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Ten-year strategic plan released

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

Those affiliated with Notre Dame will see both structural and conceptual changes over the next ten years as the University embarks on its next strategic plan to enrich the academic, student, spiritual and residential life on campus.

"Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise" follows the recently com-

pleted, "Colloquy for the Year 2000" and is Notre Dame's fourth strategic plan in as many decades.

"Fulfilling the Promise" emphasizes the need for Notre Dame to enrich its research and academic programs by attracting scholars, expanding undergraduate programming and strengthening graduate and doctoral programs.

The plan refers to Notre Dame's financial base, capacity for growth and quality of its staff as indicators that this is the optimal time for the

University to accomplish these goals.

Academically, the University wants to strengthen and develop its programs. The administration stresses a need for balance between access to and within the undergraduate colleges. One example of this need for balance is in the Mendoza College of Business's acknowledgement that there is an overabundance of students enrolled in the college. Another example is the constraint

in the curriculum in the School of Architecture. This balance and academic programming enrichment and expansion will be accomplished by diversifying, innovating and integrating the teaching and learning process and developing departmental programs.

Notre Dame's commitment to developing its research base will be complemented by increasing

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Residence changes proposed

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

The student affairs portion of Notre Dame's next strategic plan, "Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise," includes suggestions to enhance undergraduate and graduate programs in an effort to integrate student and academic life and to construct new campus and residential facilities, including the possibility of coeducational housing.

This section focuses on residential life at Notre Dame, noting the hallmark experience of living in the residences and the opportunities for growth and learning that exists in the halls.

"In an ideal world students would feel, and for the most part I feel they do, residence halls would be a place where they share their concerns and their excitement for what they are learning. Similar to in the classroom they could talk about moral and ethic issues," said Ann Firth, executive assistant to the vice president of student affairs.

Possibilities for accomplishing this include a recommitment to building a Christian community within the dorms. Notre Dame hopes that an increased emphasis on ministry, service and retreats within residences will form intellectual, moral and spiritual leaders who will become leaders in the Church.

Goals are also outlined to expand diversity on campus to encourage learning through the exchange of culture and personal experiences.

Firth said the Office of the Student Affairs intends to create an environment where learning is ongoing but that this integration is not intended to subject dorms to non-stop academic programming.

In response to overcrowding in dorms and the diminishing numbers of upperclassmen, especially seniors moving off campus, Firth said the University intends to build four new residential complexes. The plan emphasizes the importance of the residential community as the percentage of on campus students has dropped steadily over the years from 83 percent to currently 79 percent.

Though Firth said it would be premature to comment on the recommendations for these new residential complexes the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Future of Residential Life would recommend to Father Mark Poorman, Vice President for Student Affairs,

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Groups continue time-honored traditions

ND band spends football weekends exciting fans

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

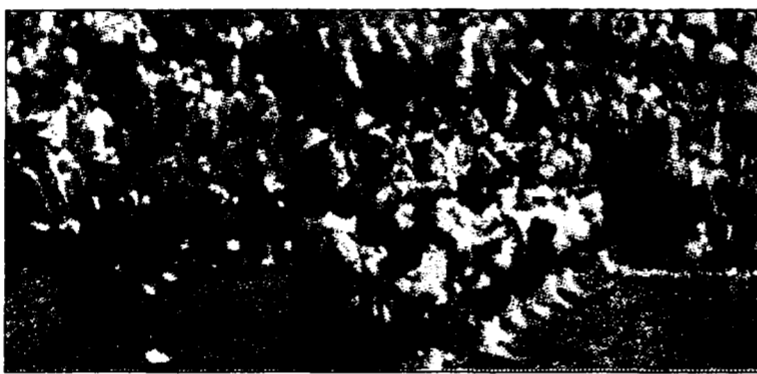
The Band of the Fighting Irish is the oldest and most visible emblem of football spirit on campus. As the oldest university marching band, it has inspired fans and infused every home game with pageantry and spirit since 1887.

The Band practices together every night in preparation for the game and meets in sectionals once to go over music. Throughout the season, members must learn many intricate routines choreographed by the assistant directors.

In recent years, the Band has gained much popularity amongst students as its performances have become increasingly innovative.

This week is no exception, as the Band has gone to great lengths to impress fans attending the final home game of the season.

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Observer File Photo

Top left, members of the Irish Guard 'slow-march' in front of the band at a recent game. Top right, the cheerleaders perform at a pep rally in the Joyce Center. Above, members of the Band take the field in preparation for their show.

Irish Guard brings dignity, discipline to games

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

The signature marches of the Irish Guard lend football Saturdays ceremony and tradition, but little is known about the hard work and dedication required of its 10 kilted men.

The members of the Guard practice every night from Monday to Thursday with the marching band. Each week, they must coordinate with the band to learn the new halftime routine, in which they often play a large role.

"Practices are actually pretty serious for us," senior Guardsman Matt Coleman said. "We sometimes only have a week to learn the new routine for every game."

The Guard continues to perfect its traditional marches during every practice, for it must maintain the strictest standards of

performance.

On the Fridays before home games, the Guard 'marches off' from the Dome, leading the band through campus to the practice field. They then preside over the pep rally.

The Guard does not have a Friday curfew, but because the Guardsmen take their roles as overseers of game day tradition very seriously, they tend to have "pretty tame Friday nights," Coleman said.

Game day responsibilities normally take up 12 hours, Coleman said.

While this is a huge commitment, the experience makes it worthwhile.

"The Guard is part of the whole Saturday game day experience," Coleman said. "It's so exciting to be there in front of 80,000 fans."

The 12-hour game day begins with a 'march out' through cam-

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Cheerleaders enthuse game-day crowds

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

Being a Notre Dame cheerleader requires athleticism, spirit and dedication, but despite the enormous amount of work the team puts into the job, the perks of being a symbol of game-day spirit make it, for the cheerleaders, one of the best positions on campus.

During football season, the team practices four times a week, and each individual works with a trainer twice a week. In practice, they work on partner stunts and pyramids for the upcoming game.

"[Practice is] the place I go to get away from everything else during the day," senior cheerleader Meredith Capshaw said. "Believe it or not, practice is one of the most fun parts of cheerlead-

ing."

"I spend that two hours laughing harder than I've laughed all day and most of all, having a good time," she said. "I love my team."

Two years ago, the team was cleared by the athletic administration to perform more difficult stunts. These stunts had previously been restricted because of injuries at other schools. Many of the formations performed during this year's time-outs have been introduced in light of these new allowances.

Most of the team's cheers are traditional cheers that the program has used for many years. The team is very traditional, as seen in their traditional uniforms, and unlike most collegiate cheer squads, does not compete.

"Our primary focus is sup-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Soccer deserves fan support

This weekend provides Notre Dame sports fans with a number of wonderful options. The football team plays its last home game of the year against BYU, and the men's basketball team plays an exhibition game on Friday.

Andy Troeger

Sports Writer

Don't forget, however, when making your weekend sports plan, to come out and watch the No. 2 seeded women's soccer team as they open the NCAA Tournament at home against Loyola of Chicago.

One of the big benefits to earning a top seed in the NCAA Tournament is home-field advantage throughout the first four rounds of the tournament.

Yet, for the Irish to be able to completely enjoy that advantage, they need to have the support of the Notre Dame community.

With the thousands of people that flood the area on home football weekends, and a game time conveniently coming near the end of the pep rally, Friday night's game is the perfect opportunity to begin supporting the soccer team in their efforts to bring home an NCAA Title to Notre Dame.

Further reason to come out and support the Irish is that the teams coming to Notre Dame are certain to bring fans with them, considering that the games are only a few hours from the other respective schools.

For example, Loyola is sponsoring a free bus ride to South Bend for Loyola students so that they can cheer on their team.

It would be a pretty sorry statement if the visiting team could match the number of fans of the No. 2 team in the country.

The Irish have amassed a record of 19-2-1 and are the only team in the nation with four players that have scored at least 10 goals in seniors Amy Warner and Amanda Guertin, junior Mary Boland and sophomore Katie Thorlakson.

The Irish sport two Hermann Trophy Finalists, reserved for the top fifteen players in the country, with Warner and classmate Melissa Tancredi receiving that honor.

Tancredi, Boland and Warner all were first team All-Big East selections, providing the Irish with a lot of firepower for a possible NCAA Tournament run.

So don't pass up the chance to cheer on the No. 2 women's soccer team as they take on Loyola on Friday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

If the Irish win, they will also be in action on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

The time is now for the Irish to start their postseason run, and for you to be there to see it all happen.

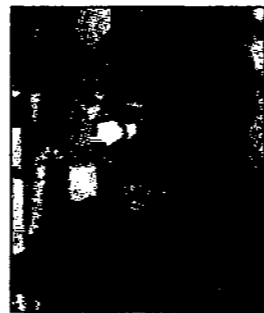
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: Will you be bringing marshmallows to the game on Saturday?



Mary Komperda
Senior
Pasquerilla East

"No, I will be bringing the chocolate and graham crackers."



T.J. Laubacher
Senior
Knott

"Whose legs do you think were in 'The Gipper?'"



Jeff Newcamp
Senior
Knott

"You'll find me at Meijer stocking up."



Mudit Agarwal
Senior
Knott

"I am not going to the game Saturday."



Lorenzo Valladolid
Senior
Knott

"No, my seats suck. I sit with juniors."



Todd Nieto
Senior
Knott

"No, according to the Gospel of Notre Dame, it's a sin to throw marshmallows."



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

With the Thanksgiving break only two weeks away, many professors have assigned major projects and exams to be due before the holiday. These students are taking advantage of quiet study space in Colman Morse to finish projects and papers and to study for upcoming exams.

IN BRIEF

WVFI radio presents **Pedro the Lion** with Clark tonight at Legends at 9 p.m. Seattle native Pedro the Lion is an acclaimed acoustic/indie rock group, and campus band Clark will be opening. The show is free, so support WVFI radio and the local music scene.

Get an insider's look at the rehearsals of the **Notre Dame Glee Club**. They will hold an open rehearsal today from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. in room 115 of the Crowley Hall of Music. They will rehearse music from the program for their upcoming concert, but they will also sing some of their famous fight songs, including "Hike, Notre Dame" and "The Notre Dame Victory March."

Support the football team tonight at the **Football Pep Rally** for the game against BYU. The pep rally takes place today from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena. Doors open for students at 5:15 p.m. and for the public at 5:45.

The **Notre Dame hockey team** takes on the United States under-18 team in an exhibition game tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

The Student Union Board is sponsoring a showing of the movie **"American Wedding"** tonight at 8 p.m. There will be a second showing of the movie at 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.

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

OFFBEAT

Man Fined for Scratching While Driving

MADRID, Spain — Highway police who stopped a driver they believed was using his cell phone erred twice. First, he was just scratching his ear. Second, he was a lawyer.

Tomas Valdivielso showed the two officers that the last call from his phone went out the night before. The duo huddled, then came back and fined him \$70 anyway.

The charge: driving while "holding his ear with his right hand in a permanent fashion."

"Am I on hidden cam-

era?" Valdivielso recalls saying, according to Thursday's edition of the newspaper *El Mundo*.

The flap happened Nov. 7 while Valdivielso drove into Madrid on a busy highway in the morning rush hour.

Skydiver Jumps 534 Times From Plane

LAKE ELSINORE, Calif. — A 47-year-old man jumped out of a plane 534 times in 24 hours in hopes of landing a new world record.

Jay Stokes of Yuma, Ariz., used 22 parachutes and two planes in completing the stunt Wednesday morning. Each jump from 2,100 feet

took an average of less than three minutes to complete.

Stokes set the Guinness World Record in 1999 for parachute jumps in 24 hours, but Michael Zang took the title from him in 2001 with 500 jumps.

He took pledges and contributions for the latest attempt and plans to donate the money to charity.

"I'm certainly glad it's over," he said after his final landing on a field turned muddy by heavy rain in this community about 70 miles east of Los Angeles.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 44 LOW 28	HIGH 30 LOW 22	HIGH 50 LOW 38	HIGH 53 LOW 35	HIGH 49 LOW 30	HIGH 40 LOW 25

Atlanta 54 / 36 Boston 44 / 31 Chicago 48 / 35 Denver 54 / 33 Houston 64 / 50 Los Angeles 69 / 51 Minneapolis 47 / 31 New York 45 / 38 Philadelphia 46 / 32 Phoenix 74 / 51 Seattle 52 / 42 St. Louis 46 / 36 Tampa 71 / 51 Washington 50 / 34

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the article "Disabled students flourish at Notre Dame" in Thursday's *Observer* stated that sophomore Katrina Gossett uses a wheelchair and has a speech impairment. Gossett does not have a speech impairment.

Due to inaccurate reporting, the maker of the film "Blind Shaft" was incorrectly identified as Li Yang in the article "ND screens controversial Chinese film." His name is Yang Li. Additionally, the Department of Film, Television and Theater was inadvertently omitted from a list of sponsors for the film's showing on campus.

Students apply to go abroad despite violence

University takes measures to reassure students who may study abroad

By LAURA VILIM
News Writer

Despite an international culture that has become increasingly violent and anti-American in recent months, students at Notre Dame who are considering studying abroad have relatively few fears about leaving the country, a trend that shows students feel safer today than they did at the start of the U.S. invasion of Iraq less than one year ago.

Last year, the fear of violence against Americans kept several students from carrying out their plans to study abroad.

Meredith Foley, a senior who was thinking of studying

in Dublin last year decided against it in part because of her desire to be near her family in the event of another terrorist attack.

"My decision not to go abroad was not primarily based on what was occurring internationally," Foley said. "However, I was afraid that if there was any type of national crises and there was a reason I would need to be with my family, it would be much easier to get home from South Bend than arrange any kind of travel from overseas."

Current students are less afraid to leave the country due in large part to the emphasis the International Studies Department has placed on informing students

of world events that could negatively affect their travels abroad. The directors of the department receive constant updates on travel advisories from the State Department as well as U.S. embassies across the world. These advisories, which provide detailed information about everything from protests in a country to civil unrest, are then sent to students traveling to that particular country, so that they

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Anastasia Gutting
director of the London Program

can be kept aware of any possible dangers they may face.

According to Anastasia Gutting, the director of the London Program, recently issued advisories do not concern countries most Notre Dame students choose to visit and instead deal with nations that have had a long history of political turmoil, such as Saudi Arabia, Bolivia, Somalia and states in the Middle East and North Africa.

When advisories do contain warnings on often-visited countries such as England, France and Australia, Gutting cites the security measures her department has established to protect its students.

"In times of political tension, we routinely monitor the situation in the places Notre Dame students live," said Gutting. "We have a University Committee that meets regularly to discuss security matters. We consult with other universities, sharing information and learning about their safety precautions."

For the most part, both students and their parents have realized the lengths the International Studies Department has gone to protect them, and few are fearful of the prospect of studying abroad. This sense of well-being was not felt to as great an extent last year when several students cancelled their trips due to concerns about their safety.

Junior Cassandra Gomez is preparing to spend her spring semester in Athens, Greece and is relatively unconcerned about leaving the United States despite anti-American sentiment in that country. Gomez, who has traveled the world extensively, thinks that the opportunity to experience a foreign way of life is too important to pass up. Although she understands why other students may feel endangered while abroad, she does not feel that fear. She plans to travel to the various islands that surround Greece as well as visit friends in other European nations during her stay in Athens. She said traveling is not something to fear as long as one uses common sense and is aware of the surroundings at all times.

"If you adapt to a culture and have respect for that culture, there is nothing to fear," Gomez said. "I want to take advantage of being in a new part of the world."

Terriss Conterato, a junior who will be studying in Fremantle, Australia this spring, is also not overly fearful about the possibility of danger abroad. She believes that, because she is American, she might be asked to explain certain policies that the United States has used in its foreign relations, but does not feel

that there is a significant probability of day-to-day violence directed toward Americans. Australia has sent forces to fight with the United States in Iraq, and its government has generally been supportive of America's efforts in that region. She stressed that her program director has given all students in Australia the freedom to travel to dif-

ferent countries as long as they check the travel advisories and exercise caution.

"I will still try to travel; I will just have to be safe in how I do it. If you use common sense, the administrators of the Fremantle program said it can be very safe for Americans," said Conterato.

Although the relationship between China and the United States has also been strained as of late, Notre Dame students have shown relatively little fear about traveling

to Asia. Sophomore Dana Lee has applied to the program in Shanghai for the fall of 2004 to study Chinese culture and further her interest in international relations. Lee is aware of the various dangers that are associated with traveling to Asian countries, but says they do not concern her enough to prevent her from studying abroad. She also realizes the recent outbreak of the SARS virus could pose a potential risk to her health, but said the International Studies program will inform her of any dangers.

"I trust that ND wouldn't send us somewhere they think to be unsafe," said Lee.

Justin Doyle, a sophomore that is in the process of deciding whether to study abroad in Dublin, Ireland or Tokyo, Japan, sums up the sentiment of many students in his remarks that he does not fear for his safety in these countries, but rather has concerns about how easy it will be to immerse himself in a foreign culture.

"My biggest fears deal with assimilating to other cultures rather than violence," Doyle said.

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Zahm drainage pipes back up

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Waste backup left Zahm Hall residents without water for nearly four hours Thursday afternoon and evening, said Zahm Hall rector Daniel Parrish.

Parrish said that the water backup occurred once Monday and twice Thursday.

Housekeeping staff reported some backup in the basement around 2 p.m. Thursday afternoon, after which they cleaned out the water and reported the problem to building services.

Plumbers then ran a snake through the water cleanout area Thursday afternoon and hit a root ball, causing a water outage, as all the toilets, showers and sinks go through one drain.

Phyllis Campbell, supervisor of building services, said workers were dispatched immediately to pump out the water. Parrish

estimated that there was about half an inch of water in the downstairs basement and the food sales area.

Parrish said the cleanout for the waste water line was located in the electrical room, where the water had risen to a height of about four inches. Parrish said that a few inches more of water level rising could have caused an electrical system failure, but fast action by plumbers prevented the problem.

"They worked quick and avoided that problem," he said.

Parrish said the water was turned on around 9:30 p.m., with all water removed and the food sales area sanitized and open for business.

Students said the incident

seemed to have little effect on residents.

"Things are pretty normal," said Andrew Sherman, Zahm Hall resident assistant. "People are just going to other places to use the bathroom and take showers. It's no big deal — we haven't really had any problems with it."

Parrish said that he was very appreciative of Keenan Hall, which allowed Zahm residents to use their restrooms and showers when water was unavailable at the dorm.

"Keenan was very helpful and calming to us in our time of need," he said. "We appreciated it very much."

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"People are just going to other places to use the bathroom."

Andrew Sherman
Zahm Hall RA

Saint Mary's holds student safety forum

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's held its second annual Safety Forum to provide the students and community with advice on dealing with a wide range of security issues at 7 p.m. Thursday in O'Laughlin auditorium, although less than 10 students attended.

The Safety Forum was modeled off last September's Security Forum that was geared towards the incoming freshman class. That event was the first time the Security Department attempted to hold such a large event. The success of last year's event prompted the department to initiate this year's event, which was open to the entire community.

Security Program Coordinator Chris Pennino was in charge of the Safety Forum.

"I am attempting to provide presenters who will address the issues that concern our whole student body as well as our faculty, staff and surrounding community," said Pennino.

The forum's speakers informed the audience on a wide range of topics from sexual assault to Internet predators.

Mitch Kajzer, investigator for the Saint Joseph County Prosecuting Attorney, discussed and demonstrated how he goes undercover online to target Internet predators. His eye-opening demonstration illustrated the immense number of predators that exist on the Internet.

"I am able to arrest about one predator per hour," Kajzer said.

He stressed the importance of protecting oneself and children while on the Internet. Kajzer's investigative work can eventually lead to the arrest of cyber criminals.

Saint Mary's Director of Information Technology, Keith Fowlkes, continued the Internet safety discussion. He spoke about ways to be safe online and the steps to take to ensure safety.

Brett Hemmerlein of the St. Joseph County Special Victims Unit and Cindy Eastman of the South Bend Police Department's Sexual Assault Unit, spoke on the issues of rape and date rape drugs from a legal perspective. Hemmerlein's knowledge on these topics comes from serving for 28 years as a South Bend Police officer. Eastman has worked 20 years in the South Bend Police Department and has had 12 years experience in the Sex Offense Unit.

Mary Waggoner, the Community Outreach Coordinator for SOS of Madison County, informed the audience of their options after being a victim of sexual assault. As an advocate for victims of sexual assault and rape, she spoke about seeking help at the hospital and the involvement of law enforcement after the incident.

Despite offering a wide variety of information, turnout was lower than expected. The Saint Mary's Security Department hopes to reschedule the event at a time more convenient for the student body.

"I would like to think that Saint Mary's College is helping to provide information that will possibly prevent future crimes against our students and community. The focus is on bringing in professionals who can share their valuable knowledge in an effort to help us become more active players in our own safety," said Pennino.

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Plan

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the number of distinguished faculty and setting a goal of raising \$100 million in external research funding.

Though Notre Dame is known predominantly as an undergraduate institution, the plan outlines goals to improve doctoral programs so that at least 25 percent are ranked nationally in the top quartile.

Noting that the University has much ground to cover considering diversity, the plan makes a commitment to attract underrepresented students and faculty and to expand ethnic academic programs, specifically African American studies; international research institutes; and international programs in China, India and Africa.

Importance is placed on integrating academic, residential and student life to diversify

and expand learning. Possibilities for accomplishing this focus on creating an environment that encourages academic expansion in residence halls.

Multiple campus and residential facilities are featured in the plan as a way to achieve this integration.

The plan emphasizes the need for Notre Dame to develop its Catholic intellectual life and become the premier center of Catholic intellectual life.

"When most of the great universities in the world are utterly secular in their missions, there seems to be a special need for an institution where religious faith seeking understanding can provide a common frame of reference for the diverse areas of learning and a sense of moral obligation in the relationship between theoretical reflection and practical application," the report said.

This will be accomplished partly through enhancing Catholic scholarship, applying

values of the Church to reflection on contemporary issues and strengthening foundational and applied ethics. Retreats, increased ministry in dorms, service and hiring faculty and staff that foster Catholic teachings are also intended to expand the Catholic foundation.

The strategic plan carries over into athletics as well as Notre Dame continues to focus on recruiting coaches and athletes who value integrity, academics and spirituality. Expansion of scholarship allocations and facilities are intended to foster this focus.

Though the University halted construction last year due to the decrease in the endowment, the plan states that structural and conceptual proposals can be accomplished through prudent fiscal policies, stewardship and capital planning.

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Affairs

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early next year, the strategic plan did discuss potential options. This includes senior suites or apartments, coeducational housing and smaller themed residences.

Firth said the committee is discussing several options, including coed housing.

"We are exploring coeducational housing in part because of the national trend that was to have coed halls," Firth said. "The fact that it does exist means that it is something that Notre Dame has to visit."

Premier Catholic institutions such as Georgetown and

Boston College have undergraduate coed housing.

Other facilities projects that will be explored include constructing an enlarged student center complex, new apartments for married students, additional graduate student housing and a retreat center; replacing Stepan Center; and renovating the University Health Center.

Firth said Student Affairs intends to focus on expanding student services, especially in health services and student organizations.

Though Notre Dame is primarily an undergraduate institution, the plan emphasizes enhancing graduate services and collaboration between graduates and

undergraduates.

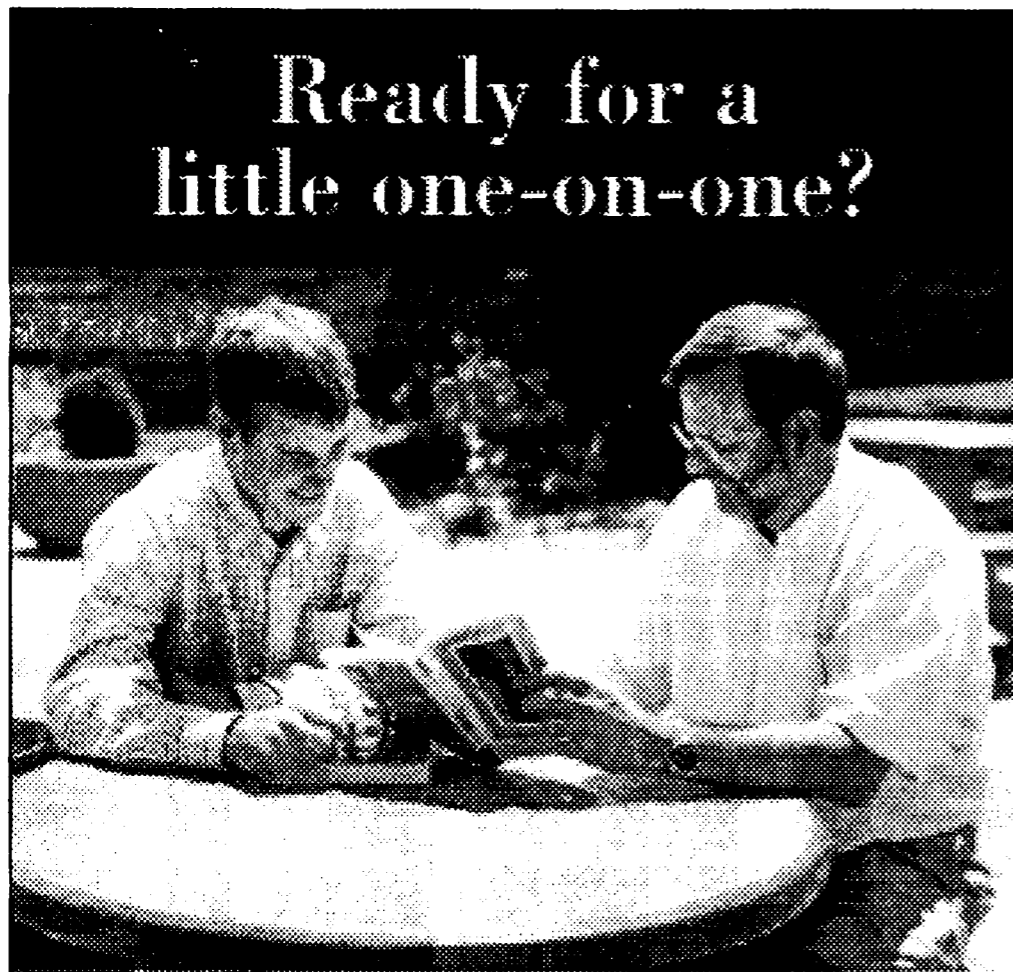
Firth said that this focus on graduate students would not detract from undergraduates.

"[We want] to try to be a place that is more attentive to graduate students," Firth said. "We want to do a better job at taking care of them."

Student Affairs first began exploring possible goals and formulating plans during the 2002-2002 academic year.

Firth said though the office sets goals and may set them high, Student Affairs hopes to accomplish most if not all of the objectives outlined in "Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise."

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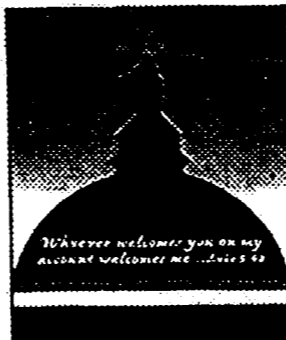
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Gay in a Straight World

Gay, Bi, and Straight
A Retreat Open to All

The GLB Retreat is an annual 24-hour event for gay undergraduate students and their friends and supporters. The retreat begins at 7pm on Friday, November 21, 2003 and ends after dinner on Saturday night. Applications are available in the Retreats Office in 114 Coleman-Morse by the elevator. Applications are due by Wednesday, Nov. 19th.

If you have further questions, you can reach Fr. J. Steele, CSC at 1-8144 or at jsteele1@nd.edu.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Japan delays Iraqi deployment

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Japan put off a decision Thursday on sending troops to Iraq, a day after the deadliest attack on coalition forces since the war, and South Korea capped its contribution at 3,000 soldiers — new setbacks to U.S. hopes for easing the pressure on its forces.

U.S. troops pounded suspected guerrilla targets in the capital for a second straight night under a new "get-tough" campaign against the insurgency. And the top American administrator, L. Paul Bremer, headed back to Baghdad after two days of White House talks with orders that Iraqis should take more responsibility for governing.

On the eve of a visit to Tokyo by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Japan decided the time isn't right to send its forces to Iraq, indicating its deployment might be delayed until next year.

AIDS transmissions up in India

NEW DELHI, India — The virus that causes AIDS is being spread through India's general population mainly by married men, who have unprotected sex with prostitutes, according to a study released Thursday.

About 610,000 Indians contracted HIV last year, increasing the overall number of infected Indians to about 4.5 million, said the study funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. That is the second-highest total in the world after South Africa.

In four of the six most affected states, the virus was contracted by businessmen, men in the service sector and hotel employees, said the study, which used federal and state government data.

NATIONAL NEWS

Parties split on judicial nominees

WASHINGTON — President Bush accused the Senate of "shameful" inaction on his judicial nominees, lending his voice Thursday to a 30-hour Senate debate over Republican efforts to pry conservative nominees loose from Democratic filibusters.

After an all-night session, senators were bleary-eyed but firmly on message. Republicans insisted there was no precedent for refusing to allow votes on the president's judicial choices. Democrats said the GOP-led Senate was championing judges who do not represent American mainstream views.

Bush's visit called 'bad timing'

WASHINGTON — It seems like a colossal case of bad timing on both sides of the Atlantic, a state visit to Britain while both President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair are mired in slumping approval ratings because of continuing turmoil in Iraq.

Blair stands to lose the most politically from the visit, U.S. and British analysts suggest. Recent polls show a clear majority of British voters think Bush was wrong on Iraq and regard Blair's closeness to the president as bad for Britain.

But it also is hard to see what benefit Bush can claim by offering a fresh reminder that he and Blair marched lockstep against most of the world in deciding to invade Iraq.

LOCAL NEWS

Winds knock out electricity

INDIANAPOLIS — Winds gusting more than 50 mph across the state left thousands of customers without electricity and blew down two walls at a shopping mall on the city's north side.

A cinderblock wall collapsed at a Chinese restaurant at the Keystone at the Crossing shopping center Wednesday night, injuring a man and two women who were inside, Washington Township Assistant Chief Howard Marer said.

"A cinderblock wall collapsed inward, causing a portion of the ceiling and a shelf to fall," Marer said.

Ala. judge forced out of office

Chief Justice Roy Moore loses his position on the bench over Ten Commandments

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who became a hero to religious conservatives for refusing to remove his granite Ten Commandments monument from the state courthouse, was thrown off the bench Thursday by a judicial ethics panel for having "placed himself above the law."

"I have absolutely no regrets. I have done what I was sworn to do," Moore declared afterward, drawing applause from dozens of supporters at the courthouse. "It's about whether or not you can acknowledge God as a source of our law and our liberty. That's all I've done."

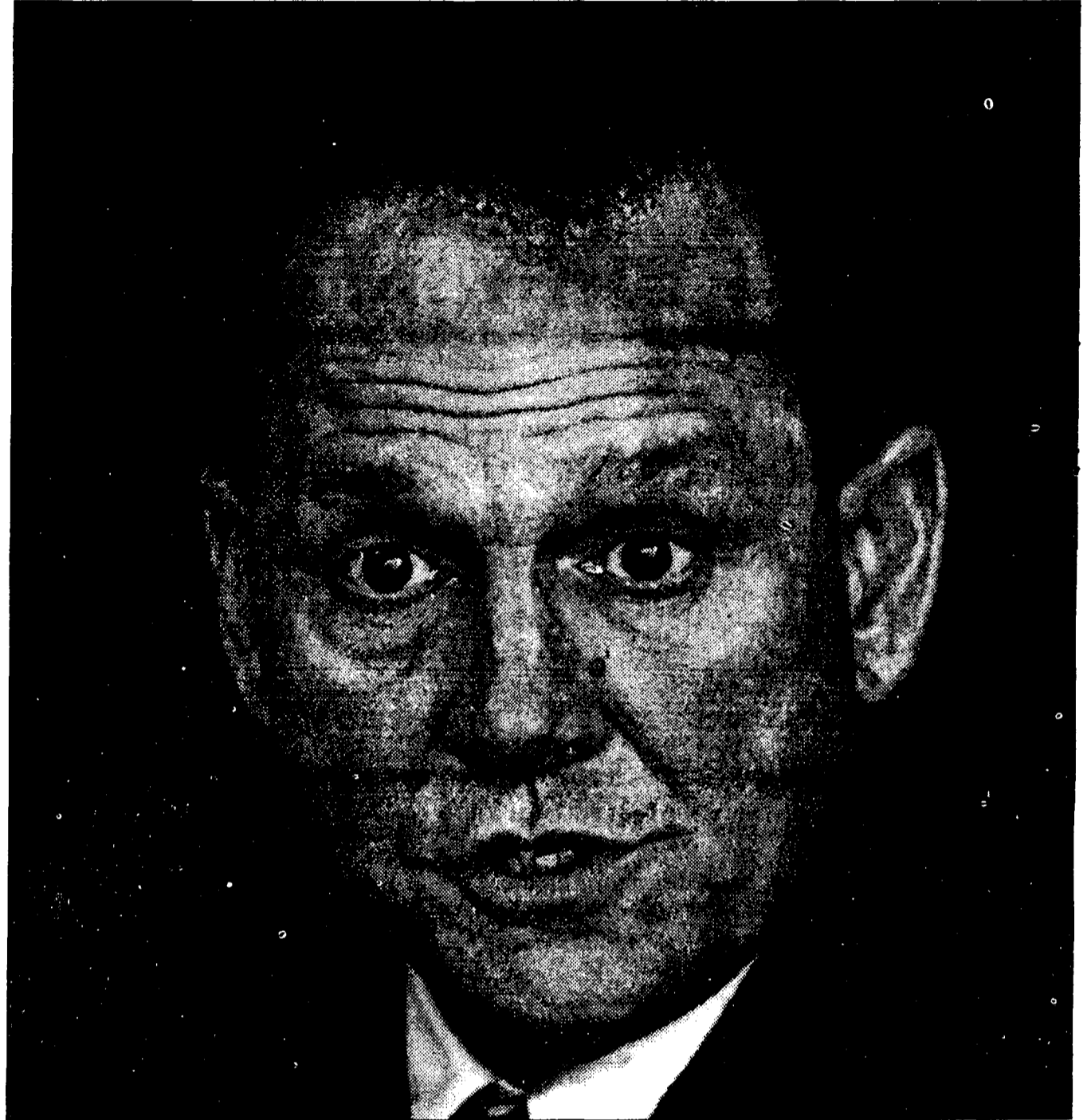
The nine members of the Court of the Judiciary handed out the harshest penalty possible, saying Moore left them with no choice by repeatedly insisting he would never obey a federal judge's order to move the 2 1/2-ton block of granite from the courthouse rotunda.

"Anything short of removal would only serve to set up another confrontation that would ultimately bring us back to where we are today," the panel said.

Moore spent eight months designing the monument and helped move it into the building one night in 2001. He soon became a lightning rod for criticism from civil-liberties activists who said the stone tablets promoted religion in violation of the separation of church and state.

A federal judge ordered the monument removed, and it was finally wheeled away Aug. 27 to a storage room on instructions from Moore's eight fellow justices.

The Court of the Judiciary — a panel of



Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore speaks to the media Nov. 13. Moore was stripped of his position after refusing to remove a Ten Commandments monument from a state courthouse.

judges, lawyers and others appointed variously by judges, legal leaders and the governor and lieutenant governor — began hearing testimony Wednesday on Moore's defiance and issued its ruling Thursday. The panel could have continued the suspension or reprimanded Moore.

"The chief justice placed himself above the law," said Presiding Judge William Thompson.

The court emphasized that its ruling was not a judgment about the monument itself, stating, "the

acknowledgment of God is very much a vital part of the public and private fabric of our country."

Moore, 56, had been suspended since August but was allowed to collect his \$170,000 annual salary.

Moore said he would consult with his lawyers and with political and religious leaders as to whether to appeal and would make an announcement next week that could "alter the course of this country." He did not elaborate.

He could appeal to the Alabama Supreme Court. If

his removal stands, Gov. Bob Riley will appoint a new chief justice to finish his term, which expires in 2007. Moore could still run for a seat on the court next year, provided he is not disbarred.

The governor issued a statement saying he was "disappointed and concerned that the federal courts continue to attempt to remove references to God and faith from public arenas. All of us must, however, respect the workings of our legal system and trust that it remains the best in the world."

ISRAEL

Israelis, Palestinians prepare for summit

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Looking ahead for the first time after months of impasse, the Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers on Thursday prepared for a summit, possibly within days.

Despite conciliatory statements, however, expectations are low that the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan can be revived. Neither side appears closer to making concessions — a crackdown on militant groups by the Palestinians, a removal of dozens of settlement outposts by Israel.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia convened his Cabinet for the first time Thursday, a day after it was sworn in following two months of

political wrangling.

With a government finally in place, Qureia can focus on his priorities. He first wants to persuade militant groups to halt attacks on Israelis and then get Israel to agree to a truce, including a stop to military strikes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In the past, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has refused to halt such operations, including targeted killings of militants, unless the Palestinian security forces begin dismantling armed groups, something the Palestinians refuse to do.

Israel's position appears to have softened somewhat in recent days, and officials have said they want to give Qureia a chance.

In preparing for a summit, the

Palestinians say they want to avoid the mistakes of their first premier, Mahmoud Abbas. He met four times with Sharon but failed to win concessions, including easing Israel's travel ban in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

That failure, along with turf battles with Yasser Arafat, led to Abbas' resignation Sept. 6, after just four months in office.

Qureia said Thursday he would meet Sharon only if he gets assurances that the travel bans would be eased significantly. A network of Israeli barriers, meant to keep away militants, has crippled the Palestinian economy. Even the Israeli army chief has said the closures are counterproductive, breeding hatred and more terrorism.

Cheer

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porting Notre Dame's athletic teams and that will never change," Capshaw said.

The team leads the student section in cheers on Friday pep rallies, one of the team's favorite aspects of home football weekends.

"The main focus of the students essentially is to help us out, and ... they do a great job of it," Capshaw said. "No matter if we're having a winning season or not, Notre Dame pep rallies will always be packed and will always be upbeat."

The pep rally is immediately followed by a dinner held at the house of athletic director Kevin White. There, the team eats and then greets alumni, former football coaches, former football players, Heisman Trophy winners and NBC executives.

Typical game days begin about three and a half hours before kickoff. The team leads a short pep rally at the bookstore and another for tailgaters in the Senior Bar parking lot, which draws an especially excitable crowd, Capshaw said.

The team then performs with the pom-squad in a more organized pep rally at the JACC, in which the Leprechaun speaks to thousands of fans, and at a special pep rally held in the corporate tent behind the JACC for those affiliated with the game, such as NBC and adidas.

Later, the team sprints through Lafortune yelling and screaming on its way to the Dome to meet the band and Guard, which they lead to the stadium.

"Step-off is special for us," Capshaw said. "[We] see how much the fans truly love and support the Irish. You can see it on their

faces."

"Once we enter the tunnel with the Irish Guard and the band, we have a second to catch our breath before the opposing team walks back through and up to their locker room," she said. "When they walk through, we all stand at attention with no facial expression whatsoever. It's actually funny to see the opposing players and coaches walk through with the most intimidated looks on their faces."

During the game, the team must retain this intensity of focus in order to cheer.

"It is a little hard to pay full attention to the game when we have to dance or stunt between every single play, but bottom line, you have to know what's going on with the game to be able to cheer for a team," Capshaw said.

Despite the intensity of the game, Capshaw said that cheering for the student section is one of the best experiences of her life.

As the last home game rapidly approaches, Capshaw reflected on what it means to step onto the turf one last time.

"Then it hit me that the day I would cheer for the last time in Notre Dame's stadium

was rapidly approaching, and I got a sick feeling," she said. "I will never forget all the fun times on the away trips. I'll never forget the times we got lost in huge cities trying to find a random tailgate or alumni pep rally to cheer at."

"Thinking back, I can safely say that I have grown to appreciate the opportunity more and more as the years have passed. There won't be a next year, so this is my last chance to make this the best, most special opportunity I have ever been given and I fully intend on doing just that."

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"We see how much the fans truly love and support the Irish."

Meredith Capshaw
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Band

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"The halftime show promises to please anyone in our generation," drum major Katie O'Sullivan said.

The Band practices a great deal in preparation for a home football weekend, the beginning of which is marked by the group's 'march out' to the Dome on Friday afternoon.

A lesser-known Friday tradition is the fanfare of the trumpets at 4 p.m. in the Dome. The section assembles within the Dome itself to play the Alma Mater and the Fight Song.

"The whole building fills with music," O'Sullivan said. "It's energetic and uplifting — if you've never witnessed it, you really should go."

On Fridays, band members dress up as sections, striving each year for the most original, spirited and humorous sectional T-shirts and accessories to wear during the pep rallies.

Before the pep rally on Friday, the Band rehearses on the practice field behind the JACC, performing Saturday's entire repertoire. The announcer even attends in his official capacity, running the Band through its routines.

After this practice, the band marches out around campus, screaming casual and fun cheers on the way

to the JACC, where they perform for the thousands of fans at the pep rally.

Game day commences with a tradition known as "Captain Crunch Breakfast," during which members of the band eat cereal and read the signature Fifer Newsletter. The newsletter is filled with information, gossip and funny anecdotes.

Five and a half hours before kickoff, the Band repeats Friday's comprehensive practice, tweaking any marching segments and going over the music once more.

They then dress for the game and attend traditional breakfast in South Dining Hall, where all 300 members sing the Victory March for hundreds of dining fans.

"It is such a cool feeling to be in uniform at the dining hall," O'Sullivan said. "Everyone asks you questions and you feel almost like a campus celebrity."

The uniform and spirited songs cause quite a few people to ask for photographs, she said.

At 1:45 p.m., the Band undergoes 'inspection' in

front of the Dome. During inspection, any person who wishes to do so may 'inspect' a member of the band. Most frequently, band alumni and their friends will inspect band members, taunting them in an attempt to make them 'break,' or smile.

Members must be properly dressed and any male member who is not properly shaven will be dry-shaved. Any person who arrives late "most likely can't march during the game," O'Sullivan said.

To O'Sullivan, the best part of game day is when the band turns the corner past DeBartolo Hall to go into the Stadium. There, the band and thousands of onlookers chant "Here come the Irish!" in unison.

"The chills never stop," O'Sullivan said. "Sometimes I wish I could sleep in, but it's worth it, without a doubt."

"It is almost a religious experience when we march through the tunnel," she said, "being in the same place as all the greats like Rockne and chanting 'Whose house? Our

house!" And during their halftime shows, every fan believes that the band really does own the Stadium.

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Dow Jones	9,837.94	-10.89
Up: 1,862	Same: 176	Down: 1,352,957,056

AMEX	1,077.66	+1.51
NASDAQ	1,967.35	-5.76
NYSE	6,036.81	+17.87
S&P 500	1,058.41	-0.12
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	10,337.67	0.00
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COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-1.12	-0.29	25.69
APPLIED MATL (AMAT)	-2.75	-0.70	24.74
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.94	-0.32	33.78
BROCADE COMMS (BRCD)	+5.86	+0.44	7.95
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.18	-0.27	22.70

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-2.11	-1.10	51.07
10-YEAR NOTE	-3.20	-1.41	42.71
5-YEAR NOTE	-3.87	-1.32	32.81
3-MONTH BILL	-0.11	-0.01	9.27

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EURO	0.8522
POUND	0.5928
CANADIAN \$	1.299

IN BRIEF

Microsoft faces antitrust charges

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Microsoft Corp. concluded its defense against European antitrust charges on Thursday, reiterating its hope of reaching a settlement to stave off hefty fines and tough sanctions.

After nearly two days of closed-door hearings, Microsoft turned the floor over to its critics, who argue the U.S. software giant is trying to corner new markets with its Windows monopoly.

On Friday, Sun Microsystems Inc., which filed the original complaint against Microsoft in 1998, and RealNetworks take the stand, followed by two Microsoft-friendly trade groups. Microsoft then gets an hour and 15 minutes for a final statement.

The European Commission is expected to issue its decision in the nearly 5-year-old case next spring if no settlement is reached. Microsoft is hoping for a deal to avoid penalties that could be the toughest it has faced on either side of the Atlantic.

"We've come to Brussels not only to discuss the issues but to work things out," Brad Smith, Microsoft's senior vice president for law and corporate affairs, told reporters after the hearing broke for lunch.

Putnam agrees to reforms

BOSTON — The Securities and Exchange Commission announced a partial settlement Thursday with Putnam Investments, under which the company will undertake significant reforms and agreed to a process for repaying investors harmed by excessive market timing.

Boston-based Putnam, which had no immediate comment, neither admitted nor denied the findings, the SEC said. The company had previously promised to make full restitution to investors harmed by improper market timing by Putnam employees or customers.

The SEC said the amount of any civil penalty or monetary relief remains open and will be determined later. It described the administrative proceeding as "ongoing."

Market timing is the use of quick, in-and-out trades that skim profits from longer-term shareholders. The practice is not illegal but most funds do not allow it.

CHINA

Nation buys into space craze

First Chinese in space spawns national pride, golden marketing opportunity

Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Thirsty? Try the "official milk of the Chinese spaceman." Running late? Maybe you need the "official chronograph of the Chinese astronaut" — or perhaps just a taikonaut calendar to mark off the coming months.

This is China's final frontier of modern marketing — or, at least, its most recent one.

