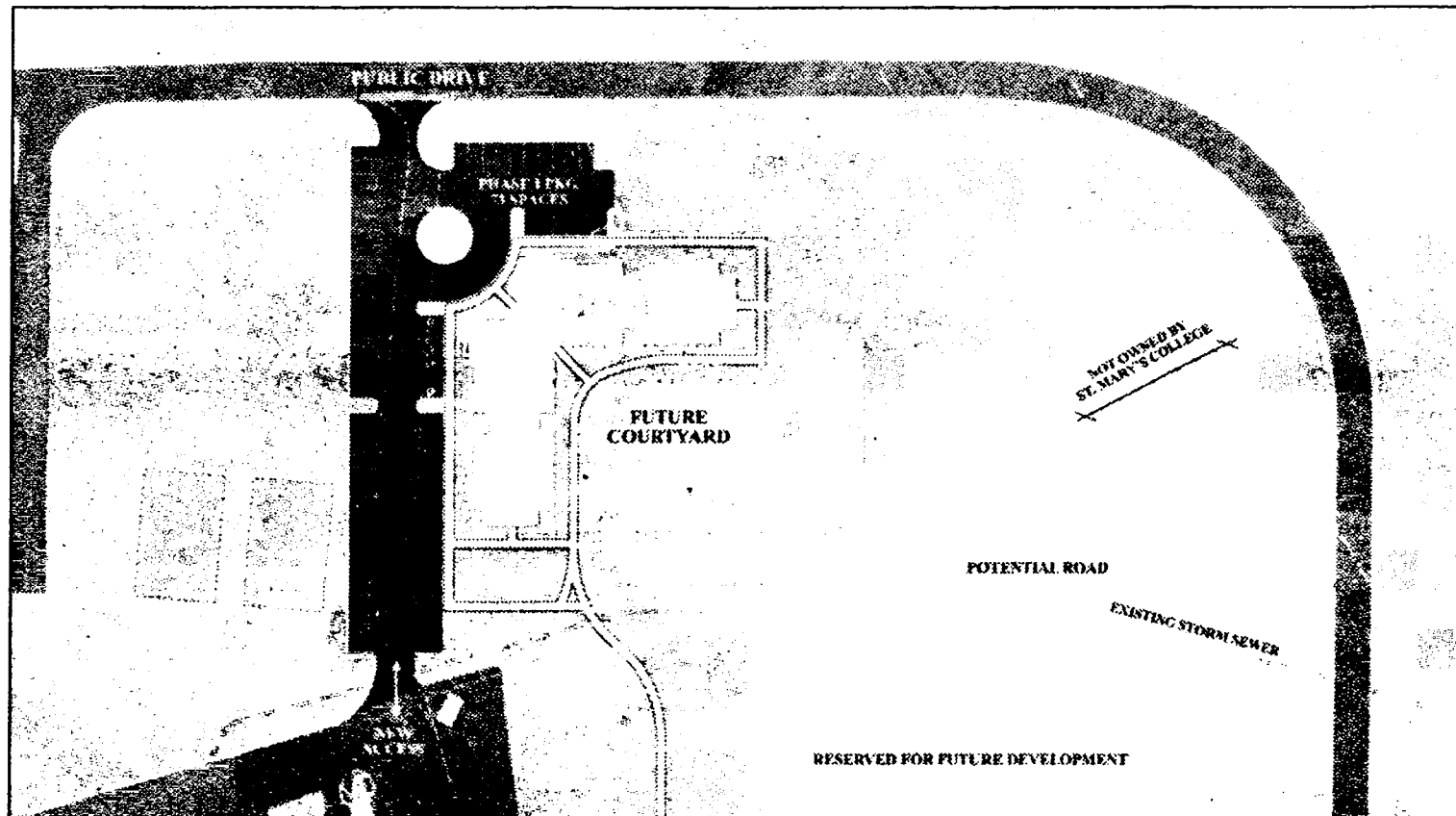
By ANNA GELHAUS,
News Writer

The record \$50 million gift from the late Joan Kroc to the University has left many students and faculty connected thankful and moved.

Kroc specified in her will that the donation should be used to enhance the graduate program at the Kroc Institute for

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Saint Mary's provides on-campus alternative



Graphic courtesy of Opus Architects

The new apartments at Saint Mary's, shown above in an architect's blueprint, are expected to be in operation for the fall semester of 2004.

Students may pick new apartments over off-campus

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD,
Saint Mary's Editor

Off-campus housing, where available, is something that college students nationwide often consider.

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Numerous reasons exist for why students may seek alternative housing arrangements, but many cases simply involve the attraction of increased independence and freedom.

And as construction continues

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Groups use Halloween for service



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Students hand out treats to children in front of Farley Hall. Many organizations sponsored service opportunities Thursday.

By JOE HETTLER,
News Writer

For many campus organizations, Halloween isn't just a time for ghosts and goblins — it's also a time to help others.

Different groups and dorms have been planning activities for today's holiday in an effort to raise money and donate their time to children and the less fortunate.

Irish Fighting for St. Jude Kids sponsored a Halloween costume party in the LaFortune Ballroom Thursday night, said Kim Simko, executive director of the club, which is in its second year of existence. The club's goal is to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Nashville Tenn., which cares for children with life-threatening illness, such as cancer or HIV.

"What we do is have all club members write designated letters to family members and friends, or to anyone they know," Simko said. "They fill out the letter [at the party], address it to the person

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Fans cheer Irish on nationwide

'Subway alumni' exist across the country

By CLAIRE HEININGER,
News Writer

When Paul Kress attended Catholic elementary school in Rochester, N.Y., rooting for the Irish was not a matter of choice.

"Every fall Friday, the nuns would gather us together outside," Kress, now 72, recalls. "We would all kneel down, concentrate hard and pray the rosary for Notre Dame to win."

The earnest prayers of Kress and his classmates were a microcosm of the loyalties shared by Irish-Americans and Roman Catholics across the United States, as evidenced by his encounter years later with a California fan of the same generation. With a stoic

straight face, the man responded to an innocent question about his Notre Dame T-shirt with the outburst that "This is God's team — if you don't cheer for this team then you're rooting for the devil!"

While God's team represented the pinnacle of football prowess, Notre Dame represented the height of educational achievement for a generation of immigrant European Catholics. For the first half of the 20th century, very few Irish — or any other heritage — could aspire to attend college. Thus Notre Dame began to stand out, earning a reputation that Catholics could take pride in and establishing itself as an institution they could revere.

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INSIDE COLUMN

This is how legends get started

There's a huge difference between wild Zahm resident Charlie Gales, class of 1982, and the man who has enforced the rules at home for the last 18 years — or so I thought.

However, as the summer of 2003 grew to a close, and my departure for Notre Dame grew imminent, I began to see

Kate Gales

Wire Editor

someone I hadn't seen before — my staid, rules-observing father became "Charlie" before my eyes.

Charlie is a proud former resident of Zahm Hall's second-floor 10-man suite. He and his former roommates — Sean, Moon, Gerry, Burl, Rudy, "L," Blim, Vasey, Sab and others keep in close contact and recently celebrated their 20-year reunion. Sean will actually be here to tailgate with my family before the USC game this weekend. According to my mother, his claim to fame is struggling mightily through Notre Dame's civil engineering program and then designing a massive bridge in the South Bend area.

The stories these adults tell are hard to reconcile with "Dad the disciplinarian." Charlie grew up on a farm, and the muscles he built baling hay made him talented among his dormmates. Since kegs had recently been outlawed in dorm rooms, Charlie's ability to carry four cases of special drinks from the parking lots to Zahm were prized. He also used his impressive physical strength to barricade the assistant rector in his room with a cigarette machine.

Dad was vastly amused when I was assigned to Cavanaugh — the home of Zahm's old rivals.

"Charlie," my mom asked, "doesn't it feel funny to you that Kate is living in a men's dorm?"

"No, Dad replied. "Cavanaugh guys were pretty girly anyways." This was reinforced with the story of "L" sending bottle rockets down a hallway, past the Cavanaugh chapel. Bottle rockets were also shot out of upper-story windows over groups of students.

Dad spent a lot of time in his freshman-year room, 313 Zahm, during Frosh-O weekend. He also enjoyed the "Zahm, best six years of your life" sign and giant Z. It was an odd sense of déjà vu that I went to my first college party in Dad's old room. It was odder yet that Dad's main reaction was a sense of relief that these new Zahmbies were carrying on the tradition.

Campus has changed a lot in the last quarter-century. However, being a legacy means that a sense of continuity pervades my time here at Notre Dame. I'm thrilled to see my family this weekend for the first time since I've left for college. I'm sure more interesting stories are on their way.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kate Gales at kgales@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR PREDICTION FOR THE FOOTBALL GAME THIS WEEKEND?



Anne Glangiullo
Pasquerilla West freshman

"5-0, just like my height."



Ashley St. Pierre
Pasquerilla West freshman

"Ten is my favorite number."



Kevin O'Boyle
Stanford sophomore

"55-nothing, Notre Dame."



Laura Maclean
Farley sophomore

"Our half-time show will be wicked awesome. I hope the Irish brought their A-game."



Pat Watts
O'Neill junior

"We're going to get trounced."



Steve Cartwright
Keough freshman

"It'll be a win if we play my roommate No. 52 Joe Brockington."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

A student views exhibits at the Snite Museum relating to Dia de los Muertos, or the "Day of the Dead." The exhibit featured artist Armando Vargas and author Oscar Casares.

IN BRIEF

Watch the movie "Seabiscuit" showing today at 8 p.m. and Saturday at DeBartolo 101. The event is sponsored by the Student Union Bord.

Come cheer on the Irish at the Pep Rally at 6 p.m. today in the Joyce Center. Doors open for students at 5:15 p.m. and for the general public at 6 p.m.

Come cheer on the hockey team as they play the University of Nebraska-Omaha from 7:30 to 9 p.m. today in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

Hear John Kelly from Oxford University speak about "Robert Emmet and Irish Literature," today from 3 to 4 p.m. in Flanner Hall, Room 424. This talk is sponsored by the Keough Institute for Irish Studies.

The Glee Club will present its Fall Concert today from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office for \$3.

Listen to anthropology professor Carolyn Nordstrom speak about "Living on the Front Lines: An Anthropologist Looks at the Realities of War" Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. This event is part of the Saturday Scholar Series.

Support the Notre Dame women's volleyball team as they take on Syracuse at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Joyce Center.

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

OFFBEAT

U.S. Capitol said to be haunted building

WASHINGTON — Murder, curses and demon cats. Statues descending from their pedestals for midnight minuets. There are scarier things than lawmaking going on inside the U.S. Capitol.

Walk through the Rotunda late at night and the only sound might be the 180-foot-high iron dome creaking in the cool air. But those with sharper ears and broader imaginations might also hear, behind the 850 doorways, the footsteps of the stricken John Quincy Adams or

the assassinated James Garfield.

There was plenty of noise Thursday, as authorities closed down the House after guards saw what they thought was a firearm on a security camera at a Capitol office building across the street. It turned out to be a toy, part of a Halloween costume an employee was bringing in.

Italian premier co-writes love ballads

ROME — Long before his days as billionaire head of state, Silvio Berlusconi used to croon on a cruise ship. Now, Italy's premier

has co-written an album of love songs.

Despite governmental duties, Berlusconi found time to write half the tunes on the album "Better With a Song" ("Meglio Una Canzone"), 14 ballads in the romantic Neapolitan style. A sunset graces the album cover; inside there is a picture of the Italian leader grinning.

Berlusconi does not sing on the CD. The songs are performed by Mariano Apicella, who earned his keep singing at restaurant tables before being adopted as Berlusconi's favored musical ally.

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LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 72 LOW 50	HIGH 53 LOW 50	HIGH 68 LOW 55	HIGH 65 LOW 45	HIGH 57 LOW 38	HIGH 55 LOW 50

Blak Images to showcase talents

Talent show will be held Saturday night

By KATE GALES
News Writer

The Black Cultural Arts Council will host its annual event Blak Images Saturday, a talent show that includes poetry, singing and various other acts, club secretary Leah McGee said.

Eve Thomas, co-coordinator of the event, said it will include dance, rapping and performances by Troupe ND, the First Class Steppers and Station One, an off-campus band.

"It's a diverse crowd," Thomas said of the performers. "There are 16 acts. Twelve are African-American students and four are white students."

McGee said preparation work has been intense for members of the BCAC.

"We had auditions open to the entire campus," she said.

"After auditions, we've been having run-throughs and rehearsals," Thomas said. "We

had three, with another [scheduled for] Saturday."

Residents of Siegfried volunteered to help with stage crew and lighting, Thomas said. The coordinators — Thomas, Jourdan Sorrell, Nicole Rogers and Wini Samuels — will work behind the scenes, as well.

Though the University is sometimes criticized or stereotyped for a lack of diversity on campus, a major goal of the BCAC is to bring different racial groups together. The show aims to appeal to the entire campus, not just minority students, McGee said.

"We just want the student body to know that were trying to create a more diverse environment," Thomas said. "The show is open for everyone; it's not segregated

just for black people. Its purpose is to create a diverse environment on campus."

Tickets will be sold in advance at the LaFortune Box Office and at the doors of Washington Hall for \$5. The show begins at 8 p.m.

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Eve Thomas
event co-coordinator

General speaks on military defense

ND grad now an Army senior expert

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

Civilian medical authorities will need to learn about medical homeland security, according to Brig. Gen. Michael Dunn.

Dunn spoke on the issue at a lecture last night titled, "Medical Homeland Defense: Yesterday's Demons and Tomorrow's Threat." He is the commanding general for the Western Regional Medical Command and the Army's senior medical expert on chemical and biological defense, as well as a 1968 graduate of Notre Dame.

"Notre Dame has a great reputation among medical circles," Dunn said. "You couldn't be in a better place to prepare for a career in medicine."

Dunn focused on the results of past attacks on medical defense and what needs to be done to prepare the nation for the future. He stressed the importance of learning about the medical issues in order to be prepared for possible attacks.

"We are no longer looking at chemical and biological threats as a war time thing; we are looking at them as day-to-day occurrences," said Dunn. "His makes us a little apprehensive."

Dunn was personally involved in such attacks when he was stationed at Walter Reed Medical Center, which was one of the locations the

received anthrax contaminated letters following Sept. 11. He spoke on the military plans for such attacks, and their defenses against them, but expressed concern over a lack of civilian readiness for such events.

"There is a tendency among health professionals to panic when faced with something they are unfamiliar with," he said.

Learning about the issues will diminish this fear, he believes.

"You can imagine, if you are running an urban hospital, [an anthrax attack] can really affect things."

The military has a worldwide database among its hospitals that tracks medical trends and possible disease outbreaks. But this technology is only available for the small population that visits military hospitals, and the vast majority of the world is left without this tool. Lapses in technology like

this, Dunn said, can leave civilians vulnerable.

"I felt very comfortable going into Iran and Iraq," he said. "I had a chemical suit. I had a mask ... antidotes ... guys with detectors."

"There is a tendency among health professionals to panic when faced with something they are unfamiliar with."

Michael Dunn
brigadier general

While the military is able to assist civilians in many instances, such as Olympic events or inaugurations, they are sometimes "off doing the nation's business," said Dunn. Therefore, the civilian medical field needs to make changes.


But at the same time, people must be wary of the actions taken to prevent

attacks. In reference to discussion about national smallpox vaccinations, Dunn said, "Do you want to be that one in a million who dies from the smallpox vaccine?" He also talked about the vast resources needed to do such work that could be used for other practical problems such as smoking cessation. Personal freedoms would also be lost if quarantining was established.

"This country is not the same as it was before Sept. 11," said Dunn. "I think the public, medicine and government need to recognize, in a way never seen before. That is something we have to pay attention to."







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"Living on the Front Lines: An Anthropologist Looks at the Realities of War"

Carolyn Nordstrom
Associate Professor of Anthropology


"Living on the Front Lines: An Anthropologist Looks at the Realities of War," with Carolyn Nordstrom, associate professor of anthropology. Based on more than a decade of research on the frontlines of wars across several continents, Nordstrom will examine topics ranging from the immediacy of war zone survival to the offices of power brokers to the vast extra-legal networks that fuel war and the international profiteering. She also will reveal the human face of war zones — where the frontlines are populated not only with the perpetrators and victims of war, but with scoundrels, silent heroes, and average families who live their lives in the midst of explosive violence.

Nordstrom studies the political anthropology of peace and conflict. She has undertaken extensive field research on the frontlines of wars in many regions around the world, including southern Africa, Southeast Asia and central Europe. Her current research examines post-war transformation, including its relationship to organized crime and extra-state patterns of development.

Nordstrom's recent publications include *A Different Kind of War Story* and *Fieldwork Under Fire*, co-edited with Antonius Robben.



For further information visit the Saturday Scholar website at <http://saturdayscholar.nd.edu>



Saint Mary's to open apartments

By ANNE MAHONEY
News Writer

New Saint Mary's on-campus apartments will be open for residents next fall, public relations director Melanie McDonald said.

The apartment building, designed to house 73 students, is the first of its kind to be built at Saint Mary's. On-campus apartments are a growing trend at colleges and universities nationwide, and construction has already begun on the complex.

McDonald said that on-campus housing is an attractive option because it provides security and helps students stay more involved.

"Seniors are an important part of college life," McDonald said. "We are hoping to keep these students around because it's hard to get them back on campus after they move off."

A student survey administered last year at Midnight Madness found an overwhelming number of students in favor of the new option.

"I would definitely be interested in living in the new apartments," junior Kate Lohmuller said. "On-campus housing with the convenience of location and the same freedoms as off-campus living has a huge appeal."

The three-floor plan includes

both two- and four-bedroom apartments. Each comes furnished with a kitchen and dishwasher, and a laundry room is located in the basement. Each floor will have a lounge, and an outdoor deck will be built on the second floor and a chapel on the first floor. Storage will also be located in the basement.

The cost of the project will be about \$5 million, half of which came from an anonymous donor.

Most students have expressed curiosity about the guidelines for the new housing. McDonald said residence life policies are still being discussed by a committee composed of herself, director of student affairs Linda Timm and student representatives. Decisions will be made in January with the help of a professional advisor, and the guidelines are expected to be different from the residence halls.

The same committee also plans to discuss the selection process for future seniors interested in living in the apartments. No final decision has been made about whether students will submit applications or if a lottery will be used.

Additional apartment complexes may be included in Saint Mary's long-term plans, depending on available funds.

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imperfect season but will continue to attend the games and

support the team.

"It's been disappointing to not have a better record senior year, but at this point it's game-by-game situations, and I'm just hoping we can take a few," off-campus senior Karyn Dionisio

said. "Once you accept that we can't win every game [or many] this season you stop caring and just enjoy yourself."

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on the new campus apartments at Saint Mary's, many hope that the facility will provide an alternative to students seeking the benefits of off-campus living.

According to Saint Mary's Office of Residence Life and Housing, 244 College students currently live off-campus, of which 148 are seniors. The number of students who decide to move off-campus remains relatively consistent from year to year, said Michelle Russell, the director of Residence Life.

"As students reach their senior year, they are looking for different living options such as apartment style living," she said. "They want more independence and freedom in their housing environment."

According to students, independence and freedom account for some of the major reasons to move off-campus.

"I moved off-campus this year because I needed more freedom, more space and more independence before preparing for what will come after graduation," said senior Betsy Mitchell.

Russell said she often confronts students like Mitchell who simply want to live with friends, have their own kitchen instead of a meal plan and have more inde-

pendence. Some simply feel that they have outgrown the experience of living in residence halls by their senior year, she said.

The Office of Residence Life attempts to provide options and benefits that entice students, particularly seniors, to remain on-campus. One of the most popular options is Annunciata, the top floor in Holy Cross Hall designated specifically for seniors. With larger rooms and a developed sense of community among fellow residents, a wait list typically exists for housing in Annunciata year after year.

"It's a great option for seniors because they will only be living with other seniors, and it has a different feel to it than a traditional residence hall," Russell said.

"I think the convenience of [being] on-campus keeps some seniors here. They want to be close to classes and their activities — living on campus keeps them in the center of it all."

Maureen Russell, a senior living in LeMans Hall, includes this on her list of reasons for continuing to live in residence halls.

"My second major is at Notre Dame, so between going to those classes and band every night, I would never be in a place for that long," she said. "I like living at Saint Mary's because at least between classes I can go sit in a place I can consider home."

For those students who choose

to move off-campus, Russell and others in the Office of Residence Life can provide advice on off-campus issues. Much of what Russell said she discusses with students involves financial implications, household expenses and the impact moving off-campus may have on financial aid packages.

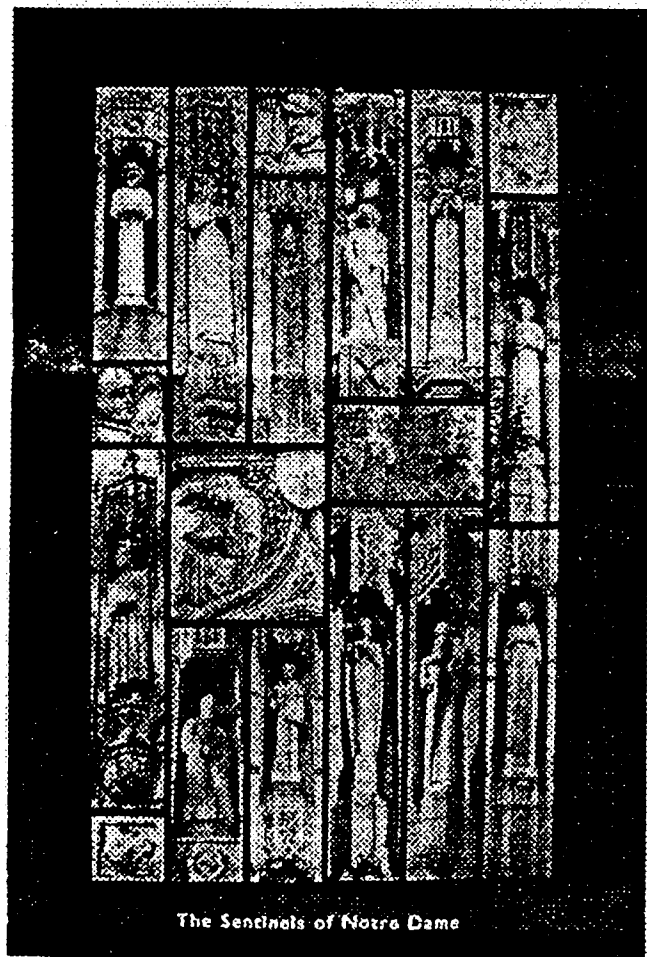
She said she feels hopeful that the presence of the new campus apartments, scheduled for completion in 2007, will appeal to students by merging the convenience of on-campus living with the independence of off-campus housing.

Unlike other local housing options, the apartments will be in close proximity to academic buildings, have a card access safety feature and offer amenities such as cable, Internet and local phone that would typically incur additional cost.

While she anticipates the apartments will attract all class years, Russell is especially hopeful of their attraction to seniors.

"I think in time we have the potential to keep more and more seniors on campus once they see what the apartments are like and what it's like to live in them," she said. "They are going to be a wonderful addition to the Saint Mary's community."

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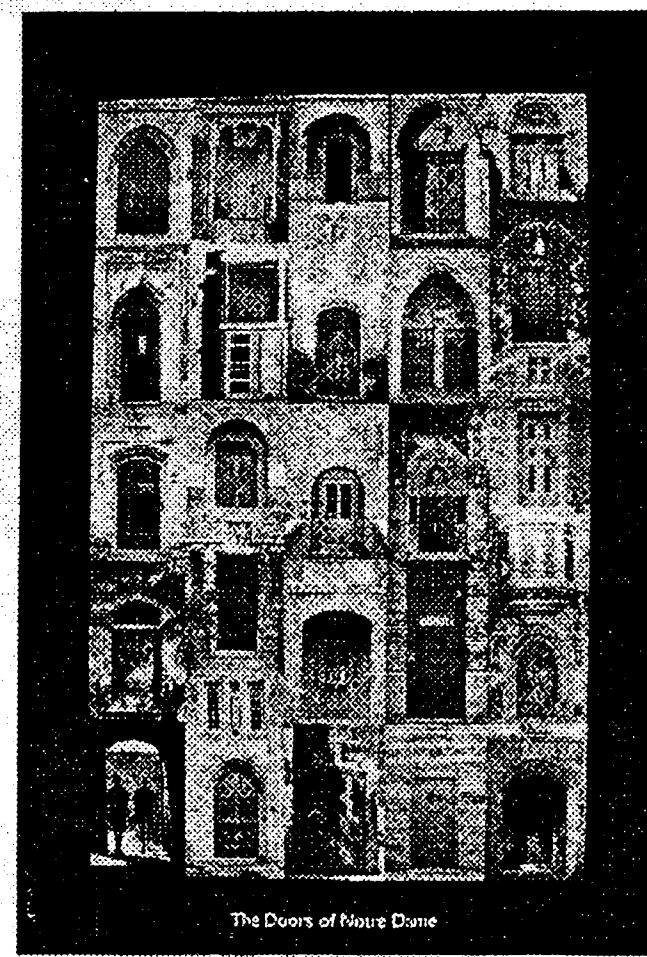
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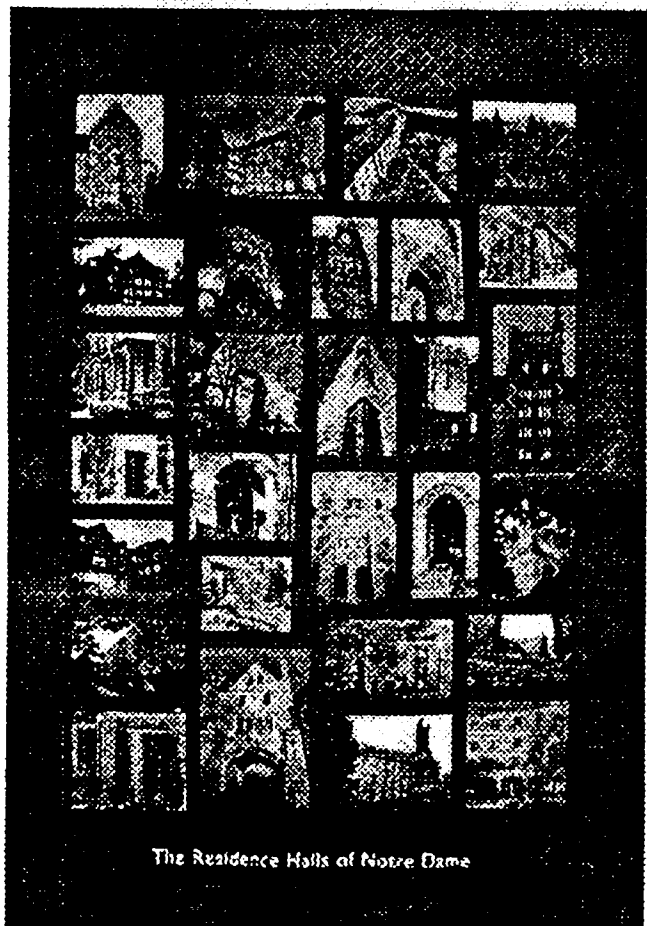
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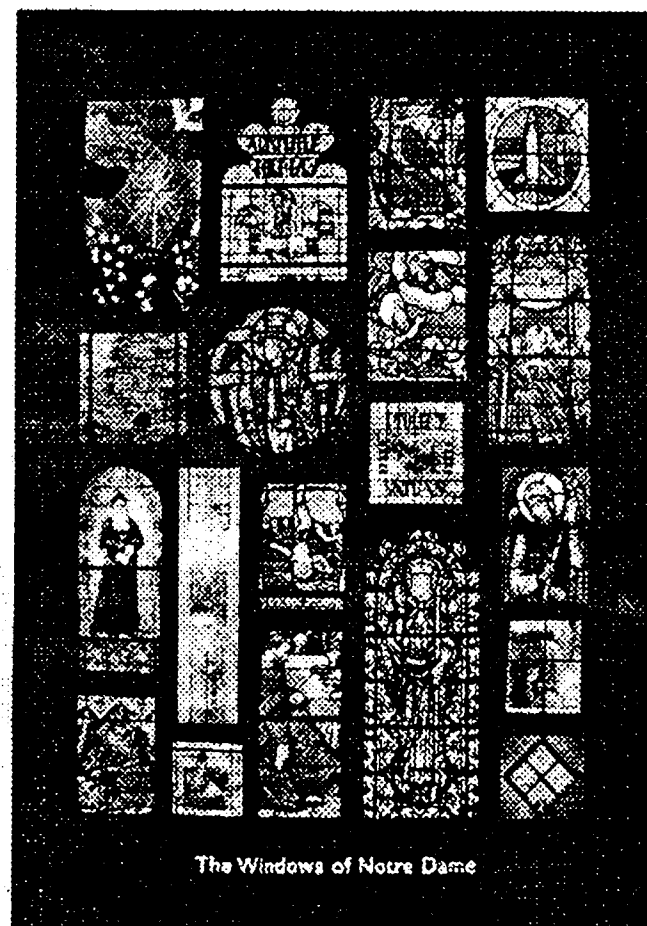
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sharon ready to negotiate

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Thursday he is ready to negotiate with the new Palestinian prime minister at any time, but U.S. officials took a tougher stance, saying the Palestinians first must "confront terror and violence."

