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Travelers enjoy ND win, southern hospitality



Notre Dame fans cheer in Knoxville, Tenn., after beating the Volunteers 17-13 on Saturday.

By TRICIA de GROOT
News Writer

Notre Dame fans everywhere were surprisingly pleased with the football team's performance in Knoxville on Saturday.

The victory over No. 9 Tennessee was celebrated by students both in South Bend and by those who traveled the eight and a half hours to Tennessee to see the game.

Unlike some more volatile away games of the past, Irish fans felt the southern hospitality of the Volunteers.

"I was surprised at how nice all of the Tennessee fans were to us, especially after we beat them down," said sophomore Tom Bradley who drove to Tennessee for the game. "Although, one lady came up to us after the game and said, 'I hope you enjoyed your stay and

thanks for hurting our quarterback.'"

Students felt the Tennessee fans were very welcoming overall and many of them congratulated the opponents for their attitude throughout the entire weekend.

"I was surprised by how respectful the fans were before and after the game," said sophomore Kathryn Schuessler.

Other students were satisfied with being able to watch their team, the underdog, make an unexpected win in Neyland stadium.

Sophomore Rick King was among them.

"It was just one of the best football games I've ever been to," King said. "Watching Notre Dame beat Tennessee in Neyland was awesome."

In addition to miraculously

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A lone Notre Dame fan cheers on the Irish amongst a sea of orange.

Alumni from ND, SMC re-elected to Congress

Graduates to serve new terms in House

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's were well represented on ballots on Election Day with seven graduates between the two institutions being re-elected to Congress.

Four Notre Dame alumni and three Saint Mary's alumnae held onto their House seats and will return to Washington, D.C. as members of the 109th Congress.

Among the victorious Notre Dame alumni were two of Indiana's nine congressional representatives. Representative to Indiana's 1st district Peter Visclosky won a 10 term. A Democrat, Visclosky graduated from Notre Dame Law School in 1973. Republican Mark Souder, who earned an MBA from Notre Dame in 1974, was elected for a sixth time as representative to Indiana's 3rd District.

Another Notre Dame alumnus, 1968 Law School graduate and Republican Peter King, was re-

elected to his eighth term in New York's 3rd District. Fellow Republican Michael Ferguson was voted into New Jersey's 7th district for a third time. Ferguson received a bachelor's degree in political science from Notre Dame in 1992.

Among the Saint Mary's graduates re-elected was Anne Meagher Northup of Kentucky's 3rd District. Northup earned degrees in business and economics from Saint Mary's in 1970. She was easily re-elected over her democratic opponent for a sixth term. When elected for the first time in 1996, Northup was the first woman in Kentucky to have been elected to Congress since 1926.

Nineteen sixty-six Saint Mary's graduate Donna Christensen was elected to her fifth term as congressional delegate from the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Democratic congresswoman is the first female physician in the history of the U.S. Congress, the first woman to represent an offshore Territory and the first woman delegate from the Virgin Islands. Christensen chairs the Congressional Black Caucus' Health Braintrust, which oversees and advocates minority health issues nationally and internationally.

Eddie Bernice Johnson, a Democrat from the 30th district of Texas, won re-election for a seventh term. Congresswoman Johnson received her nursing preparation degree from Saint Mary's in 1955. She became the first woman and the first black to ever represent the Dallas area in Congress when she was elected to

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Souder



Northup



Visclosky

Talabani fights for Iraqi women

Women's Council member tells of experiences

By JEANNINE PRIVAT
News Writer

Addressing issues ranging from her personal life to the United States' involvement in the Iraq reconstruction process to the role of women in Iraqi society, Al a Talabani of the Iraqi Women's High Council and Women for a Free Iraq spoke at Notre Dame Friday.

Talabani, on campus by



Talabani

invitation from the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies in conjunction with Women Waging Peace, stressed the need for women to be involved in the reconstruction process and ultimately the new Iraqi state. In a society where women have traditionally been oppressed, she emphasized the need for both genders to realize the importance of women.

"Women need to believe they have a role to play in the society," she said.

Talabani and other women decided "a real women's movement in the country" was needed, she said. They began the slow process of opening women's centers, applying for grants from USAID and

nongovernmental organizations and forming their own groups, like the Iraqi Women's High Council and Women for a Free Iraq. Talabani has also been involved with the hosting of women's conferences throughout Iraq, and in promoting the women's movement in Iraq across religious, ethnic and geographic lines.

"Violence against women is the same in Baghdad, Basra and Fallujah," she said.

And with women making up a 60-percent majority of the population, their role in society is something that female activists think should be taken seriously.

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Student CPAs work for charity

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Writer

Nearly 370 certified public accountants, including 52 from Notre Dame, gathered Friday to take part in the statewide CPA Day of Service.

The event, planned by the Indiana CPA Society (INCPAS), gathered CPAs at 39 locations in 18 cities throughout Indiana for a day of community service.

"We believe it was very successful and we haven't even received much feed-

back yet," said Dave Shatkowski of the Indiana CPA Society. "I'm sure we will get positive comments from our members who participated as well as some notes and letters of appreciation from the organizations we served. That would just add to the success of the event."

The number of volunteer CPAs nearly doubled from last year.

"Our ultimate goal is 1,000 participants," said Shatkowski. "I don't know if that will be reached next year, but we hope to keep

moving in that direction."

The charity day was created in 2002 to recognize Indiana CPAs' dedication to charity. The Day of Service has also proven a good way for accounting students to network with local CPAs.

"We thought that volunteerism is a good activity for any profession to encourage, and we already knew that many of our CPA members individually participated in local volunteer projects," said Shatkowski.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Madder than
a wet hen

Upon arriving in South Bend, the first thing college freshmen discuss is the different dialects heard around campus. However by sophomore year, arguing over the correct term for a carbonated beverage is like beating a dead horse. Regional dialectal differences fall by the wayside.

Although my friends no longer notice my "accent," there are certain phrases I use that evoke a "huh?" from even my closest friends. These phrases are unique and powerful. They define life moments, both simple and complex, spoken by good ol' Mom and Dad, and now spoken by me. These phrases have serious meanings and when used in the proper context, put sophisticated words into one's mouth when one is searching for the perfect expression. I will now define and clarify these complex axioms.

Madder than a wet hen. A thoughtfully complex metaphor describing someone who is raging mad. When hens are wet, they are mad. In fact, they are livid. Use this phrase to express the intensity of another's anger. For example, when "Drinker Dave" outfoxed Officer "Bob" at the Michigan tailgate, Officer "Bob" was madder than a wet hen.

In a rabbit stew. Another clever metaphor describing someone who is in quite the predicament and quite worked up about it. If one were a rabbit and in a stew, or if one were put in a boiling pot of rabbit stew, one would be in a stressful jam. For example, when Tennessee's head coach realized after Saturday's game that the Volunteers' ranking was about to go down the toilet, Coach Fulmer was in a rabbit stew.

Making a mountain out of a molehill. This phrase means that one is overanalyzing a situation. Mountains are bigger and more important than molehills. When one makes a mountain out of a molehill, one is not looking at the triviality of the situation. For example, when a few students made a fuss about some Saint Mary's T-shirts, they were making a mountain out of a molehill.

Six of one, half dozen of another. My friends swear only my mom and I use this phrase. This is a very good phrase meaning that two different routes are the same in length and destination. For example, when walking from the D6 parking lot to SDH, one must choose which steps of the Rockne to take. Either the north steps or the south steps will get one to SDH in the same amount of time. Therefore, it is six of one, half dozen of another.


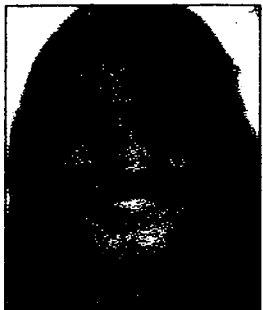




Stinkin' thinkin'. Another term I have learned from my mom providing great self-esteem advice. Stinkin' thinkin' gets one nowhere. For example, if you believe that you have not been poked on The Facebook because you are not cool, that is stinkin' thinkin' because, come on, if you are on The Facebook, you are cool.

And thus this portion of my philosophical dictionary concludes. I have picked up from Mom and Dad many phrases that will continue to provide life lessons and eloquence. Try one of these phrases sometime. You will be surprised at how clearly and articulately you will be able to describe a situation.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Maggie Oldham at moldha01@saintmarys.edu

Maggie Oldham
Sports Wire
Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU THINK OF SATURDAY'S GAME?

					
Frankie Bontempo	Jennifer Thomas	Matt Wopperer	Patricia Varraveto	Ryan Curley	Dana Santiago
sophomore Siegfried	freshman Lewis	sophomore Siegfried	junior Walsh	sophomore Siegfried	junior Walsh
"Brady, can you be my lady?"	"I think it was awesome. Mike Goolsby is the man."	"I'm pretty sure we should be ranked No. 1 by now."	"It makes me wonder what happened with the Boston College game."	"This game showed that our team can beat anybody on any Saturday."	"I was too busy listening to Britney Spears."



Members of the Notre Dame marching band stand before a sea of orange in Knoxville, Tenn. The band celebrated Saturday after defensive linebacker Mike Goolsby returned an interception for the eventual game-winning touchdown. This was the band's only away game performance this season.

IN BRIEF

The Career Center will hold an information session Tuesday from 6 until 7 p.m. in 114 Flanner on "The Job & Internship Search: Beyond Campus Interviews."

Professors Daniel Lindley, George Lopez and Gary Masapollo will be part of a faculty panel on "Iraq: What Now?" Tuesday from 4:15 until 5:30 in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The International Film Series will show Liv Ullman's adaptation of "Kristin Lavransdatter" Tuesday from 7 until 10 p.m. in 117 DeBartolo.

The lecture "Lies My Teacher Told Me About the Presidency" will take place on Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. in 129 DeBartolo.

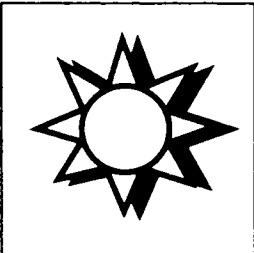
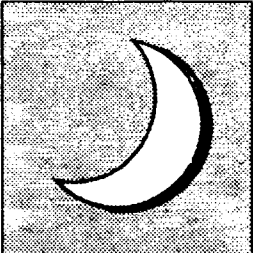
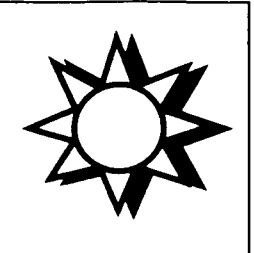
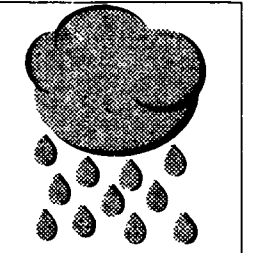
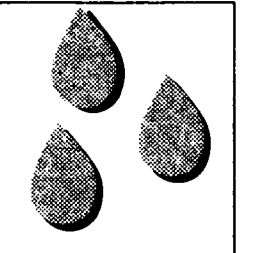
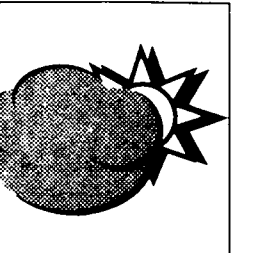
The Mr. ND Pageant, presented by Walsh Hall, will be held on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

OFFBEAT

Bank under construction sees robbery bid
KENNESAW, Ga. — There is little money to be gained from attempting to rob a bank that is still under construction, police say a Marietta man learned on Wednesday.
Michael Donald Marshall, 39, entered the Bank of America and demanded \$500 from the tellers while threatening that he had a gun, according to the Kennesaw Police Department.
The employees then told him the bank wasn't open for business and there was no money. Kennesaw Police arrived as Marshall exited the building empty-handed, officers said.
The suspect is charged with armed robbery.

Tanker spills liquid chocolate on highway
GROVELAND, N.Y. — Part of a highway in the Finger Lakes region was closed for five hours Thursday evening after a tanker truck crashed, spilling 45,000 pounds of slippery liquid chocolate that hardened.
State Police said there were no serious injuries in the crash shortly after 5 p.m. A road grader was used to scrape the north-bound lanes of Interstate 390.
Truck driver Bert Nestlrode, 46, of Ephrata, Pa., swerved to avoid a deer, the truck rolled over and the tanker split, police said. He was treated at a hospital for cuts and bruises and no tickets were issued.
The syrup also covered a bridge and a car on another road below. The truck, from M&M Mars, Co. in Elizabethtown, Pa., carried liquid used to make milk chocolate.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
						
	HIGH 45 LOW 37	HIGH 37 LOW 30	HIGH 50 LOW 27	HIGH 55 LOW 40	HIGH 48 LOW 35	HIGH 40 LOW 23

Atlanta 68 / 40 Boston 46 / 32 Chicago 46 / 28 Denver 64 / 39 Houston 78 / 52 Los Angeles 66 / 52 Minneapolis 46 / 34 New York 50 / 36 Philadelphia 52 / 34 Phoenix 71 / 54 Seattle 56 / 44 St. Louis 58 / 42 Tampa 80 / 60 Washington 55 / 40

Catholic Charities meet at Notre Dame

Special to The Observer

Senior members of Catholic Charities offices nationwide will gathered starting Sunday and will meet until Wednesday for the first session of a new educational program designed to enhance the administration and strengthen the leadership of their organization.

"From Mission to Service: A Program on Mission-based Leadership and Organization Development" is underwritten by Notre Dame and designed by the Mendoza College of Business specifically for officers and board members of Catholic Charities offices. The program's instructors include members of Notre Dame's theology and business faculty as well as other national figures. Among those teaching in the first session are Lawrence Cunningham, John A. O'Brien professor of theology, Joseph Holt, director of executive education programming for the executive MBA program, Gerard Baumbach, director of the Center for Catechetical Initiatives, and Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, president and treasurer of Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Boston and this year's recipient of Notre Dame's highest honor, the Laetare Medal.

One of the designers of the program, Father Hehir observed that Catholic Charities organizations are in transition. Forty years ago, nearly all of the Catholic Charities organizations were headed by priests, and

now 75 percent of the executive directors are laypeople. "This shift will require us to attend to Catholic identity in new ways," said Carolyn Woo, Martin J. Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business.

"This program results from the collaboration of lay and clerical leaders, and between business faculty and theologians. It is an innovation with spiritual and social significance."

The program is intended to help those who work in Catholic Charities to "develop a leadership vision for their organization that reflects a faith-based mission, understand how the rich heritage of Catholic social teaching anchors their work today, incorporate the principle of faith-based mission as their organization's strategic driver, develop awareness and skills regarding values-based decision-making, develop a framework for linking mission-based values to organizational systems and practices, and build a strong, national network of colleagues with similar interests."

The second program session will take place in March.

The Catholic Charities network consists of more than 1,400 local agencies and institutions nationwide. They annually assist nearly 7 million people in need of emergency aid, counseling, adoption assistance, housing, and numerous other services. They also coordinate the efforts of more than 220,000 volunteers.

Voters desire stability in Iraq

Poll shows top priority is a resolution as fighting intensifies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As President Bush mulls what to do after winning re-election, voters say his first priority should be resolving the situation in Iraq, where the fighting is growing more intense.

They also want Bush to cut the deficit, which ballooned under his watch, rather than pushing for more tax cuts, according to an Associated Press poll taken right after the election.

The voters' concerns stood in contrast to the priorities Bush cited after he defeated Democrat John Kerry. Bush pledged to aggressively pursue major changes in Social Security, tax laws and medical malpractice awards. Terrorism was a chief concern both for Bush and many voters in the poll.

"I earned capital in the campaign, political capital, and now I intend to spend it," Bush said a day after becoming the first president in 68 years to win re-election and gain seats in both the House and Senate.

Some 27 percent of respondents named Iraq as the top priority for the president's second term, ahead of issues such as terrorism, the economy and health care.

Only 2 percent named taxes as a priority. By more than a 2-1 margin, voters said they preferred that the president balance the budget rather than reduce taxes further.

After a campaign dominated by discussion of Iraq and terrorism, national security issues are at the top of vot-

ers' concerns along with the economy. Voters were asked to pick from a list of issues in the AP poll that included Iraq, terrorism, the economy, unemployment, health care, education and taxes.

Many voters on Election Day indicated they were also concerned about "moral values" — a broader concern than specific issues such as health care and education.

Republicans ranked terrorism first on the list, followed by Iraq and the economy as priorities for Bush. Democrats were most likely to name Iraq, followed by the economy and health care while independents picked Iraq and then terrorism, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

"He has to go 500 percent in Iraq," said Ruth Shoemaker, an independent and a retiree from Chula Vista, Calif. "That's why I voted for the president."

Seven in 10 voters, including a majority of Democrats, would prefer that U.S. troops stay in Iraq until the country is stable, instead of having them leave immediately.

U.S. troops are preparing for assaults on insurgent strongholds used as havens for those mounting increased attacks against coalition

forces.

"There has got to be some kind of resolution in Iraq," said Erwin Neighbors, a Republican and a community college teacher from Moberly, Mo. "We can't fold our tent without accomplishing our goals."

On the domestic front, Bush says his plans to overhaul the tax laws would be "revenue neutral" and would not cut taxes. Throughout the past year, however, he has urged Congress to make earlier tax cuts permanent.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office now sees \$2.3 trillion in accumulated deficits over the next 10 years. That does not include the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Given the choice between balancing the budget and cutting taxes, voters chose balancing the budget by 66 percent to 31 percent. Just over half of Republicans as well as most Democrats and independents felt that way.

When the choice is between balancing the budget and spending more on education, health care and economic development, voters were divided. Slightly more wanted the additional domestic spending, 55 percent, than chose balancing the budget, 44 percent.