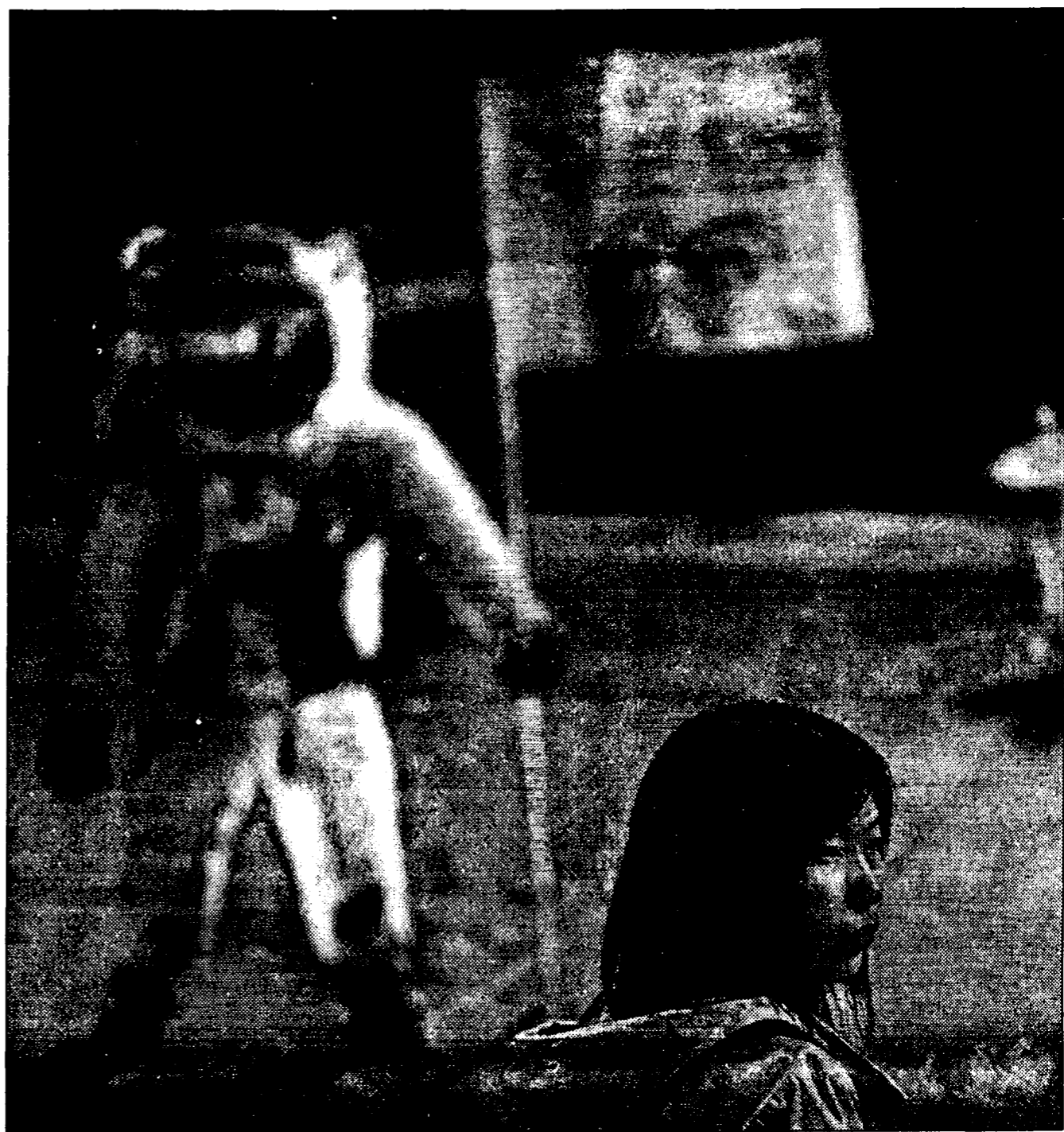
After joining Russia and the United States last month as the only countries to send a human into space, China's space program is eagerly marketing its name and logo to companies looking to share the reflected glory.

Sponsorships are splashed on billboards, product packaging and in radio and television ads. At least two magazines have appeared focusing exclusively on the Chinese space program. One newspaper, China Space News, sells a 2004 Shenzhou 5 calendar.

There's "space" milk from Mengniu ("Mongol Cow"), which promises to "fortify the Chinese people" and shows a space-suited boy clutching a glass of creamy goodness. Mengniu is headquartered in Inner Mongolia, where Shenzhou 5 and astronaut Yang Liwei landed Oct. 16 after a 21 1/2-hour mission.

There's the "Chinese Inaugural Manned Space Flight Command Watch," produced in a limited run of 2,003, available by mail for 980 yuan (\$120) complete with compass and pedometer. Another manufacturer claims to offer the model Yang wore in space — less flashy but costlier.

In the United States, marketing the space pro-



A Chinese woman stands in front of an advertisement that depicts an astronaut while waiting for the subway in Beijing.

grams is a decades-old tradition. Commercial ties with NASA have produced product endorsements from Tang and Velcro to Omega watches and Parker pens.

In China, though, an odd blend of enthusiastic marketing and zealous secrecy reflects the paradox of the "socialist market economy" — Beijing's moniker for its current mix of rigid communist control and uncharted, freeform capitalism.

The space program is a huge source of prestige for

the government and seems to be genuinely popular — although public opinion isn't always easy to discern in China, where media are tightly controlled. But the potent mix of pride and popularity makes it a safe bet for hungry companies.

A space-program endorsement is "definitely good for establishing brand name," said a director of promotions at Fiyta, which made the watch the taikonaut Yang wore in space. The man gave only his surname, Liu.

China's space program is

run by the military and shrouded in secrecy, so it isn't known how endorsements have been awarded. The program has no known publicity office.

Yet its managers are anxious to exploit potential windfalls and avoid unscrupulous operators in a country where piracy is rampant. A body called the China Aerospace Foundation has demanded approval for commercial uses of the program's name and logo and threatened legal action against violators.

Businesses suffer with the team

By **AMANDA MICHAELS**
 News Writer

Dependent on the students and fans of Notre Dame for their livelihood, many businesses in the South Bend area have felt the effects of a losing football record.

Carol Meehan, manager of Fiddler's Hearth, said that the restaurant has been far emptier on recent Saturday nights than in the past.

"When the team loses, we get some of the people in from out of town who have dinner, but not the fans that come in to celebrate. I'd say we lose at least a couple thousand in sales each Saturday they don't win," she said.

Meehan also said that after last weekend's win against Navy, business was booming again.

The Chicago Steak House also ben-

efited from Saturday's victory.

"Last weekend, we had the best weekend we've had in six weeks," said manager Mike Holt. "Business has been slightly down, but our numbers are still up from last year, and with the support of Notre Dame fans, it's not enough for us to be concerned at all."

While a few area restaurants are hurting, others like the Olive Garden, Rocco's and the Linebacker Lounge have not seen a change in sales; some, like Famous Dave's, have actually seen a more profitable season than usual.

"In fact, in the past three weeks, we've actually picked up and have been really busy," said Deanne Reed, manager of Famous Dave's BBQ. Some nights it's more of the fans, and other nights it's not, but we usually have a lot of the team that bring their families in after the game."

On-campus businesses have been variably affected by the recent slump.

Bill Beirne, manager of the Morris Inn, said the restaurant itself had not seen a decline in customers, but the courtyard tents behind the Inn had seen a light drop in business.

Like many of those whose restaurants saw no drop in profit, Jim O'Connor, director of the Hammes Bookstore, attributed the business' continued success with the loyalty of Notre Dame fans.

"We're pretty pleased with the way the year's been going so far," O'Connor said. "Fortunately, most of the people we have as customers have been long supporters of Notre Dame and will continue to give us patronage."

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Congress fights over Medicare bill

Current prescription drug legislation may not make it past Democratic blockade

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican congressional leaders struggled Thursday to shelter their emerging Medicare prescription drug legislation from the rising opposition of Senate Democrats and the recalcitrance of a powerful GOP committee chairman.

"This program is untested. It's untried. ... It's playing roulette with the lives of senior citizens," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., taking aim at a feature that would put traditional Medicare in direct competition with new private insurance plans beginning in 2010.

But if Democrats argued that the call for competition went too far, Rep. Bill Thomas, the House negotiator over months of negotiations, argued it didn't go far enough. "It's guaranteed not to work," he said of the plan, while one of its authors, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., stood by his side.

At its core, the emerging bill would provide seniors a prescription drug benefit beginning in 2006, at a cost of \$35 a month.

The low-income would

receive subsidies to defray the cost. At the same time, the plan would encourage private insurance companies to offer coverage under preferred provider organizations for seniors willing to opt out of traditional Medicare.

While lawmakers clashed over one of the few remaining issues in dispute, President Bush said in Florida it was time for Congress to act "for today's seniors but also for tomorrow's retirees."

"Either we'll have more debate, more delay and more deadlock, or we'll make real

progress" in the coming days, he added, urging his audience to bring pressure on lawmakers to send him legislation soon.

In his remarks, the president made no specific reference to the proposal brokered by Frist and

Speaker Dennis Hastert and embraced thus far by only two Senate Democrats.

Despite the sharp rhetoric in the Capitol, GOP leadership aides said the legislation remained on track to be brought to a vote next week, and Democrats stopped short of threatening a filibuster that could delay or derail passage in the Senate.

In addition, sources familiar with negotiations said Republicans had agreed dur-

ing the day to concessions to delay the beginning of their plan for competition, and to provide further protection against the type of premium increases that Kennedy and other critics forecast would spell the doom of Medicare.

Rather than start in 2007, the program would begin in 2010, these sources said. And instead of limiting premium increases to 10 percent annually for seniors remaining in traditional Medicare, the cap would be 5 percent. Unresolved was the number of recipients to be covered.

Already, the special interests were beginning to line up.

The American Hospital Association announced its support of the bill, pleasing Republicans.

GOP officials also said they expected to gain the approval of the politically influential AARP, although the group's chief executive suggested the plan for direct competition in four metropolitan areas and one region be scaled down. "That sounds big," William Novelli said in an interview, adding the issue was "an example of what others should negotiate."

Republicans argue that the new private health plans would help modernize Medicare and possibly give seniors access to benefits such as preventive health care that are not currently covered by the government-run program. At the same time, they hope it will slow the growth in the cost of the program.

Many Democrats are wary of such a large role for private companies, but have been willing to accept it as part of a grand bargain that also included Republican support for the new drug benefit.

But in months of closed-door talks, lawmakers were unable to bridge their differences over Republican demands for direct competition between the two forms of coverage — the private and the public.

The plan blessed by Republicans Hastert and Frist called for a three-year program limited to four metropolitan areas and one additional region of the country where managed care already has 30

percent of its Medicare beneficiaries enrolled.

The Department of Health and Human Services could approve a three-year extension of the pro-

gram, but after that, it would expire without action by Congress.

But Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, circulated a letter criticizing the provision for competition and urging its removal from the measure. "The likely result will be significant increases in traditional Medicare premiums for seniors living in the affected area and could destabilize the Medicare program for all seniors," said the letter, signed by 30 Democrats, seven Republicans and one independent.

"This program is untested. It's untried. It's playing with people's lives."

Edward Kennedy
senator

"The likely result will be significant increases in traditional Medicare premiums for seniors ... and could destabilize the Medicare program."

letter signed by 38 senators

Guard

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pus and practice at Loftus.

The Guard then dons its traditional Scottish garb, which normally takes an hour to put on. The group's adherence to traditional Scottish dress has been its trademark since the Guard's inception in 1949.

After dressing, it performs with the marching band on the steps of Bond Hall. The Guard 'slow marches' in front of the Band and performs its time-honored 'victory clog.' After marching from Bond to the quad in front of the Dome, members are 'inspected' in the order of oldest to youngest by the captain and by alumni Guardsmen.

The Guard then leads the marching band through campus to the stadium and out onto the field to perform its pre-game routines, half-time show and post-game rituals, including the signature victory clog after a Notre Dame victory.

The Guard represents dignity and eminence to campus visitors, who delight in meeting the Guard and posing for pictures with its 10 kilted members.

"I've had people take pictures of me with their baby and then tell me the picture is going to be the family Christmas card," Coleman said.

"It makes you feel accomplished after all your hard work to get to go out and meet people and perform," he said.

Coleman said his most memorable experience with the Guard was the group's trip to Florida for the FSU game in 2002. The group, which is "very tight-knit," vacationed in Panama City that week.

"I'm going to miss it," Coleman said. "I've enjoyed my time on the guard."

"When I come back next year I will be really jealous of the guys who are out there," he said.

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Also, there will be competitions throughout the event to win **Bookstore Gift Certificates.**

Contact mfailor@nd.edu for Questions.

Midwest windstorms knock out power lines

Associated Press

Windstorms gusting to more than 70 mph swept across the Midwest and the East, knocking out power to more than 1.4 million customers and bringing rain and flooding that flushed out buildings "like a toilet."

A motorist who drove past a roadblock was swept away by a creek in West Virginia, and in New York a tree fell onto a car, killing the driver. A Virginia teenager was seriously injured when a tree fell on her as she waited for a school bus on Wednesday.

Michigan and Ohio were the hardest hit by power outages, with about 375,000 customers affected in each state. The majority had electricity restored by late Thursday.

Gusts up to 74 mph knocked down trees and power lines in Michigan. Scores of school districts canceled classes, and a live power line fell across Interstate 94 near the Detroit airport, creating a monster traffic jam.

Winds halted boat traffic on the Great Lakes, where waves of up to 16 feet were recorded

on lakes Erie and Ontario.

New York-area airports had flight delays of up to three hours Thursday.

Seven people were injured Wednesday night in Wooster, Ohio, when a tornado damaged a Rubbermaid plant. The twister, with winds of 110 to 130 mph, was on the ground for about 12 miles, said meteorologist Mark Adams of the National Weather Service.

"We've had substantial damage," Rubbermaid spokeswoman Keri Butler said Thursday. The company was still running its distribution site, but manufacturing was shut down.

Another tornado that hit Lexington Township near Alliance, about 50 miles southeast of Cleveland, had winds of 75 to 100 mph and damaged a few homes and a school, Adams said.

In West Virginia, heavy rain caused flooding Wednesday. A car that had driven around a fire truck and into a creek was found early Thursday, jammed under a bridge in Kanawha County's Loudendale area. The driver had been swept away.

Clark to take public money

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential hopeful Wesley Clark, who flirted with the idea of skipping public financing despite a late fund-raising start, announced Thursday he will stay within the system.

The decision means Clark will be limited to \$45 million in overall primary spending and will face state-by-state spending caps. He will be eligible for up to about \$19 million in government funding.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean last week became the first Democrat ever to turn away public financing and its spending limits for the primaries. Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry is considering skipping the system, which offers a match of up to \$250 for each contribution up to the limit.

Clark, who started his campaign in late September, raised \$3.5 million in the first two weeks. He expects to raise at least \$6 million in the current fund-raising quarter, which runs from October through December.

That would have him finishing the year with less than half the amount that money front-runners Dean and Kerry have

raised. Dean collected \$25 million through September, according to the most recent figures available, while Kerry raised \$20 million.

"We're raising money at a significant clip, which was why we waited so long to make the decision," Clark spokeswoman Kym Spell said.

However, she said, Clark ultimately decided to stay within public financing out of respect for the system and because it is the best decision for his campaign.

Clark has filed the initial paperwork with federal election regulators to qualify for the government campaign money. The Federal Election Commission will make the first payment in January.

The retired general's decision will provide him with an important cash infusion heading into the early primaries. If Clark becomes the Democratic nominee, however, there is a risk he will be near the spending limit as President Bush, with no primary opponent, has millions left to spend next spring and summer, before the general election season starts.

Bush has opted out of public financing for the primaries, as he did in his first bid, and is

already at or over the record \$106 million he raised in 2000. He plans to accept full public funding for the general election.

Spell said Clark decided not to let Bush's prolific fund raising affect his own campaign strategy. The retired general will have the resources he needs to run, she said.

Other Democratic candidates, including Joe Lieberman, Dick Gephardt and John Edwards, have also committed to taking public financing.

Clark has been capitalizing on Dean's decision to opt out of the system.

Clark campaign chairman Eli Segal sent a donor appeal Thursday noting Dean's recent decision to skip public financing and the accompanying spending limits, as well as the possibility that Kerry will follow.

"Both have been raising money for over a year and are blanketing the key early states with television advertising and paid campaign workers," Segal wrote in the e-mail. "As you know well, Wes Clark's campaign began just eight weeks ago."

Segal told donors a \$1,000 contribution would help pay for a month's rent on the campaign's new South Carolina office, \$500 would buy a computer for an Arizona campaign staffer and \$100 pays for a round-trip bus ticket from Little Rock, Ark., to Tulsa, Okla.



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Kerry apologizes to former staff

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry called three former aides Thursday to apologize for saying his campaign will be "better off" without them.

Kerry made the calls hours after he said in an interview with The Associated Press that the firing of campaign manager Jim Jordan on Sunday was proof of his ability to make tough decisions.

Within days of Jordan's dismissal, Kerry's press secretary and deputy finance director quit.

"When you change one person, it is not at all unusual that a couple of people that person hired, that I barely know, who are not really involved with me, decide to go," Kerry said.

Even some of his top advisers privately complained that Kerry's remarks threatened to further divide his staff and add steam to an internal squabble that has raised questions about his management style.

Robert Gibbs had been chief spokesman for the Massachusetts senator and Carl Chidlow had been deputy finance director since late January, according to the campaign. Both quit on Tuesday after nearly a year on the Kerry team.

"What's important is that I as a chief executive made a tough decision. And if somebody else is not loyal to me but is loyal to the manager, they don't belong in the campaign," he said. "My

campaign will be better off moving ahead with people who want to be there. I think it underscores why I had to make a change."

A senior Kerry adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Kerry called Jordan, Gibbs and Chidlow to apologize for the remarks.

Gibbs will be replaced by Stephanie Cutter, a former spokeswoman for Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. and currently the spokeswoman for the Democratic National Convention.

Jordan was replaced Monday by Mary Beth Cahill, who was Kennedy's chief of staff. The switch, less than three months before voters in Iowa participate in the first-in-the-nation

caucuses, was designed to jumpstart Kerry's campaign by signaling to fund-raisers and activists that he was addressing problems that have caused his campaign to slump.

Another senior Kerry adviser, also speaking on condition of anonymity, defended the senator's actions by saying the campaign did not function properly under Jordan. The official said Jordan's firing had been in the works since September, even as Kerry denied reports of a

shakeup and pledged "there will be no changes" on his staff. Jordan had no comment on the official's remarks.

Kerry, meanwhile, reassured congressional supporters in a conference call Wednesday night that change would energize his campaign.

"There was certainly no hand-wringing," said Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass. "He said they had private polling that put them in pretty good shape."

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., praised Kerry's choice of Cahill and said lawmakers on the call were supportive and believe that the presidential race is still wide open.

Responding to Kerry's comments, Gibbs said, "I enjoyed working for Senator Kerry and wish him the best. I believe he will make a great president of the United States."

Kerry had described the firing of Jordan as a "one-day story," but the departures of two other staffers and questions about whether he could revive his struggling campaign have lingered. He trails rival Howard Dean by double digits in New Hampshire, a must-win state for the two New Englanders.

Questioned Thursday, Kerry said, "It's time for this campaign to get really real and focused. It's been frankly very superficial in many ways, and I hope voters are now beginning to really focus."

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**John Kerry
Democratic
presidential hopeful**

"I enjoyed working for Senator Kerry and wish him the best."

**Robert Gibbs
former chief
spokesman for Kerry's
campaign**

Guidant takes insurers to court

Fight prompted by medical device failure

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Guidant Corp. said it is suing its insurers over coverage of costs from safety problems with a medical device that led to \$92 million in federal fines, product liability lawsuits and other expenses.

One of Guidant's insurance carriers also has sued the medical device maker, the Indianapolis-based company said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The fines grew out of a criminal investigation of a Guidant subsidiary's failure to report problems with the Ancure blood-vessel patching device.

As part of a plea agreement reached in June, the subsidiary, Menlo Park, Calif.-based EndoVascular Technologies Inc., acknowledged it misled the Food and Drug Administration by not disclosing that the device was linked to 12 deaths and thousands of injuries. Doctors who implanted the device reported parts sometimes got stuck in arteries. Some also reported trouble removing the device's plastic sleeve.

Guidant recorded a \$17 million second-quarter charge from costs to discontinue the device, which was used to cure aneurysms in the blood vessels leading to the heart. Guidant also closed EndoVascular, which accounted for less than 2 percent of the parent company's \$3.2 billion in sales last

year. In addition to the federal fines, Guidant faces lawsuits seeking damages over patient deaths and injuries.

Guidant said in its SEC filing Wednesday that it had settled 11 of 14 lawsuits filed before the June plea agreement.

Since June, Guidant has been served with about 15 more individual complaints. Two lawsuits that could gain class-action certification in Northern California also are pending.

Guidant had previously said it expected its liability insurance would cover any losses.

But Wednesday's filing said one of Guidant's carriers, Allianz Insurance Co., had filed a lawsuit in DuPage County, Ill., that seeks to rescind or deny coverage.

Guidant said it has sued Allianz and other carriers in Marion County Superior Court in Indianapolis to preserve its coverage rights.

Guidant said it "continues to make progress in managing its product liability exposure" from the Ancure device.

Allianz, a German insurer, seeks financial damages in its lawsuit and relief from coverage obligations to Guidant. The company's complaint says Guidant's insurance claims "include a request for reimbursement for a \$49 million civil settlement made in conjunction with a criminal plea and multiple civil actions" involving the Ancure device.

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SAUDI ARABIA

Bombing increases push for democracy

Associated Press

RIYADH — The bombing that killed 17 people in the Saudi capital is intensifying pressure for democratic reform in Saudi Arabia, and is likely to undercut the militants' support among Arabs who previously sympathized to some degree with their goals.

While some have rejoiced over Saturday's suicide car bombing, many in the Arab world are shocked that it targeted Arabs and Muslims.

The bombing — the work of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, according to U.S. and Saudi officials — hit a housing compound in Riyadh that the attackers must have known houses Arab families. As a result, said Saudi political analyst Dawood al-Shirian, many Saudis who felt some sympathy for bin Laden or even saw justification for the Sept. 11 attacks are now beginning to question his goals.

"When they see the images of dead children, when they see the images of a dead mother, if one of their own dies, they will turn away from the militants," said al-Shirian. "That's what will isolate the militants."

On the streets of the capital

one evening this week, after breaking their daily Ramadan fast, some Muslims expressed fear such attacks would sully Islam or encourage its enemies.

Khalid al-Sultan, 32, a catering company employee, called it "un-Islamic." Abdul-Rahman al-Sheikh, a 41-year-old businessman, said al-Qaida militants are "not only a threat to the people in the kingdom but also a threat to humanity and our peaceful religion."

That feeling was not universal, however. In Saudi Arabia and elsewhere, many Arabs have fallen back on conspiracy theories about America and Israel engineering the bombing — or at least letting it happen — in order to discredit Islam.

"I have the feeling that those who did it can't be Muslims. Why not Americans?" lawyer Fatma Lasheen said in Cairo. "The American Embassy closed the day of the operation. And if not, why didn't they foil this operation if they knew about it? Don't you think it is strange?"

The U.S. Embassy in Riyadh had closed because of fears an attack was imminent, but U.S. officials said the intelligence did not say where it might happen.

UNITED KINGDOM

Royal tabloid rumors abate

Associated Press

LONDON — It was all good news for Prince Charles on British front pages Thursday. For the first time in nearly two weeks, he wasn't mentioned on any of them.

The storm over the allegation that couldn't be reported has abated.

But can it last? Given the public's media-fed fascination with Charles, his former marriage and royals in general, don't count on it.

"Why are we reading this endless bilge about the 'damaging allegations' against the Prince of Wales?" Conservative legislator Boris Johnson said in his Daily Telegraph column Thursday.

"Is it the media's insatiable lust for readers and viewers, that they will print what they know to be the most pathetic and ludicrous lies?"

The odd affair of the unspoken allegation began Nov. 1, when a British court granted an injunction to stop the Mail on Sunday newspaper from printing the allegations of a former royal valet, George Smith. It also forbade identification of a "royal servant" who had claimed the story was libelous, and sought the injunction.

The gag order began to unravel, however, when The Guardian newspaper went to

court to argue that the identity of royal servants who sue should not be given a cloak of anonymity which was denied to ordinary Britons.

The Guardian prevailed, and identified the suing servant as Michael Fawcett, former senior aide to Charles.

The Guardian emphasized that it didn't believe the allegations, adding that they "differ from the highly colored rumors about royal affairs which have surfaced recently in the tabloids."

With Charles clearly in the spotlight, he authorized a statement identifying himself as the "senior royal" who didn't do whatever it was that hadn't been reported.

"This allegation is untrue. The incident which the former employee claims to have witnessed did not take place," said the statement issued by the prince's private secretary, Sir Michael Peat.

It added that the former servant who made the allegation "unfortunately ... has suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and has previously suffered from alcoholism."

Nonetheless, it soon became known that Smith alleged that he had been raped by another royal servant, and that he also claimed to have seen Charles involved in an "incident."

Newspapers in Britain didn't say much more about the "inci-

dent." But a name reported in one story, an apparent fact dropped in another, and a large hint in one of the pictures published in several papers fed the rumors.

Charles' denial seemed only to make it worse.

Graphic versions of the "incident" turned up on the Internet. Some newspapers on the continent, not restrained by British courts, were explicit about the report.

But those papers weren't on the newsstands in places like W.H. Smith, Britain's big news and book retailer. Not our fault, said Smith, saying the distributor hadn't delivered the papers. The distributor wouldn't talk.

Charles' former press aide, Mark Bolland, who said he was trying to be helpful, disclosed that a senior royal servant had once asked him whether Charles was bisexual. That question fit neatly, in huge type, on the front page of last Sunday's News of the World, the nation's largest-selling newspaper. Bolland's unequivocal denial was in the small type.

The episode followed yet another round of raking over the ashes of Charles' marriage to Princess Diana.

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Praising student input into search process

Searching for a new President of a college or university can be a tedious task, one necessitating input from various parties to ensure the compatibility of the chosen candidate.

The process of interviewing candidates and allowing them to familiarize themselves with the College is essential to this process. But normally, the interviewing process is left to Board members or administrative higher-ups and students are virtually excluded from the entire procedure.

So credit Saint Mary's, as the College hires its 11th president, for allowing students to engage in conversation with the candidates. This open process has permitted the students to meet the candidate, get to know her and evaluate her afterwards, if they so choose. At student-candidate luncheons, students have had the opportunity to ask questions and get to know the candidate. Following the forum, students may log onto a Web site and send a feedback form to the Presidential Search Committee so that the committee knows how the students viewed the candidate. The Presidential Search Committee consists of 13 members and also has student representation: — including Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, the student body president, is a member of the committee.

Engaging students in the discussions, encouraging them to send the committee their thoughts and feelings and allowing a student representative on the committee shows that the College understands and acknowledges the importance of a strong relationship between the new president and the student body. The flip side of opening this process to students, of course, is to ensure that their feedback is seriously taken into consideration when the final decision is made. Because the new president will affect the College in so many ways, ensuring student satisfaction is an important step to maintaining solid administrative-student relationships.

Holding some of the selection process with an open door policy furthers the students' willingness to be active on or around campus. It is a sharp contrast to Notre Dame's campus, where administrators rarely give students input into key decisions. This policy has led to poor student-administrator relations, as students believe their input is cast aside adopt negative attitudes.

Saint Mary's should be commended for its hiring process. With the opportunity for so many people to express so many opinions, it is hard to imagine the College community will be displeased with the final choice for President.

The Observer Editorial

The rape of the land

During his presidential campaign, President George W. Bush declared himself a "conservationist" rather than an environmentalist. While for once his panache for linguistic inventiveness happened upon an actual word, his statement remained misleading. In the time since his election, Bush has done much to undermine environmental initiatives: increasing logging on public land, lowering emission standards and failing to investigate potential violations of the Clean Air Act. His decisions have repeatedly put the concerns of special interests and industry above public opinion and public health.

This past week the attorneys general in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut instigated litigation to compel power plants in that region to decrease pollution. This followed the Bush Administration's decision to abandon over 50 investigations of potential Clean Air Act violations. The Environmental Protection Agency's new standards, which halted these investigations, are the product of industry complaints presented two years ago to Vice President Dick Cheney's clandestine energy task force. While in the past the upgrading of power plants required improved pollution controls, the utility companies managed to compel Cheney to eliminate this rule for the sake of producing more power (and of course greater profit). In addition to dismissing their own litigation, the EPA's new standards have also weakened the legal basis of the cases being pursued by the states.

Unfortunately, this is only the most recent example of the Administration's failure to take advantage of the federal government's ability to protect the environment and the health of American citizens. President Bush's decisions often pay little heed to either the conclusions of studies made by

his own EPA or to public opinion. Consider the recent decision to reverse a Clinton Administration plan to phase out snowmobile usage in Yellowstone National Park. After conducting its own study, the Bush Administration's EPA concluded that allowing snowmobiles in Yellowstone caused unnecessary pollution and disturbed wildlife. When the Interior Department asked for public opinion on the issue they received 360,000 responses and four out of five supported banning snowmobiles. In the end the administration not only decided to continue allowing their use, they even increased the number of snowmobiles that will be allowed.

Disdain for public opinion on environmental policy appears to be a common practice for this administration. An even more glaring example can be found in the decision to open two million acres of land in Utah to exploration for gas and oil. The Bureau of Land Management received 25,200 comments opposing the project and less than 200 in supported. Nonetheless, the plan was approved anyway. Such lack of concern for the opinion of environmentally concerned citizens should not be surprising from a president who, according to a biographer, refers to environmentalists as "Green-green-lima-beans."

Many of these environmental policies are the product of Vice President Cheney's Energy Task Force, a group that met shortly after the beginning of the Bush presidency to devise administration energy policy. Their meetings, which occurred behind closed doors, involved testimony from hundreds of individuals. Many were energy industry lobbyists and executives (including Enron's Kenneth Lay) but few were environmentalists. This past September, for the fourth time, the courts rejected efforts by the Bush Administration to keep documents from those meetings secret. Nonetheless, the administration continues to seek ways to avoid releasing them.

Earlier this year New York's Republican Governor, George Pataki, announced a new

standard that will require, within the next 10 years, that one-fourth of all electricity sold in New York come from renewable energy sources. In light of such bold action, what seems to be missing from President Bush's administration are the political will to refuse the demands of the energy lobby that helped finance his election and the desire to show any interest in the opinions and health of concerned citizens.

The result is an energy policy focused on production in the form of coal, oil, natural gas and nuclear energy, but which offers only distant hopes of more renewable energy sources and no incentives for energy conservation. Ironically enough, President Bush's own Western White House (his private home in Crawford, Texas) boasts a geothermal heating and cooling system, a passive solar design and a cistern that collects water for irrigation use. These features do not simply conserve energy, they also save money. But they are features the average American cannot afford absent government initiatives directed at energy conservation and an increased commitment to renewable energy sources.

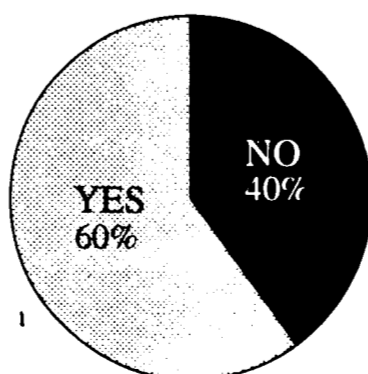
Such initiatives are not part of this administration's policies, nor will they be so long as our energy policy is formulated behind closed doors and absent respect for both the environment and public opinion. American citizens should demand their president show greater concern for the welfare of his citizens and the land they inhabit. So long as the energy industry's donations fill this administration's campaign coffers a change in policies seems unlikely. As much as it might soon be necessary, I would not hold your breath waiting for such a change.

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OBSERVER POLL

Do you support moving the Pass-in-Review, the annual procession by ROTC students, to an outside location?



*Poll is based on 209 responses.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Two roads diverged in a wood and I — I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

Robert Frost
poet

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fashion isn't important at Notre Dame

As a senior who can't help but read the train wrecks in the Viewpoint section, I've looked at the same four or five arguments repeated each year. The charming debate between students and religious Nazis over whether or not homosexuality is okay is my personal favorite for an I-can't-believe-this-person-exists smirk, but the rants on student body unity are always a great source of unintentional humor as well. Emily Howald did little more than state the obvious in her Nov. 10 column about our homogenous fashion sense. Anne Morrison, in her letter to the editor, apparently thinks that following the "fashion trends" of the majority is prerequisite for being a part of the community.

In her Nov. 12 reply, Morrison was "appalled" by the column, believing that Howald's article could "further detach" students with less economic privilege who can't afford such all-important brands as Abercrombie. Howald's article was a declaration of war, apparently, as Morrison states it "is actually a united front with which you pit the people that can afford to dress that way against those that cannot."

Morrison cares a bit too much about fashion. She also overestimates the fashion authority and overall coolness of the student body. The Notre Dame girls I see around campus do dress similarly, but I wouldn't necessarily call an oversized sweatshirt, sweatpants, sneakers, reading glasses and a ponytail a big chunk of anyone's paycheck. Nor would I say that it hinges on being part of the community, unless you're the type who needs to blend in with your surroundings. Maybe one of the aforementioned girls is buying \$50 sweatpants at the bookstore and the other found her pair at Salvation Army for \$2, but I can't tell the difference as I pass them on the quad.

Why be threatened by the fact that a large percentage of students have bland, unoriginal and interchangeable wardrobes? You probably know exactly who I'm talking about when I say "that one girl with short black spiky hair who

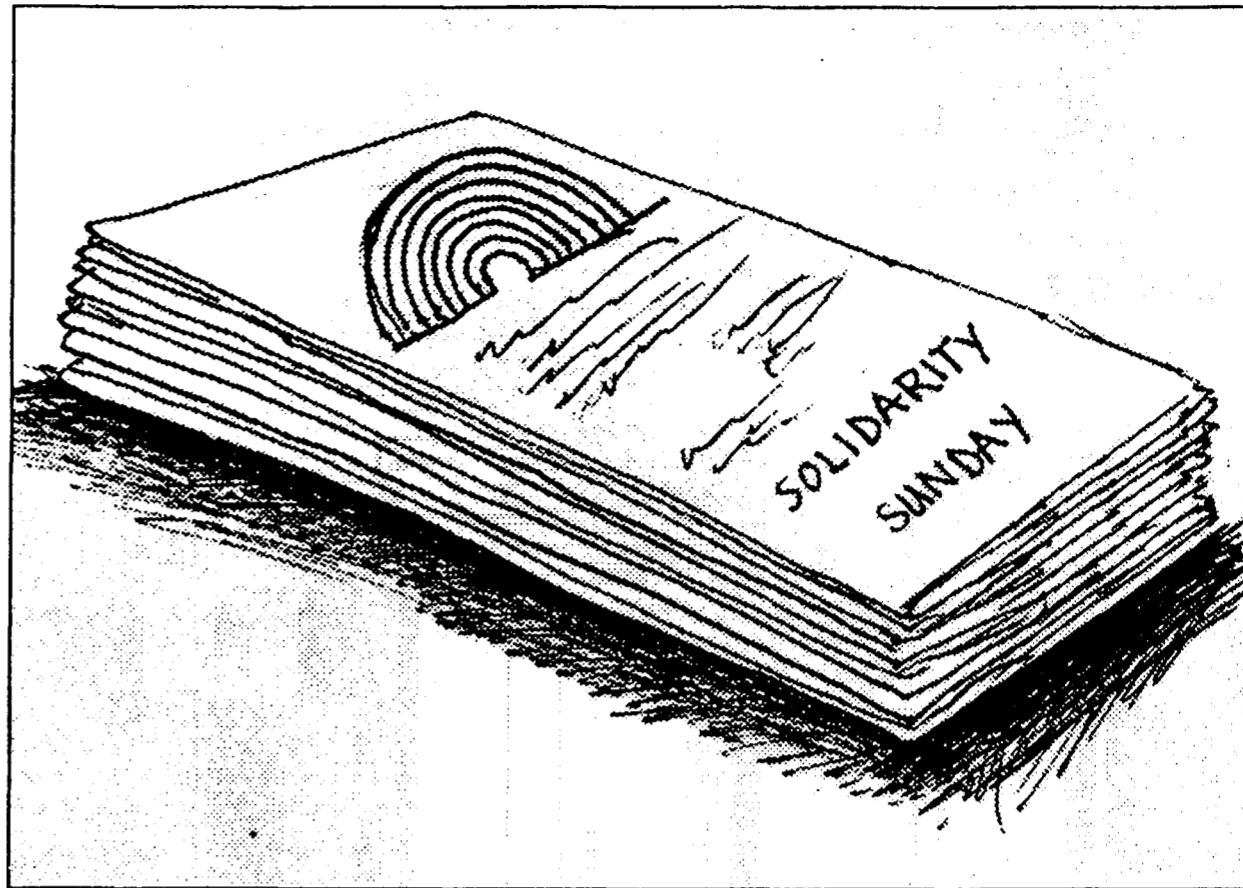
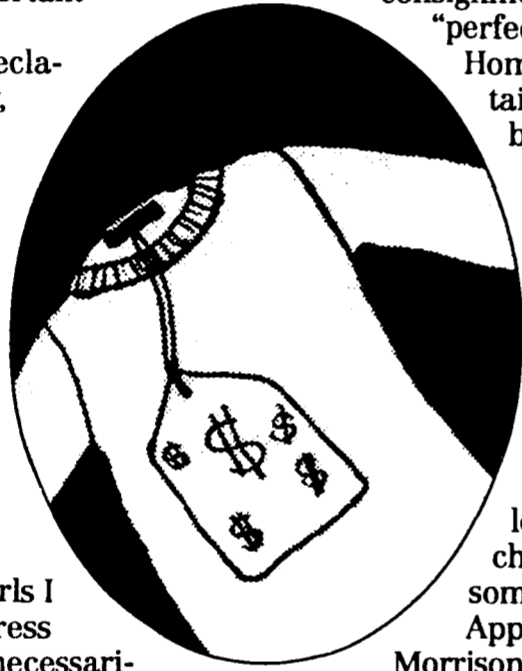
always wears funky pants," but have no idea who "that girl with the black pointy shoes and wool sweater" is. To this I give a resounding "so what," and you should, too. As someone who can barely afford utilities or replacement tires (my car is, a week later, still sitting on a street near Roseland with a flat), I am quite happy to dress in old T-shirts and the same three pairs of pants for no other reason than I like them. The same goes for many of those who are swimming in a sea of Old Navy sweaters. Does Dave Matthews make you feel threatened, too? He's also bland and all over campus.

I would argue that Notre Dame students are defined by their lack of effort to keep up with fashion trends. It doesn't take nearly as much time to pick something out of one of your roommate's catalogs as it does to read fashion magazines, haunt consignment shops, and find that "perfect" Strokes T-shirt.

Homogeneity in fashion is certainly not an act of exclusion by the Notre Dame community, unless one thinks that clothes define the person, in which case most of us could be defined by the word "blah." We actually promote blending in with everyone else here, if you haven't noticed, and all 10 of the underprivileged here can easily choose to do so by finding something boring to wear. Apparently, being part of

Morrison's community requires wearing "vintage clothing, band T-shirts or even homemade clothes." She was even so kind as to point out where we should look for her in the dining hall. In short, Morrison's article read more like a plea for recognition than a plea for unity. Your friends "don't wear Notre Dame apparel on any given day" — good for them. I'll be sure to wave as I pass the "first table on the left" in North Dining Hall. Maybe I'll even throw you a copy of "The Hipster Handbook."

Dan Maguire
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 off-campus
 Nov. 13



University must support Solidarity Sunday

According to Campus Ministry, Solidarity Sunday is "an annual event each fall semester to highlight our community's 'spirit of inclusion' for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students, faculty and staff."

There are two components of SS. First, students, recruited through OutreachND (an unrecognized organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transexual and questioning students), distribute prayer cards bearing a symbol of "solidarity" at the Basilica Masses and to dorms for Sunday night Masses. Second, the priests at each mass discuss the issue of homosexuality at Notre Dame and the "spirit of inclusion" in their homilies.

SS was designated for Nov. 9 this year not only because it was a home football game, but also a parent weekend — the University would be able to demonstrate its "spirit of inclusion" to its extended Notre Dame family.

This year, however, SS did not happen.

Although Campus Ministry ordered the prayer cards, recruited volunteers to glue 3,000 stickers onto the cards and reserved a room to assemble them, they did not save the date. As a result, Nov. 9 was scheduled as Mission Sunday. The 11:45 a.m. Basilica Mass collection went to Holy Cross missions and the homily praised ministering in Bangladesh. Outside, six students warmed their hands and waited to distribute prayer cards for Solidarity Sunday. Sadly, their efforts were futile.

As one of those six students, I distributed cards at four Masses over the weekend. I took charge of the event when I realized Thursday that a sign-up sheet for volunteers to distribute the cards hadn't been established. On Friday afternoon, I discovered that there were still 500 stickers to glue onto prayer cards but that the office they were in had been locked for the weekend. By Saturday, only five people had signed up to distribute. I assigned them to four Masses (two after Saturday's game and two Sunday morning). Plans had not been made to distribute cards to dorms.

To make a long story short, thanks to frantic delegation, all of the cards were delivered to the dorms by Sunday afternoon. But no one knew what they were for.

SS is annual tradition; why did it go so badly this year?

In previous years, students with several years of experience with OutreachND and the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs made the event happen almost single-handedly. This year's leadership, however, in both OutreachND and the Standing Committee, is largely new and inexperienced. This led to three-way pointing where Campus Ministry looked to OutreachND, OutreachND looked to Campus Ministry and the Standing Committee, and the Standing Committee looked to Campus Ministry to take care of it.

So no one did. It is particularly ironic that CM relies on OutreachND to create the event when Student Activities has rejected OutreachND's applications for club status claiming there is "no need" for the organization.

This year Notre Dame was ranked first on the Princeton Review's list of schools where "alternative lifestyles are not an alternative." In an effort to disprove this ranking, I suggest the University take full responsibility for SS.

The way SS faltered reflects very badly on the University. A more cynical person could claim it demonstrates a systematic and even intentional marginalization of "alternative lifestyles." The negative atmosphere toward gay, lesbian and bisexual students is prevalent on campus. A true promotion of the "spirit of inclusion" would fight against this atmosphere by assuring Solidarity Sunday is a well-publicized and well-run event.

With continued effort by the Notre Dame community, particularly the administration, I believe our football ranking can easily exceed our "no alternative lifestyle" ranking.

Rose Lindgren
 senior
 off-campus
 Nov. 12

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Chamber Orchestra and

The sounds of Bach and Schubert echoed through the ceilings of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart as the University of Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra presented their fall concert.

By JONATHAN RETARTHA
Scene Writer

The sounds of Bach and Schubert echoed through the ceilings of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Wednesday night as the University of Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra presented their fall concert.

The majority of the Basilica's nave was full of spectators as the Chamber Orchestra and Chorale opened their performance season. The Notre Dame Chorale was started in 1974 and is the official concert choir of the University. The Chamber Orchestra was started in 1994 by the current director of choral music, Alexander Blachly.

Blachly is an associate professor of music at Notre Dame and has served as director since 1993. Since earning his post-graduate degrees in musicology from Columbia University, he has gone on to found the acclaimed vocal ensemble Pomerium, which specializes in recording a capella Renaissance music.

In addition to teaching at Notre Dame, Blachly has been a music educator at Columbia, New York University, Rutgers, and the University of Pennsylvania. Along with his teaching and directing duties, he also co-directs the Schola Musicorum of Notre Dame with Calvin M. Bower and hosts a radio program Wednesdays on WSND.

The audition process for the Notre Dame chorale is very similar to the auditions held for the other vocal groups on campus.

"We have general chorale auditions

on [freshman] orientation weekend," Blachly said. At these auditions, all of the directors of the vocal groups are present, and the applicants choose a preference of what program with which they would like to be involved.

"The kids just audition once," Blachly said, "and almost always they tend to get in their first choice. The priority, however, is in assigning students into the programs with which they fit the best. They [the different vocal groups] have different personalities, different sounds," Blachly said. "Some that may be suited for one choir may not be as well suited for another."

The Chamber Orchestra is comprised of students from the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra, and the University bands. Students who choose to participate in the Chamber Orchestra are active members of both the Chamber and Symphony Orchestras, an effort that demands a different level of devotion.

"They have to want to do it," Blachly said, "They have to be pretty dedicated."

The Chamber Orchestra and Chorale are two of a small collection of organizations at Notre Dame that cater directly to freshmen and give undergrads a chance to be prominent figures early on in the program.

"It tends to be weighted towards freshmen, partly because when they come in, they know they like to sing, but they don't know about all the other wonderful things there are to do," Blachly said.

Even though the program has a hard time keeping students involved for all four years, the opportunities for freshmen to get involved with

something their first year and to meet people is a unique and rewarding experience.

The thing that sets the Chamber Orchestra apart from the Symphony Orchestra is its repertoire. "They [the Symphony] do big 19th century orchestras," Blachly said. "Chamber does mostly Baroque music."

This contrast in musical styles stems from the fact that the Chamber Orchestra is a much smaller group, consisting of 16 students playing violins, violas, cellos, basses, oboes and harpsichords. The absence of other instruments warrants the 18th century Baroque style.

As for the Chorale, its music repertoire is somewhat limited due to the venue for their performances. Since the fall and spring concerts are in the Basilica, the Chorale may only sing non-secular texts, that is, liturgical music. To Blachly, though, this limitation is "hardly a hardship." Blachly adds, "We sing in the basilica because it's got a fantastic acoustic, and because it's got a fantastic atmosphere; it's kind of a magic place there, and a wonderful place for concerts." The Chorale has a membership of around 50 students in all vocal ranges who are involved with every field of study at the University.