Israel previously indicated it would not talk with the new Palestinian government led by Ahmed Qureia because that Cabinet was too closely associated with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Tories rally behind new leader

LONDON — Conservative lawmaker Michael Howard, whom Prime Minister Tony Blair called an "old adversary" for their bruising debates years ago in Parliament, made a bid for the top job in his ailing party Thursday with a promise to "lead from the center."

Senior Tories have united behind Howard, hoping his incisive wit and gift for oratory would resuscitate the once mighty party, which has failed to recover in the polls since its crushing defeat in 1997 elections.

Former Pres. faces more charges

LIMA — Peru's Congress approved more charges against former President Alberto Fujimori, now alleging he authorized the torture of a journalist in 2000, officials said Thursday.

Fujimori's government collapsed amid a corruption scandal in November 2000 and he has since lived in Japan, where he is protected from extradition by Japanese citizenship. He has denied any wrongdoing.

NATIONAL NEWS

Weather eases fire conditions

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. — Fog and drizzle Thursday came to the rescue of firefighters laboring to save resort towns in Southern California from the raging wildfires that have killed at least 20 people.

"It is helping, but it is a long way from putting any fires out," said Ray Snodgrass, chief deputy director of the California Forestry Department. "It's the respite we were hoping for."

The forecast, however, also called for gusting winds that could drive the flames into more homes.

Firefighters dug in to protect hundreds of homes still threatened in San Bernardino and San Diego counties. But only a few hundred acres of thick forest were burned overnight by one of the most devastating and erratic of the fires — a 50,000-acre blaze east of Lake Arrowhead in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Dean lands key endorsement

WASHINGTON — Democrat Howard Dean is poised to capture a coveted endorsement from the largest union in the AFL-CIO — if the Service Employees International Union decides to back one of the nine presidential candidates next week.

"It's Dean or no one," SEIU spokeswoman Sara Howard said Thursday, days before the union's 63-member executive board will decide at its Nov. 6 meeting.

LOCAL NEWS

Vote manipulation charges filed

HAMMOND, Ind. — A Hispanic civil rights group has filed a federal lawsuit seeking to have East Chicago Mayor Robert A. Pastrick's primary victory thrown out, just days before the general election.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Hammond by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund claims that Pastrick's supporters illegally tried to manipulate the Latino vote.

About half of the northwest Indiana city's population of 31,700 is Hispanic, and about three-quarters of that segment is Mexican, according to the 2000 Census.

Explosions rock Iraqi capital

Violence continues as U.S. supply train, market, are attacked by resistance fighters

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saboteurs brought a trainload of U.S. Army supplies to a fiery halt west of Baghdad on Thursday, as a Ramadan campaign of terror bombs and escalating attacks spurred a new Iraq pullout by international aid groups.

An explosion rocked a row of shops in Baghdad's Old City late Thursday, killing two people, according to police, and deepening the unease in the Iraqi capital.

Many Baghdad parents apparently were keeping their children home from school out of fear of further bombings like the four that killed three dozen people and wounded more than 200 across the capital on Monday, start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

"We heard rumors about big bombs that will go off," said Duha Khalid, 18, most of whose friends stayed home Thursday from her girls' high school, situated near a police station.

The police, prime targets in the bombings Monday, were targeted again Thursday, when officers intercepted a motorist who tried to toss a hand grenade into a police station on the edge of Baghdad's heavily guarded "green zone," the headquarters enclave for the U.S. occupation.

As October's heat finally gave way to cooling winds off the desert, rumors of looming trouble spread through this city of 5 million, focusing on the start of the week — Saturday in Muslim Iraq.

One leaflet on the streets, purporting to be from Saddam Hussein's Baath Party, called for a general strike Saturday through Monday "to prove to our enemy that we are united people."

The plainly typed flyer will further feed the debate over the identity of the



Agence France Press

An Iraqi man suspected of planning and carrying out attacks against coalition forces in the area is detained by soldiers in a predawn raid in Tikrit Thursday.

shadowy underground of bombers striking Iraqi cities and ambush teams harassing U.S. forces: Are they die-hard Baathists, other anti-U.S. nationalists, foreign Islamic fighters, or some combination?

The identity of those swarming the sabotaged train Thursday was clear: they were Iraqis from the Fallujah area, 35 miles west of Baghdad, who fell upon the crippled train to loot it of computers, tents, bottled water and other Army supplies.

The goods had been bound for the town of Haditha, 100 miles up the Euphrates River from Fallujah, when a makeshift bomb exploded along the tracks four miles west of

Fallujah. As the uninjured engineer fled, four shipping containers on flatcars went up in flames, and more than 200 area residents descended on the other cars to make off with whatever they could carry.

No U.S. forces came to the scene, but at one point the looters scattered when two American helicopters whirred in for a look. At another point, Iraqis backed trucks up to the bombed train to offload goods.

The 6-month-old U.S. occupation is highly unpopular in Fallujah and in much of the rest of Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland, a favored region under the Baathist regime toppled by the U.S.-British

invasion force last April.

Monday's bombings, one of which devastated the Baghdad headquarters of the

International Committee of the Red Cross, prompted international aid organizations to quickly review their presence in Iraq.

On Wednesday, the ICRC announced it would reduce its 30-member international staff in Iraq but would continue operations. Among other things, the Red Cross, which has 600 Iraqi employees, tries to ensure the rights of prisoners of war and other post-war detainees, has worked to improve water quality, particularly for hospitals, and delivered medical supplies to Iraqi hospitals.

House closes amid security scare

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives shut down Thursday following a reported security breach at a nearby congressional office building, but police later determined that a plastic revolver and Halloween costume were to blame and lawmakers went back in session.

U.S. Capitol Police Chief Terrance Gainer said "two staff members bringing in Halloween costumes" were responsible. "I don't think they had any ill intent," he said, adding he expected no charges to be filed.

Start to finish, the incident lasted two hours or less — but it triggered a massive security response in a time of terrorism worries. Police in battle

gear moved into the Cannon House Office Building in pursuit of suspects.

Gainer said the two female staff aides had stopped to chat with security personnel after placing a bag on a security station X-ray belt at the entrance to the office building, then went into their building. Moments later, security officials noticed the image of a gun on a video screen, and triggered an alarm.

The security personnel performed "well within standards" and the two staff aides were "very sorry all this happened," Gainer said.

The incident triggered memories of a lethal incident on July 24, 1998, when a man with a history of mental illness rushed into the Capitol and killed two security guards. The

accused shooter, Russell E. Weston Jr., is awaiting trial.

Rep. John Shimkus, R-Ill., contacted Capitol police to report that his aides were the two people authorities were looking for. Security personnel raced to the office and learned about the costume and toy gun. Shimkus' office would not identify the two aides and no charges were filed.

"I don't think anybody was trying to trick anybody," Gainer said. "I think it was just an unusual set of Halloween circumstances that unfolded on us."

Shimkus said the staff members didn't realize they were the suspects until Capitol police said they were looking for a woman.

Subway

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could reverse.

Dubbed the "subway alumni," the fans of this era earned their lighthearted nickname from the South Shore Line train that wound its way through the immigrant boroughs of Chicago and Northwest Indiana on its way to South Bend, the Basilica and Touchdown Jesus — a football fan's paradise and a transplanted Catholic's holy grail.

The late Herb Juliano, author of the 1993 book "Notre Dame Odyssey" and self-described former organizer and leader of the subway alumni, has written that on these trips, arriving at "the football stadium ... I could almost feel the presence of the great ghosts."

The mighty ghosts of George Gipp, Frank Leahy and the Four Horsemen are not all that keep the subway alumni coming back. The intense football spirit of today's students and the overwhelming atmosphere of the campus itself have inspired Kress and his family to return for at least one Notre Dame home football game in every year since 1977.

"It was the fourth game of the season against Michigan State, Joe Montana's first start ever," Kress remembers. "The students hung coach Dan Devine in effigy and draped sheets on the sides of the dorms that said 'Play Montana

or die."

Montana played. Devine escaped. Notre Dame went on to win the national championship, and Kress was hooked.

"The next year, I took my son to the Pitt game and Montana pulled it out in the fourth quarter," he said. "The excitement on that campus on that day was unforgettable. My son grabbed my shoulder after the game and said 'Dad, this is where I want to go to school.'"

For many subway alumni and their children, one such moment of identification with the University was enough to win their lifelong support. Joseph Bringley, 81, also of Rochester, N.Y., had difficulty putting his own defining moment into words.

"I only first visited about 10 or 15 years ago, but I had been a fan long before that time. I was always just so impressed with the school in itself and the spirit of the school — the fact that it's a Catholic college, the tradition of Notre Dame football over the years — that type of inspiration is very hard to describe," he said.

Arthur Wilson, 80, of Newark, Ohio, agreed that the Catholic appeal was at once captivatingly intimidating and undeniably inclusive. "[My family and I] were cradle Catholics," he said. "Ever since I came back from Navy

service in 1945, I felt very close to the Irish. It was the draw of something Catholic that sparked my interest ... Even though I went to a commerce college in Ohio State territory, I was a part of Notre Dame and I felt a loyalty to it."

Wilson's loyalty continued across decades of winning and seasons of losing, Heisman trophy winners and washed-up coaching failures.

"It's something about the mystique surrounding it — if they lost every game, I'd still be loyal," Wilson said. Like other subway alumni, his periodic visits to campus buoyed his hopes and kept his Irish connection afloat.

"I've been coming out to Notre Dame every year for the charismatic renewal conference in May, and I always go down to the Grotto," Wilson said. "A few years ago I also walked across the field — you could say I like being on sacred ground."

The collective draw of these holy places, both godly and gridiron, remains unmatched among American college campuses. Decades after the descendants of Irish Catholics began to attend and graduate from universities across the nation, Notre Dame has not lost its initial appeal. Kenneth Scott, 64, of Newark, Ohio, recently earned the coveted position of a stadium usher, which he

said felt like the crowning honor for a lifetime of devotion to Fighting Irish football.

"They were the first football team to get syndicated TV coverage," he said. "The more I watched the L i n d s a y Nelson replays on Sunday mornings, the more it grew on me."

After several seasons of watching the games on television every weekend and "scratching around to get tickets," Scott's loyalty was rewarded three years ago when a fellow parishioner at his church who worked as an usher at Notre Dame offered him an application. He got the job and attended the following spring's Blue and Gold game, filled with exhilaration and anticipation.

"They were assigning sections, and they put me in section 27, which is on the 45 yard line — right behind the Notre Dame bench," Scott said. "I can't tell you how emotional it was — what an amazing blessing. I still feel so fortunate to have the pleasure of being an ambassador of Notre Dame. At the USC game [Oct. 18], I wished a visiting couple a safe trip home, and they couldn't stop praising what a class act Notre Dame is, couldn't stop complimenting the students. I take a tremendous amount of pride

in that."

Scott's pride extends to a younger generation of subway alumni as well. Matt Minor, 47, of Austin, Texas, was completely shocked when his friends surprised him with trips to two football games in the last two years.

"My boss told me that I was supposed to go to the airport on a Friday morning and pick some guys up," Minor said. "He told me to go by the office first and when I walked in, the Notre Dame fight song came on and the lights started flashing. My friend Tom was standing there saying, 'We're going to the Notre Dame game!'"

At first, Minor didn't understand the surprise.

"I said, 'Don't rub it in.' Then they said, 'No, Matt, we're all going to the game.' And everything else is history," he said.

Minor, who has lived in Japan, Alaska, Florida and Texas, said that he has been a Notre Dame fan since he was 12 years old and that his friends tell him he is the epitome of the label "subway alumni."

"They say 'subway alumni,' and I say, 'That's me,'" Minor said. "I'm a Notre Dame fan no matter what — win, lose or draw ... I love them, and I always will."

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IN BRIEF

Sweatshop conditions denied

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — The head of Honduras' assembly plant industry said Wednesday that claims of sweatshop conditions there were false.

"The treatment is excellent, better than in any factory in the United States," said Jesus Canahuati, president of the Association of Maquiladoras, a term used for export assembly plants.

On Tuesday, the director the National Labor Committee, a U.S.-based workers rights group, issued a report alleging poor conditions at a Honduran clothing factory that produces a line of Sean John clothing for rap music star Sean "P. Diddy" Combs.

The director, Charles Kernaghan, said workers at the Southeast Textiles factory in Choloma are subjected to body searches, 11- to 12-hour daily shifts and mandatory pregnancy tests.

Hillenbrand announces buyout

BATESVILLE, Ind. — Hillenbrand Industries Inc., the nation's biggest maker of hospital beds and funeral caskets, said Thursday it has agreed to buy a New Jersey-based medical equipment provider for \$330 million.

Publicly traded Hillenbrand is acquiring privately held Mediq Inc., a nationwide provider of medical equipment services to hospitals including equipment rental and sales and asset management. Mediq provides services to about 80 percent of the nation's acute care hospitals, with more than 80 branch offices in 46 states.

Drug company wins FDA approval

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli Lilly and Co. won a long-awaited endorsement from federal regulators on Thursday that it had succeeded in fixing manufacturing problems, a resolution that is expected to lead to the approval of two new drugs.

But Lilly's updated forecast that the antidepressant Cymbalta, a potential blockbuster, will be approved next summer pushes the drug's introduction back later than some industry analysts expected.

The new timeline represents a delay from the forecast Lilly offered in July of Food and Drug Administration approval in the first quarter of 2004.

GDP posts impressive growth

Third quarter results show 7.2 percent growth in GDP, consumer confidence grows

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Accelerating from a jog to a sprint, the economy surged from July through September at the fastest pace in nearly two decades. Both consumers and businesses helped power the gains, fresh evidence the national rebound is on firmer footing.

The broadest measure of the economy's performance, gross domestic product, grew at a breakneck 7.2 percent annual rate during those three months, more than double the 3.3 percent rate in the previous quarter, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

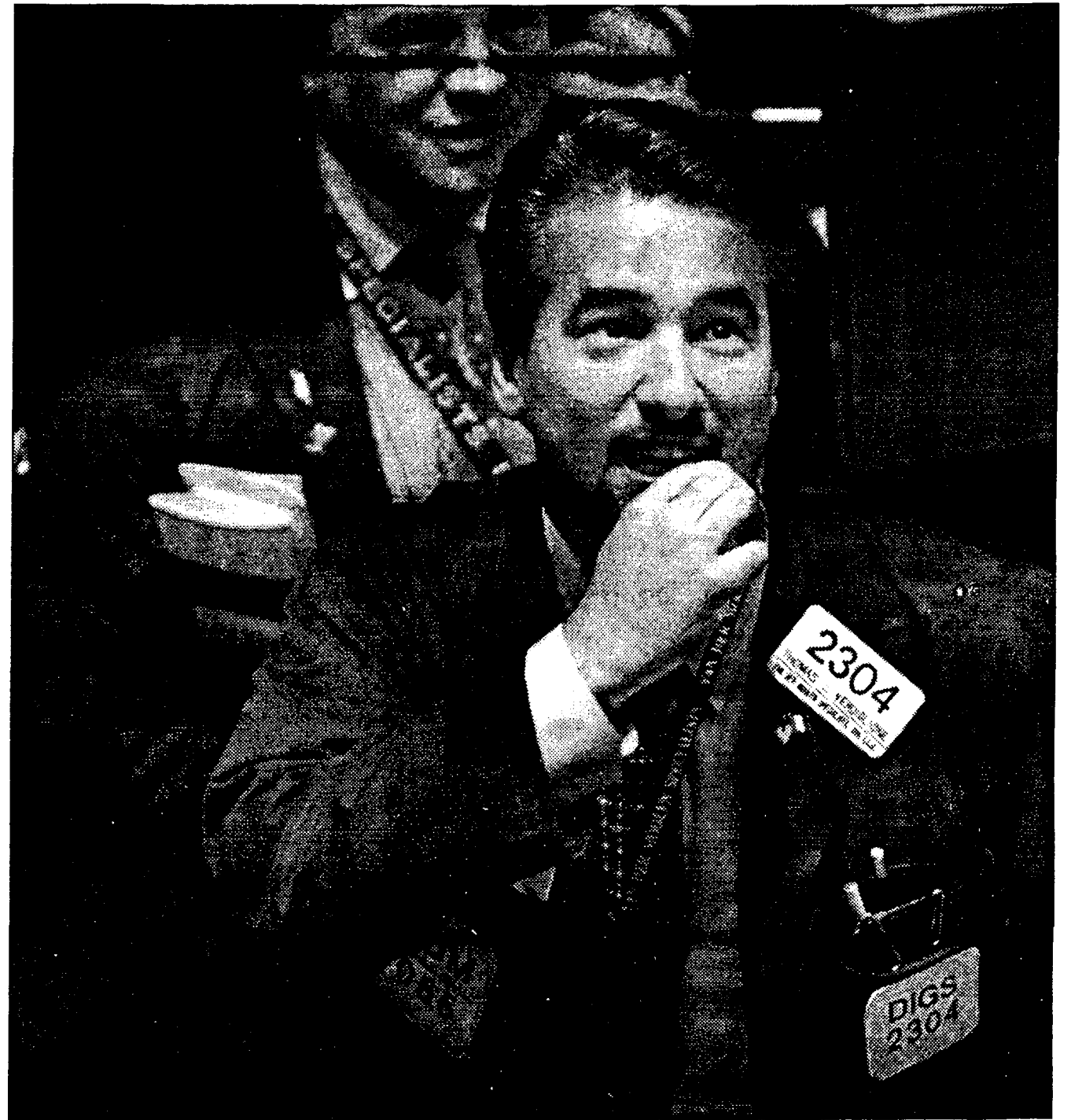
"Consumers were buying everything from cars and clothes to homes, and businesses are seemingly coming out of their cocoon," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

Economists said that near rock-bottom short-term interest rates, along with President Bush's third round of tax cuts, induced consumers and businesses to spend and invest more and helped the economy move at a faster clip during the summer. The next challenge is making sure the rebound is self-sustaining, they said.

On Wall Street, concerns about the rebound's sustainability weighed on investors. The Dow Jones industrials closed up 12.08 points at 9,786.61.

"Job growth is the key to a sustained economic expansion," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock. "If people are worried about their jobs, or worse, if they are getting laid off, then consumer spending is at risk."

The nation's payrolls grew by 57,000 in September — the first increase in eight months. But analysts have said the



Getty
A trader works the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York City on Thursday. The news of strong economic growth bolstered trading and spirits.

economy needs to add a lot more jobs than that each month to drive down the 6.1 percent unemployment rate.

The Bush administration contends that as economic growth improves, meaningful job creation will follow. Bush will be counting on that as he faces re-election in 2004.

"The tax relief we passed is working," Bush said, citing the latest GDP showing. "We left more money in the hands of the American people, and the American people are moving this economy forward."

The president cautioned against expecting "economic growth numbers

like this every quarter. Yet by continuing a pro-growth agenda, we will sustain growth and job creation in this country."

He added: "We're on the right track, but we've got work to do."

Democrats argue that the president's policies and tax cuts have done little to spur significant job growth, have contributed to a record budget deficit in the recently ended fiscal year and will hurt the economy over time if deficits put pressure on long-term borrowing rates.

"It is a little like a drunk going on a binge," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

"It feels good for a while but you all know that the hangover is coming."

The 7.2 percent growth rate in GDP, the measure of the value of all goods and services produced in the United States, was the best since the first quarter of 1984.

Economists believe the economy will grow at a slower but still healthy 4 percent rate in October-December period as some of the stimulus provided by the tax cuts fades.

"The U.S. slowdown is over, dead, gone, defunct, finished and unlikely to return soon," said Sherry Cooper, chief economist with BMO Nesbitt Burns.

CHINA

E.U. pledges closer economic ties

Associated Press
BEIJING — The leaders of China and the European Union vowed Thursday to build closer economic and technology ties so the two regions can become each other's biggest trading partners — and, by implication, counterbalance their relations with the United States.

To that end, the two sides agreed to give China a stake in developing Galileo, a European-sponsored project that would rival the U.S.-run satellite navigation system known as the Global Positioning System, or GPS.

"Europe, with its new reality, and China, with its new reforms, are two

areas that can give better contributions to the changing world," European Commission President Romano Prodi said after a meeting between EU leaders and Chinese President Hu Jintao.

"We need to intensify our relations, both in the trade and investment sectors. We must become the biggest partners," Prodi said. "We must have the biggest relations — more than anywhere in the world."

The EU hopes to have the \$4.2 billion Galileo project operational in 2008, and Thursday's agreement allows China to take a \$236 million stake in the program.

"The agreement that was signed represents a quantum leap in terms

of cooperation between the two areas," said Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, who holds the rotating EU presidency.

The two sides also signed an agreement saying China and the EU will consult on industrial policy so that regulations don't hinder trade, and they initialed a pact to make it easier for Chinese tourists to visit 15 European countries.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao hailed all three efforts as a sign of stronger ties and growing friendship. "One can say that the development of the Chinese and European relationship is becoming ever more mature and ever more strategic," Wen said.

Halloween

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the party), address it to the person they want to send it to and ask for a donation for the hospital."

Simko said the club provided refreshments at the party and anyone on campus was welcome to attend. The club hoped those who attended the party would contribute a small donation.

"Whoever comes that isn't a club member can just come and have a good time," Simko said. "If anyone donates a dollar to our cans, it goes straight to the hospital."

The club will also hold a T-shirt sale today, the proceeds of which will go to the hospital.

Last year was the first year for

the organization, but it still managed to raise about \$10,000. With more members and better information this year, Simko and her fellow executive directors have set a much higher goal for events.

"We're hoping to at least triple that because we have so many people participating this year," Simko said. "Already, with all the donations we've gotten, we're over \$6,000."

Simko said she expected about 60 club members to attend the party, in addition to other participants.

For Keenan, last night was a chance to help out kids from the Boys and Girls Club of South Bend with their annual Keenan Great Pumpkin event.

Keenan president Matt Kinsella helped organize the activity, which brought over 80 children

from the community center onto campus for a few hours early last evening.

"We bring in kids and take them trick-or-treating throughout all the other dorms, and we have a haunted house for them in the

basement, and then we have pumpkin-carving outside later," Kinsella said.

The Great Pumpkin has been the longest-running dorm activity for Keenan and incorporates students from all the other dorms on

campus.

"The kids love it," Kinsella said. "The older kids might even love it more than the little ones."

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Students entertain kids Thursday night as part of the Up 'Til Dawn event held in Lafortune Ballroom. SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

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Kroc

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International Peace Studies.

"It is such a wonderful gift," said Willow Wetherall, graduate student at the Institute. "It speaks very highly of Joan Kroc's commitment to peace studies."

Kroc first become affiliated with the University after hearing a speech in the 1980s by then University President Father Theodore Hesburgh on his concern over the arms race situation at the time.

In response, Kroc made a donation to establish the Institute.

Overall, she has donated \$69 million to the University.

"[The donation] has given us hope, but also a lot of responsibility," said Mireya Garcia-Duran, second-year graduate student at the Institute. She said donations of this magnitude are rare. "It is about funding an institute that will continue to do work," she said.

Part of the Institute's strategic plan involves expanding the current program into a two-year

degree, and funds from this donation will help to fund that development.

"Students will be returning to absorb and integrate their experiences into the academic program," said Julie Titone, assistant professional specialist at the Institute.

Garcia-Duran also highlighted the benefits of the program.

"The Institute is bringing people from all over the world who will go home and continue to work for peace in their countries," she said.

Wetherall said she is excited about the "possibility of a Ph.D. program, which is wonderful from a student's perspective because there are very few opportunities for graduate studies in peace studies. It will provide so many wonderful opportunities."

Joan Kroc's death was a surprise to those at the Institute, Garcia-Duran said, but it also left them inspired.

"She had a wonderful heart," Wetherall said. "It is a wonderful, generous gift."

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Southern black population up

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A strong economy and vastly improved race relations are luring record numbers of black Americans to the South, a region that many deserted early in the 20th century.

More than 680,000 blacks aged 5 and older moved to the South from another region between 1995 and 2000, outnumbering the 333,000 who moved away by a better than 2-to-1 margin, according to a Census Bureau report released Thursday.

The report found no other region of the country had an increase in black migration, a reverse of the trend seen in the first half of the century, when many blacks left the South for the industrial Northeast and Midwest.