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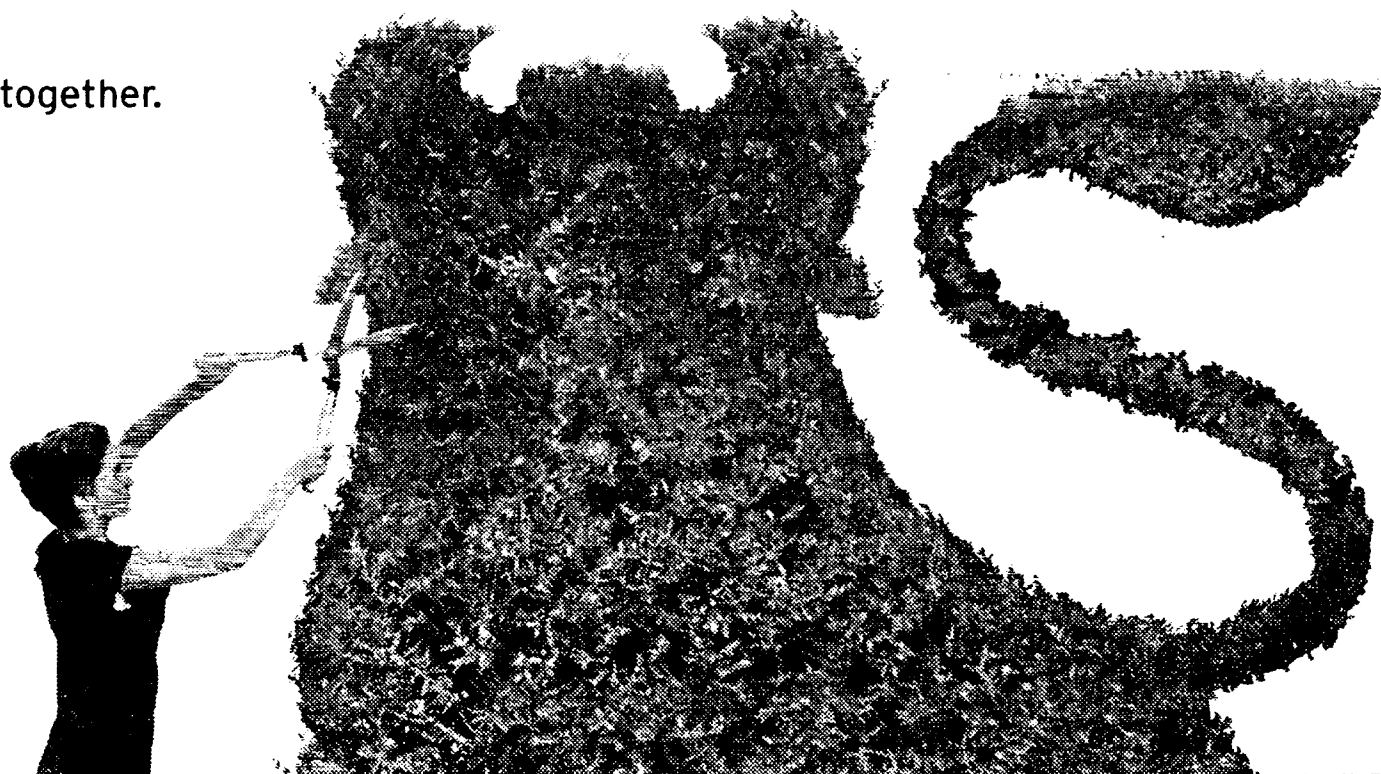
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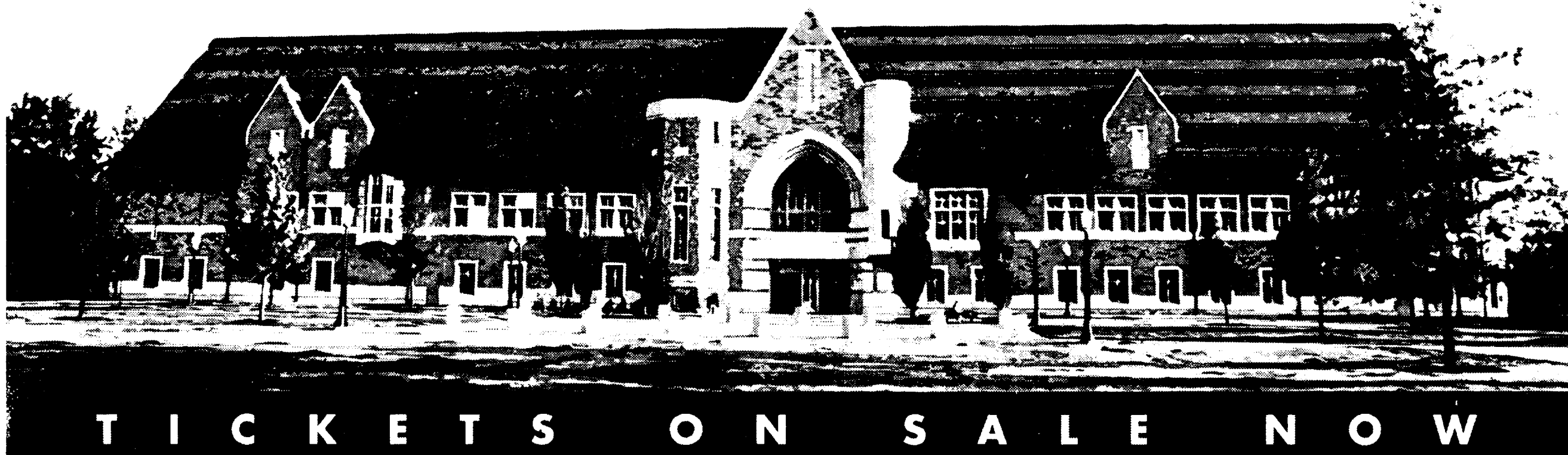
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ND Chorale and Chamber Orchestra

Handel's Messiah
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Tickets \$6, \$5 faculty/staff, \$3 all students

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THEATRE

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www.dulci-langfelder.org/English/engframe.html
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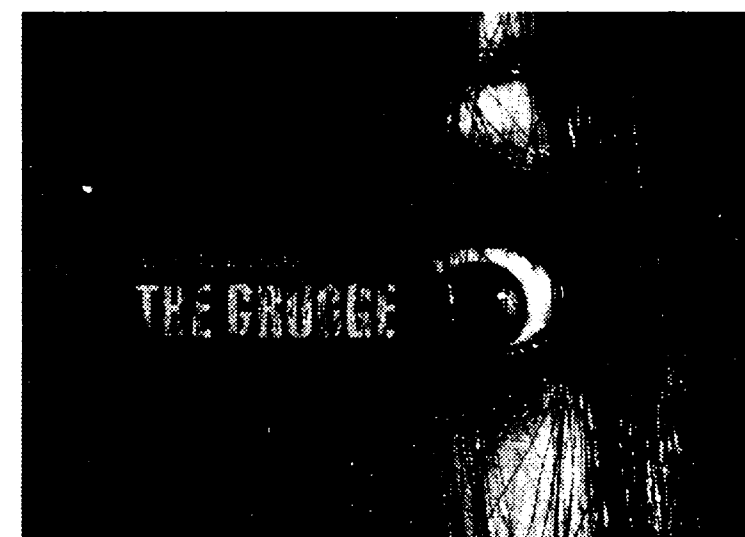
DANCE

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FILM

**THE GRUDGE:
From Notre Dame To Hollywood**

Thursday, November 11 at 10 p.m.
Browning Cinema

Sony Pictures' newly released *THE GRUDGE*, an American remake of a Japanese horror film, was written by Stephen Susco (ND '95), starring Sarah Michelle Gellar, and co-starring William Mapother (ND '87). This is a FREE promotional screening, however, you will need to pick-up tickets at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Ticket Office. Seating is limited.

Discounted tickets are underwritten by the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. There are a limited number of student discounts available.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

French and Ivory Coast troops clash

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — French troops clashed with soldiers and angry mobs Saturday after Ivory Coast warplanes killed at least nine French peacekeepers and an American civilian in an airstrike — mayhem that threatened to draw foreign troops deeper into the West African country's escalating civil war.

Mob violence broke out in Ivory Coast's largest city after France retaliated for the airstrike by destroying two government warplanes at an airport outside the capital.

Thousands of pro-government youths, some armed with machetes, axes or chunks of wood, took to the streets of the country's commercial capital, Abidjan.

Crowds went door to door looking for French citizens and set fire to two French schools, sending a pall of smoke over the city.

Saudi scholars urge holy war

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Prominent Saudi religious scholars in Iraqis to support militants waging holy war against the U.S. — led coalition forces as American troops prepared Saturday for a major assault on the insurgent hotbed of Fallujah.

The 26 Saudi scholars and preachers said in an open letter to the Iraqi people that their appeal was prompted by "the extraordinary situation through which the Iraqis are passing which calls for unity and exchange of views." The letter was posted on the Internet.

"At no time in history has a whole people been violated ... by propaganda that's been proved false," Sheik Awad al-Qarni, one of the scholars, told Al-Arabiya TV.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush holds stance on global warming

WASHINGTON — President Bush is holding fast to his rejection of mandatory curbs on greenhouse gases that are blamed for global warming, despite a fresh report from 300 scientists in the United States and seven other nations that shows Arctic temperatures are rising.

This week, a four-year study of the Arctic will document that the region is warming rapidly, affecting global climates.

Scientists project that industrial gases such as carbon dioxide will make the Arctic warmer still, which would raise the level of the seas and make the earth hotter.

Spaceship designers earn 10 million

ST. LOUIS — The designers of the first privately manned rocket to burst into space were handed a \$10 million check Saturday, a prize designed to encourage technology that will open the heavens to tourists.

SpaceShipOne designer Burt Rutan accepted the Ansari X Prize money, along with a 150-pound trophy, as a chase plane flew over the ceremony in a field adjacent to the St. Louis Science Center.

The rocket plane, financed with more than \$20 million from Microsoft billionaire Paul Allen, qualified for the prize by blasting into space twice in five days in the last month.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana town kicks off Christmas

MIDDLEBURY — A northern Indiana town has joined retailers in starting the Christmas season much earlier than its traditional post-Thanksgiving Day debut.

More than 200 people gathered Friday night for the community's Christmas tree lighting in a downtown park. They sipped coffee and hot chocolate and ate cookies while listening to Christmas music performed by a brass ensemble and several vocalists.

IRAQ

Government declares emergency

Country is initiating all-out assault on guerrilla sanctuary, Fallujah

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi government declared a 60-day state of emergency throughout most of the country Sunday, paving the way for an all-out assault on the guerrilla sanctuary Fallujah. Militants dramatically escalated attacks, killing at least 30 people, including two Americans.

American troops began final preparations for battle in Fallujah as commanders warned them to expect the most brutal urban fighting since the Vietnam War. The U.S. command announced it had sealed off Fallujah and was "finishing final preparations for an assault" on the city.

Underscoring the country's instability, several heavy explosions thundered through the capital even as government spokesman Thair Hassan al-Naqeb was announcing the state of emergency, which applies throughout the country except for Kurdish-ruled areas in the north.

Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, who called a meeting Sunday with his defense minister, interior minister and provincial police commanders, said the state of emergency is a "very powerful message that we are serious" about reining in insurgents before elections set for late January.

"We want to secure the country so elections can be done in a peaceful way and the Iraqi people can participate in the elections freely, without the intimidation by terrorists and by forces who are trying to wreck the political process in Iraq," he told reporters.

Insurgents waged a second day of multiple attacks across the restive Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad, storming police stations, assassinating government officials and setting off deadly car bombs. About 60 people have been killed and 75 injured in the two



Iraqi men survey the damage after an air strike in Fallujah, Iraq Sunday. The Iraqi government declared a state of emergency for 60 days throughout the country.

days of attacks.

At dawn, armed rebels stormed three police stations in the towns of Haditha and Haqlaniyah, 137 miles northwest of Baghdad, killing 22 policemen. Some were lined up and shot execution-style, police and hospital officials.

Assassins gunned down a Diyala governor's aide and two provincial council members south of Baghdad as they were on their way to a funeral in Karbala for a fourth colleague assassinated earlier this week.

Three attacks on U.S. convoys in and around Baghdad killed two American soldiers and wounded five others Sunday, the military said. Residents reported grenades

setting police cars aflame on Haifa Street in the heart of the capital.

A car bomb also exploded near the Baghdad home of Iraq's finance minister, Adil Abdel-Mahdi, a leading Shiite politician. Abdel-Mahdi and his family were not home at the time but the U.S. military said the bomb killed one Iraqi bystander and wounded another. A U.S. patrol came under small-arms fire as it responded, wounding one soldier, a statement said.

Two British soldiers were seriously injured by a suicide car bomber southwest of Baghdad, while a British contractor was killed in a roadside bombing.

In Web postings, the al-Qaida affiliate group of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility for the attacks in Samarra, Ramadi and Baghdad. The claims could not be verified, but U.S. officials believe al-Zarqawi's group uses Fallujah as a base.

The widespread insurgent attacks seemed aimed at relieving the pressure on Fallujah, where about 10,000 American troops are massing for a major assault if Allawi gives the green light.

Iraqi officials would not say whether the emergency law decree meant the decision to storm Fallujah had been taken.

Bush plans permanent tax cuts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Buoyed by a clear-cut election victory, President Bush is pledging to make permanent the sweeping tax cuts of his first term and to simplify the nation's tax laws.

The price tag on making the tax cuts permanent is more than \$1 trillion, a daunting number in an age of record budget deficits.

At the same time, efforts to enact ambitious proposals to overhaul the tax system often fall victim to a ferocious assault from Washington lobbyists determined to protect special breaks for their clients.

While not discounting the challenges ahead, Bush's supporters are betting that the president will end up getting much of what he wants with the help of bigger Republican majorities in both the House and the Senate.

"Tax reform is a politically dangerous road to travel with a lot of corpses," said Stephen Moore, head of the Club for Growth, which supports an aggressive tax-cutting agenda.

"But the president is very serious about this. He wants to make a major push for overhauling the tax system," Moore said.

Moore and others expect Bush's

model will be Ronald Reagan's successful effort to enact the 1986 tax overhaul, one of the broadest rewrite of tax law in history. It dramatically lowered tax rates and paid for those reductions by eliminating or scaling back tax deductions.

So far, Bush has disclosed little about how he wants to simplify the current system, which he has called a "complicated mess."

He first stated his tax overhaul goal in his August acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention. He promised that if re-elected, he would create a bipartisan advisory panel to come up with a "simpler, fairer, pro-growth system."

Game

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defeating the orange of Tennessee, this win gave Notre Dame six victories, making them eligible for a bowl game.

"I was really excited about the win over Tennessee not only because they were ranked [No.] 11 and we lost to BC, but also because the win made us eligible for a bowl," junior Gretchen Byars said.

Freshman Elizabeth Elliot said she thought it was nice to win after Boston College.

"It gave us all confidence for the next two games and shows that we are willing to rise to the challenge," Elliot said.

"The defense really stepped it up and we came out with a huge win."

**Sam Pandolfo
Junior**

Fans also praised the performance of Notre Dame's defense and expressed the advantage the team gained with the injury to Tennessee's quarterback.

"The Irish defense was so tough on Saturday that even the Tennessee quarterback wanted out, and that's what the Irish did - they took him out," Holobowski said.

Not only was Tennessee playing with their third-string quarterback, the Notre Dame defense, including Justin Tuck and Brandon Hoyte to name a few, looked exceptional for the game.

"When Justin Tuck tackled people it was like phagocytosis," freshman Joe Runde said.

Two weeks after the disappointing loss to Boston College, the whole team came out

focused to go into a hostile Southeastern Conference environment and come out with a win.

"The defense really stepped it up and we came out with a huge win," junior Sam Pandolfo said. "It really says a lot about the determination of our team and send the message that no one at Notre Dame is ready to give up on this season."

With a shot at a bowl game and newfound hope in the team for the next two games, students rejoiced in the weekend's victory.

"Even though I love the south, I'm even happier the Fighting Irish lived up to their name," sophomore Caroline Murphy said. "We proved once again that excellence on the field and in the classroom are not mutually exclusive."

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Iraq

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Talabani said.

Talabani was critical of two areas concerning the election process in Iraq. First, she expressed concern that Iraqis would vote for parties based on ethnic and religious factors, rather than political issues. She also was apprehensive of the process itself, stating that a successful election depended greatly on the United Nations, and that while 600 U.N. workers were needed, only 30 were currently in Iraq.

Talabani cited the law as an area that needed to incorporate women's rights. She

said the country's new constitution and legal framework needed to incorporate laws protecting and incorporating women into Iraqi society.

She also defended her religion against stereotypical Western views.

"Islam is not as bad as we think for women," she said.

However, she did offer some criticisms of Iraqi society.

"We don't believe in dialogue, we believe in violence," she said, adding that the culture of peace needs to be taught to younger generations to create a truly peaceful Iraq.

Talabani currently lives in Iraq with her husband and children.

"Women need to believe they have a role to play in society."

**Ala Talabani
of Iraqi Women High
Council and Women
for a Free Iraq**

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"So we created the CPA Day of Service to try to unify and mobilize as many CPAs as possible on a single day."

The Indiana CPAs hope the event will excite those working at the 49 CPA firms involved and will encourage regular involvement in service projects.

"Although this event is just a single day, we still encourage our CPAs around the state to volunteer on other days and continue serving their communities through both professional service and community service projects like these," Shatkowski said. "In fact,

some who participated in last year's day of service established relationships with the organizations they worked at, and continued going back there on a monthly or occasional basis."

The six work-sites in South Bend, which had help from 81 non-CPA volunteers, included the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, the YMCA of St. Joseph's County, St. Margaret's House, Habitat for Humanity, the Hope Rescue Mission-Family Life Center and Real Services.

Helping local charities is a

key element of the Day of Service, Shatkowski said.

"It promotes awareness through the organizations we served via the people they each serve," he said. "The coverage we receive from the media is a great way to show the public and business owners that CPAs are committed to serving the public interest and serving the communities in which they live and work."

"We created the CPA Day of Service to try to unify and mobilize as many CPAs as possible on a single day."

**Dave Shatkowski
Indiana CPA Society**

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Election

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the United States House of Representatives in 1992.

Two other Notre Dame graduates lost in their bids for public office. 1968 graduate and Indiana governor Joe

Kernan lost to republican challenger Mitch Daniels. Kernan had taken office last year after the death of Frank O'Bannon. Indiana 2nd District Democratic candidate and double Domer Joe Donnelly lost to Republican incumbent Chris Chocola.

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United Airlines seeking 725 million

CHICAGO — United Airlines is moving to obtain another \$725 million in labor concessions and eliminate employees' traditional pensions as it seeks the financing to come out of bankruptcy.

A day after the troubled carrier notified employees that further steep reductions in pay and other benefits are coming, union leaders met to analyze the proposed cuts and decide how to respond. United's largest unions declined comment until discussing the plan further.

The nation's second-largest airline has been threatening to terminate its pensions since August. Last month, it said it would need to cut costs significantly more than anticipated because of the industry's deteriorating financial outlook.

Spokeswoman Jean Medina confirmed Friday that the carrier will ask a bankruptcy court judge to approve an extra \$725 million in annual savings from workers, part of an effort to squeeze an additional \$2 billion from the carrier's cost structure by next year.

Indianapolis gains new tenant

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Diversified Machining Inc. will become the second new tenant at the airport's Indianapolis Maintenance Center, city officials announced Thursday.

The company plans to initially employ 50 mechanics, machinists and support staff at the facility, which was built to repair United Airlines' airplanes but closed last year.

According to an airport news release, the company hopes to hire more people as business grows. IDM will lease the 216,000-square-foot shops area near the maintenance hangar bays.

"Our announcement today marks another major step in our efforts to reactivate the Indianapolis Maintenance Center and provide more job opportunities for our experienced work force," said Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson.

IDM was formed in 2003 by a group of former United Airlines employees and investment banker Brent Waltz.

Five executives convicted of fraud

Criminal trial finds Merrill Lynch and Enron employees guilty for company's collapse

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A jury convicted four one-time Merrill Lynch executives and a former midlevel Enron Corp. finance executive of conspiracy and fraud Wednesday in the first criminal trial of Enron and Wall Street executives for their role in the energy company's 2001 collapse.

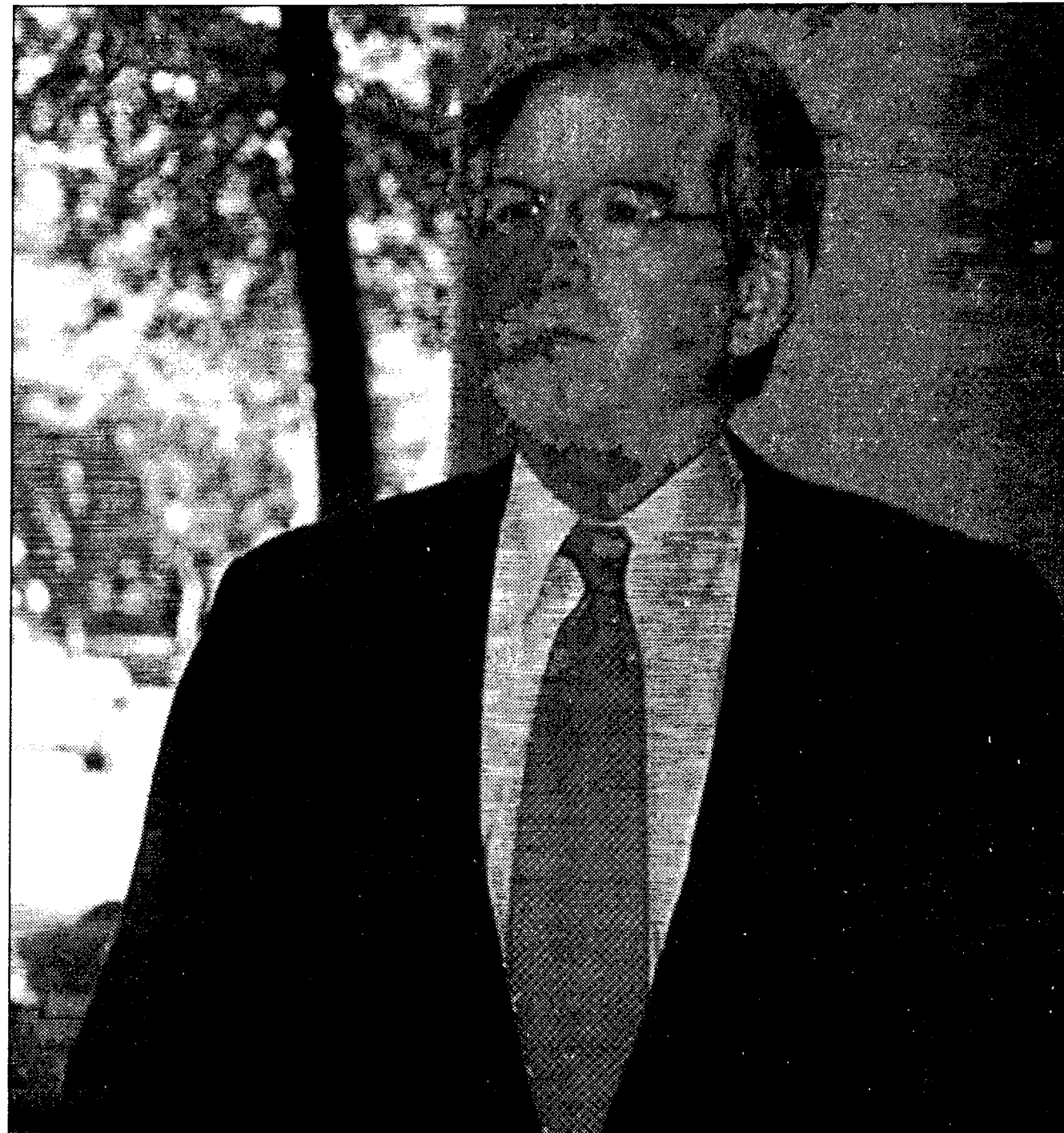
The deal at the center of the charges involved a bogus sale of interest in power plants mounted on barges to the brokerage at the end of 1999 so the company could appear to have met earnings targets.