Wednesday night's performance featured individual performances from the Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, as well as a combined piece. The concert opened with the Chamber Orchestra performing "Ouverture in D" by Georg Philipp Telemann. The Chorale then took the stage, set up on the altar of the Basilica, and performed two pieces from Antonio Lotti's "Mass in A." The "Kyrie" and the "Agnus (Lamb of



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God)" are both essential parts to the contemporary Roman Catholic Mass, and the Chorale illuminated them both through the unique arrangement and traditional Latin text. The Chorale went on to perform Franz Schubert's arrangement of "Salve Regina," which features the verse inscribed on the seal of the Brothers of the Holy Cross that describes Our Lady as "Our life, sweetness, and hope." They then performed Cristóbal de Morales's 16th century adaptation of Psalm 17, "Circumdederunt Me," which is a short passage that laments, "The groans of death have surrounded me; the sorrows of hell have surrounded me." The Chorale



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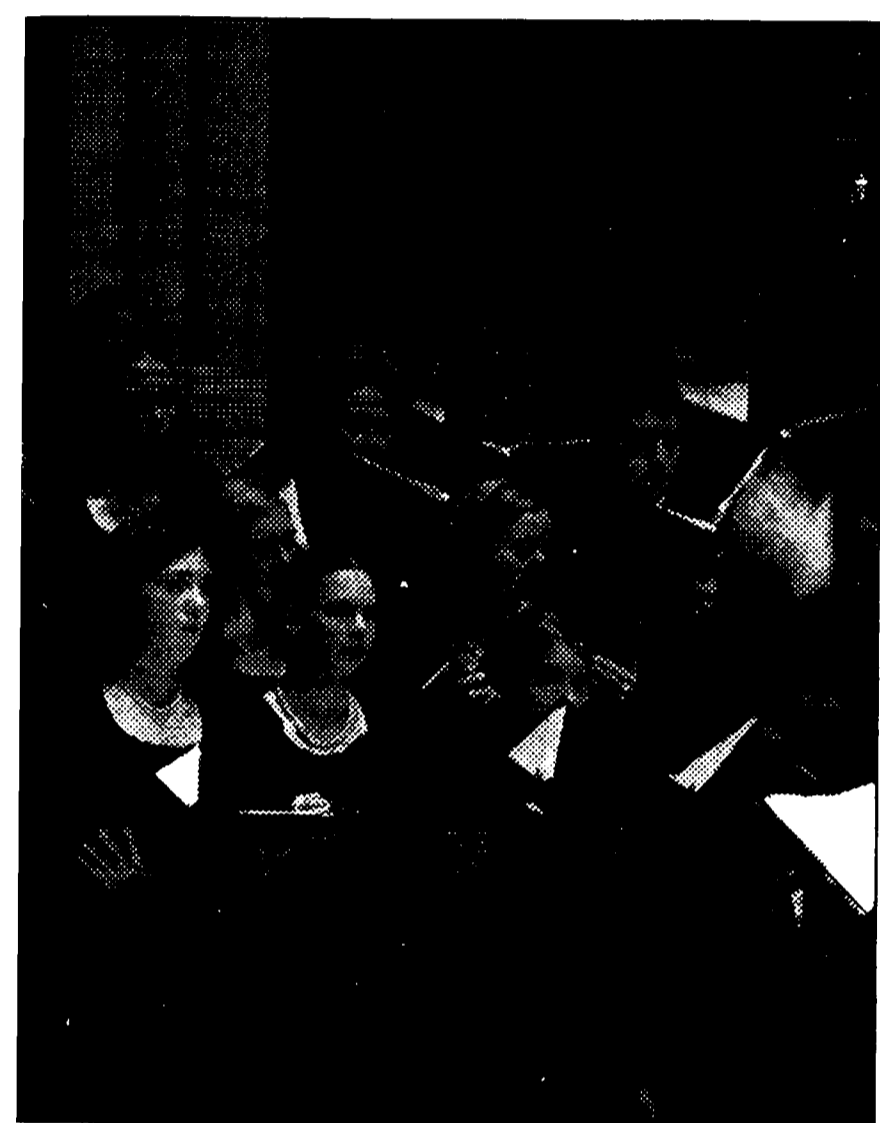


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then presented their first piece in English, a three-part arrangement of Orlando Gibbons's "A Hymne to God the Father," which implores the Lord for forgiveness for a life of sin.

The Chamber Orchestra then returned to the stage and performed Johann Sebastian Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 3," with selections from the Allegro and Adagio portions of the piece. "The reason we were able to do the 3rd Brandenburg tonight is because we had strong violas," notes Blachly. He also went on to say that a strong viola section has often been hard to find in his experience and that being fortunate enough to have Adam Shanko

and Christina Knuth provided the opportunity to perform the "Brandenburg" for the first time in close to 10 years.

The Chorale returned and performed "Nunc Dimittis," by Henry Purcell, an arrangement of Luke 2:29, which provides the source for the "Glory Be" which is recited during such services as the Rosary. They then performed two by Francis Poulenc. The first was "Videntes Stellam," based on Matthew 2:11, which describes the Magi's trip to shower the newborn Jesus with gifts. The second, "Timor et Tremor" is based on Psalms 54, 6, and 30, and reflects a fear for the Lord and an imploring for His help. The Chorale's two graduate assistants, Ivana Savanosová and Stephen Lancaster, respectively conducted each piece. What makes "Circumdederunt Me," "Nunc Dimittis," "Videntes Stellam," and "Timor et Tremor" unique is that they are very short scripture passages sung in many different ways and combinations of voices that lend

themselves to five- or six-minute pieces.

Finally, the Chamber Orchestra joined the Chorale on stage and gave a combined performance of Bach's Cantata, "Aus der Tiefen (Out of the Depths)." The Cantata is an arrangement of Psalm 130 in five parts. The first movement is titled "Aus der Tiefen," and is based on verses one and two of Psalm 130. The second movement, based on the third and fourth verses, is titled "So du Willst," and featured Matthew Smedberg as the bass soloist.

Smedberg gave an inspiring performance filled with very low notes

held for long periods. "Ich Harre des Herrn," the third movement, is based on verse five and is three simple verses presented with remarkable depth and complexity by the Chorale. The fourth movement, "Meine Seele Wartet," featured Brian Manternach of the music Department as the guest tenor soloist.

The concert concluded with Bach's fifth movement, titled "Israel, Hoffe auf den Herrn," based on verses seven and eight of Psalm 130. "The Bach cantata tonight was selected because we had a great bass singer to sing the bass solo," Blachly said, and "we have three wonderful oboes."

In addition to the fall and spring concerts, the Chamber Orchestra and Chorale annually perform George Frideric Handel's "Messiah" during the Christmas season. This year's performances will be Dec. 3-5. The Chamber Orchestra and Chorale also perform a concert during Commencement weekend and at the Baccalaureate Mass.

As with many of the other performing groups at Notre Dame, the Chamber Orchestra and Chorale have a tradition of performing around the country during semester breaks. They have three trips to Florida, four to New Orleans and many to Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis, Ind. They have also performed in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Louisville, St. Louis and Chicago, among other locations.

Blachly explained that all of the tours work in basically the same way. Many of the touring opportunities present for the Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra come from the benefit of Notre Dame's strong Alumni Association. They have a stu-

dent in charge who begins by choosing a general section of the country they want to tour in. They then call alumni groups in that area to see which ones would like to sponsor performances.

"We'll get one concert set before the others, and the rest fall into place," said Blachly. Every three years, the group travels abroad during the summer, performing in such locations as Rome, Orvieto, Spoleto, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Venice, Padua, Bavaria and Austria.

The Chorale and Chamber Orchestra have two recordings on CD.

The first is "Cantata Domino," featuring a portion of their "Messiah" performances. The second is "The Notre Dame Chorale in Concert" and features large selections from Handel, Joseph Haydn, Orlande de Lassus and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

In all, the concert provided for a wonderful evening of classical music that was enjoyed by the "respectful and

enthusiastic" crowd, Blachly said.

The skill needed for such difficult pieces presented in several languages reflects the hard work put into rehearsing for the evening's performance. The Orchestra blended very well as a group for such a small ensemble, and it balanced itself very well with the Chorale in the Cantata.

"I thought the kids did great," Blachly said. He, along with his performers, looks forward now to "Messiah" in December, an event that normally brings sellout crowds each year to Washington Hall.

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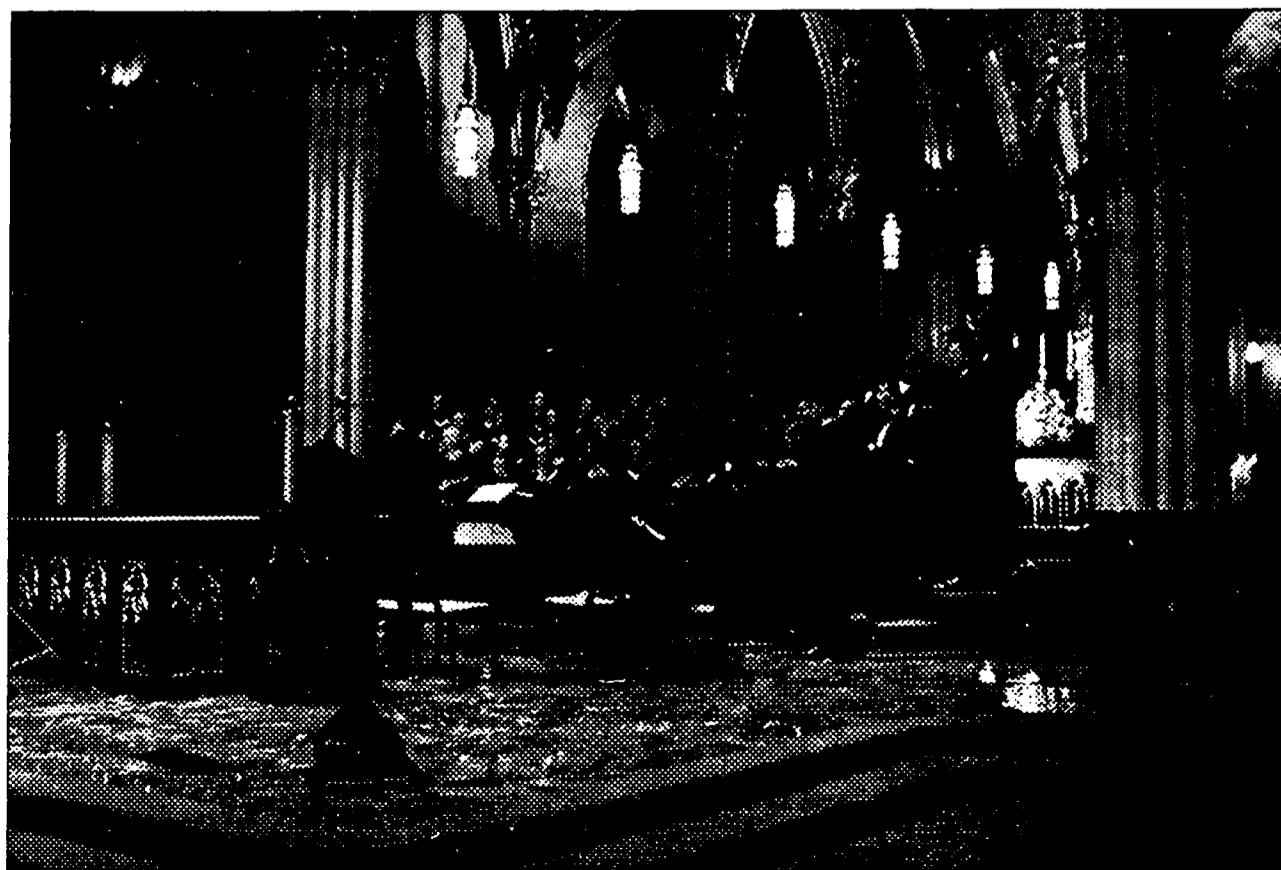
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NBA

Bryant makes first court appearance

Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — Kobe Bryant made his first court appearance Thursday before the judge who will handle his sexual assault trial, saying nothing as the parents of his accuser sat just a few feet away.

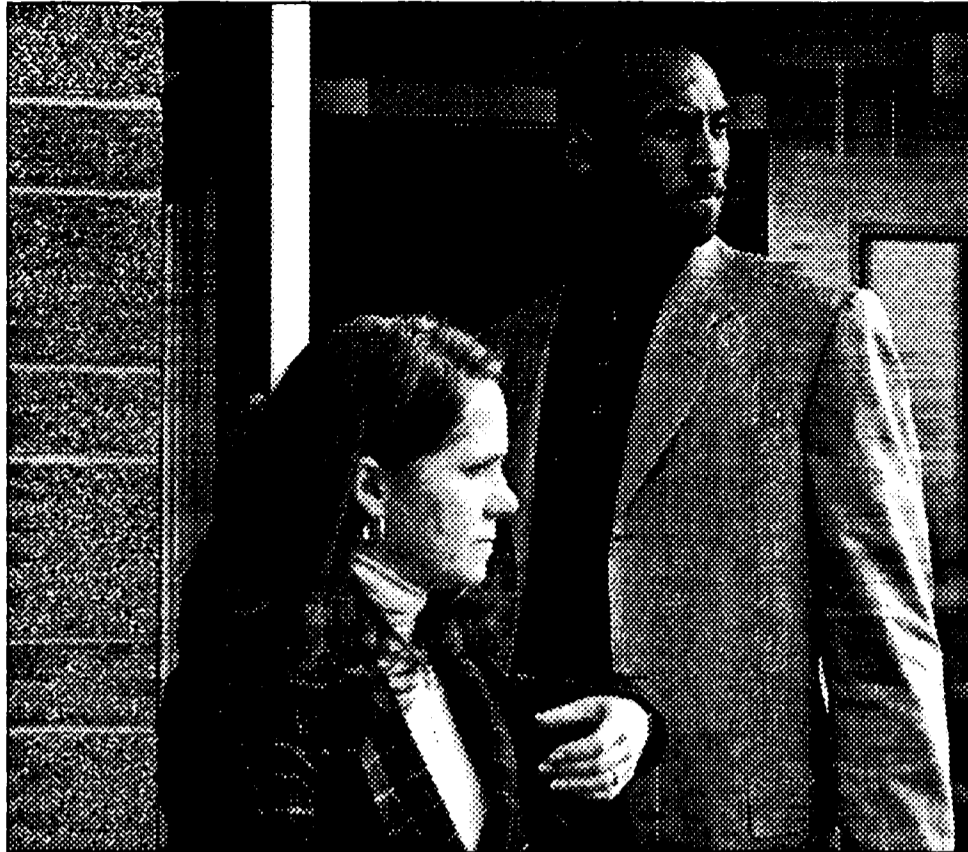
It was the first time family members of the 19-year-old woman have attended a hearing in the case and the first time they have seen the Los Angeles Lakers' guard in person, prosecution spokeswoman Krista Flannigan said.

Besides the parents, two brothers and a cousin of the woman were present. The family left the courthouse without commenting, though Flannigan said they told her they were glad they came.

Bryant, who played a home game in Los Angeles the night before, sat calmly through the 12-minute procedural hearing, occasionally whispering to one of his attorneys. He left immediately afterward but Lakers officials said bad weather kept him from arriving in time for practice.

The defense waived Bryant's rights to be advised of the sexual assault charge against him and the penalty he faces if convicted — four years to life in prison and 20 years to life on probation. Bryant's \$25,000 bail was left unchanged.

"We have decided to follow the court's usual procedure and not enter a plea as of today," defense attorney Pamela Mackey said. "I fully



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advised my client of the charge against him and the possible penalty."

Judge Terry Ruckriegle set a pretrial hearing for Dec. 19 and another for Jan. 23 to settle various motions. Bryant will have to appear at both hearings to show he is complying with conditions of his bond, Flannigan said.

Attorneys on both sides said they would need two to three weeks for a trial, and the judge said his staff would begin looking at potential dates.

Bryant is accused of raping the woman June 30 at a mountain resort near

Edwards where she worked and he was a guest. Bryant, 25, said the two had consensual sex.

He isn't expected to enter a plea until his arraignment, which hasn't been scheduled. After a formal plea, state law requires the trial must be scheduled within six months unless Bryant waives his right to a speedy trial.

The Dec. 19 hearing will examine whether the woman's medical records and records from a rape crisis center should be given to the defense and whether anyone involved in the case has been leaking information.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Marquette tops St. John's in opener

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Opening games are seldom works of art. Marquette and St. John's proved that Thursday night in the Chaves vs. Cancer Classic.

Travis Diener scored 18 points and No. 23 Marquette, despite not having a field goal over the final 4:20, beat the Red Storm 52-45 at Madison Square Garden.

This was a sloppy season opener for two teams looking to replace their stars — Dwyane Wade at Marquette and Marcus Hatten at St. John's. After one game both spots are still up for grabs.

"We are a work in progress," Marquette coach Tom Crean said. "We have some veterans like Travis and some young guys trying to step up. I am excited with the win. We earned it. We have a ton of things we have to get better at and that's a first game."

Marquette shot 29.6 percent (16-for-54), while the Red Storm were 16-for-51 (31.4 percent). The Golden Eagles had 20 turnovers, two more than St. John's.

"Both teams did a good job defensively but one team missed more free throws and layups than the other and that was the difference," Red Storm coach Mike Jarvis said.

Diener was the offensive star of the game — no one else scored more than 11 points — and he was 3-for-11 from the field,

including missing all five of his 2-point attempts. He was 9-for-10 from the free throw, however, and that's where Marquette prevailed, going 14-for-16 compared to 11-for-22 for St. John's.

Diener, who played all 40 minutes at the point, didn't have a turnover.

"We weren't expecting to shoot that bad but we'll take a win when we can get one," Diener said. "Credit St. John's. We didn't take care of the ball the way we wanted to. We'll get better at that."

Grady Reynolds led St. John's with 11 points, while Kyle Cuffe had 10. The Red Storm were 2-for-12 from 3-point range.

"We didn't quit," Cuffe said. "We made a few mental mistakes and that can be fixed."

Marcus Jackson's tip-in with 4:22 left gave the Golden Eagles a 44-36 lead, but that was their last field goal of the game.

Freshman Daryll Hill hit a 3-pointer and then scored on a layup after a steal at midcourt to bring the Red Storm to 46-43 with 2:27 to go.

Diener and Steve Novak then made six straight free throws for Marquette to seal the win.

"I'm not worried about us shooting the ball," Crean said. "We'll get there."

The Golden Eagles announced last week that they would leave Conference USA and join St. John's in the Big East. In 2005-06, this will be a conference matchup.

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IOC says transsexuals can enter competition

Associated Press

LONDON — Athletes who have undergone sex change operations will be eligible to compete in the Olympics for the first time under new rules being finalized by the IOC.

The International Olympic Committee convened a meeting in Sweden last month of medical experts in the field and will announce its policy in the next few weeks.

"We will have no discrimination," IOC medical director Patrick Schamasch told The Associated Press on Thursday. "The IOC will respect human rights."

Details are still being worked out, but Schamasch said transsexual athletes will be eligible for the Olympics once they have passed a certain amount of time after sex-change surgery.

"The trend is to have an ineligibility period," he said. "Then after certain conditions have been fulfilled, the athlete will be able to compete in his or her new sex."

The exact length of the waiting period hasn't been determined. Schamasch said officials want to make sure that any side effects of hormone therapy have worn off.

Schamasch said he didn't know whether there were any potential transsexual athletes in line to compete in next sum-

mer's Athens Olympics, but noted that several international sports federations have asked the IOC for guidance.

"We need to be proactive," he said.

The rule covers both male-to-female and female-to-male cases.

Some contend transsexual athletes have a physical advantage against other women. Men have higher levels of testosterone and greater muscle-to-fat ratio and heart and lung capacity. However, doctors say, testosterone levels and muscle mass drop after hormone therapy and sex-change surgery.

Until 1999, the IOC conducted gender verification tests at the Olympics but the controversial screenings were dropped before the 2000 Sydney Games.

One reason for the change was that not all women have standard female chromosomes. In addition, there are cases of people who have ambiguous genitalia or other congenital conditions.

Over the decades, there have been various accusations of men impersonating women and competing in the Olympics.

"The eligibility of transsexuals to participate needs to be clarified and dealt with," Arne Ljungqvist, the IOC medical who organized the meeting of experts in Stockholm.

NFL

Wheatley's temper flares

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Oakland Raiders running back Tyrone Wheatley hit a photographer outside a federal courthouse Thursday, hours prior to testifying before a grand jury probing a nutritional supplements lab.

Wheatley was one of five NFL players — including four Raiders — to appear Thursday before the panel. Others included former NFL defensive player of the year Dana Stubblefield and Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Johnnie Morton.

Also appearing before the grand jury Thursday was Marion Jones, who won an unprecedented five track medals in the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

"I can't make any comment, you guys. I would if I could, but I can't," Jones said as she left the grand jury room following her afternoon appear-

ance.

Wheatley threatened and cursed at a group of photographers and TV cameramen outside the building, then raised his right fist and slapped photographer Noah Berger hard on the right wrist after Berger took a photo of him Thursday morning.

Berger, a freelance photographer on assignment for The Associated Press, said he was not hurt. He filed a report with the Federal Protective Service, but it was not clear whether Wheatley would be charged.

Wheatley, who appeared before the grand jury in the afternoon, declined to comment when asked repeatedly about the incident.

The five players — also including Raiders fullback Chris Hetherington and defensive tackle Chris Cooper — were the first non-track and field athletes to testify in

the case.

Stubblefield, the NFL defensive player of the year in 1997 while with the San Francisco 49ers, declined to comment after his morning appearance. His attorney, Michael Armstrong, also refused to comment.

Morton, who had four seasons with more than 1,000 yards receiving for the Detroit Lions before joining the Chiefs two seasons ago, also refused to comment after his morning appearance.

Track and field stars including Tim Montgomery, the world record-holder at 100 meters and Jones' boyfriend, have appeared before the panel in previous weeks. Dozens of other athletes, including baseball's Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi and boxer Shane Mosley, also have been subpoenaed.

It's not clear what, if any, drug charges might result from the investigation.

Green suspended for drug use

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — William Green can't seem to outrun his troubled past.

Green, the Cleveland Browns' leading rusher, was suspended for four games by the NFL on Thursday for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

Green, the Cleveland Browns president Carmen

Policy said Green was already enrolled in the league's treatment program, and the suspension indicated the second-year back had twice violated his personal program.

Because of confidentiality, Policy does not know if Green's involvement in the program stemmed from him twice being suspended for marijuana use while at Boston College.

The Browns said the violation involved the use of alcohol.

Under the NFL's treatment policy, any player who fails a drug test for the first time is referred to a doctor. A second violation results in an automatic four-game suspension.


"I'm confident he's going to work at overcoming whatever problems he has and we are going to support him 100 percent," Policy said.

Green was arrested Oct. 27 on charges of drunken driving and marijuana possession.

The Browns suspended him for last Sunday's game at Kansas City for "conduct detrimental to the team," and the league will count that game as part of its suspension.

Green, who will lose \$70,588, was informed of his NFL suspension on Saturday and decided to forgo an appeal, the league said. He is not eligible to return to Cleveland's active roster until Dec. 1, and can't play until Dec. 8 when the Browns host the Rams.

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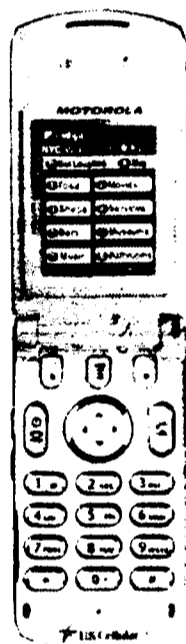
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Terrapins win 27-17 as Allen runs wild

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Josh Allen picked the ideal stage to shed his image as Maryland's "other" running back.

Allen ran for a career-high 257 yards and two touchdowns, and Maryland kept its Atlantic Coast Conference title hopes alive by defeating Virginia 27-17 Thursday night.

Bruce Perry, the sixth-leading rusher in Maryland history, could not play because of a severe ankle sprain. It didn't matter, though, because Allen carried the load all by himself in the nationally televised contest.

"Josh Allen had an unbelievable night," Terrapins coach Ralph Friedgen said. "He really came through for us big-time."

Allen ran for 154 yards in the first half, when the Terrapins scored on four of five possessions to take a 24-7 lead. That proved to be enough offense to provide Maryland with its second win over the Cavaliers in 11 tries since 1991.

The Terrapins (7-3, 4-2) can finish tied atop the ACC if North Carolina State beats league-leading Florida State on Saturday and Maryland wins its final two games.

A year ago, Maryland's bid for a second straight ACC title was ruined by a 48-13 loss to Virginia. Not only did the Terrapins extract a measure of revenge, but they finished unbeaten (6-0) at home for only the 19th time in the 111-year history of the program.

Allen, a sophomore, carried 38 times. The 257-yard effort ranks third in school history and was nearly twice his previous career high of 136 yards.

"I wanted to make sure I could carry the load like my team needed me to," he said. "The offensive line played a great game. My performance is just a reflection of what they did."

His numbers may have surprised the 51,027 fans and the TV audience, but Virginia coach Al Groh knew Allen had the potential to shred any defense.

"He's been doing it for quite a while," Groh said. "Unless you've been out of the country, you know that Josh Allen is a quality back. He played like one tonight."

Matt Schaub ran for a touchdown, threw for a score and nearly brought the Cavaliers (5-5, 3-4) back in the second half. He passed for 186 yards to overtake Shawn Moore as the school's career leader in passing yardage.

"We gave it a good go, but in our business there are no medals for trying. It looked to me like another chapter in the same story," Groh said. "Once again we just made it too hard on ourselves."

Schaub's 14-yard touchdown pass to Alvin Pearman got the Cavaliers to 24-14 with six minutes left in the third quarter, and he directed a 46-yard drive that produced a field goal with 9:15 left.

But Maryland's Nick Novak kicked a 45-yard field goal with 3:42 to go after a 19-yard run by Allen produced a first down at the Virginia 29.

The game was played in a 40 mph wind, and the temperature dipped near freezing.

Maryland took the opening kickoff and moved 84 yards in 11 plays to go up 7-0. Allen ran eight times for 38 yards and the Virginia twice extended the drive with third-down penalties before Scott McBrien threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to Latrez Harrison.

The Terrapins made it 14-0 early in the second quarter when Allen scored from 1 after Jafar Williams outleaped Virginia safety Jermaine Hardy on a 41-yard completion.

At that point, Maryland held a 168-53 advantage in total yardage.

Virginia quickly remedied that, moving 80 yards in nine plays to close to 14-7. A well-timed screen pass to Wali Lundy covered 62 yards, setting up a 4-yard touchdown run by Schaub on a quarterback draw.

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish prepare for Terre Haute run

By **JOE LINDSLEY**
Sports Writer

About a year ago, both the men's and women's cross country teams ran in Terre Haute, Ind. in the NCAA Championships.

Saturday, the Irish return to Terre Haute and its challenging Lavern Gibson Championship Course to qualify for the national championships at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional.

Both Irish squads have the opportunity to earn automatic bids to the title race if they finish first or second in their respective races. Teams that do not finish that high can still make the national race

through at-large bids, and the Irish are optimistic that they will qualify one way or the other.

"If everyone runs well, we hope to qualify, either by automatic, or surely by an at-large bid," senior Brian Kerwin said. "We just want to get into nationals."

While the men will take either an automatic or an at-large bid, the women's team — ranked No. 4 in the nation — are favored to win the Regional title. The women, fresh off their second-consecutive Big East conference victory, are returning to the regional race as defending champions. Last year was the only other time in program history the Irish had won the regional title.

The women, who have been ranked in the top five all season, have a strong lineup that will not bode well for their competition this weekend.

Led by former All-Americans Molly Huddle and Lauren King, the Irish will be aided by two runners who were not able to contribute to last season's post-season success on the course.

Senior Megan Johnson missed the end of last season due to an illness, and junior Kerry Meagher, who is in her first season running regularly with the varsity team, was second for the Irish at the Big East race two weeks ago.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles eager for revenge on road

By **DAN TAPETILLO**
Sports Writer

Everybody loves a good challenge.

This Saturday, the Saint Mary's swim team will be competing against conference rival Albion College.

Despite Saint Mary's defeating Albion in dual meets for the past two years, Albion found its revenge at the conference finals last year finishing one place ahead of Belles.

Saint Mary's must avenge the defeat away from home, as the

Belles will be competing at Albion for the first time under coach Gregg Petcoff. But Saint Mary's 17 swimmers are willing to face the challenge against an Albion squad of 30 swimmers and divers.

Even before Saint Mary's hits the water, the Belles are already at a 32-point disadvantage as the team does not have any divers.

"We are going to have to perform 32 points better than [Albion] in swimming," Petcoff said. "It doesn't grant us any room for error or else we'll never make up that deficit."

The swimmers must also beat out an Albion swimming team that is very comparable to Saint Mary's in several events.

"Albion's times were very similar to our's last year," Petcoff said. "But [Albion] could really surprise us ... we are just going to have to get lucky."

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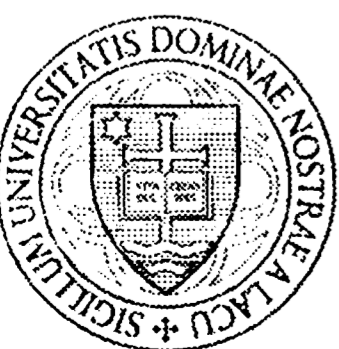
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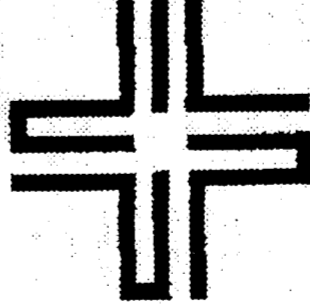
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1	USC	24-0	1
2	Hawaii	26-1	2
3	Florida	26-1	3
4	Pepperdine	20-2	4
5	Kansas State	23-3	5
6	Georgia Tech	26-1	7
7	Stanford	18-5	8
8	UCLA	20-5	8
9	California	19-4	9
10	Nebraska	22-3	10
11	Washington	17-7	11
12	NOTRE DAME	21-2	12
13	Santa Clara	17-8	14
14	Northern Iowa	21-4	13
15	Colorado State	21-4	15
16	Penn State	22-4	16
17	Loyola Marymount	22-5	27
18	Texas A&M	18-6	21
19	Louisville	17-4	23
20	Cincinnati	25-2	24
21	UC Santa Barbara	16-7	19
22	San Diego	17-8	18
23	Wisconsin	18-7	22
24	Minnesota	17-9	20
25	Illinois	19-6	NR

NSCAA/Adidas Women's Soccer Poll

rank	team	record	last week
1	North Carolina	21-0-0	1
2	UCLA	16-1-3	2
3	Santa Clara	12-3-5	4
4	NOTRE DAME	19-2-1	3
5	Portland	16-3-1	6
6	Penn State	18-2-3	7
7	Tennessee	15-4-2	18
8	Florida	16-3-2	8
9	Illinois	16-3-2	11
10	West Virginia	15-3-2	10
11	Colorado	15-3-1	5
12	Florida State	13-7-1	19
13	Boston College	15-2-3	22
14	Utah	16-2-1	17
15	Villanova	14-5-3	NR
16	Kansas	16-5-1	21
17	Cal Poly	18-1-2	24
18	Duke	13-6-1	NR
19	Connecticut	18-5-3	15
20	Virginia	12-5-2	9
21	Nebraska	12-7-1	NR
22	Arizona State	12-4-3	NR
23	Texas A&M	12-3-2	14
24	Michigan	9-7-6	NR
25	Ohio State	12-4-3	20

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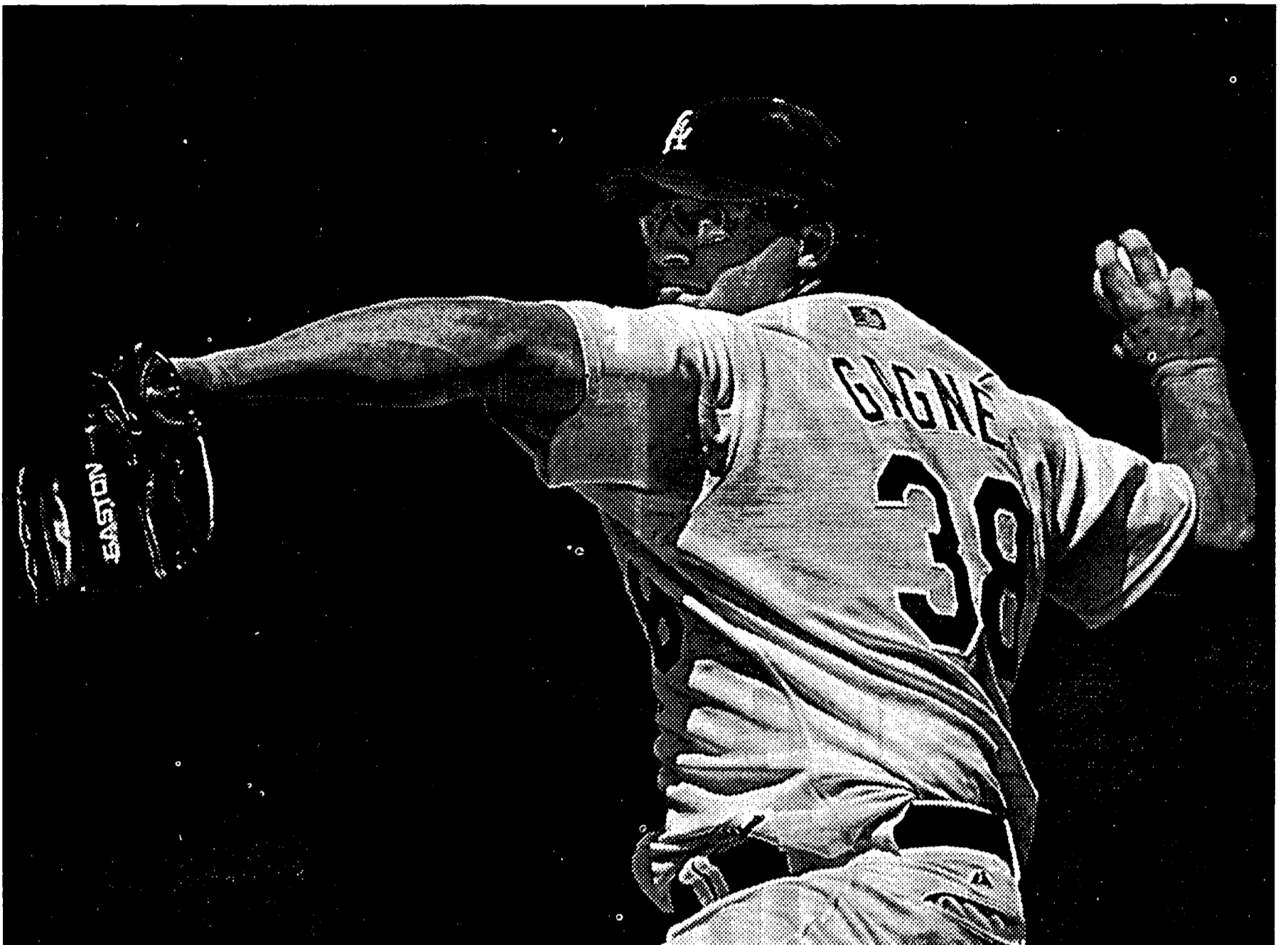
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L.A. Times

Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Eric Gagne throws a pitch earlier this season against the Expos. Gagne won the NL Cy Young Award after receiving 28 of 32 first place votes.

Gagne wins NL Cy Young Award

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Eric Gagne was almost as perfect in NL Cy Young Award voting as he was on the mound.

The Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher who converted all 55 of his save chances this year received 28 of 32 first-place votes and 146 points to win the honor Thursday from the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

It was just the ninth time a reliever won a Cy Young, the first in the NL since San Diego's Mark Davis in 1989.

"We haven't seen a lot of relievers win that award, so I was a little worried,"

Gagne said during a telephone conference call.

San Francisco's Jason Schmidt was second with two first-place votes and 73 points. Chicago's Mark Prior got the other first-place votes and was third with 60 points.

Gagne, a 27-year-old right-hander, was 2-3 with a 1.20 ERA and had 137 strikeouts and 20 walks in 82 1-3 innings. He was converted from a starter to a reliever after the 2001 season and had 52 saves in 2002.

"I knew I had the mental attitude to be a closer, it was just a matter of doing it in the major leagues,"

Gagne said. "As a starter, you have to be more relaxed, you have to control your emotions more."

He is the only pitcher to reach 50 saves in more than one season and has converted 62 consecutive save chances since failing to hold a lead against Arizona on Aug. 26, 2002, a major league record.

"I don't really care about the streak," said Gagne, the first reliever to win a Cy Young since Oakland's Dennis Eckersley won the AL award in 1992.

He is just the second Canadian to win a Cy Young, following Ferguson Jenkins of the Cubs in

1971.

Gagne failed to hold a lead just once this season — he allowed a two-run, go-ahead homer to Hank Blalock of Texas in the eighth inning of the All-Star game.

Growing up in Mascouche, Quebec, Gagne started skating when he was 3 and thought he was headed to a career in the NHL.

"They called me the goon when I was younger," he said.

Gagne wears goggles on the mound because he can't wear contacts — his eyes have scars from getting hit by hockey sticks.

IN BRIEF

Roddick loses to Schuettler in Masters Cup

A champagne celebration following a defeat?

Welcome to Andy Roddick's world. About 12 hours after being guaranteed the year-end No. 1 ranking, Roddick went out and lost to Rainer Schuettler 4-6, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (3) Thursday in round-robin action at the Tennis Masters Cup.

Then Roddick's postmatch news conference was interrupted by a bubbly bath courtesy of friend and fellow pro Mardy Fish.

"It's a very sweet day for me. I'm going to try to forget the fact that I didn't play well," Roddick said. "This was a culmination of the whole year. And I wasn't going to spoil that by having a bad attitude just because I didn't play well on one day."

Roddick is 0-3 in 2003 against the sixth-ranked Schuettler, who kept grinding away throughout the windy match.

"It's always something special if you win against No. 1," Schuettler said. "I don't think we both played our best tennis today."

Roddick's strength, his serve, let him down late, with six of his eight double-faults in the third set, including one to set up match point. He then sailed a backhand long to end it with his 49th unforced error.

That made Roddick's record in the round-robin portion 1-1. Schuettler is 2-0 and will make the semifinals regardless of how he fares in his last round-robin match.

Roddick faces No. 4 Guillermo Coria on Friday for a semifinal berth. Coria defeated No. 7 Carlos Moya 6-2, 6-3 Thursday, converting his sixth match point when the 1998 French Open champion put a forehand into the net.

Kane leads LPGA Tournament of Champions

MOBILE, Alabama — Canada's Lorie Kane shot a 2-under 70 in windy conditions Thursday to take a

one-stroke lead over Australia's Karrie Webb in the LPGA Tournament of Champions.

"I'm not afraid of the wind," said Kane, winless since 2001. "I enjoy the wind because it's a challenge."

"It's just one of those things where you have to concentrate on hitting solid shots, but it's tough for everybody. You just have to put your head down, play hard and see what happens."

Kane and Webb were the only players to break par, with the field averaging 75.9 strokes on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail's Crossings Course at Magnolia Grove.

"We've never played this course with a lot of wind — maybe a half-club wind at the most — and never out of the direction we played it today," said Webb, who had five birdies and four bogeys.

"The greens are a little firmer and faster, which isn't necessarily a bad thing. It was just different today with the wind."

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ND SWIMMING

Irish look to reverse early season troubles at home

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The men's swimming and diving team hopes to reverse its fortunes when the Irish (0-3 in dual meets) dive back in the pool this afternoon to host No. 19 Brigham Young, Iowa and Louisville at 2 p.m.

"We like to have a target out there," head coach Tim Welsh said. "Both BYU and Iowa will present a nice [target] for us to chase."

While Notre Dame's dual-meet record would suggest otherwise, Welsh says the young Irish squad is the best the University has ever had.

"We know internally that this is the fastest that we've ever been," Welsh said. "It's not showing up in wins and losses because of the raised strength of schedule. Right now [the schedule] is still ahead of us."

Last Friday, despite taking three of the top four spots in six of the eleven swimming events, Notre Dame was edged by Michigan State, 125.5-113.5.

"If you look at the results, I think what you'll see is depth," Welsh said. "While we don't have that invincible man, the team as a whole is moving forward."

On Dec. 4, the Irish host the three-day Notre Dame Invitational, a key event for the young team.

"The Invitational is like a final exam for us," Welsh said. "The objective of the fall is to qualify the team for the Big East Championships in February, and we want to come out of [the Invitational] with all of our qualifying times

met."

The women's squad, conversely, looks to continue its upswing when the Irish (2-1 in dual meets) welcome Louisville and Bowling Green at 6 p.m. this evening.

"Both teams have some good kids, but I don't think that they're deep enough to challenge us," head coach Bailey Weathers said. "As long as we

beat their top kids, the meet should take care of itself."

While the Irish don't have any particular goals for the contest, Weathers said he hopes to use the meet as an opportunity to gain additional practice and experience.

"There really isn't any one thing that we are working on," Weathers said. "I just want to get the kids some more races

before we leave for Texas next week."

Notre Dame took 12 of 16 events in thrashing Big East rival Pittsburgh 184-116 last Friday.

Overall, despite a rash of sickness this past week, Weathers said he is pleased with the team's progress on the young season.

"We were [on track] before

all the illness," Weathers said. "We'll have to see how that plays out, but I think we're where we need to be at this point."

Next Friday, the Irish hit the road to compete in the 3-day Texas A&M Invitational.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tough opening weekend to greet Irish

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Muffet McGraw believes facing an easy opponent to begin the season is always nice, but her team will likely get more of out a game against a tougher foe.

So instead of playing McNeese State or Western Michigan, No. 15 Notre Dame opens its season against No. 22 Auburn in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association tournament this weekend in Boulder, Colo.

"It's a great challenge for us, to come right out of the gate and play a very good team" said McGraw, who begins her 17th season at Notre Dame. "I think mentally the team is ready for the season to begin."

Even if the Irish do not win Friday night against the Tigers, McGraw said the team will still gain valuable experience from the contest.

"It's kind of a no lose situation. If you lose, you learn and you move on," McGraw said.

Auburn won the Women's National Invitational tournament in 2002 and return all five starters from that team. They will challenge Notre Dame's ability to run the floor. "Auburn is a great team," McGraw said. "They're very athletic and very quick."

Auburn coach Joe Ciampi said his Tigers are eager to face a solid opponent such as Notre Dame.

"Notre Dame, as our season opening opponent, will prove to be an early test to see where we are right now," Ciampi said.

McGraw believes one of the keys to the game will be the tempo.

"We're pretty uptempo also so controlling the tempo will be a key to the game," McGraw said. "Our bench is pretty depleted with injuries so we'll have to

see."

Notre Dame will be without Teresa Borton and Jeneka Joyce for tournament. Both are out with foot injuries.

Besides the game's tempo, the Irish will have the difficulty of trying to stop Tiger junior Natasha Brackett. Brackett was named MVP of the WNIT last season and became the school's all-time leading scorer for a sophomore last season.

McGraw isn't sure how her team will stop Brackett.

"We're going to let her get her points," McGraw said. "I don't know if we have anyone that can stop her. She's a very good player and a very important player on their team."

Notre Dame returns four starters from last season's Sweet Sixteen squad. Captain and guard La'Tania Severe will lead the offense, along with sophomore Megan Duffy. Duffy has played exceptionally in

Notre Dame's first two preseason games.

Juniors Jacqueline Bateast, Katy Flecky and Borton will all play important roles for the Irish. Bateast is a member of the preseason Wooden All-American team and was a Second-Team Big East selection last season.

Flecky and Borton played major role in Notre Dame's success in 2002-03 and will be expected to step up their games even more this season.

Freshmen Crystal Erwin, Breona Gray and Susie Powers could all contribute from the start of the season, especially Erwin. She brings the Irish a physical offensive and defensive player.

Notre Dame will face either Old Dominion or No. 15 Colorado on Saturday.

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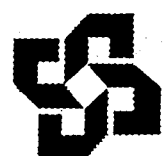
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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles send runners to regionals

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Finishing sixth at the MIAA championships and nearly inching past Alma for fifth, the Saint Mary's cross country team now sends its top runners to the NCAA Division-III Regionals at Hanover College Saturday.

Jackie Bauters and Jessica Kosco are the only seniors making the trip for a team that improved drastically throughout the season. In addition to the seniors, junior Elizabeth Commers, sophomore Becky Feauto and freshmen Erin Nolan, Sara Otto and Katie White will represent Saint Mary's.

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ND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Irish go on the road to face Big East rivals

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

It's over. Now it's time to move on to more important things — the Big East.

The No. 12 Irish look to get back on track this weekend coming off a road loss on Tuesday to No. 14 Northern Iowa (22-4). The loss snapped the Irish's 14-game winning streak.

"It was a disappointing loss," senior Jessica Kinder said of the four-game match. "Obviously, we wanted to go in and win, but it by no means stops our confidence."

Tuesday's loss saw the Irish hit a mere .185 on the match and .000 in game three alone, the only game — ironically — the Irish won, as the Panthers hit .020 in that game.

Now, the Irish (21-3) will try to rebound as they return to Big

East play, where they are 10-0. Saturday, the Irish face West Virginia (6-19, 2-8) and Sunday they face Pittsburgh (20-4, 9-1) to wrap up the regular season conference schedule.

"Our whole team is just planning on playing our game," Jessica Kinder said. "I don't think there's any real huge adjustments that need to be made — it is just a matter of knowing that if we take care of our side of the court we can play with anybody."

If the Irish win Saturday, they claim a share of the Big East regular season title. A win Sunday would give them the outright championship, as Pittsburgh is in second place.

The Panthers come off a 3-0 win over West Virginia last Friday, and their one conference loss came at the hands of Virginia Tech. But the Panthers are the team to beat for the Irish, having knocked off Miami earlier this season and clinching

a Big East tournament berth for the first time since 2000.

But the Irish expect a challenge in both games this weekend. They are led by senior setter Kristen Kinder, who had 49 assists against Northern Iowa, and sophomore middle blocker Lauren Brewster who had 14 kills and 9 blocks. Brewster is second in the country in blocks per game. Also contributing to the Irish this year have been libero Meg Henican (17 digs against the Panthers), Lauren Kelbley (11 kills) and Emily Loomis (13 kills, 8 digs).

Still, going on the road will be a challenge for the Irish, who have yet to play their best volleyball of the season.

"We have just been focused on having our best game of the season every game, and we haven't played to the top of our game yet in a single match," Jessica Kinder (8 kills, 9 digs on Tuesday) said. "So, regardless of who's on the other side of the

net, we are using each match as an opportunity to play our best volleyball of the season.

So what should the Irish do to play well?

"I think it's just a matter of everyone knows what they need to do, individually each of us taking care of our roles on the team," Jessica Kinder said. "As a whole, we have to make sure everyone's on the same page, everyone's focused."

This weekend will provide the Irish with two more chances to do just that, as they try to win the Big East for the ninth time in 10 years. Since volleyball has been played in the Big East, 17 of the 21 championships have gone to either Notre Dame or Pittsburgh. But the Irish are up to the challenge.

"We're there," Jessica Kinder said. "We're at that level where we can play with great teams."

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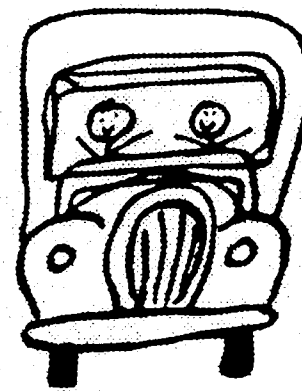
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Tourney

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The Irish out shot the Friars 15-6 in a 2-0 shutout victory at Glay Field. Captain and senior midfielder Greg Martin opened scoring 1:40 into the contest on a head ball off a set up from junior defenseman Kevin Goldthwaite. Providence was overmatched, committing 14 fouls to just one for the Irish, and forward Devon Prescod put the game away late with a goal of his own.

Prescod leads all Irish players with 12 goals, his twelfth coming in the quarterfinal match against Connecticut. The high point man on the team is senior forward Justin Detter, who after also tallying against the Huskies has 11 goals and four assists for 26 points.