"Many blacks left not only because of economic opportunities but because of the political and social constraints of segregation," said Charles Ross, historian and interim director of the African-American Studies program at the University of Mississippi. "Those things have changed dramatically in the South."

Migration from the South rose through the early decades of the 20th century, as tens of thousands of blacks left to escape segregationist Jim Crow laws and a poor economy. That led to a rise in black populations in Northeastern and Midwestern cities, where blacks came for jobs in steel mills, automobile factories and other industrial plants.

That movement north slowed as job opportunities dwindled and racial tensions rose in northern cities in the 1960s

and 1970s, Ross said.

A return of blacks to the South was first documented by the Census Bureau between 1975 and 1980, when 100,000 more blacks moved in than moved out. The trend continued between 1985 and 1990, when there was a net increase of 200,000; the net increase was nearly 347,000 between 1995 and 2000.

Blacks who move to the South tend to be more educated than those who never left the region. Migrants to the South also tend to be slightly older than those who left the region, indicating some may have returned after leaving earlier in their lives, the Census Bureau said.

Older blacks who moved to the Northeast or Midwest in the mid- to late 20th century may be returning to the South to open their own businesses and connect with family roots, said William Spriggs, executive director of the National Urban League's Institute for Opportunity and Equality.

"Most of these African-Americans came from the South," Spriggs said. "The politics of the South have changed enough so that these new business operations can get contracting opportunities."

Georgia took in the largest number of blacks from other states regardless of region, with a net increase of nearly 130,000 between 1995 and 2000. It was followed by North Carolina and Florida.

According to separate research from University of Michigan demographer William Frey, Orlando, Fla., and Atlanta had the largest jumps in black populations among large metropolitan areas between 1990 and 2000, each growing by about 62 percent.

Roderick Harrison, a demographer at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, which studies minority issues, said Atlanta "has developed a reputation as a place where the black middle class is growing, thriving and leading high-quality lives."

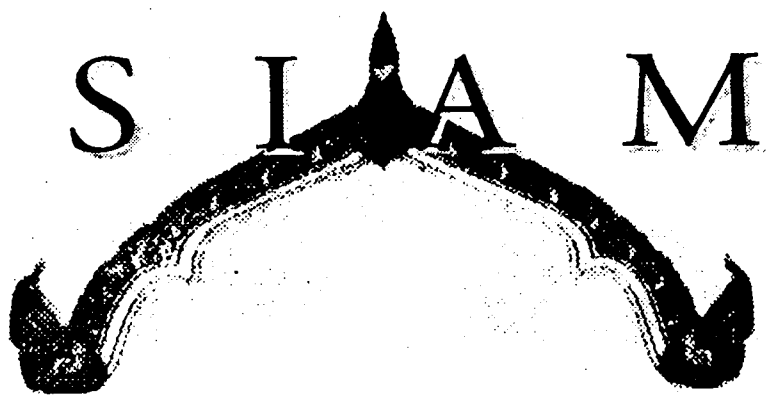
Reflecting the overall shift in U.S. population, the South was the only region to see a net increase of migrants from other regions among blacks, Asians, Hispanics and non-Hispanic whites, while the Northeast was the only region to that had a net loss in each category. While whites moving to the South outpaced those leaving for other regions, the rate was less than for blacks.

Overall the South had a net increase of 1.8 million new residents from other states between 1995 and 2000, while the Northeast had a net decrease of almost 1.3 million.

Overall, Hispanics were the most mobile group between 1995 and 2000, with 56 percent having changed addresses — whether moving to a new region or within the same region. About 54 percent of Asians moved, followed by blacks (49 percent) and whites (43 percent).

"Things have changed dramatically in the South."

Charles Ross
historian




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Connie McNamara, will be signing copies of *My First Notre Dame Words: Go Irish*, on Saturday, November 1st from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Kevin Sandberg, C.S.C. will be signing copies of *2003 Advent Calendar*, on Saturday, November 1st from 11:00am to Noon.

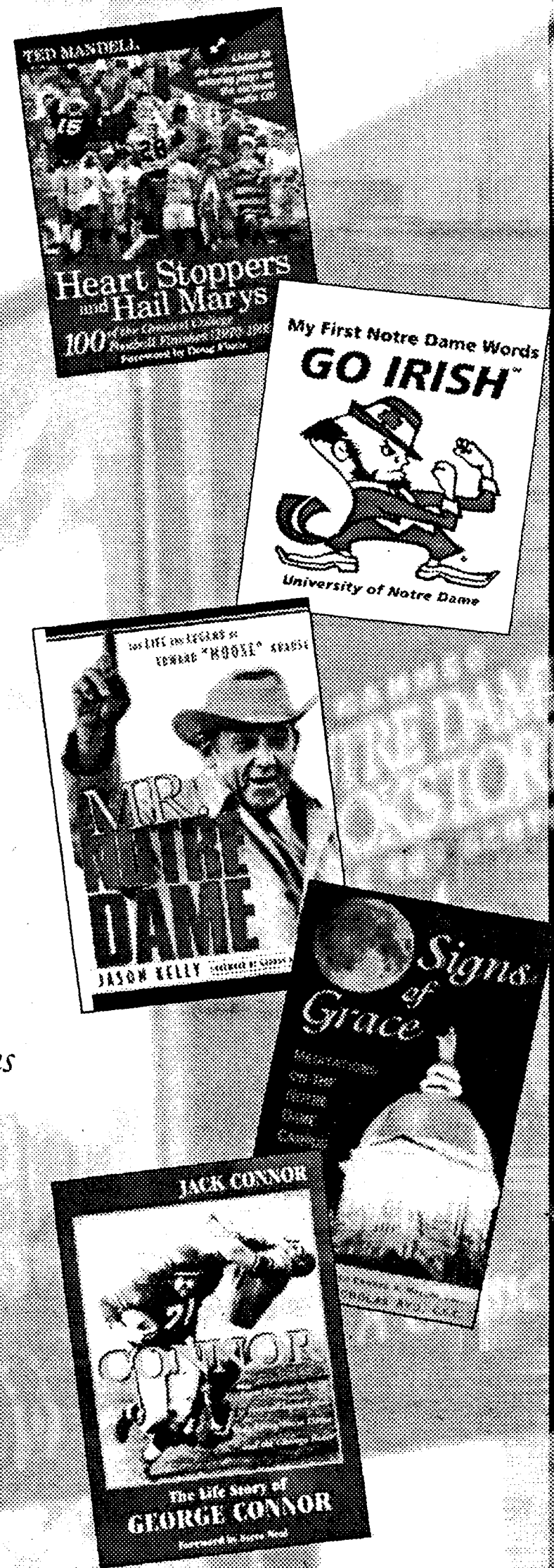
Jason Kelly, Sports Writer for The South Bend Tribune, will be signing copies of *Mr. Notre Dame*, on Saturday, November 1st from 11:30am to 12:30am.

Fr. Nicholas Ayo, C.S.C, ND '56, will be signing copies of *Signs of Grace: Meditations of the Notre Dame Campus*, on Saturday, November 1st from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Jack Connor, will be signing copies of *The Life Story of George Connor*, on Saturday, November 1st from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

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Parking garage collapses

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The top five stories of a parking garage under construction at a casino collapsed Thursday, sending concrete slabs and metal beams crashing down as workers ran for cover. Three people were killed and one was missing, officials said.

Officials previously believed four people were dead, but the count was revised Thursday evening, said Michael Schurman, deputy director of emergency management for Atlantic County. Nineteen others were injured.

Authorities, worried about the structure's stability, didn't send rescue crews in right away.

"There is the real potential for a secondary collapse," Gov. James E. McGreevey said.

Robert Levy, the city's director of emergency management, said search cameras and dogs were sent into the rubble of the 10-story garage to locate missing workers, and trucks carrying lumber were being brought in to try to shore up the building. He called it "one of the worst collapses Atlantic City has ever seen."

Construction workers had been pouring a concrete floor deck when a corner of the top floors collapsed, leaving five layers of concrete and steel sloping

downward at a steep angle, said state police Capt. Ed O'Neill.

Harold Simmons, 42, a pipefitter was on the second floor of the garage when he heard rumbling around 10:40 a.m.

"It sounded like an earthquake," Simmons said. "The whole building was shaking."

"You didn't know where to run. I tried to run to a staircase, but the staircase was wiped out. I went to another staircase and that one was wiped out."

Simmons eventually made it out by following other workers. He said 300 to 400 workers were at the site when the garage floors collapsed.

The parking garage supports one side of an 18-story hotel tower also under construction as part of an expansion project for the Tropicana Casino and Resort.

"It's a tragedy. We're devastated," said Maureen Siman, a Tropicana spokeswoman.

The project's general contractor, Keating Construction, said in a statement: "This is a difficult time. Obviously, our first concern is the well being of the people that are injured or missing."

Last October, three workers

were injured at the Tropicana site when a one-story panel of concrete they were standing on collapsed.

Bill Crilley, 42, an insulator, working at a project in another part of the city, said he rushed to the building after hearing Thursday's collapse and saw authorities carrying one body away.

"It's ugly. Horrific. The whole stairwell is crushed."

**Bill Crilley
worker**

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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration was leading the investigation into the cause of the collapse.

At the site, construction workers gathered on the street nearby to gaze up at the collapsed floors. Family members began arriving at the scene looking for relatives.

"He was working up there last night, I know," said one distraught woman as she searched for co-workers of her husband.

The Tropicana expansion project is intended to diversify the casino's offerings with forms of entertainment other than gambling, including an IMAX theater, nightclub and restaurants. It had been scheduled for completion next spring.

Congress to approve financial aid package

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the most contentious issue resolved, the House and Senate looked to give final approval to the \$87.5 billion package for Iraq and Afghanistan.

Congress could send the package to President Bush for his signature by Friday or possibly early next week.

House-Senate negotiators worked out the final details of the package Thursday night, eliminating a Senate provision that would have required that half of the \$18.4 billion for Iraqi reconstruction and security forces be given as loans instead of grants.

The White House had threatened to veto the bill if loans were included. It said Iraq was already too deeply in debt and didn't have a government authorized to take on new loans. It also said that any loans secured by Iraq's oil revenues would only support the arguments of war critics who said the United States was after Iraq's oil.

Supporters of the loans said U.S. taxpayers are already paying plenty for Iraq and Iraqis should have a bigger

stake in their country's reconstruction. The House Democratic leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, said Thursday that dropping the loans shows a "tin ear to what the American people are saying."

The loans had bipartisan support. The Republican-led Senate had voted 51-47 to convert part of the rebuilding funds into loans. The House did not include loans in its package, but it supported the concept in a 277-139 nonbinding vote.

The package worked out by House and Senate conferees cannot be modified. Most of the money in the package is to support U.S. military operations and both chambers passed their versions of the bill overwhelmingly: 303-125 in the House and 87-12 in the Senate.

The final version of the bill included \$64.7 billion for military operations, just under the \$65.1 billion Bush had sought. The \$18.4 billion for reconstruction and Iraqi security was less than \$20.3 billion requested. The bill would provide \$1.2 billion for Afghanistan, compared with \$800 million sought by Bush.

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Remember other fall sports

For better or for worse, the success of Notre Dame's athletic department is often judged by the success of the football team. So when the football team struggles, as it has through seven games this season, it's easy to say that the athletic department itself is just as ineffective.

But a glance at the national rankings of Notre Dame's "other" fall sports shows that the athletic department is in good position to capture its first NACDA Cup, the annual award given to the Division I-A school with the highest average finish of all its athletic teams. Of the six purely fall sports at Notre Dame, only the most featured sport — the football team — isn't ranked in the top 25.

Sadly, the vast majority of the 80,000 fans who stream into Notre Dame Stadium Saturday won't stick around until Sunday, when the second-ranked women's soccer team opens Big East Conference Tournament play a Brady Quinn pass away from the football practice fields. And they probably won't watch the seventh-ranked men's soccer team, which was the laughingstock of the Big East

conference three years ago, contend to be champion of one of the nation's toughest conferences.

In Boston last weekend, over 44,000 fans — many of whom were Notre Dame supporters — packed into Alumni Stadium to see the Irish lose their fifth game of the season. The night before, only 8,000 — mostly Eagle fans — watched the Irish hockey team stun the top-ranked team in the nation.

There's the No. 14 volleyball team, which makes winning Big East conference titles look as easy as taking out the trash. There's the men's and women's cross country teams, which are ranked 24th and seventh, respectively, and have qualified for the national championship meet as a team for the last two years.

Yet football is king at Notre Dame. And even in the midst of one of their worst seasons in history, football games still completely overshadow the tremendous success fall sports teams are enjoying. Little do football-crazy fans know how dominant the rest of the University's sports are.

It's a great time to be a Notre Dame sports fan. It's even more so if you follow more teams than the football team.

The Observer Editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Expressing thanks

Dear Student Body,

Every once in a while, we are given an opportunity to do something very unique. On Oct. 18, during halftime of the USC game, you helped the Band of the Fighting Irish create a very special atmosphere — one that made a lasting impression on our stadium and our fans around the country.

While your enthusiastic support for the band is always evident in the stadium and around campus, your overpowering participation in "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "Livin' on a Prayer" was particularly outstanding two Saturdays ago. You were so loud that NBC's sideline television interviews were nearly drowned out. The impact was such that even a member of the USC band commented about how he'd never seen such an overwhelming reaction from any student section. We would have to agree. The band has performed in many of the biggest venues in college football, and nowhere else is any band received as enthusiastically as we are here at home. For that, we extend our most heartfelt thanks. That type of support for your friends and peers is what Notre Dame is all about.

We are looking forward to the final three shows of this season with excitement. We will continue to do our best to prepare entertaining shows that appeal to the wide variety of fans in the stadium. Thank you for helping to make the USC show the best ever and go Irish.

David Cieslak
president
Notre Dame Band
Oct. 31

Racial preference promotes unfairness

Natalie Bennett's description, in her Oct. 30 letter, of affirmative action as an "equalizer in a world that is still not equal" is an inaccurate description of affirmative action. Affirmative action, as it is currently enacted, can be considered an equalizer only for disadvantaged minorities, not for all disadvantaged people. Therefore, because it aids certain people while discriminating against others, affirmative action is a discriminatory policy.

Bennett used as an argument a claim, that because minorities have a greater percentage of certain health problems, "who is to say they should not be allowed to see a doctor that looks

like them." Beyond the fact that her conclusion does not follow from her premises, this argument can be further analyzed. Why are there few minorities in medicine? During four years of undergraduate study, students of all colors have the opportunity to prepare for medical school. Therefore, the low percentage of minorities in medicine can't be blamed on race, as most educational disadvantages can be overcome during undergraduate study.

A further point can be made that the color of a practitioner's skin makes no difference in the quality of the treatment they provide. I would prefer primary or

emergency treatment from a purple-skinned medical genius over treatment provided by a mediocre physician of my color.

In her final point Bennett writes, "I doubt that there are less skilled minority surgeons because they are not qualified, but maybe because they still do not have access to the same economic and educational advantages." While I share her doubt, for the sake of thoroughness and fairness, her argument must be

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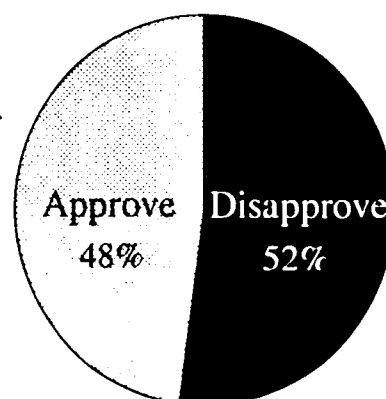
extended to encompass all who are economically and educationally disadvantaged, not just minorities.

Not all minorities are disadvantaged, and not all disadvantaged people are minorities. Considering these facts, it follows that if preferences are to be given, they should be given based on economic status, not racial status. Certainly it would be unfair for Michael Jordan's children to receive preferences over poor white children. Preferences based on economic status would not only benefit the disadvantaged of all colors, but would also promote a color-blind society.

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Oct. 29

OBSERVER POLL

Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's handling of the situation in Iraq?



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it's time to pause and reflect."

Mark Twain
writer

I am haunted by water

It is a slow and arduous process. Sitting awkwardly on the edge of a rock, trying to keep the thin plastic tube submerged while the water container remains vertical. You slowly pump the filter, drawing water from the cold,

John Infranca

*Dissident
Poetry*

fast flowing river, through the tube and into your bottle, where it falls, clear and pure. I think the process itself, slow and methodical, producing its effects in drips and sudden splatters, is an ample metaphor for one path toward enlightenment. I have no doubt that the river itself is a source of enlightenment. I stand beside it as autumnal splendor surrenders to barren winter here in West Virginia. On the edge of this river I seek the solace of re-creation. Rivers seem to know the secret of staying constant and becoming ever new.

The river before me has wound through these hills for centuries. Yet the river before me is gone in an instant. So I might glimpse eternity in a single moment. Or miss it, seemingly forever. Heraclitus, the pre-Socratic Greek philosopher, claimed that one can never step into the same river twice. Because it is in constant flux, no river is the same from moment to moment. Yet taken beyond the banks of the river, there is little not in flux. I will not be the same in a second.

And so the moment when I and the river before me meet is utterly unique, incomprehensible in the scope of its potential meaning and beyond grasp in the utterly fleeting nature of its fragile existence. T.S. Eliot remarks in his poem "Ash Wednesday" that "what is actual is actual only for one time, and only for one place." That time and place are now.

I thought of the ephemeral nature of reality as the sun faded on the horizon one day late this past September. The light flaring against the sheer walls of the Hesburgh Library momentarily turned those walls into the glowing crimson and orange hues of Red Rock crossing, Arizona. For a moment they transported me to where I have once been. They plunged me out of time. And in that moment I lost the moment I was in.

The cold water on my toes brings me back. There is much we can learn from

the river, the constancy of its flow, its sense of direction, the commitment to its journey. Like us, the river can easily be distracted as it travels, by a rock that alters its path or by the slow erosion that produces a change in its course.

Yet the greatest lesson might be its humility. Rivers reflect the mystical notion of the individual surrendering the self. Though it might pass for centuries through the space before me, and for untold years its form might mark the contours of this land, holding a place within them, the waters of this river flow towards their own absorption. Whether in lake, sea or ocean, these waters will one day end their journey in a greater whole. Tiny molecular particles that the eye cannot see might retain the integrity of their existence. But the river, as it flows visibly before me, will soon be gone, and other water will move in its place.

Is the river then defined by the water that forms its substance or by the space it fills? Am I defined by the composite parts that comprise me, including biological matter constantly in change, or am I defined by the place I hold in some larger whole, some community? When I die, will I be remembered by what comprised my physical form or by the place I have left in the lives of others?

I have traveled 600 miles to the banks of this river for solace from work and study. For a taste of nature that might remain with me so that in the months to come I might, like William Wordsworth, feel that "These forms of beauty have not been to me, As is a landscape to a blind man's eye: But oft, in lonely rooms, and mid the din, of towns and cities, I have owed to them, in hours of weariness, sensations sweet, felt in the blood, and felt along the heart, and passing even into my purer mind, with tranquil restoration."

Yet perhaps such thoughts are foolish, for I store too much for the time to come and live too little in the time at hand. Water, splattering against the sides of my bottle, calls me back to the task at hand. It seems to have fallen out of vertical.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Loss of traditions hurts football team

I don't know about you fellow Irishmen and women, but I've had enough of traditions here at Notre Dame. I couldn't possibly be happier with the death of the traditions that I have witnessed here over the last few years, such as the Alumni Wake and in-dorm dances, and I applaud the new alcohol policy. The present systematic killing of all other traditions, especially the ever-malicious marshmallow wars during Notre Dame home games is even better. After all, those deadly marshmallows might actually be felt by the person they are thrown at.

Now I know what you're thinking: "The police say there are rocks and pennies hiding in the marshmallows, but we don't believe that." However, in defense of Notre Dame's finest, I say that even though you and I have never seen or felt rocks in the marshmallows does not mean they don't exist. After all, have you ever seen the administration let the student government decide something important? I haven't either, but I'm sure it happens.

This rock/marshmallow controversy does bring up an interesting point, as a few of my opponents have noted: "Why don't the cops stop the kids from bringing in these 'rocks' instead of stopping them from bringing in the marshmallows? I mean, isn't it the rocks they're really worried about, and not the marshmallows? These rocks are going

to hurt much more now that they no longer have that squishy white blanket of fun to insulate them."

Well, don't worry about that. I got some insider information that NDSP will regulate the rock-throwing at football games as soon as they crack down on the more important issues at hand, such as interhall badminton. This wasn't supposed to be made public, but there is about to be a major bust of all badminton players who hit the birdie in the general direction of the other team. After all, what if someone puts a grenade in the birdie? It could hurt someone. We just can't take that chance, so sorry to all you badminton fans.

The best part of all this tradition killing is that one of the bigger traditions here has suffered as well: football. Chuck Lennan, executive director of the Alumni Association, wants a large banner to increase morale. If only he knew that if NDSP would stop arresting the team's biggest fans, morale would jump back up. That's OK, though. It's not like anyone here is a football fan; it's not like Notre Dame prides itself on tradition. So fellow Domers, why don't we put an end to all this commotion and stop having fun?

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Oct. 30

America's debt to soldiers far overdue

As American soldiers continue to look death in the face, the citizens of this nation owe it to them to take action to bring the conflict in Iraq to an end.

Americans who have so loudly protested the unilateral actions of the Bush administration since February seem to be losing their voice when they need it most. No clear Democratic presidential candidate has emerged, and the party seems to be bent on nominating the person who will at least only suffer a respectable loss. Where will the millions of protesters be next November? If they are truly patriotic Americans, they will be driving their SUVs to the polls to vote against a president who has waged a war to protect the oil they put into their gas-guzzling automobiles. This is the way the democratic process and the freedoms that are the backbone of the United States are supposed to work.

Protests aside, it is time American citizens, regardless of whether they support president Bush or his policies, begin taking pride in what the soldiers in Iraq have done and are continuing to do. Despite the fact the Iraq war is supposed to be over, there are still Americans and civilians dying in Iraq. American soldiers made the choice to serve their country and preserve the American way of life, and they have done that without prejudice because that is what they are trained to do. Civilians on the home front need to understand and respect this because, regardless of whose orders armed forces personnel are following, they are fighting and dying for the heart and soul of American consumerism — precious petroleum used in almost every aspect of daily life.

Homeland support for the troops needs to come sooner rather than later, because the war is not over. With the escalating violence in Iraq and the refusal of insurgents to lie down, it is only a matter of time before the Bush administration — or any future administration concerned with preserving our freedoms — sends over more troops to finish what we started, with or without multilateral support from other nations.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Spend a semester

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students spend a semester abroad while spending the fall semester

By SARAH BATES AND MARIA SMITH
Scene Writers

Many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College students, when asked about the best experiences of their college careers, would reminisce about football Saturdays and campus-wide snowball fights after the first snowfall of the year. It takes something really special to pull students away from an autumn on campus. But for the 39 students spending the semester in India on the Semester Around the World program, the sacrifice is more than worthwhile.

The chance to study in a variety of countries is one of the biggest benefits of studying at ND or SMC. The schools together offer programs in 20 countries, sending hundreds of students overseas every year. Although turning down bigger programs like London or Seville can be difficult when trying to choose where to study, the SAW program offers some students an opportunity they couldn't find anywhere else. Over the past 20 years, SAW students

have visited Taiwan, Nepal, Malaysia and a variety of other countries rarely included in school study programs. More importantly, the three months spent studying in India give students a chance to understand a country which is the center of one of the world's major religions and home to 16 percent of the world's population.

"The opportunity to go to countries like the ones we visit is so rare," said junior Amy Peckins.

"It's not going to be like ND moved to another country," said junior Meredith Shepherd.

Semester Around the World was created by Cyriac Pullapilly, a professor of History at SMC who was born in southern India. Pullapilly first introduced the concept to SMC in 1975. It took eight years to work out the logistics of the trip and convince the College of the importance and value of the program.

"The program forces students to think about the cultures they meet and their own back home, making it necessary to create a balance," Pullapilly said. "On SAW, the whole world

becomes your home, not just a little corner of it."

The result of Pullapilly's planning is a program which takes students traveling around Asia for about two weeks and throughout India for three weeks before settling down for two months of classes in Cochin, a city on the southwest coast of India. Students focus entirely on India in their studies, learning about history, economics, philosophy, politics and fine arts. Their classes are at Sacred Heart College, a school founded and run by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, a religious congregation which runs more colleges and schools than any state government or organization in India. After finishing courses in early December, the students fly together to Frankfurt, where they split up to travel around Europe using the extra miles on their Around the World air tickets before returning home to start the next semester.

Only nine students applied for the first group Pullapilly took in the fall of 1983. Since then, interest has grown considerably. Over 80 students sent in applications last fall for this year's program. Around 60 students were called for interviews and 39 were selected for the final group. The program is open to all students from SMC and ND, and occasionally to students from other colleges as well. High school graduate Katie Camillus plans to attend Swarthmore College next year but was invited to participate in the program because three of her sisters and one of her cousins had gone on the trip in previous years.

Due to the rigorous planning involved in carrying out such a complicated program, Pullapilly only takes a group every other fall. Since the first program 20 years ago, 11 groups have had the opportunity to participate.

The SAW experience is different for every group that goes on the trip. This year's group was scheduled to visit China, Tibet and Vietnam, but plans were changed because of the SARS epidemic. Visits to Japan and Thailand were left on the itinerary, and Australia was added as a substitute for the other countries.

After meeting in Los Angeles, the group flew to Tokyo on Aug. 22 and spent two weeks traveling through various cities, including Kyoto, Brisbane, Cairns, Sydney, Bangkok and Phuket.

The students flew into Delhi on Sept. 4. They quickly grew accustomed to Indian traffic, a mixture of buses, mopeds, cars, bikes, pedestrians, cows and goats. They learned to use Indian-style toilets and adjusted to the instant notoriety that came with being American in India. In their three weeks of travel, the group visited Hindu temples and shrines across the country, the Ellora and Ajanta caves containing some of the oldest Buddhist art in the world, and saw



Members of the Students Around the World group pose in front of a temple in Tanjore, India. They were selected out of a pool of 60 to spend their fall semester abroad.



Photo courtesy of Meagan Sutton

Notre Dame sophomore Nicole Mitchell and junior Andy DeVoto sit with some young children outside a temple in Tanjore in Southern India.



Photo courtesy of Heather Tsukamoto

Notre Dame juniors Heather Tsukamoto and Mark Fredenberg at James Bond Island in Phang Nga Bay in Thailand during their semester abroad.



Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students practice the Helan Shrine garden in Kyoto, Japan during their semester abroad.

around the world

Students learn about other cultures
semester studying abroad



In front of the Taj Mahal in Agra. Thirty nine students were studying abroad.