The barge case marked the first time Wall Street bankers were charged with active participation in a criminal Enron scheme. While Enron's former auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP, was convicted more than two years ago of obstructing justice for destroying Enron documents before the collapse, the barge case was the first to involve former Enron employees as defendants.

Among those convicted of conspiracy and two counts of wire fraud was Merrill's former head of investment banking, Daniel Bayly. The others were James A. Brown, former head of Merrill's asset lease and finance group; William Fuhs, a vice president who reported to Brown; Robert S. Furst, a former manager of Merrill's relationship with Enron; and Dan O. Boyle, a former Enron finance executive.

A sixth defendant, a former in-house Enron accountant, was acquitted. Sheila Kahanek testified she consistently opposed a verbal promise that the government contended made the deal a loan — that Enron would resell or buy back Merrill's interest within six months.

The verdict came after 21 hours of deliberations



Former Merrill Lynch banker James Brown leaves the federal courthouse in Houston Friday during his sentencing hearing. He was found guilty of conspiracy and fraud.

that began at the close of six weeks of testimony. The jury was instructed to return Thursday to begin the sentencing phase of the trial, which is complicated by a challenge to federal sentencing guidelines that is before the Supreme Court.

The defendants are not set to be sentenced until early next year. All remain free on bond.

Bayly, Furst and Fuhs face a few months to 15 years in prison.

Brown, who also was convicted of perjury and obstructing a special grand jury in Houston for testifying that he didn't know of a verbal buyback promise, faces up to 30 years in prison. Boyle,

who also was convicted of lying to investigators for a Senate subcommittee for saying the same thing, faces up to 20 years.

All five men declined to comment. Most of their lawyers also declined to comment, though some said they would appeal the verdicts.

The barge deal isn't among the numerous alleged financial machinations that pushed one-time Wall Street darling Enron into bankruptcy in December 2001, as a web of accounting maneuvers to prop up its books unraveled. But the government contends the barge deal was an example of many illegal accounting schemes Enron used to

pump up its appearance of financial success.

Witnesses said the defendants — and others not charged — agreed to participate as a favor in hopes of gaining more business from Enron, then a lucrative client courted by banking titans.

Merrill Lynch & Co. avoided prosecution last year by acknowledging that some employees may have broken the law, cooperating with investigators and implementing reforms to prohibit dubious year-end deals. In March 2003, Merrill paid the SEC \$80 million to settle civil allegations that involved the barge deal without admitting or denying wrongdoing.

Disney and union agree on contract

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — After months of negotiations, Walt Disney World and leaders of its largest union group agreed Thursday to a tentative contract that will likely avert a strike at the theme park resort.

Most leaders of the Service Trades Council, a six-union coalition that represents 40 percent of the company's 53,000-person work force, will recommend that its members approve the three-year contract Nov. 11.

Earlier this week, union leaders advised members to reject the latest proposal and authorize union leaders to call a strike if further negotia-

tions and mediation failed. But both sides found common ground during talks that lasted into Thursday evening.

"Neither side was totally pleased with the package," said Ed Chambers, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, Local 1625. "In my experience, when neither side is really happy, you got the best deal for everybody."

The contract covers hotel workers, costumed characters, bus drivers, ticket takers, ride operators and concession workers. Union members rejected two previous proposals.

Disney backed down from what union leaders considered a deal-

breaker: raising the number of hours that part-timers can work. Union leaders said the company was trying to reduce its need for full-time workers to save money on benefits.

Earlier in the day, Disney spokeswoman Jacquie Polak called the contract proposal "fair and competitive."

Chambers said under the latest proposal, top-scale workers who currently earn \$11.12 an hour will get a 20-cent-an-hour increase and a lump sum bonus of between \$1,500 and \$1,700 during the contract's first year. In the second year, they will get another lump sum, and in the third year they will get a 25-cent-an-hour increase.

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All the King's linemen

Politicians come and go, oftentimes leaving behind nothing more than wisps of what once were promising campaigns, but not football coaches. Football coaches leave so much more—an image, a record,

Joey Falco

Forty Ounces to Falco

a history, a legacy. Football coaches define who we as a society are, and many loyalists go so far as to say that the coach at Notre Dame bears the distinguished secondary title of leader of the free world. Certainly, then, this explains why such a commotion resulted from the recent football coach election that overtook the highly polarized Notre Dame campus, engulfing the administration, alumni and student body in a civil war for gridiron supremacy. I remember it like it was yesterday.

After finally becoming fed up with the mediocre record, disappointing losses, shaky secondary, poor special teams and fickle offense that had become characteristic of coach Ty Willingham, a group of angry alumni decided to nominate their own candidate to replace him. Although much deliberation ensued, this Alumni Party managed to narrow their choices for coach down to three individuals—Super Bowl champion and lifelong Notre Dame fan Jon Gruden, undefeated Utah coach and former Notre Dame wide receivers coach Urban Meyer; and sniveling Stanford coach Buddy Teevens, whose unimpressive career record and total lack of Notre Dame affiliation left many wondering how his name managed to sneak through the cracks.

In order to select the best candidate for the job, the Alumni Party graciously permitted the student body to narrow down the field of three challengers through a primary election of sorts, in which various dorms voted in successive weeks, allowing each candidate the opportunity to run a grassroots campaign in each residence hall.

However, the poor decision to set aside the first two weeks of voting for small, uninformed girls dorms like Pangborn and Howard proved disastrous, because by foolishly refusing to cast their votes for two of the candidates based entirely on superficial things like a physical resemblance to the Chucky doll or an outlandish first name, the relatively unknown and unqualified Buddy Teevens ended up gaining a surge of momentum that carried him through victorious primaries in every dorm that followed. Sadly, Gruden and Meyer were forced to head home and resume their successful coaching careers elsewhere.

Back on campus, the incumbent Administration Party immediately unleashed their attack dogs on the unsuspecting Stanford coach, leading one high ranking Willingham supporter to claim that voting for Teevens in the general campus election was equivalent to voting for allowing a rogue group of fundamentalist Michigan Wolverines to hijack an NDSP car and crash it into Notre Dame Stadium. In response, Teevens' team of Alumni shot back in defense that the heroic coach had once saved the lives of many of his Stanford players from drowning during a freak boating accident several years ago, and would therefore be able to protect Notre Dame from the terrors of opposing teams.

This back and forth bickering continued for months, with Administration-backing priests making claims that God had told them that He sided with Willingham, and Alumni-backing donors arguing that Teevens would not surround himself with an incompetent staff as Willingham had done. The most malignant attacks, though, did not emerge until the very end of the campaign season after Teevens had pummeled Willingham in a Blue-Gold game that tested the coaching expertise of the two men. In one statement, Willingham's top advisor attempted to spread fear throughout campus by

referring to the Stanford coach as a heathen who, if elected coach, would replace Touchdown Jesus with a mural of George Michael.

Finally, as election day rolled around and students turned out in droves to wait in line for hours to simultaneously cast their votes for coach and receive a limited number of basketball season tickets, exit poll surveys conducted by student-led group Rock the Coach discovered that a majority of students sharply disapproved of Willingham's past coaching record. However, despite these poll results, Teevens was overwhelmingly defeated, 15 dorms to 12 dorms, and the despondent Notre Dame students and Alumni Party were once again left with a coach who they had never really wanted in the first place.

Thinking back, I still can't believe that we as a University willingly decided to select our football coach and leader in such a silly, superficial, and corrupt manner. This so-called democratic system really only served to leave the people angry, polarized and unwilling to provide the football team with the support that it desperately needed each weekend. Still, I guess we should just count our blessings and be happy that we don't make even more significant decisions that truly affect the way we live in such a foolish, juvenile way. Actually, I don't think I would even want to live in a country that would force its citizens to choose between two relatively unpopular guys like Willingham and Teevens who come from the same school and divide the population more than they unite it. And that's why I'm proud to be an American.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election ends, but the issues march on

With Election 2004 winding down, we are left in the wake to consider what the next four years will hold. Will the world turn against America? Will the terrorists continue their acts of evil? Will Iraq consume countless lives and costs beyond control? Will tensions erupt between Islam and Christianity? Will we be jobless once we graduate from college? Will the economy boom again?

To be honest, I don't know.

President George W. Bush doesn't know. No one knows.

Now, I've read and heard my fair share of delight and bitterness at the Election 2004 results. Bush won, and Sen. John Kerry lost. In retrospect, both candidates were imperfect, each with various strengths and flaws. On Tuesday, America made a decision for whom to vote. And the people have spoken.

To those who supported Bush, you made a decision that is anything but inconsequential. You have a duty to consider that Bush carries out what you consider to be good for the sake of the American people. If he does something right, commend him. If he screws up, criticize him. A President is elected with the trust that he will do what is in the best interest of the people.

To those who are still bitter and mad, put aside your feelings on the matter. I voted for Kerry and I can empathize with the feelings of loss and disappointment. But now is not the time to grieve. You can wallow and sulk away, or you can hold your head high and do what you can to bring about change. If you are dissatisfied with how the last four years went, then do what you can to ensure that the next four years won't become worse. Democracy is at its worst when citizens remain inactive and apathetic.

Even though the election is over, our duty as American citizens is far from over. We must not allow partisanship to win over unity. We can still do our part. We can go out, plant a tree and keep our environment clean. We can protect all forms of life. We can support our armed forces and hope for their safe return. We can teach and educate ourselves and others on the world of today. We can help the poor, the needy and the less fortunate. We can treat all human beings with dignity, respect and love, regardless of their race, sexual orientation, or beliefs.

But it isn't so much that we can do all this but we must.

In the next four years, at least three Supreme Court justices will retire. The

choices to replace the outgoing justices will determine whether the "culture of death" lying under the "justice" of capital punishment and *Roe v. Wade* will continue to take the natural right to life of humans and a generation of our children.

The next four years will require a moral leadership so desperately needed to hold off the cultural revolutionaries from eliminating marriage and family by applying it to homosexual and heterosexual relationships outside marriage and using the power of the State to do such.

The next four years demand an embrace of all peoples, regardless of race, sexual orientation and faith. We must extend a hand of friendship, dialogue and embrace to our human neighbor, regardless if they are white, black, Hispanic, Asian, gay, lesbian, Catholic, Muslim, Jewish or anything else. Tolerance is inadequate; acceptance is needed.

The next four years are an opportunity to solve the health care crisis, restore economic confidence and opportunity and open up the market as a vehicle for freedom in the service of the person, the family, and the common good. We must embrace the poor, the unfortunate, the disenfranchised and others.

The next four years desperately need a foreign policy that embraces reconciliation and cooperation from all nations and peoples across the world. Prudence and justice must trump over all else. Humility and forgiveness are the bridges that must be crossed to achieve the greater good of a united world. The people of Iraq need help in their hour of need, and we have a duty to help them. It is not only America that needs healing but the world as well.

The next four years requires initiatives taken to preserve and restore the health of the environment. The Kyoto Treaty and wildlife preservation must take precedent before the needs of the present. If we continue to hack away the throat of Nature for our own needs, then will our world even continue to breathe for our children, their children and their descendants? The life that we live is inexorably linked with the world we walk on.

That is why we must do what American citizenship demands of us. Nay, not only citizenship but whatever higher power we believe in wants us to do.

Thien-An Nguyen-Vu
freshman
Morrissey Manor
Nov. 5



In the past week, I have heard numerous students stating that Americans who voted to re-elect President George W. Bush must be stupid. While this comment is offensive in itself, I am writing because of my concern with the fictitious intelligence chart of America that has been circulating among students online since the election. This chart purports to correlate the average IQ of Americans in various states to a tendency to vote Democrat or Republican in the 2004 election. According to the chart, Democrat voters from the East Coast are unequivocally the smartest people in America, while Republican voters south of the Mason-Dixon line are intellectually inferior. The point is, of course, to show that those states that voted to re-elect Bush are comprised of "stupid Americans" who interfered with the will of "smart Americans" to choose the best president.

Aside from the fact that such sweeping categorizations of the southern and rural areas of our country are unfounded, I find this chart most offensive because of its implication that the less educated and the poor do not deserve to vote, since these voters obviously lack the capacity to make an "intelligent" choice. This idea reveals the discrimination against rural America and the less privileged that has divided America over the course of its history. The South and other parts of rural America hold a distinct set of values and political beliefs that have been shaped by their experience. Although one may disagree with these beliefs, they are nonetheless logical and rooted in conviction. Sadly, if the IQ chart can be said to have any validity at all, it only reflects the reality that Americans from the East Coast often have been privileged with opportunities that others have not had. If an intelligence gap exists for Southern and rural areas, this should be seen as reflecting a legacy of discrimination and lack of opportunity instead of one of incompetence.

I shouldn't have to remind anyone that many of the states that voted Republican in this year's election are also disproportionately home to the men and women of the U.S. armed forces that are risking their lives daily to protect this country. I would think that the people most directly affected by war in losing friends and relatives in Iraq deserve a voice in politics. My intent is not to argue the merits of voting Republican, but I hope that those who passed on this offensive IQ chart will realize that the political choice of 59,424,292 Americans can be disagreed with, but must be respected. Degrading the strong base of Southern and rural support that has propelled Bush to the presidency will do nothing to unite our nation for the struggles ahead.

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Nov. 5

Is the American Dream becoming a nightmare?

Individualism and the opportunities given to the American people and immigrants from other countries are the great assets of this nation. These opportunities are what helped the United States in the past to become one of the greatest and most powerful nations in the world today. The dream, from dishwasher to millionaire, has been lived in this society because of individualism and the opportunities America provides not only to the rich and powerful, but to the everyday person. The shock that went through Europe with the re-election of President George W. Bush reflects to a great extent the incomprehensibility as to why the American people would vote for someone that so clearly is not in the interest of the American people, from a European perspective.

So let's think about what, considering what the majority of the American people voted for on Tuesday, is in the

interest of the American people and what Europeans, like me, tend to think about it.

Abortion: Tuesday the majority of people voted pro-life and against a woman's right to choose. Europeans tend to support pro-choice, and considering the nice phrases, the policies of "pro-life" and "pro-choice" are packed in, it really seems to be a hard decision to choose either one of them without considering the realities. Killing of innocent life is simply wrong, I agree.

But criminalizing abortion will not make the phenomenon go away; rather push it in a sphere not seen by society, making control even harder.

Security: On Tuesday, the majority of the people approved the war in Iraq and Bush's handling of the war on terror. It is hard to believe that an estimated 100,000 killed Iraqis, over 1,000 killed U.S. soldiers and numer-

ous wounded and crippled human beings on either side have made the United States or the world a safer place or is going to win the hearts of those opposing the United States.

Economy: On Tuesday, the majority of the people approved the jobs lost in the last four years, the budget deficits and corporate giveaways. Most interesting to me are the budget deficits, because those will have to be financed by someone, and if it is not you or your parents today, it will be America's children tomorrow.

Healthcare: On Tuesday, the majority of the people approved rising health care costs and rejected government initiated health care. From a European perspective, the health of a nation is one of its greatest assets as future generations will grow up in either a healthy or a sick society, which will in part be responsible for their productivity, and the future of

the country.

Denying healthcare to people who can't afford it raises social costs and increases the healthcare costs of those who can — right now still — afford it.

Moral Values: On Tuesday, the majority of the American people in 11 states voted to ban gay marriage on the state level, and in some cases even included civil unions, but at the same time, it is not okay to amend the constitution when it comes to the right to bear weapons.

In these terms, I can see why a shock of incomprehensibility went, and is still going, through Europe. Considering the policies supported by the majority in this country, I ask myself, is the American dream becoming a nightmare?

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Nov. 5

THEATER REVIEW

'Torn' musical preaches the meaning of life

By LAUREN WENDEL
Scene Writer

"What if we could tear back the veil between the coexistent physical and spiritual realms? What if we could witness firsthand the colossal battle that is fought for our souls on a daily basis?"

This question has been pondered ad nauseam by philosophers and scholars alike, but rarely by college students on a Saturday night. "Torn: the musical" provided the opportunity to do just this Saturday night at Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium.

This hip-hop musical, produced by 3rd Dimension Performance group based in Chicago, presents a story familiar to many twentysomethings. Protagonist Jay Alexander, played by triple-threat Ted Williams, is a successful young professional who has just started a

new life with the woman of his dreams. Though Jay appears to have it all, he feels something is missing.

After bumping into an old friend, he is forced to face the painful realities of his pseudo-perfect existence. What follows is a quest to find eternal fulfillment and a battle to hold onto the one thing most precious to him, his soul.

Primarily structured around interpretive and hip-hop inspired choreography, "Torn" takes one on a ride through the fundamental meaning of life. Should we live for our jobs and making money to keep other people happy through material things, or should we live for ourselves? After seeing this supposedly earthshaking performance, people are forced to think about their spiritual lives and their significance in this world.

The story and message, while new and often overlooked, was not very well structured and at times was lost in the chaos of a dance or song. The first act presented the audience with a question, and rather quickly spelled out the answer. In a typically dramatic performance, there is a large build-up of emotion that leads to a

climax. However, in "Torn," there was a short build up, boring climax and an entire act of filler scenes that felt preachy and repetitive.

The lighting and costumes were well produced and aesthetically pleasing, combining everyday wear with almost alien accessories. With a minimal set design, the dancers were able to take center stage, displaying

Should we live for our jobs and making money to keep other people happy through material things, or should we live for ourselves?

seemed slightly out of step with each other, which was even more emphasized by the centrality of each piece on stage. It would have been more interesting if the dancers interacted more rather than dance parallel to one another.

The music, largely written by Ted Williams, was simple and conveyed emotions successfully. However, the pattern of dialogue-

The dancers were able to take center stage, displaying an array of moves from simple jazz to martial arts to more intense hip-hop step.

dialogue with sung verses. "Torn" did not flow, but was fraught with frequent endings and beginnings to repetitive and predictable scenes. The dialogue was lengthy and unwitty, but could be easily improved with some careful editing.

The message was frequently portrayed with Christian overtones, which to a larger audience felt more like a Sunday school program rather than a musical drama. Overall, the performance was well-done, minus a nagging microphone problem and random slide shows which only confused rather than clarify. The entirely black cast was refreshing and naturally talented, and many members could sing, dance and act. However, if this production wishes to take its message to a larger-scale audience, major restructuring of the plot line and preachy overtones need to be addressed.

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PAC REVIEWS

AFTLS has a dream

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
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The Actors from the London Stage brought its interpretation of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to the Leighton Concert Hall this weekend, and with minimal scenery, no real costumes and few props turned out an amazing performance of one of the Bard's great comedies.