Providence will try to answer the Prescod/Detter attack with sophomore forward Eoin Lynch, who leads the Friars in scoring with 17 points and eight goals.

Goalie Chris Sawyer — recently named the College Soccer News National Player of the

Week — and the defense have limited teams to one or zero goals in 17 of 19 games. Players in the back like juniors Goldthwaite and Jack Stewart have prevented many opposing forwards from even getting through to Sawyer. Freshman Greg Dalby, senior Kevin Richards and junior Christopher High will also have to maintain their stellar play of late.

Notre Dame is 7-2-0 in the all-time series. Coach Bobby Clark has never lost to Providence with the Irish. The last time Notre Dame lost to the Friars was in 2000, also the last time the Irish

finished below .500 (7-8-2).

Providence is also just 1-4-2 against ranked teams this season. Notre Dame presently sits at No. 5 in the nation.

St. John's vs. Rutgers

In the other semifinal match, No. 1 St. John's (14-4-1) will try to fend off No. 4 Rutgers (10-6-3).

Both teams scored in overtime of their quarterfinal matches to advance. St. John's beat eight-seed Villanova, 2-1, while Rutgers defeated No. 5 Seton Hall, 1-0.

St. John's hopes not to follow some foreboding Big East tradition. Since the Big East tournament began including eight teams in 1995, only once has the top seed won the Big East tournament. Last season, top-seed Boston College defeated Connecticut, 3-2, for the title.

In addition, in the eight championship tournaments since 1995, the top-seed has advanced to the title game only three times (St. John's 1997, Connecticut 2001, Boston College 2002).

Rutgers has played in the conference postseason tournament every season since joining the league in 1995. The Scarlet Knights advance to the semifinals for the eighth time in nine appearances.

St. John's and Rutgers each defeated Notre Dame this season by a combined score of 8-2.

Coverage

On Saturday, Nov. 15, College Sports Television will air the Big East men's soccer championship semifinals. The first will air at 2:30 p.m. The second will air at 5 p.m.

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Injury

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back, but it's just a small obstacle that I'm going to overcome."

Axford pitched in 17 games and started 12 for the Irish, going 5-2 with a 3.95 ERA. He struck out 64 batters and walked 59 in just over 70 innings of work.

Known for his mid-to-high 90's fastball, Axford has been a top prospect for Major League teams. He was eligible this season for the MLB draft, but he said he will now wait another year to see how he does next season before deciding whether to go pro.

Despite the setback, Axford said he is determined to find his way back into Notre Dame's rotation.

"It's all about what I do to make sure I come back," Axford said.

While Axford started rehabilitation this week, Mainieri said the team will need other pitchers to step up in Axford's absence. He points to last season as an indicator of what the 2004 Irish team needs.

After Grant Johnson had season-ending surgery, senior Ryan Kalita stepped into Johnson's role and had an impressive year.

"This injury affords someone else an opportunity to pick up the slack," Mainieri said. "Someone has always taken advantage of the opportunity, and I expect that again

this year."

Notre Dame's freshman class is ranked sixth in the nation and Mainieri said the pitchers from that class are "as good as any we've had come in here."

Another possible candidate could be converted pitcher Joe Thaman. Thaman played first base for Notre Dame during his first three years but was moved to pitcher in the offseason. Mainieri said Thaman has pitched as well as anyone in fall ball.

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Paul Malneri
Irish coach



TIM KACMAR/The Observer
Torrian Jones and the Irish play tonight at 9 p.m.

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pendent forever.

"At some juncture, it doesn't make any sense to say [we'll stay independent forever]," he said Nov. 4. "We don't know where the world is going to go. We're not going to sit here and guarantee that we're not going to be an independent."

Notre Dame is currently a member of the Big East in most sports, with the notable excep-

tion of football.

The ACC officials who spoke to USA Today said Notre Dame is considering sacrificing its football independence because of its uncertain future with the Bowl Championship Series. The Irish, who also have a lucrative television contract with NBC, have an agreement with the BCS conferences to be included in the season's four major bowl games if they finish high enough. But both the television contract and the BCS contract expire in 2005.

Were Notre Dame to leave the Big East, as the USA Today report suggests, it would have to provide 27 months' notice and pay \$5 million. And Big East spokesman John Paquette said the 16 Big East teams agreed to an informal five-year commitment to the league when the conference announced a week and a half ago it had expanded.

"Let's not bury our head in the sand here and make some judgment that we have no idea is going to work forever," Heisler said when the Big East announced its expansion. "Is [football independence] important? Of course. Will that change? Nobody knows."

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Tyrone Willingham
head coach

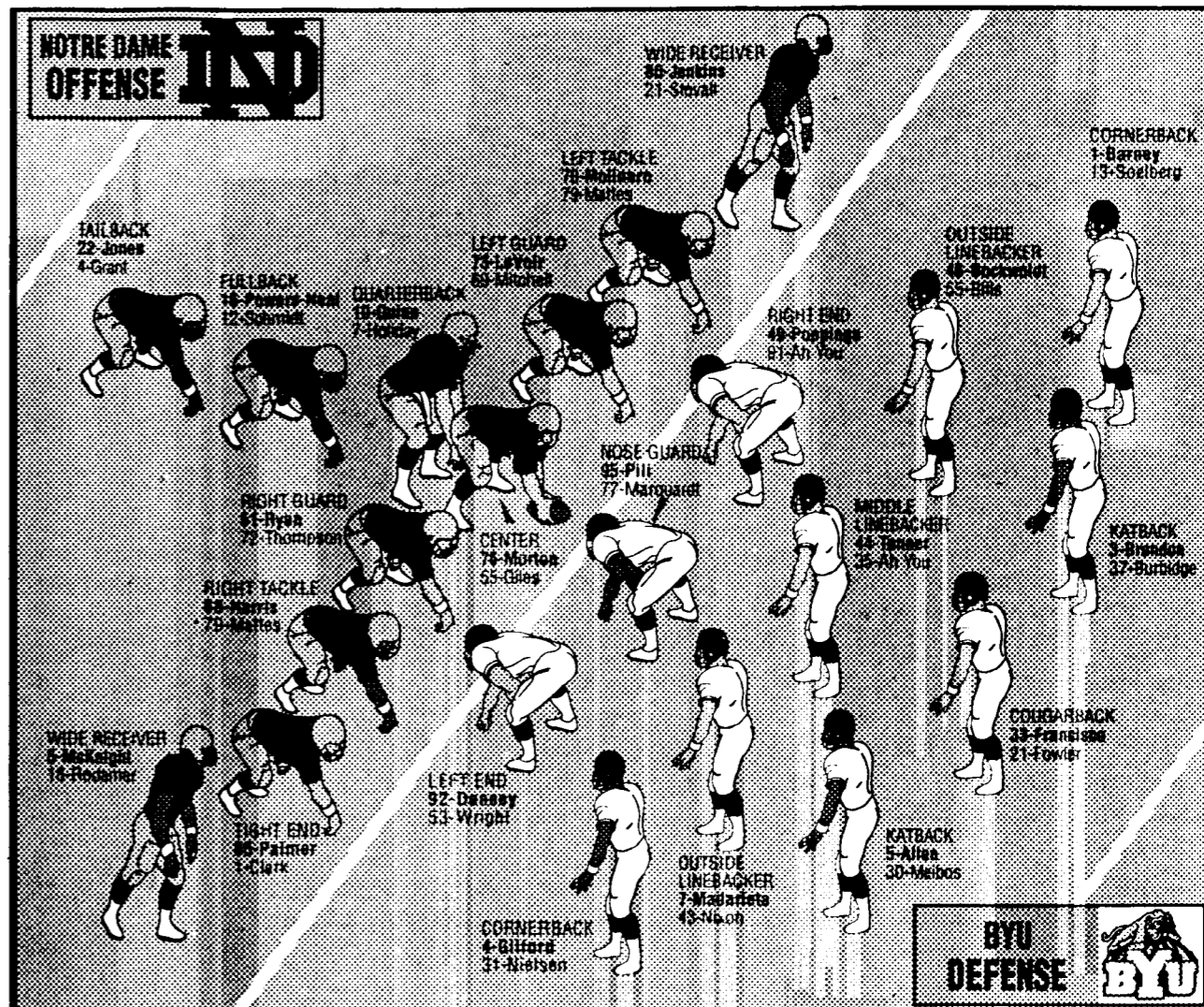
Tyrone Willingham
second season at
Notre Dame
career record:
57-45-1
at Notre Dame:
13-9
against
BYU: 0-0

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
9	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 Schiccatano	RB	6-3	224	SO
26	Garron Bible	FS	5-10	197	SR
27	Lionel Bolen	SS	6-0	206	JR
27	Mike Profeta	TB	5-11	208	SR
28	Cole Laux	FB	5-10	229	SR
28	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	185	FR
29	LaBrose Hedgemon	DB	5-10	180	FR
30	Mike Richardson	DB	6-1	188	SO
31	Jake Carney	DB	6-0	180	SO
32	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	211	SO
33	Courtney Watson	ILB	6-1	234	SR
34	Vontez Duff	CB	5-11	194	SR
35	Ashley McConnell	FB	6-0	240	FR
36	Isaiah Gardner	DB/RB	5-10	190	FR
37	Matt Mitchell	DB	5-9	184	SO
39	Brandon Hoyte	ILB	6-0	226	JR
39	David Bemenderfer	SS	5-11	195	SR
40	Nate Schomas	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
56	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-1	205	FR
57	Dwight Stephenson	LB	6-3	237	FR
58	Paul Jancha	LS	6-1	245	SO
59	James Bent	OL	6-2	253	SO
60	Darrell Campbell	DT	6-4	288	SR
62	Scott Raridon	OT	6-7	300	SO
64	Casey Dunn	OT/OG	6-4	255	JR
65	Sean Milligan	OG	6-4	291	SR
66	Derek Landri	NG	6-2	265	SO
68	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	270	FR
69	Darin Mitchell	OL	6-4	280	JR
70	Jim Molinaro	OT	6-6	301	SR
71	David Kowalski	OG	6-2	249	SR
71	James Bonelli	OG/OT	6-6	282	SO
72	Jeff Thompson	C/OG	6-4	287	JR
73	Mark LeVoi	TE	6-7	309	JR
74	Dan Stevenson	OG	6-5	297	JR
75	Chris Frome	DE	6-5	264	SO
76	Bob Morton	C	6-4	299	SO
77	Greg Pauly	DT	6-6	291	SR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	280	FR
79	Brian Mattes	OT	6-6	250	SO
80	Omar Jenkins	WR	6-2	204	SR
81	Chinedum Ndukwe	WR	6-3	190	FR
82	Matt Shelton	WR	6-1	172	JR
83	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-4	190	FR
84	Mike O'Hara	WR	5-10	174	SO
84	Rob Woods	WR	6-2	205	SO
85	Billy Palmer	TE	6-3	251	SR
87	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-4	242	SO
88	Patrick Nally	TE	6-3	243	SR
88	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-4	253	SO
89	John Carlson	TE	6-6	230	FR
90	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-4	283	JR
91	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	165	SO
92	Kyle Budinscak	DE	6-4	270	SR
93	Dan Santucci	DE	6-5	270	SO
95	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-5	245	FR
97	Travis Leitko	DE	6-6	264	SO
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-2	290	FR
99	Jason Sapp	DE	6-3	256	SR

NOTRE DAME 2003 Schedule

Sept. 6	WASHINGTON ST. - W
Sept. 13	at Michigan - L
Sept. 20	MICHIGAN ST. - L
Sept. 27	at Purdue - L
Oct. 11	at Pittsburgh - W
Oct. 18	USC - L
Oct. 25	at Boston College - L
Nov. 1	FLORIDA STATE - L
Nov. 8	NAVY - W
Nov. 15	BYU
Nov. 29	at Stanford
Dec. 6	at Syracuse



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NOTRE DAME

Willingham could still salvage this season by winning out and possibly earning a bowl berth. By closing out the season on a winning note, the Irish could build some momentum for 2004. A lot will be learned about Willingham and his staff these next few weeks.

Quinn did a solid job of keeping the Irish in the game last week and eventually leading the comeback over Navy. He's only completed 45 percent of his passes on the season and has 11 interceptions with only six touchdowns in six games started.

Jones had another huge game last week against the Midshipmen with 221 yards rushing and two touchdowns. The fifth-year senior has averaged nearly 93 yards a game for Notre Dame in stepping into the role of the team's primary back.

The Irish likely won't burn too many teams through the air, but they will be happy to stick to the running game if it's working. The Irish can use the play action pass if the running game is working. The receivers need to do a better job catching the ball.

BYU

Crowton has seen success on the field as a player and a coach. He has historically had teams with high powered offenses, such as his three seasons at Louisiana Tech, during which time the Bulldogs averaged 33 points a game.

BYU used four different quarterbacks in its last game against Boise State. Berry, the main starter, has completed many of his passes — 64 percent. He has also completed many of his passes to the wrong team — 10 of his 201 attempts were picked off this year.

The Cougars rank 35th in the country in rushing defense, allowing 125.9 yards per game, but BYU does not play a schedule that consists of many power running teams. The Cougars have allowed 14 touchdowns on the ground this season.

The Cougars play a lot of pass-happy teams in the Mountain West Conference, and they have been successful stopping the opposition. They rank 16th in the country in pass defense, with 184.5 yards given up a game through the air.

ANALYSIS

Willingham and Crowton have had similar head coaching careers, with both having alternating good and bad years. Crowton's career is highlighted by a 12-2 finish in his first year at BYU. This is a down year for both coaches and programs.

The Cougars have lacked consistency at the quarterback position this year. Behind Berry is the freshman Beck who has a 104.9 quarterback rating. Quinn has improved but continues to make freshman mistakes at the helm for the Irish.

BYU has not had to face too many teams this season with the same ability to move the ball on the ground as the Irish possess. If Jones gets 30 carries again like he did against Navy, he could have another big day against the Cougars.

BYU has seen and defended the pass against teams that throw the ball much better than the Irish. If Notre Dame cannot run the ball to set up the pass, it may be in trouble. The Cougars have 12 interceptions on the year.

Irish experts



Andrew Soukup
Editor in Chief

BYU may have had a week off to prepare for the Irish, but that won't help them too much. The Cougars have too many injuries to pose a viable threat to the Irish, and they'll have a tough time containing Jones. On Senior Day, Notre Dame shouldn't have any trouble starting its first winning streak of the season.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27
BYU 13



Joe Hettler
Sports Editor

Notre Dame has some momentum after beating Navy and they should carry that into this week against BYU. The Cougars aren't that good, and Notre Dame will be pumped up in the seniors' final home game. The Irish should score some points and get their second straight victory.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34
BYU 10

HEAD TO HEAD

BYU Cougars

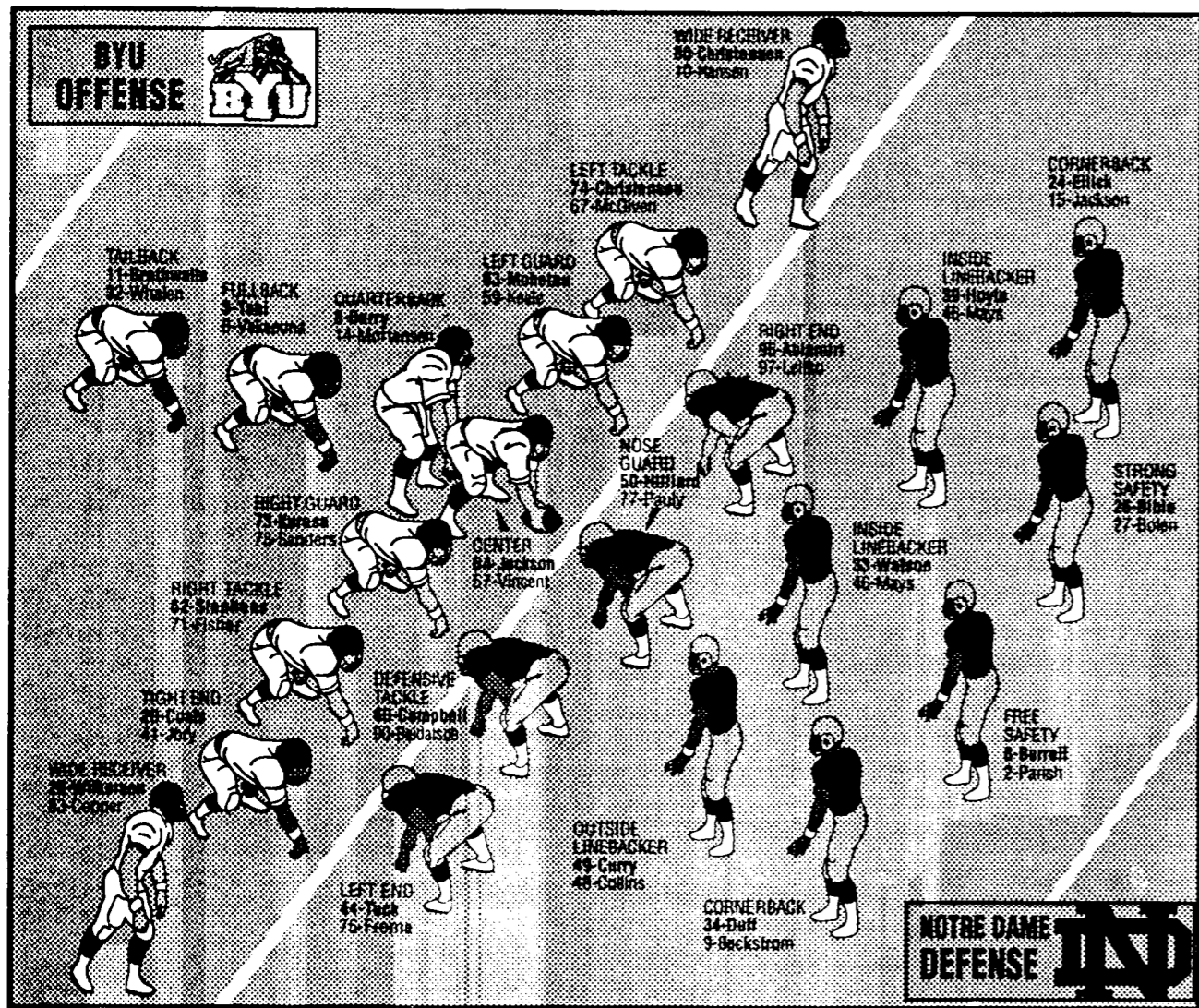
BYU Cougars

Record: 4-6
AP: NR
Coaches: NR

Gary Crowton
third season at
BYU
career record:
42-23
at BYU:
21-15
against Notre
Dame: 0-0



Gary Crowton
head coach



BYU 2003 Schedule

Aug. 28	GEORGIA TECH - W
Sept. 6	at USC - L
Sept. 13	at New Mexico - W
Sept. 20	STANFORD - L
Sept. 27	AIR FORCE - L
Oct. 4	at San Diego St. - W
Oct. 9	COLORADO ST. - L
Oct. 18	at Wyoming - L
Oct. 25	at UNLV - W
Oct. 30	BOISE STATE - L
Nov. 15	at Notre Dame
Nov. 22	UTAH

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Chad Barney	S	6-1	191	SR
2	David Christensen	WR	5-10	200	JR
3	Joshua Brandon	S	6-0	185	SR
3	Naufahu Tah	RB	6-0	234	SO
4	Jernaro Gilford	CB	6-2	181	SR
5	James Allen	CB	5-10	160	JR
6	Taufai Vakapuna	RB	6-0	229	FR
7	Levi Madarieta	LB	6-2	233	SR
8	Jackson Brown	QB	6-4	206	SO
8	Matt Berry	QB	6-6	227	SO
9	Bristol Olomua	WR	6-5	250	SO
10	Mark Hansen	WR	6-0	184	FR
11	Reynaldo Brathwaite	RB	5-10	170	JR
12	John Beck	QB	6-2	190	FR
13	Nathan Soelberg	DB	6-0	172	SO
14	Todd Mortensen	QB	6-4	225	JR
15	Jason Kuhahiko	WR	6-1	191	JR
16	Thomas Stancil	RB	5-6	167	FR
17	Curtis Brown	RB	6-0	184	SO
17	Chris Warner	RB	6-0	197	FR
18	Lance Pendleton	QB	6-0	165	SO
19	Breyon Jones	WR	5-10	193	SO
20	Daniel Coats	TB	6-3	249	FR
21	Joel Theler	DB	6-3	191	FR
22	Micah Alba	CB	5-8	160	JR
23	O'Neil Howell	CB	5-11	175	SO
23	Eric Watterson	RB	5-9	175	SO
24	Tyson Dunham	P	6-1	198	SR
24	Spencer White	DB	6-1	186	SO
25	Corby Hodgkiss	S	5-11	187	FR
26	Rodney Wilkerson	WR	6-2	181	JR
26	Kellen Fowler	S	6-0	187	SO
27	Ryan Beck	CB	5-9	175	SO
27	Trent Williams	K	6-1	186	FR
28	Matt Allen	WR	6-0	172	FR
29	Chris Hale	WR	5-9	175	SO
29	Scott Johnson	DB	5-11	172	FR
30	Jared Meibos	S	5-11	206	SR
31	Kip Nielson	CB	6-0	205	SR
32	Marcus Whalen	RB	5-11	213	JR
33	Aaron Francisco	S	6-2	206	JR
33	Cameron Jensen	LB	6-2	228	SO
34	Brandon Heaney	CB	5-11	184	SR
35	Matt Ah You	LB	5-11	235	FR
36	Kyle Wilson	RB	6-0	225	SR
37	Jon Burbridge	S	6-0	197	JR
38	Matt Payne	P/K	6-4	234	JR
39	Bryant Atkinson	LB	6-3	224	SO
41	Justin Jory	TE	6-2	245	SR
41	Adney Reid	LB	6-1	230	FR
42	Lawrence Cowan	LB	6-3	229	FR
43	David Nixon	LB	6-3	208	FR
44	Mike Tanner	LB	6-2	239	SR
45	Dan Van Sweden	LB	6-3	205	FR
46	Colby Bockwoldt	LB	6-2	226	SR
47	Paul Walkenhorst	LB	6-5	252	SR
48	Lance Reynolds	LB	6-2	257	SO
49	Brady Poppinga	DL	6-3	257	JR
50	Kyle Tew	LB	6-2	226	SO
51	Justin Williams	LB	6-2	223	FR
52	Brent Carlson	LB	5-10	224	SR
53	Bill Wright	LB	6-3	259	SR
54	Shaun Nua	DL	6-5	264	SR
55	K.C. Bills	LB	6-1	219	FR
56	Aaron Acker	OL	6-3	318	JR
57	Hanale Vincent	OL	6-5	321	JR
57	Nate Preston	LB	6-2	227	SO
59	Eddie Keele	OL	6-5	283	FR
60	Scott Tidwell	OL	6-2	281	FR
61	Rob Robinson	OL	6-5	271	SO
62	Brandon Stephens	OL	6-6	280	SR
63	Ofa Mohetau	OL	6-3	355	FR
64	Scott Jackson	OL	6-5	300	SR
65	R.J. Willing	OL	6-5	300	FR
66	Nate Hall	OL	6-3	321	SO
67	Gary McGiven	OL	6-4	302	FR
68	Kai Jones	OL	6-6	301	FR
70	Hala Paongo	DE	6-2	256	FR
71	Paul Fisher	OL	6-7	316	FR
72	Cade McMullin	OL	6-4	300	JR
73	Jake Kuresa	OL	6-4	358	FR
74	Quinn Christensen	OL	6-6	307	SR
75	Scott Young	OL	6-4	310	SR
76	Vincent Xanthos	OL	6-4	273	SR
77	Daniel Marquardt	DL	6-2	315	SO
78	Brian Sanders	OL	6-3	335	SO
79	David Sollami	OL	6-3	272	FR
80	Toby Christensen	WR	6-0	196	SR
82	Cody Fomesbeck	WR	5-8	160	FR
83	Brett Cooper	WR	5-11	186	FR
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95	Ifo Pili	DL	6-3	325	SR
96	Jeremy Gillespie	TE	6-5	229	FR
97	Justin Carlson-Maddux	DL	6-3	253	FR
98	Manaia Brown	DL	6-3	316	SO
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COUGARS RUSHING

COUGARS PASSING

SPECIAL TEAMS

INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame has been solid this year against some of the nation's better rushing attacks. The Irish have allowed 134 yards a game on the ground and rank 42nd nationally in rush defense. Notre Dame's opponents average only 3.17 yards per carry.

The Cougars throw the ball a lot, averaging 40 attempts a game. They have had some struggles at quarterback, however, as both Berry and Beck have taken a lot of reps at the position. Christensen — son of NFL great Todd Christensen — is the Cougars' top receiver.

Fitzpatrick may have gotten a big confidence boost with his game-winning field goal against Navy last weekend, but his punting is still struggling as he averages only 37 yards a kick. Duff has almost 200 yards on 20 punt returns this season.

Notre Dame is trying to make a late-season push for a minor bowl game by winning out the last three games on its schedule. The team should be pumped up for its last home game and the seniors should be up for Senior Day.

BYU's rushing offense has been almost non-existent this season as the Cougars rank 110th in the nation in that category. They average only 102.7 yards per game rushing. Brathwaite has carried most of that load, with 82 yards a game.

Injuries and inexperience have hurt the Irish secondary this season. Earl is out for the season, and Beckstrom and Ellick are still fighting for a starting corner position. The Irish pass defense ranks 43rd in the nation with 207 yards allowed per game.

Payne has been a reliable kicker for the Cougars, converting 14 of 17 field goal attempts. Christensen is their leading punt returner with nearly eight yards per attempt. Cooper can be dangerous on kickoff returns.

The Cougars have not played a game since Oct. 30. This could be a blessing or a curse for them. It gives them a lot of rest and a lot of time to prepare for the Irish, but they could also come out for Saturday's game rusty from the layoff.

The Cougars will likely have trouble moving the ball on the ground against the Irish defense, even with Budinscak and Earl out. The Cougars will likely run the ball sparingly, as the passing game makes up the biggest part of their offense.

The Cougars rely heavily on the pass, but they still have some weaknesses there. They only average 229 yards a game through the air. While the Irish are suffering from some injuries, they can hold the Cougars in this category.

The Irish still miss the consistency that Setta brings to the kicking game. Duff can be dangerous on returns, but he still has not found the end zone this year. The Cougars have done little to distinguish themselves on special teams this year.

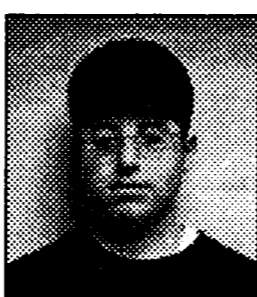
Playing at home on Senior Day, the Irish should have the edge here. Injuries and turnovers have also been a problem for the Cougars this season, and those could still be a problem for them against the Irish.



Matt Lozar
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish were finally able to get off the snide last weekend with the win over Navy. On Senior Day, the Irish will come out strong and establish their ground game against the Cougars. Building off last week's momentum, Tyrone Willingham and the Irish get their first easy win of the 2003 campaign.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34
BYU 17

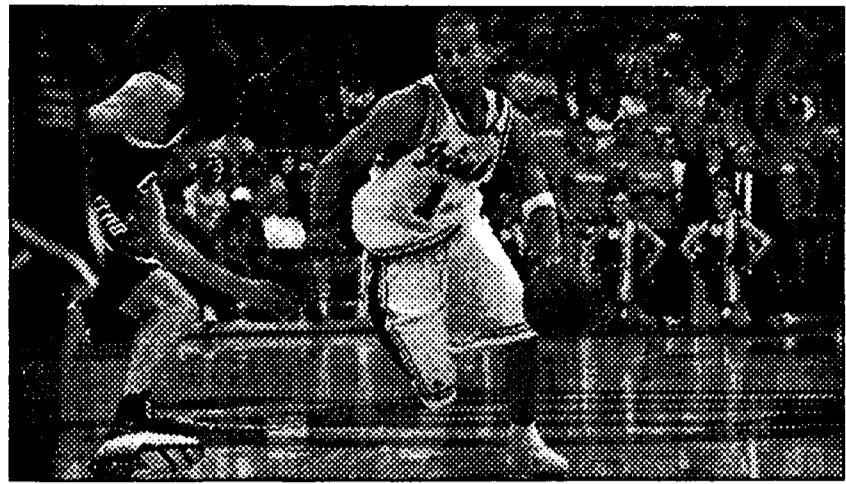


Chris Federico
Sports Writer

For the first time this year, the Irish have a chance to build some momentum with back-to-back wins, as they face their first opponent of the season with a losing record. As Jones showed last week, he can carry the Irish to victory. If he gets 25 carries or more, the Irish should win by a comfortable margin.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31
BYU 20

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Point guard Chris Thomas drives to the basket.

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that we tried to outscore people. That's the one thing we talked about early in the season — could we hang our hat on our defense a little bit more.

"Of course, [when Jordan and Torrian] are on the floor more, you are automatically a better defensive team."

Jones recognizes along with Brey that this year's team cannot rely on its offensive firepower alone. The Irish need to use their athletic lineup and force turnovers.

"Team defense has been the biggest point of emphasis since the last game," Jones said. "We are trying to get better at playing defense for 40 minutes and not just in spurts like I think we did last game. [We must be] defending and turning them over a little bit more. I think last game we played good team defense in having them shoot the ball, but we really didn't get underneath them and force tempo. I think that's something with the personnel we have this year [that] we can do a little bit more than in the past."

Those turnovers could lead to something the Irish didn't have a lot of last year — easy buckets.

"I think as a coach, you are always adjusting to your personnel and trying to play off your strengths. Our strength last year was that we were an explosive offensive team, so we rested on defense sometimes," Brey said. "This year with Jones and Cornette on the floor more, [Chris] Thomas and [Chris] Quinn out there, those four being on the floor a lot together, we feel we can be a better defensive team and take advantage of the personnel we have."

"Maybe we can take advantage of the personnel we have and get some easy baskets off our defense."

This team has been practicing since early September because of an October trip to Barbados. While Brey tries to simulate game conditions in

practice, this team is still searching for its identity.

And they're happy to play in front of a packed Joyce Center.

"I think we just want to get a better feel for each other even though we've been practicing for a while with this foreign tour," Brey said.

"Also, I think to get accustomed to playing in front of a sold-out crowd because this building should be sold out for just about every game."

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NOTEBOOK

Thomas finishes sixth in All-America voting

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Coming back to Notre Dame after declaring himself eligible for the NBA Draft as a sophomore, guard Chris Thomas is earning a number of big-time preseason distinctions.

The Associated Press named Thomas on 19 of the 74 ballots in preseason All-American voting, allowing the junior from Indianapolis, Ind. to finish sixth in overall voting.

"He probably should have been first-team quite frankly. I agree with [ESPN basketball analyst Dick] Vitale's team. I think over the course of the season, [Thomas] will get the individual honors he deserves," Brey said. "My feeling is we have the best guard in the country here, the best quarterback. He certainly has been a consistent leader and quarterback since we have started practicing in September."

The list is published on ESPN.com by Vitale. Thomas made Vitale's all-Rolls Royce First Team, to which Vitale names his top five players. CNNI.com writer Stewart Mandel

also put Thomas on his preseason first team All-American list.

Cornette to start tonight

After sitting out the exhibition opener against the Hoop Group, forward Jordan Cornette is fully healthy and will start against the Illinois All-Stars.

"My knee's been healthy since Sunday. Basically, I worked myself in nice and slowly to get back into playing shape," Cornette said. "Coach [Brey] has put me in by picking his spots. I'm ready to go. I'm 100 percent and I'm looking forward to it."

Easing back into the lineup was difficult for Cornette last Wednesday having to watch from the bench. Tonight, he'll be the Notre Dame player with the jitters.

"Some of these guys got to release that stress [last game]," Cornette said. "I had to sit there and watch that one. I'm a week overdue. I can't wait to get out there and let it all hang out."

Kurz signs with Irish

Brey signed the first member of his 2004 recruiting class Wednesday with the official commitment of Rob

Kurz from William Penn Charter high school in Philadelphia.

"I was really excited [about the signing]. I guess I was really excited last May when he committed, but we made it official yesterday," Brey said. "I think he's a guy who is so skilled and has such a good feel for the game as a bigger guy, he's going to be a guy who has a chance to help us right away."

A 6-foot-8, 225-pound forward, Kurz averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds per game as a junior last season.

Kurz verbally committed to the Irish on May 5, the same day Thomas declared for the NBA Draft.

Future game time changes

Two games on the Notre Dame schedule have different tip-off times than initially published.

The Dec. 1 game at Marquette has been pushed back to 9 p.m. local time and the home game against Central Michigan on Dec. 6 was also pushed back an hour to a 9 p.m. tip-off.

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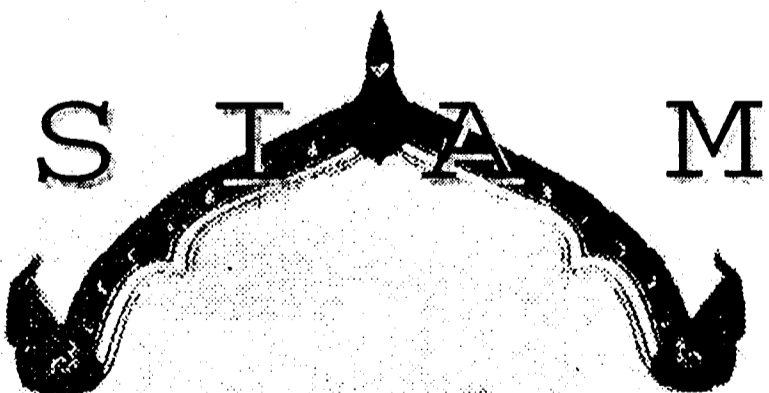


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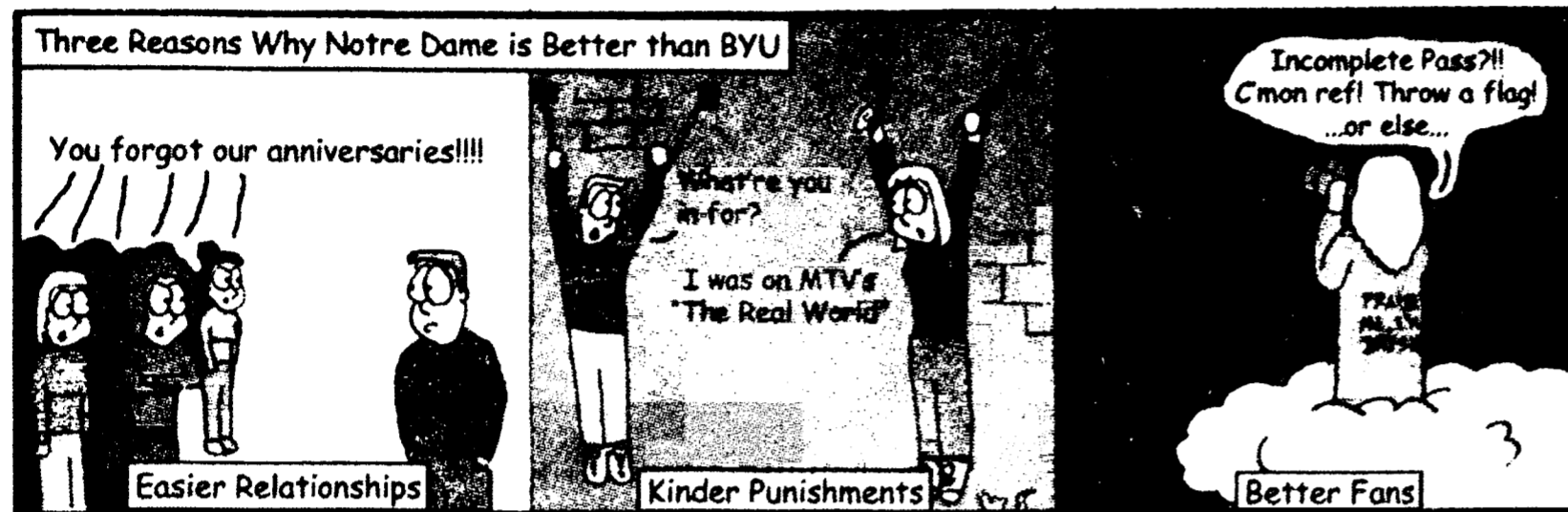
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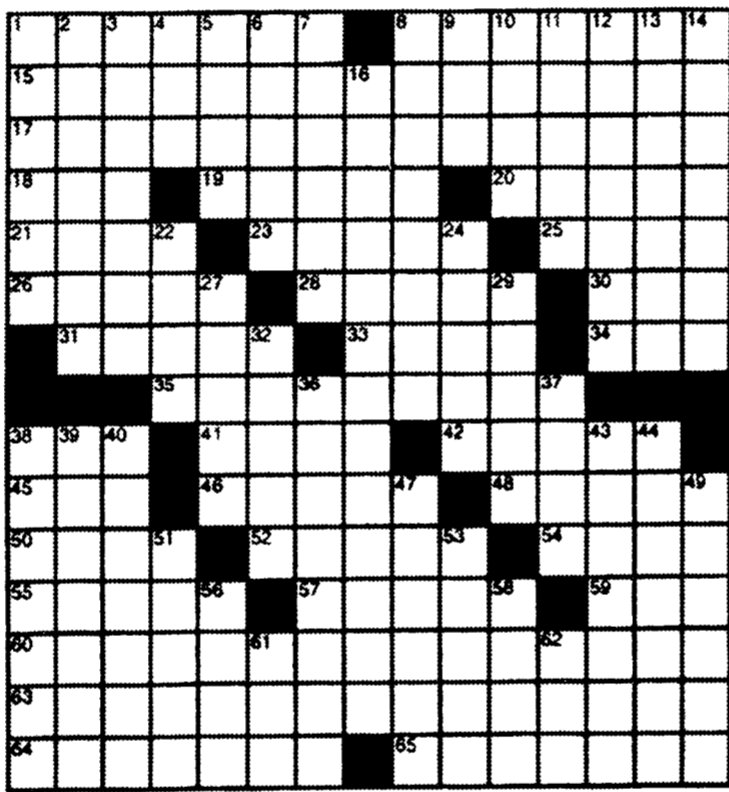
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Report says Irish are exploring ACC

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Is Notre Dame still considering changing conferences — even if it means losing its football independence?

In its Thursday edition, USA Today cited two anonymous sources who said Notre Dame had approached ACC officials about becoming full members in the conference.

Notre Dame athletic director

Kevin White, through the University's sports information department, issued a statement saying the Irish were "staying the course with the Big East" but that officials are "continuing to monitor the landscape" — essentially the same statement White issued when the Big East announced a five-team expansion Nov. 4.

Although Notre Dame spokesman John Heisler did not specifically address the USA Today report, he said the

school is standing by its statement.

ACC commissioner John Swofford said in a statement his conference "has not initiated discussions with anyone regarding further expansion," although he later added that the conference had "received some informal inquiries concerning potential membership."

The ACC did not specify if Notre Dame was one of the schools who had made any inquiries.

The issue of Notre Dame leaving the Big East in favor of the ACC isn't a new one. Almost two months ago, numerous reports said the conference — which recently added Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College — was talking with Notre Dame to gauge the school's interest in joining the ACC. At the time, Heisler said he had "no idea" if the Irish had been negotiating with the ACC and called the stories pure speculation.

White has repeatedly declined to comment on the conference re-alignment and Notre Dame's potential conference future.

But on the day the Big East announced it had added basketball powerhouses Marquette, DePaul, Cincinnati, Louisville and South Florida, Heisler said Notre Dame fans shouldn't assume Notre Dame would remain a football inde-

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish close out exhibitions tonight

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

"The Phonz" returns to the Joyce Center tonight.

Eleven years after graduating from Notre Dame, LaPhonso Ellis headlines an Illinois All-Stars roster facing the Irish tonight in what will be Notre Dame's final exhibition tune-up before the season starts at home Nov. 24 against Northern Illinois.

Ellis played four years at Notre Dame and left his name all over the record books. He currently sits 11th in all-time scoring, third in all-time rebounding, second in field goal percentage and first in career blocks. In 1992, the Denver Nuggets selected Ellis with the fifth overall pick in the NBA Draft.

That type of physical player, along with the rest of the Illinois All-Stars, provides the Irish with a challenge they usually face during their rugged Big East

schedule — something coach Mike Brey likes.

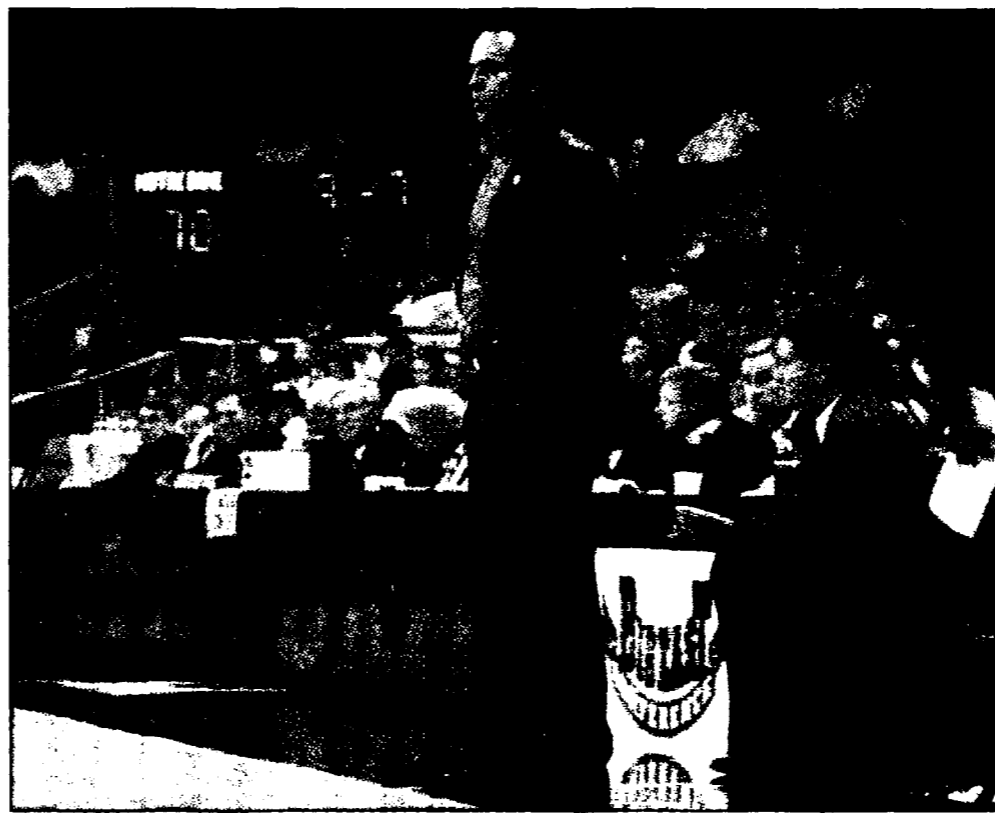
"Physically, they have [big] bodies, which is a good thing. They have Big East bodies," Brey said. "I don't know if they run as many sets as the last team [Hoop Group] we played. That last team we played was the most disciplined exhibition team I've ever seen. This team is a little bit more up and down, firing up a 3-point shot."

Running up and down the court is not the type of game Brey wants his team to get into this season. The loss of Matt Carroll and Dan Miller to graduation takes away two big-time scorers from his lineup.

Their graduation increases playing time of Jordan Cornette and Torrian Jones, who are known — at least right now — more for their defensive skill

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Irish head coach Mike Brey looks on in a game last year. The Irish close their exhibition season tonight at 9 p.m. at home.

than their offensive game.

"I don't think we were a team that took as much pride as we should have last year in our

team defense," Brey said. "We were just so good offensively

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish face Providence in Big East semifinals

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

After a dominating 2-0 home victory over Connecticut in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament, the Notre Dame men's soccer team (13-3-3, 7-3-1 Big East) travels east to challenge for the conference championship in Storrs, Conn. The third-seeded Irish will take on seven-seed Providence (6-9-3) in the first semifinal game Friday at 5 p.m. in Storrs, Conn.

No. 1 seed St. John's and No. 4 seed Rutgers will play following the Notre Dame match.

Last season, Georgetown ousted the Irish from the tournament by a score of 2-1 in a quarterfinal game. Counting the convincing win over the Huskies, however, the Irish are now 6-5 all-time in Big East championship competition. They have reached the semifinals of the tournament three times: in 1996, 1997 and 2001. Notre Dame's lone title came in 1996.

Providence upset No. 2 seed Virginia Tech in its quarterfinal match, 4-2, on penalty kicks to reach the semifinals.

Notre Dame enters Friday's match on a five-game winning



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Junior midfielder Jack Stewart goes for a ball for the Irish.

streak that began with a win over Providence on Oct. 22.

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BASEBALL

Axford out for season

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

It was one pitch too many. Irish pitcher John Axford fired his final pitch in his team's last game of fall baseball and struck out the opposing batter. But as he did, the junior fireballer heard something pop in his right elbow.

On Nov. 5, Axford underwent Tommy John surgery to repair a torn ligament and will be out for Notre Dames upcoming season.

"My biggest concern is for the health of John Axford, not the health of the Notre Dame baseball team," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "I'm concerned for him because he had high expectations — knew he was going to play an important role on the team."

Tommy John surgery has occurred more frequently with professional and collegiate pitchers in the last several years. The surgery involves removing a tendon from another part of the body and attaching it to the elbow to function as a ligament. The recovery time is usually one year and, according to Mainieri, the player can even come back stronger and healthier than before the surgery.

But even with a positive diagnosis, Axford is disappointed he will not pitch this season.

"I'm trying to stay as positive as I can about it," Axford said. "[My goals] are pushed

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Brigham Young at Notre Dame

The Irish face off with the Cougars in the last home game of the season.

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Notre Dame at West Virginia
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The Irish look to get a pair of Big East victories this weekend.

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The Irish travel to Boulder, Colo. where they play in their first tournament.

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The Irish host Brigham Young, Iowa and Louisville this weekend, as they try to improve their 0-3 dual meet record.

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St. Marys vs. Albion

The Belles look for revenge as Albion finished ahead of them in the conference last year.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Dillon and Siegfried battle as top two seeds

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Four overtimes and a stripped ball in the semifinal game against Keenan brought these two teams together.

After nearly seeing their dominance during the regular season dwindle away, Dillon had to prove why they deserve to be in the interhall championship game despite being the number one seeded team.

After meeting the challenge as Dillon defeated Keenan, the team will once again be tested as they face the No. 2 seed and defending champions Siegfried.