WHITNEY SMITH/The Observer

culture. To gain a greater understanding of Indian lifestyles, students spend at least one weekend living with host families. The visits show students some similarities and also some surprising differences between Indian and American lifestyles.

"I actually saw everything I ate alive before I ate it," junior Andy DeVoto said.

"Even though I knew the family I was staying with was very rich, it wasn't as luxurious as what I would have at home," sophomore Erin Kriceri said.

Many students worry about being away from friends and family for an entire semester when they go abroad. Although being away from family is never easy, SAW students found they

bonded quickly bargaining with Delhi street vendors and suffering through spicy foods. However, since Pullapilly accepts students from both ND and SMC, the guys going on SAW tended to find themselves a bit outnumbered. This year's group includes 32 girls and only 7 guys.

"Sometimes it's more like Shopping Around the World," sophomore Eric Rocca joked.

Although the closeness of the group provides everyone with plenty of friends, people who like to meet the locals in bars and clubs can still find the program socially frustrating. Women are rarely seen buying alcohol in Cochin, and revealing clothing, even shorts, is out of the question. Although students find their 10:30 p.m. curfew at the hotel restrictive, there is rarely anywhere to go after that. Indian students often have parties in the middle of the day in order to get home for their own curfews, and many of the girls don't socialize much outside of their families and classes.

SAW is not a program for the faint of heart — or those too attached to their hair dryers. Students who choose to participate find themselves halfway around the world, living for four months out of a suitcase which must weigh less than 44 pounds — not leaving much room for extra shoes or entire CD collections. Although students see many beautiful sights, others are far from glamorous. In a country where 26 percent of the people live below the poverty line, the group witnesses extreme cases of poverty and homelessness. As hard as this can be to handle, it plays an integral role in the life-changing experience of SAW.

"When you live in America, you learn that there's poverty everywhere and you feel bad, but over here you don't feel bad as much as understand it better," said junior Erin Cox. "Living the Eastern life, you learn that everything doesn't need to be Westernized. Being here makes you want to live a simpler life."

Although the semester is filled with learning opportunities, it is still an academic sacrifice for some students. SMC refuses to accept SAW classes for religion, philosophy, government or economics requirements. Since all the students take the same classes, regardless of their different majors or backgrounds, the classes are designed as more of an overview of various subjects than an in-depth exploration of any topic. Some professors advise their students not to go for academic reasons. However, most students on the program feel they can learn as much from their travel experiences as they can in a South Bend classroom.

"Real education isn't just reinforcement, but also the exposure to new ideas," Pullapilly said.

"The unique aspect about SAW is that what we learn in the classroom,

we also get to experience firsthand," sophomore Sarah Nowak said. "Learning about these subjects back in South Bend will never compare to actually being here."

With such a complicated travel itinerary which changes from year to year, there are unavoidable complications annually. Students pay an extra fee in addition to normal tuition which changes each year depending on travel plans. As with any country that lacks the fixed prices and sales regulations Americans are used to, students have to be careful about where they make major purchases and how much they pay. Going on SAW also involves extra immunizations and other medical concerns — remembering which day of the week to take anti-malaria pills can be harder than it sounds. Pictures from this year and the last two trips and more information about the trip can be found at www.saintmarys.edu/~world.

The future of SAW is still unclear. Pullapilly currently plans to take another group in the fall of 2005, but in

future years the program may or may not continue. Since the program depends so much on Pullapilly's planning and knowledge, transferring the program to a different director when Pullapilly decides not to take another group might be difficult.

Whether or not the Semester Around the World continues, it is a unique experience that forces its participants to truly look at the world, seeing not just the good but the bad as well. In one semester, these students see and experience countless things that many people will never have the chance to see. SAW teaches its students about the importance of stepping out of their comfort zones, opening them up to the chance for true learning and understanding of the world.

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SMC sophomore Jackie Zurcher, ND junior Meredith Shepherd, sophomore Nicole Mitchell, junior Laura Vargas, sophomores Marcia Lutlo and Ken Dineen at the Grand Palace in Bangkok, Thailand.



Practice their balancing skills while sightseeing at the end of their semester abroad.

Photo courtesy of Heather Tsukamoto



Photo courtesy of Heather Tsukamoto

Notre Dame junior Heather Tsukamoto with schoolchildren down the street from Sacred Heart College in Cochin.

MLB

Red Sox place slugger Ramirez on waivers

Associated Press

BOSTON — Manny Ramirez makes so much money that even the biggest spenders in baseball don't want him.

The Boston Red Sox placed him on irrevocable waivers Wednesday, and teams have until 1 p.m. Friday to claim the slugging left fielder.

If he's claimed, Boston would get nothing in return but would unload the contract, the second-richest in baseball history. If he isn't claimed, he would remain with the Red Sox.

The New York Yankees' payroll of \$164 million — not including postseason and award bonuses — is the highest in the major leagues, but they have no interest in claiming Ramirez, a top baseball executive familiar with the team's plans said Thursday on the condition of anonymity.

Ramirez has five years and \$101.5 million remaining on a \$160 million, eight-year contract, and would get an extra \$1 million if he switches teams. He is scheduled to make \$20.5 million next season.

That price leaves few teams in a financial position to claim him and pay the entire amount.

It also could hurt Boston's ability to keep some of its other stars who can become free agents after next season — pitchers Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe, shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, catcher Jason Varitek and right fielder Trot Nixon.

The Red Sox refused to confirm that Ramirez was placed on waivers. Clubs often place many of their players on

waivers to gauge other teams' interest and to lay the groundwork for trades.

"We're not permitted to comment on waiver issues," team president Larry Lucchino said Thursday through his assistant.

The move, first reported by The New York Times and Boston Herald, was confirmed Thursday to the AP by the baseball executive.

Calls to Ramirez's agent, Jeff Moorad, and Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein were not returned.

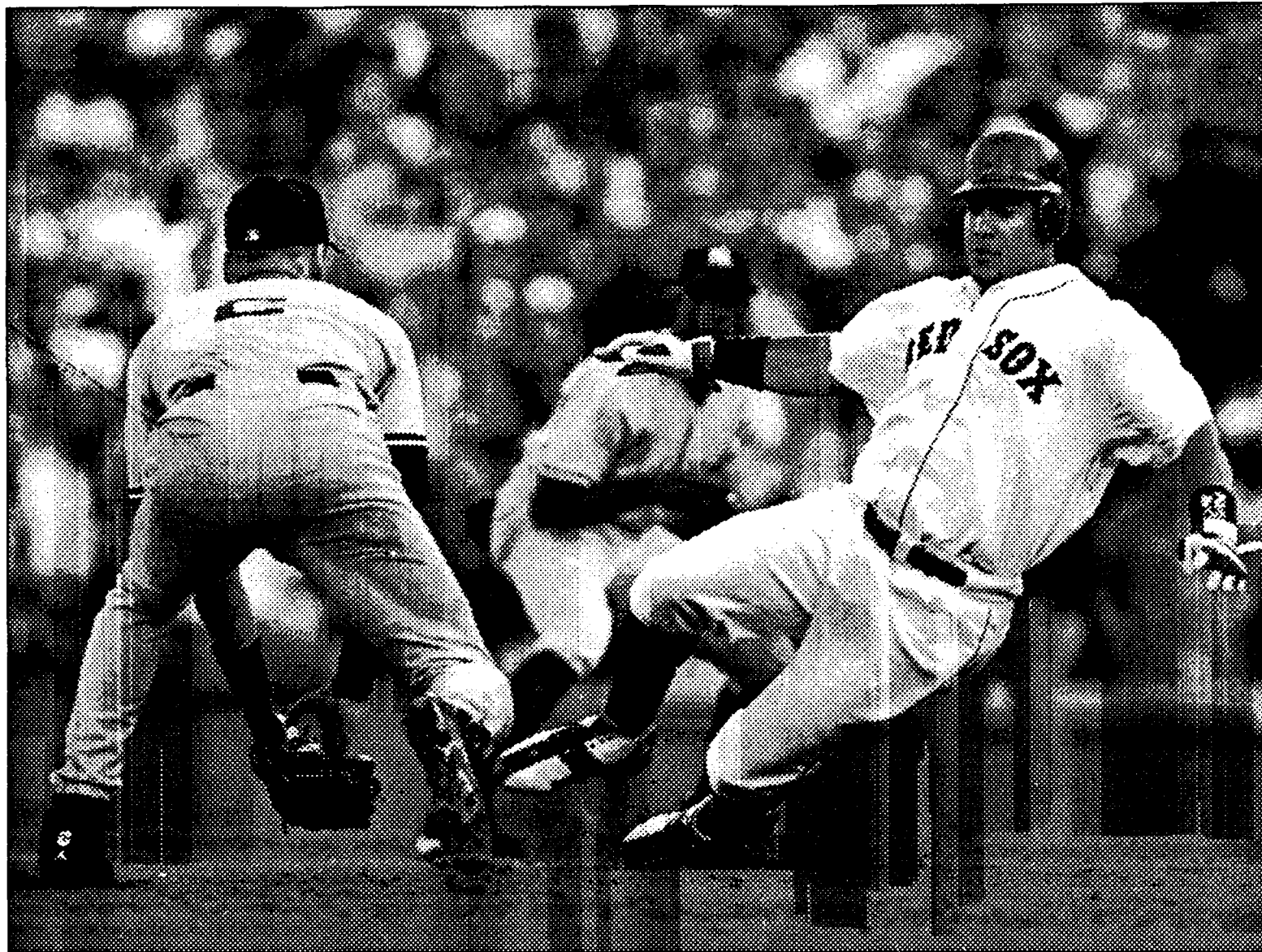
"When you put a player through waivers, you're letting teams know they don't want anything in return," said Scott Boras, a prominent agent who negotiated Alex Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year contract with Texas.

Ramirez was placed on waivers two days after the Red Sox announced they would not exercise their option to bring back manager Grady Little. The Red Sox made it to the seventh game of the AL championship series and led the Yankees 5-2 with one out in the bottom of the eighth.

Little left Martinez in the game, and New York tied it with three runs in the eighth then won on Aaron Boone's homer in the 11th. Afterward, Little was criticized severely by fans and newspaper columnists for sticking with Martinez.

In 12 playoff games, five against Oakland and seven against New York, Ramirez hit .265.

He signed as a free agent with Boston on Dec. 13, 2000, and John Henry's group bought the team in February



Manny Ramirez is caught stealing in game three of the ALCS against the Yankees. Ramirez was placed on waivers Wednesday by the Red Sox.

"When you look at his on-the-field performance, I think he's performing at a very high level. Obviously, the club must have other factors in their decision."

Scott Boras
agent

2002.

Ramirez spent seven seasons with Cleveland then hit .306, .349 and .325 over the next three years with Boston. He led the AL in batting in 2002 and was second to teammate Bill Mueller's .326 in 2003. He has 111 homers and 336 RBIs with the Red Sox.

"This club inherited this contract. Their analysis must consider something other than his performance on the field," Boras said. "When you look at his on-the-field performance, I think he's performing at a very high level. Obviously, the club must have other factors in their decision."

In 2003, Ramirez led the AL with a .427 on-base percentage and 28 intentional walks, outstanding numbers for a team like Boston that places special emphasis on a player's

ability to get on base.

He also had 37 homers and 104 RBIs.

Ramirez is a diligent student of hitting, often analyzing video studying tapes of himself at the plate. But he is an average, often nonchalant fielder who lacks hustle on the basepaths.

The Red Sox would have plenty of hitting without him since they set a major-league record last season with a .491 slugging percentage.

They also would lose some of his quirks.

He was benched by Little late in the 2003 season after he missed a crucial series against the Yankees with a sore throat and fever, yet got together with New York infielder Enrique Wilson to reminisce about their days in Cleveland.

Then Ramirez didn't show up for an appointment with the team doctor.

When he joined the club the next day he sat on the bench but said he was "too weak" to pinch-hit.

And in a game at Yankee Stadium in September, Ramirez tossed the ball into the stands after making a nice catch, thinking there were three outs when there were only two.

Ramirez was signed as a free agent by former Boston general manager Dan Duquette and is scheduled to make \$20 million in 2005, \$19 million in 2006, \$18 million in 2007 and \$20 million in 2008.

He also is still owed \$5 million of his \$16 million signing bonus. The team holds \$20 million options for both 2009 and 2010.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Improved Rix expects a win

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A year ago, Florida State quarterback Chris Rix lost his starting job after a dismal performance against Notre Dame.

This weekend, the 22-year-

old junior will try to show he's improved enough to lead the fifth-ranked team Seminoles to a road win that keeps them on the national championship path.

"If I do my part and do what I'm pushed to do I think we win

the ball game," Rix said as he prepared for Saturday's game at Notre Dame (2-5).

He is now 21-8 as starter at Florida State, but just 2-5 against ranked teams — that includes an 0-3 record against Miami.

Florida State (7-1, 6-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) has already clinched at least a share of another league title, but the Seminoles are only 5-7 against nonconference teams the past three seasons.

Turnovers have plagued Rix in the big games. He suffered three in Florida State's 22-14 defeat against Miami earlier this month, three in the Notre Dame loss a year ago and a nightmarish six as a freshman against Miami.

"The biggest thing from last year is, of course, the turnovers and the trying to do too much," Rix concedes. "And that's my goal to eliminate this year."

He's also been ineffective in rainy weather, inept in last year's loss at Louisville and again in a downpour three weeks ago against Miami.

Rix lost the starting job for a month after last year's Notre Dame loss, regained it when Adrian McPherson was dismissed from the team for allegedly stealing a check from a local business and then declared ineligible by school officials for the Sugar Bowl after failing to take a final exam in a religion course.

Attendance drops in West Lafayette

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue coach Joe Tiller is mystified by the lack of local fan interest in Saturday's game against Northwestern.

Projected attendance at Ross-Ade Stadium is set at 52,000 — about 10,500 short of a full house.

"Maybe a month ago they decided they weren't going to go," Tiller said. "I don't know."

A month ago Northwestern, at 2-4 and coming off a 42-17 home loss to Minnesota, was looking every bit the conference doormat it was the year before.

Purdue, meanwhile, was building a six-game winning streak and climbing the national rankings.

So if Tiller's assumption was accurate, fans had every right to expect a blowout in the Boilermakers' favor this Saturday.

Times have changed. Northwestern (4-4, 2-2 Big Ten) has won two in a row, including an impressive 16-7 win over Wisconsin last week. And No. 18 Purdue (6-2, 3-1) had that six-game winning streak snapped with a 31-3 whipping at the hands of Michigan.

Both teams have something

to play for Saturday. The Boilermakers need a win to stay in the race for the Big Ten title and the Wildcats are fighting to become bowl eligible.

"We're going into this week thinking it's a must-win if we're going to have any shot at the Big Ten title," Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton said. "They're a better team than anybody thought."

Northwestern quarterback Brett Basanez and tailback Jason Wright are finally starting to deliver the big plays coach Randy Walker has been waiting for, and the defense looked strong in holding Wisconsin's explosive ground game to 135 yards and yielding only seven points last week.

"We've been able to play with greater focus," Walker said. "I've thought all along that we could be a pretty good football team, a quality team. We just couldn't put it together for 60 minutes. Now we're letting go of the past, good or bad, and we're really doing a good job of playing complete and focused football."

The Boilermakers are still in contention for at least a share of the Big Ten title and the trip to the Rose Bowl that goes with it.



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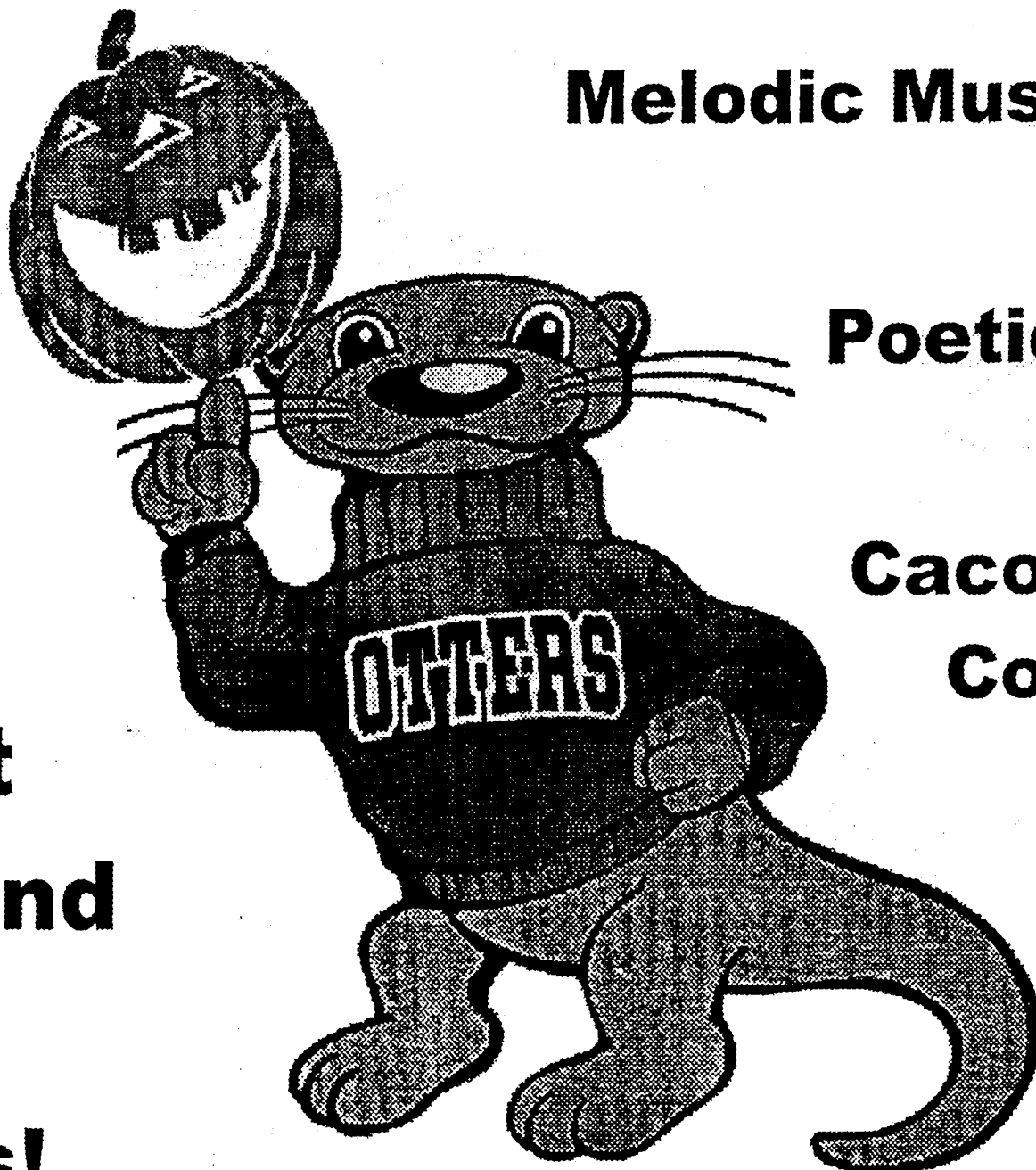
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Athletes begin testimony before grand jury

Track and field champions questioned about nutritional supplements lab

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Two U.S. track and field champions, 1,500-meter runner Regina Jacobs and shot putter Kevin Toth, were among the first group of athletes to testify to a grand jury probing a nutritional supplements lab.

Jacobs and Toth were among four track and field athletes who appeared before the federal panel on Thursday. Both Jacobs and Toth have been customers of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO, which is the target of the probe.

Dozens of other athletes, including baseball's Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi and boxer Shane Mosley, have been subpoenaed in the case.

An appearance before the grand jury, or being subpoenaed to testify, does not imply any of the athletes is a target of the probe. Federal officials have refused to discuss the scope of the grand jury or its secret proceedings.

But a source familiar with Thursday's daylong proceeding

said the athletes were asked whether they had taken the newly discovered designer steroid THG or the endurance-boosting hormone EPO.

The source, who requested anonymity, said the athletes were asked whether they had obtained THG or EPO from BALCO.

An attorney for Victor Conte, BALCO's founder, has said his client is the target of the grand jury probe and is innocent of any wrongdoing.

The source also said the athletes were asked whether they had knowingly purchased steroids from BALCO, or whether they thought they were buying legal nutritional supplements.

"Did you meet Conte?" the source said the athletes were asked. "Did he tell you to be quiet?"

Jacobs and Toth were among four U.S. athletes who tested positive for THG at the U.S.

track and field championships in June at Stanford, according to another source close to the investigation who spoke to The Associated Press on Thursday on condition of anonymity.

Jacobs and her attorney, Douglas Schwartz, refused to comment Thursday when asked outside the grand jury room whether she had tested positive for THG at that meet. Jacobs, 40, won her 12th national outdoor title in the 1,500 at Stanford.

"Regina was here. She did nothing wrong. She left the grand jury to carry on," Schwartz said after Jacobs had completed her afternoon testimony. "I really feel sorry for these athletes, because they've really become the victims here."

Toth, who has the longest throw in the world this year and

won his first national title in June, would not comment after his grand jury appearance.

BALCO was raided by the Internal Revenue Service and local drug agents in September. Conte also has been accused by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency of supplying athletes with the designer steroid tetrahydrogestrinone, or THG.

Conte also was fingered by British sprinter Dwain Chambers, who admits he tested positive for THG during an out-of-competition test Aug. 1 in Germany. Chambers said through an attorney that he was

assured by Conte the supplements he was given were within international rules.

Authorities in track and field, and other sports, have begun retesting samples for THG since the discovery of the previously undetectable steroid. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday declared THG an illegal drug.

EPO, or erythropoietin, boosts endurance by stimulating the production of oxygen-carrying red blood cells in the body. A banned substance, EPO is considered among the most abused drugs in sports.

"I really feel sorry for these athletes, because they've really become the victims here."

Douglas Schwartz
attorney

NBA

Iverson injures shoulder in practice

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia 76ers All-Star Allen Iverson strained his left shoulder in practice Thursday.


The guard collided with a teammate during a five-on-five drill and left practice with an ice pack on his shoulder and his left arm bandaged. He was listed as day-to-day, pending the

results of an MRI test.


Iverson "has always been an individual who can tolerate a lot of pain," 76ers coach Randy Ayers said. "If he's healthy and he feels good, he'll try to play."

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NBA Rockets debut \$202 million arena with victory

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets opened their new arena with a series of firsts and the biggest of all was a victory at Toyota Center.

Cuttino Mobley scored 21 points as the Rockets never trailed and beat the Denver Nuggets 102-85 Thursday night in the first game played at their sparkling \$202 million downtown arena.

A sellout crowd of 18,189 was on hand as the coach Jeff Van Gundy era started with a run-away victory.

Yao Ming got the basket with 11:03 to go in the first quarter and the first free throw with 9:58 left. Steve Francis hit the first 3-

pointer with 5:11 to go, and Denver's Chris Andersen got with first dunk in the second quarter.

"It was great," Francis said. "It will be something you never forget. Twenty to 25 years from now, you can say you were a member of the team that won the first game here."

"The crowd was great. When they started coming back, the crowd picked up loudly. I thought it really helped us."

Leading 48-42 at halftime, the Rockets started the third quarter with a 13-5 run that made it 61-47 with 7:28 left in the period, their biggest lead of the game to that point.

Francis capped the run with a long pass to Mobley for a fast-break dunk for the Rockets, who

were up 72-60 at the end of the third quarter.

"There was no particular emotion, other than wanting to play well," Van Gundy said. "Coaches work in strange ways. I'm thinking about Memphis [next opponent] right now. We didn't play as well as I thought we might. We had a lot of blown assignments and mistakes."

Sonics 109, Clippers 100

Rashard Lewis scored 25 points, and Ronald Murray had 24, leading the SuperSonics past the Clippers 109-100 Thursday in Mike Dunleavy's debut as Los Angeles' coach.

Lewis made two 3-pointers in a third-quarter run that gave the SuperSonics an 83-69 lead heading to the fourth.

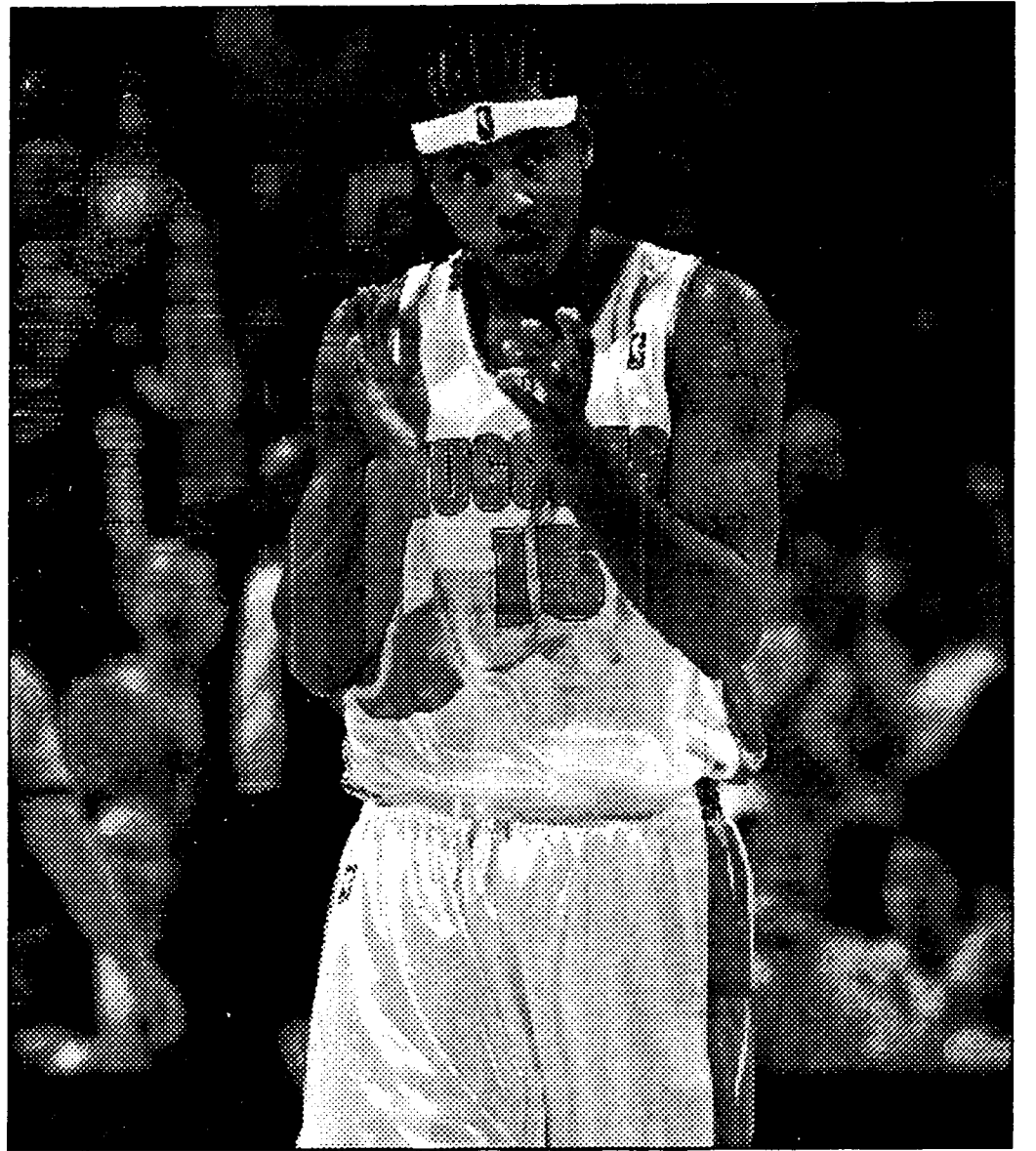
The Clippers closed the gap to four points late in the final quarter at Saitama Super Arena. With less than a minute to go, Clippers guard Eddie House sank a 3-pointer, and Corey Maggette's score made the margin four.