AFTLS is a group of five different actors who take on all of the roles in one of Shakespeare's plays between them, and it requires deft acting skills in order to portray shifts in character to the audience with few visual aids at their disposal. The women both wore striped pants, the three men wore white slacks and all of wore button-down shirts. That was the full extent of their costuming. Props included a few musical instruments, a scarf, donkey's ears, a wooden sword and a brick.

In many cases, Shakespearean comedies can be difficult because jokes written in the 16th century may be lost on modern audiences, but a good performance can overcome such difficulties and make old jokes new again. This performance of "A Midsummer's Night Dream" did a fantastic job of using delivery and physical actions to bring Shakespeare's comedy to life and to elicit big laughs from the audience at the same

time.

The highlight of the performance was the play-within-a-play that concludes the story's action. Each of the five actors appeared as a character playing a part in the play, "Pyramus and Thisbe," and at the same time played members of the audience watching the work. The smooth and clear transition from one group in the scene to the other revealed the talents of the actors, as well as showed the effectiveness that simple props can have. It proved to be the funniest scene in a play that created a great deal of laughter as a whole.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" was an apt choice for the AFTLS format, particularly because there were few scenes where one actor had to play more than one character, which can cause some confusion. The work's light and fanciful humor can often get bogged down in elaborate sets and costumes, so the pared-down staging made the carefully constructed characters and settings stand on their own.

Overall, the AFTLS performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was a wonderful interpretation of the famous work that allowed the play's merits shine forth, and it brought the jokes in the play to life in such a way that reminded the audience why it is put in the "comedy" genre.

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The five Actors from the London Stage perform Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

'Fortinbras' lights up Philbin Theater



Most of the characters in "Fortinbras" are ghosts that harass the title character, played by Mike Dolson, left.

By KC KENNEY
Scene Writer

It's been a big year for theater at Notre Dame. When it came time to christen the Regis Philbin Studio Theater, the department of film, television and theatre went a little beyond Shakespeare and found Lee Blessing's comedy "Fortinbras."

Directed by visiting professor Jay Skelton and featuring the talents of FTT majors and non-majors alike, the show is an excellent display of the versatility and need for the Performing Arts Center on campus. The doorway was opened to a myriad of artistic possibilities that Skelton took advantage of fully exercising a great deal of the theater's potential.

Lee Blessing's show about Fortinbras, a secondary character in "Hamlet," is a clever and hilarious comedy about the state of affairs in Denmark after almost everyone dies at the end of "Hamlet." Being dead didn't stop Hamlet's father from talking to him in "Hamlet," so Blessing has taken this philosophy to the next level by having the majority of the characters in "Fortinbras" as ghosts. This concept is simply yet poignantly brought to life, so to speak, as the main characters of "Hamlet" return to harass Fortinbras into fulfilling their wishes posthumously. Everyone has a different agenda, making it very difficult for the new King Fortinbras to rule very effectively.

It is with these ghosts that Skelton's knowledge of the Philbin Theater is exposed. Stairs are revealed to show doorways. Walls open into the Netherworld. Ghosts fall in from above and crawl out from under the audience. At one point, Hamlet is trapped in a color television and, through the use of techno-media backstage, is able to interact with everyone. That is, until someone finds the remote control.

The cast is able to very effectively bridge the gap between the classic implications of Shakespeare's greatest and most influential drama with modern rhetorical and physical humor. Senior FTT major Mike Dolson does

an excellent job of maintaining the fickle character of Fortinbras as he wavers and flip-flops all over the stage. While the character lacks the depth of Hamlet, Dolson is able to illustrate the pseudo-transformation of Fortinbras into a stronger individual than when he first received the crown. Though his rhythms are at times somewhat uneven, his energy and strength allow him to be comical as well as emotionally deep.

T.J. McNally seems to make the show legitimate as a Shakespearean spin-off. While his Horatio works to share the truth of what happened in Denmark with the world, McNally shows a desperation and sincerity that allows Shakespeare's presence to be felt throughout the show. From the beginning to the end, he is an honest and real voice in a clever haunted comedy.

Conor Woods as the apple-shining servant Osric adds color and life to this comedy. As a dynamically flamboyant addition to this comedy, his boundless spirited attitude keeps the audience laughing. His acting,

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however, only reaches true fruition in death, for while his comedic timing had the propensity to be over the top he is able to retain a dramatic demeanor after an untimely "mistake." Kaila Crowley gives a new dimension to temperamental Ophelia, giving her strength in her ambition and sexuality while at the same time vulnerability in her desperation and fear of being forever viewed as

the crazy girl from "Hamlet." Drew McElligott allows Blessing's Hamlet to share well-placed dramatic speeches that allow for the show to evolve beyond a mere comedy.

This show is hilarious to watch, with clever and well-developed characters, a solid use of the brand new facilities and even a moment of philosophical sentimentality at times. It is an excellent start to the new era of theater on campus and you would do well to be a part of it this week.

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Simpsons and Shakespeare

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

The idea of the cartoon family the Simpsons performing "MacBeth" might strike Shakespeare purists as a travesty of a great work.

They should keep in mind that part of the genius of Shakespeare lay in entertaining the peanut gallery while still capturing the human spirit.

"MacHomer" undoubtedly turned the great tragedy into a comedy, but the performance was far from being an insult to the play. The play has to be taken with a grain of salt, but actor and author Rick Miller generally maintained a consciousness of the original words of Shakespeare. The interpretation even made the characters seem more human by relating them to well-known characters closer to the modern understanding.

"Shakespeare was pop culture back then," Miller said. "I don't think Shakespeare is rolling over in his grave. I think he would have preferred this to a bloated, overacted performance of 'MacBeth.'"

Since Miller played every character in the fast-paced rendition of "MacBeth" himself, it is hard to judge his potential for more serious in-depth acting. He does have an astounding ability for impersonation. Homer and Marge were more than recognizable, but not his best performances. Other characters were spot-on.

Barney Gumble is Miller's favorite character to perform and probably his best impersonation. Barney as MacDuff is tragically human, especially for devoted fans of the television show. The biggest problem might be that after watching "MacHomer," it will be difficult to watch a more traditional performance and not be reminded of Barney.

"There's something very pathetic about Barney. He has the soul of an artist, but he's thwarted by alcohol and Homer," Miller said. "He makes the role of MacDuff have a pathos to it."

Miller's choice of Abe Simpson, Apu Nahasapeemapetilon and Otto

Mann to play the murderers sent after Banquo and his son was also inspired. The dynamic trio was beautifully incompetent and put a comprehensible face on some of the minor characters that often fall between the cracks in readings and performances of Shakespeare. Miller's portrayal of Otto might have come directly from the show, and the dropout bus driver fit memorably with the clueless doctor turned murder. Just like with Barney, it will be hard to watch the escape of Banquo's son in any performance without picturing Otto saying, "Oh man, we lost the little dude."

Miller has had great success performing "MacHomer" for high school students, and it is easy to see why. Kings and lords and antiquated language can seem pretty far removed from a modern-day classroom, but Marge and Homer are part of everyday life. Miller tries to perform for a school at every other stop on his annual spring and fall tours.

"I ask the students who doesn't get Shakespeare, and usually about half of them raise their hands," Miller said. "They don't get, they're afraid in a way. But if the same words come through, say, Moe the bartender, they get the same words."

Miller has tentative plans to open "MacHomer" as an off-Broadway play in May 2005, which will be his 10th year performing the show. Although he is pleased by the success of his show, it has taken him by surprise.

"You start playing houses with 2,000 seats and selling out, and it's strange to think, wow, this is just my little trick," Miller said.

But it's a well-done trick, and a trick with a ready and enthusiastic audience. It is also a unique trick in the never-ending field of trying to find new ways to interpret Shakespeare.

Miller is correct in saying Shakespeare himself very well might have enjoyed "MacHomer." And even if he would not, Miller can fall back on the fact that thousands of audience members do.

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Rick Miller, above, is the author and actor of "MacHomer."

King's Singers delight crowd with humor

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Writer

This year's concert series at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center continues to be exceptional, as the King's Singers performed last night to an enthusiastic ovation at the Leighton Concert Hall.

Countertenors David Hurley and Robin Tyson, tenor Paul Phoenix, baritones Philip Lawson and Christopher Gabbittas and bass Stephen Connolly performed a variety of mostly English works. They opened the program with English madrigals from the Shakespearean era. As soon as they finished their first number, Thomas Morley's "Hark, all ye Saint's Love," the audience was already excited with the dazzling sound they produced.

After finishing the madrigals, the King's Singers performed "A Lover's Journey," a set of four songs written by contemporary composer Libby Larsen. Each song pertained to the ideals of love, particularly on St. Valentine's Day. The Singers closed out the first act with a set of enjoyable English folk songs, providing a great deal of onstage humor and vocal dexterity as they sang.

The second act opened with the contemporary work "Timepiece" by Paul Patterson, describing a suggestion that it was the invention of the watch, and not the apple or snake, that contributed to the downfall of man in the Garden of Eden. The Singers warned in advance about how distorted the piece would feel rhythmically and vocally, and yet they synchronized these concepts perfectly into the music. They also provided a great contrast in the feel of the music when the watch incorporated itself into the story. Finally, the Singers closed the evening with arrangements of popular

music from both the Beatles and Hoagy Carmichael, as well as Rossini's overture to "The Barber of Seville" for the finale.

The audience was hardly a sellout, but still cheered vigorously for the King's Singers after the completion of each song. After the Rossini number, they greeted the Singers with a huge ovation, giving the performers no choice but to perform another hilarious number for their encore: "Old McDonald" in Greek.

The Leighton Concert Performance was one of several performances the King's Singers are giving in a U.S. tour through the middle of November.

"[The touring] is actually a lot harder on the feet than it is on the voice," said Hurley.

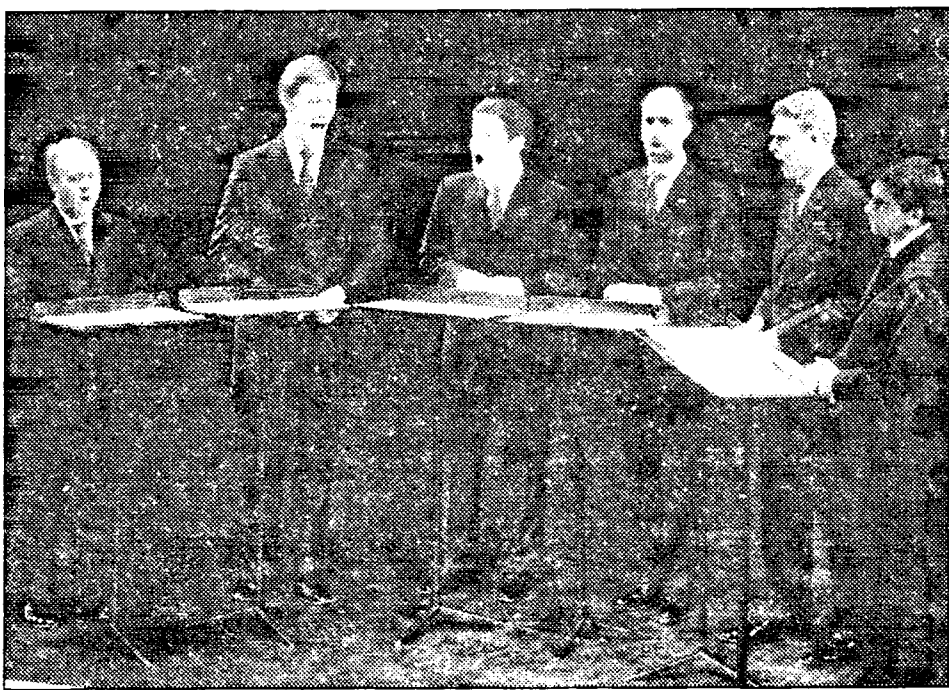
"We mostly drive ourselves where possible or fly a plane, but you survive by looking after yourself. One thing to look out for is air conditioning and plane conditions, and you need to drink a lot of water."

The type of singer required for the King's Singers is just as crucial as the maintenance of one's vocal health. Said Tyson: "You do have to have a certain kind of voice — the sound is what makes the group so special. Pavarotti, for example, wouldn't be included in this kind of music."

The King's Singers perform approximately 100 concerts around the world, and they do have an ample amount of time for vacationing, or "holiday," as an Englishman might put it. "It's much more fun to be around the world than it is to be stuck in an office all day," jokes Tyson.

The King's Singers continue to make their presence felt on campus. They will give a master class to the Collegium and Glee Club from 9:30 to 11:00 this morning.

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The King's Singers kept the audience laughing and cheering during a performance at the PAC on Sunday night.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Buck upsets No. 93-ranked player to end fall season

Irish freshman finishes 10-3 with 6-2, 6-3 victory

Special to The Observer

Freshman Brook Buck registered her second upset of a nationally-ranked player in three days to lead the Notre Dame women's tennis team on Sunday in the Indiana Invitational at the IU Tennis Center. The day, which saw the Irish win four of six singles matches, marked the last of the fall portion of the 2004-05 schedule. Notre Dame will begin its spring dual-match slate on Saturday, Jan. 22 at Ohio State before opening at home on Sunday, Jan. 23 at Noon against Vanderbilt, which finished last season ranked No. 2 in the nation.

The Irish won four of six against players from Purdue on the final day of the Indiana Invitational. Notre Dame, which was without its top two players this week, played hidden dual matches against the Boilermakers, DePaul, and the host school. In hidden dual action, no team scores are recorded, though the Irish would have beaten DePaul (6-1) and Purdue (4-3), while losing to Indiana (4-3). For the entire fall season, Notre Dame had the upper hand in nine of 10 hidden duals despite playing all but three without their top two competitors. The Irish also competed against Auburn, Colorado, Denver, Kansas, Michigan State, Ohio State and Virginia in hidden dual play this fall.

Buck lost just five games en route to an upset of Purdue's No. 1 player, No. 93 Hala Sufi by scores of 6-2, 6-3. Buck defeated No. 37 Dora Vastag of Indiana in a match tiebreaker on Friday, and she finished her first collegiate fall with a 10-3 record. She was 5-1 in com-

bined singles and doubles play in the Indiana Invitational, dropping only a match in partnered action.

Junior Liz Donohue also was unbeaten in singles action in the tournament, as she ended up with a perfect 6-0, 6-0 win against Shawna Zuccarini. Donohue also notched a 10-3 record this fall, including 8-1 against the Midwest Region. The Irish junior, who already has three more singles victories than her previous career-best season total, now sports a 20-3 career mark when winning the opening set.

Junior Kristina Stastny followed up her first career win over a nationally-ranked foe by beating Brooke Beier in a match tiebreaker, 6-2, 1-6, 1-0 (11-9). She posted a 9-3 mark during fall action, including an upset of No. 124 Gergana Ganeva of DePaul on Saturday.

Another junior, Lauren Connelly also won for the second day in a row. She beat Stephanie Wooten 6-1, 6-2 to end the first semester with a 9-2 ledger.



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Irish freshman Brook Buck knocked off No. 93 Hala Sufi to end the fall.

NFL

McGahee leads Bills over Jets

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The wind and Willis McGahee are providing the Buffalo Bills a formidable one-two punch.

Negating the effects of 25-plus mph winds blowing off Lake Erie, McGahee led Buffalo's ball-control offense with a career-high 132 yards rushing and a touchdown in the Bills 22-17 win over the New York Jets on Sunday.

"He can run," left tackle Jonas Jennings said. "He's got vision. Our job is to get him past the first level. And he and the receivers do the rest."

McGahee continued to downplay his string of strong performances, the starter in all three victories for Buffalo (3-5), in which he's had 100 or more yards each time.

"We're all getting comfortable right now," said McGahee, who supplanted Travis Henry as the starter two weeks ago. "We know what it takes to win. And we know what we have to do."

McGahee's 37 carries tied him for second most in a game in franchise history, and most since Thurman Thomas had 37 on Nov. 8, 1992 against Pittsburgh; O.J. Simpson, with 39, holds the record. That's impressive for Buffalo's 2003 first-round draft pick who missed his entire rookie season recovering from reconstructive knee surgery.

Buffalo won its third game in four outings, and third straight at home. And the weather has played a factor in all three, in which winds of 25 mph or stronger swirled around Ralph Wilson Stadium.

Tampa Bay 34, Kansas City 31

All week long, Jon Gruden kept telling his offense it could keep pace with the high-scoring Kansas City Chiefs.

It turns out the Tampa Bay coach was right.

"Nobody was talking about us as an offense. It was just Kansas City's offense vs. our defense," running back Michael Pittman said after the Buccaneers held off the potent Chiefs Sunday.

Pittman scored three touchdowns, including one on a team-record 78-yard run, to give the Bucs (3-5) consecutive victories for just the second time since they won the Super

Bowl two years ago.

"Coach told us to keep quiet and just go in there and do what we've got to do and show everybody we're for real, too," Pittman said.

The Chiefs (3-5) totaled 101 points and 1,130 yards in victories over Atlanta and Indianapolis the previous two weeks, and put up another big day statistically despite playing much of the second half without star running back Priest Holmes.

Trent Green threw for 369 yards and three touchdowns, but was intercepted by Jermaine Phillips in the end zone with under six minutes to go. Green was sacked on consecutive plays to end Kansas City's last threat near midfield.

Washington 17, Detroit 10

Clinton Portis has run for more than 100 yards three times this season. Those are the only games Washington has won.

Coincidence?

"No, I wouldn't think so," Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said.

The star running back not only beat Detroit with his legs, he also put his right arm to use.

Portis ran for 147 yards on 34 carries and threw a tiebreaking touchdown pass to lead the Redskins to a victory over the Lions on Sunday.

Detroit rallied late, but its hopes for a tying drive ended at the Washington 20 as time expired.

"Too little. Too late," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said.

With back-to-back 21-yard gains to open the second half, Portis became the first player to run for 100 yards against Detroit this season. Those powerful runs with sharp cutbacks set up his 15-yard pass to Laveranues Coles that gave Washington a 10-3 lead.

"It was a dream of mine, it started when I was 8," Portis said of the first pass he's ever thrown. "I was in (Gibbs') ear all week about it. We ran sweeps, we ran tosses and they were expecting one of those."

"I told (Coles) I needed this for my quarterback rating."

Taylor Jacobs blocked a punt and Walt Harris scooped up the ball and returned it 13 yards to put the Redskins ahead by 14 later in the third quarter.

Oakland 27, Carolina 24

Kerry Collins and Jarrod

Cooper both had successful returns to Carolina. Yet one left town satisfied, while the other was downright sad he had to go.

Emotions aside, things are going so wrong for the Panthers that even their castoffs are making them look bad.

Collins led the game-winning scoring drive and Cooper notched the first sack of his career to lead the Oakland Raiders to a 27-24 victory over Carolina on Sunday.

Collins, the first-ever draft pick in Carolina history, was vilified when he left — quitting the team midway through the 1998 season.

Even though he was just average in his first game against the Panthers, the win snapped a five-game losing streak for the Raiders (3-6) and was sweet satisfaction for Collins.

Cincinnati 26, Dallas 3

The only thing bold about this offense was the jerseys.

Playing it close to the vest in their new orange threads, the Cincinnati Bengals pulled off the game's only big play — a 76-yard touchdown pass to Matt Schobel — and beat the bumbling Dallas Cowboys.

It was fitting that a tight end who spent most of the season blocking broke open the game. Neither team wanted to open it up with their quarterbacks — one about to turn 41, the other still a novice.

"With a young quarterback, we've been staying in a lot and protecting," said Schobel, who had only 11 catches in the first seven games. "We always say that when we have a chance, let's make the most of it."

San Diego 43, New Orleans 17

These clearly are not the San Diego Chargers of the recent gloomy past.

They can pass. They can catch. They can play defense. And even with LaDainian Tomlinson hurting, they can win big.

In routing the New Orleans Saints on Sunday, they even showed a bit of a swagger.

"We go on the field and say, 'We can beat these guys,'" quarterback Drew Brees said. "That's our attitude. It's such a dramatic difference from last year. We're almost disappointed that the bye's coming because we just want to keep going."

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NFL

Dolphins fall just short

Associated Press

MIAMI — Eight seconds into the game, the Arizona Cardinals lost a fumble. They sputtered on offense, committed nine penalties and blew a late lead.