Dillon's path to the championship game included several obstacles including four overtimes and the inability to score points. Despite struggling for most of the game, Dillon was able to find the end zone and conquer Keenan 13-6.

Although the Ramblers are seeded second, Siegfried comes experienced as the defending champions will be playing in their third consecutive stadium game. But each time Siegfried reaches the championship game, it is a new experience.

"It is a different team with different players and different attitudes," Siegfried team captain Vince Sicillano said.

Coming off of a 10-6 victory over Morrissey last Sunday, Siegfried dominated the game after overcoming early struggles in the first quarter. The momentum quickly shifted for the Ramblers as defensive end Kevin Phipps stripped the ball from Morrissey's quarterback Marty Mooney.

Giving Siegfried confidence, the Ramblers took the lead by half-time and never looked back.

Despite having to face the number one seeded team, Siegfried remains confident they can avenge their loss against Dillon in the 2001 championship game.

"We're not nervous, we're ready ... our goal was to go to the stadium and defend the title," Sicillano said. "[Dillon] is the best team in the league and it is fitting that we will meet them in the championship game."

After last year's victory, Siegfried has remained confident as the team has become stronger in numbers and has gained greater support from the dorm.

Siegfried is more focused upon winning the championship and bringing the victory to the seniors for the last time rather than giving into all the excitement surrounding the game.

"If you give into the hype, that is when you don't show up to play the game," said Sicillano.



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A Siegfried player dives toward the end zone during the Ramblers' game against Sorin Sept. 28. Siegfried, last year's Interhall champion, will meet Dillon in the championship game Sunday.

In order to become victorious, Siegfried will have to defeat Dillon, who overcame a scare in the second round of the playoffs. After four overtimes, reality set in for Dillon.

"It was a gut check," Dillon team captain Kevin McCarthy said.

Dillon now realizes that more focus needs to be placed upon fundamentals in preparation for Sunday's game. They also hope to rely upon running game and quick defense led by senior

Robert McBride to stop Siegfried's game.

Dillon's offense has only allowed a total of 17 points in six games.

"The [defense] has never let up," Dillon quarterback Michael Johnson said. "The defense has carried us the whole season."

Although the victory is important to Dillon, playing in the stadium is a unique experience that Dillon does not take for granted.

"[The championship game] is a special event and with it being

a part of the legacy, everyone wants to do their best," McCarthy said.

Dillon has been the team to beat all season with a perfect record. It is Dillon's goal to prove that they belong in the championship.

"We are definite we can prove our number one ranking," Johnson said.

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Big Red made a habit of playing in close games this year



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A Dillon running back fumbles the ball in his team's win over Keough Sept. 28. Dillon has a history of close games this year, with four of their six victories coming by seven points or less.

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

If teams are defined by how they react when their backs are against the wall, then Dillon is an exceptional football team. The Big Red are undefeated heading into the men's interhall championship this Sunday against Siegfried, with four of their six victories coming by a touchdown or less.

Dillon's resiliency was tested early in the year against archrival Alumni. Kicker Brian Fallon booted a field goal with 27 seconds left to break a scoreless tie and defeat the Dawgs. This kick came after three earlier Big Red field goal attempts were blocked.

"We pride ourselves in finding a way to win," said junior tailback Ben Butwin. "We don't have a coach, so we look to our leaders and captains to motivate us."

Dillon entered its last regular season game against Keenan undefeated with a defense that had yet to give up a point. This changed quickly as the Knights opened up the first half with a touchdown.

The Big Red's woes continued later on, when quarterback Michael Johnson had to leave the game with a dislocated shoulder. Freshman

backup AJ Cedeno performed well in his place and led the team to a 14-8 victory.

"I hadn't played a single down in a game all year," Cedeno said. "But I had confidence in my team to get the job done. All I had to do was hand the ball off, and we got the victory."

After another close call, a 7-0 triumph over Sorin in the quarterfinals, the Big Red prepared for a rematch with Keenan. This game was a classic: it went into four overtimes, with Dillon coming

out on top, 13-6.

"That game was a nail-biter," Butwin said. "It was by far the toughest game I've played in."

The teams were tied 3-3 when Keenan kicker Andrew Warner missed a 35-yard field goal as time expired in regulation.

Johnson scored the game-winning touchdown for the Big Red in the fourth overtime.

The Big Red defense was tested like never before in this game but came up with stops when they were needed most to preserve the victory.

"Our success this season has been a real team effort," said captain JT Arseniadis. "There is no one player that

is a stand out."

Senior linebacker Robert McBride attributes Dillon's success to the amount of preparation that the team puts in.

"We practice three times a week, along with scouting our opponents and watching film," he said.

Despite all the close calls this year, the Big Red haven't let the fear of a loss affect them too much.

"I'd be lying if I said we haven't been afraid at any time this year," Butwin said. "But even when we have been down we've kept a positive attitude."

Arseniadis agreed.

"There is always fear when you're backed up against the wall," he said. "But this year we have executed and played smart, and that is the mark of a great team."

When it comes to Sunday's game, Dillon will be happy with any kind of victory.

"It would be exciting to have a 'Sportscenter' type of last-minute win," Cedeno said. "But it would be a compliment to our team if we won big."

Arseniadis summed up his team's attitude.

"Hey, a win's a win."

As they have shown all year long, the Big Red will take what they can get.

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Dillon tailback

WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Badin and Lewis set to face off in the Stadium

By ANNE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

The women's interhall football championship Sunday has all the makings of a David and Goliath match-up.

After months of anticipation, top-seeded Lewis will face third-ranked Badin at noon in Notre Dame Stadium.

"It's going to be a good game," Badin center Lindsay Wind said. "We know Lewis is a great team. They're very strong offensively and defensively, and they'll put up a great fight."

Lewis, the largest women's dorm on campus, is undefeated up to this point and, after receiving a bye in the first round of the playoffs, they arrive at the Stadium with a 7-0 record.

The Chicks dominated the Gold League, recording five shutouts and running away with victory after victory behind the talent and finesse of fourth-year quarterback Erin Nasrallah.

"We have a great group. We keep each other motivated," Nasrallah said. "We're really close, and we work together well. Everyone just loves to play."

Two years ago, Lewis lost in the championship after knocking off Badin in the semifinal round.

"Everyone knows what a great opportunity it is to play in the Stadium," Nasrallah said. "We put a lot of pressure on ourselves to get to the Stadium, but we're not just content to get there. We want to win."

Of course, this will not be the story if the Badin Bullfrogs have anything to say about it.

With nearly 170 fewer occupants than Lewis, Badin is the smallest girls' dorm on campus and is 7-1 after losing to Lewis in the season opener.

The dorm only housed an interhall team for six years, and this is their first year to make it to the finals.

"It's been our goal for four years," said senior Erin Zachry, one of Badin's quarterbacks. "Each year, we've improved and gotten closer and our goal has become more feasible. This is a big honor for Badin; we've worked very hard for this."

It's not only the team's leader that feels a win would be huge for the team, however.

"No matter if we win or lose, we're really proud of our progress and our accomplishments," said

Wind, also a senior. "But we still have the ultimate goal of winning."

When the teams met earlier this year, Lewis pulled through with an 8-6 victory.

Obviously, both Badin and Lewis have grown and made significant improvements since the beginning of the season.

"We're not taking anything for granted," Nasrallah said. "We know they're a really strong team. We know we have to come out playing hard the whole game, and that's what we plan on doing. We've watched them play and I think we're ready for whatever they may throw at us."

"This is a big honor for Badin; we've worked very hard for this."

Erin Zachry
Badin quarterback



Badin quarterback Erin Zachry looks to complete a pass in Badin's playoff victory over McGlinn Nov. 2. Badin and Lewis will face off for the women's interhall football championship Sunday.

The Chicks are hoping that the energy from last week's thrilling overtime victory against Welsh Family carries over to the championship game.

In addition to potent combinations on offense, Lewis also boasts a solid defense.

"We're really confident because of the way our defense has been setting up all year," said Amanda DiOrio, part of Lewis' secondary. "We're so strong and we really think it will be to our advantage in the championship."

Badin, for their part, will be relying once again on the playmaking ability of dual-action quarterbacks Zachry and fellow

senior Steph Heath, as well as the clutch plays of Wind and wide receiver Molly Donnely.

Zachry credits this season's success to "a combination of senior leadership and some very talented freshmen and sophomores," as well as to the dedication of fifth-year coach Anthony Pilcher.

Since the first day of the season, or, as DiOrio said, from the moment they lost last year, both teams have had their eyes set on the Stadium.

"At the beginning of the season, we got together as a team and let everyone know this was our goal," Wind said. "We knew we wanted nothing less than to play every

game possible."

The fact that each team is led by dynamic groups of seniors makes this final game of the season even more intense and emotional.

"There's so much energy and desire that it really vibrates throughout the team," DiOrio said.

That desire will probably continue all the way up to the first snap of the ball Sunday.

"We're all so excited and so pumped," Nasrallah said. "Both teams know how special this opportunity is."

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Lewis quarterback Nasrallah gets another shot at title

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Erin Nasrallah is by no means a novice when it comes to competing in Notre Dame Stadium. No, she didn't try out for the men's varsity football team, and she is not a cheerleader. She hasn't had a stint with the Fighting Irish coaching staff, and she most likely never will.

Nasrallah is a senior quarterback for Lewis' interhall football team, who this weekend, with the crisp breeze of autumn and a hint of ethanol in the air, will look to knock off No. 3 Badin inside the same stadium, which has produced many of Notre Dame's heroes over its history.

Nasrallah has been described as having a "rocket arm" and her ability to scramble out of the pocket has kept defenses on their heels all season long. A starter all four seasons, she is now looking to make the leap to the upper echelon of women's interhall football quarterbacks that have grazed the fields outside of the Stepan Center and on West Quad for years.

Two years ago, Nasrallah, then a sophomore quarterback, lead the Lewis squad into the championship game, only to suffer a tough defeat, which is still very fresh in her mind. Being in that situation before

has helped Nasrallah be a leader all season.

"I think what this year's team and the team two years ago have in common is the strong bond shared by the players. This year's team has its own unique dynamic, different players and different coaches. This year's game is about this year's team and the culmination of our season. The trip to the stadium is an opportunity we are all so excited for. We can't wait to play," Nasrallah said.

Nasrallah is truly a complete player in every sense of the word. She is as humble as Barry Sanders, as confident as Terrell Owens, but in a good way, and more collected than Brett Favre down four with two minutes left in the fourth quarter. Nasrallah has dealt with pressure all season and has gracefully managed to lead her Lewis offense into the playoffs as a number one seed.

Yet, it is no surprise that when asked what her leadership has meant to the Lewis football team, she modestly defers much of the credit to her teammates.

"I think the group of seniors and upperclassmen we have as a whole are the leaders of the team," Nasrallah said. "We've got experienced players on both sides of the ball. The fun we have at practice and the focus and determination we carry into the games is something that we spread to the entire team."

Despite the feel-good atmosphere that permeates Lewis' practices, Nasrallah feels as though her team has done a good job preparing for the

Sunday's contest, and is optimistic about winning her first interhall football championship.

"We've been doing what we've been doing all year: staying relaxed, remaining focused and now being excited about playing in the stadium," Nasrallah said.

This focus has allowed Nasrallah and the rest of the

Lewis squad to attain a perfect 7-0 record moving into this week's championship game against Badin. Here, Badin,

who is a very hot team, will be looking to pull the upset against Lewis, the team that defeated them 8-6 in their season opener.

"We respect Badin's team and know we have to come out ready to play, but we have confidence in our team's ability and feel ready for Sunday's game," Nasrallah said.

Nasrallah has led Lewis to several big wins this season, namely last week's semifinal against Welsh Fam, a game that Lewis won 14-13 in overtime with a game-winning touchdown by Nasrallah.

"Last week's win against Welsh was especially important," Nasrallah said. "Trailing the whole game, we had to find a way to win in a short period of time. It really gave us confidence that we could deal with any circumstance we encounter on the field."

Regardless of Sunday's outcome, Erin Nasrallah has devel-

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Erin Nasrallah
Lewis quarterback

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Lewis quarterback

oped a great deal of memories playing football for Lewis hall over her four-year career. While her Michael Jordan-like competitive edge might be what allows her to remain successful on the field, there are other aspects of the game that stand out in Nasrallah's mind.

"I've had so much fun both on and off the field with my teammates," Nasrallah said. "Playing football with your friends is one of the best things to do on a Sunday afternoon."

Not only is Erin Nasrallah a skilled football player, a respected leader and a great teammate, but she has a sense of humor as well.

When asked the number one reason that Lewis had made it to the interhall finals, Nasrallah casually remarked, "Celibacy and sobriety; the strategy suggested by our coaches."

It is too bad Badin won't see this same comedic side of Erin Nasrallah come Sunday, as the senior quarterback will do everything in her power to make up for the loss two years ago with a championship victory in last game of her interhall football career.

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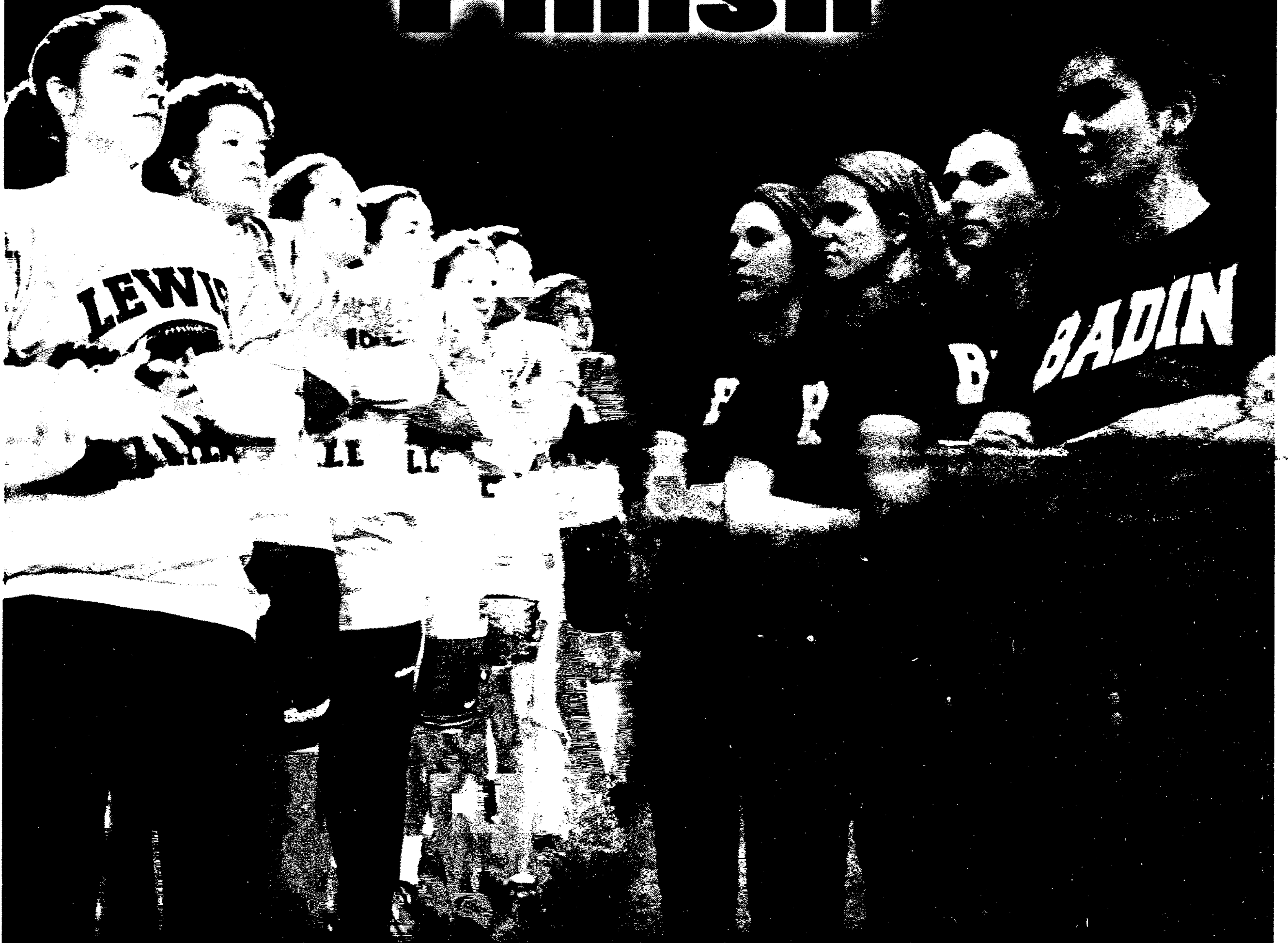
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After an intense opening season match, Lewis meets Badin once again in the Championship Game

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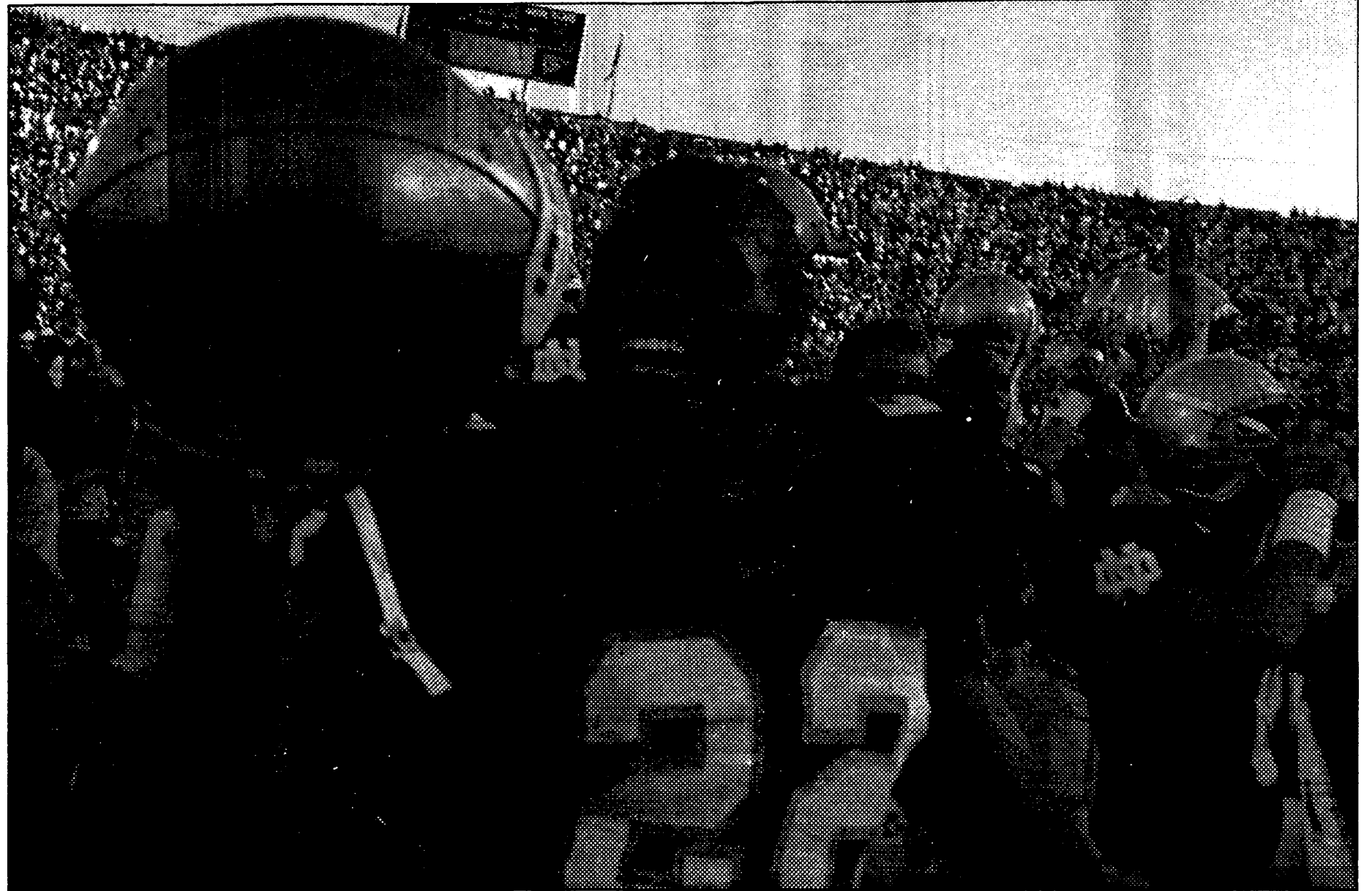
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Future will reveal seniors' role



Julius Jones laughs as the Irish celebrate D.J. Fitzpatrick's game-winning field goal against Navy. Jones is one of the first to admit his senior year hasn't gone how he hoped, but the Irish say they aren't giving up on the season.

TIM KACMAR/The Observer

History will judge what role the 2003 senior class had in shaping Notre Dame football, and that's a good thing.

Because right now, this senior class' legacy isn't looking too good.

In the 117-year history of Notre Dame football, the Irish have never had three losing seasons in a five-year span. And if the Irish lose to BYU, Stanford or Syracuse, the fifth-year seniors playing their final game in Notre Dame Stadium Saturday will have been the only class of players to see Notre Dame through such an ignominious stretch.

Not exactly something you want to put on your resume.

And that's why fans will have to wait until future football seasons to determine how much of an impact this senior class had on the football program.

One thing for sure — this year's senior class has experienced nowhere near the success that last year's class did as the team's leaders. And that's surprising, considering that a new head coach bent on installing his own style often neglects the players who will be around for just one season.

But Tyrone Willingham welcomed and embraced last year's seniors, and they responded by serving as a rallying point for Notre Dame's remarkable run. Seven went on to get drafted by the NFL, and many of those who did are playing key roles on their respective teams.

So what happened to this crop of seniors?

For one, there aren't many impact players in the lineup — especially on the offense. In fact, aside from Julius Jones, no other senior has had a massive impact on Notre Dame's ability to move the ball — maybe because only three played regularly (wide receiver Omar Jenkins and lineman Jim Molinaro).

Defensively, the inability of Notre Dame's once-dominating unit to shut down opponents is even more puzzling, considering the Irish at the beginning of the season started seven players who attended Notre Dame for at least four years.

This season is more or less a throwaway, because even if the Irish win the rest of their games to become bowl-eligible, there's little chance they'll actually get selected for one.

And that is where the evaluation of this senior class can begin.

Can vocal leaders like Courtney Watson rally the Irish and keep them focused late in the season? When the Irish stumbled to a losing season two years ago, it was in part because some of the younger players — who are now this year's seniors — adopted a "wait 'till next year" mentality. How can this senior class prevent others from making mistakes?

Can future NFL talent, like Julius Jones or Darrell Campbell, pass what they have learned to the younger players who will take their place? Notre Dame is such a young team right now — the Irish have played six true freshmen — that the youth need the experience the seniors can provide if Notre Dame is to be successful in the future.

Can Notre Dame actually have a winning record in November? (The Irish haven't in four of the last five

seasons). Five years ago, then-Irish coach Bob Davie told his team that fans wouldn't remember how Notre Dame started out the season, "but they'll remember what you do in November." And fans did — Notre Dame lost the final four games of the campaign to record its first losing season in 13 years.

The same holds true for this batch of seniors. Notre Dame fans are

more likely to remember the BCS bowl run of 2000 and the Return to Glory campaign of 2002 than they will the losing-record years of 1999 and 2001 — all teams the graduating class of fifth-year seniors

were members of.

But the manner in which the Irish team ends the season will be the true testament of this class' leadership ability. Because if Notre Dame sputters its way to another losing season — just like the Irish did last year — it's hard to imagine that Irish football will experience a miraculous rebirth in the offseason.

On the other hand, if the Irish finish the season on a positive note, Notre Dame will finally have some bounce in its step in the offseason, which could in turn lead to repetition of Willingham's miraculous first year at the helm of Notre Dame football. And by doing so, the seniors will show that their final year, the year Notre Dame stumbled again, was merely an aberration.

Time will judge those playing their final game in Notre Dame Stadium Saturday. But against BYU, the seniors will begin filling the pages of the history books.

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QUOTING THE IRISH

"I missed it a lot. Anytime you have something taken away from you that you love doing, it hurts pretty bad. ... You learn from your mistakes, and I think I've done that."

Julius Jones
running back

"I'm just enjoying playing football with a helmet and shoulder pads on for the last time in my life."

Nate Schomas
walk-on wide receiver

"I see the system just taking off and getting back to the glory days."

Courtney Watson
linebacker

COURTNEY WATSON

An all-around guy

Watson gets more out of life at Notre Dame than just football

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Last season, Courtney Watson was one of the leaders of a high-flying Irish defense that wreaked havoc on opposing offenses. The squad was known for its big hits and big plays in causing 33 turnovers and scoring five touchdowns on defense.



Watson

Playing in just 10 of Notre Dame's 13 games that year, Watson led the team in tackles with 90 and had 10 tackles for loss in being named one of three finalists for the Butkus Award, given to the top linebacker in the country.

This year, the fifth-year senior Watson has already surpassed those marks for tackles in nine games and is again one of the nation's leaders at his middle linebacker position.

But those numbers only tell part of the tale. While Watson will go down in Notre Dame lore as one of many standout linebackers, he has left an even longer lasting legacy with the University in his five years in South Bend.

Neo-Mr. Notre Dame

For much of his time with the Irish, Watson has been more than just a football player. In fact, he has broken the mold and shattered the stereotypical image of the "football jock" by serving as a leader both on the football field and off.

"You meet a lot of people outside of football and you get to meet new people and learn about people on more of a personal level — not necessarily as, 'I'm Courtney Watson — football player, and you're such and such,'" Watson said. "I think it really helps to break down those walls in between the people I've met and learn more about me than just a football player."

Everyone knows that Watson is one of the undisputed leaders of the football Irish — he has served as game day captain already four times for the Irish this season.

But not everyone may be aware of Watson's dedication to his fellow students at Notre Dame. Last year, the then-Zahm Hall senior decided to run for hall senator and was elected by a commanding 70 percent margin by his fellow Zahmbies.

"[Running for senator] was something I did that turned out to be a very good situation for me," Watson said. "I learned a lot from it, and it helped me get more involved in being just a regular student."

Watson has made a point to try to experience all Notre Dame has to offer an not fall into the mold of being "just a football player."

"I think to get the most out of college that this is the best situa-

tion to be in," Watson said. "If you want to go to college and just play ball, that's fine. But this may not be the place for you. If you want to become a better person, this is the right place for you, because I think they do a very good job of trying to incorporate that into everyday life here and try to break down those walls and barriers between student-athletes and students."

Like many other students, Watson has learned a valuable lesson from his experiences in campus life and in campus politics — stay out of the political world.

"I don't think [I would like it]," he said with a laugh. "The way politics have been going right now, it's too much pressure. I've been in some high pressure situations with football, but I don't know if I could deal with all of that."

Put him on either side

Like many players in college football today who were too athletically skilled to be wasted on the defensive side of the ball in high school, Watson began his career with the Irish on offense.

"I think it's common everywhere, just because a lot of times in high school they put the best guys in position to make the play for the team, so you have a lot of defensive players who are playing offense," Watson said. "I think that's just the way it is when you don't have as much talent on one particular team in high school as you do on college, where someone can play more of a natural position for that individual person. In high school, you have to try to get the ball to the best athlete on your team, whether he plays offense or defense."

Watson was recruited out of Sarasota, Fla., as a star running back who racked up over 2,500 yards rushing and 25 touchdowns in his junior and senior seasons combined. But when he got to Notre Dame in 1999, the lack of depth behind Irish middle linebacker Anthony Denman had then-coach Bob Davie looking for anyone to fill in that position in the years to come.

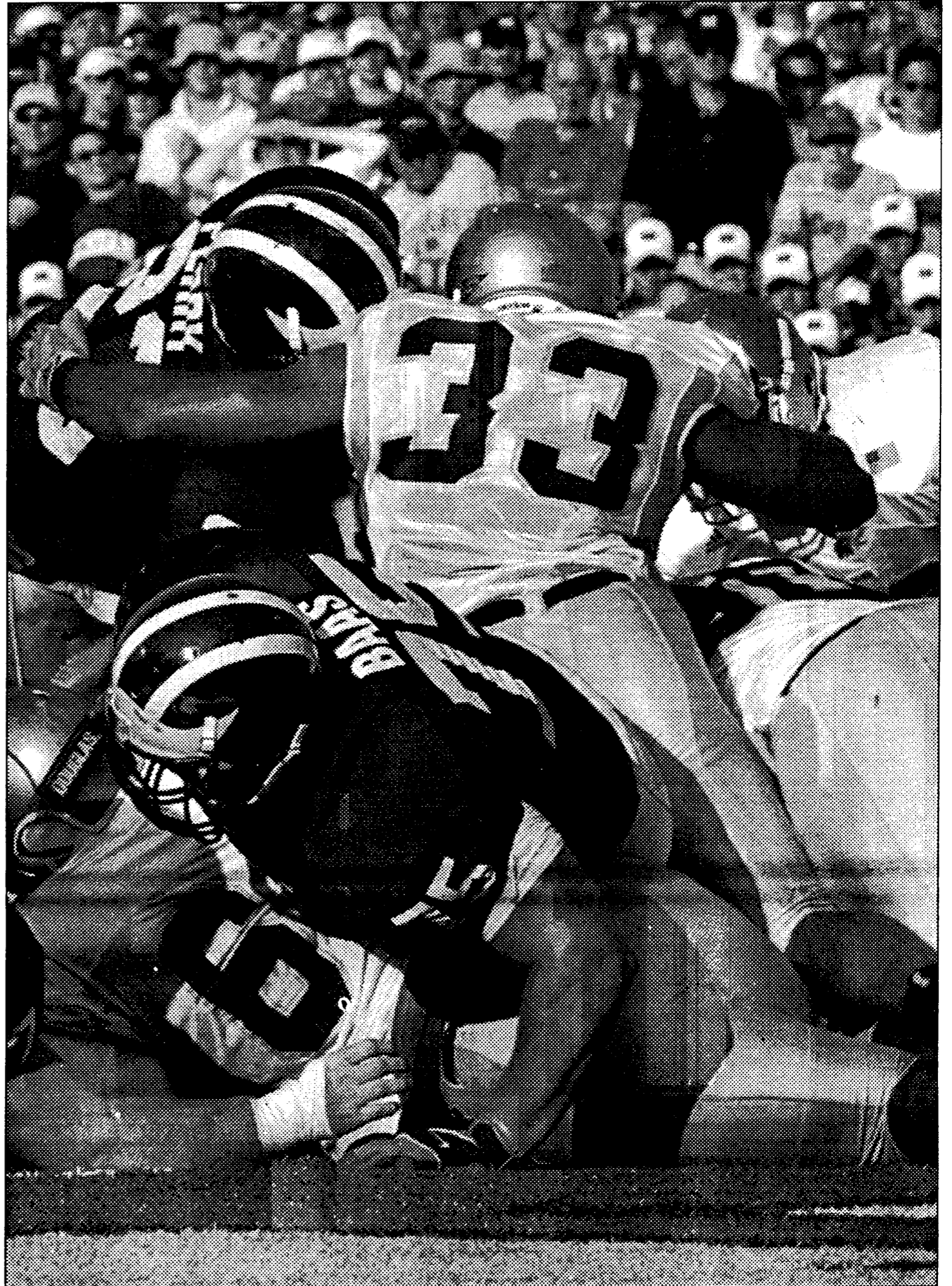
The freshman tailback from Florida — whom many coaches thought had the body frame to grow into a defensive player — was tabbed for the assignment.

Four years later, Davie is looking like a genius — at least in one area — as Watson has developed into one of the premier linebackers in the country. Watson has recorded 267 tackles over his career and has led the team in that category the past two seasons.

"I'm happy I changed. I've taken to this position and have tried to make myself as good as I can be at this position," Watson said of his switch to linebacker. "I think I've had a pretty good career here, so I'm very happy about the change, and I don't think it could have gone any better."

Through good times and bad

If there's one thing that Watson has a lot of after nearly



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Irish inside linebacker Courtney Watson makes a tackle against Michigan in 2003. Watson has been one of the best linebackers to play for the Irish defense in many years.

five years with the Irish, it's experience. That makes him nearly invaluable as a senior leader on a team with a lot of young talent.

In his career, Watson's gone through just about everything you can imagine. He's struggled through a position change from offense to defense at the early part of his career. He's waited patiently for his time to get into the game behind older athletes.

"You see the team struggling and you think you can go out there and help," Watson said of his own experiences at the beginning of his career. "But everybody has to wait their turn, and I think you just learn that as you become more mature and understand college football a little more."

Over his five years, Watson has also witnessed first hand the extreme highs and lows that can come with winning and losing as Notre Dame.

He's seen the good times and bad in Irish football ranging from Notre Dame's 8-0 start last year and Fiesta Bowl appearance in 2000 to its current 3-6

more to teach and more to learn.

"Right now, you just play for wins. You want to just put this team in a position to have some momentum for next year," he said. "My goal is to get better as an individual, but at the same time, to help our team get better to win the next game that we have, then after that the next three games, and just try to end the season on a good note."

If there's one thing Watson can be positive about with all the things he's seen in nearly five years at Notre Dame, it's that the great Irish football tradition will not fade away any time soon.

"I see the program just going up," Watson said. "I see coach [Tyrone] Willingham staying here and getting a good hold on the program and putting his touch to it and getting a lot of players in here. I see the system just taking off and getting back to the glory days."

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DAVID KOWALSKI

Choice of academics has unexpected result

Guard didn't have to give up football after high school

By CLAIRE HEININGER
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Faced with what he thought was a decision between football and academics, Chicago De La Salle High School valedictorian David Kowalski thought he picked only academics. Turns out, he didn't have to choose.

"I was recruited to play football at a bunch of smaller schools, and I had it narrowed down to Washington University in St. Louis and here," Kowalski, now a senior offensive guard for the Irish, said. "I could've played football there ... but after I came and visited Notre Dame, I knew it was the place for me, football or not. There was never really a second thought after that. It was academics first — that's just how I was raised."

Even with this choice Kowalski found it hard to let go of football completely and decided to send a highlight tape to a family friend who was connected with the program.

"After he checked out the tape,



Kowalski

he told me to come on over and I thought I was going to a tryout," Kowalski said.

He was mistaken. "I got there and [the coaches] said, 'Here's your pads,'" Kowalski said. "I had no idea. ... I was a completely lost little freshman."

Four years later, Kowalski has found his way and has found his role on the scout team during his senior season.

"We obviously didn't want to be 2-6 at this point, but in the same respect we don't want to be 2-10 either," the walk-on said.

"My games are played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. ... I don't get to play on Saturdays, so nothing changes for me. We're still going out there trying to win and trying to get these guys ready."

In addition to preparing the starters for Saturdays, Kowalski has made it his responsibility and his priority to prepare this year's freshmen walk-ons for the challenges of the seasons ahead of them.

"I like to think that the other walk-ons look up to me," he said. "When I was a freshman, the older guys took care of me, took me under their wing, going out to dinner every once in awhile ... it helps to get to know the guys that you're out there

with at practice.

"As a walk-on, you go through a lot that people don't really see," he said. "That's kind of become my job, to be a mentor for the younger ones."

Reflecting on his college career, Kowalski's emotions were mixed.

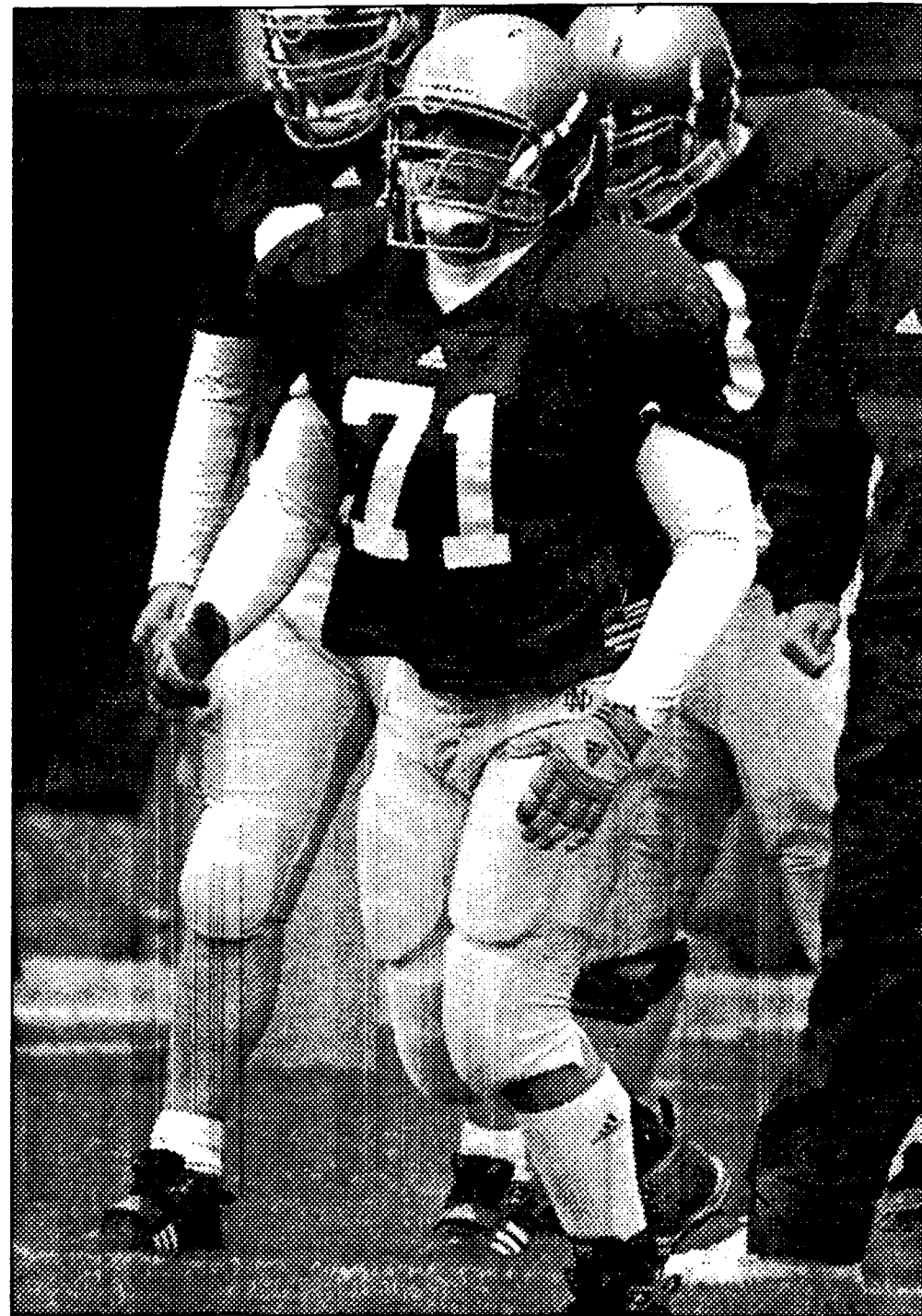
"It's kind of bittersweet," he said. "I mean, it's been a long road, it's been four years ... that's a whole lot of practices, a whole lot of different trips. I wouldn't trade it ... but I think I'll be ready to walk away."

He paused, realized how soon that walk would come, and added, "there will be times, though, five or 10 years from now, when I would do anything to play one more play."

Kowalski, the self-assured senior walk-on, appreciates his current perspective on Kowalski, the intimidated freshman student who chose Notre Dame in the first place. He maintains that football alone has not defined his college experience.

"I don't want to be known for [just playing football]," he said. "That's kind of the essence of a walk-on ... I came here to be a part of something bigger than myself."

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David Kowalski jogs onto the practice field at Cartier Field during a recent Notre Dame practice.

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SEAN MILLIGAN

Convincing mom turned out worthwhile



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Sean Milligan charges downfield to make a block during Notre Dame's 24-17 victory over Purdue in 2002.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Despite the fact her son is now a 290-pound lineman for the Irish, Sean Milligan's mother was worried about him playing football when he was younger.

"I've always wanted to play football," Milligan said. "All my friends played football, but my mom wasn't really for it so I had to coax her into it. She was like, 'Your older brother didn't play until he was in high school, and you're not playing until you're in high school.'

"I kind of talked her letting me start a year before high school, though."

As a senior at Norcross High School in the Atlanta suburb of Norcross, Milligan shined as a standout offensive lineman. He was named a USA Today second-team All American offensive lineman and rated a top-100 prospect by both ESPN.com and The Sporting News.

As a high school standout in the football-crazy state of Georgia, Milligan received a lot of looks from the University of Georgia and other SEC schools,



Milligan

as well as Georgia Tech in Atlanta. From the start, though, he knew where he wanted to go.

"I kind of just went with my gut and my heart," he said. "I thought Notre Dame had the best mix of academics and football and I wanted to get a nationally-recognized degree."

Milligan was redshirted as a freshman in 1999 under coach Bob Davie, and only played a few minutes of backup duty as a sophomore. As a junior, Milligan started his first game against Nebraska in 2001.

The offensive guard continued to switch between a starter and a backup through 2001, but became a full-time starter in 2002, coach Tyrone Willingham's first year.

Milligan was forced to learn a different blocking scheme from the option-based scheme which Davie used. He also had to deal with the fiasco surrounding the hiring and five days later, resignation, of George O'Leary.

"It was hard, because I came in to play under coach Davie and his staff, and when they left it was kind of like, 'Well, where do I go from here,'" Milligan said. "And then the new coach came in and he was only here for five days, so we all were at home from Christmas break and we're just kind of thinking — who's going to be our coach."

"It was kind of frustrating not knowing who your coach was

going to be, because the school was keeping quiet about it."

During his first year in Willingham's system, Milligan was a crucial part of an offensive line that sent four players to the NFL and helped the Irish to a 10-3 record. Milligan served an additional role this season as the only returning starter on the offensive line, and was asked to provide extra leadership to the young line-men.

"What I tried to do was just to help them learn the game speed, the game tempo, and what's expected of them," he said. "The coaches expect leadership out of the seniors, with the young team we have, we're expected to really set an example."

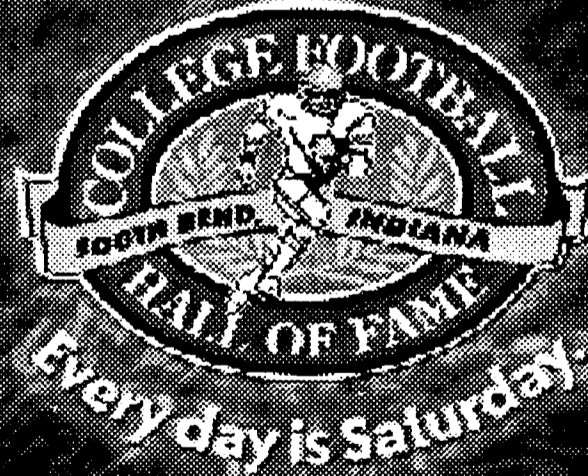
Milligan injured himself in the Michigan game this year, and hasn't played since, putting a damper on his last year. Despite the injury, he still feels confident about his future after Notre Dame.

"I'm just going to take next semester and try to get things in order. I'd like to go back home to Atlanta, but I'll really go anywhere someone will hire me," he said.

"I'd like to play professional football, and if that comes, it comes, but I'm not banking my life on it."

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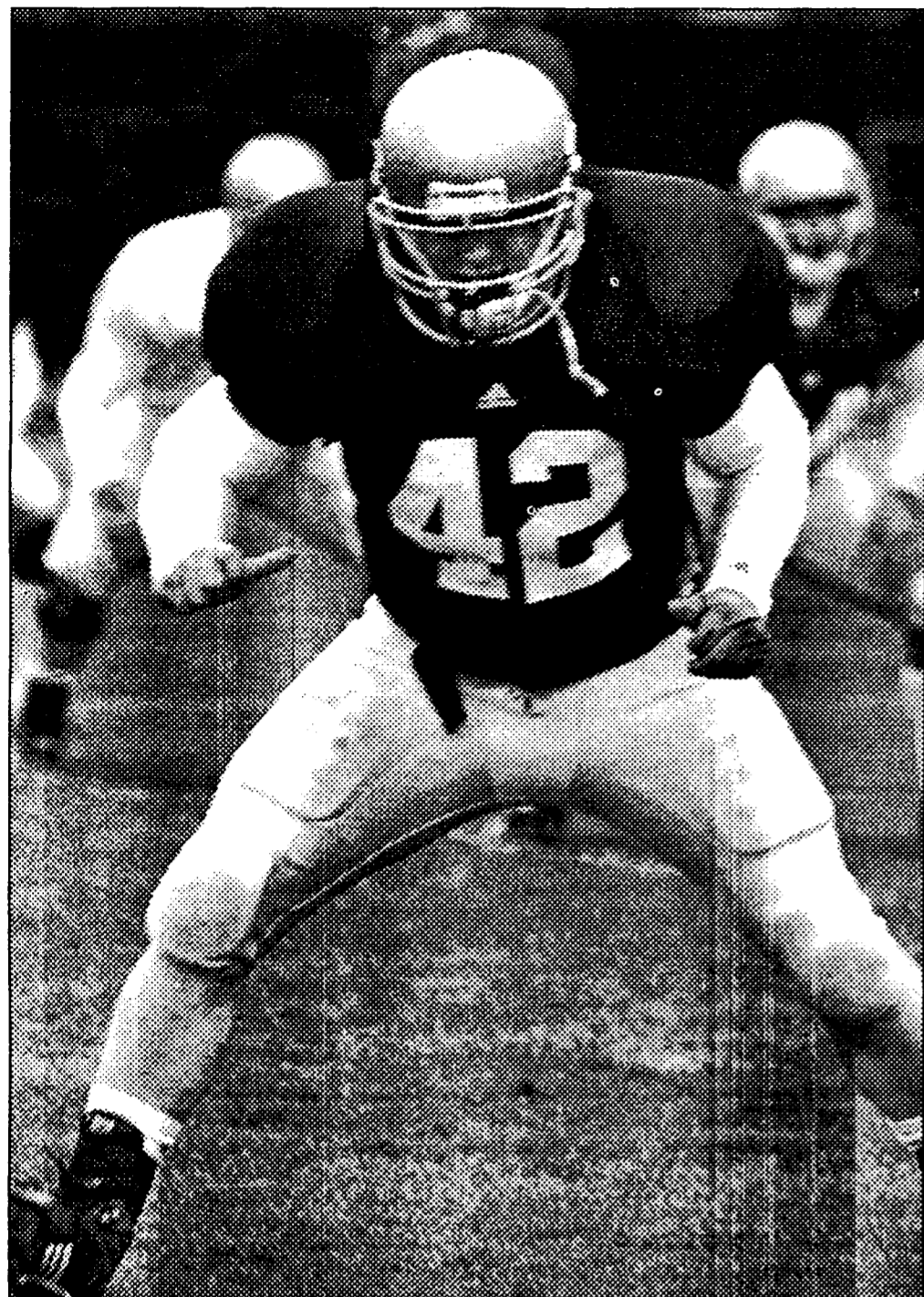
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PATRICK NALLY

Helping prepare the starters is just plain fun



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Patrick Nally stretches before a recent Notre Dame practice at Cartier Field.