But Calvin Booth's dunk with 20.6 seconds left gave the Sonics a six-point cushion they didn't relinquish.

House, a reserve, led the Clippers with 22 points. Maggette and Elton Brand each scored 21, with Brand grabbing 15 rebounds.

It was the first of two games in Japan for the teams, neither of which made the playoffs last season. This is the sixth time the NBA has had regular-season games in Japan; the last time was in 1999, when the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Sacramento Kings played at Tokyo Dome.

The Sonics are here without three-time All-Star guard Ray



Denver Nuggets' rookie Carmelo Anthony shot 4-for-15 for 18 points in a 102-85 loss to the Houston Rockets Thursday.

Allen, who has an injured ankle.

New Orleans 100, Orlando 98

New Orleans was composed after falling behind by five points with the clock winding down, and the Hornets stayed calm when Orlando's Tracy McGrady took off toward the basket trying to force overtime.

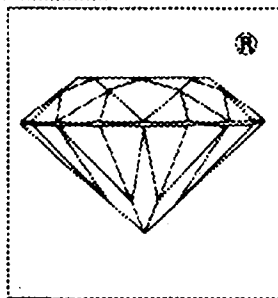
Jamaal Magloire blocked McGrady's driving layup with 3.9 seconds to go, sealing New Orleans' 100-98 victory

Thursday night. Had the Magic man's shot hit the mark, it would've erased a rally that saw the Hornets score the game's final seven points.

"We're prepared," said George Lynch, whose fast-break layup with 36 seconds remaining was the game-winner. "Coach has done a great job of getting us in situations in practice so we're able to adjust to it. We don't panic; we just play through it."

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Juneau ends Canadiens' three-game drought

Associated Press

BOSTON — Joe Juneau ended Montreal's drought of over three games without a goal when he scored 1:39 into overtime to give the Canadiens a 1-0 victory over the Boston Bruins on Thursday night.

The Canadiens had not scored a goal since Monday night's game against Ottawa, a span of 199 minutes, 25 seconds.

Juneau scored when he broke in and slid the puck past Felix Potvin. Juneau exemplified the Canadiens' frustration when he threw his stick in the air after scoring.

Jose Theodore earned his third shutout of the season, making 21 saves for Montreal. Despite being rarely tested, Theodore denied Brian Rolston on a breakaway with 9:38 remaining in the game with a glove save.

Potvin, who shut out the Canadiens on Tuesday, allowed only his second goal in the last three games.

Boston, who has been so successful on the road this season with a league-leading six straight wins, is 0-2-1 at home.

The Bruins were also shut out at home last Thursday by Carolina and were shut out in consecutive games for the first time in 1999.

Montreal, who snapped a three-game losing streak, had four power-play opportunities

and is 1-for-24 with the man advantage over the last seven games.

The Canadiens were shut out in three straight games twice in their history, most recently in 1949.

Boston had not allowed a goal in 163:37.

Lightning 2, Sharks 2

Dave Andreychuk scored a game-tying power-play goal early in the third period as the unbeaten Tampa Bay Lightning earned a 2-2 tie Thursday night with the San Jose Sharks.

The Lightning (6-0-1) were bidding to become just the ninth team to start the season with seven consecutive wins.

Only the 1993-94 Toronto Maple Leafs (10 games), the 1934-35 Maple Leafs (eight games) and 1975-76 Buffalo Sabres (eight games) have started the season with more than seven straight wins.

Devils 3, Flyers 2

The unlikely hero of Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals helped the New Jersey Devils end an unexpectedly long home winless streak.

Mike Rupp scored his second goal of the game with 8:43 to play and the Devils won for the first time at home this season by rallying for a 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Thursday night.

"It was my best game, not just because I scored," Rupp



The Montreal Canadiens shut out the Boston Bruins Thursday, 1-0. Joe Juneau scored the Canadiens' first goal in three games 1:39 into the overtime period. Reuters

said. "I think I was using my body and our line was establishing a forecheck. We had a solid game."

It brought back memories of last June when Rupp scored twice in the Devils' 3-0 win in Game 7, making him an

instant hero.

This season has been anything but that for him. He did not earn a point in his first six games.

Sabres 5, Maple Leafs 3

Five seems to be the lucky

number these days for the Buffalo Sabres.

Miroslav Satan scored his 200th career goal with the Sabres and added an assist to lead Buffalo past the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-3 Thursday night.



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Orlando's Tracy McGrady drives past Detroit's Clifford Robinson last season in game seven of the NBA Eastern Conference Quarterfinals, which the Magic lost. McGrady is ready to step up as the leader of the Magic.

McGrady ready to be the team leader

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ask Tracy McGrady what the future holds for the Orlando Magic, and he wearily shakes his head.

Everything, he says, depends on the "young guys" getting on the same page as the veterans.

Young guys? Tracy, you're only 24!

"But I've got six years under my belt. So I feel like I've been here a long time," he said.

McGrady is an experienced superstar who may just be tapping into all of his talents.

He is the defending NBA

scoring leader, and last year he was the youngest player to average 30 points since the ABA-NBA merger of 1977. McGrady also is one of only three active players with at least 8,500 points, 2,700 rebounds and 1,600 assists through their first six seasons. (The others are injured teammate Grant Hill and Antoine Walker of Dallas.)

Scorer, rebounder, passer, defender. Now McGrady can add another role: leader.

The Magic's front office, by stitching a captain's C on McGrady's jersey, is making official what has been common knowledge: This is T-Mac's team.

"Now he can start to do the things that we equate with being a leader," Orlando general manager John Gabriel said. "But as far as on the floor, he's been there and has done that."

McGrady demonstrated his leadership Wednesday night in the Magic's opening-game overtime win over the New York Knicks. Despite an awful shooting performance through three quarters, his defense and playmaking kept the Magic close. His 13 points in the fourth quarter and overtime gave Orlando a two-point victory.

"I was getting frustrated all night and my shots weren't falling," said

McGrady, 9-for-24 from the field. "As bad as we played they never ran away with a big lead. I told my teammates if we take it to overtime, I will win this game."

McGrady the leader will be judged by wins and losses, and that's fine with him.

If a teammate doesn't go all-out in practice, tunes out the coaches or breaks a play to make himself look good, the captain will notice.

"If we don't do those things, we're going to be one of those teams that plays 82 games then goes home," McGrady said. "I definitely don't want that, because I enjoy playing in the postseason."

Women's Soccer 2003 Big East Tournament Pairings

Sunday, Quarterfinals

- Game 1 — Miami at Notre Dame, 1 p.m.
- Game 2 — Rutgers at Boston College, 1 p.m.
- Game 3 — Villanova at Connecticut, TBA
- Game 4 — St. John's at West Virginia, 1 p.m.

Nov. 7, Semifinals

- Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 5 p.m.
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Eye on Irish Opponents

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- Michigan vs. Michigan State noon, ABC
- Nebraska vs. Texas 3:30 p.m., ABC
- Miami vs. Virginia Tech 7:45 p.m., ESPN

IN BRIEF

Thomas to return to White Sox next year

CHICAGO — Frank Thomas is staying with the Chicago White Sox. Thomas said Thursday he will exercise a \$6 million contract option for next season rather than test the free-agent market for a second straight year.

"After weighing our options, we felt the best decision for Frank was to return to the White Sox," Arn Tellem, Thomas' agent, said in a statement. "I know Frank would like nothing better than to help the White Sox win a World Series title."

Thomas tested the free agent market for the first time in his career last year after the White Sox invoked a clause in his contract that allowed them to defer most of his \$10 million salary.

The two-time AL MVP wound up re-signing with the only team he's ever played for, agreeing to a one-year deal with three mutual options that guaranteed him \$22.5

million.

In addition to the \$6 million option for next season, he has ones for \$8 million in 2005 and \$10 million in 2006, a year that has a \$3.5 million club buyout attached to it.

Even if Thomas had declined the option, the White Sox could have held onto him by exercising an \$8 million option. The White Sox also have options of \$11 million in 2005 and \$12 million in 2006.

"Frank is certainly the greatest hitter in the long history of this organization," said Kenny Williams, the White Sox's general manager. "Very much to his credit, Frank rebounded at the plate in 2003, and we are looking forward to another season with having Frank as one of the more potent offensive players in the American League."

Thomas hit .267, his highest average since 2000, with 42 homers and 105 RBIs this season. He also hit his 400th career homer

and collected his 2,000th hit. Brand injures foot in season-opening loss

LOS ANGELES — Forward Elton Brand sustained a hairline fracture in his right foot during the Los Angeles Clippers' season-opening loss to Seattle in Japan.

He is expected to be out four to six weeks, the team said Thursday.

X-rays taken in Toyko after Wednesday night's game showed a hairline fracture of the fourth metatarsal.

Brand had 21 points, 15 rebounds and a career-high eight blocks in the Clippers' loss.

Brand missed 18 games last season with a stress fracture in his lower left leg. He averaged 18.5 points and 11.3 rebounds in 62 games last season.

He signed an offer sheet with the Miami Heat in July. The Clippers retained Brand by matching the offer with a six-year contract reportedly worth \$82.2 million.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Badin looks for revenge against McGlenn

By ANN LOUGHERY AND BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writers

Don't expect a repeat of the last match between the third seeded Bullfrogs and sixth seeded Shamrocks, said McGlenn receiver Carolyn Gibbs.

When the two met earlier in the season, Badin shut out McGlenn 13-0. McGlenn quarterback Bridget Meacham described that loss as the worst of their season.

Since then, the sophomore-heavy Shamrocks (3-3) have focused on strengthening the effectiveness of their defense in regards to blitzing schemes and formations. This, Gibbs said, will ultimately bolster the Shamrocks to a win and a life in the playoffs.

"We're going to come out strong and shock Badin," Gibbs said. "They expect that they'll be playing the team that they beat before."

The Bullfrogs (5-1) have also made adjustments in regards to their defense. Safety Jen Craig will be ineligible for play due to an injury. One of the main challenges Badin has faced has been in finding a replacement for the standout Craig.

What will determine the winner of Sunday's game will be the teams' ability to overcome their weaknesses. Meacham cited the team's level of intensity early in the game as an area for improvement.

"It's always taken a while for us to get into the rhythm. Also, because we are a young team, we let mistakes get to us and we don't have a lot of confidence at the beginning of the game."

The two will meet Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. on West Quad.

Breen Phillips vs. Welsh

Breen-Phillips and Welsh, both expecting to carry strong regular season play into the playoffs, will square off Sunday in what looks to be a fierce match-up between two relentless teams fresh off highly successful seasons.

Breen Phillips (3-1-2) has been led all year by its productive offense and a defense, which has improved with each week. They look to continue this solid play through the continued success of quarterback Traci Kazmerski and freshman receiver Tara Johnson.

"We've been preparing all week," Breen-Phillips captain Kelly Deckleman said. "We have a powerful offense, and

we are able to successfully move the ball down field."

Breen Phillips emerged victorious in the one meeting between the two teams earlier this season, and will need continued strong play to come out with its second win.

"We're getting pumped and not taking them lightly," Deckleman said. "We beat them earlier this year, and we know we can do it again, but they are going to be looking for revenge."

Welsh (4-2) relied heavily on its impressive defense and returning players for its success this year. The Whirlwinds are led by returning players Megan Markey and Jamie McEldowney. Sophomore quarterback Melissa Sands will need to play well in order for Welsh Family to advance into the second round, as well.

"We've had a few weeks off and we're all excited," Sands said. "This is the playoffs; it counts."

The teams will kick off Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm on West Quad.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles hope to finish home season strong

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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For the Saint Mary's volleyball team, its season has literally come full circle.

The Belles finish the 2003 regular season at home today against Albion, the same team who they played in their conference opener Sept. 3.

In that match, Saint Mary's fell in five sets.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek is anxious for her team to get another chance at Albion, especially considering how close the Belles were to defeating the Britons back in September.

"I am very excited to play this team, because we've improved so much since that first game," she said. "It's a really big win for us, because if we win this game we'll be sixth in the conference and if we lose we'll end up seventh."

The Belles have shown great improvement over last season, in which the team went 7-21 and only won a single conference game. This year, Saint Mary's has a 15-12 record going into the

final game of the regular season and a 4-9 record in the MIAA.

Perhaps even more impressive is that the Belles have made such strides on a team with only one senior — libero Alison Shevik — on the roster. Freshman outside hitter Kristen Playko, who ranks in the top three in the MIAA in both kills and service aces, has led talented underclassmen this season — a year in which the Belles are not to be taken lightly by conference opponents.

"This year has really been about team improvement, but we've had some great individual performances as well," Schroeder-Biek said. "We've made some big steps toward getting this program turned around."

"We've really come out of the basement and have started to get respect from the other teams in this conference."

Albion (10-20, 3-10 in the MIAA) is coming off a straight set victory over Olivet Wednesday.

The match's tip off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles look to bounce back from tough loss

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

October break proved to be rocky for Saint Mary's.

The Belles came out of the break with a 1-1-1 record only to suffer a heartbreaking 3-2 double overtime loss to Kalamazoo Wednesday night. The loss to Kalamazoo puts Saint Mary's at 9-3-3 for the season and in a tie with Alma for third place in the MIAA standings.

The consistent Saint Mary's defense couldn't preserve the tie.

"The defense can only hold for so long," Belles coach Peter Haring said. "The offense needs to finish the golden opportunities in games."

This was the second loss Saint Mary's had suffered in just two weeks. Saint Mary's endured a 1-0 loss to Hope College Oct. 18. But the team had to play without defender Shannon Culbertson and striker Wendy Irvin.

Fortunately, Saint Mary's was able to recover from the loss with its sixth shutout of the year with a 3-0 win over Tri-State University, the second team Saint Mary's played during the break on Oct. 21.

"Our team got refocused and we stuck it to them," Haring said. "We were able to control the pace of the game."

But the team ended the break with a 1-1 double overtime tie to Alma.

Over the break, the defense continued its solid strength behind Katie Taylor, Carrie Orr and Culbertson.

Freshman Carolyn Logan has also been a critical part to the team.

"She adds a little more spark in our attack," Haring said.

For the remainder of the season, Haring wants to continue

with the team's ability to control the pace of the game and wants to finish the offensive attacks.

The next test for Saint Mary's will be against Albion Saturday at 12 p.m.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish travel to the Bronx for Big East Championships

By **JOE LINDSLEY**
Sports Writer

Both the mens and womens cross country teams will spend Halloween in the Bronx, where each Irish squad will contend today for the Big East title. Though the race will not be an easy win, the women, who are the defending conference champions and who are ranked fifth nationally, are likely to scare the competition, particularly given their third-place finish two weeks ago at the Pre-National meet.

Meanwhile, the men, who took fourth place at last year's race, have reasons not to be afraid this season — they are running at a venue where they have not failed to take the Big East title since 1995, and, unlike last year, they will be with the services of former All-American Todd Mobley. Mobley is a senior who missed last year's event due to injury.

Every year the Big East Championships alternate between Van Cortland Park in the Bronx, N.Y. and Franklin Park in Boston. When the race is held in Boston, the mens cross country team seem to be subjected to some sort of Halloween curse, as they have yet to win a title there. While the Boston

course seems to be cursed for the Irish, the New York course seems a more hallowed place for Notre Dame, given the team's three Big East victories there.

The 24th-ranked men, who finished ninth among some of the nation's very best squads at the Pre-National meet in the fields of Waterloo, Iowa, will not have a break in the big city this weekend either. The Big East field includes three teams ranked ahead of the Irish: No. 11 Villanova, No. 13 Georgetown, and No. 20 Providence. The Villanova Wildcats, who took the title last season, are returning their top two runners.

Fortunately the Irish, in addition to having a healthy Mobley, will have the services of some other very talented, albeit youthful, harriers. Sophomore Tim Moore has been leading the team of late, and his 16th place finish two weeks ago in Iowa put him among some of the nation's best runners. Another sophomore, Kaleb van Ort, who took 53rd at the Pre-Nationals, will also contribute to the Irish effort. Freshman Kurt Benninger has immediately had a positive impact for the Irish since his first college race four weeks ago.

At the Pre-National race, the Irish, then ranked 15th, finished

75 points behind Georgetown.

The women, on the other hand, bested eighth-ranked Georgetown at the Pre-Nationals, though they were surpassed by un-ranked North Carolina. The Irish defeated four other teams in the top 25, but they could not catch No. 1 Brigham Young, the first place finishers with 86 points to Notre Dame's 127.

Today, the women will not have to compete with the likes of BYU, but they will still have to contend against some highly-ranked conference foes. The eighth-ranked Providence Friars and 16th-ranked Georgetown will provide challenges. Other ranked Big East teams include No. 25 West Virginia, No. 27 Boston College, and No. 32 Villanova.

Last year, when the female Irish harriers took their first-ever Big East title, Lauren King took individual honors closely ahead of teammate Molly Huddle.

Since then, the same two runners have generally led the Irish, but the order has been reversed, with the sophomore Huddle usually leading the elder King. At the Pre-Nationals, Huddle finished 10th, amidst a pack of top runners. In each of the seven collegiate races she has run, Huddle



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The Irish expect to do well at the Big East Championships.

has arrived at the finish line in the top 10. On her heels that day though was junior Kerry Meagher, who is in his first season running varsity races. King was 10 seconds behind and took 19th place.

While the Big East title race can affect the teams' rankings, as well as their chance for at-

large bids to the National Championships, the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, which will be held Nov. 15 in Terre Haute, Ind., is the opportunity for both teams to qualify for the NCAA title event.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

No. 14 Irish look to extend 11 game win streak

By **HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN**
Sports Writer

The Irish are glad to be back at the Joyce Center.

No. 14 Notre Dame returns home Sunday for just the second time in two weeks, where they face Syracuse (16-11, 3-4 in the Big East).

The Orangemen come off a 3-2 loss to Boston College, and are hungry for a win. The Irish, on the other hand, will look to extend an 11 game winning streak, their longest in three

years.

Notre Dame (18-2, 7-0) is led by their nation-leading 3.79 blocks per game average. Highlighting the Irish blockers is middle blocker Lauren Brewster, who leads the nation in blocking, with an average of 1.82 blocks per game. Brewster also had 11 kills with no errors on 21 attempts.

Brewster has been nicely complimented by Lauren Kelbley, who led the way for the Irish in Wednesday's win over Illinois State with 11 kills on .444 hitting. Kelbley also added 15.5 points serving, while Brewster

led with 17 points.

Senior setter Kristen Kinder led the offense with another double-double Wednesday, with 29 assists and 12 digs, the 24th such match of her four-year career.

Defensively, the Irish have been led, and rightfully so, by libero Meg Henican, who finished with 17 digs on Wednesday.

The Irish have been able to hold teams to weak hitting percentages, as Illinois State hit a mere .008 on the match, with 31 kills and 32 errors.

However, Sunday's match

proves to be a challenge for the Irish, as the Orangemen will be looking for revenge after last year's 3-0 loss to the Irish.

Syracuse holds opponents to a .199 hitting percentage, while they hit .219 as a team. However, the Irish have held teams to a .142 attack percentage this season. In the 20 matches so far this year, the Irish have allowed opponents to hit .190 or better just four times.

Sunday's match provides the Irish with an opportunity to extend their win streak to 12, which would match the longest

winning streak of coach Debbie Brown's era.

Brown's 18-2 record marks the best start for the Irish since 1994, when Notre Dame started 32-2 and finished 33-4.

The longest winning streak in Irish history is 17, done in 1986. During the current 11-match streak, Notre Dame has won 44-of-48 games, only losing one each to Purdue, Villanova, Connecticut and North Carolina.

Sunday's match kicks off at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Irish third in Big East

Special to The Observer

Connecticut, the defending NCAA champion, has been chosen to win the 2003-04 Big East women's basketball regular season title. The poll is determined by a vote of the league's head coaches who were not permitted to place their own teams on their ballots.

Rutgers earned the remaining first-place vote and 156 points for a second-place finish in the poll.

Notre Dame (21-11) earned 139 points to finish third in the poll. The Irish played in the NCAA Championship for the eighth straight year and advanced to the Sweet 16 for the fifth time under coach Muffet McGraw. Notre Dame finished 21-11 for its 10th consecutive 20-win season. Junior forward Jacqueline Batteast, a member of the 2003-04 preseason all-Big East first team, is expected to lead the Irish.

MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Dillon looks to continue domination as playoffs begin

By STEVE COYER, ANNIE BRUSKY, DAN TAPETILLO AND KEVIN O'NEILL
Sports Writers

It's been two very different seasons for Sorin and Dillon, but this weekend that all means nothing as both teams look to advance in the playoffs.

Dillon has rolled through its schedule this year and emerged the only undefeated team in the league after a 14-8 victory over Keenan. With confidence from last year's playoff success and this year's dominant regular season, Dillon looks ready to play up to its No. 1 seeding.

Sorin's season started with a thrilling 3-0 victory and ended with a huge 6-0 win. In their other two games, the Otters took difficult losses yet made it into the playoffs against tough odds.

Sorin realizes it has a powerful opponent to face but the team's attitude remains upbeat.

"We're facing the top seed and we have our work cut out for us, but we're thrilled to have made it into the playoffs," captain Collin O'Keefe said.

Dillon's defense has been very solid with two shutouts and has allowed only 11 points all season.

On offense, Dillon has been strong and was explosive in its 42-0 defeat of Keenan. Key players on offense for Dillon include Robert McBride, Kevin McCarthy and Ben Butwin.

Sorin has had to face injuries all season and the upcoming playoff game will be no exception.

"We have some key players returning on defense but we're still going to have to deal with

injuries this game," O'Keefe said. Dillon's undefeated play this season makes them the team to beat going into the playoffs.

The game will be played this Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle North.

No. 2 Siegfried vs. No. 7 Alumni

Sunday's hotly contested inter-hall playoff game between the Siegfried Ramblers and the Alumni Dawgs will be a rematch of last year's championship.

Not that either team needs any added incentive, though, for they both know it's do-or-die time when the playoffs roll around.

"It doesn't matter where we're seeded. If we don't come out there strong it will be an early exit," Siegfried cornerback Nate Raschke said.

Both teams return nearly all of last season's players and although Siegfried was victorious last year, anything can happen in Sunday's game.

"We can't look past Alumni or anyone else. Alumni is a good team and we can't take it for granted that we're the defending champs," said Raschke, a junior.

"I know Siegfried is a great team. It will be a tough game," Alumni wide receiver Corey Harkins said. "Being a senior, I really don't want it to end quite yet."

"We're very confident. We're excited to get a second chance at Siegfried," said Alumni quarterback Chris Cottingham, recalling his team's 14-7 loss in the Stadium last year.

Second-seeded Siegfried — 3-1 after a disappointing loss to Fisher — boasts a talented roster led by quarterback Bill Bingle.

"I'd put Bill up there against

any other quarterback in the league. He's real good," Raschke said.

His opponents see him as a dangerous threat as well.

"He had some great games last year, especially against us in the championship," Harkins said. "He's very versatile. He can run and pass."

The Ramblers are looking for running back Tim Breitbart to have a big game as they know how critical a strong running attack is to win.

They are also depending on wide receiver Jon Kaup.

Hoping to combat the strength and size of Alumni's offensive line, Siegfried is counting on a strong performance by their defensive line as well.

"It's important we shut down their running game," Raschke said.

Seventh-seeded Alumni, for its part, is improved and back at full strength.

Cottingham and running back Alex Roodham lead the offense while TJ Strachota, at safety, is the defensive commander.

"We've had some unfortunate breaks along the way but we're a pretty good team, and we have our game plan ready" Harkins said. "We're confident we can go out there and give it our best."

No. 4 Knott vs. No. 5 Keenan

Sunday's game will not only be a battle for life in playoffs, but also for pride

After both teams missed the playoffs last year, No. 4 seed Knott will meet No. 5 seed Keenan in a first-round game.

The Juggerknotts want to prove how explosive their offense and defense have

become since last season.

Knott annihilated Carroll 19-0 in the last game of the regular season and does not expect different results in the first round of the playoffs.

"We hit on all cylinders the last game and we're going to take that into the playoffs," Knott captain Drew Donovan said.

To achieve this goal, Knott will have to rely upon its improved offense, led by quarterback Ben Gilfillan and wide receiver Mike Peters and, along with the consistency of its defense which Donovan adds is both solid and the inner strength of the team.

But Knott will also need to stop Keenan's offense if it expects to see life in the second round.

The Keenan offense is led by team captains quarterback Patrick Downey and receiver Reed Langton.

The Knights want to show they're a "new and improved" team during the first round.

"We have a lot of new faces and we are a much more different team than last year," Keenan team captain Patrick Downey said.

But despite Keenan being known for their underclassmen, the team continues to stand behind their veteran defensive line.

These two teams will meet Sunday at the Riehle South fields at 1 p.m.

No. 3 Morrissey vs. No. 6 Zahm

Two confident teams will square off in a playoff showdown on Sunday afternoon at the Riehle North Athletic Fields when the third-seeded Morrissey Manorites take on the sixth-seeded Zahmbies.

The undefeated Manorites head into the game boasting a powerful offensive attack led by quarterback Marty Mooney, tight end Dave Purcell and the running back tandem of brothers Steve and Nick Klein. Offensively, the Manorites look to first establish the run to set up the passing attack.

The Manor will also bring a talented defense led by middle linebackers Jason Wise and Brian Dinsmore. "Nobody has put together a drive on our defense," said Ronsheim, referring to a unit that has allowed just one offensive touchdown on the season and shut out three of four opponents. "We'll look to play solid defense and establish a good running game. It's a simple formula. Our personnel is good enough to win and we have a lot of depth said Ronsheim.

The Zahmbies come into the game with confidence, having won their final two games of the season over Sorin and Fisher. The Sorin game was won behind a solid ground attack led by running back Eric Tarnowski, while Fisher was bested behind the passing of quarterback Mitch Knapke.