The Miami Dolphins played even worse.

Ending a 17-game road losing streak, the Cardinals met their match in ineptitude. They benefited from two pivotal second-half calls and drove 70 yards in the final 2 minutes for a touchdown to beat the Dolphins 24-23 Sunday.

Larry Fitzgerald caught the winning score on a 2-yard pass from Josh McCown with 19 seconds left after a holding penalty against Miami negated a sack and gave the Cardinals first and goal.

"That's how hard it is to win on the road," Cardinals first-year coach Dennis Green said. "You hope to have good fortune smile on you and catch lightning in a bottle, and today that happened for us."

The road win was the first since Oct. 6, 2002 for Arizona (3-5).

Chicago 28, N.Y. Giants 21
The Chicago Bears stole the New York Giants' early-season formula for success — again and again and ...

The Bears forced five turnovers, including three consecutive plays in a 20-point explosion late in the first half, in beating the Giants on Sunday.

Rookie Craig Krenzel threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to ignite the rally and Anthony

Thomas scored on runs 4 and 41 yards as Chicago (3-5) won its second straight game and handed the Giants (5-3) their second straight embarrassing home loss.

What made the defeat more frustrating was NFC East leader Philadelphia (7-1) lost earlier in the day. The Giants also have to worry about a pectoral injury to All-Pro defensive end Michael Strahan, who left in the third quarter.

Seattle 42, San Francisco 27

Simplicity agrees with the Seattle Seahawks. Their stripped-down game plan was still too complicated for the San Francisco 49ers.

Darrell Jackson caught two long touchdown passes from Matt Hasselbeck, and Shaun Alexander rushed for 160 yards and two scores in the Seahawks' victory.

Jackson had five catches for 114 yards on a sprained ankle, and Koren Robinson also caught a TD pass for the Seahawks (5-3), who stayed atop the NFC West with their second victory following three straight losses.

Denver 31, Houston 13

Rod Smith caught the history-making touchdown, turned to the stands and handed the ball to his sister. For the hard-working Broncos receiver, that was about as big as the celebration would get.

Smith became Denver's career leader in both receptions and touchdown catches Sunday and Jake Plummer threw for four scores to help the Broncos snap a two-game

losing streak with a victory over the Houston Texans.

"It's a privilege to be on the same field as that guy," Plummer said of Smith, a 10-year veteran who started out as an undrafted rookie and spent his first year on Denver's practice squad.

Smith, a man of few words who held a rare news conference after his landmark game, insisted the win was more important to him than the records, and maybe he was right.

The Broncos (6-3) stayed tied with San Diego for the AFC West lead and, more importantly, they avoided heading into their bye next week on a three-game losing streak.

New England 40, St. Louis 22

Adam Vinatieri beat the St. Louis Rams with his leg in the 2002 Super Bowl. This time, he used his leg and his arm.

New England's placekicker hit a season-best four field goals, then threw his first career touchdown pass on a fake to Troy Brown to help the Patriots bounce back from their only loss with a victory Sunday.

"You kind of hope to get these guys sleeping a little bit, and we did," Vinatieri said. "Troy kind of hid out on the side and we snapped the ball before they noticed him."

Corey Dillon returned after a one-week absence with 112 yards rushing on 25 carries and a touchdown for the Patriots, whose 21-game winning streak ended in a loss to Pittsburgh last week.

NBA

Nuggets struggling to find their game



AP
Denver's Carmelo Anthony drives to the basket Saturday against Jarron Collins of the Jazz. The Nuggets have struggled this season.

Associated Press

DENVER — In an elevator with his entourage just after halftime, Denver Broncos cornerback Champ Bailey was asked why he was leaving the Nuggets' game so early.

"It's a bad show, man," he replied.

Bailey isn't the only one who thinks so.

The surprise of the NBA a year ago, the Denver Nuggets have been surprisingly bad this season. With a stagnant offense and not much more movement on defense, the Nuggets are 1-2 and hearing it from the hometown fans.

"We're just not playing, plain and simple," point guard Earl Boykins said.

The once-woeful Nuggets had a breakout season in 2003-04, finishing 43-39 to reach the playoffs for the first time in nine years. This from a team that won 17 games the year before. The bar was raised even higher this season because Denver added All-Star power forward Kenyon Martin and kept just about everybody else.

But the Nuggets were woeful in an 11-point loss at the Los Angeles Lakers in the opener, eking out a sloppy victory against Minnesota on Thursday, then were booed off their home court following Saturday's 106-82 loss to Utah.

And it doesn't get much easier. Next up is another game against the Jazz, followed by Seattle, defending champion Detroit and a road game against Sacramento.

Making matters worse, the Nuggets lost shooting guard Voshon Lenard for the season when he tore his Achilles' tendon

against the Lakers. Outside shooting was already a weak point.

Denver used DerMarr Johnson as Lenard's replacement against the Timberwolves, but he wasn't much of a factor, managing two points in 15 minutes. The Nuggets switched to defensive-minded Greg Buckner against the Jazz and had similar results from him — four points in 17 minutes.

With no one hitting shots from the perimeter for the Nuggets, opponents have been able to pack the paint against the Nuggets.

One of the league's top-5 scoring teams a year ago, the Nuggets rank 27th at 84.6 points a game — 13 fewer than last year. Denver also has failed to shoot 40 percent in all three games and is at 37.3 for the season, third-worst in the league.

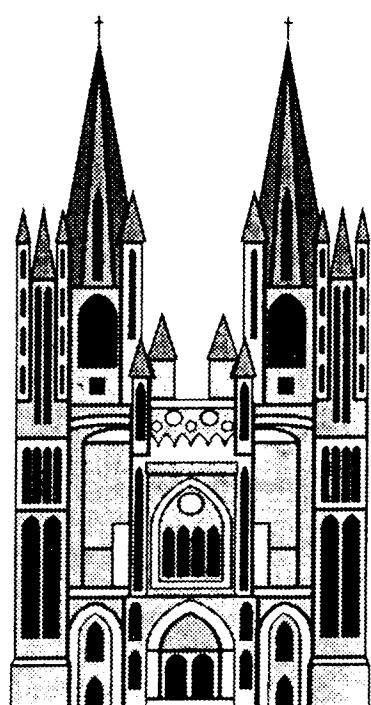
"We've abandoned everything we worked on in the preseason in terms of sharing and moving and playing together as a team with energy," coach Jeff Bzdelik said.

Part of the problem is that the Nuggets have had a hard time getting into their offense, standing around until someone is forced to create something one-on-one.

Denver also hasn't been able to get out and run, a strong point last season, when it averaged 19 fast-break points. The Nuggets scored 28 against Minnesota but managed just 17 combined in the two losses.

"Everyone understands this team is built to run, it's built to move," general manager Kiki Vandeweghe said. "It's a matter of 'OK, how do we get guys do that?'"

Playing better defense might help.



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Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC (52)	9-0	1,611
2	Oklahoma (10)	9-0	1,555
3	Auburn (3)	9-0	1,512
4	Wisconsin	9-0	1,384
5	California	7-1	1,341
6	Texas	8-1	1,259
7	Utah	9-0	1,245
8	Georgia	8-1	1,210
9	Michigan	8-1	1,133
10	Virginia	7-1	971
11	Florida State	7-2	887
12	Louisville	6-1	866
13	West Virginia	8-1	862
14	Boise State	8-0	788
15	Tennessee	7-2	654
16	Virginia Tech	7-2	631
17	LSU	6-2	628
18	Miami	6-2	593
19	Iowa	7-2	522
20	Arizona State	7-2	345
21	Boston College	6-2	254
22	Texas A&M	6-3	160
23	UTEP	6-2	148
24	NOTRE DAME	6-3	143
25	Oklahoma State	6-3	131

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	USC (50)	9-0	1,514
2	Oklahoma (10)	9-0	1,452
3	Auburn (1)	9-0	1,416
4	Wisconsin	9-0	1,289
5	Georgia	8-1	1,233
6	California	7-1	1,203
7	Texas	8-1	1,169
8	Utah	9-0	1,124
9	Michigan	8-1	1,060
10	West Virginia	8-1	886
11	Virginia	7-1	877
12	Florida State	7-2	868
13	Boise State	8-0	782
13	Louisville	6-1	727
15	LSU	6-2	649
16	Virginia Tech	7-2	582
17	Miami	6-2	568
18	Tennessee	7-2	466
19	Iowa	7-2	450
20	Arizona State	7-2	331
21	Boston College	6-2	244
22	Northern Illinois	7-2	205
23	Texas A&M	6-3	150
24	Oklahoma State	6-3	138
25	Texas Tech	6-3	112

Men's Basketball Division I

ESPN/USA Today Poll

	team	points
1	Kansas (8)	741
2	Wake Forest (12)	724
3	North Carolina (6)	697
4	Georgia Tech (1)	604
5	Illinois (1)	598
6	Syracuse	557
7	Connecticut	541
8	Oklahoma State (1)	511
9	Kentucky	480
10	Michigan State	476
11	Arizona (1)	475
12	Duke	403
13	Louisville (1)	374
14	Mississippi St.	365
15	Texas	334
16	Maryland	316
17	Pittsburgh	247
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Pittsburgh Steelers veteran running back Jerome Bettis, right, runs past Philadelphia Eagles safety Michael Lewis, left, for a long gain in his first start of the season in the first quarter in Pittsburgh on Sunday.

Pittsburgh breaks Eagles' winning streak

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers made certain there's nobody unbeaten now in the NFL, except for Ben Roethlisberger.

The Steelers combined their still-flawless new quarterback with a touch of the old — a Jerome Bettis of yesteryear and a defense that was Steel Curtain-tough — to dominate the Philadelphia Eagles 27-3 Sunday and leave the NFL without an undefeated team.

The Steelers (7-1) ended the Eagles' seven-game winning streak a week

after halting New England's record 21-game winning streak with an equally impressive 34-20 victory. Pittsburgh is the only team in NFL history to stop unbeaten teams in consecutive weeks after each had won at least six games.

"Nobody ever thought we'd do this," said Hines Ward, who scored the first two touchdowns. "We're giving defensive coordinators heck trying to figure out what we're going to do, with weapons all over the field and a quarterback who just keeps getting better."

How much better can Big Ben get than this?

Roethlisberger is 6-0 as a starter — the first rookie since the 1970 merger to do that since Pittsburgh's Mike Kruczek filled in for an injured Terry Bradshaw in 1976.

Here's the difference: Kruczek didn't throw a TD pass all season on a team that won behind the Steel Curtain; Roethlisberger (11 of 18, 183 yards, two touchdowns) has thrown for 11 touchdowns while playing with the polish and growing confidence of a much more experienced player.

"He's remarkable," Eagles linebacker Mark Simon-eau said. "Look at him on

the field and he doesn't look like a rookie, he looks like a guy who's been around four or five years. Give the guy credit, he made plays all day long."

Roethlisberger drove the Steelers to a 21-0 lead on their first three possessions with the help of Bettis' 149 yards, his 55th career 100-yard game. The 1978 Steelers were the only other team in franchise history to start 7-1, en route to a 14-2 record and a Super Bowl title.

Ward scored on the first two drives, a 16-yard reverse and a 20-yard reception, then playfully mocked the Eagles (7-1).

IN BRIEF

Chang tops NCAA career passing list

HONOLULU — Timmy Chang remembers all too well when he was booed and benched at Hawaii.

Now he has not only cemented his legacy at the school, but he has left his mark on all of college football. He moved to the top of the NCAA career list for yards passing, breaking the record of 15,031 set by BYU's Ty Detmer from 1988-91.

The milestone came on a 7-yard scoring pass in the first quarter of Hawaii's 34-23 victory over Louisiana Tech on Saturday. He received a standing ovation for several minutes and was presented with the ball.

"It was very special," Chang said. "I can remember not too long ago, I got booed."

He finished the game with four touchdowns and 285 yards. The fifth-year senior from Honolulu has 15,303 yards with at least four games remaining.

Bills Williams driven off field in ambulance

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Bills right tackle Mike Williams suffered a neck injury and was driven off the field in an ambulance during the third quarter of Buffalo's 22-17 victory over the New York Jets on Sunday.

Williams was walking around with a neck brace following the game. He also had X-rays taken that were negative, but the Bills remained cautious.

"He'll be looked at again after 24 hours," coach Mike Mularkey said.

Williams appeared to be knocked cold when he and left tackle Jonas Jennings were protecting quarterback Drew Bledsoe, double-teaming Jets defensive end Shaun Ellis. As Bledsoe released the pass, Ellis bowled over Jennings, knocking him into Williams, who awkwardly fell backward.

Williams lay face down and motionless at the Bills 10 as team trainers and emergency officials

tended to him. He was lifted onto a stretcher and had his helmet strapped in place. The Bills announced that trainers were taking precautionary measures to protect Williams' neck.

Goosen overtakes Woods in Tour Championship

ATLANTA — Retief Goosen defied the odds at every turn Sunday in the Tour Championship.

No one makes birdie on the 481-yard 16th hole, especially not from the rough. Goosen smoked a 5-iron from 195 yards that dropped in front of the flag and stopped 3 feet away.

And no one comes from four shots behind Tiger Woods in the final round to win.

"We all thought he was going to be the guy to beat," Goosen said.

In a fitting finale to the PGA Tour season, Goosen was unflappable as ever in closing with a bogey-free 64 to win the Tour Championship by four shots and become only the third player to overtake Woods in the final.

MEN'S SWIMMING

ND dominates Iowa for first win ever against the Hawkeyes

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

This weekend, the Irish finished the job.

After coming one relay win short on a bid to upset No. 22 Brigham Young last weekend, a team the Irish have never defeated, the Irish (3-1) dominated Iowa 176-118 Saturday.

It was the first victory in a

dual meet against a Big Ten opponent since 2002 and the its first ever against Iowa. Using commanding performances in the freestyle events to set the tone, the Irish leapt to an early lead that they never relinquished.

"It was a big win for us," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "Our distance freestyle [races] still continued to lead the way, but the difference in the meet

was that all our freestyle races were strong."

Sophomore Ted Brown led the way for the Irish with victories in both the 200 and 500-yard freestyle races. Brown won the 200-meter freestyle for the third meet in a row, with a time of 1 minute, 42.30 seconds, and he later led a 1-2-3 finish for the Irish in the 500-meter freestyle, winning with a time of 4:35.46.

"Our depth has been a key to our success this season, and it really showed this past weekend as we were able to distance ourselves from Iowa in the freestyle events," Brown said. "Each meet, we've had different swimmers step up and help us get the job done."

Notre Dame outscored Iowa 82-30 in the freestyle events as the 50-yard freestyle was the only freestyle race in which the Hawkeyes managed to snatch away a first-place finish from the Irish. The team took 1-2-3 finishes in the 200-meter freestyle, the 500-meter freestyle and took all four top spots in the 100 free.

Sophomore Louis Cavadini won the 100 free with a time of 46.68, while senior Frank Krakowski took second in 47.04. Sophomore Nick Fanslau took third with a time of 47.29 and junior Tim Randolph completed the sweep with a time of 47.90.

"One important feature that's emerging is that we're able to sustain our consistency across the full program of events,"

Welsh said. "We've been talking about being focused from start to finish, and we're improving in our ability to do that."

Notre Dame also received strong victories in the 200-meter butterfly and 200-meter individual medley. Sophomore Tim Kegelman won the 200-meter butterfly with a time of 1:52.42 and freshman Andrew MacKay took first in the 200-meter individual medley with a time of 1:53.83.

"The key to us was that we've improved," Welsh said. "We've improved from our first meet against Evansville to our meet last Friday against Iowa. That's true for the divers, and that's true for the swimmers."

The Hawkeyes failed to enter any divers in the meet, and the Irish still took advantage as they picked up valuable points in the 3-meter and 1-meter diving events. Sophomore Scott Coyle took first in the 3-meter competition with a career-best score of 321.45, and freshman Sam Stoner took second with a score of 291.37. Stoner won the 1-meter competition with a score of 307.65.

"The good news for us was that we were able to win the swimming events as well as the diving events," Welsh said. "So

we like that balance. The divers, in particular, from last week at Utah to this week at Iowa [had] a terrific improvement. All five of the divers had a very good meet."

The win was the first victory for the Irish over a Big Ten opponent since a home win against Michigan State on Nov. 8, 2002. In their first meeting with Iowa last season, the Irish fell victim to the Hawkeyes and lost by 55 points.

"This will be our toughest competition of the fall. We are a work in progress, and this is a season in progress so nothing ends here."

Tim Welsh
Irish coach

"It was good for us," Welsh said. "But it's been a while. We don't beat Big Ten teams on a very regular basis."

Notre Dame takes to the water again Friday with a tough triangular home meet against No. 17 Pittsburgh, Big East Champions for the last eight years, and Michigan State, a team that beat the Irish last year.

"This will be our toughest competition of the fall," Welsh said. "We are a work in progress, and this is a season in progress so nothing ends here. It's part of the progression. The most important thing to us is that we've gotten faster and that we're improving."

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Irish swimmer Andrew MacKay dives into the pool Oct. 1. MacKay took first in the 200-meter individual medley Saturday.

SMC SWIMMING

Belles earn first win of season over Rose-Hulman

Medlock hits head on board, returns to compete in 3-meter

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's claimed its first win of the season on Saturday against the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Performers of the meet for the Belles were freshmen Sara Matešević, Megan Medlock and Noreen Sherred, as well as sophomore Sarah Budd. All four women brought in top finishes for the 155-117 victory.

Sherred, Matešević and Budd finished first through third, respectively, in the 1,000-yard

freestyle, an especially strong accomplishment considering that none of them had ever participated in the event before. Budd also scored a first-place finish in the 200-yard butterfly, to add to the total of six first place spots that the Belles captured on Saturday.

Sophomore Nicole Korte took the top spot in the 50-yard freestyle, and junior Kelly Nelis finished first in the 500-yard freestyle. Sarah

Nowak, also a junior, claimed first-place finishes, in both the 200-yard breaststroke and indi-

vidual medley.

Medlock, who has been a valuable addition to the diving team, hit her head on the diving board on her fourth dive of the 1-meter, but still finished to take second place in the event.

Belles coach Gregg Petcoff was impressed with Medlock's mental recovery.

"A diver hits the board with her toes and she gets a little shaky," Petcoff

said. "She hit it with her head, and she still dove in the 3-meter."

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Gregg Petcoff
Belles coach

Medlock's ability to come back and still compete in the 3-meter competition gave Saint Mary's quite an edge. Medlock was able to take an uncontested first place in the event.

Saturday was certainly a good opportunity for the young Saint Mary's team to get a feel for competition at the collegiate level. After a difficult meet last week against Hope and Olivet, the team proved itself capable of working together and coming back in order to secure a victory against Rose-Hulman.

Nelis is pleased with the way that the mix of swimmers has been able to work together.

"We have a good group of first-years, they have clicked with the team really well," Nelis said.

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Kelly Nelis
Belles junior

The Belles will need to keep their momentum going for the challenge that will come up next week. Saint Mary's will face, among other teams, the 2004 Division III national champions, Kenyon College, at the Maroon D-III Invitational hosted by the University of Chicago.

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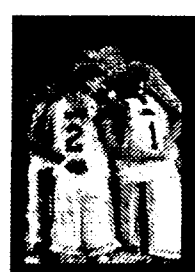
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Offensively, the team hit for more than .400 throughout the game and had 18 kills on .326 hitting.

The Irish maintained the lead for much of the fourth game, securing the 30-20 win and were 21 kills on .347 on hitting.

However, Sunday's game against Boston College (18-11, 4-4) featured an unsteady Irish team, which hit .080 on the match. Prior to the match, the Irish were 58-0 in Big East play at home since 1995. Boston College hit .305 on attacks, making only 10 attack errors.

The loss put the Irish in a three-way tie in Big East Conference standings with Pittsburgh and Syracuse.

Ellen Heintzman stepped in for the injured Kelbley at outside hitter, garnering a team-high 11 kills. Brown had only words of praise for the freshman.

"She took some good swings," Brown said. "She did the job we

needed her to do. We just didn't have enough support around her."

Brewster matched Heintzman's efforts with 11 kills and junior Carolyn Cooper led the team on hitting with .211 and seven kills.