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Sports Writer

For walk-on tight-end Patrick Nally, the opportunity to play Notre Dame football is just plain fun.

"I'm scrimmaging football most of the time, which is just a blast," Nally said. "To go out there and go against some of the best athletes in the world, it's fun to go out and compete."

As a member of the scout team, Nally helps prepare the defense by simulating the next opponent's offense in practice the week before the game. How he does this — and sometimes even the position he plays — changes every week.

"Boston College used a lot of tight ends ... Florida State hardly used any and Navy doesn't even have a tight end on their team. ... I was a tackle that week," he said.

And even though his hard work at practice doesn't usually result in playing time, he still has a lot invested in each game.

"You definitely take pride and definitely look at the defense and see how they do and how they perform and always hope for a shutout or very low points scored on them," he said.

Nally said he knew he wanted to come to Notre Dame and play football since third grade and always worked toward that goal. And while no members of his family had attended Notre Dame, he was following his father's footsteps, who played football at the University of Tulsa.

"The first thing was getting into school and once I was able to get in to school it was to work towards doing the football," he said.

Nally prepared by adding 25 pounds between the time he arrived on campus and when he tried out for the team in the spring of his freshman

year in 2001. After he made the team, he began working towards his next goal — playing during a game.

That opportunity came during Notre Dame's 42-0 victory over Rutgers last November, when Nally played for just under a minute.

"It was real exciting and pretty unreal at the time, I couldn't really believe it was happening," he said. "Definitely one of the goals I set out when I joined the team was to get on the field, play at least a play and get my name on the all-time roster."

Nally would welcome the opportunity to play again, but said wants to see his team win more than anything else.

"I definitely want to go out on top. I would like to win the games first and foremost," he said. "I'll play hard at practice and play hard at every play, prepare the defense for everything and see what happens."

"If I have the opportunity to play again, it would be awesome, if not, I just really hope we win."

An accounting major, Nally has also spent this fall interviewing for jobs, and like many other students, isn't sure where he will end up next year.

"I'm going back to being a normal guy I guess," he said. "I am going through the interview process and going to get a job, just like a typical, average Notre Dame student."

But playing on the most storied college football program is an opportunity few students get and one Nally said he is thankful for.

"It's a real neat experience, I feel very fortunate to have had it and I try to work as hard as I can at it," he said. "I have met some great guys doing this and really have been fortunate with all the people I have met and made friends. It's definitely something I would like to take with me beyond football."

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JASON BECKSTROM

No regrets

Despite injuries, Beckstrom would not change any of his decisions

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

He lunged to make a tackle on a kickoff drill in a preseason practice, but mostly missed the runner. Instead, his arm wrapped around the ball carrier for only an instant, before Jason Beckstrom felt something twinge in his arm.

Just like that, he had torn his bicep. Just like that, he was out for the season.

And so Beckstrom, who entered 2002 with such high expectations, grabbed a permanent spot on the sidelines for the 2002 season. Yes, the year Notre Dame "returned to glory." Yes, the year he had his best chance to challenge for a starting cornerback slot. Yes, the year he hoped would propel him to an NFL career.

So why isn't he upset about it?

Masked as a disguise

"Sometimes things come in disguises," Beckstrom said a year after his injury, "and I really think this has been one of those things."

When Beckstrom stood on the sideline of a practice field a year ago in pain, he had no idea his season was over. In fact, he thought his arm muscles had only cramped up. So he pulled his helmet back on, stepped back onto the practice field and played football for two more days.

Then the results of the MRI came back. "Well, I guess I have to sit that one out," Beckstrom remembers thinking when he heard the news. He had torn the smaller of his bicep muscles, which meant he could still move his arm but couldn't do anything as physical as tackle a wide receiver. So he had arm surgery and traded his helmet for another year of eligibility.

The thing was, Beckstrom never got visibly angry that he had to sit out the season. While he admits that it was tough watching Notre Dame have success with him on the sideline, he had faced season-ending injuries before. A shoulder injury his sophomore year kept him out of spring practice, and a torn hamstring and double stress fracture in his back made him miss his freshman and sophomore years of high school.

"Experience is very key in something like that," he said. "I knew that I'd feel like when I came back, and I realize what kind of story that would be and how people could take encouragement and inspiration from that to do the same thing."

Contemplating his options

But the year away from football made Beckstrom realize something else — he wasn't quite ready to leave Notre Dame yet. Although he would be graduating with a marketing degree in May, Beckstrom didn't quite think he was ready to face the real world.

"Last year, I thought if I had to leave and go into the world, I didn't think I was going to be ready," he said. "I didn't think I had the knowledge and the tools, even though I was going to graduate with a degree."

Beckstrom's parents had always encouraged their son to prepare a backup plan in case football didn't work out for the talented athlete. So with the extra year, Beckstrom started considering entering the McCloskey



Beckstrom



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Irish defensive back Jason Beckstrom heads toward the ball during the Michigan game this season. Beckstrom returned to Notre Dame in 2003 after missing the entire 2002 season with a torn bicep injury.

Business Plan competition, where Notre Dame students submit a business proposal and compete for a \$15,000 grand prize.

Beckstrom spent a year on his project, which he completed Nov. 14. His idea? A retail/electronics kiosk machine that could be placed anywhere in the retail industry.

"I realized there's other things out there than football that I want to do," he said. "Football's my passion, but there are other things too."

The year on the sidelines gave Beckstrom plenty of time to develop his business proposal. But it also gave him the chance to watch the Notre Dame defense from the sideline to help himself improve.

And when spring practice rolled around, Beckstrom was ready to go.

Competing for a job

With Shane Walton moving on to the NFL, Beckstrom — who had 32 games at cornerback under his belt — found himself competing with junior Dwight Ellick, who had played only two games on defense.

Beckstrom was confident he'd earn the starting job because he had the experience, even though spring practice ended with the battle undecided. The two resumed their battle in the

fall, where Ellick gained a slight edge — and therefore more playing time — over the fifth-year senior.

The choice might have been surprising to Beckstrom, who came from an Oklahoma high school defense that didn't allow over nine yards of offense four times in his senior season and was considered one of the top prospects in his state.

But while Beckstrom might have been disappointed that he might not have been playing as much, he shrugged off the second-team designation as easily as he shrugged off his injury.

"You always expect to do more, to increase every year. But because of injuries, that hasn't happened," Beckstrom said. "The most important thing for me is to keep a positive mindset and always ready to be called on."

Beckstrom and Ellick became friends fast, however, and each continued to push the other in practice. For Ellick, the competition gave the young cornerback a chance to learn from a veteran. For Beckstrom, he got another year wearing the jersey of the school he wanted to attend since he was a child.

"I know he'd rather be playing at lot and starting," secondary coach Trent Walters said, "but he's accepted his

role and is doing real well."

Ready for the future

With just three games left in his final year of eligibility, Beckstrom is starting to think about his football future. He'd love to give the NFL a shot, but also wants to try to make his business proposal work.

"If I can have my cake, and eat it too, that would be something" he laughs. "Sometimes things don't work that way, sometimes they do." Oh, and that idea that he wasn't

ready to face post-graduate life? Beckstrom says that doesn't exist anymore.

Instead, he looks at the person he became while at Notre Dame — "I became a man and was able to face adversity and bounce back" — and realizes that his college career was worth all the struggles he endured.

It's easy to wonder if Beckstrom regrets coming back for a fifth year. But he doesn't.

"A lot of times life doesn't go the way you want it," he said. "Football is a metaphor for life. If I can make it through this year, that tells me I can get through anything in the future."

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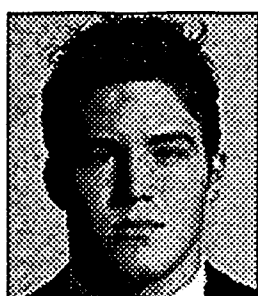
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MATT KRUEGER

Scout team QB finally contributes on Saturdays

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Matt Krueger had dreams of being part of a Notre Dame victory, but it was as a quarterback. But against Navy his goal was realized, as he was the holder in the game-winning field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick.



Krueger

Krueger, a walk-on and the scout team quarterback, won the job as backup holder this year, and when Nicholas Setta went down with a leg injury against Pittsburgh, Krueger was summoned to hold for Fitzpatrick, his former teammate at Mishawaka's Marian High School.

The duo from Marian was responsible for two field goals and an extra point in their first appearance of the season, and have been successful since.

"I knew him all through high school and it's a big trust factor," Fitzpatrick said. "I trust him so much and that makes it so much easier in some ways."

But their role at Notre Dame has been much different than their careers at Marian, where Krueger was an all-state quar-

terback and played safety while Fitzpatrick was an all-state defensive back.

"This is a smaller job [than playing in the secondary together] but it is so much more important, and it takes a lot more trust," Fitzpatrick said.

But coming to Notre Dame, Krueger didn't think he would be where he is today.

"I was pretty cocky coming out of high school, and I figured I would come in here and be playing by my sophomore year," he said. "But as the years went on, I understood what my roles were."

Krueger has been a crucial part of the Irish behind the scenes, as he has been the scout team quarterback for four years. He has been responsible for learning and practicing opponents' offenses against the first-string defense. Krueger has embraced this role.

"It's one of those things, where every week there is something new, a new challenge, and it's one of those things where you rise to the challenge and help the defense out," Krueger said. "It's a lot of fun."

For Krueger, it was never a tough choice to come to Notre Dame, even as a walk-on.

"I always loved Notre Dame growing up, and it just felt right," Krueger said. "It was a great opportunity."

Krueger followed in the footsteps of his brother Ryan, who was a walk-on quarterback for the Irish from 1998-2001, and his dad, who was also a Notre Dame graduate. For him, getting onto the field and being able to hold for Fitzpatrick has been an invaluable experience.

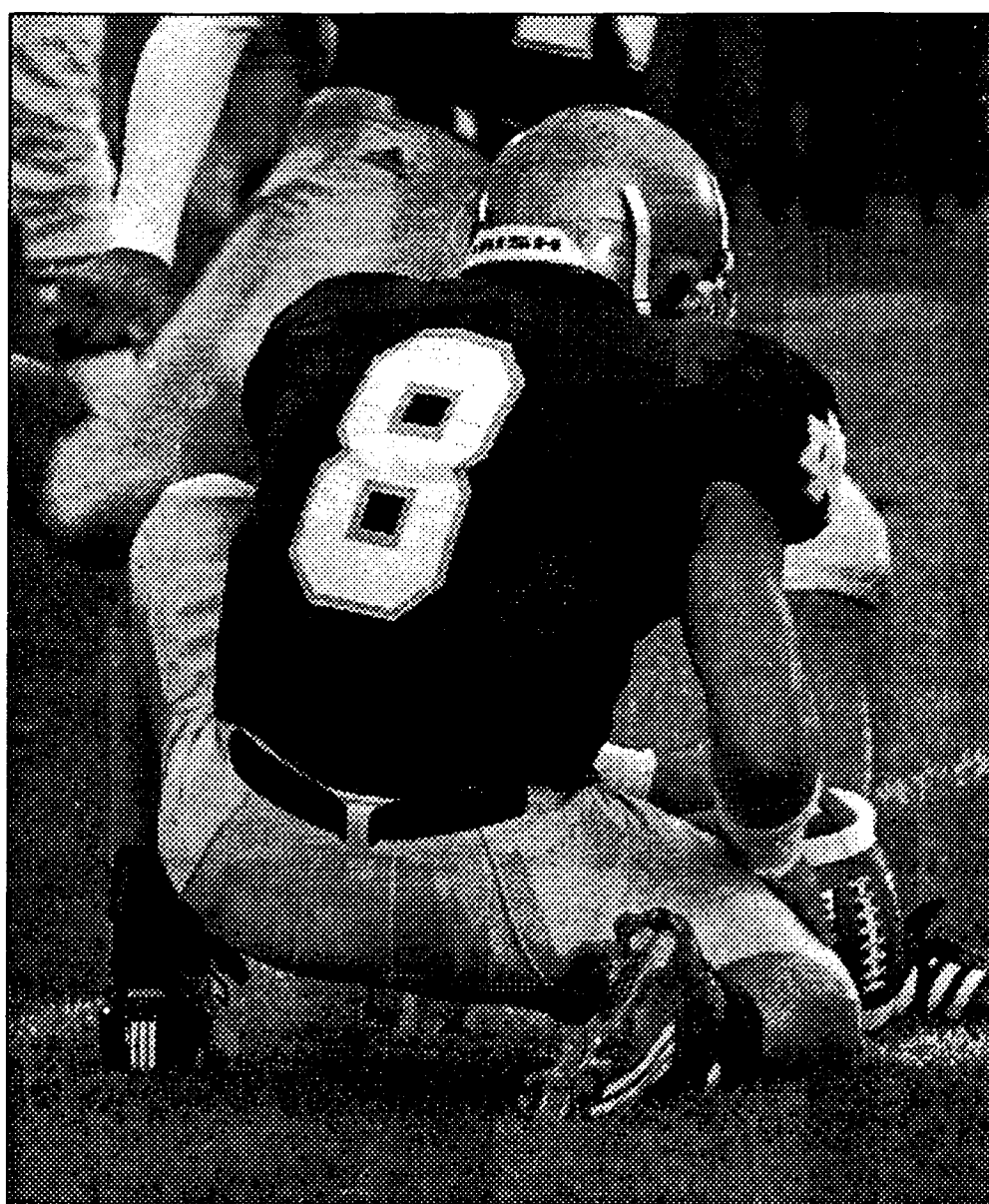
"It's great, not only was my first time on the field this year, but to be able to share something like that with D.J., who I played with in high school, is extra special, not only for people at Marian, but for my coach and my parents," Krueger said.

But now that the two have been reunited, Krueger's graduation will find Fitzpatrick searching for another holder that he can trust as much as his friend from high school.

"Losing someone you trust like that, it's going to hurt, but it is just time for the next guy to step up and for a new relationship to build," Fitzpatrick said.

And, through it all, Matt Krueger knows that he made the right choice to come to Notre Dame, after moving to South Bend right before high school.

"When I take a step back and look at everything, you can't go wrong at Notre Dame — great academics and playing for one of the best football programs in the country is just an experience that is just unbelievable," Krueger said. "I



ALLISON NICHOLS/The Observer

Matt Krueger holds the ball for kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick's game-winning field goal against Navy Saturday.

love the game of football, and even if I didn't make it on the field, just coming out here everyday and giving my all and helping out the team is one of those things I take a lot of

pride in — it has been worth it."

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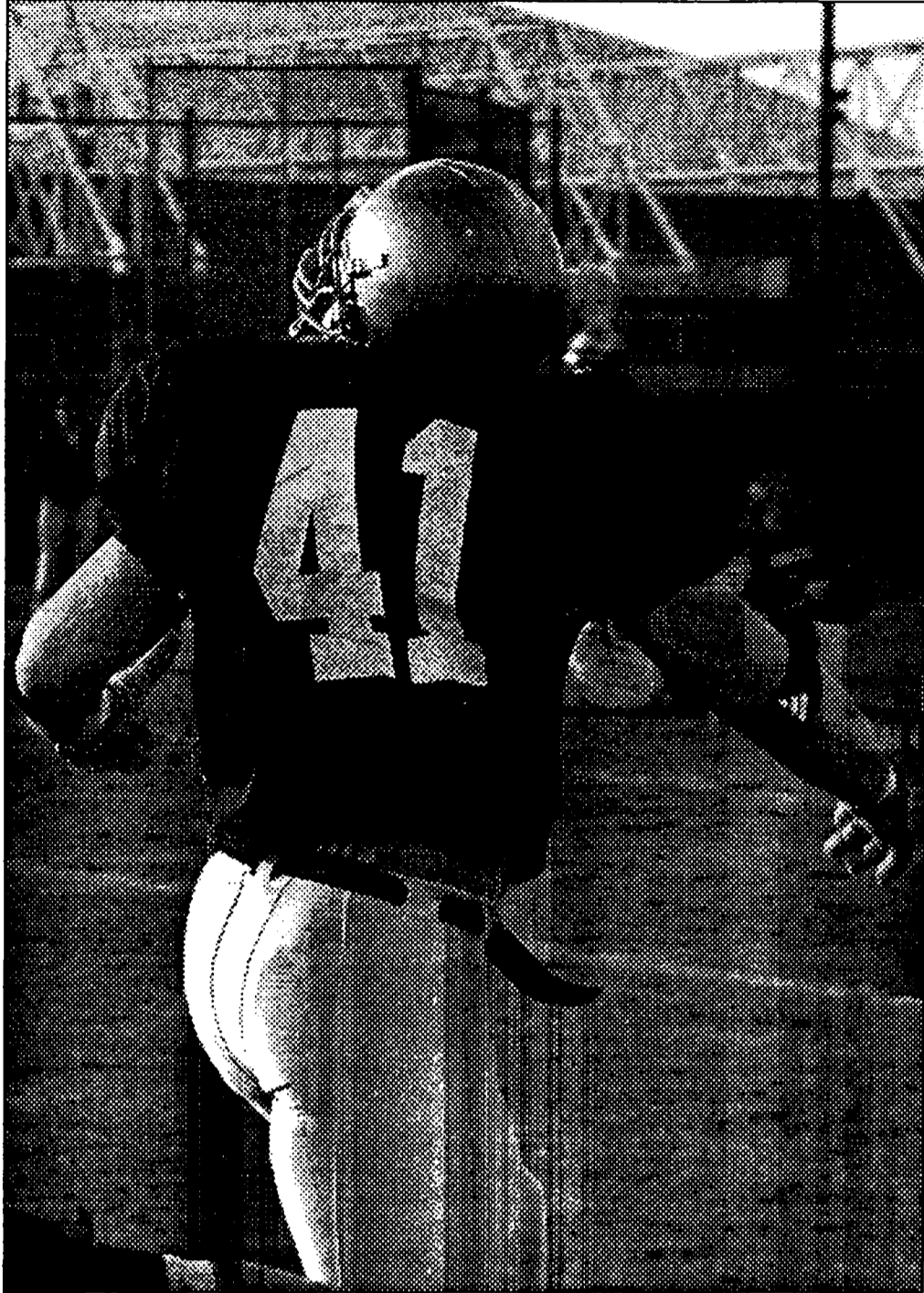
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COLE LAUX

Competitive spirit kept him on the practice field



COLE LAUX
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 Cole Laux looks over his shoulder for a pass at the beginning of practice.

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
 Sports Writer

Returning from vacation on Jan. 1, 2002 Cole Laux rushed to the packed Monogram Room to listen to head coach Tyrone Willingham at his first Notre Dame press conference.

"[I met] with the coach for the first time and I remember being excited about the possibilities that he brought," Laux said.

While a handful of other football players were at the press conference, Laux's presence was surprising. The then-sophomore had no intention of playing football for Notre Dame when he graduated from Marian High School in Mishawaka two years ago.

Laux, whose dad was a Notre Dame graduate, remembers watching Notre Dame football and tailgating before games with his family. In high school, most of his fall Saturdays involved watching film from Friday night's game and tailgating with teammates and friends outside Notre Dame Stadium. But he never considered playing for the



Laux

Irish.

Laux said in high school he focused on grades and playing football for the Marian Knights. But after graduation he relished the opportunity to compete again and contacted the football staff about walking on to the team.

"Well I competed in high school and had a lot of fun," Laux said. "I like to compete and after I graduated from my senior year and I got into Notre Dame. I thought I would like to continue my career and walk on to the Notre Dame football team."

For Laux, being a Notre Dame football player is his life. He shrugs off the hard work and focuses on how he can prepare his teammates during practice as a member of the scout team.

"I think I bring a big physical guy trying to work [hard] against the defense every day," Laux said. "I try to throw them around as much as I can ... and just try to bring everything I can and make them better for the next game."

Laux did see playing time for the Irish in 2002 against Rutgers. Laux said though he

and the other walk-ons are a distinct group who from time to time hang out together, in his eyes there is no distinction between him and any other member of the team.

"I think some walk-ons will do things together every now and then because we are kind of a group all by ourselves paying our way through

and trying to keep everything up — grades and football at the same time."

Laux said. "For the most part we are just a part of the team like everyone else and I just look at it as pretty much the same. We do all of the same work and do all

of the same practices and I really don't see that much of a difference."

Laux said he worries about what it will be like after he graduates this May when he will be not just a Notre Dame alumnus but also a former Notre Dame football player.

"I will miss the atmosphere, helping with the team and playing everyday with them," Laux said.

"I try to throw them around as much as I can."

Cole Laux
 Irish walk-on

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NATE SCHOMAS

Playing in Blue-Gold game fulfills dream

By SHEILA FLYNN
Sports Writer

When Nate Schomas feigned sickness as a child to stay in and watch television, he couldn't fool his father.

"I used to skip my own basketball games to stay home and watch Notre Dame football games when I was in elementary school and middle school," the senior wide receiver said.



Schomas

"I would fake sick, and he would know exactly why I was doing it."

But Schomas did manage to fool his father a decade later, when he walked onto the Notre Dame football team as a sophomore transfer student. He fooled his mother, seven siblings and everyone else, too. In fact, only his roommate and one other friend even knew he was trying out.

"I was really quiet about the whole thing because everybody had known that I wanted to come here and play football," Schomas said.

Schomas didn't need another disappointment. He had already suffered a crippling blow during the college application process; Notre Dame, his dream school

since the age of six, rejected him. Admitted to the University of Chicago, he started college there and concentrated on nothing but academics, with only the goal of attending Notre Dame in mind.

The work paid off, and Schomas entered Notre Dame in the fall of his sophomore year. He didn't play sports and didn't even get housing, but he didn't care. All that mattered to him, he said, was being a Notre Dame student.

"I was, especially at the beginning of the semester, so just glad to be here that I didn't really care about riding my bike to campus every day," Schomas said.

"Football was really not on my mind at that point in time."

That mindset changed, however, on a not-so-special night during first semester finals in his sophomore year.

"I was studying in the library late one night, and it kind of dawned on me that I needed to take advantage of this opportunity — would I be able to live with myself if I didn't try out?" Schomas said.

The decision made, Schomas threw himself wholeheartedly into training and put on 30 pounds in about two months. He made it through tryouts and was invited to practice with the team, refusing to yield his Rudy-like efforts — even when he separated his shoulder. He kept playing despite the pain, terrified the coaches would throw him off the

team.

"I couldn't pick it up off the side of my body," Schomas said of his arm. "It was pretty stupid, looking back at it." The head trainer noticed, though, and told Schomas to stop practicing. He also told the walk-on not to worry — he was on the team for good.

"That was a big sigh of relief for me," Schomas said.

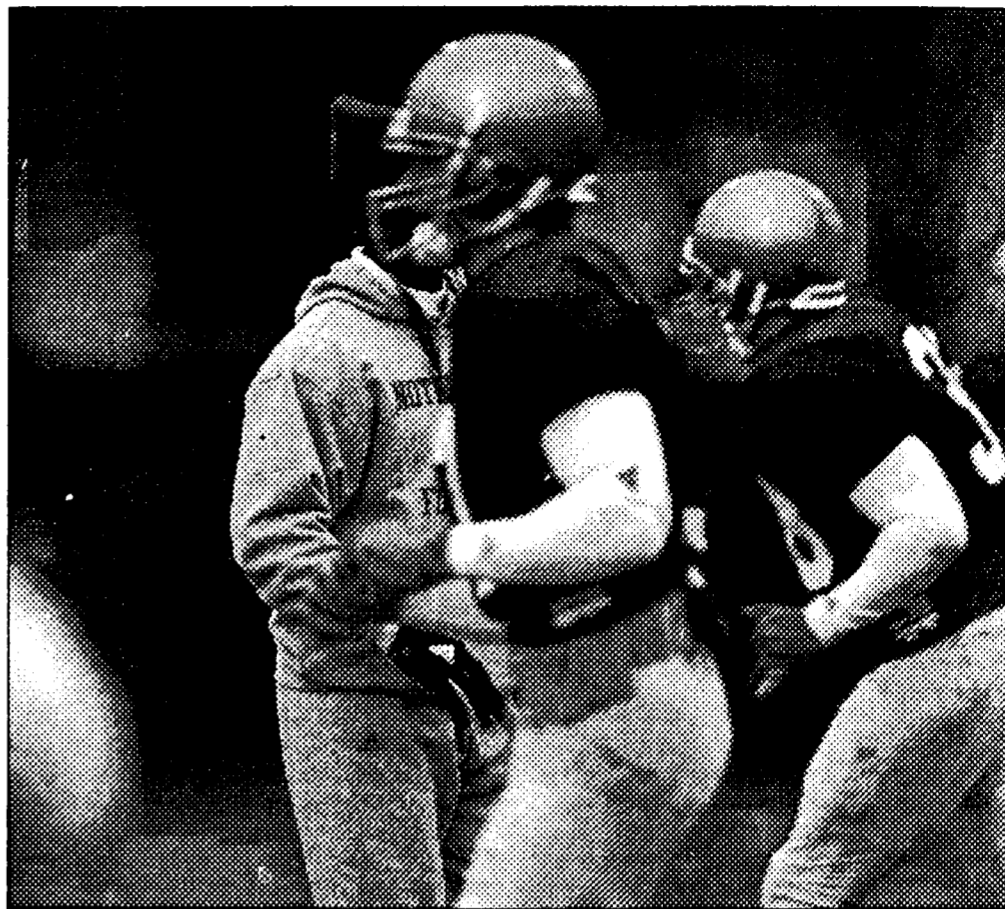
"I sat out the rest of that week at practice but convinced them to let me play in the Blue and Gold game," Schomas said. "They wouldn't throw me any passes or anything because I still couldn't lift my arm, but I wanted to play in the Blue and Gold game so bad."

Schomas had an especially important motive for playing in that game. His father — a long-time fan and supporter — was gravely ill, Schomas said, and "it was important for me to dress because nobody knew what was going to happen."

"That was the last game that my father got to see my play in," Schomas said. "He passed away just over a year ago."

"I made sure to tell my family to come out," he said. "I said it might be the only time I'm ever on the field playing."

But it wasn't. When Tyrone Willingham — a former walk-on himself — was hired, Schomas heightened his playing ambitions, and he saw game time against both Maryland and



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Nate Schomas jogs back to the scout team huddle during a break in action at a recent Notre Dame practice.

Rutgers last year. Hindered by another injury this year — a herniated disk in his back, for which he had surgery — Schomas has only recently resumed practice, but he wants to get on the field again.

"I'm just enjoying playing football with a helmet and shoulder pads on for the last time in my life," Schomas said. "That's kind of skewed my perspective a little for senior year, because I'm just

doing what I can to get back on the field and help this team out."







"We didn't come to school here to go to the NFL," Schomas said of walk-ons. "For us, we're here to have fun playing football, and for people to understand that and appreciate that, it's kind of football at its truest."

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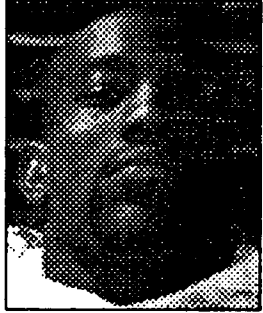
His father left when he was 3, so Campbell turned to others for guidance

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Maybe the reason Darrell Campbell rips through offensive linemen is because he's learned to harness the rage he felt at never, ever having Darrell Campbell Sr. be a part of his life.

Maybe the reason Campbell appreciates Tyrone Willingham's attempt to turn football players into men is because, for the longest time, he never really had one in his life.



Campbell

Maybe the reason Campbell respects Willingham and coaches Kent Baer and Greg Mattison so much is because they act as fathers to a player who never experienced a relationship with his biological one.

"Me growing up and not having my biological dad there, or him not doing the things that he was supposed to do when he was there," Campbell shrugged, "that's all the more testament to what a man is not.

The anger has always existed. Campbell just had to learn how to find a place to control it. Luckily for Notre Dame, he did.

Worrisome of commitment

Campbell was three years old when his father exploded into a fit of rage, climbed into his blue Buick and drove away from his son and his wife. Since Jeannette Campbell proved divorce 19 years ago, her son can count on one hand the number of times he'd seen his father.

That's not to say he didn't want to see him. Campbell often cried that he wanted to talk to his dad, not understanding why he couldn't have a father in his life like the rest of his friends did.

"There weren't really instances where he came through," Campbell said. "There were only glimpses, and they only lasted for a moment in time, and then they were gone.

"For those moments, I almost had him, but at the same time, I was so far away."

Jeannette, however, was determined to raise her son not to follow in his father's footsteps. With a strict hand, she made sure he excelled in the classroom, treated people with respect and made sure he kept his word to others. Sports, however, came after the homework and the chores were done.

Ironically, the long hours Jeannette worked at a Chicago power plant brought the two-power family more than money. It also gave Campbell a father figure.

Jeannette married Milton McGee, whom she had met at work, in 1995 when Campbell was 12 years old. But Campbell wasn't so accepting of his new stepfather at first. McGee couldn't understand how important Campbell Sr. was to his stepson, and Campbell Jr. couldn't understand how badly McGee wanted

to give him the father's love Campbell had been missing his entire life.

"What Milton did was give me the space to kind of make the determination for myself when I was growing up to know who to put my faith in," Campbell said. "But at the same time, he stayed there and gave me everything I needed to let me know he was there."

That was something Campbell's biological father had never done. But Campbell didn't understand that yet.

Relieving his frustration

Time after time, Campbell had hoped his biological father would come back into his life. Time after time, he was let down.

There was the eighth grade graduation, where the father promised his ex-wife he would show up to see his son give a welcoming speech. As Campbell stood at the podium speaking, his eyes were fixed on the rear doors to the auditorium, waiting for his father to walk in. He never did.

While Campbell inexplicably waited for his true father, McGee unwaveringly waited for Campbell.

"We were on a rollercoaster going up at that point, and it stopped because I detoured and focused on my biological father instead of focusing on him," Campbell said. "It takes a man who really loves his son to step back and say, 'Go ahead, do what you have to do — just know that I'm here if you need me.'"

As much as Jeannette and Milton tried to alleviate Campbell's loss, they couldn't.

"There was a lot of anger, a lot of animosity, a lot of hard times, hard feelings that I had to deal with," he said.

So Campbell, a future English major, turned to writing and poetry as a way of expressing his feelings. He turned to football as a way of venting his anger.

"That was a way to relieve my frustrations on people," Campbell grinned wickedly, "in a legal sort of way."

He just didn't know how good he'd be at it.

Change of plans

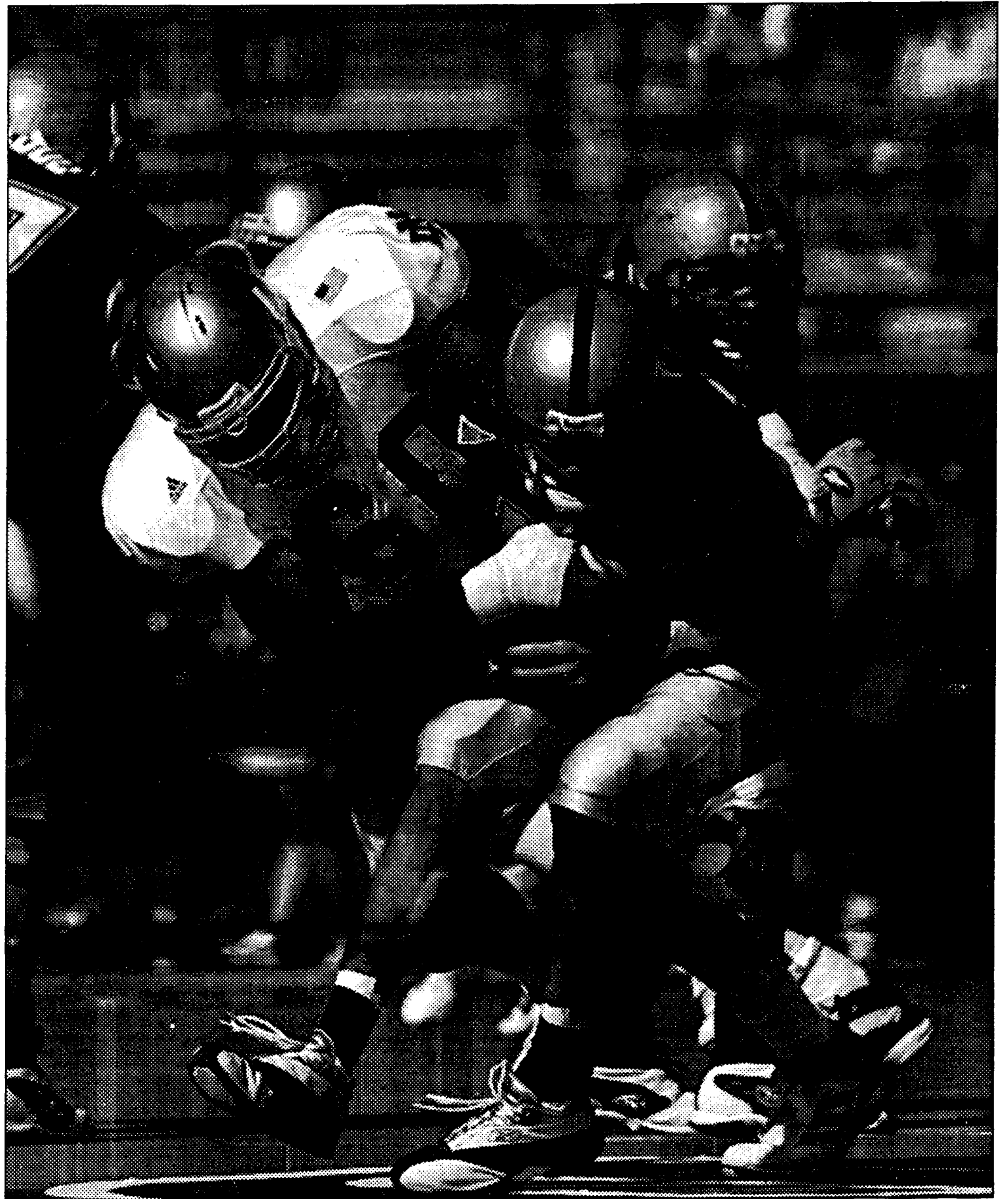
Two national publications named Campbell, who had emerged as a terrifying defensive force, one of the top 100 players in the nation. USA Today gave him honorable mention All-American status. He was his high school football team's MVP for three years, qualified for the state track meet, played basketball, wrestled and even played baseball for a year.

When football recruiters tripped over themselves trying to land the highly-coveted Campbell, the choice was easy.

He picked Northwestern. "My mom was just bleeding purple," Campbell said, who committed to the Wildcats because of the school's strong academic reputation. "She had purple coming out of every orifice, purple robes, purple everything."

But his commitment didn't deter Notre Dame or Mattison, the coach assigned to recruit Campbell.

Even though Campbell never took a visit to Notre Dame, Mattison loved everything about the talented defensive prospect.



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Irish defensive tackle Darrell Campbell makes a tackle against Boston College earlier this season. Campbell has been a steady force for Notre Dame in his five years in South Bend.

One night, he drove to watch Campbell at a wrestling meet. Before he left, he told Campbell he was making a mistake if he didn't at least check out Notre Dame once.

"I liked the kid," Mattison said, "and I felt in my heart that he belonged at Notre Dame."

So Campbell drove two hours east on the Indiana Toll Road to visit Notre Dame. There, he got the royal treatment — seeing his name on an Irish uniform, wine and dined by a coaching staff begging for his services, a tour of everything Notre Dame.

But it took a conversation from someone he had never met before coming to Notre Dame to convince Campbell to play for the Irish.

"If you want to be good, go someplace else," alumni association president Chuck Lennon told the prospect during his visit. "If you want to be great, come here."

Coming into his own

Buoyed by his trip to Notre Dame — and the fact that Northwestern coach Gary Barnett had left the school for

Colorado — Campbell changed his mind and decided to play for the Irish. His mother wasn't happy.

"His mom is a very loving mother and taught him that he's a man of his word," Mattison

"[Football] was a way to relieve my frustrations in a legal sort of way."

Darrell Campbell
Irish defensive tackle

said. "I don't think she understood that until you sign the name is when you become attached to the university. She wanted him to go where he originally said he was going to go."

When Mattison promised Jeannette Notre Dame had everything Northwestern had academically, Campbell's mom started wavering. With McGee's calming influence, she came in and allowed Campbell to go to Notre Dame.

"She probably wasn't convinced until the first time she came up here and saw the alumni," Campbell said. "Up until that point, she was like, 'Yeah, you're making a mistake.'"

Since then, Jeannette Campbell has seen her imposing son wreak havoc on opposing offenses and graduate from the University last May with a degree in English and computer

applications. In his four-year career, Campbell has started 30 of the 40 games he played in, recording 81 tackles and 11 sacks.

But Campbell knows he owes who he is now to his mom and his dad. Not his biological dad, who has pulled a disappearing act one too many times, but McGee, who Campbell always introduces as his father.

As for Darrell Campbell Sr.? Twice, he contacted his son to try to re-establish a relationship. Twice, he left phony contact information, leaving Campbell frustrated again. If his biological father called again, Campbell would talk with him, but nothing more.

No longer will Campbell chase a blue Buick. Instead, he's hunting down quarterbacks.

"I'm older, I'm 22 years old. I'm coming into my own," he said. "The weaving way from the childhood where the son always wanted his father to be there, it's kinda gone."

"He'd have the biological tag, but he wouldn't be my father."

It took Campbell a while, but he found plenty others who want to fill that role.

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NICHOLAS SETTA

Injury doesn't diminish kicker's desire to help

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

How dare Julius Jones.

With his two touchdowns against Navy, Jones surpassed fifth-year senior place kicker Nicholas Setta for the Notre Dame team lead in points.

Not a big deal, really. It's just that the 5-foot-11, 194-pound kicker from



Setta

Lockport, Ill. has led the Irish in points the past three seasons.

So why not make it four? Well, injury for one. Although Setta began the season hitting 9-of-10 field goals and 5-of-5 extra points for 32 points, a leg injury suffered during a kickoff at Pittsburgh has kept him sidelined. Backup walk-on D.J. Fitzpatrick has performed well in his stead.

Regardless, Setta has been the old reliable of the Notre Dame offense during his four years as place kicker and one year as punter. Despite a few rocky games toward the end of last season when the entire team seemed to collapse, Setta — who graduates this spring — has been steady and sure, whether the coach has been Bob Davie or Tyrone Willingham.

"I'm just excited to be a part of it all," Setta said. "To have the chance of playing for the greatest college in the world, it's just an honor."

Setta began this season shouldering both the place kicking and punting duties for the first time since he punted just four times in the 2000 season. He averages 40 yards per punt, but Setta's greatest value exists as place kicker. A consistent kicking game is even more important in an offense like Notre Dame's, which has struggled in the transition from a power rushing attack to a west coast system.

Setta has hit 46-of-66 field goals in his career, a 70 percent accuracy rate. Setta has hit 99-of-100 career extra point tries and his streak of 87 straight extra points is the second-longest in Notre Dame history.

Setta has remained consistent even in down years.

"Whether we're having a great season or not, my work ethic is the same," he said. "The goal is to be the best that you possibly can be to help the team. Obviously it's tough losing, but the work ethic always stays the same."

That work ethic earned Setta numerous preseason accolades, being named to 2003 first- and runner-up teams in publications such as Street and Smith's and The Sporting News.

Wasting no time, Setta opened the 2003 season by liv-

ing up to the hype.

For the second straight season, the Irish got a career-high five field goals from Setta in a season-opening victory against Washington State. Last season, he set his career high of five field goals in one game in a 22-0 defeat of Maryland. He also hit a career-long 51-yard field goal in that game.

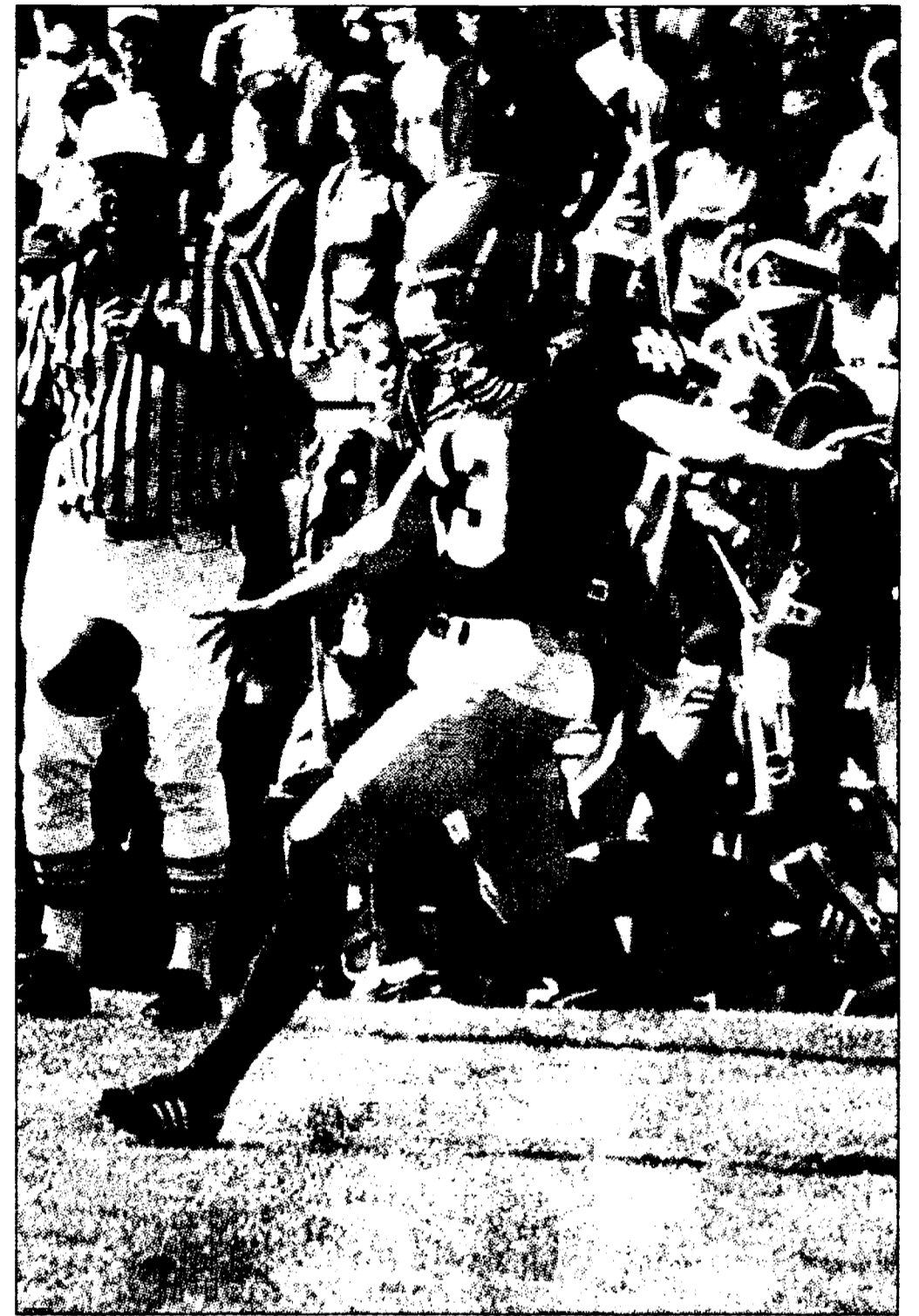
Performances like those in the Washington State and Maryland games now have Setta nipping at the record books.

If Setta returns to action at some point this season, he could tie or break two records held by NFL and former Irish kicker John Carney. Setta's 66 career field goal attempts are just three behind the 69 Carney attempted in his time from 1984-86. The senior's 46 field goals made are just five behind Carney's all-time high of 51.

The implication could be a bright future for this Irish kicker, although Setta does not see it that way.

"The way I look at it is if any record comes about, it was because I was doing something to help the team," he said. "Of course, I'd love to have [the record]. I'd love to have every record in NCAA football, period. But will it happen like that? No, and I'm happy with what I did. At this point, I'm just trying to help the team win some games."

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Nicholas Setta drills a punt in Notre Dame's season opener. He would later kick a game-winning field goal, but just four games later, was sidelined by a leg injury.



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JULIUS JONES

Fulfilling expectations

After a year away from Notre Dame, Jones came back to finish what he started

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At Notre Dame's annual football media day in August, Ryan Grant sat alone patiently waiting for a reporter to approach him. After all, wouldn't somebody want to talk to Notre Dame's first 1,000-yard rusher in five years?

Under normal circumstances, Grant's table would have been surrounded by all kinds of media types.

But on this particular day, Julius Jones had planned to speak publicly for the first time regarding his



Jones

forced exile from the Irish. So while Grant sat mostly by himself, the crowd around Jones' table stretched three deep. They waited for the player once named to a future NFL all-decade team to explain his academic-related absence.

And they wanted to hear him explain why he came back.

To understand why some consider Jones' return the equivalent of the Second Coming, it's easier to show crowd-pleasing clips featuring his electrifying kick returns and ankle-breaking moves from his first three years at Notre Dame.

But to explain who Jones became after he got booted by the Irish, it's easier to explain what he did in his own personal purgatory — away from the Irish, away from the television cameras, away from everyone but his family.

Making a mistake

Jones first burst onto the field at Notre Dame Stadium as a freshman in 1999, wowing fans with his explosive speed and devastating quickness. As Notre Dame's primary kick returner for most of the season, Jones tallied 798 return yards for the Irish, the second-highest season total in Notre Dame history.