"We're focusing on the offense this week," captain Mike Maimone said. "We're looking to balance it up."

Defensively, the Zahmbies recognize the potential of the Morrissey offense.

"The key for us is to contain their offense," said Maimone.

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ning two games over the break, including a 1-0 win over then-No. 1 Boston College Saturday.

"There's that subconscious follow up question about what's going to happen after a big win like that," Poulin said.

Despite scoring two goals in the first period, the Irish were lucky to keep Nebraska-Omaha off the board. Notre Dame had several turnovers in their defensive zone, but Cey was equal to the task.

"I thought [Morgan] played very well," Poulin said. "I would have liked to have seen him just give up one goal, but Omaha's a good hockey team and they really battled very hard."

McLean got the Irish on the board halfway through the first period when he followed up a rebound of a Brett Lebda shot.

Gill would increase the Irish lead to two with just eight seconds remaining in the first period. Walsh managed to get away a hard slap shot from the right side, which Haaland got a glove on, but again he dropped

the rebound and Gill managed to poke the puck home.

"That was a big goal," Poulin said. "Gill did a great job to follow the shot. McLean was just terrific in this game, and Mike Walsh might have played his best game of the season."

Ten minutes into the second period, Nebraska-Omaha got on the board during a flurry of shots in front of Cey. The Irish goalie made several saves, but could not collect a rebound which went to forward Brent Kisio, who swept it into the empty net.

Less than two minutes after Kisio's goal, Irish forward Michael Bartlett entered the zone on a two-on-one and made a perfect pass to forward Rob Globke, who hesitated for a moment before wristing the puck between Haaland's pads.

Notre Dame would put the game out of reach just 30 seconds later, when McLean made a dominating one-on-one move, just getting enough on a shot while falling down to fling it through Haaland's five-hole.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Bauters leads by example for the Belles

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Call her captain. Call her coach. Call her Jackie Bauters.

Matter of fact, why don't you just call her all three.

The senior captain of the Saint Mary's cross country has been the team's top finisher in five of its six meets thusfar this season. Not only that, she has become the physical and motivational lifeblood of the program.

"We have a lot of great unity on our team this year and good chemistry," Bauters said. "It's like our little family."

Last season as a junior, Bauters was the top Saint Mary's finisher at the NCAA regionals and only once did not finish in the top three runners.

This season, Bauters is one of five seniors on the Belles squad. Nicole Garcia, Jessica Kosco, Jessica Millanes, Mary Pendergast join her as the seasoned veterans. Bauters, however, has emerged as the clear-cut leader of this team.

She has kept her times in the 5,000-meter race relatively steady between a 20:50, good for a 112th place finish at the National Catholic Invitational and a 20:11, 27th place finish at the MIAA Jamboree.

Most recently, Bauters kicked it into high gear with a 17th overall

finish and a time of 19:52 at the Eagle Invitational at Benedictine University.

Her coach, Dave Barstis, has observed Bauters' development into a top competitor, but he knows her value exceeds what happens on the course.

"She is a leader, and she leads by example," Barstis said. "She's just an extension of myself. Since I don't get to run with them, I count on her to keep them in line. She's basically my coach in the field so to speak, and she's great at it."

So she is a captain and a coach, as well?

Bauters can handle that.

"I kind of feel like it's my team, too," she says. "I really enjoy having this leadership opportunity because the girls are very easy to work with. It's also easy for me because the leader role is one I've always been comfortable with."

She was comfortable with her captain's role at Cathedral Latin High School in Cleveland.

Bauters' team won the district championship her junior year and was named first team all-conference her senior year.

That same drive has followed Bauters to Saint Mary's and become contagious.

"I think I'm a very highly motivated person," Bauters said. "I really push myself, so I know

that the girls on the team look up to me as the leader. If I don't give my best effort — which doesn't mean I have to win — and if I don't try my hardest, that is not doing everything I can. I never want to let my team down."

Bauters' team-oriented attitude shows an example to the younger runners.

"She has bought into my coaching philosophy," Barstis said. "She keeps the team motivated by reiterating what I've been saying: be patient. Keep your head up. Everyone has a bad race, you'll have a good one. She's a great leader, no doubt about it."

Freshmen Katie White and Sara Otto, among others, are already showing improvement physically and mentally from following Bauters' example.

"Those two girls are great team runners," Bauters said. "They have a lot of leadership that will carry the team next year."

But Bauters is graduating. Normally a senior captain would not be so considerate of the team's future well-being.

"I will miss her when she graduates," Barstis said.

A captain wouldn't be so considerate, but a coach would.

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more than another day of training. Places meant nothing. I was looking at progress and viewing it as a workout."

Barstis is pleased with what he sees.

"The team has progressed as I had hoped, and the Eagle Invitational is a good indication of that," he said. "We used that as a trial run or test to see how we were going to do in the [MIAA] championships."

Saint Mary's finished fourth overall at the Benedictine University Eagle Invitational, with six Belles runners finishing

in the top 50 at the meet.

"Benedictine is the first time we actually raced," Barstis said. "We planned it that way. We prepared for it like we would prepare for the championships."

The MIAA championships begin at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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end with two games remaining, the second of which comes Sunday on the road at Michigan State. That game will have no impact on Big East standings.

However, with a tie or loss to Villanova (9-6-1, 4-5-0) tonight, Notre Dame will subject itself to the whim of tiebreakers within the conference to determine seedings and home field advantage.

"[We're] very focused," coach Bobby Clark said. "It's also a special night for our seniors. It's their last official home game. They'll be very determined to finish their final game with a win and leave a lot of good memories."

This will be the 10th meeting of the two programs.

Last season, the Irish won, 5-0, at Villanova. Notre Dame outshot its opponent 15-3 and received goals from Chad Riley, Justin Detter and Devon Prescod.

"They're a totally different team from last year," Clark said, unconcerned with the past. "This is the first time since 1991 [Villanova] has been nationally ranked. That says it all. You must give them the utmost respect."

Statistics show the Irish have dominated the Wildcats over the teams' history of playing each

other. Notre Dame has the series lead with a 7-1-0 all-time record, going 4-0-0 at Alumni Field.

But Clark is a veteran coach who has seen teams take others for granted. He is not concerned with what happened last year.

"I have never been a believer in past records having any weight," he said. "You need to look at the Big East. You can see how any of the bottom teams can beat any of the top teams. If we look past them for a second, then we're not very smart."

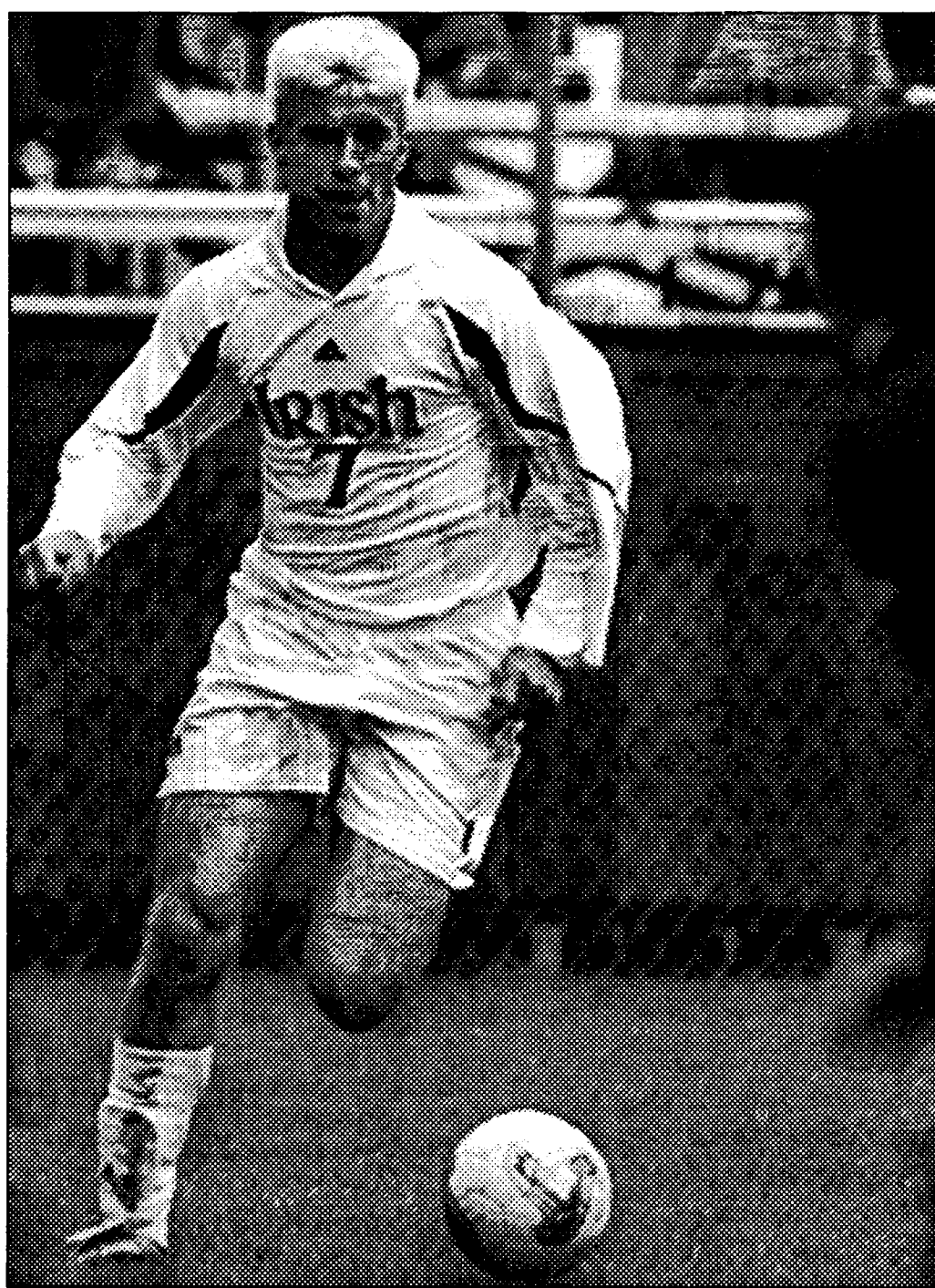
Concluding their final weekend of the regular season, the Irish will then travel to East Lansing to take on Michigan State (10-3-2) Sunday at 1 p.m.

The game has no implications in terms of conference seeding, but it certainly could affect seeding in the NCAA tournament.

"I think both games we're playing for an NCAA seed," Clark said. "There's no guarantee we get an automatic bid from the Big East, not yet at least. We have two regular season games remaining that are vitally important, with regards to getting into the NCAA's and getting home field in the NCAA's."

Sixteen teams in the country get first round byes in the NCAA tournament. They also receive home field advantage in the second round.

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Senior forward Justin Detter was named to the Soccer America College Team of the week for the first time.

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last Saturday.

Detter began the scoring with a goal at the 6 minute, 40 second mark off an assist from junior defender Kevin Goldthwaite. He then won the game seven minutes into overtime by chipping a ball over Virginia Tech goalkeeper Chase Harrison.

The game-winning overtime goal was Detter's second of the season. His first came in an early season, 2-1 victory over Fresno St in the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament. The second goal also tied Detter with senior forward Devon Prescod for the team lead in goals with eight. Detter's 20 points (8 goals, 12 assists) leads all Notre Dame players.

This honor marks the first time Detter has been named to the Soccer America College Team of the Week in his career.

Detter's overtime goal ensured Notre Dame home field advantage in the first round of the Big East championship tournament, provided the Irish defeat Villanova tonight at Alumni Field.

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Big East

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for a second time)," Waldrum said. "We beat them fairly comfortably at home which is a good thing from a confidence standpoint. The bad thing is having beat them before you don't want the kids going in like we did Wednesday night, mentally unprepared to play."

The last time the two teams played, the Irish were coming to the end of a grueling stretch of seven games in fifteen days. The schedule has not gotten

much easier for the Irish, who have continued to play a lot of games.

"With all the mid-week games in the last three weeks we really haven't had many good practice days," Waldrum said. "We play a game, recover the next day, then play again. So we'll get back into the basic things we were doing at the beginning of the year."

Despite failing to complete the fourth unbeaten regular season in team history, the Irish are excited to play Miami again and to enter the postseason.

"I don't think when we played them here that we played very well, and we beat

them 3-0," Waldrum said. I think we need to be a little more prepared to play them since it is going to have a play-off atmosphere to it."

Notes

♦ The Irish have an 18-0-0

record all-time in Big East Tournament competition, winning the tournament the seven previous times they have competed.

♦ The Irish outscored their Big East opponents 22-0 on the season.

♦ Before the game against Michigan, the Irish had outscored their opposition 36-1 since giving up a goal in a 2-1 game against Santa Clara.

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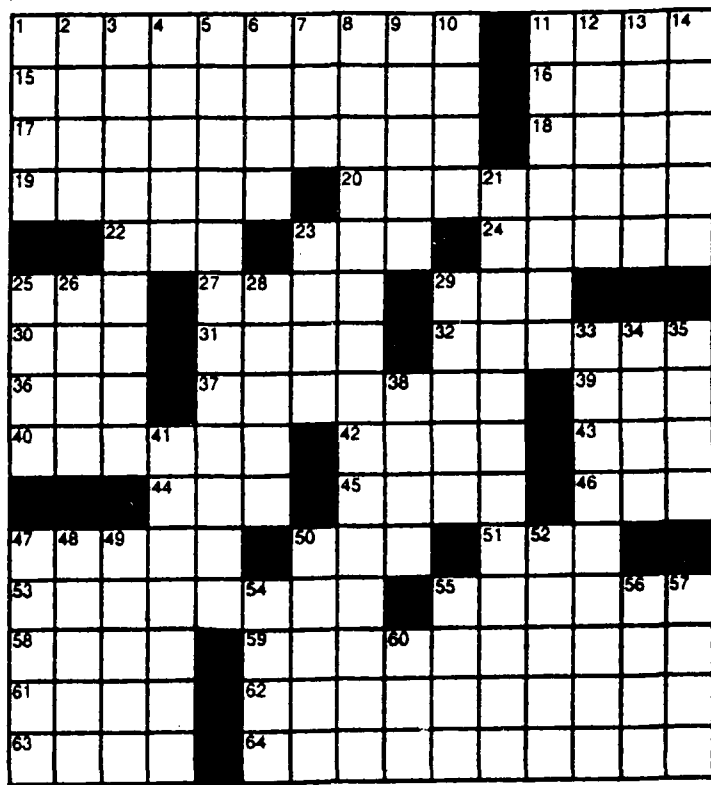
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 - 11 Reduce to a pulp
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 - 17 "Those rumors were correct"
 - 18 Carpers and harpers
 - 19 "___ do!" ("Stop it!")
 - 20 Wee folk's place
 - 22 Party member, briefly
 - 23 Bang
 - 24 Bony prefix
 - 25 One concerned with checks and balances: Abbr.
 - 27 Camus's "L" ___ de siège
 - 29 Potsticker cooker
 - 30 Part of "the many," literally
 - 31 In ___ (stuck)
 - 32 Out-elbowed?
 - 36 Green-lights
 - 37 Has as a customer
 - 39 Branch
 - 40 Narc's find, maybe
 - 42 Classic rebuke
 - 43 Humble follower
 - 44 Go-ahead sign
 - 45 Part of DOS: Abbr.
 - 46 Door sign
 - 47 Smoke
 - 50 Law, to Lucretius
 - 51 Badge distributor: Abbr.
 - 53 Thoughtful and logical
 - 55 Omega competitors
 - 58 Pattern
 - 59 Not delayed
 - 61 Sib in dialect
 - 62 Kind of basis for revealing
 - 63 In the mail
 - 64 Completely dry

- DOWN**
- 1 Tag declaration
 - 2 Don't believe it
 - 3 Comment on raising kids
 - 4 Ticket
 - 5 Bedtime request
 - 6 Bouncer
 - 7 Approx.
 - 8 It's just between us
 - 9 Apples, but not IBM's
 - 10 Sense
 - 11 It's not much to go on
 - 12 Get used (to)
 - 13 Artful transition
 - 14 Can't avoid
 - 21 Warning from the roof
 - 23 Considerable winnings, informally
 - 25 Hack
 - 26 Creep (along)
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 - 29 Light figure
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 - 34 Cracker topper
 - 35 Rainbow, to some
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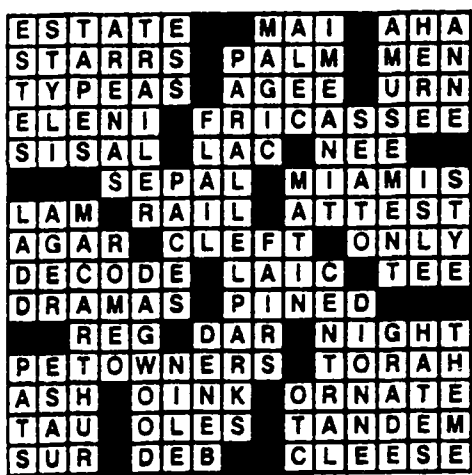
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Bouncing back

No. 2 Notre Dame looks to rebound against Miami after its first loss of the season

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Coming off of their first loss of the season, the Irish will look to rebound by getting the postseason off to a good start against Miami on Sunday.

The Irish will again be looking for coach Randy Waldrum's 200th Division I soccer win, and will be trying to earn a trip to the Big East semifinals at Rutgers next weekend.

One of the major keys for the Irish will be seeing how they respond to their first loss of the season.

"They knew they didn't perform the way they should have," Waldrum said of the game against Michigan. "I think the key in talking to them after the game was to try to make sure they don't let that ruin Sunday's game. We're starting the second season now, so we've got to be ready to play."

As in the game against Michigan, Waldrum is prepared to play against Miami without two of his top players that are battling injury in senior defender Melissa Tancredi and junior Mary Boland. It is possible that either player could play, but unlikely. Waldrum believes that Tancredi would be available next week if the Irish advance past the Hurricanes.



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Senior forward Amy Warner looks to go around Michigan defenders. The Irish look to earn a trip to the Big East semifinals this weekend, as they face off with Miami in the first round.

"There's no question it hurts not having them, they are two quality players that have been a big part in what we've done this year," Waldrum said. "But we certainly are a good enough team to have gotten

past Michigan without those players. We're deep enough to get by with it."

The game will be a rematch of a game played just three weeks ago at Alumni Field, when the Irish earned a 3-0

win on the strength of goals by Boland, Amanda Guertin and Katie Thorlakson.

"It's a mix [playing Miami for a second time]," Waldrum

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles ready for final test of season

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Each meet has been a test. Every practice, a method of training.

For the Saint Mary's cross country team, the entire season functions as a road of preparation to one final race — the MIAA Championships.

The Belles travel to Alma College this Saturday to compete in the annual conference championship race, one in which they placed seventh out of eight teams last year. But Saint Mary's has shown great improvement since.

The Belles opened this season finishing fifth out of 12 teams in the Heidelberg Invitational, sixth in the Aquinas College Invitational and sixth in the MIAA Jamboree this season.

The coach believes runners should push work but not concern themselves with statistics or times. Instead, he emphasizes a gradual mental and physical progression that should culminate at the conference championships.

"The focus from day one has been Nov. 1," coach Dave Barstis said. "Throughout the season I've used the meets as training runs. I viewed them as nothing more than another day of training. Places meant nothing. I was

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish fight for home field advantage

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Forget the pumpkins and trick-or-treaters, ghosts and goblins when 7:30 p.m. strikes on Halloween night — the Notre Dame and Villanova men's soccer teams will be focused on only one thing: a Big East win.

If the Irish do not beat No. 25 Villanova at Alumni Field tonight, the Irish risk losing home-field advantage in the first round of the Big East conference tournament.

Villanova needs to win this game more than the Irish. If the Wildcats do not defeat No. 7 Notre Dame, they risk being ousted from the postseason tournament altogether.

The Irish (10-3-3, 5-3-1 Big East) are in third place in the conference entering the weekend

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Justin Detter goes after the ball in a recent game.

Detter named to College Team of the Week

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Senior forward Justin Detter was named to the Soccer America College Team of the

Week Wednesday after his two goals lifted the Notre Dame men's soccer team to victory in a 2-1 overtime decision against No. 9 Virginia Tech

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HOCKEY

Quick work made of Nebraska-Omaha

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Blink and you might have missed it.

Notre Dame took care of business at home Thursday night against Nebraska-Omaha in a game that took only a little over two hours and included only one penalty call.

The Irish took advantage of the free-flowing game by scoring two goals in the first period en route to a 4-2 win over the Mavericks.

"I thought the referee did a good job both ways of letting the play go pretty much," Poulin said. "It's something I like, really. I don't like special teams. This game was designed to be played five-on-five."

Goalie Morgan Cey was impres-

sive in his season debut, stopping 29-of-31 shots before leaving with less than a minute left in the game after Maverick forward Andrew Wong crashed into him during a late Nebraska-Omaha goal. Irish coach Dave Poulin said that Cey was fine and was removed as a precaution.

Freshman David Brown replaced Cey and made one save in the third period while Nebraska-Omaha emptied its net to get an extra attacker.

The line of Cory McLean, Mike Walsh and Aaron Gill paced the Irish offensively. Gill collected three points on one goal and two assists, McLean had two goals and Walsh had two assists.

Notre Dame was looking to get its momentum going after win-

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Senior captain Jackie Bauters has led her team for four years.

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The Irish travel to the Big East Championships in New York.

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The Irish look to remain undefeated in Big East play.

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The Irish are predicted to take third in the Big East and junior Jacqueline Bateast is named to the preseason all-Big East team.

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Badin vs. McGlenn
Breen-Phillips vs.
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The playoffs begin this weekend for interhall football.

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THE LAST GREAT WIN

Ten years after defeating No. 1 Florida State, Notre Dame has failed to attain the success of '93



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All that's left is playing for pride

Two years ago on a dark November night, a first-year starting linebacker sounded off his football team to anyone would listen.



Andrew Soukup

Sports Writer

At that time, the Irish were 3-5, hot seat and head coach were synonyms, a bowl game was a distant possibility and student support for the team had disappeared faster than girls after parietals.

So Courtney Watson teed off.

"From the beginning, you're playing for pride," the then-junior shouted. "People try to come in and tell you you're playing for pride, but that's all you had to begin with, anyway."

As Notre Dame fans know, the Irish went on to finish 2001 5-7, their second losing record in three years, and Bob Davie was sent packing to an ESPN broadcast booth. Notre Dame hired Tyrone Willingham,

started his inaugural season 8-0 and temporarily contented Irish fans.

Two years later, Watson, now an established leader of a once-vaunted defensive unit, stood outside a locker room in Boston trying to explain why his team lost. Conversation inevitably turned to what the Irish, now teetering on the brink of yet another losing season, would find as motivation.

The scene was different, but the words were the same.

"You have to have some pride when you play the rest of the season," he said.

There was that word again. Pride.

It's a word that never seems to pop up when a team finds itself among the upper echelon of college football teams. It's a word that always seems to pop up when fans do their best Chicago Cubs imitation and mutter, "Wait 'till next year."

And that's what's happening to Notre Dame again

this year, for the third time in five years. While Irish players spout off about playing for pride in Year 2 of the Tyrone Willingham Era, Irish fans are already thinking ahead to Year 3.

Players may talk about how they always play for pride, but nobody was talking about pride when the season started. Nobody said in the pre-season that winning a game — one game — would constitute a significant achievement, like the Irish were saying last weekend. Ask any football player what they are currently playing for, pride or a national championship. Those that chose a title are probably in contention for one. Those that don't aren't.

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It's funny how the two often go hand-in-hand, where success on the gridiron leads to so-called pride off of it. But when success disappears, so does pride.

That leaves seniors like Watson trying to find some

meaning, any meaning, in this train wreck of a season.

Notre Dame used to have so much pride it would turn down Jan. 1 bowl games. Now, a program that hasn't won a bowl game in a decade would leap at the chance this year to play in the Super Pub and Cheese Bowl presented by CJs.

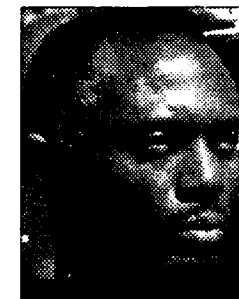
"A lot of times, all you can talk about is the negatives if you're having a season like this. But there are a lot of positives," Watson said two years ago.

Except that nobody wants to talk about positives. Not fans, who are streaming out of Notre Dame Stadium before the band plays the 1812 Overture. Not media, who has shown more interest in covering grass growing than covering Notre Dame's "Return to Mediocrity." Not coaches, who are too busy trying to explain how the L's keep piling up.

And not players, who know that the only time you say you're playing for pride is when you have nothing else to play for.

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Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

"We can knock off Florida State. We have got to play consistent."

"We really have to concentrate on our individual responsibilities."



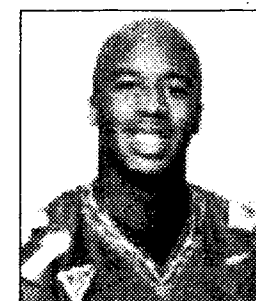
Anthony Fasano
Irish tight end

"I got all the playbooks."



Matt Root
Former Irish, current Seminole tight end

"In my lifetime, I have no reason to respect Notre Dame."