Defensively, Henican led the team with 15 digs, followed by Stasiuk with 12 and Tarutis with 10. Brewster led the team in blocks with four.

Boston College built off of an early 12-4 lead for the win the first game 30-14, collecting 14 kills and a .464 attack percentage. During the second game, Boston College capitalized on its strong blocking game, causing nine of Notre Dame's 11 hitting errors.

The Irish returned to the courts in game three with a sense of purpose, winning four of the first five points of the match. After the Irish took a 25-21 advantage, Boston College rallied to collect four straight points and went on to win the match 30-28.

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HOCKEY

Irish tie Bowling Green 4-4

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

It's not every day that a team is upset about tying a game in the last three seconds, yet that's exactly how Notre Dame (1-5-3, 0-4-2 in the CCHA) felt after its 4-4 tie with Bowling Green (4-1-1, 2-1-1) Friday night at the Joyce Center.

"Normally you would be happy with a tie that close to the end of the game, but we were disappointed with how the game ended since we'd played so well," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "I told our guys that when you're struggling as a team, sometimes you don't always win right away even when you're playing better."

The Irish sent a season-high 54 shots on net Friday, but Falcon goalie Jordan Sigalet turned away 50 of them — including 28 in the second period. Notre Dame goalie Morgan Cey faced only 23 shots in the game.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 3-0 lead, and then saw the Falcons come back to make the score 4-3 late in the game. Sophomore defenseman Wes O'Neill picked up the equalizer with just three seconds remaining in the game, with Cey pulled for an extra attacker.

It was O'Neill's second goal of the game, and came on a deflection of a Chris Trick shot from the right point.

"I thought Friday night might have been Wes' best game in an Irish uniform," Poulin said. "Wes doesn't take a shift off, he plays hard the entire game."

The four goals scored by the Irish were a season high, with



TIM LUBBERT/The Observer

Michael Bartlett and the Irish scored in the final three seconds to preserve a 4-4 tie with Bowling Green.

Cory McLean and Evan Rankin picking up the other tallies. McLean also picked up assists on one of O'Neill's goals and on Rankin's marker, giving the senior captain three points in the game.

"Cory McLean really stepped up his game in a big way for us Friday," Poulin said.

The Falcons got goals from James Unger, Ben Geelan, John Mazzei and Derek Whitmore.

McLean's goal put the Irish ahead 1-0 at 3:07 of the first period, as the forward received a crisp pass from Mike Walsh and took a shot from the slot that deflected past Sigalet.

O'Neill gave the Irish a two-goal lead just a little more than six minutes later, sending a hard slapshot past Sigalet. Both of Notre Dame's first two goals came on the power play, making the first time all season the Irish have scored two or more power-play goals in a

game.

Rankin scored his second goal of the season at 4:11 of the second period off assists from Walsh and McLean. The goal only riled up the Falcons, who then came back to score four unanswered goals — two off the power play.

The Irish avoided their second loss to the Falcons, only because of O'Neill's late-game heroics.

"It was a disappointing outcome for us," Poulin said. "We did so many things well. We had guys in front of the net and tons of chances all over the ice. There were definitely a lot of positives we can take from this game."

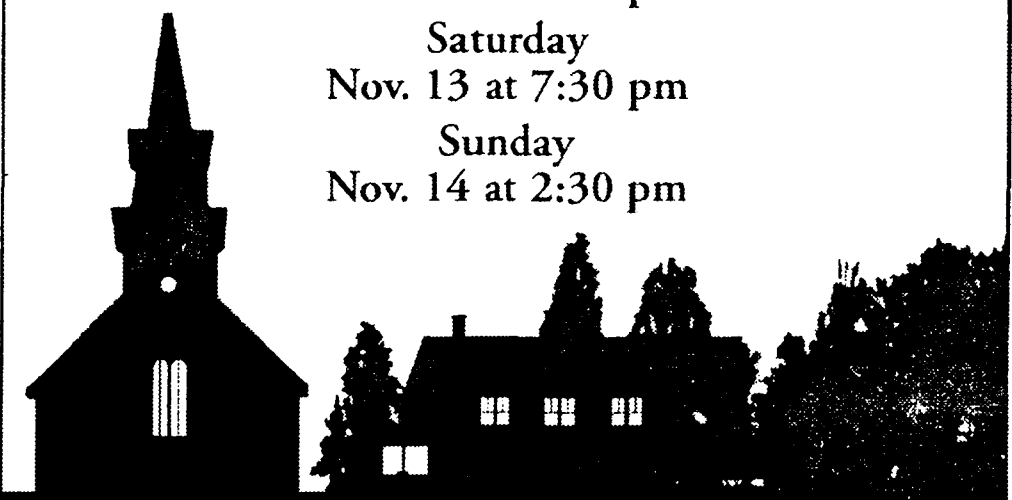
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Loss

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and out of harm's way 11 minutes into the second half.

While the Irish dominated second half and overtime play — they outshot the Pirates 14-8 in the game's final 65 minutes, including 6-2 in overtime and 22-16 overall — they failed to produce the game-winner.

"It's disappointing," Clark said. "It's tough because I thought we played well — we controlled a lot of the game, especially in the second half. I thought in the second half and in overtime we looked very good."

Penalty kicks were necessary to decide the quarterfinals contest after neither team was able to find the back of the net after 90 minutes of regulation play and an additional 20 minutes of overtime.

"You used to have to play four

overtimes of 15 minutes before going to [penalty kicks]," Clark said. "Now you go to them fair early, which is a little bit harsh because you're in them very quickly."

Shooting second, Notre Dame matched Seton Hall shot-for-shot through the first seven rounds as forward John Mousinho, defender Kevin Goldthwaite, defender

Christopher High, forward Joe Lapira, defender Jack Stewart, midfielder Ian Etherington and forward Justin McGeeney all beat Pirate goalkeeper Boris Pardo.

However, after Seton Hall's Matt Salotti put the

Pirates in front, 8-7, in the eighth round, Norman was unable to answer for the Irish, blasting his attempt over the crossbar.

While Clark and the Irish obviously would have preferred to move on in the Big East Championships and defend the conference tournament title

they earned last season, the upset isn't without a silver lining.

The Irish now have additional time to prepare for the NCAA tournament, scheduled to begin in two weeks.

"To be perfectly honest, I would like to have won," Clark said. "It would have been nice if we had gone [to Piscataway, N.J. for the Big East Championships semifinals], but it lets us catch up with studies and hopefully get ready to make a run in the NCAA tournament."

In the end, while important, the conference tournament is just a stepping stone to the national tournament.

"If you said to me which tournament would you rather progress in — the Big East or the NCAA's — that question doesn't even need to be answered," Clark said. "We've just got to move on and use the time at hand to get ready for the tournament."

In excellent position for a first-round bye, the Irish will now wait for the NCAA Division I men's soccer selection show, slated for Nov. 15 at 4:30 p.m.

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"It's tough because I thought we played well — we controlled a lot of the game, especially in the second half."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

"I want to be a consistent threat for the team. Especially if they're going to play zone, I want to be able to knock down some outside shots."

Megan Duffy
Irish guard

D'Amico finished with nine points and four rebounds, while Allen had eight points and four steals.

Notre Dame struggled at times against the Lady Stars, turning the ball over 21 times. However, they never trailed after a LaVere layup made it 9-8 with 17:45 to play in the first half. The Irish

defense took care of the rest, forcing 14 steals and blocking four shots.

"I think we learned a lot about our team after these two games," McGraw said. "I think we know we have a lot of strengths and we have a few things we need to work on. I think we know that our intensity on defense is going to be a big factor. We've got to shut people down."

Susie Powers led the Irish with five assists and also scored eight points on 3-for-6 shooting.

Saturday's game wraps up exhibition play for Notre Dame. The Irish take to the court again Friday against Illinois State in the Preseason WNIT. They are set to tip off at 9 p.m., following the Irish volleyball game and pep rally.

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Exit

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"We were focused and knew they were a good team," Buczkowski said. "We were ready to play."

To open the second half, Notre Dame was able to break the deadlock after Jones scored her first goal of the season.

Thorlakson kicked the ball to the left side of the box to set up Jones for the goal in the second minute of the second half.

However, the Huskies were able to respond in the 73rd minute of the game to tie the score 1-1.

"When the score was tied 1-1, we knew we had to keep playing and get the ball back and move it around," Buczkowski said. "But we never did that."

The Irish continued to struggle offensively and Connecticut took advantage of this with three minutes left in regulation. The Huskies scored on Irish goalkeeper Erika Bohn for the 2-1 lead.

"We were in shock that it happened at the end of the game back-to-back," Jones said. "We didn't have enough time in the game to come back."

Despite the loss, the Irish are aware of the challenges each team will bring in the NCAA tournament. Notre Dame is hoping this loss will give the team inspiration for the remainder of the postseason.

"We had respect for Connecticut and knew they could beat us on any given day," Jones said. "It will give us a little fire for the NCAA championship."

Notre Dame 2, Boston College 0

Friday, Notre Dame had an impressive win over Boston College in the semifinals.

Heading into the conference championship weekend, the Irish were aware of the potential challenges from their conference rivals.

"We knew this was going to be a big weekend," midfielder Ashley Jones said. "We came out hard against Boston College and wanted to control the game just in case anything happened."

To begin the contest, the Irish came out strong and dictated play throughout most of the first half. After several missed opportunities, Notre Dame finally converted off an assist from freshman

"When the score was tied 1-1, we knew we had to keep playing and get the ball back and move it around. But we never did that."

Jen Buczkowski
Irish midfielder

To begin the second half of play, the Irish needed little time to register another goal to put the Irish 2-0 during the 60th minute of play.

Freshman Amanda Cinalli took a shot at goal, which hit the middle of the crossbar and deflected near the right end line. Chapman battled for possession

against Eagle goalkeeper Kate Taylor, but managed to send the ball back into the box to Thorlakson, who sent the ball to the net. This goal was Thorlakson's 19th of the season.

"We wanted to put them away so they didn't hang around and get a chance to bring themselves back into the game," Buczkowski said.

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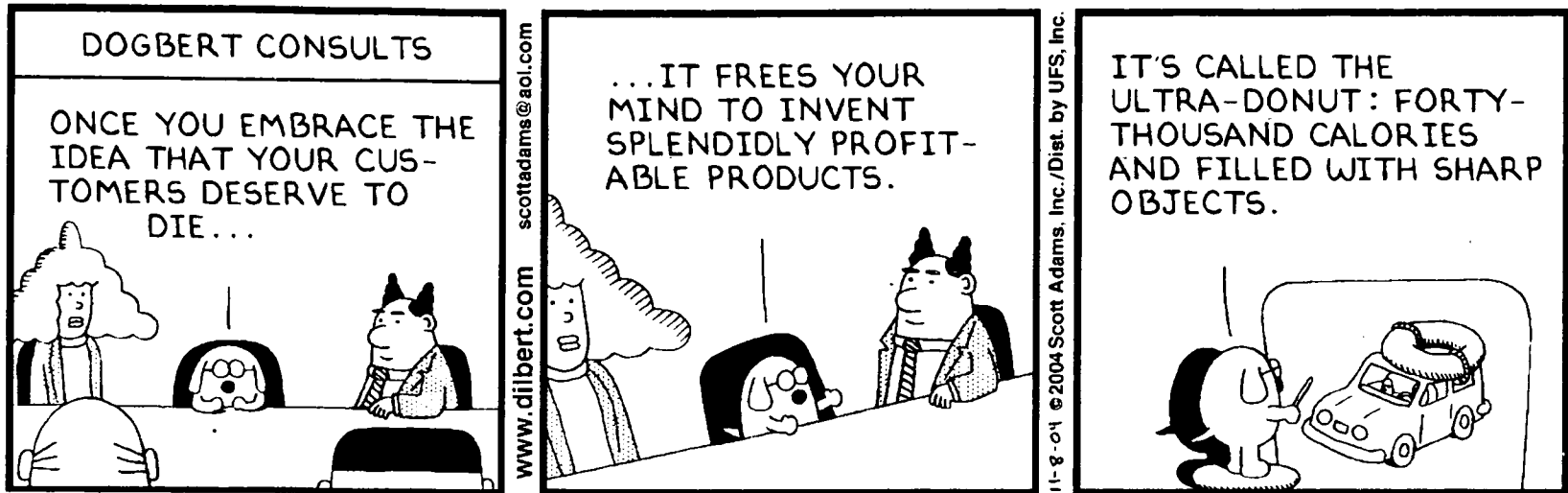
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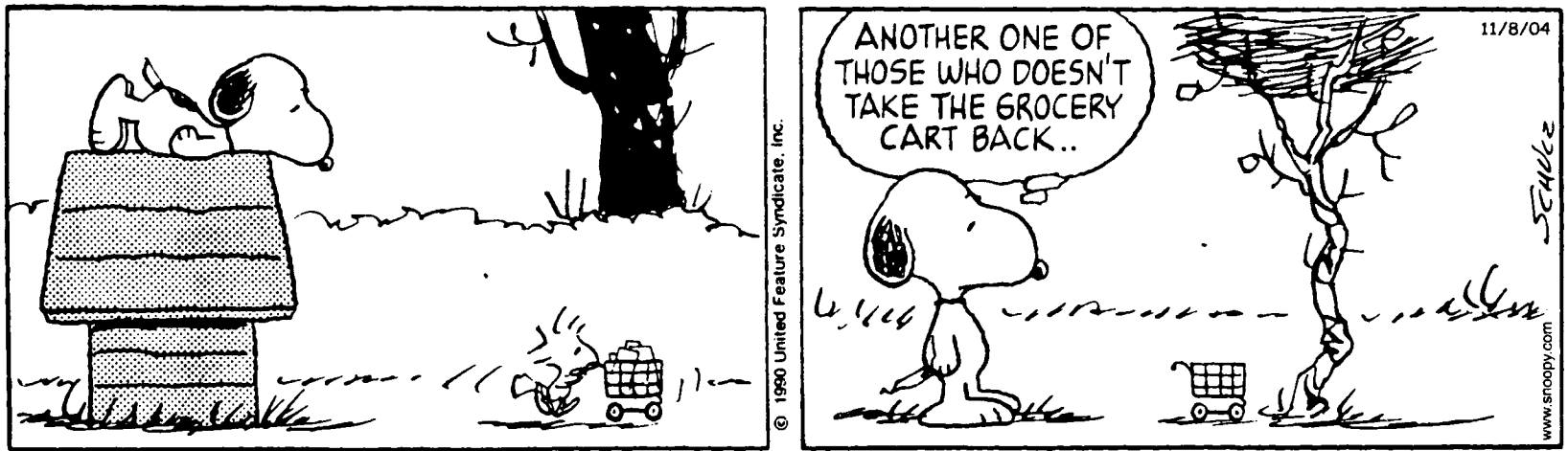
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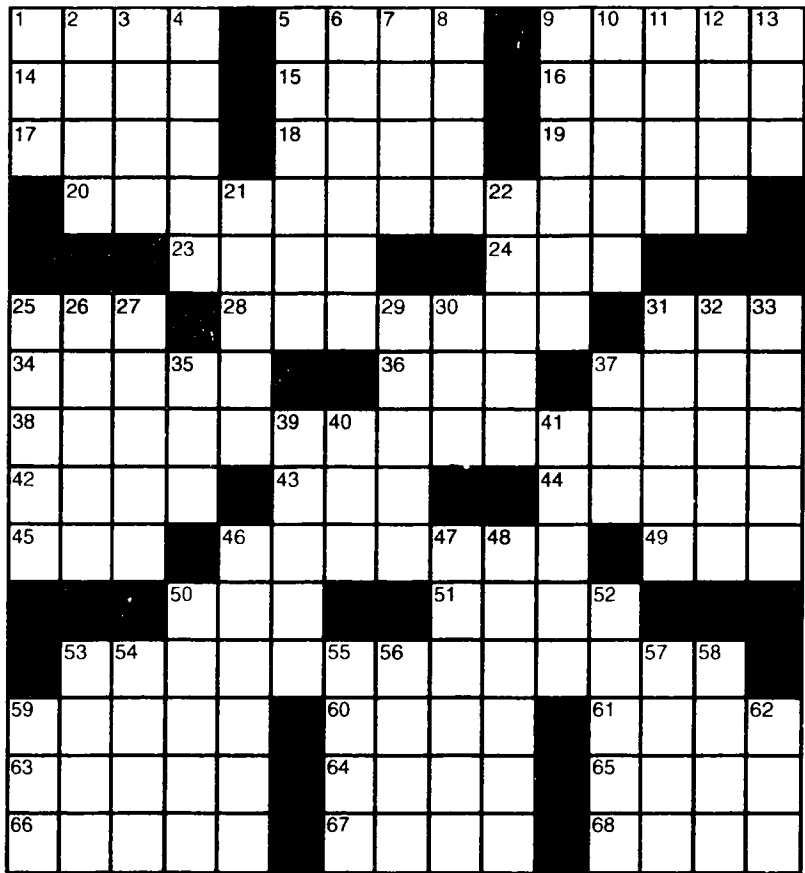
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17 Prison sentence
18 Therefore
19 Without a stitch on
20 Eventually
23 The "M" in MSG
24 Calif.'s northern neighbor
25 Ewe's mate
28 Main school team
31 Valedictorian's pride, for short
34 Make amends (for)
36 Ubiquitous bug
37 QB Tarkenton
38 Daring bet
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45 Spanish cheer
46 Most sore
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59 Alaskan islander
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61 "_____ honest with you ..."
63 The vowel sound in "dude"
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MEN'S SOCCER

Upsetting loss

Pirates send top-seeded Irish home in first round of Big East Tournament

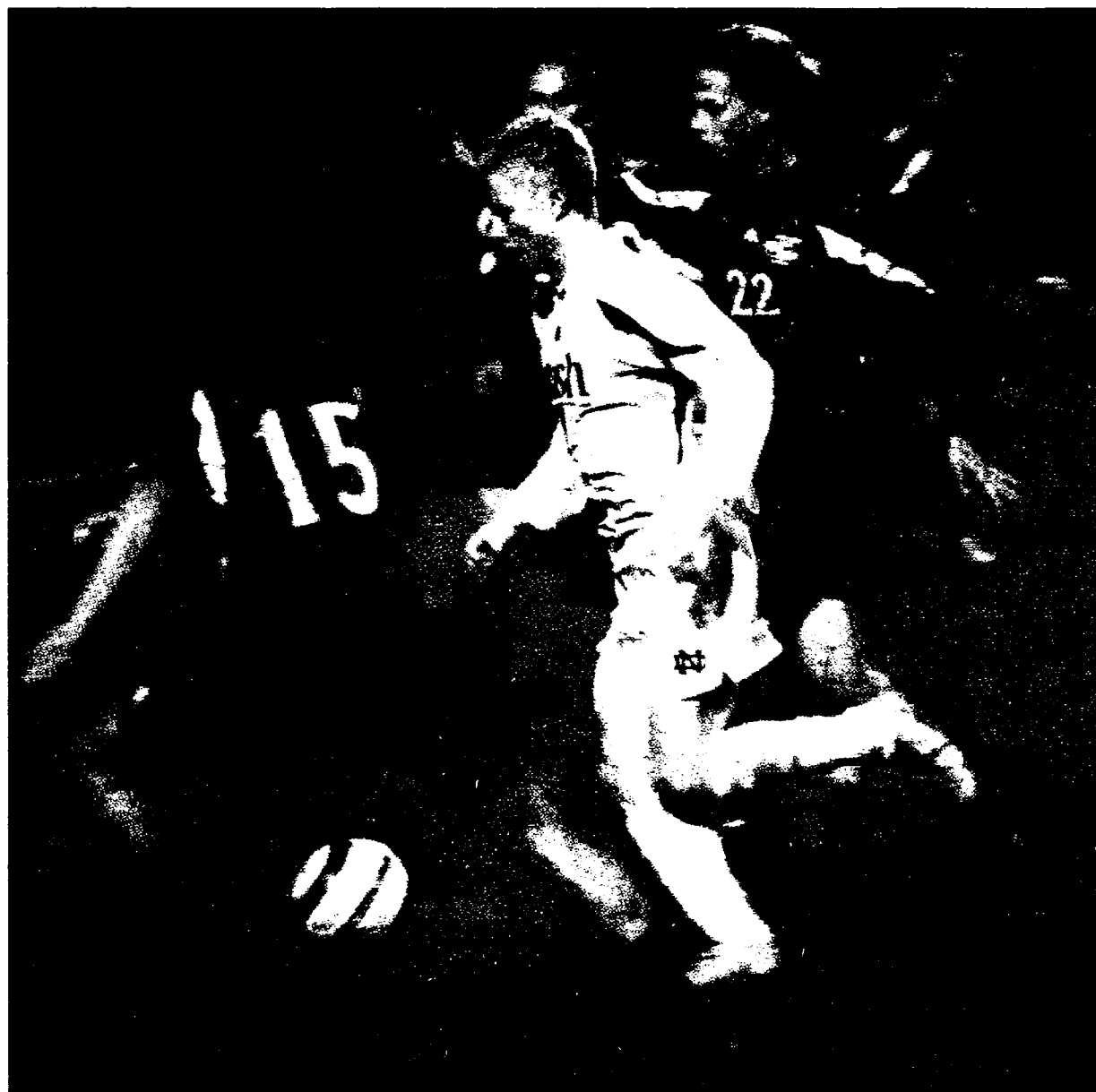
By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

They play the games for a reason. While all signs pointed to the Big East Championships with first-seeded Notre Dame (13-2-3) putting away visiting eighth-seeded Seton Hall (11-6-2) and moving onto the tournament's semifinals next weekend, the result didn't follow expectations as the Pirates upset No. 4 Notre Dame 8-7 on penalty kicks after battling to a 0-0 tie through regulation and a pair of over-times Saturday night at Alumni Field.