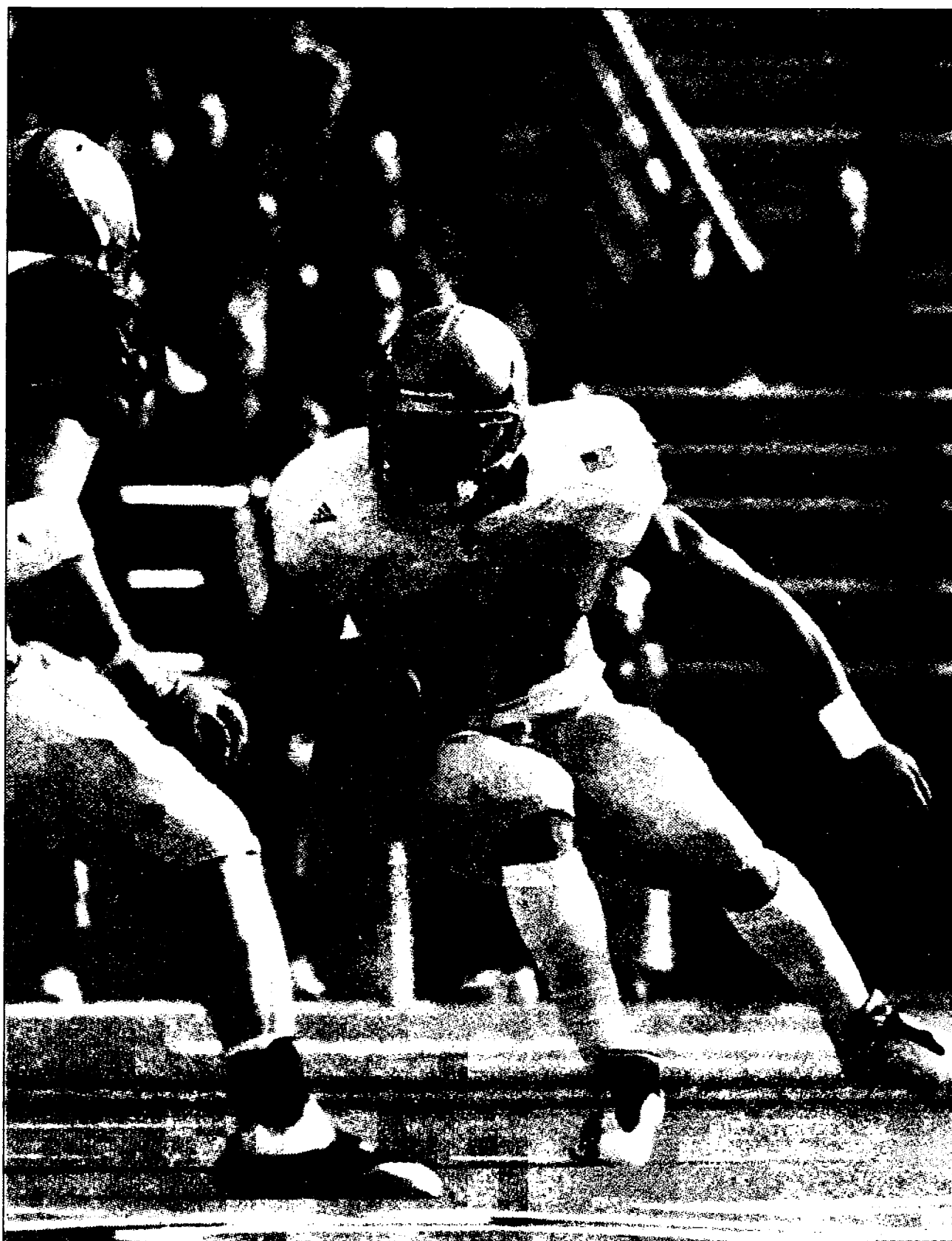
He quickly became popular with fans for his big-play potential, which he demonstrated a year later against No. 1 Nebraska when he started his first game at Nebraska and returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown to help send the game into overtime. Just as conducting the band during the 1812 Overture is second nature for Irish fans, so too was lifting their arms, crossing their wrists and raising two fingers raised on each hand to symbolize Jones' uniform number each time he ran onto the field to return a kick.

But off the field, few things were perfect for Jones. He missed spring practice one year thanks to a University suspension, and some teammates quietly grumbled about the star running back's work ethic. His reputation for dodging interviews with the media was so legendary that one day, a handful of reporters started a pool on whether Jones would show up to speak to them (he didn't).

By the time Jones had returned to the playing field for his junior year, he had added 20 pounds at the coaches' urging. Sure, he was a bigger back, but he had lost the burst of speed that made him such a dangerous threat in the first place — even though he went on to lead the Irish in rushing that fall with 718 yards.

Then, the summer before his senior year, disaster struck.

Jones, a film, television and theater major, met with his parents and academic officials from Notre Dame to discuss something neither party has been willing to talk about. But after the meeting, word had trickled out that Jones was going to be suspended for a year.



Julius Jones, shown here cutting away from a Boston College defender, returned from a year in exile to break a school record against Pittsburgh by rushing for 262 yards in a single game.

"I was pretty hurt and upset," he said. "But you have to look forward and try to make the best of it."

The Irish, and their new head coach Tyrone Willingham, weren't fazed. At one point during the summer, when someone asked Willingham if he considered Jones a leader, the Irish coach said simply, "No."

Looking to his family

When Jones learned he had been booted from the University, the running back was the emotional equivalent of a tornado. He flirted with entering the supplemental NFL draft. He tossed around the idea of transferring.

But in the end, he realized he wanted to go to Notre Dame.

"I started here, and I want to finish things I started," he said. "I came here for a reason, I came here to graduate and I didn't feel comfortable going somewhere else."

Jones moved to Arizona to live with his brother Thomas, then a running back with the Arizona Cardinals (he has since been traded to Tampa Bay). He enrolled in classes at Arizona State to maintain his college eligibility while thriving in the relative anonymity as just another regular student on the Pac-10 campus.

Meanwhile, back in South Bend, the Irish had charged to an 8-0 start in Jones' absence. Grant was on his way to gaining 1,085 yards as Notre Dame's featured back and Vontez Duff's kick returning abilities had all but made Irish fans think, "Julius who?"

But Jones hadn't forgotten the Irish. As much as it hurt, he watched every game on television — "I was one of the biggest

cheerleaders," he said. He even made several trips to South Bend to visit with his girlfriend and his teammates — and saw a friend feeding the success of the football team.

"I started here and I want to finish things I started."

Julius Jones
Irish running back

"It just looked so fun last year," Jones said. "They were winning and having a good time, and I wasn't a part of it."

In between trips to Indiana, Jones rebuilt himself academically and athletically. Watching his brother showed him the work ethic necessary to succeed in the NFL. He

changed to a high protein diet. He rarely touched a football, choosing instead to work out in weight room four times a week.

And under the guidance of his brother — whom Jones said he considers one of his best friends — Jones traded fat for muscle and laziness for dedication.

"When I first got the news about not being able to come back to Notre Dame, it really hurt," Jones said. "But as I look at it, it was kind of a chance for me to grow up a little bit, to get hungry and to get ready to come back here and take care of business."

By the time a chiseled, 210-pound Jones appeared on an ESPN interview in February, saying he wanted to return to Notre Dame, he appeared stronger, more determined and — most of all — more mature.

At one point, Jones met with Willingham to find out what he had to do to rejoin the football team. While Jones doesn't want to talk about the substance of the discussion or what exactly he had to do to return, he acknowledged he had quite a bit to change.

"I had to change my attitude," he said. "I didn't really have a bad attitude, but as far as taking care of things and getting things done, I wasn't really on top of that."

For his part, Willingham — who had said all along that Jones would be an integral part of the Irish if he came back to South Bend — maintained he set no criteria for Jones to rejoin the team.

"He made a mistake," Willingham said. "But he was man enough to admit he made a mistake and man enough to do what he had to do to correct that mistake."

By June, Jones had cleared most of the University's academic requirements for re-admission and enrolled in summer classes. When summer school wrapped up in early August — and Jones had passed his classes — he was back on the Irish for good.

"What kept me going?" he said. "My brother. My family. I knew I had let them down, and I wanted to prove to them I could get back here."

Moving forward

The Notre Dame team to which Jones returned was drastically different than the one he left. Instead, Jones noticed a disciplined team fanatically bent on success. Practices were faster and more intense. The offense was completely different.

But Jones, too, was different. While many of the Irish are hesitant to describe Jones pre-exile, many now will praise his heightened work ethic and improved attitude.

"I think it wasn't that he had a bad attitude before," Grant said. "I think maybe he didn't approach things the right way in terms of going all out."

"But that's all behind him, and he moved forward."

Jones admitted midway through the season that he wasn't as vocal as he could be, in part because he didn't know how the team would accept him or believe he truly had changed. But he started the season with a 72-yard rushing performance against Washington State, including a go-ahead touchdown in a furious fourth-quarter comeback. He further cemented his spot on the team with a 262-yard performance in a win against Pittsburgh, where he broke the school record for most rushing yards in one game. Two weeks later, he broke Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown's record for most career kick return yards. And against Navy, Jones turned in the sixth-best rushing performance in school history with a 33-carry, 221-yard outing.

If Jones is reluctant to speak up with words, he's not afraid to lead with his example. Willingham said he now considers Jones one of the team's leaders.

"I don't know what the past was," running backs coach Buzz Preston said. "All I know is that the young man [came] back here and is doing a good job."

The soft-spoken Jones now appears happier than before he left, and even happier than he was when the season started. Before Notre Dame's season opener against Washington State, he grinned broadly when describing his anticipation about running out of the tunnel after a year-long hiatus — "I remember it, but it's gonna be sweet when I do it for real. It feels like it's been 10 years since I played."

"I missed it a lot," he added. "Anytime you have something taken away from you that you love doing, it hurts pretty bad."

"It's like that sometimes. You learn from your mistakes, and I think I've done that."

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MIKE PROFETA

High school star proves newspapers wrong

By MEGHAN MARTIN
Sports Writer

The local papers said he was hanging up his cleats.

Four years ago, when he accepted Notre Dame's offer of admission, it looked like walk-on running back Mike Profeta was doing just that.

A stand-out outfielder and running back at Seneca Valley High School, just north of Pittsburgh, Profeta was recruited by a number of Division I college football teams as a high school senior. He had decided to use football to get into colleges, but ultimately decided to follow in his sister Meredith's footsteps and attend Notre Dame, the only school he had applied to without being recruited.

"The newspapers [in Pittsburgh] made a big deal about how I was a pretty good running back in high school, and they were following me throughout where I was deciding to go to school. When I picked Notre Dame, a lot of people were surprised that I was done playing football," he said. "There was an article talking about how I was basically done, and it was really

hard; I didn't expect to ever play again."

While sports writers at home may have silently lamented the fact that Bud, as he was known back then, would never don another jersey, Profeta's plans landed him back on the baseball diamond for fall tryouts during his freshman year. He earned a spot in the team's fall training sessions, but was cut from the team before spring practices began.

"When I got cut from the baseball team, I said, 'You know what? I'm going to try out again next year.' I'll have surgery on my elbow, which I'd had problems with in high school, I'll try out one more year and see what happens," he said.

The day that he was cleared to resume lifting weights after two months of rest, he ran into then-Notre Dame walk-on Tim O'Neill, who suggested he try out for the varsity football team the following day.

Profeta's life at Notre Dame would never be the same again.

"I didn't have a whole lot of time to think about it," Profeta said. "So I just decided, what the heck, I may as well give it a shot. So I went over to tryouts, I tried out, and I just happened to get lucky and make the team."

Without training or consultation, Profeta showed up at tryouts the next day. And the rest is history.

"When I found out that I made it, I called my dad," he said. "I

said, 'Well, I tried out for the football team, and I just found out today that I made it.' He actually dropped the phone. He was really surprised."

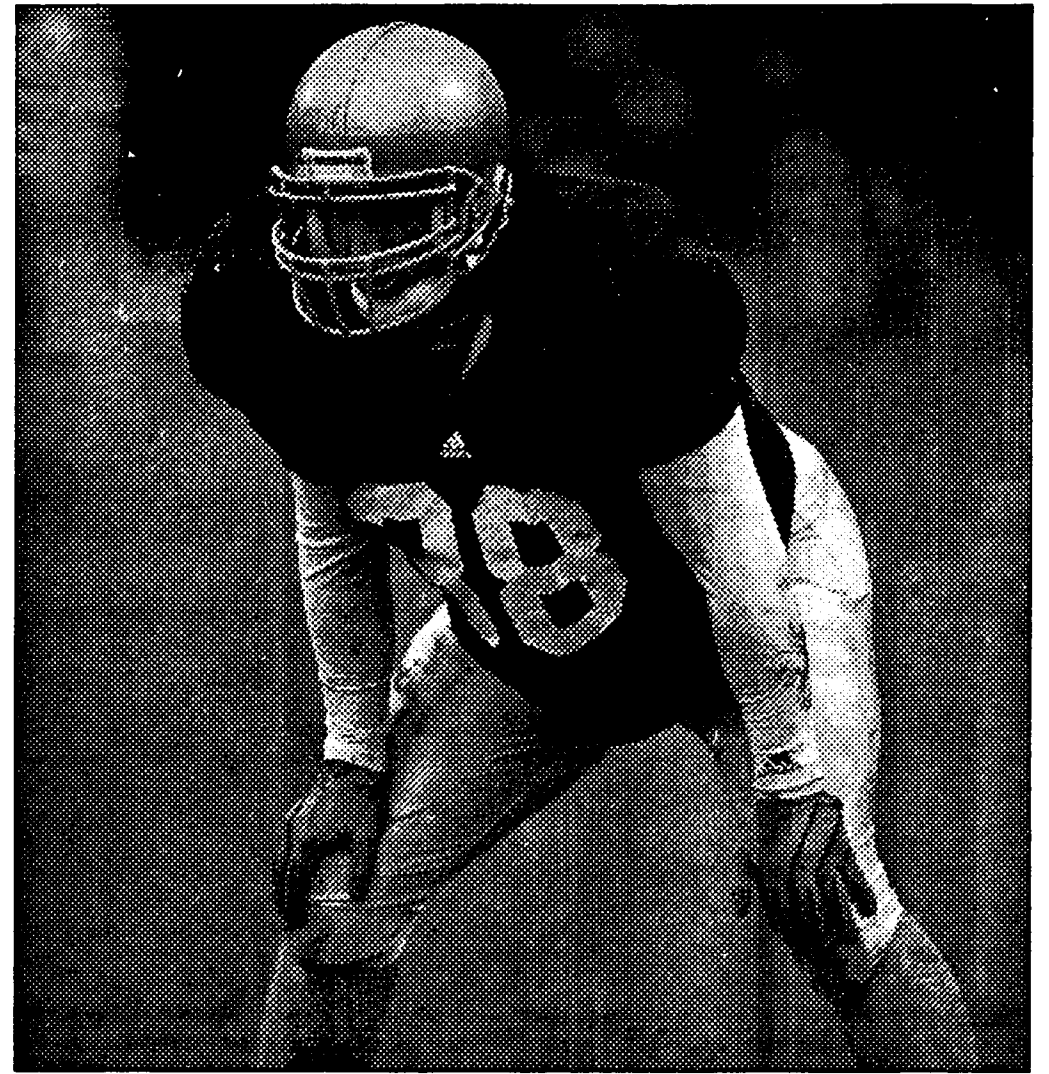
Profeta, who has worn the blue and gold since his sophomore year, took to the field against both Stanford and Rutgers during the 2002 season.

"For the last two years, I had been staring across the line at gold helmets and white or blue jerseys at practice; that was all I ever did," he said. "And all of a sudden, I looked across the line to see the white and the red, and it felt totally different for me."

This season, Profeta was given the chance to fulfill another of his goals as a member of the Irish.

"The biggest long-term goal I had set for myself was that I wanted to travel to the Pitt game my senior year," he said. "I was called in to talk to the coaches before the Pitt game, and my running backs coach, coach [Buzz] Preston, said, 'We think you've earned the right to travel back to Pittsburgh for this game.' So they took me back for the game, and I really appreciated it just to go home. My high school coach was there, and my parents were there. It was a lot of fun."

Although he has met his major goals over the course of his career, Profeta, who plans to move back east for law school after graduation, has not taken his focus off the team. For the rest of the season, he and the rest of



Mike Profeta lines up at practice last week. He walked-on to the Irish during his freshman year.

TIM KACMAR/The Observer

the scout team will focus on preparing their teammates for the next three games.

"Basically, as a walk-on, you need to take a certain attitude towards everything," Profeta said. "We're covered in dirt every day now, because we're working on cut blocks and things like that —

something everyone else doesn't usually see. It's good to know you may not be the guy who's getting the praise on national television, but you have a direct impact on that, and that makes it worth it."

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GLENN EARL

More than just a play

Fans remember 'The Miracle Block,' but Earl had an eventful career

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Seniors out there probably remember "The Miracle Block."

Think back to freshman year, 2000, the Air Force game. The then-5-2 Irish were trying to make a late season push for a BCS bowl, but were currently tied with the Falcons with only three seconds to play. And things looked even worse, as Air Force had a 28-yard field goal attempt to win the game and send the Irish packing to just a minor bowl or worse.



Earl

The kick was a chip-shot. A no-brainer. A piece of cake.

Except for the hand of then-sophomore Glenn Earl getting in the way to block the kick and send the game to overtime, where the Irish would eventually win.

People called it "The \$12 million Block" in reference to the purse the Irish would later receive for participating in the Fiesta Bowl. People related it to the hand of God coming down to stop the ball.

Observer comic artist Tom Keeley even portrayed the play in one of the next week's issues, showing a mighty hand appearing through the clouds to flick the ball away from the goal.

To so many people that kick meant so much.

To Earl, it was just another play.

"It was kind of a thing where it lingered on for about a year. But after a couple weeks, I kind of got tired of [all the attention]," Earl said of his block that people would remember and congratulate him on for months to come.

After all, that one play in no way summarizes Earl's entire career at Notre Dame. The fifth-year senior safety for the Irish has been a two-year starter in the Notre Dame secondary and a four-time game day captain. But even with all he's accomplished with the Irish — his 172 career tackles, five interceptions and numerous trademark big hits — Earl doesn't mind being remembered for that one spectacular play anymore.

"But now, I guess it's kind of a good thing to at least be remembered for something," he says with a smile. "A lot of people can't say they've done that. Looking back on my whole career, I guess it's one of the things I'll remember best. If people remember me for that, so be it."

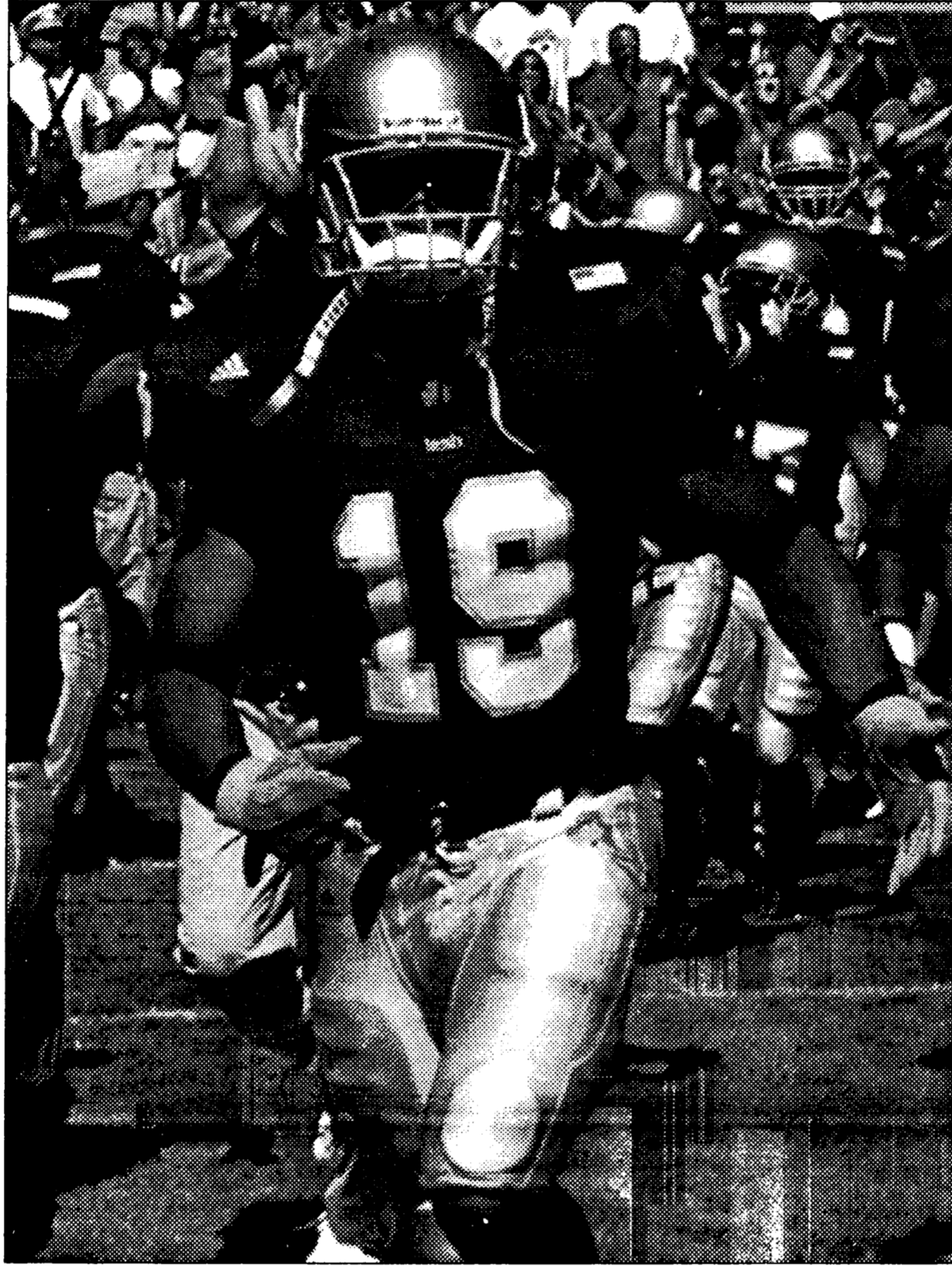
The playmaker

Earl's resume does include many more big plays than just that one against the Falcons as a sophomore. Even earlier that season, Earl had a blocked punt against Purdue that set up an Irish touchdown in Notre Dame's 23-21 victory over the Boilermakers.

Last season, with the Irish only leading Pittsburgh 7-6 midway through the fourth quarter, Earl laid a crunching hit on scrambling Panther quarterback Rod Rutherford that jarred the ball loose. The senior also fell on the ball at the Panther 12-yard line to set up the decisive score in Notre Dame's 14-6 win.

Later in the season against Florida State, Earl was named player of the game for leading the team with 11 tackles, snaring an interception and causing a fumble with another big hit on Seminole quarterback Chris Rix.

"The thing is, [Glenn Earl] is a playmaker," Irish defensive backs coach Trent Walters said of his senior safety. "Those are the key things. When you have guys that are big hitters and that can defend the pass and make plays,



Notre Dame safety Glenn Earl runs onto the field against Washington State. Earl suffered a knee injury against USC and won't play this weekend against BYU.

that's what you look for in a defensive back."

As a starter the last two seasons, Earl has been a key playmaker on a Notre Dame defense known for forcing turnovers and laying big hits on opponents.

"I guess I like to think of myself as a football player, and I think I have those natural instincts," Earl said. "I play fast, I'm always flying to the ball, and good things just happen if you play the game the right way. I don't think it's any scientific reasoning. If you just play hard, good things can happen for you."

The headhunter

On top of being able to make big plays at key times, Earl has also developed a reputation as one of the hardest hitters in the nation.

"Glenn Earl is one of the toughest hitters I've seen in a long time," said Walters, who has undoubtedly seen some powerful hitters, coaching for eight years in the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings before coming to Notre Dame. "He's a head hunter, and he's really quick and fast, and he just loves to hit."

While many in college football — from reporters, to his teammates, to his own coaches — have referred to Earl as the team's headhunter and big hitter in the defensive backfield, the senior is a little hesitant to accept the title.

"I don't think [I'm a head hunter]," he said. "If you look at our team, anyone is a headhunter and a big hitter. It's just a matter of time and place and opportunity. You look at last week, I saw [Irish safety] Garron Bible get a good hit on

the running back.

"I guess people wanted to give me that moniker a year ago, but I don't see myself being any bigger of a hitter than anyone else. It's all a matter of opportunity."

Still, Earl has earned his title and reputation as a hitter from such jarring blows as the hit he laid on Michigan running back Chris Perry earlier this season to cause a fumble with the Irish still in striking distance.

But he doesn't just pick on the little guys either, as Earl is unafraid to lay a pop on anybody that comes his way, such as former Stanford wide receiver Teyo Johnson. In last season's battle with the Cardinal, Earl laid out the 6-foot-7 sophomore in a hit that helped turn the tide in Notre Dame's favor in the eventual 31-7 victory.

"I know what I'm bringing, and I know what I'm going to do," Earl said. "I'm never going to turn down a hit. You could be 250 pounds, or you could be 180 pounds. I'm coming to give you all that I have. I may hit you high, I may hit you low or I may hit you in the middle, but I know that I'm definitely going to look to make the play."

Even if Earl does not want to be thought of as only a big hitter, it's obvious that the 6-foot-1, 205-pound safety understands the importance of being able to lay on a big hit from time to time in a game.

"That's part of the game. People may say a tackle is a tackle as long as you get the guy on the ground, but over the course of a game, receivers and run-

ning backs, they take a beating and it adds up after a while," Earl said. "If a running back or receiver gets hit really hard a couple of times, they begin to wear down, and they become aware of where the hitters are on the field. Then you get receivers having alligator arms across the middle, and you get running backs getting slow in the hole, looking for the hitters instead of just running. It basically changes the complexion of their offense."

As a guy who has seen that fear in the eyes of opposing running backs and wide receivers first hand, Earl knows the impact that the ability to lay a big hit on an opponent can have.

"In my opinion, hitting is a big part," he said. "I mean, there's times when you need to make the sure tackle, but there's also times where you need to lay the hit. If the defense doesn't hit, they're not going to get the offense out of sync and the offensive players out of their game."

The injury

Now near the end of the 2003 season — Earl's final year with the team — things have kind of taken a sour turn for the senior, and it has little to do with Notre Dame's current 3-6 record.

The big hitter Earl was hampered by a knee injury in the USC game that seemed minor at the time, but has turned out to be a season-ending injury following the surgery Earl had at the beginning of last week to repair the damage.

"That's probably the most curious part about it, that I didn't feel the pain that I guess I was supposed to feel," said Earl of his knee injury. "It wasn't like all of a sudden I'm hurt and I'm down. After I got injured, it didn't really feel like anything different throughout the course of the game. It just felt like a little nick, a little bruise that you get through the course of battle."

But the injury turned out to be more severe, and now Earl will have to watch from the sidelines Saturday against BYU on Senior Day. The day that should have been the culmination of a fine career with the Irish, instead may take on a bittersweet tone, as Earl will not be able to play in his last game at Notre Dame Stadium.

"Right now, just thinking about it, I know that chances are when I come out of the tunnel onto the field for the opening kickoff, I'm going to look up at the stands at the student section," Earl said. "It's all the things you don't really notice when you're playing. I try not to think about it, because I don't want to psych myself out and be a wreck. But I guess it's just the reality of the situation, it's tough that it will be my last game — my last time on the field as a player."

But Earl's career and duties with the Irish are, by no means, finished. The fifth-year senior can still help from the sidelines during practice, review film with his fellow defensive backs and lend whatever support and experience he can to the team over its final three games.

"The first thing is we want Glenn to spend the majority of his time recovering and going through rehab and doing the things he needs to do there," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "But when he does have the opportunity to be around, his experience can be passed on to the other players. Because there are so many things that he recognizes that some of the players that don't have that experience will struggle with."

"Hopefully he can impart some of his wisdom, some of his experience, and some of his confidence onto our guys that are picking up his slack."

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VONTEZ DUFF

Never forgetting

Seven tattoos on Duff's body portray his roots

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Notre Dame cornerback Vontez Duff is like a human canvas.

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



Duff

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

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

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

Rottweiler

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

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

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

But Duff doesn't like to harp on what could have been or how things could have been better. He is thankful for the opportunities and the abilities he did have.

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

Excelling on the field

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

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

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

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

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

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

From a runner to a hitter

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

Duff accepted the challenge without a second thought.

"When [Duff] came in, there was a real need for a corner," said defensive line coach Greg Mattison, who was defensive coordinator under Davie at the time Duff made the change.

"To show you the kind of man he is, he was one of the most highly touted running backs in the state of Texas, and he gladly made the switch. He just said, 'I'll do anything to play and help the team.' He's always been an unselfish football player and the kind of guy that wants to do something to help."

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

In just his first year with the Irish, Duff saw significant play-



ADAM MIGLORE/The Observer

Irish cornerback Vontez Duff returns a kick against Purdue earlier this season. Duff has faced a number of top receivers in the country this year on Notre Dame's tough schedule.

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

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

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

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

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

so you have to accept that role." **Still a little kid**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Three more tattoos

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

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

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

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

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

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

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OMAR JENKINS

Finally playing for Ty

Jenkins still ends up playing for Willingham after turning down Stanford

By JOE HETTLER
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Tyrone Willingham wanted Omar Jenkins on his team in 2000. He finally got him in 2002.

Jenkins was heavily recruited by Willingham when the coach was at Stanford before the 2000 school year, but lost the receiver when Jenkins visited Notre Dame's campus. When Willingham was named Irish head coach in 2002, Jenkins was reunited with the man that recruited him.

"I was recruited at Stanford and I was committing to Stanford and then I took the visit to [Notre Dame]," Jenkins said. "I was in his office and I said, 'Coach Willingham I'm going to visit Notre Dame just because I want to say I visited Notre Dame.' Then I ended up committing here and next thing I know he's here two years later."

And thankfully for Jenkins and the Irish football team, the decision worked out for both, as Jenkins has become a leader on offense and a consistent pass catcher during his four years at Notre Dame.

An odd choice

When the Texas native Jenkins visited Notre Dame, it was cold, snowy and windy, students weren't at class because of winter break and there was hardly a sole on campus. Jenkins and several other recruits simply walked around campus and checked out the football facilities and according to Jenkins, that was about it. The warm California weather at Stanford's campus would have suited Jenkins much better than South Bend's, but by the end of his visit, "it just felt right" for Jenkins.

"I've said it a million times, it wasn't the most fun visit ever," Jenkins said, an all-state receiver in Texas during his senior season. "The weather was really bad, but something about this place stood out. At the hotel I looked in the mirror and said, 'I want to come to Notre Dame.' And then I kind of laughed at myself because I couldn't believe I was actually going to Notre Dame."

Jenkins had to tell Willingham of his decision and the coach was obviously disappointed. Willingham said he had been impressed with Jenkins style of play in high school and thought he would fit in well with the Cardinal offense.

"I had a lot of respect for Omar," Willingham said. "The brand of football he played in Texas was the first reason. His drive and his desire as well because he has remained what I thought he would be — a very

steady and consistent football player that is an excellent leader. And now I've changed [that attitude of respect] a little bit more because he's on my side now."

During his first season at Notre Dame, Irish coach Bob Davie asked Jenkins if he wanted to play or redshirt. Jenkins told the coach he would do anything to help the team. So Davie let Jenkins play — but hardly enough to make the time worthwhile, and too much to get his redshirt back.

Jenkins doesn't regret the decision, but would change it if he could go back in time.

"I got to play a little and I got some experience. The game slowed down tremendously the next season so I think [playing] helped my development," Jenkins said. "At the same time I wish I could have had more playing time."

Jenkins played in six games for Notre Dame during his freshman year, but had zero catches during his playing time.

"I would rather have that year back but I'm not going to say I regret it because I don't. That's what happened for me. I never regret anything I do," Jenkins said.

Emerging threat

Jenkins entered his sophomore season a little more experienced and ready to take on a more prominent role on offense. When fellow receivers Arnaz Battle and David Givens got injured, Jenkins got more playing time. He played in 11 games that season, making his first start against Pittsburgh. He also had a 47-yard touchdown catch against the Panthers.

Jenkins became an every game starter his junior season and evolved into one of the more reliable offensive players for the Irish. He had started his year off with five receptions for 87 yards against Maryland, and finished the season second on the team with 37 catches for 633 yards and three touchdowns.

But Jenkins' biggest game that season came against Notre Dame's easiest competition — Navy — and when the Irish perfect season was in serious jeopardy.

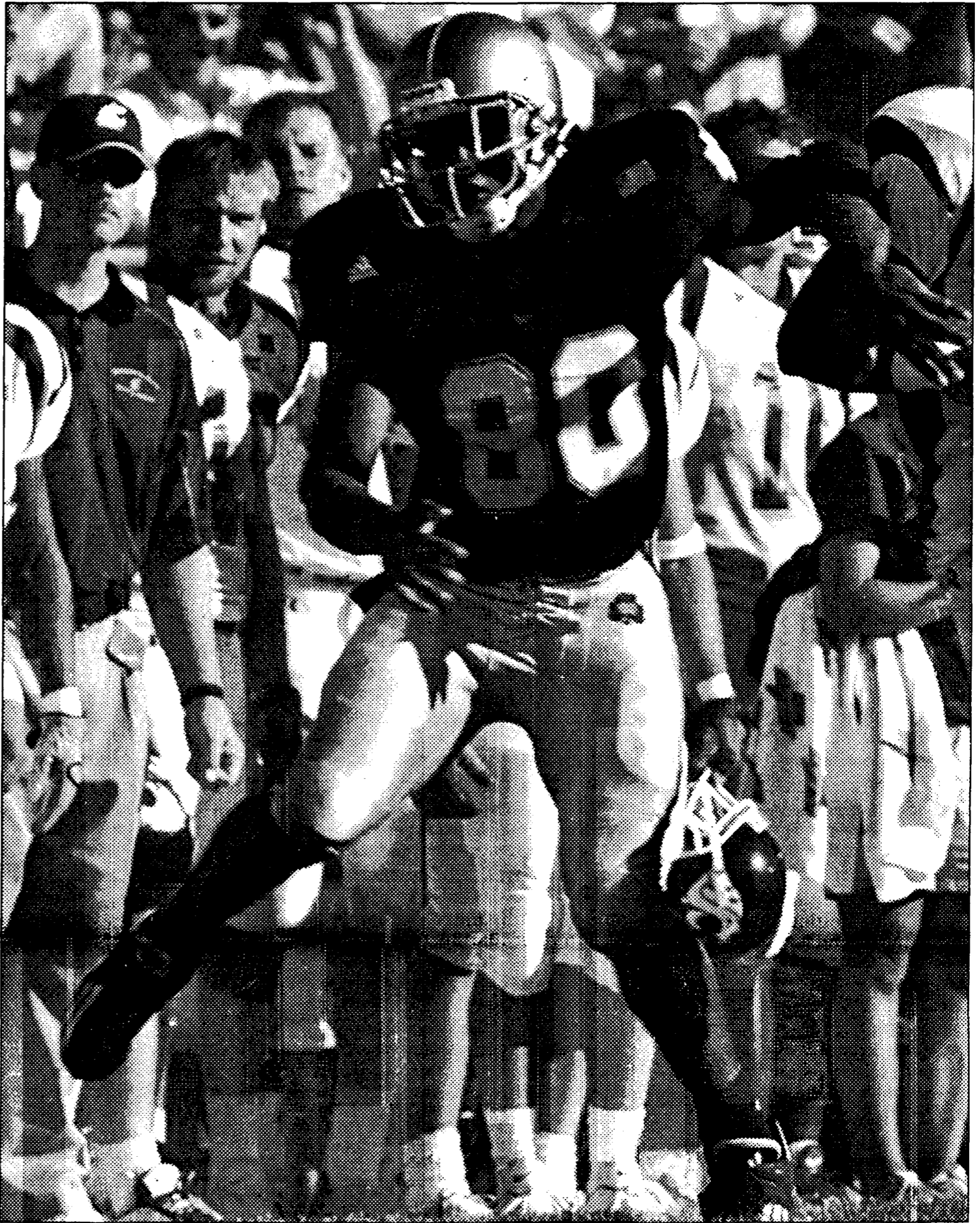
Trailing the 1-7 Midshipmen 23-15 on the road in the fourth quarter,

Jenkins came through with two of his biggest catches of his career. The first reception was a 16-yard touchdown from Carlyle Holiday to tie the game 23-23. Then with only a few minutes remaining in the game, Jenkins broke through the Navy secondary and caught a 67-yard touchdown that gave Notre Dame a 30-23 win and helped keep the team's perfect record intact.

"The touchdown against Navy is probably [the best highlight of my career]," Jenkins said.

Leading through disappointment

This season hasn't gone the way Jenkins would have liked. His numbers are down from a year ago, (30 catches for 289 yards) and he has only one



Irish wide receiver Omar Jenkins fights through a block against Washington State earlier this season. Jenkins originally thought he was going to Stanford, but changed his mind after visiting Notre Dame.

touchdown. Worse yet, the Irish are a struggling 3-6 with only three games remaining on the schedule.

Jenkins said that he is disappointed, but winning the last three games of the year will help ease the pain of a tough season.

"It's disappointing in the sense that you always want to do better than you are doing," Jenkins said. "As far numbers, it's a team game. I'm not a selfish guy. I'm just happy to be out there being able to contribute."

After a slow start, Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said he believes Jenkins has begun to play better of late.

"He's beginning to play a lot more consistent," Diedrick said. "During the early part of the season was probably a little bit disappointing to him, but the last part he's picked it up a good notch."

Despite the lower numbers, Jenkins had impacted his teammates in other ways and has become one of the more important leaders on the Irish.

"When I came in my freshman year, Omar explained the offense to me when I had problems and helped me feel comfortable on offense and when we

were on the road also," Irish wide receiver Maurice Stovall said.

Freshman quarterback Brady Quinn said Jenkins has been instrumental in making the offense run smooth at times and keeping the team positive during games. He also said Jenkins' work ethic has been a good influence on his teammates.

"He's a hard worker," Quinn said. "He's the type that always staying after practice and always trying to get better. He's definitely a leader on the field. He tries to get the team going and get the team motivated anytime we're down."

Diedrick said Jenkins leads his teammates by the way he performs on the field.

"He's a very quiet young man, and he's one of those guys that will lead by example more than being a verbal leader," Diedrick said.

Jenkins admits that he isn't going to get in his teammates' faces, but doesn't mind saying something if the opportunity

presents itself.

"When I do say stuff it's when we're in the huddle and I'll say things in the huddle before Brady calls a play," Jenkins said. "I say things when I feel things need to be said. I'm not going to be the guy that before the game goes around to every single person and yells in there face."

Jenkins will have one last chance to lead his teammates in his final home game Saturday against BYU. He will leave behind great recollections from all his

experiences inside Notre Dame Stadium, which included one of his favorite career memories — catching that first touchdown against Pittsburgh.

"To be here for four years and be able to play here for four years, it's a great honor," Jenkins said. "Being out there for the last time, I'm going to put it all out."

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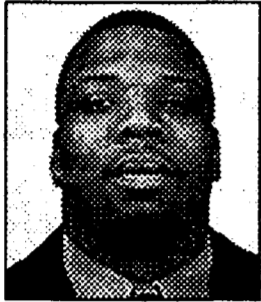
Leading by example

Injuries can't keep Hilliard off the field and out

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

There's something missing in Notre Dame's defensive huddle when Cedric Hilliard isn't playing.

"Ced's presence when he's not in the huddle is very much felt," Notre Dame defensive tackle Darrell Campbell said. "Because there's this big gap that's normally filled and it's just a little bit smaller when somebody else is in there."



Hilliard

After Saturday, the 6-foot-2 295-pound nose tackle Hilliard will never be back in that Irish defensive huddle at Notre Dame Stadium. And it won't be his big body that the Irish miss the most — it'll be his leadership and the way he plays the game.

"He's a tremendous football player," Irish defensive line coach Greg Mattison said. "The thing that separates Cedric from a lot of other guys is that he has tremendous pride and he's very intelligent."

An unlikely choice

Hilliard almost didn't make it to South Bend when he was looking at schools in high school. Growing up in Arlington, Texas, Hilliard admits Notre Dame wasn't a team he rooted for as a kid.

"Notre Dame wasn't a school I always wanted to go to. Living in Arlington, I was a Texas Longhorns fan," Hilliard said. "[During my] junior year of high school Notre Dame started recruiting me with a lot of other schools, like Texas and Texas A&M."

But Hilliard knew Notre Dame was the place for him after his official visit in December of his senior year. He had gone to South Bend in the summer before his senior year and talked to Bob Davie's coaching staff and really liked the campus. In the winter, he and many other future Irish players visited and, before he left, Hilliard decided he would be wearing blue and gold for the next few years.

"In the end I thought Notre Dame was the best fit for me. I thought it was the place for me and I cancelled all my other visits to go to Notre Dame," Hilliard said.

After Davie was fired, Hilliard didn't have a tough time adjusting to Willingham and his staff, mainly because Mattison, his defensive line coach, was retained by Willingham.

"It wasn't too difficult because Mattison stayed on the staff, so that made it a lot easier on me," Hilliard said. "It's just something you have to do. You just have to adjust to coaching

changes."

And even though Notre Dame hasn't had quite the success that Hilliard hoped for when he arrived as a freshman, he is still pleased with his decision to attend Notre Dame.

"I have good memories," Hilliard said. "There are always things you wish you were able to accomplish that you didn't necessarily accomplish. But it's been an overall good experience. I've learned a lot since I've been here and I've grown into a man."

Playing through pain

He might not admit it, but Hilliard has probably played hurt, banged up or injured more than any other player on Notre Dame's teams since 1999. But for Hilliard, that's just part of the game.

"My mentality is that it's football and you're always going to be hurt in some fashion or manner and a lot of people on the team are hurting every day when they go out there, so it's part of the game and you just have to get used to it," Hilliard said. "You have to figure out a way to play with certain injuries. Look around the country and if you ask anybody if they're completely healthy when they play ball, I don't think you'll find too many people that will say yes to that."

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham doesn't agree with

Hilliard. Willingham said the nose tackle has been a leader by playing through his injuries throughout his career and has had an exceptional 2003 despite being beaten up.

"I think when you con-

sider the injuries that Cedric has toted this year he's had one heck of a year," Willingham said. "To battle and provide the leadership for this football team that he has, I'm excited and impressed and very pleased with what he's given us."

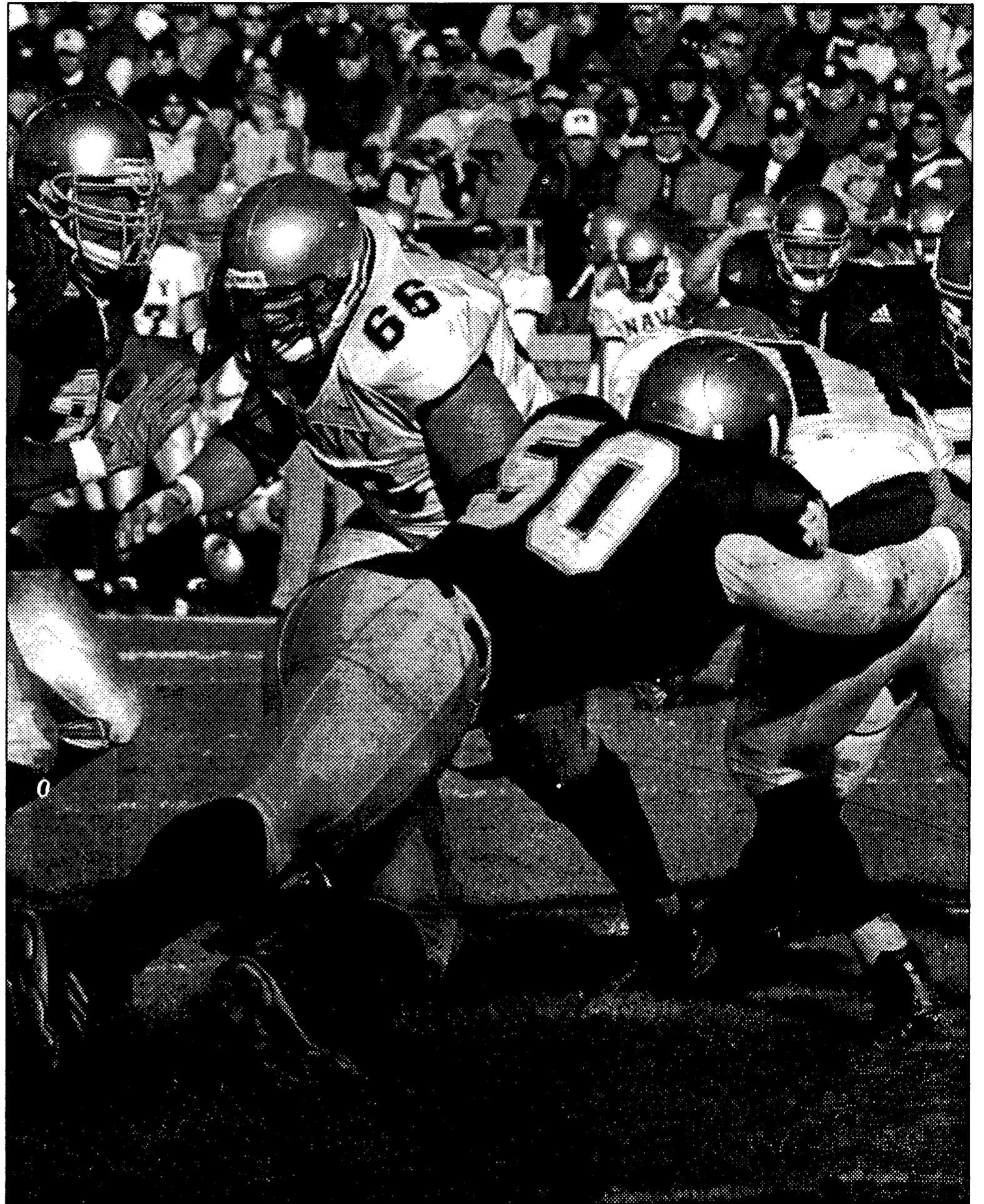
While Hilliard said it is difficult for him to see how playing through injuries has affected his teammates, Mattison agreed with Willingham and said Hilliard's toughness is one of his best attributes.

"Just the fact that he's played in these games, tells you everything about him," Mattison said.

Hilliard has been starting in the trenches of the Irish defensive line since the middle of his junior year, when he took over for an injured Andy Wisne before the Boston College game in 2001. He finished that season by starting the last five games, after playing in the first six, and ended the season with 27 tackles and two sacks. He also forced a fumble.

In 2002, Hilliard started in 10 games and had very similar numbers to his junior year. He had 31 tackles, 19 for a loss, forced a fumble and had two more sacks.

Despite the success he had during his first two years of playing regularly for the Irish



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish defensive tackle Cedric Hilliard tackles a Navy player during Notre Dame's 27-24 victory over the Midshipmen. Hilliard has played through a variety of injuries throughout his career.

defense, Hilliard's most vivid memory of his college football career was against Navy during his sophomore season.