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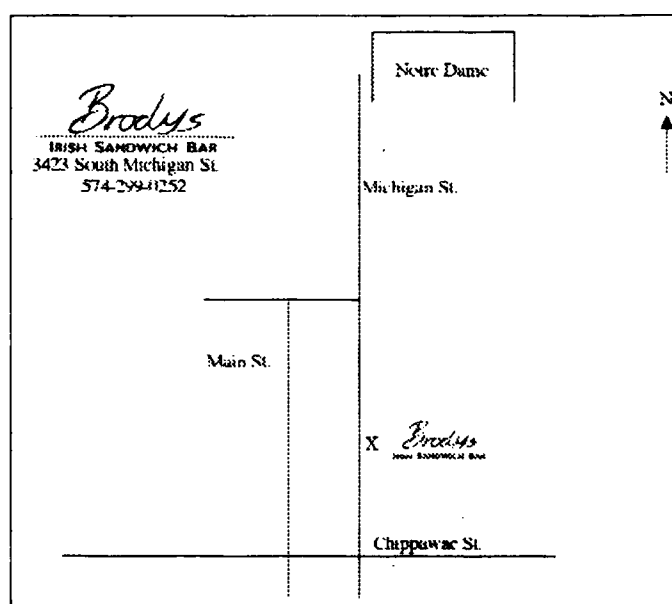
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A decade later

Notre Dame has struggled since its victory in the "Game of the Century"

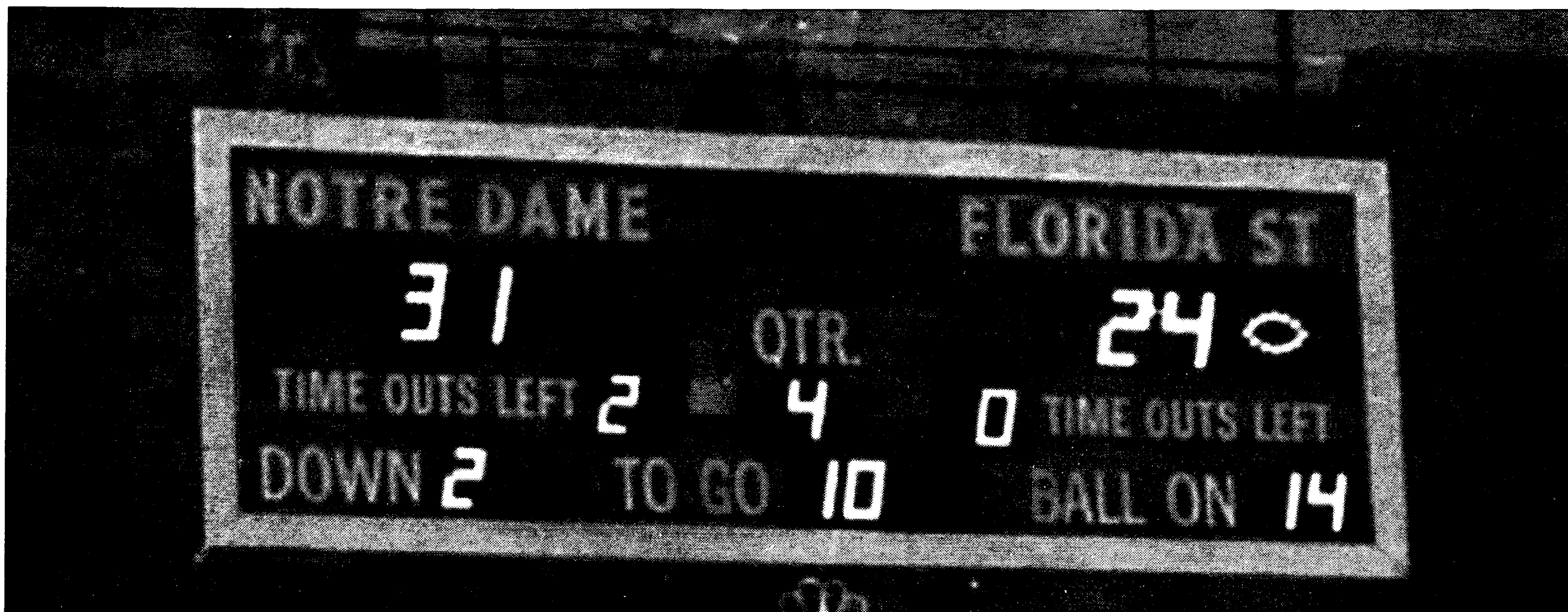


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A snapshot of the scoreboard in Notre Dame Stadium moments after No. 2 Notre Dame upset No. 1 Florida State 31-24 in what many billed as the "Game of the Century."

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

It was the Game of the Century.

No. 1 Florida State, led by eventual-Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Charlie Ward took on No. 2 Notre Dame at Notre Dame Stadium in mid-November 1993. ESPN had its first GameDay show at the matchup and 11,000 fans came to the game but couldn't get a ticket.

The Seminoles entered the game two-touchdown favorites and scored on the opening drive to take an early 7-0 lead.

But over the next two and a half quarters, Notre Dame dominated in a fashion that no one had against Florida State that season.

The Irish tied the game when flanker Adrian Jarrell broke a 32-yard run on the ensuing Irish possession following the Florida State score. Running backs Lee Becton and Jerome Bettis scored the next two touchdowns for Notre Dame and the Irish went into halftime with a 21-7 edge. It was the first time in 23 games the Seminoles trailed at half.

After the Irish extended their lead to 31-17 late in the fourth quarter, Ward led his team back with an 80-yard drive to cut the

Notre Dame lead to 31-24. Florida State got the ball back and moved deep into Irish territory. After having a pass batted down, Ward and the Seminoles had three seconds to run one last play. Ward took the snap, rolled to his left, couldn't find a receiver and fired a pass toward the end zone. Irish defensive back Shawn Wooden's eyes lit up as he batted the ball down to seal the Notre Dame victory as thousands of fans rushed the field in pandemonium.

It's been 10 years since that memorable game in Notre Dame history. But in the present, the Irish football program finds itself in a very different

position than in 1993. From 1988 to 1993, Notre Dame teams had a combined record of 64-9-1, won 10 games or more five times, went to 6 bowl games, winning five of them, and won a national title.

But in the 10 years since that game, Notre Dame has combined to go just 70-44-1 since, had only one 10-win season in 2002, two losing seasons, no bowl victories and zero national titles.

Now 2003, the Irish are a mere 2-5 and will face No. 5 Florida State at home for the first time since that 1993 game. It's a far cry from the "Game of the Century" that took place a decade ago.

Remembering the game

Former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz and current Florida State coach Bobby Bowden remember very different aspects of the '93 game.

For Holtz it was being an underdog and an errant Ward pass. For Bowden it was a crowded end zone and the atmosphere in Notre Dame Stadium.

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Kevin McDougal
1993 Irish quarterback

"We were No. 2 in the country at that time but we were a two-touchdown underdog," Holtz said. "I thought that was sort of a lack of respect for our program."

But the most vivid memory for Holtz was a 4th-and-10 for Florida State at their own 20-yard line with two minutes left in the game and the Irish holding a 31-17 lead.

"They throw a pass and it hits our strong safety in the head-gear and bounces up and their guy catches it and all of a sudden we're fighting for our lives at the end of the game."

With the score 31-24 Notre Dame, the Seminoles had one last shot with the ball inside the Irish 20. Bowden remembers thinking there were too many people in the back of end zone, which made it difficult for Ward to find an open receiver.

"I've never played a team that crowds the end zone like [Notre

Dame does]," Bowden said. "I mean it's nearly unfair. If the end zone would have been open, it's not unlike Ward to have spotted [an open Tamarick Vanover] — there's a body over there, instead of 1,000 bodies. That's the thing I'll always remember about that doggone game."

Bowden also said the feeling during that game was unbelievable.

"Greatest atmosphere I've ever been in," he said. "That was the most electrifying one I've ever been in. I mean, man, was it thick. You could feel it."

1993 Notre Dame quarterback Kevin McDougal remembers what it felt like during those final few seconds of the game.

"On the last play, it was a feeling of, 'I hope they don't get lucky,'" McDougal said 10 years later. "[After the final play], we celebrated like crazy. It was great because very few kids get to be ranked No. 1 in the nation."

Holtz had downplayed Notre Dame's chances of winning the game all week while Bowden admitted he did everything wrong in the days leading up to the game and his players showed little knowledge or respect for the Notre Dame mystique. Seminole wide receiver Kez McCorvey even mistakenly called Irish coaching great Knute Rockne "Rock Knutne" before the game.

"I did nothing right that week. I tried to downplay their spirit," Bowden said. "I knew [Notre Dame] thrives off that. But they made us eat everything that was said."

Bowden also said he made the mistake of having his players wear green hats with the Florida State name on them before the game.

"I thought that would be a nice gesture for them. 'We'll wear Notre Dame's colors with Florida State on them. That'd be nice,'" Bowden said. "Well, [Notre Dame] jumped all over that thing. You have to hand a lot of that to Lou Holtz. He was a master at getting his team up for you."

Holtz said the biggest difficulty was keeping his players' excitement under control in the week leading up to and before

the game.

"We were loose and had great preparation so all you had to do was keeping the players from getting too excited too early and that's when you really know you're home with your program," Holtz said.

A fall from grace

After that game, few if any Notre Dame players or fans could have imagined the Notre Dame-Florida State game would be the last great victory for an Irish team for at least the next ten years. Three coaching changes and 44 losses since that November day, the Irish have fallen far from their prominence in college football.

While each year Irish fans eagerly awaited another football season and a another chance to change the losing trend, each year a different Notre Dame team found basically the same result — no bowl wins, no championships and one double digit win season.

Irish coach Tyrone Willingham believes Notre Dame can get back to that prominence of 1993. But to reach that peak, as well as beat Florida State this season, the team must use the same formula the great Notre Dame teams used to win so many games and dominant their opponents. It is a formula that could help the Irish regain the consistent excellence it once had in football.

"It always takes great leadership, great coaching, great playing to get [Notre Dame] back to its height," Willingham said. "As you relate it to the ballgame, you have to execute — and I keep harping on that, but that's something that you can't say enough because it's true — everything you do, if you execute it, you got your best chance of being successful."

As the current team prepares for Florida State, many of the

players haven't put a lot of thought into the happenings of '93.

Freshman offensive lineman Ryan Harris was just eight years old in 1993. He said the team respects the history of that game, but is concentrating more on beating the No. 5 team in the nation this week.

"Obviously, tradition means something to all these players," Harris said. "But our main focus is beating Florida State this year, in 2003. We know the tradition of the game, we know the closeness of the games in the past. We just want to come out with a win for Notre Dame."

"We were No. 2 in the country at that time but we were a two touchdown underdog. I thought that was sort of a lack of respect for our program."

Lou Holtz
1993 Irish head coach

Quarterback Brady Quinn grew up a Notre Dame fan, but doesn't remember too much about the 1993 game and doesn't think it bears much impact on this year's game.

"I can't really recall that game real well," Quinn said. "But it is not really a factor this week."

Notre Dame senior wide receiver Omar Jenkins wasn't even a teenager when the two teams met in 1993. But he said that game's significance could be in the back of the players this week as they prepare for Florida State.

"I haven't watched the game. But I'm quite sure it's in the back of some players' heads this week," Jenkins said.

Ten years after one of the highest points in the history of the storied Notre Dame program, the Irish must find a way to regain the championship form of the late-80s and early-90 teams. In 1993 Notre Dame was a double-digit underdog but managed to upset Florida State.

For Notre Dame to get back to that 1993 form, the Irish must start defeating highly-ranked teams.

They get another chance Saturday, hosting the No. 5 Seminoles.

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 2-5
AP: NR
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Tyrone Willingham head coach

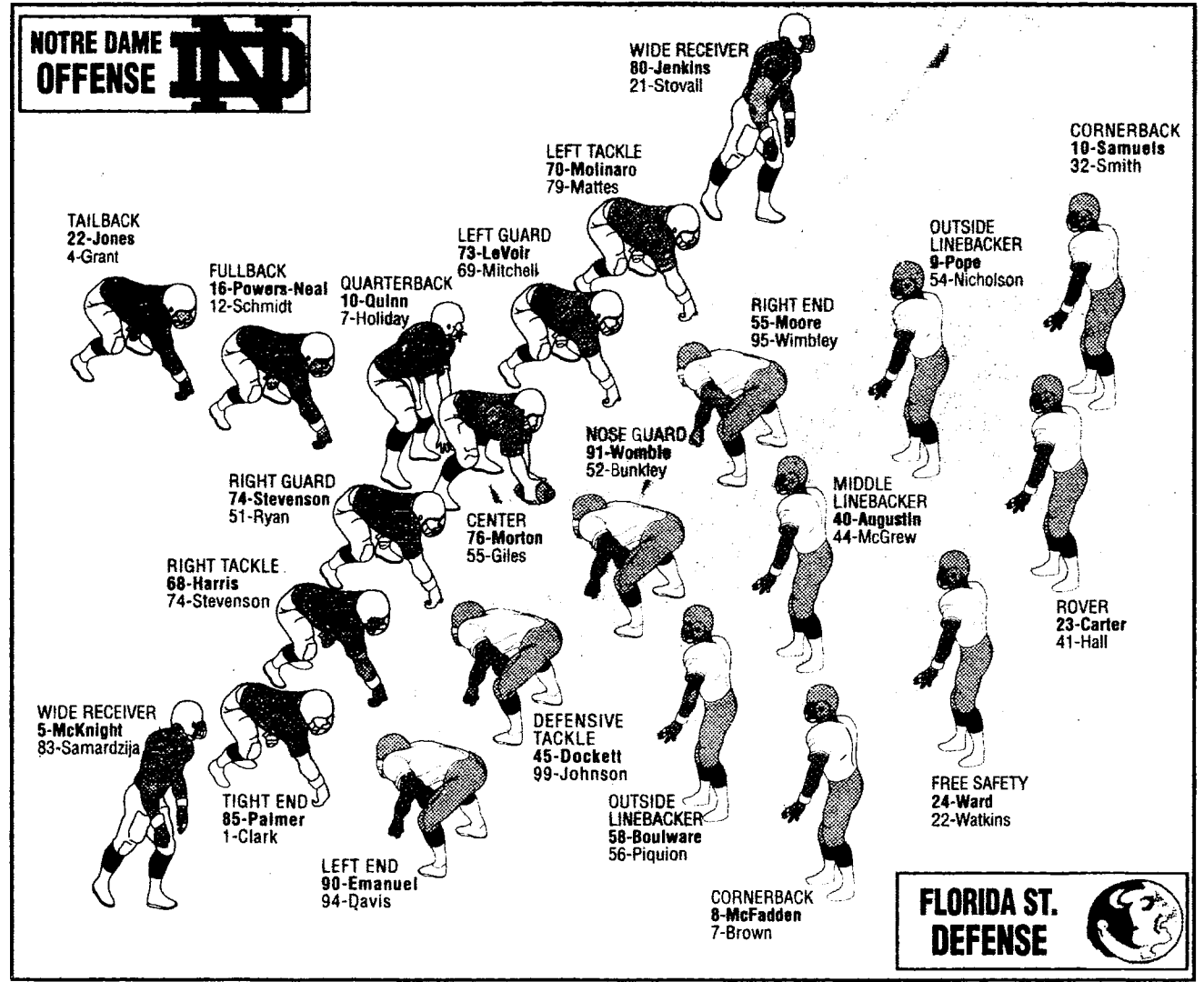
Tyrone Willingham second season at Notre Dame career record: 56-44-1 at Notre Dame: 12-8 against Florida State: 1-0

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Jared Clark	TE	6-4	230	SR
2	Freddie Parrish	DB	6-1	195	FR
4	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	211	JR
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-2	207	SO
6	Carlos Campbell	CB	5-11	194	JR
7	Carlyle Holiday	QB	6-3	214	SR
8	Matt Krueger	QB	5-10	180	SR
8	Quentin Burrell	FS	6-0	180	JR
9	Jason Beckstrom	CB	5-10	186	SR
9	Pat Dillingham	QB	6-1	209	JR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	210	FR
11	Marcus Wilson	RB	5-11	199	JR
12	Josh Schmidt	FB	6-1	220	JR
13	Nicholas Setta	K/P	5-11	184	SR
14	Gary Godsey	TE	6-6	259	SR
15	Preston Jackson	CB	5-9	177	SR
16	Rashon Powers-Neal	FB	6-2	227	JR
16	Stan Revelle	QB	5-11	183	JR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	180	FR
18	Ronnie Rodamer	WR	6-4	211	SR
19	Glenn Earl	FS	6-1	205	SR
19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	6-1	192	JR
20	Travis Thomas	RB	6-1	200	FR
21	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	221	SO
22	Julius Jones	RB	5-10	210	SR
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	190	FR
24	Dwight Ellick	CB	5-10	177	JR
25	Nate Schiccato	RB	6-3	224	SO
26	Garron Bible	FS	5-10	197	SR
27	Lionel Bolen	SS	6-0	206	JR
27	Mike Profeta	TB	5-11	208	SR
28	Cole Laux	FB	5-10	229	SR
28	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	185	FR
29	LaBrose Hedgemon	DB	5-10	180	FR
30	Mike Richardson	DB	6-1	188	SO
31	Jake Carney	DB	6-0	180	SO
32	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	211	SO
33	Courtney Watson	ILB	6-1	234	SR
34	Vontez Duff	CB	5-11	194	SR
35	Ashley McConnell	FB	6-0	240	FR
36	Isaiah Gardner	DB/RB	5-10	190	FR
37	Matt Mitchell	DB	5-9	184	SO
39	Brandon Hoyte	ILB	6-0	226	JR
39	David Bemenderfer	SS	5-11	195	SR
40	Nate Schomas	WR	5-10	165	SR
41	Mike Goolsby	LB	6-3	243	SR
42	Ambrose Wooden	WR	6-1	190	FR
43	Anthony Salvador	LB	6-2	226	SO
44	Justin Tuck	DE	6-5	246	JR
45	Carl Gioia	P	5-11	165	FR
46	Corey Mays	ILB	6-1	238	JR
47	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-2	210	FR
48	Jerome Collins	OLB	6-4	250	SR
49	Derek Curry	ILB	6-3	228	SR
50	Cedric Hilliard	NG	6-2	295	SR
51	Jamie Ryan	OT	6-5	290	SO
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	215	FR
54	David Fitzgerald	OL	6-4	271	SO
55	Zachary Giles	C	6-3	281	JR
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58	Paul Jancha	LS	6-1	245	SO
59	James Bent	OL	6-2	253	SO
60	Darrell Campbell	DT	6-4	288	SR
62	Scott Raridon	OT	6-7	300	SO
64	Casey Dunn	OT/OG	6-4	255	JR
65	Sean Milligan	OG	6-4	291	SR
66	Derek Landri	NG	6-2	265	SO
68	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	270	FR
69	Darin Mitchell	OL	6-4	280	JR
70	Jim Molinaro	OT	6-6	301	SR
71	David Kowalski	OG	6-2	249	SR
71	James Bonelli	OG/OT	6-6	282	SO
72	Jeff Thompson	C/OG	6-4	287	JR
73	Mark LeVoi	TE	6-7	309	JR
74	Dan Stevenson	OG	6-5	297	JR
75	Chris Frome	DE	6-5	264	SO
76	Bob Morton	C	6-4	299	SO
77	Greg Pauly	DT	6-6	291	SR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	280	FR
79	Brian Mattes	OT	6-6	250	SO
80	Ornar Jenkins	WR	6-2	204	SR
81	Chinedum Ndukwe	WR	6-3	190	FR
82	Matt Shelton	WR	6-1	172	JR
83	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-4	190	FR
84	Mike O'Hara	WR	5-10	174	SO
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85	Billy Palmer	TE	6-3	251	SR
87	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-4	242	SO
88	Patrick Nally	TE	6-3	243	SR
89	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-4	253	SO
89	John Carlson	TE	6-6	230	FR
90	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-4	283	JR
91	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	165	SO
92	Kyle Budinscak	DE	6-4	270	SR
93	Dan Santucci	DE	6-5	270	SO
95	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-5	245	FR
97	Travis Leitko	DE	6-6	264	SO
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-2	290	FR
99	Jason Sapp	DE	6-3	256	SR

NOTRE DAME 2003 Schedule

Sept. 6	WASHINGTON ST. - W
Sept. 13	at Michigan - L
Sept. 20	MICHIGAN ST. - L
Sept. 27	at Purdue - L
Oct. 11	at Pittsburgh - W
Oct. 18	USC - L
Oct. 25	at Boston College - L
Nov. 1	FLORIDA STATE
Nov. 8	NAVY
Nov. 15	BYU
Nov. 29	at Stanford
Dec. 6	at Syracuse



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NOTRE DAME

The Irish had a week off from classes to prepare for Boston College, and they still came out looking unprepared. That has to fall on coaching. How does a defensive coordinator and a head coach not know that their star defensive lineman is out of the game?

Quinn had a pretty good week against the Eagles in leading the failed Irish comeback. The freshman was 23-for-39 for 350 yards with a pair of touchdowns and a pair of interceptions. Quinn needs more help from the running game and his receivers.

After a breakout game against Pittsburgh in which the Irish rushed for 352 yards, the Notre Dame rushing attack has been nearly non-existent. The Irish ran for only 47 yards last week against the Eagles and 111 the week before against the Trojans.

It's hard for a freshman quarterback to make great strides when receivers consistently drop passes and there is very little semblance of a running game to keep defensive pressure off. Quinn still needs protection and a running game to be successful.

FLORIDA STATE

With his win over Wake Forest last weekend, Bowden moved ahead of Joe Paterno for the all-time coaching victories lead. Bowden is not only a great coach, but he also surrounds himself with some of the greatest minds in the game as assistants.

Rix has overcome a rocky sophomore season last year, which included him losing the starting job after a rough outing against the Irish, to lead the Seminoles this year. The junior is ranked 28th in passing efficiency with a rating of 140.5.

The Seminole defense should be licking its chops with the porous Irish offensive line. Dockett averages nearly two tackles for loss per game. Boulware and Pope are star linebackers, but Pope will be nursing a knee injury.

The Seminoles have a talented secondary and a defensive front that can pressure quarterbacks. Florida State ranks 16th in the country in pass defense, allowing only 180 yards a game. The Seminoles have nine interceptions and 28 sacks on the season.

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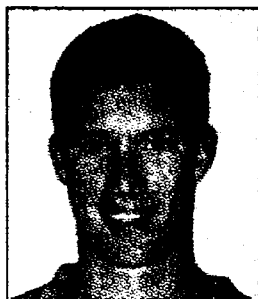
Bowden has won more games (339) than any other Division I coach in the history of the game. At 7-1, he again has his Seminoles in the running for a national title. Willingham and his staff have encountered some obstacles this year in stumbling to a 2-5 record.

Quinn is improving, but doesn't have the experience of Rix, who is in his third year as a starter for Florida State. Rix already has over 2,000 yards passing on the season and has thrown 13 touchdowns with only six interceptions.

The Seminoles rank 19th in the nation in rushing defense, yielding only 100.3 yards rushing a game. They limit opponents to under three yards a carry and have given up only four rushing touchdowns all year.

The Seminoles could bring one of the fastest, most talented defenses Quinn has seen all year. They rank 8th in the nation in total defense and allow only 12.1 points a game. There have only been 11 touchdowns scored on the Seminoles this year.

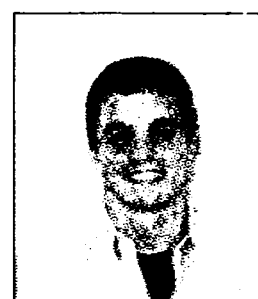
Irish experts



Andrew Soukup Editor in Chief

This isn't any "Game of the Century." It's not even a "Game of the Week." But that's what happens when Notre Dame gets blown out by good teams like they have so far this year. Notre Dame's struggling secondary won't be able to contain Florida State's passing game, and defensive ineptitude will put the offense in a hole from which it cannot escape.

FINAL SCORE: Florida State 31 Notre Dame 14



Joe Hettler Sports Editor

Florida State is a team as talented if not more so than Michigan and USC — two teams that pummeled Notre Dame. Notre Dame has struggled all season, while the Seminoles have steadily improved and are competing for a national title. Notre Dame may need more than "the luck of the Irish" to pull off the upset.