"It's annoying when you tie a game but go out a game," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "It counts as a tie, but unfortunately you get eliminated with the penalty kicks."

After having trouble generating scoring chances early — the Irish recorded only a single shot in the game's opening 20 minutes — midfielder Nate Norman nearly put Notre Dame in front with 16 minutes remaining in the first half, drilling the ball just over the crossbar from the top of the box.

Seton Hall squandered perhaps the game's best opportunity when Pirate freshman Yomar Gonzalez's go-ahead-goal bid beat Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer, yet clanged off the crossbar

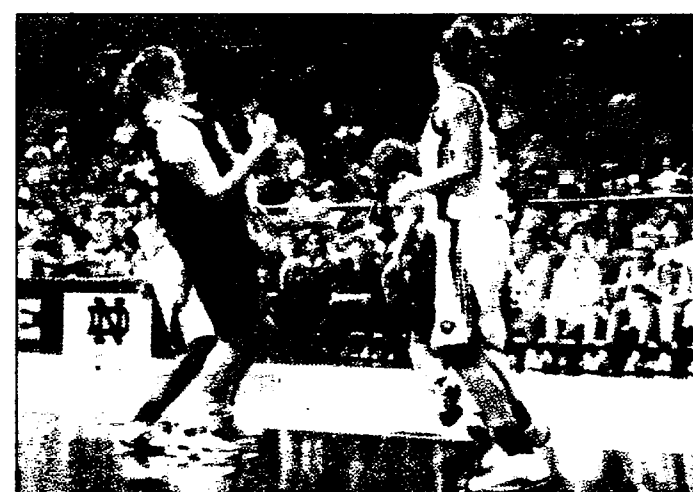


Midfielder Ian Etherington dribbles through traffic against Seton Hall on Saturday. The Irish lost a heart-breaking tournament game in penalty kicks.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team continues preseason with second victory



On Saturday, Susie Powers, right, and the Irish defeated the Hoosier Lady Stars for their second victory this preseason.

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Every player who played in the first half scored as No. 11 Notre Dame cruised to an 80-61 win over the Hoosier Lady Stars.

A late first-half spurt put the game out of reach as the Irish pulled away from the Lady Stars in their final exhibition game Saturday afternoon.

Megan Duffy led all scorers with 16 points on 5-for-7 shooting, including 4-for-5 from behind the arc.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish fall to Huskies in championship finals

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Their first loss meant their first exit.

After an impressive run in the Big East tournament, the Irish fell just short of achieving the championship title after losing 2-1 in the finals to Connecticut, their first loss of the season and second ever in Big East Championship play.

After a dominating victory over Boston College Friday, the Irish (19-1-1) were hoping to follow up the performance in the Big East championship game.

In the first half, the Irish struggled in converting eight opportunities into points. Despite their troubles, the team felt they were prepared for the strengths of Connecticut.



Katie Tulisiak and the Irish lost the Big East title game.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Eagles take conference win

Notre Dame falls to Boston College in 3-0 defeat

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

This weekend's Big East conference matches proved to be bittersweet for Notre Dame.

The Irish (14-7, 7-1) registered a key conference win against Connecticut on Friday 3-1, but fell to Boston College 0-3 in a heartbreaking loss on Sunday.

"It was a huge letdown for us, losing to [Boston College]," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "There wasn't any aspect of the game we did well in."

In contrast to Sunday's Boston College match, Friday's home crowd saw a team poised for victory take the courts against Connecticut (16-8, 5-2). The Irish dominated the net with a .345 hitting percentage.

Ashley Tarutis totaled 44 assists, five kills, and racked up a .714 hitting percentage. But

Tarutis's contributions were not limited to offensive plays. The freshman also chipped in 11 digs for her seventh double-double.

Juniors Lauren Kelbley and Lauren Brewster, freshman Adrianna Stasiuk, and senior Emily Loomis each finished with more than 10 kills to lead the Irish offensive effort. Kelbley had a match-high 16 kills on .387 hitting although she sat out the first 30 points of the third game when Notre Dame's advantage in the matchup was apparent.

The team's defense kept Connecticut in check, limiting their opponents .162 on attack percentage. Stasiuk added a season-best 18 digs, while junior captain Meg Henican finished with 17. Sophomore Danielle Herndon and Brewster also notched nine digs each.

On defense, the Irish finished with 12 blocks for the match.

Brewster recorded two solo blocks and three block assists. Kelbley excelled defensively as well, recording a match-high 20 points, two solo blocks and two block assists. Cooper and Stasiuk added three blocks each.

Connecticut kept the first two games competitive, but Notre Dame quickly regained control of the matches. In the first game, the Irish hit .375 and finished the game with a 10-point margin on their opponents for a 30-20 win. In the second game, the Irish built on a 20-7 en route to a 30-15 win in which the team had 16 kills on .419 hitting.

Connecticut saw their first and only win of the matchup, leading throughout the match and finishing eight points ahead of the Irish 22-30. The Husky defense held the Irish to .135 on hitting, notching 25 digs and five blocks.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Cavanaugh vs. Pangborn; Walsh vs. Welsh Family

The women's inter-hall semifinals are scheduled for 9 and 10 p.m.

HOCKEY

Notre Dame 4
Bowling Green 4

The Irish scored with three seconds left to tie a strong Bowling Green squad.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish 176
Hawkeyes 118

Victories in the freestyle events led the Irish to a resounding win over Iowa.

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SMC SWIMMING

Saint Mary's 155
Rose-Hulman 117

The Belles took home the team's first victory by dominating the 1,000-yd freestyle.

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NFL

Steelers 27
Eagles 3

The Eagles fell to 7-1 as the Steelers took the battle for Pennsylvania's best.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish rookie Brook Buck upset 93rd-ranked Hala Sufi in straight sets to finish the fall 10-3.

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Notre Dame 17, Tennessee 13

'D'- Day

Defense steps up in hard-fought 17-13 win over No. 9 Volunteers

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee made only one big mistake against Notre Dame Saturday. But it proved costly.

With 6:46 left in the third quarter, Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby intercepted Tennessee quarterback Rick Clausen's desperation pass and returned it 26 yards for a touchdown to give Notre Dame a 14-10 lead.

Goolsby's first career touchdown would prove the game-winning score, helping the Irish to a 17-13 win over the No. 9 Volunteers.

"Our offense was struggling a little bit, and we really felt like the defense was going to

have to score," Goolsby said. "If it wasn't me, it was going to be someone else. The guys really stepped up and made plays when they had to today."

Tennessee collected 327 yards of total offense, compared to 216 yards for the Irish, but it was Notre Dame who proved victorious — with an opportunistic defense proving a major factor in that win. The victory makes the Irish bowl-eligible for this season.

"I've always said there's no better time than now," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said about his team's goal to make the Irish eligible for postseason play. "We really felt a sense of urgency and knew we needed to get it done."

"Now we can start to establish the level of play we want heading into the bowl game."

Among the players who made big plays was Irish defensive end Justin Tuck, whose sack of Tennessee quarterback Eric Ainge in the second quarter gave Tuck the Irish career record for sacks with 23.5 — he would add a second sack later in the quarter to increase his mark to 24.5 sacks.

Irish linebacker Brandon Hoyte sacked Ainge during the final play of the second quarter, and the true freshman landed awkwardly on his shoulder and had to be helped off the field at halftime.

Ainge proved unable to finish the game, and Clausen, Tennessee's third-string quar-

terback, came in to replace the starter. Alternate quarterback Brent Schaeffer was unavailable for the game, after breaking his collarbone in the third quarter of Tennessee's game against South Carolina on Oct. 30.

Ainge will miss at least the remainder of the SEC season with a separated shoulder.

"Losing Erik was really disappointing to us," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said. "But Rick came in and did a good job for us. I told our football team to walk away from this holding their head high."

Notre Dame got off to a sluggish start, punting after just five plays on its opening drive and then allowing Tennessee to march 57 yards down the field for a 30-yard field goal by James Wilhoit — giving the Volunteers an initial 3-0 lead.

Tight end Anthony Fasano continued his impressive play this season, coming down with Notre Dame's only offensive touchdown of the game. Fasano's catch came with

5:16 left in the first quarter.

Notre Dame looked as if it would go into the half with a lead, but the Irish defense fell apart with 2:47 left in the second quarter.

Volunteer running back Cedric Houston caught a short screen pass from Ainge and then broke several tackles on his way to a 56-yard touchdown.

"I was really disappointed in that screen play we allowed," Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "We missed about four or five tackles. We said at halftime that we were going to go back and stay with our game plan and it worked out for us."

Clausen's interception to Goolsby proved costly, but the junior did not quit and came back two drives later to complete a 39-yard pass to Robert Meachem on the way to a 33-yard Wilhoit field goal — cutting the Irish lead to 14-13 with 1:28 left in the third quarter.

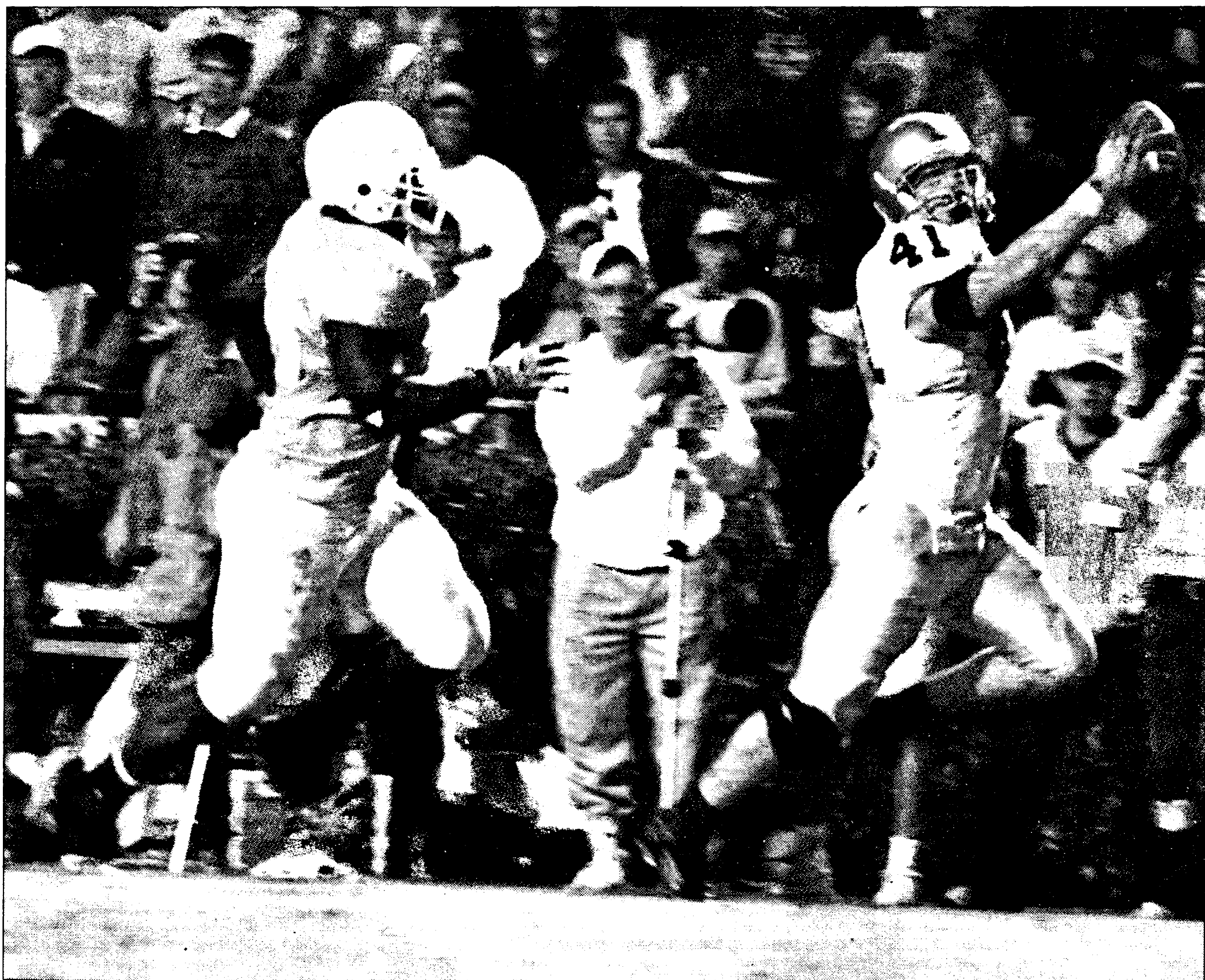
The Irish made some breathing room in the fourth quarter, putting together a 11-play, 43-yard drive that culminated with D.J. Fitzpatrick's 39-yard field goal with 7:23 left.

The Irish defense held strong, stopping the Tennessee offense the rest of the game and forcing the Volunteers into a fourth-and-18 situation with 1:22 left in the game. Clausen's pass failed, and the Irish were able to kneel out the clock.

"Every win against a top team is big," Willingham said. "We have played hard enough to win every game this year, but we need to learn to be more consistent."

*"Every win
against a top team
is big."*

Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Linebacker Mike Goolsby celebrates his interception return for a touchdown Saturday. Goolsby's score proved the game-winning touchdown in Notre Dame's 17-13 win over No. 9 Tennessee — the team's second win this season over a top-10 team.

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player of the game

Mike Goolsby

The senior linebacker led the team with 14 tackles, a new career-high. His interception return for a touchdown proved the game-winning score.

stat of the game

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Yards rushing allowed by the Notre Dame defense. Tennessee was forced into a one-dimensional offense that led to Goolsby's pick.

play of the game

Mike Goolsby's 26-yard interception return for a touchdown

Goolsby's play proved to be the game-winner and helped the Irish win despite an anemic offense.

quote of the game

"I'm out there to hit somebody, and that's what I did."

Brandon Hoyte
Irish linebacker on the hit that injured Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge

report card

- B-** **quarterbacks:** Quinn wasn't flashy, completing 12-of-23 for 118 yards and one touchdown. But he got the job done and avoided throwing interceptions.
- B** **running backs:** Grant, Walker and Wilson combined for a good running game that helped the Irish put together a few scoring drives. Quinn's negative 30 yards hurt the team's net total.
- B-** **receivers:** Fasano scored a touchdown and Stovall had a nice 29-yard reception. But Samardzija dropped two passes, and no receiver really stood out from the pack.
- B+** **offensive line:** The line made several big holes against the Tennessee defensive line, but allowed Quinn to be sacked three times.
- A** **defensive line:** The defensive line played really well, with Tuck collecting two sacks and Landri providing the pressure that led to Goolsby's touchdown. Holding the Volunteers to 58 yards rushing isn't bad, either.
- A** **linebackers:** Goolsby scored and Hoyte knocked Ainge out of the game and stopped a key fourth-and-short conversion late in the game. The three starters collected 33 tackles total.
- C** **defensive backs:** The Volunteers collected 269 yards passing, with Ellick burned on several plays. Burrell and Zbikowski were practically invisible.
- C** **special teams:** Fitzpatrick made a big field goal late, but had one of his poorer performances punting. The Irish kick return game is still pathetic.
- B+** **coaching:** The coaches had a game plan and stuck with it. The team was obviously up for this game, and it showed. Notre Dame's offense should have been more productive, though.
- 2.98** **overall:** Give credit to the Irish for winning a tough game with a top-tier opponent after everyone counted them out before the kickoff.

adding up the numbers

Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer's record when leading at the half, before Notre Dame's come-from-behind victory Saturday over the Volunteers

94-5

number of sacks collected by Irish defensive end Justin Tuck in his career, breaking Kory Minor's previous career mark of 23 sacks

24.5

Notre Dame's record in regularly-scheduled games following a bye week since 1984, including Saturday's victory over Tennessee

24-2

total offensive yards by Notre Dame Saturday, the fewest yards the Volunteers allowed to a winning opponent since a 21-17 loss to Memphis in 1996

216

number of players this season who have caught at least one pass for the Irish — Marcus Wilson became the 20th after an 18-yard reception Saturday

20

number of false start penalties the Irish committed in front of a deafening crowd of 107,266 fans

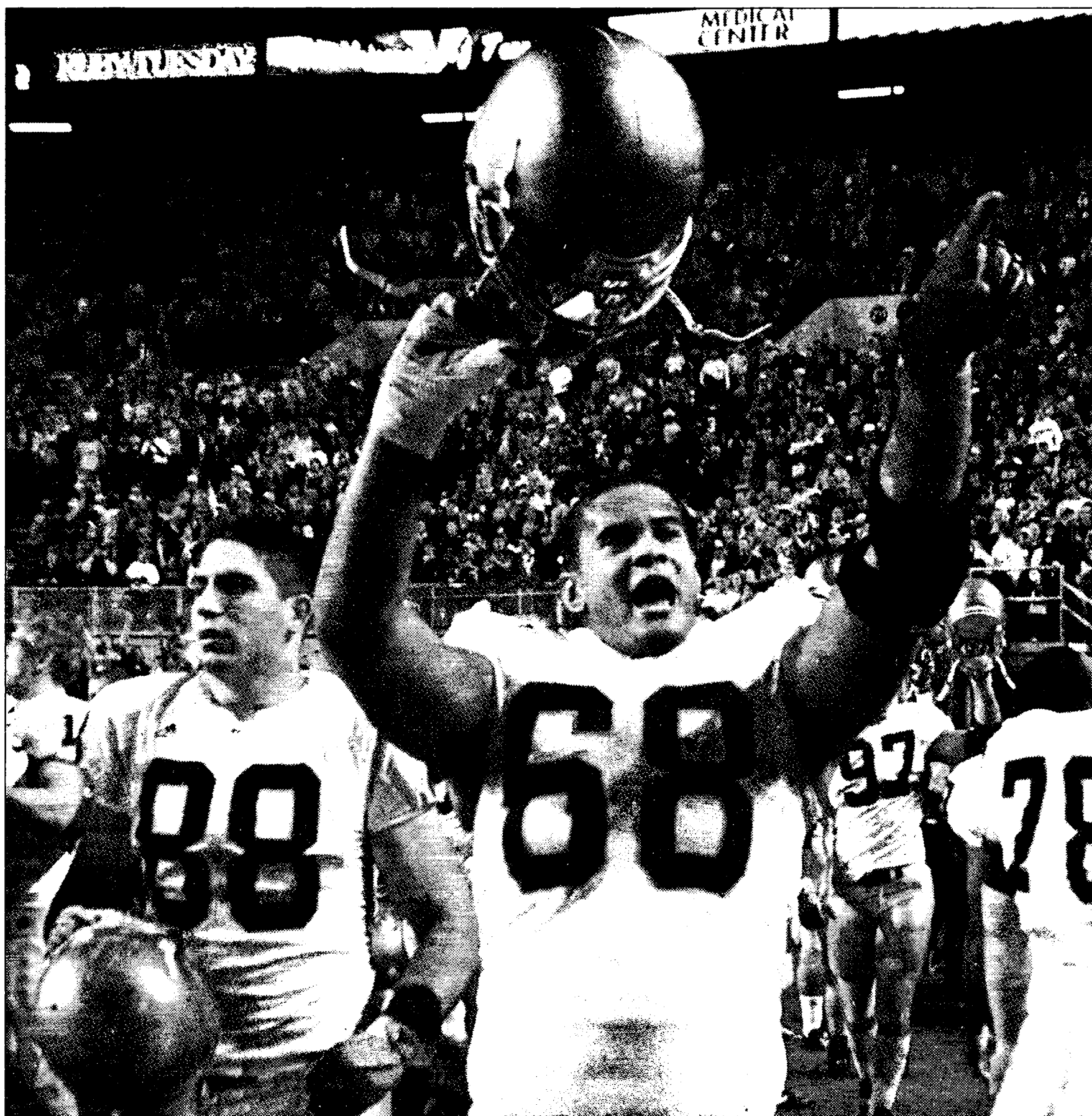
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average yards per rush by Tennessee as it gained 58 net yards on the game

1.5

number of tackles by Mike Goolsby, leading the team and giving the senior linebacker a new career high

14



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Irish offensive lineman Ryan Harris points to the student section at Neyland Stadium in Notre Dame's 17-13 win over No. 9 Tennessee Saturday. The Irish have been inconsistent this season, with their two wins over top-10 teams each coming after a loss to an unranked team in the previous game.