Hilliard saw his first defensive action against the Midshipmen and recorded a tackle for a loss during the game. But Hilliard recalls his tackle of Navy's quarterback as the highlight of his first game action.

"The highlight for me was my sophomore year playing Navy in Orlando," Hilliard said. "There was a throwback pass to the quarterback and it was like I was the only person on the field that actually saw it, so I had to run the quarterback down and make the tackle. That was exciting for me because I was just a young guy trying to get my feet wet and it was so much fun."

This season, Hilliard has started in five games this and played in two more, despite nagging injuries. He has 24 tackles a forced fumble and his first career fumble recovery against Washington State.

Being the man

Hilliard's work ethic and talents have made him one of the key elements in Notre Dame's defensive play during the last few seasons. He has not only brought outstanding skills, but also a knack for being a leader to his teammates.

"First of all, he's a good player. Anytime he's out there, he makes us better," Notre Dame defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "People look at him as kind of a warrior and he puts pressure on everybody [because he plays hurt] and football is a game where you play hurt."

Mattison said that when Hilliard and Campbell play together on the defensive line, they are instrumental in making the defense a notch better.

"You've got Darrell and Ced, who came in here together and are like brothers, and you can just feel the chemistry and feel the lift when they're in the huddle together," Mattison said. "They're very important to the team and that's what it's important to get Ced in the game [when's healthy]."

After battling along side Hilliard for several seasons, Campbell holds his teammate in high respect for the way he plays the game.

"He gives so much to the team," Campbell said. "Ced's the kind of leader that goes out there and plays very physical. He's the example. He's the one you want to follow. He makes you want to run on the field full sprint and off the field full sprint. He plays the game the way it's supposed to be played."

"To battle and provide the leadership for this football team that he has, I'm excited and impressed and very pleased with what he's given us."

Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

While Hilliard is disappointed his final season at Notre Dame didn't produce more wins, he said he will always remember playing with his teammates through all the ups and downs of the season.

"The biggest memories I'll have are of my teammates and how they played through all this and still kept everything on a positive note," Hilliard said. "That's a good memory to have. The friends you make on this team are going to be your friends for life."

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Weekend Events

The Following Events Are Happening At The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore:

Friday, November 14

Jack Connor, N.D. '50, will be signing copies of *Connor-The Life Story of George Connor* on Friday, November 14th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Connie McNamara will be signing copies of *My First Notre Dame Words; Go Irish* on Friday, November 14th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

Ted Mandell, N.D. '86, will be signing copies of *Heart Stoppers and Hail Marys* on Friday, November 14th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

Coach Dave Poulin, N.D.'82, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (lobby) Notre Dame Hockey Head Coach, four-year monogram winner and two-time captain for the Irish, 12 seasons with the NHL.

Kennedy's Kitchen Band, 3-3:30 p.m. (lobby)

Notre Dame cheerleaders, 4:15 p.m. (lobby)

Pep Rally at the JACC - 6 p.m.

Notre Dame Liturgical Choir, 7 p.m. (lobby)

Saturday, November 15

Connie McNamara will be signing copies of *My First Notre Dame Words; Go Irish* on Saturday, November 15th from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Jason Kelly, N.D. '95, Sports Writer for The South Bend Tribune, will be signing copies of *Mr. Notre Dame* on Saturday, November 15th from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Kevin Sandberg, C.S.C. N.D. '88, will be signing copies of *2003 Advent Calendar* on Saturday, November 15th from 11:00am to Noon.

Jack Connor, N.D. '50, will be signing copies of *Connor-The Life Story of George Connor* on Saturday, November 15th from 11:30pm to 1:30pm.

Dan McCabe, N.D. '04, Pipe Major, 8am-9:45 a.m. (outside-weather permitting) traditional Gaelic bagpipe music

Pam & Marv Clown, 9am-noon (outside-weather permitting) face painting and balloon art

Joe Probst, pianist, 10am-2pm (lobby area) toe-stomping acoustical piano

"U93 Countdown to Kickoff", radio show-live, 12:30pm-2pm (lobby)

Game begins at 2:30pm

The Undertones, 7:15pm (lobby) the tradition continues...outstanding musical selection and entertainment with the all-male a cappella group



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DAVID BEMENDERFER

Football is just another accomplishment on list

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

David Bemenderfer has trained horses, flown airplanes, traveled to Israel, played on a nationally-ranked high school rugby team and is currently restoring a 1972 Corvette.

Add another not-so-minor item to his list — being a member of Notre Dame football, a part of his life that he will have to relinquish fairly soon as the season nears its close.

Bemenderfer, a senior walk-on strong safety who has not seen action in a game with the Irish, has no regrets of his past four years with the Notre Dame football program.

As a 170-pound nose guard at Penn High School in Mishawaka, Bemenderfer was courted by a number of smaller Division I A, I-AA and II schools, most of which recruited him as a linebacker. Bemenderfer, who was gifted with speed, had a strong athletic resume in high school, particularly because Penn's rugby team was twice nationally ranked — seventh in 1998 and 11th in 1999.

"My second love is rugby," he said. "It is an equivalent [to football]. It just doesn't have all the

glory football has."

Bemenderfer, who first began playing football in the seventh grade when all 120 boys in his class tried out for the just-starting team, visited many schools, including Valparaiso, but even the opportunity to see more playing time was not enough for him to commit the next four years of his life to a school.

"[Visiting schools] was fun to do and all," Bemenderfer said. "But I didn't like some of the coaching staffs, and some of the stadiums were smaller than my high school stadium. It didn't appeal to me."

So he decided to go for his top academic choice, Notre Dame.

"I figured if I can't go for it all, I am going to go for my academics," he said.

"I tried to get the most out of my summer being free," Bemenderfer said. "When I got here, I said, why not give it a run, and so I walked on the fall of my freshman year."

At Notre Dame, Bemenderfer has had a full schedule, adding two majors, management information systems and sociology, to the rigors of Irish football.

At times, football has made it hard for him to maintain desirable grades.

For his 18th birthday, Bemenderfer was giving flying lessons, with the requirement that he keep his GPA above 3.0. After he tore his ACL freshman year, his grades also suffered some injury, particularly because "being on all the painkillers was really tough."

Since then he has brought his GPA much above 3.0, but he has not had the time to add to the nine hours he had previously logged towards his pilot certification.

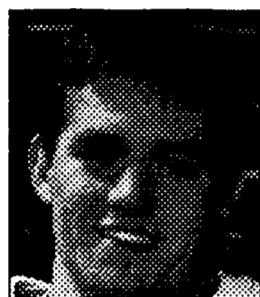
"It is definitely something I have to go back to," Bemenderfer, the son of two Notre Dame alumni said. "My grandfather was a pilot. My dad was a pilot. It is something I really enjoy doing, getting up there, and just, you're free. You are not controlled by anything."

Perhaps Bemenderfer appreciates that freedom given his stringent schedule down on land, but he nevertheless registers no complaints about that.

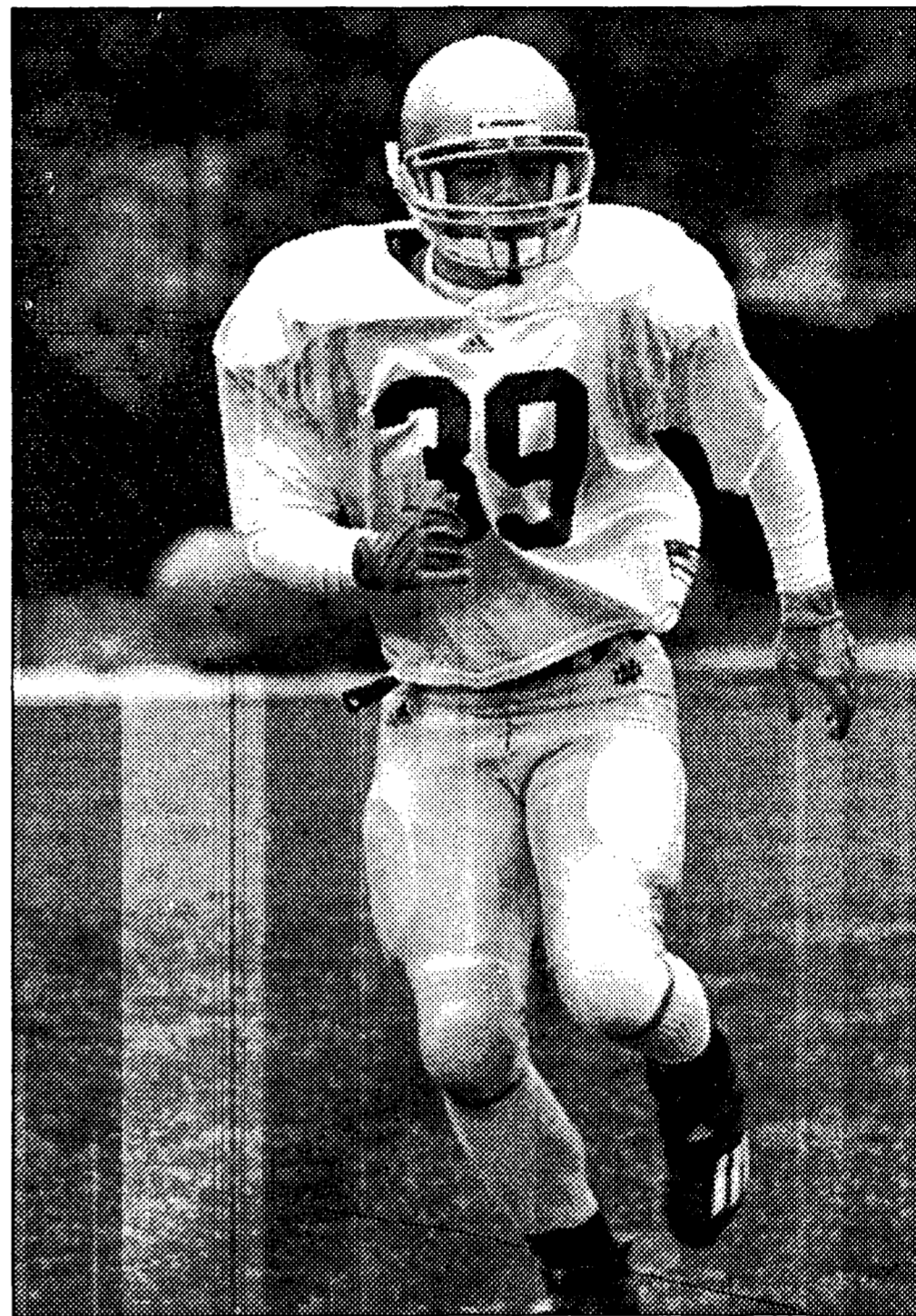
"Some days you don't think you'll ever be done, and some days you just don't want it to end," he said. "Now, getting towards my end, and looking back on it all, every minute was worth it."

Bemenderfer, who undoubtedly has had an array of experiences, has goals of obtaining a technical consulting job and of completely rebuilding his 1972 war-bonnet-yellow Corvette. For now, though, the focus is on finishing school, and more immediately, his last games as an Irish football player.

"When [football] is over, it'll be an end of a part of my life," he said. "I have no regrets. I tried everything I wanted to try. It'll be just another chapter in my life that I won't regret doing."



Bemenderfer



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David Bemenderfer runs a drill at practice. He and the other walk-ons play an integral role in preparing the team for games.

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JIM MOLINARO

A change for the better

Switching to the offensive line allowed Molinaro to get on the field

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

If the change in coaching staffs two years ago was good to anyone, that person would be Jim Molinaro.

He came to Notre Dame as a defensive lineman, thinking he could get on the field faster than if he had gone to other schools who wanted him as an offensive player.



Molinaro

But for two years, Molinaro was stuck behind current NFL players Grant Irons and Anthony Weaver and current starters Darrell Campbell and Cedric Hilliard. Then, coaches from the former regime approached Molinaro with an intriguing situation.

"They came up to me and asked him if he wanted to do it," he said. "I talked to the defensive coach, he's like it's your decision. I think you would be better off as a lineman."

While current head coach Tyrone Willingham and his staff didn't suggest this idea, they went along with it upon arriving at Notre Dame.

What the coaches saw in Molinaro interested them, and they allowed Molinaro to take a major risk in restarting his collegiate career.

Making the transition

In 2002, Notre Dame had an entire offensive line composed of seniors — three fifth-year players and two in their third year of eligibility. Therefore, the idea of using Molinaro's natural abilities seemed extremely logical to build depth on a unit that really didn't have any.

But it wasn't easy.

"I think he was a guy that the transition was a little bit difficult for him," Notre Dame offensive line coach Mike Denbrock said. "I think when we got here as a coaching staff, through the course of the first winter conditioning with the players and we looked at a guy 6-foot-6, 295-pounds at that time who could move his feet and really do some good things. That was a guy we had to try to get on the field."

Before Denbrock and the rest of the new coaching staff arrived at Notre Dame, Molinaro used 2001 as a transition year from the defense to the offense. He

played on special teams, registering six tackles and saw 2 minutes, 50 seconds of playing time at right tackle against Navy.

So in three years, Molinaro saw the field very little and his collegiate career was more than half finished. Therefore, the new coaching staff came in and put everybody on a clean slate. Molinaro took advantage of the

new life.

"I think when we got here, he kind of sparked up and saw his chances at being in the lineup improve and we were very encouraged by the things that we saw from him," Denbrock said.

The difference between offense and defense, as Molinaro found out, was as great as night and day. All that pursuit of the ball carrier on the defensive side of the ball had to be forgotten with Molinaro's focus now on getting ready to stop the pursuit.

"From offense to defense line [the difference] is huge," Molinaro said. "The defensive line really plays on their toes while the offensive line you really have to keep a square base all the time."

While the defensive line was loaded with players ready to step in at a moment's notice, Molinaro saw a chance on the offensive line to make contributions on the field, even if it wasn't right away.

He jumped at the opening.

"I made the switch and it was an opportunity to get on the field a little bit faster. I saw with the contributions I had made, it could be the turning point of my career whether to keep playing or not," Molinaro said. "It definitely worked out the best for me."

Thrown into the fire

With the wealth of experience on the offensive line, Molinaro had a number of teammates to look at and learn from in trying to improve his all-around game.

But the players he looked at the most were the natural choices, tackles Jordan Black and Brennan Curtin.

"They helped me a lot in giving me tips," Molinaro said.

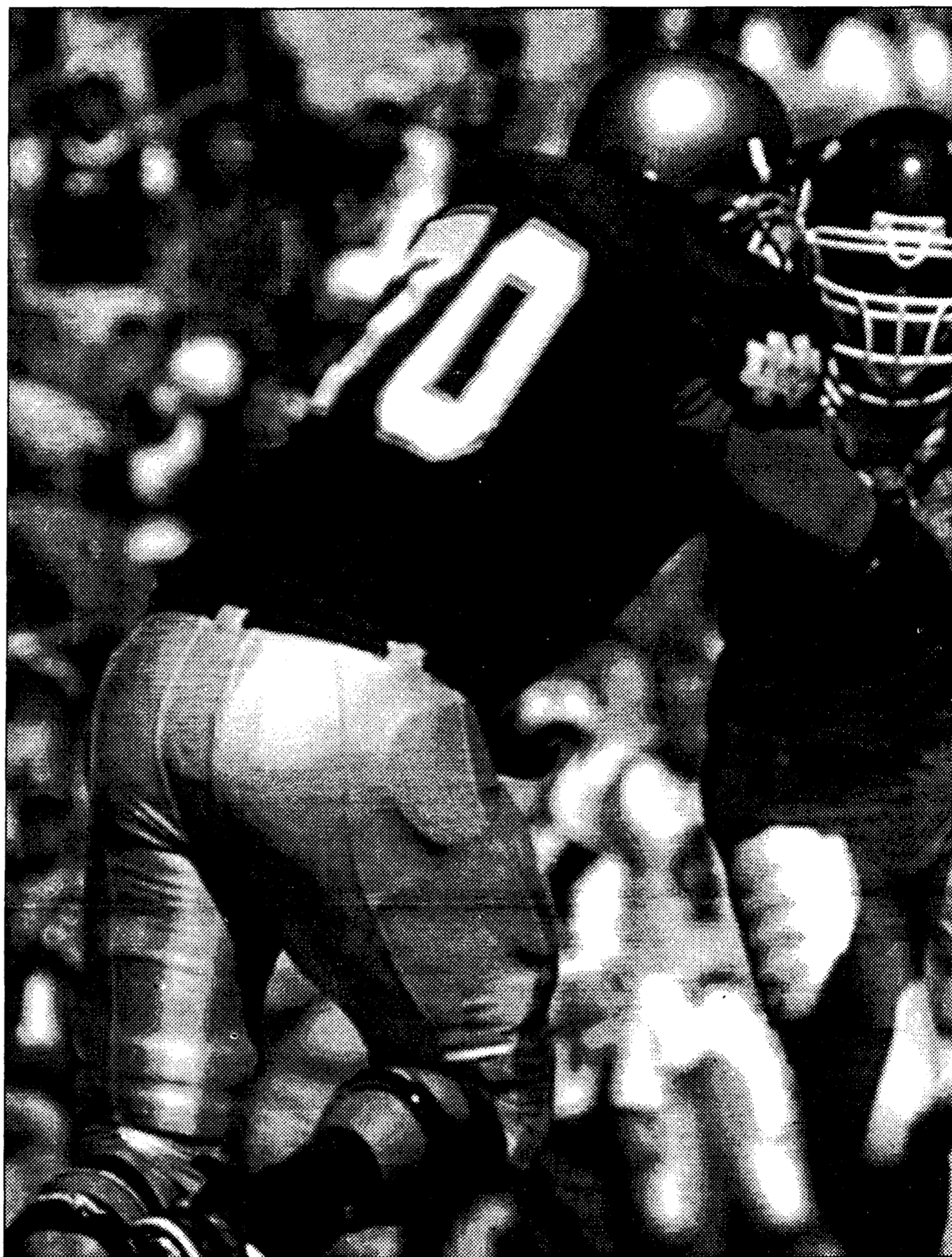
Molinaro saw playing time in 2002 against Michigan State and Pittsburgh but got a big breakthrough when Black was suspended for the first half of the Rutgers game after violating a team rule. The coaches inserted Molinaro into the starting lineup at left tackle and he played well in his first career start.

One week later at USC, Molinaro was forced to shift to the right side of the line and fill in for Curtin. In the team's last game against North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl, Molinaro flip-flopped sides again and finally found a home at left tackle when both Black and Curtin were suspended for the Jan. 1 bowl game.

Denbrock knew Molinaro had experienced a lot that year, especially in the team's last two regular season games, but saw Molinaro, once

again, eager at a chance to prove himself on the field.

"I think it was difficult to a certain extent just because he doesn't have a lot of experience playing up to that point at offensive tackle," Denbrock said. "I think it was a little bit difficult on him, but I know throughout the season that he was more than ready and willing to get out



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Notre Dame offensive lineman Jim Molinaro blocks a Washington State player during Notre Dame's win over the Cougars earlier this season.

there and play and contribute to our football team as much as he could.

"I know he was anxious to get in there and show what he was capable of."

Meanwhile, Molinaro felt the significant playing time he saw in those last two regular season games prepared him adequately for the Gator Bowl.

"It wasn't that difficult, I already had two starts under my belt and I had been playing basically the whole year," Molinaro said. "So it really wasn't too big of a deal by then."

Leader by default

Four seniors left the Notre Dame offensive line when they were selected in the 2002 NFL Draft.

Therefore Molinaro was one of only two returning offensive linemen, along with Sean Milligan, on a unit being heavily questioned by a number of people heading into the 2003 season.

Molinaro's leadership, despite starting only three games coming into this year, has fulfilled Denbrock's expectations.

"He's been tremendous," Denbrock said. "He's really taken those young kids and tried

along with us, how to do things the right way, how to practice the right way, how to prepare themselves for a game the right way, he's been invaluable to me trying to get those younger guys ready."

The need for Molinaro to be a leader on the line increased even more when an injury to Milligan has left him on the sidelines since the Michigan State game. That lack of experience along the line has forced the other four young linemen to look to Molinaro, who has handled all of the responsibilities in stride.

He helps the younger guys in the film room and at practice explaining plays and working on perfecting technique. The evidence of his leadership is not only on the offensive line, but also on the team, as Molinaro has been named a game captain six times in 2003.

But his first duty of leadership is the offensive line.

"Jim is the leader of the offensive line, there's no dispute over that. When he talks everybody listens," offensive tackle Ryan Harris said. "He's been real helpful in helping me come along especially when I began playing. He was really helpful in

terms of helping me see the game and what's going to happen."

Counting this season, Molinaro has started only 12 games on the offensive line in his four years of playing with the Irish. That limited time on the field has left Denbrock with a feeling Molinaro has a lot of room to grow and improve, just because he hasn't played on offense that much.

"I really think he's a guy that when you look at home, his best football is ahead of him still," Denbrock said. "He's just going to continue, in my opinion, to get better and better and better as time goes on."

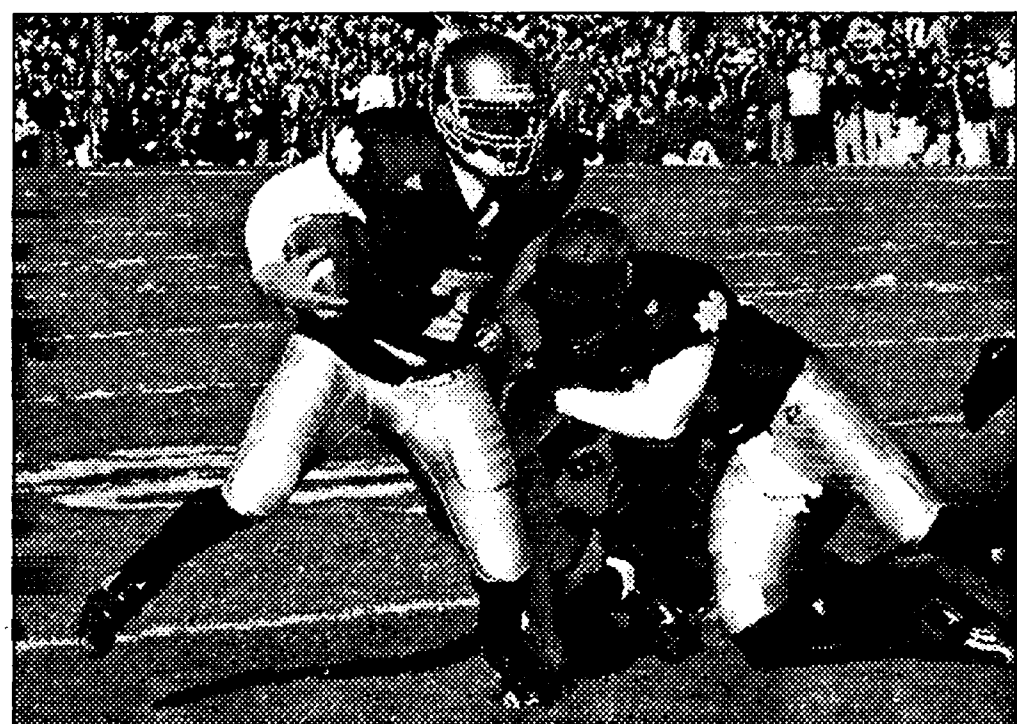
Spending five years at Notre Dame has seen Molinaro and the Irish reach emotional highs and lows. Prior to this year, Molinaro had two losing seasons and seasons of 10 and nine wins. Couple those four years with the disappointing 3-6 record in the first nine games of his senior year, Molinaro can only describe his college career in one way.

"It's been interesting," he said. "It's been a roller coaster."

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Fourth-year seniors

CARLYLE HOLIDAY



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Carlyle Holiday eludes a blocker as he runs a reverse during Notre Dame's 27-24 win against Navy.

When he was replaced as the starting quarterback, Carlyle Holiday didn't complain about the demotion but he worked to find other ways to contribute on the field.

Holiday lost his starting job after the Michigan State game to freshman Brady Quinn after being inconsistent through Notre Dame's first three games. Holiday completed 49.3 percent of his passes for 303 yards, but only threw one touchdown.

In a somewhat ironic situation, Holiday lost his job to a freshman after Holiday claimed the starting position as a freshman two seasons ago.

Holiday tried to make the switch from the option-style quarterback Notre Dame recruited him as to a passing quarterback in Tyrone Willingham's offense.

During his first year as a starter in 2002, Holiday led the Irish to nine wins by throwing for 1,788 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Notre Dame fans started calling for a quarterback change this season when Holiday

appeared to regress in offensive coordinator Bill Dierick's pro-style offense. The fact Notre Dame lost two of its first three games didn't help Holiday in saving his starting job.

Now the backup quarterback, the coaching staff wanted to use Holiday in other fashions to take advantage of his natural athletic ability. By knowing the passing plays already, the coaches used Holiday as the fourth receiver in a number of formations. So far this season, Holiday has only caught one pass for 10 yards. But last weekend against Navy, the coaches sent Holiday into the game as wide receiver. However, this time the play call was for Holiday to become a running back as he took a reverse around the right end for 16 yards.

What the future holds for Holiday remains a little up in the air as Quinn appears to be the coaches' choice for the quarterback of the future. Holiday seems relegated to the backup job while working into the offense at other positions.

Jason Sapp

The cousin of NFL star Warren Sapp, Jason Sapp has not seen a lot of playing time in his first three seasons with the Irish.

Sapp suffered a major knee injury during his freshman year at Notre Dame and really hasn't been the same player. Coming out of high school, Sapp was an honorable mention on USA Today prep All-American team.

Sapp has only appeared in three games for the Irish this year. Stuck behind the very deep Notre Dame defensive line, breaking into the rotation is very difficult.

With one year of eligibility remaining, Sapp could return next year and possibly get onto the field.

Jerome Collins

With the starters firmly entrenched at the linebacker position, Jerome Collins is the top backup for the Irish.

He saw significant playing time in Notre Dame's loss at Boston College when the defense switched from its traditional use of three linebackers to using four linebackers in trying to stop the Eagles' running game.

Collins came to Notre Dame as a wide receiver but moved to linebacker upon arriving in South Bend. The graduation of Courtney Watson leaves an opening at the linebacker position, but the uncertain status of Mike Goolsby doesn't ensure Collins a starting spot. This spring will bring another heated battle for a starting position.

Billy Palmer

In the deep tight end position, Billy Palmer has mainly been used as a blocking tight end for the Irish.

Palmer only has one catch on the season for 13 yards, matching his total from 2002.

The loss of Gary Godsey to injury and the transfer of Greg Olsen allowed Palmer to have more playing time.

Palmer came to the Irish from Lake Highland Prep in Orlando, Fla. and played mainly at defensive end through high school.

As the younger tight ends continue to develop and the uncertainty surrounding Godsey continues, Palmer's role in 2004 remains undetermined.

Ronnie Rodamer

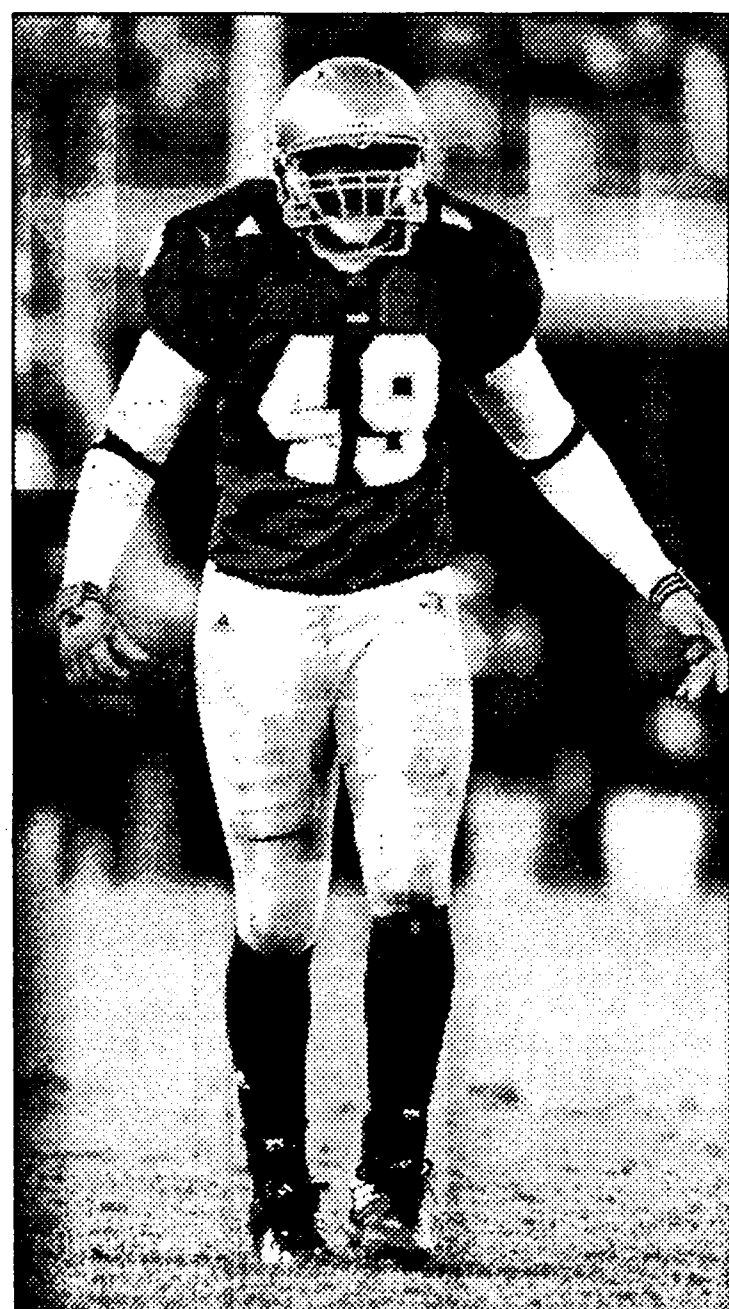
The 1999 Gatorade Player of the Year in West Virginia, Ronnie Rodamer really never fulfilled the expectations he brought to Notre Dame.

At 6-foot-4 and 211 pounds, Rodamer only has three career receptions in his three years of playing with the Irish.

The coaching staff expected big things from Rodamer after he made significant strides during spring practice.

The loss of only Omar Jenkins to graduation leaves Notre Dame very deep at the wide receiver positions. Rodamer would really have to show something in practice to break into the rotation in 2004.

DEREK CURRY



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Derek Curry celebrates a play where he tackled a Navy defender for a loss. A two-year starter, Curry has one more year of eligibility remaining.

He's the other "D.C." on the Notre Dame defense.

As part of a linebacker corps featuring all the returning starters, minus an injured Mike Goolsby, Derek Curry has continued to improve and has emerged as a vocal leader for the Irish.

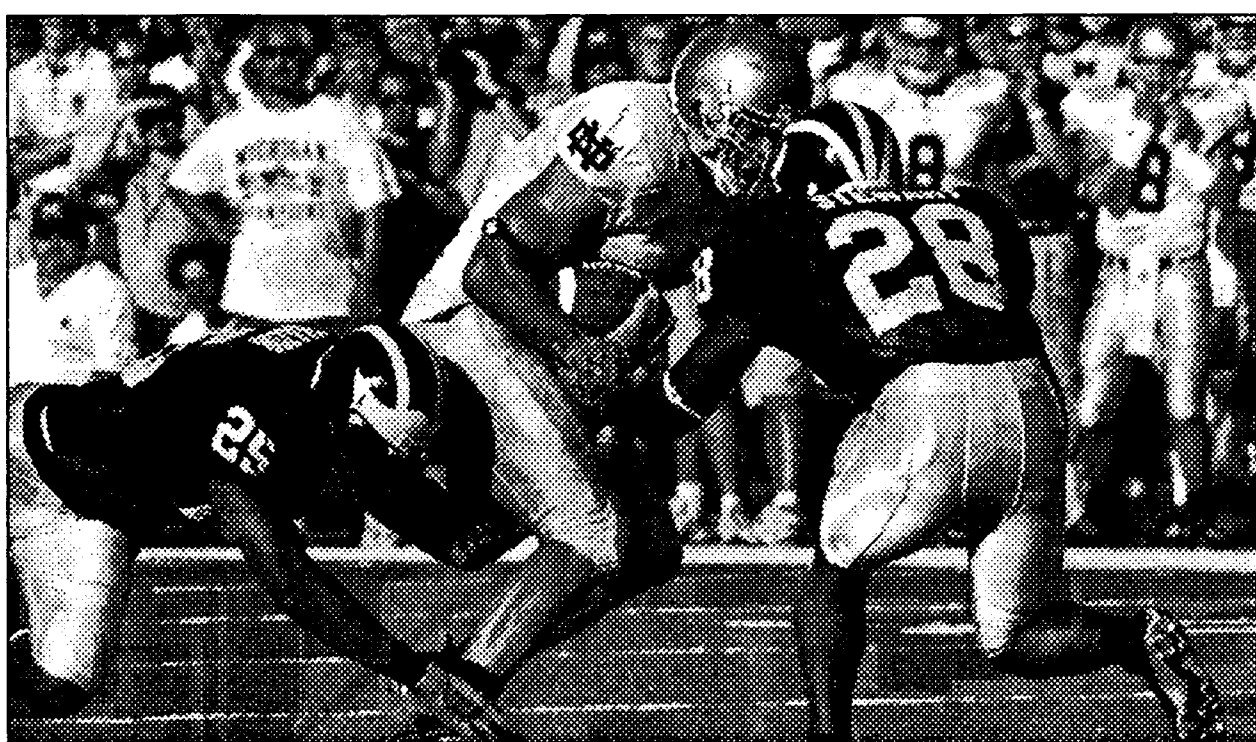
Curry was one of the last players heading into the Notre Dame locker room before its season-opening win against Washington State, shouting into the locker room, "don't ever give up." He is always one of the loudest players on the Notre Dame defense.

A starter for the past two seasons, Curry has made the most of his move from the inside to the outside before his junior season.

After making only 34 tackles in 2002, Curry is currently fourth on the team this season with 50 tackles. He also has four tackles for a loss and three sacks, good for second on the team.

Curry came to the Irish from the football-rich state of Texas and was rated as one of the top 100 players in the state by the Fort Worth Star-Houston Chronicle. When Rocky Boiman graduated after the 2001 season, Curry battled Jerome Collins for the starting spot — a spot Curry won thanks to a strong performance in the spring.

JARED CLARK



JARED CLARK/The Observer

Jared Clark lunges for extra yards during Notre Dame's 38-0 blowout at Michigan Stadium.

Something seemed different halfway through Tyrone Willingham's first spring practice.

It seemed unusual to see Jared Clark wearing a blue No. 1 jersey catching passes in pre-practice drills instead of throwing passes while wearing a red jersey.

But that's what happened when Clark realized he didn't have a good chance to win a quarter position. So he became the first member of a vaunted three-quarterback class to change positions.

And as happy as Clark might have been when he first discussed his decision a year and a half ago, he's even happier now.

That's because he's emerged as Notre Dame's most prolific pass-catching tight end threat. Once considered too slow to be an option quarterback, Clark is one of Notre Dame's fastest tight ends as he saw increased playing time with Gary Godsey's injury.

And Clark never regretted the move — even though it's hard to understand why he might want to after he only took two snaps at quarterback in a game and the television graphics crew misspelled his name "Gared."

Clark's future for the 2004 season is unknown. He isn't the best blocking tight end, and the emergence of Anthony Fasano could cut down the senior's minutes, as could a healthy Gary Godsey.

have one year left

KYLE BUDINCSAK

A promising season in his second as a starter at defensive end came to a screeching halt for Kyle Budinscak.

A solid and consistent force on the defensive line, Budinscak injured his right leg against Florida State. As he went back to the locker room, Budinscak hobbled slowly on crutches.

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham knew the loss of Budinscak would leave the Irish with a major hole to fill on the defensive front. In the week leading up to the Navy game, Willingham talked about how the loss of Budinscak would be difficult to replace in only one week against the disciplined Midshipmen option attack.

Budinscak has stayed firmly entrenched as a starter on the line since the beginning of his junior season. In 2002, Budinscak registered 20 tackles (13 solo) and three sacks. Through eight games in 2003, Budinscak had 10 solo tackles and three sacks.

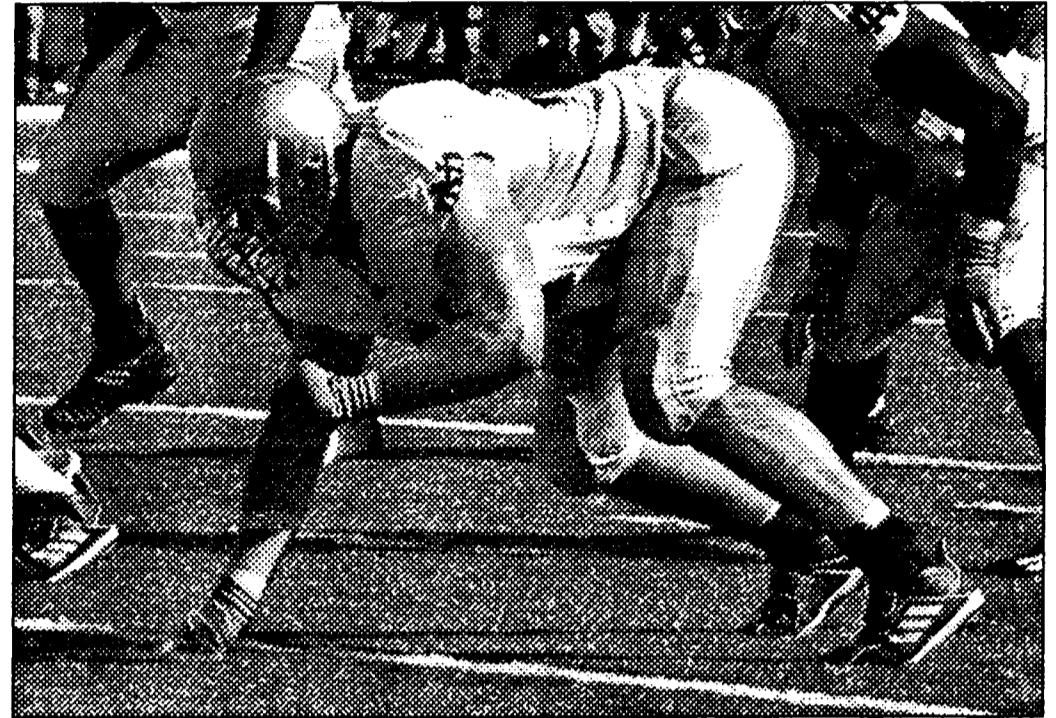
Budinscak played in 11 games as sopho-

more after being redshirted as a freshman. He started two of those games in 2002 and recorded 13 tackles.

When he came to Notre Dame, Budinscak was able to learn behind future NFL players Grant Irons and second-round draft pick Anthony Weaver.

While Budinscak has progressed steadily on the football field, he has been equally impressive as a student. He is a two-time Academic All-District award winner and came into this season as an Academic All-American candidate. In his first three year at Notre Dame, Budinscak compiled a 3.7 grade point average. Willingham said that Budinscak was more than likely out for the rest of the season earlier this week, and his injury appeared fairly serious.

Whether he can recover quickly from this injury in time for next season will have to be seen throughout the off-season and spring practice. If his knee injury is serious, his rehabilitation could roll into next season.



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Kyle Budinscak prepares to blast off the line of scrimmage during a play at Michigan.

Mike Goolsby

Filling in for an injured Courtney Watson at the beginning of the 2002, Mike Goolsby played his way into the starting lineup with impressive performances in those first two games.

But Goolsby injured his shoulder in the Gator Bowl and then re-injured it playing Bookstore Basketball in the spring. While he finally has restarted practicing, it's unlikely he'll crack the playing field this year.

Since Goolsby hasn't seen the actual game filed this season, he does participate with the scout team in practice, and he'll most likely take a medical redshirt in 2003 to preserve his fourth year of eligibility.

Goolsby came to Notre Dame as a top recruit after being a member of USA Today's second-team prep All-American team. He earned a monogram his freshman year — one of three freshmen to do so — after playing mostly on special teams. An self-described old school linebacker, Goolsby will make an immediate impact if he returns next season.

Gary Godsey

He was almost all the way back. Then, he got sent all the way back.

After suffering a knee injury in the Gator Bowl, Gary Godsey worked through the off-season to get back to the starting tight end position. But Godsey suffered a major knee injury in August during the summer practice and was lost for the season. What the future holds for Godsey is still up in the air. He has already been redshirted and already used his four years of eligibility. Godsey could apply to the NCAA for a special exemption and get a sixth year of eligibility, but those petitions don't have a high success rate. Godsey came to the Irish as a quarterback and played in two games in 200 when Arnaz Battle was injured in the second game of the season. Godsey led the Irish to a win over Purdue before he lost to Michigan State, got benched, and switched to tight end.

Whether Godsey comes back to the Irish in 2004 remains to be seen.

Preston Jackson

A member of the Notre Dame defensive passing packages, Preston Jackson has been a member of the Irish secondary for the past two seasons.

Jackson has been part of the Notre Dame nickel and dime packages of the past two seasons. As a junior, Jackson recorded 26 total tackles and got his first interception against Pittsburgh.

This season, Jackson has 22 tackles and one interception, coming against Florida State, through Notre Dame's first nine games.

Jackson has made over 100 special teams appearances the past two seasons. The graduation of Vontez Duff and Jason Beckstrom leaves Jackson as one of the most experienced cornerbacks returning to the Irish in 2004. He will have the chance in the off-season to claim one of the starting jobs.

GARRON BIBLE



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Garron Bible runs toward the ball during Notre Dame's victory against Navy in 2002, the first game Bible started in his collegiate career.

The former high school running back from the state of Texas has had an up-and-down season.

Upon the graduation of Jerome Sapp, the coaches looked to Garron Bible to fill in at the other starting safety spot. Bible looked to have that job secured in fall camp but suffered an injury that caused the coaches to make other plans.

The coaches then brought Quentin Burrell into the starting lineup in preparation that Bible wouldn't be ready for the season opener. However, then Burrell was injured and the coaches put Bible back into the starting lineup. Bible started the first three games of the season but lost his starting job for the Purdue game. But an injury to Glenn Earl in the USC game put Bible back into the starting lineup.

Against Navy's option attack, the defense needed Bible to stop up and pay a disciplined game. He responded with a number of big plays in containing the Midshipmen's running game. Bible came to Notre Dame after rushing for 1,516 yards and 18 touchdowns in his senior year of high school. He was moved to defensive back after his freshman year. With Earl graduating, Bible will once again have another opportunity to solidify himself in the starting lineup if he can stay healthy.

GREG PAULY

Last season, Greg Pauly was a vital member of Notre Dame's defensive tackle rotation. This year, he's trying to crack the playing field.

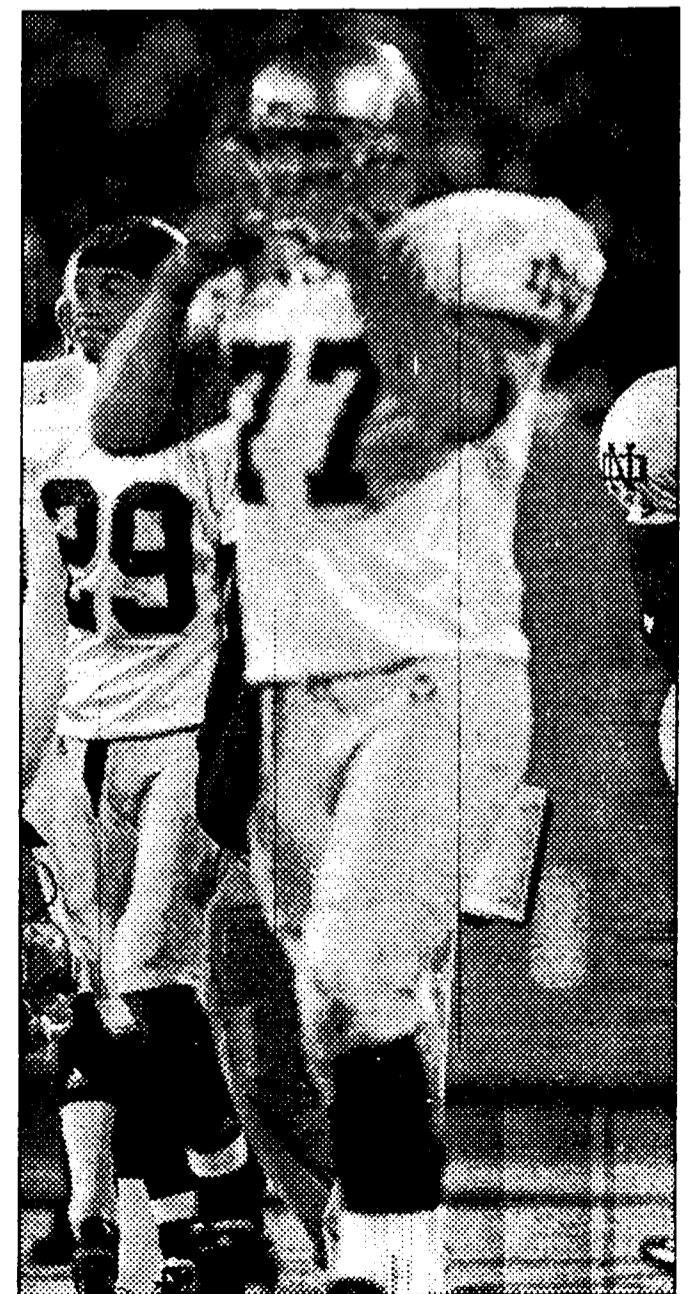
It's not all Pauly's fault, however. He's playing behind Darrell Campbell and Cedric Hilliard, seniors who have to be carried off the field before they admit they're hurt. And the player immediately ahead of him in the rotation, Derek Landri, was considered by many to be the top defensive recruit in the nation when he committed two years ago.

Still, Pauly, who earned his first monogram as a member of the 2002 Irish, recorded 11 tackles in just under 100 minutes of playing time last season. He also started three games while Hilliard recovered from an injury.

Some think that a knee injury has kept Pauly from emerging as the truly dominant player some thought he would be. His freshman year, Pauly was sidelined with pre-season knee surgery after he suffered an injury during a summer all-star game.

He was a Parade high school All-American pick and named to top high school list after high school list as one of the nation's best players.

But while Pauly's knee injury may have kept him from becoming a true big impact player, he may have a chance to see regular playing time when Campbell and Hilliard graduate after this year.



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Greg Pauly adjusts his helmet before he enters a game at Air Force last season. Pauly's playing time has somewhat diminished this season as depth along the defensive line has increased.