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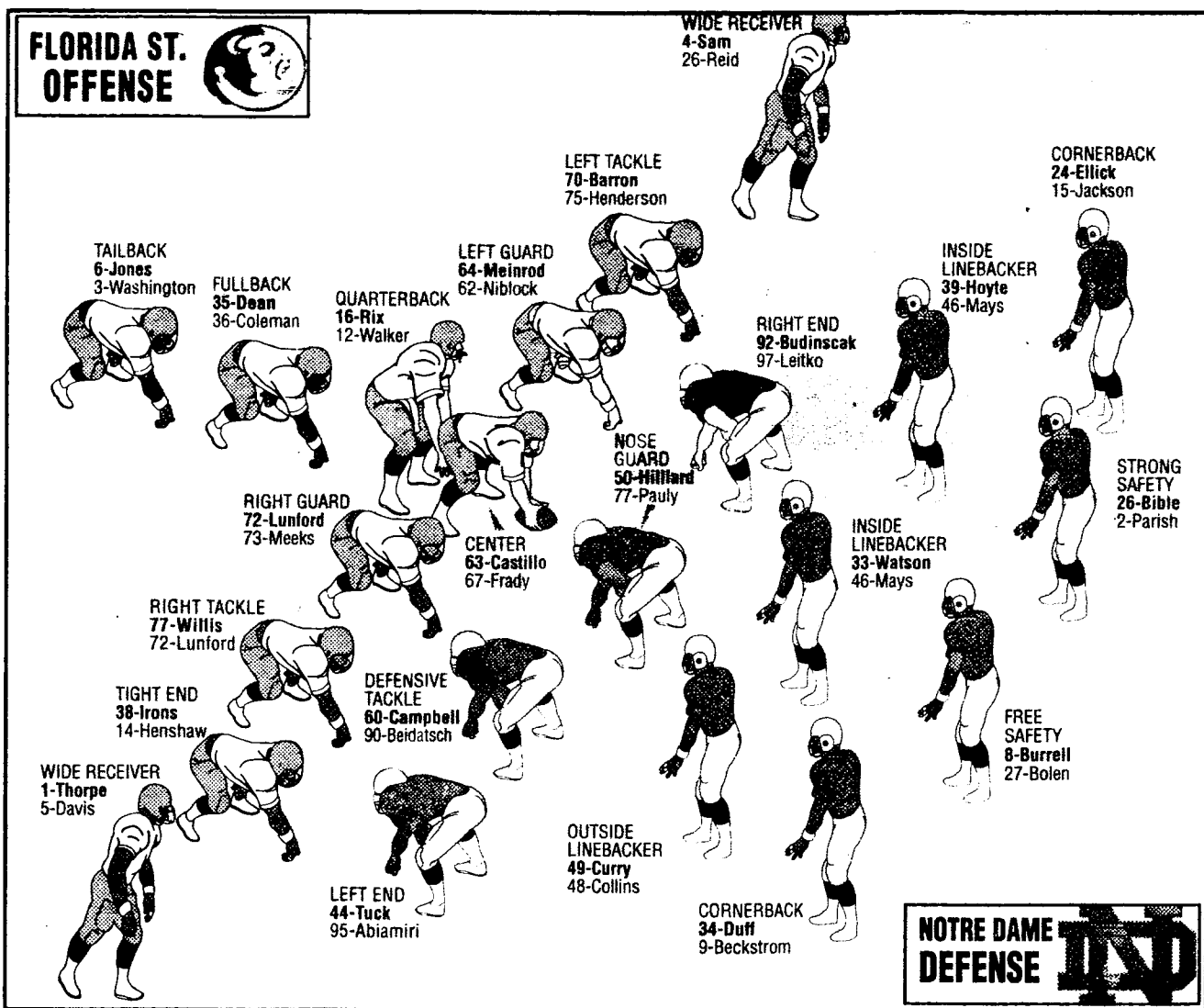
Florida State Seminoles

Record: 7-1
AP: No. 5
Coaches: No. 5

Bobby Bowden
28th season at Florida St.
career record: 339-97-4
at Florida St. 266-66-5
against Notre Dame: 3-2



Bobby Bowden
head coach



FLORIDA STATE 2003 Schedule

- Aug. 30 at North Carolina - W
- Sept. 6 MARYLAND - W
- Sept. 13 GEORGIA TECH - W
- Sept. 20 COLORADO - W
- Sept. 27 at Duke - W
- Oct. 11 MIAMI - L
- Oct. 18 at Virginia - W
- Oct. 25 WAKE FOREST - W
- Nov. 1 at Notre Dame
- Nov. 8 at Clemson
- Nov. 15 N.C. STATE
- Nov. 29 at Florida

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4	P.K. Sam	WR	6-3	195	FR
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9	Kendyll Pope	LB	6-2	220	SR
10	Stanford Samuels	CB	5-10	186	SR
11	Gerard Ross	S	5-2	187	SO
12	Gordy Reid	FS	5-11	182	SR
12	Fabian Walker	QB	6-2	219	JR
13	Antonio Cremartie	CB	6-3	200	FR
14	Matt Henshaw	TE	6-4	212	SO
14	Anthony Bredwood	CB	5-10	192	JR
15	Chauncey Stovall	WR	6-2	216	JR
16	Chris Rix	QB	6-4	217	JR
18	Lorne Sam	QB/WR	6-2	202	FR
19	Wyatt Sexton	QB	6-3	186	FR
20	Torrance Washington	WR	6-1	242	SO
21	Dominic Robinson	FB	6-1	199	JR
22	Ryan Reynolds	FS	5-11	187	SO
22	Pat Watkins	FS	6-4	201	SO
23	Jerome Carter	S	6-0	214	JR
24	B. J. Ward	FS	6-3	208	JR
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27	Claudius Osei	S	6-0	198	JR
28	Lorenzo Booker	RB	5-11	185	FR
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31	Roger Williams	S	6-1	191	FR
31	James Coleman	FB	6-0	240	SO
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33	Jhermaine McAroy	DB	6-1	170	FR
34	Ernie Sims	LB	6-0	220	FR
35	B.J. Dean	FB	5-11	253	SO
37	Chase Goggans	PK	5-9	160	FR
38	Paul Irons	TE	6-2	228	SO
39	Marcello Church	LB	6-1	235	JR
40	Allen Augustin	LB	6-1	217	SR
41	Kyler Hall	S	6-0	190	JR
42	Anthony Kelly	LB	6-3	230	FR
44	Sam McGrew	LB	6-3	239	SO
45	Darnell Dockett	DT	6-4	280	SR
46	Nate Haidage	LB	6-1	237	JR
47	Xavier Beitia	PK	5-10	210	JR
48	Chris Hall	P	5-10	215	SO
51	Buster Davis	LB	5-11	246	FR
52	Brodrick Bunkley	DL	6-3	286	SO
54	A.J. Nicholson	LB	6-2	234	JR
55	Eric Moore	DE	6-4	247	SO
56	Ray Piquion	LB	6-0	212	JR
57	Matt Heinz	OG	6-4	268	SO
58	Michael Boulware	LB	6-3	222	SR
59	Andrew Henry-Kennon	C	6-4	309	SO
62	Cory Niblock	OT	6-4	296	FR
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82	D.J. Norris	TE	6-3	240	FR
83	Joslin Shaw	DB	5-10	175	FR
85	Jesse Stein	P	6-2	200	SR
86	Joey Kaleikini	WR	6-0	196	SR
88	Donnie Carter	TE	6-4	254	SO
89	Brian Sawyer	SNP	6-2	246	SO
90	Kevin Emanuel	DE	6-4	257	SO
91	Jeff Womble	NG	6-3	306	FR
92	Darrell Burston	DE	6-2	226	FR
93	Chris Bradwell	DL	6-5	265	FR
94	Chauncey Davis	DE	6-2	247	JR
95	Kameron Wimbley	DE	6-4	232	SO
96	Andre Fluellen	DL	6-4	270	FR
97	Clifton Dickson	DL	6-4	285	FR
98	Alex Boston	DE	6-3	225	FR
99	Travis Johnson	NG	6-5	286	JR

SEMINOLE RUSHING

SEMINOLE PASSING

SPECIAL TEAMS

INTANGIBLES

Florida State has a good balance of power and speed in the backfield. The senior Jones carries 255 pounds out of the tailback position, and the youngster Booker brings a speed element. Both average over four yards a carry.

The Seminoles have the 18th-ranked passing offense in the nation, throwing the ball for 285.6 yards a game. Rix is having a much improved 2003 season, and of course, the Seminoles have some talented receivers in Sam and Thorpe.

Fitzpatrick struggled with punting duties against the Eagles and the coverage on kicks suffered, consequently. The Eagles had three big returns on kicks. The Irish did block a punt and return it for the go-ahead touchdown.

Any hope for salvaging the 2003 season falls on this game for the Irish. They proved they can beat Florida State last year on the road, and having home field advantage will be nice this year. The Irish also have the chance to spoil Florida State's title bid.

The Irish have been strong against the run all season. They rank 36th in the nation in rushing defense, allowing 124 yards a game and three yards per carry. Campbell may be slowed by an injury he suffered in the second half against the Eagles.

The Irish secondary has been depleted by injuries to late and has struggled through some position changes. Earl will be out and Burrell hobbled off the field last week against the Eagles. The Irish have allowed 213 yards per game passing.

Beitia is a solid and dependable kicker. He is 11-for-14 on field goal attempts this year. The Seminoles also rank 15th in the nation in net punting average. Florida State has a pair of punt returns for touchdowns.

The Seminoles are hungry for revenge after the drubbing they suffered at the hands of the Irish last season on their own home turf. Florida State also has a more talented team and momentum of a 7-1 season on its side.

The Irish defense shut down the Florida State rushing game last season, allowing the Seminoles only 93 yards on 32 carries. If the Seminoles burn the Irish, it will not likely be on the ground. They may just run the ball enough to set up the pass.

The presence of several new faces in the Irish defensive backfield could help the Seminoles cause. The Irish defensive front will need pressure Rix and force him into errant passes to help the defensive backs out. The Irish have allowed 12 touchdowns through the air.

Setta will be questionable against Florida State, and without him, the Seminoles clearly have the advantage. Beitia is one of the better kickers in the nation and the Seminoles return game is one to be feared as they put several speedy players on the field.

This game marks the 10th anniversary of the "Game of the Century," when a heavily favored Seminoles team was upset by then No. 2 Notre Dame. Don't think Bowden isn't still reeling a little from that loss a decade ago.

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ANALYSIS



Matt Lozar
Associate Sports Editor

Every week since the embarrassing loss at Michigan, the Irish have had a chance to turn around their season. Saturday is absolutely their final chance. Tyrone Willingham pulls out all the stops to get his team a big win in their last chance, but the Seminoles have two years on their mind — 1993 and 2002.



Chris Federico
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's last hopes for salvaging the 2003 season hang on this game with a chance to knock off the fifth-ranked Seminoles in a game coming 10 years after its historic "Game of the Century" win over the Seminoles in 1993. With that being said, it won't be close. The Seminoles have a much more talented team and the Irish have shown little heart in their past two games.

**FINAL SCORE: Florida State 31
Notre Dame 16**

**FINAL SCORE: Florida State 38
Notre Dame 13**

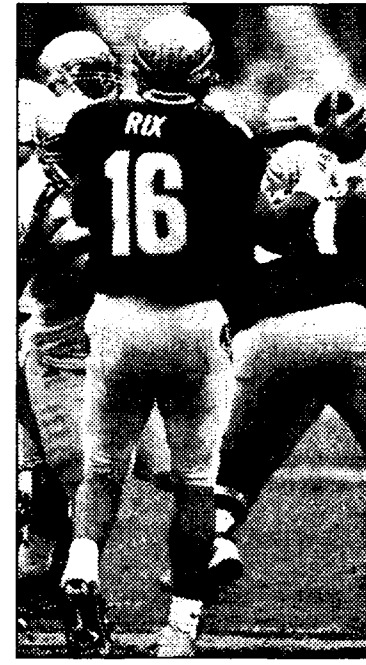
Sizing up the Irish and the Seminoles

AVERAGE PER GAME	NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE VS FLORIDA STATE'S DEFENSE	FLORIDA STATE'S OFFENSE VS NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE
total yards gained	309.3	424
total yards allowed	280.2	337.6
rushing yards gained	125	100.2
rushing yards allowed	138.6	124.3
passing yards gained	184.3	285.6
passing yards allowed	179.9	213.3
kick return yards gained	66.7	54.8
kick return yards allowed	76.6	48.1
punt return yards gained	35.4	53.4
punt return yards allowed	11	39
yards per punt	38.7	41.5
punts blocked	3	1
turnovers lost	17	15
turnovers recovered	22	13
yards penalized	55.7	67.5
yards penalized	56.9	60.2
points scored	16.3	33.8
points allowed	12.1	27.9

KEY MATCHUP

CHRIS RIX

IRISH DEFENSE



In order for the Irish to have a chance Saturday, the entire defense needs to play well against the Florida State quarterback. The front seven needs to get pressure on Rix to limit his time to throw. The secondary won't be able to cover the Seminole receivers for long, but defensive backs can't get burned off the line. Giving Rix plenty of time in the pocket will allow him to scan the defense and find the open receiver.

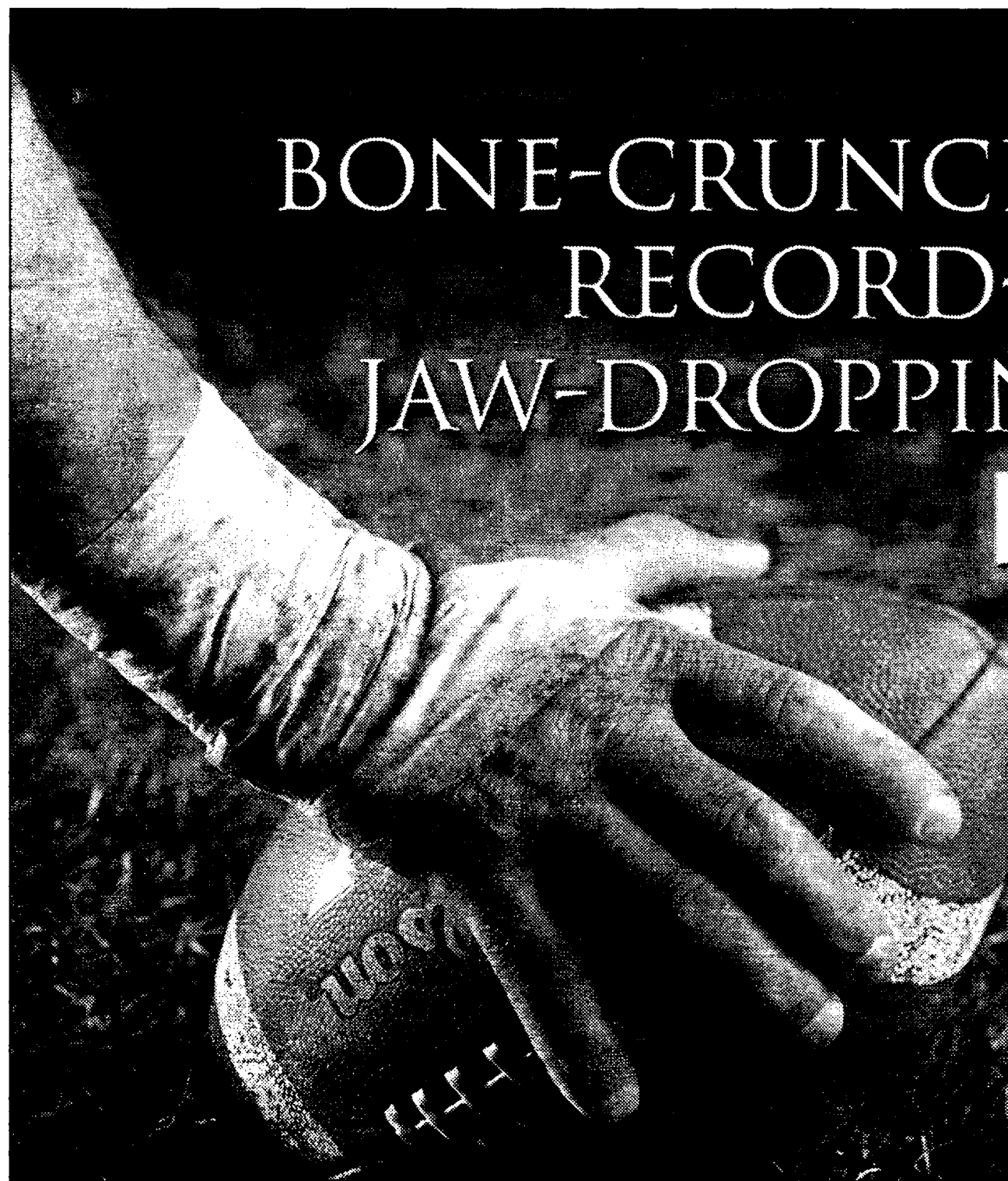
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losses by Notre Dame on a Saturday All Saints Day. The Irish are 13-0-1 on the Nov. 1 Catholic holiday **0**

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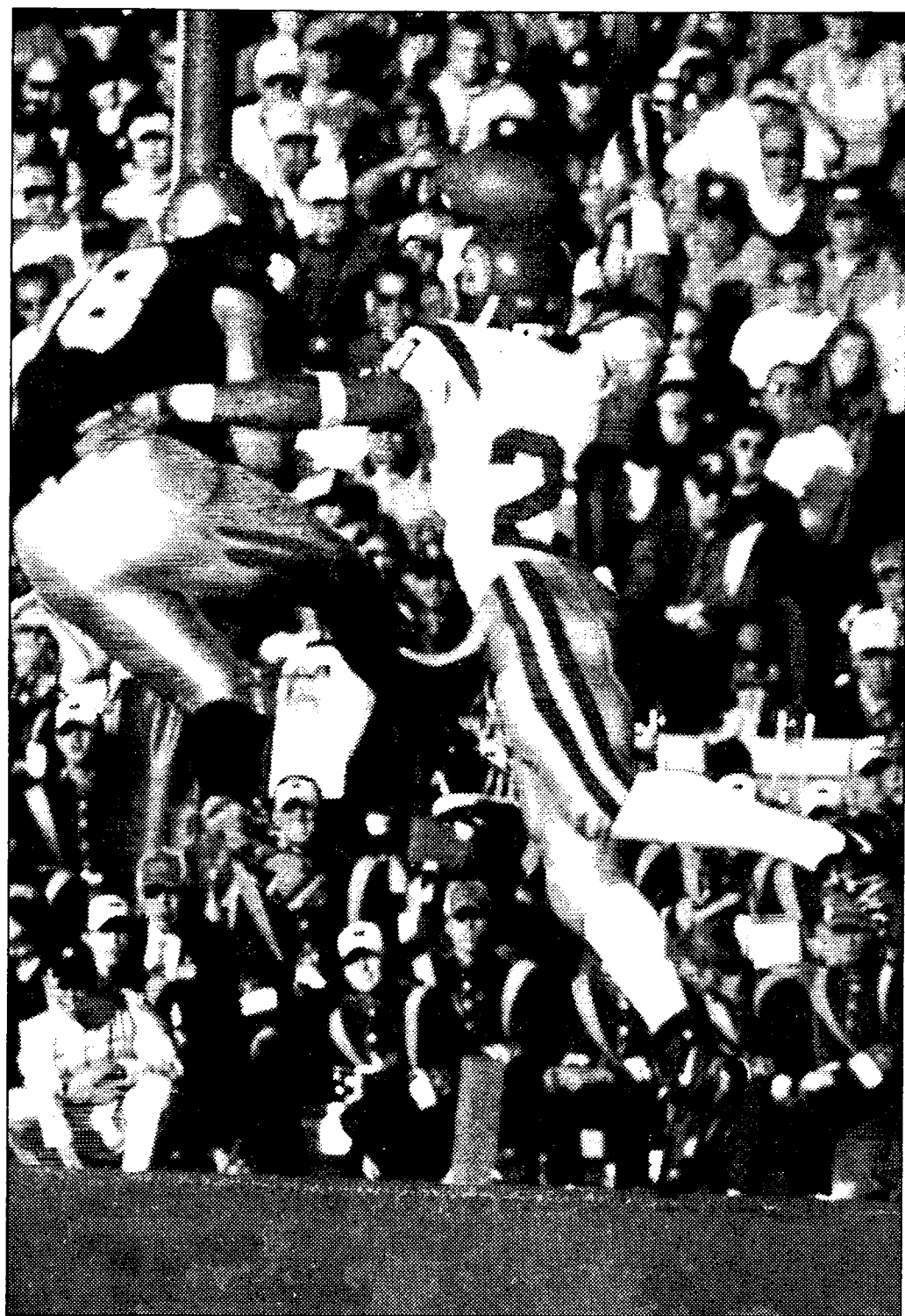
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Fasano gives Irish all-around tight end threat

Sophomore tight end leads team with 10 catches in last three weeks



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Notre Dame tight end Anthony Fasano goes up for a catch against USC two weeks ago.

By MATT LOZAR
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Anthony Fasano is fulfilling one of Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham's initial promises.

Upon bringing his pro-style offense to South Bend, Willingham assured Irish fans he would utilize the talented group of Irish tight ends. The season before Willingham took over, Notre Dame's tight ends had two catches for the entire year.

Fasano leads the Notre Dame tight ends with 12 catches in 2003, including 10 in the last three games. In those three games, Fasano was either the team leader or tied for the team lead in receptions each week. Those 12 receptions through seven games are more than any Notre Dame tight end has caught in a season since Dan O'Leary's 13 catches in 1999.

Major contributions in the red-shirt freshman's first season of playing time come as no surprise to his position coach, Mike Denbrock.

"I thought there was a lot of ability there," Denbrock said. "[He is] someone who really presented us with some of the tools that we were looking for at the position in a guy that could catch the ball and also lineup and be a physical player as far as a blocker."

Fasano put himself onto the radar screen with a full-layout touchdown catch in the back of

the end zone against USC two weeks ago.

But that's not the only major contribution Fasano has made recently. He caught four passes against Pittsburgh and Boston College and gives the Irish another receiving tight end threat besides Jared Clark. Denbrock attributes that success to a good chemistry between Fasano and quarterback Brady Quinn.

"I think in practice the more time we get together on the field," Fasano said. "I think we feel more comfortable and that's why he feels more comfortable throwing the ball to me in the games."

Of the four tight ends Denbrock feels can regularly contribute to this team, Fasano appears to be the best all-around. Clark works best at a receiver, as seen by his six catches in Notre Dame's first two games. Billy Palmer thrives at blocking and Marcus Freeman hasn't developed as quickly as his classmate Fasano.

Having a multi-dimensional tight end prevents the defense from having a better chance at knowing if the play is a run or pass based strictly on personnel. The flexibility Fasano provides is something the coaching staff has searched for the past two seasons.

"[Fasano] gives us a chance not to be predictable offensively, to run and pass equally well when he's in the game. That's a good asset to have," Denbrock said. "It has to continue to be part of our development. We are not nearly as far as long as I'd like to see us.

But everyone can see we are starting to get some consistency with throwing to the tight end.

"That's another receiver available to us and we have some players at that position that could make some plays for us."

Fasano came to the Irish as a highly-touted recruit from New Jersey. He sat out last season and climbed his way to the top of the tight end depth chart while last year's starter Gary Godsey was knocked out by a season-ending injury and incoming freshman Greg Olsen transferred.

But the coaching staff didn't just insert Fasano into the starting lineup — he had to earn the playing time off the field.

"I think hard work every day in practice, learning the play book and working in the weight room really gave me the opportunity to get on the field," Fasano said.

Both Denbrock and Fasano know he has a long way to go.

"I think to continue [working on] the things he's done. The more experience he gets, the more playing time he gets, he's going to understand that the things he has improved on can even get better and even he can grow into the position more than he has," Denbrock said. "I'm sure he'd be the first one to tell you he has a lot of progress to make. There are some positive signs there that he's beginning to understand what we need for him."

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Seminoles playing for more than just a win

*Bowden remembers
1993 upset and
2002 demolition*

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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As if the Irish didn't already have their hands full in hosting the fifth-ranked team in the nation Saturday in Florida State, they will also have to deal with a team bent on revenge.

After Notre Dame went into Doak Campbell Stadium last year and dominated Florida State on its home turf, the Seminoles are hungry to repay the favor this year.

Last season, the Irish scored on their first offensive play — a 65-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Arnaz Battle — en route to a convincing 34-24 victory.

The sound defeat makes Florida State coach Bobby Bowden's task of firing up his team that much easier.

"The advantage that we have in that regard, mentally, is what happened to us last year," Bowden said, in reference to Notre Dame's win over the Seminoles in 2002. "They came in and just thoroughly beat us on our own home field. I think if I didn't say nothing, they'd remember that."

The loss still stings for many in the Florida State program. After all, the game wasn't really as close as the score indicated as the Irish held a

34-10 lead well into the game before yielding two late touchdowns with fewer than two minutes to play. Bowden even compared Notre Dame's play to the work of a serial killer, a comment which he later took back.

"We used to never lose a game like that in Tallahassee," Bowden said last Sunday, recalling the game in 2002. "They came in here and just wore us out."

The game could also serve as a battle of traditions and generations. The Irish have the long pedigree and history of college football greatness. The Seminoles, meanwhile, have a commanding recent history of their own — a sort of "Notre Dame of the 90s."

While older generations grew up with Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy or Ara Parseghian, younger ones are more familiar with Bobby Bowden, Deion Sanders and Charlie Ward.

Florida State cornerback Stanford Samuels — who may miss the Notre Dame game due to a neck injury — is intent on not forgetting the Irish tradition, or what the Irish did to the Seminoles last year.

"I mean, we have tradition here, but they have tradition on top of tradition," he told the Miami Herald. "Those are the things movies are made of. For that reason, I think it's a big game. And you know it's already a big game because of what they came down here and did to us last year."

There are those on the

Florida State squad that want redemption for individual performances against the Irish last year. Seminole quarterback Chris Rix struggled against the Irish defense last season in going 13-of-32 with 207 yards and two interceptions and a fumble before being benched.

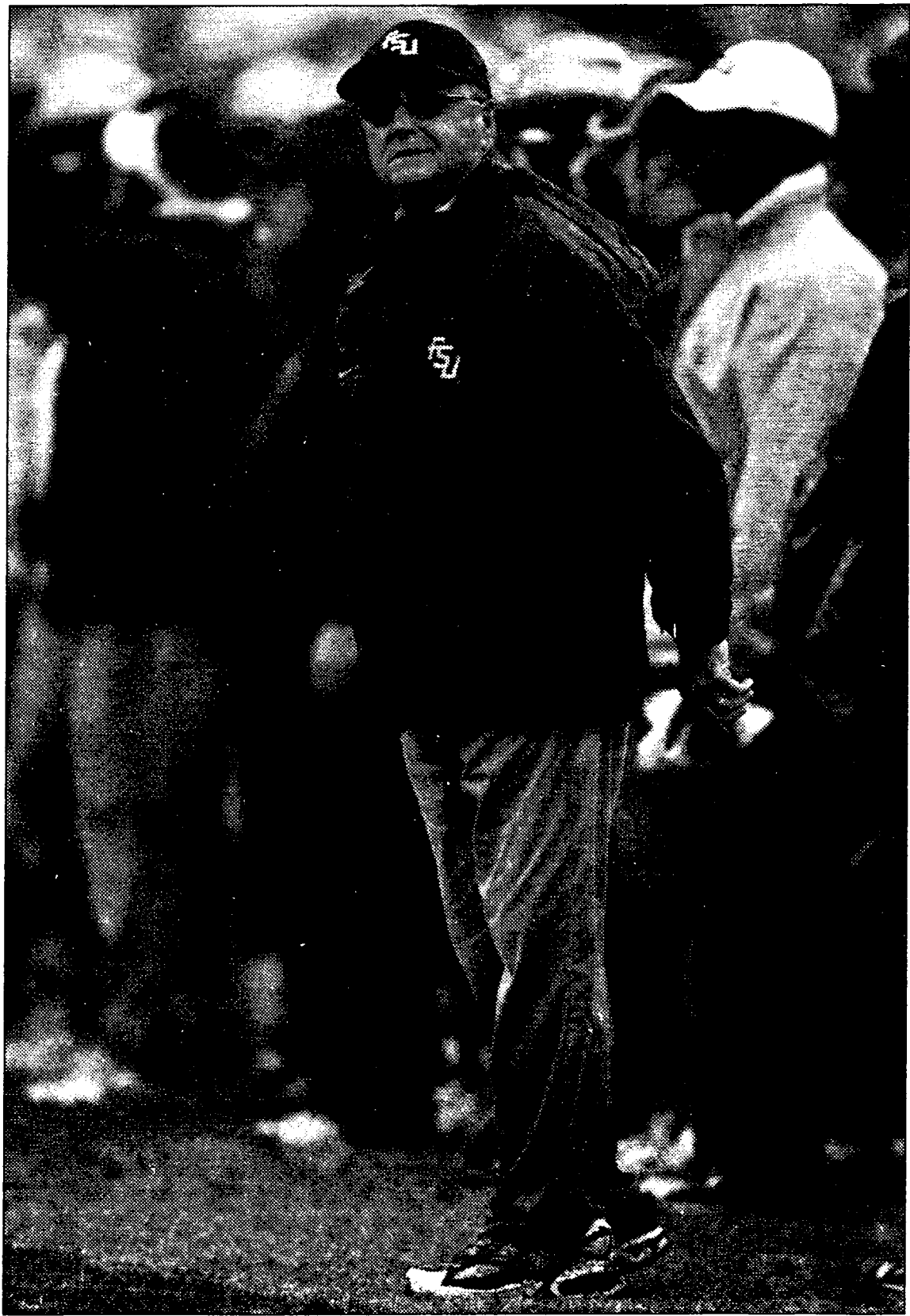
Bowden was pleased with the way Rix handled the demotion and is confident his quarterback can redeem himself this week.

"Well, the main thing is, after it happened, he didn't go hide in the corner somewhere, or leave," Bowden said. "It's all a learning experience, and it's a learning experience that was good for him."

And there's sophomore tailback Lorenzo Booker, who was heavily recruited by both the Irish and Seminoles. Booker, who had given indications that he would choose Notre Dame as late as midnight before signing day, gave his commitment to the Seminoles in front of a live national audience on ESPN's SportsCenter. Bowden noted that this will likely be a big game for the near-Domer.

"I'm sure it will [mean a lot], because he was recruited so heavily by them, and he went to a Catholic high school, so naturally, everybody assumed he would go there, or either stay in Southern Cal," Bowden said. "We were lucky to get him."

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Florida State coach Bobby Bowden looks on during the Seminoles' loss at Miami Oct. 12.



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