So, who's confused?

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — In the next chapter of a college football novel that has defined inconsistency, Notre Dame beat its second top-10 opponent of the season Saturday.

The Irish victimized Michigan on Sept. 11, and Saturday they downed Tennessee. But as the Notre Dame players galloped off the sidelines and onto the field in celebration, I paused and thought: if only.

If only this team had not fallen apart against a mediocre-at-best Boston College team. If only the Irish were prepared for their season-opener against BYU. If only Notre Dame had come into Neyland Stadium with a 7-1 record to beat the red-hot Volunteers.

Because if all of those hypothetical situations were true, Saturday's win over Tennessee arguably would have been the biggest victory for Notre Dame since Lou Holtz beat Florida State in 1993. And coaches, players and fans everywhere would be talking about taking care of Pittsburgh, knocking No. 1 USC off its pedestal and going to a BCS bowl.

Students would be dusting off their "Return to Glory" T-shirts. Notre Dame, in every way, would be back.

There would be no more cries for a coaching change, no references

to Irish futility like the one in a Rick Reilly "Sports Illustrated" column: "Against Notre Dame, I'd take us and the points. But that's just me."

But inconsistency has cost Notre Dame dearly this season, and even a 17-13 statement win over Tennessee cannot elevate the 2004 Irish to their traditional goal — greatness.

Yes, Notre Dame is only one of two teams to have beaten two top-10 teams this season along with Auburn.

Yes, the win makes Notre Dame bowl eligible. And a split in the season's remaining two games against Pittsburgh and USC will have the Irish at 7-4 in a position to, at worst, reverse their 2003 record of 5-7. But the fact is no Division-I NCAA football team should be able to beat Notre Dame with its third-string quarterback.

Make no mistake, though. That takes no credit away from what the Irish players have done.

Notre Dame showed it had guts Saturday.

Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer cost his team by running the final half play out of shotgun, but it was Brandon Hoyte who made Fulmer pay by knocking his starting quarterback out of the game.

Tennessee third-string quarterback Rick Clausen made the wrong decision to force a pass in the third quarter, but it was Mike Goolsby

who converted the mistake into six points.

All the same, the 2004 Notre Dame football team remains an enigma.

The run defense has been consistent and superb. But the pass defense has been woeful [see Purdue]. The passing game has made not only strides but leaps, yet the offense sputters. The running game has been inconsistent, congruent with the play of the offensive line.

"I would hope our football team has the ability to be successful in all situations,"

Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "We have to work hard to get to that level of consistency where we have this kind of energy in every game."

What Notre Dame's defeat of Tennessee indicated was that the

Irish are a good team with talented players on the field.

What the win could have said, had the Irish taken care of business against Boston College and BYU, is that Notre Dame is great, again.

But right now, that status belongs only to an Irish opponent now just three weeks away on the schedule.

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Tyrone Willingham
Irish coach

Goolsby leads defense by example

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Mike Goolsby's third-quarter touchdown did more than add points.

The score gave Notre Dame a lead it would hold the rest of the game to upset No. 9 Tennessee. It was Goolsby's first career touchdown.

And with these factors and the adrenaline created by a capacity 107,000-plus crowd, Goolsby didn't even think to shuffle his feet in the end zone?

"I can't dance," Goolsby said.

He may not dance, but he changes games.

Goolsby led all tacklers in Saturday's game with 14 tackles, eight solo. His interception proved to be the difference in earning Notre Dame's first road win over a top-10 opponent in eight years.

"We were talking in the hotel last night about how this was going to be one of those games where it was going to be a big-time game coming down to big-time players," Goolsby said. "It's just great to be a part of it."

Goolsby was one of those great players Saturday.

On Sunday, the Walter Camp Football Foundation named Goolsby its National Defensive Player of the Week. Along with his 14 tackles, Goolsby had two tackles for a loss and one sack as the Irish beat their first top-10 team on the road since a 27-24 victory at No. 6 Texas on Sept. 21, 1996.

But the interception loomed largest.

"That was a huge play, because with that we had a chance to start to gain control of the football game," head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "What was really spectacular was that the pressure on the quarterback came with a three-man rush, and Mike was there to step up and make the play."

The defensive line played particularly well Saturday. Justin Tuck made eight tackles and recorded two sacks. Nose guard Derek Landri finished with four tackles and one for a loss, and also provided the primary quarterback pressure that led to Goolsby's interception.

But Goolsby — joined by the tandem of linebackers Brandon Hoyte (11 tackles Saturday) and Derek Curry (eight) — has been arguably the most productive player on the defense this season.

Coming into the Tennessee game,



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Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby rumbles toward the endzone after picking off Tennessee's Rick Clausen in the third quarter Saturday.

Goolsby led Notre Dame in tackles with 70. The closest Irish defender behind him, free safety Quentin Burrell, had 52.

Goolsby's third-quarter interception, then, satisfied a team frustrated by dominant offenses.

"It feels good to be more aggressive on defense and not just sit back and let them take your defense apart," Goolsby said.

The senior gave credit to his defensive coaches' aggressive game plan, as well, while defensive coordinator Kent

Baer understood his leader's contribution.

"Goolsby did a nice job," defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "We were in man coverage there, and he did a nice job of jumping the [running] back. The quarterback probably shouldn't have thrown the ball, but that's part of football."

Opponents now know they should find the number 41 before any play — run or pass.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	7	0	7	3	17
Tennessee	3	7	3	0	13

First quarter

Tennessee 3, Notre Dame 0

James Wilhoit 30-yard field goal with 8:57 remaining

Drive: 9 plays, 57 yards, 4:14 elapsed

Notre Dame 7, Tennessee 3

Anthony Fasano 8-yard reception from Brady

Quinn with 5:16 remaining (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)

Drive: 7 plays, 80 yards, 3:37 elapsed

Second quarter

Tennessee 10, Notre Dame 7

Cedric Houston 56-yard reception from Erik

Ainge with 2:47 remaining (Wilhoit kick)

Drive: 6 plays, 78 yards, 2:39 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 14, Tennessee 10

Mike Goolsby 26-yard interception return

(Fitzpatrick kick)

Drive: 1 play, 26 yards, 0:00 elapsed

Notre Dame 14, Tennessee 13

Wilhoit 33-yard field goal with 1:28 remaining

Drive: 5 plays, 44 yards, 1:28 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 17, Tennessee 13

Fitzpatrick 39-yard field goal with 7:23 remaining

Drive: 11 plays, 43 yards, 3:30 elapsed

statistics

total yards

IRISH	327
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rushing yards

IRISH	98
TENNESSEE	58

passing yards

IRISH	118
TENNESSEE	269

return yards

IRISH	55
TENNESSEE	56

time of possession

IRISH	27:28
TENNESSEE	32:32



36-98	rushes-yards	39-58
12-23-0	comp-att-int	21-36-1
2-18	punt returns-yards	3-24
0-0	fumbles-lost	0-0
3-9	penalties-yards	2-20
13	first downs	17



39-58	rushes-yards	39-58
21-36-1	comp-att-int	21-36-1
3-24	punt returns-yards	3-24
0-0	fumbles-lost	0-0
2-20	penalties-yards	2-20
17	first downs	17

passing

Quinn	12-23-0	Ainge Clausen	11-18-0 10-18-1
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rushing

Walker	9-70	Houston	18-65
Grant	12-50	Riggs	9-37
Wilson	2-12	Tinsley	1-3
Holiday	1-3	Hannon	1-0
Powers-Neal	1-1	Clausen	2-(-13)
Thomas	1-(-2)	Ainge	6-(-17)

receiving

McKnight	4-35	Swain	5-68
Stovall	2-41	Houston	4-78
Fasano	2-16	Meachem	4-67
Wilson	1-18	Smith	2-17
Carlson	1-3	Brown	2-15
Powers-Neal	1-3	Riggs	2-6

tackling

Goolsby	14	Burnett	11
Hoyte	11	Allen	10
Curry	8	Mahelona	6
Tuck	8	Hefney	5
Zbikowski	7	Boulware	4
Jackson	6	Mitchell	4
Burrell	4	Gaither	4
Landri	4	Haralson	3
Richardson	4	McBride	3

Tuck sets career sack record at ND

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — With his sack of Erik Ainge in the second quarter of Notre Dame's 17-13 victory over Tennessee on Saturday, Irish defensive end Justin Tuck made his mark in the record books.

Tuck's sack gave him 23.5 for his career, breaking Kory Minor's record of 22.5 sacks.

"That was a fun matchup," Tuck said. "We knew that their strength was the offensive line and that one of our strengths was the defensive line."

The Kellyton, Ala. native would add another sack later in the game, allowing him to increase the record in front of over 20 family members and friends who made the trip up to Knoxville to watch Tuck play.

Something to prove

Notre Dame's two wins over ranked opponents in the 2004 season have both come immediately after losses to

unranked opponents.

The Irish defeated then-No. 7 Michigan Sept. 11, after losing to BYU the week before. Notre Dame fell 24-23 to Boston College two weeks ago, but was able to bounce back with a big win over the No. 9 Volunteers Saturday.

"It's always against human nature to want to prove people wrong, and to do something they don't expect," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "I hope we have the ability to go with the grain as well as against it."

Stopping the run

Notre Dame's defense held Tennessee to 58 net yards rushing and a 1.5-yard average per carry for the game.

The win Saturday marked the sixth time this season that the Irish have held an opponent to fewer than 100 yards in game. Notre Dame is 3-3 in those games.

"Shutting down their running game was the main thing we wanted to do," Irish defensive back Dwight Ellick

said. "When you shut down a team's rushing abilities you make them one-dimensional."

"We wanted to come in here and dominate the line of scrimmage and shut down the run, and we feel like we did that."

Making a stand

The Irish did not allow Tennessee to convert any of its three fourth-down conversion attempts in Saturday's game, a fact that proved a major difference in Notre Dame's defeat of the Volunteers.

Notre Dame's first fourth-down stop came with 7:37 in the second quarter and the ball on the Irish 35-yard line. Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge threw an incomplete pass on fourth-and-7 and the Irish took over possession of the ball.

The team's biggest stop might have come in the fourth quarter, with the score 14-13 in favor of Notre Dame and the Volunteers driving. On fourth-and-one from the Irish 34-yard line, Tennessee quarterback Rick Clausen

handled off the ball to running back Gerald Riggs, Jr., who was hit immediately by linebacker Brandon Hoyte and ended up short of the first-down marker.

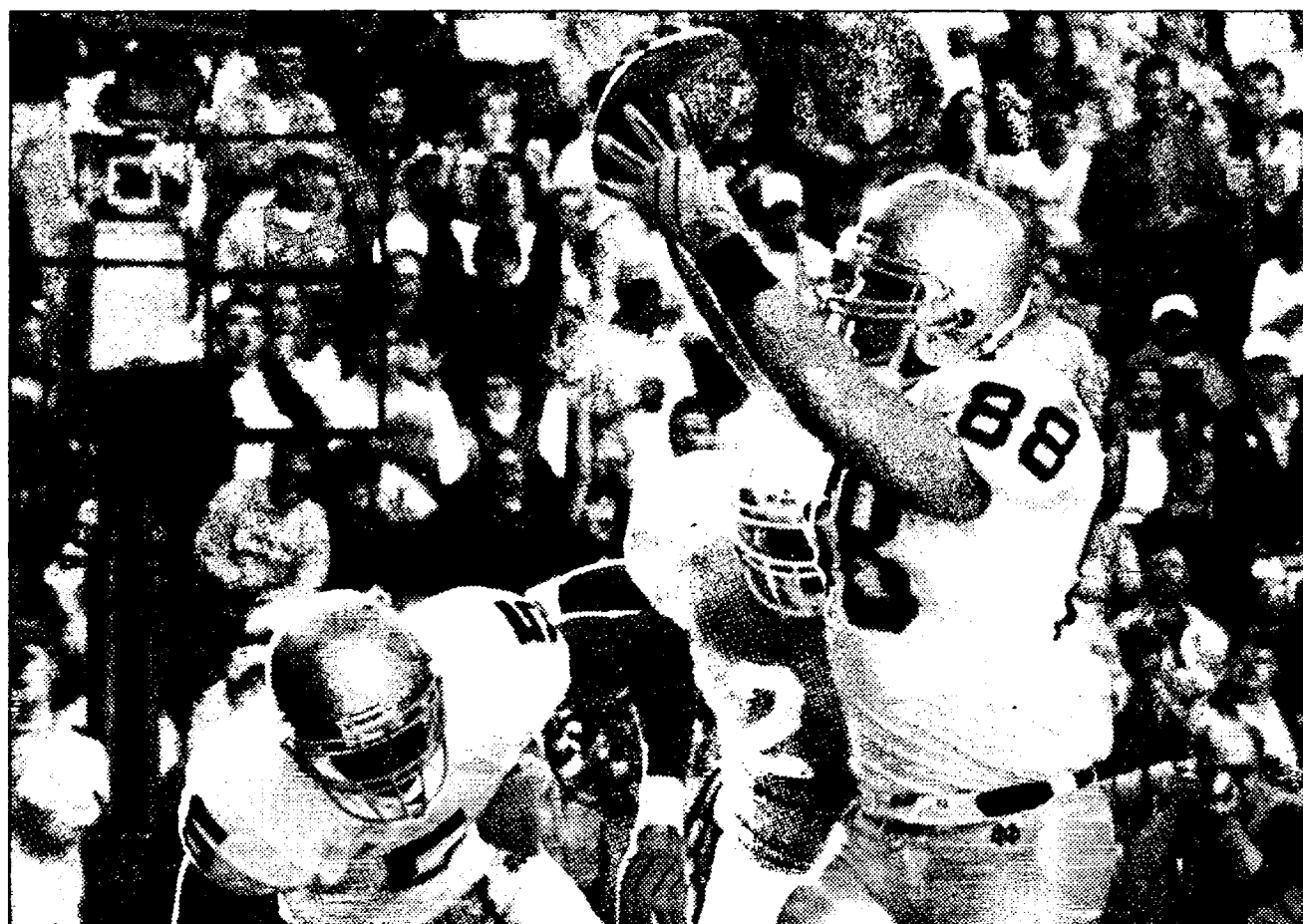
"That might have been the game," Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "We had a pretty good idea what they were doing and [Brandon] really stepped and made a big play right there."

The Irish immediately took over and drove down the field for a 39-yard field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick, giving Notre Dame a 17-13 lead. Notre Dame's final fourth-down stop came on the final Tennessee drive of the game, when Clausen's pass to Jayson Swain on fourth-and-18 fell incomplete with 1:22 remaining.

Game captains

Captains Saturday for the Irish were Tuck, running back Ryan Grant, linebacker Mike Goolsby and offensive lineman Mark LeVoor.

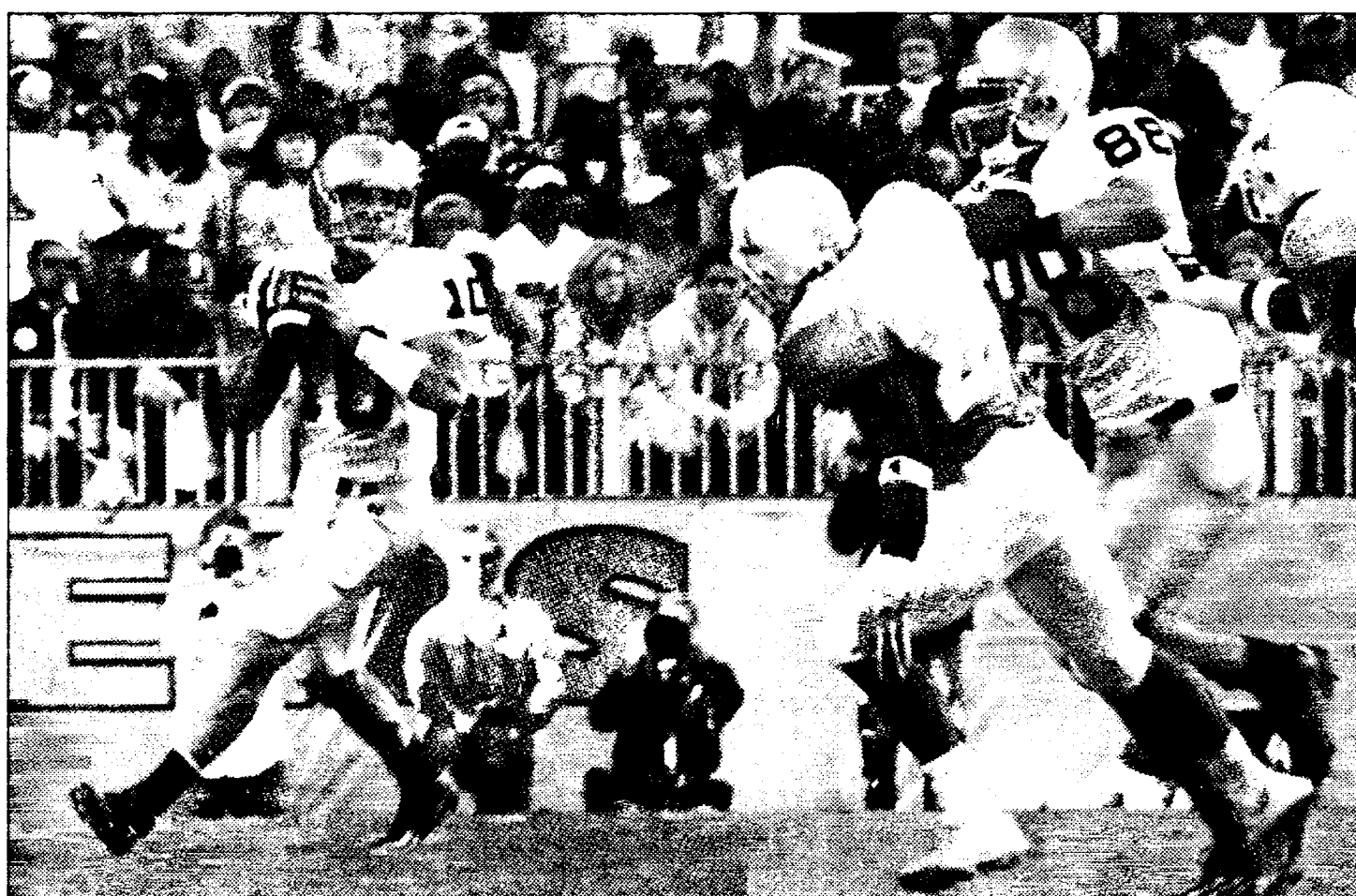
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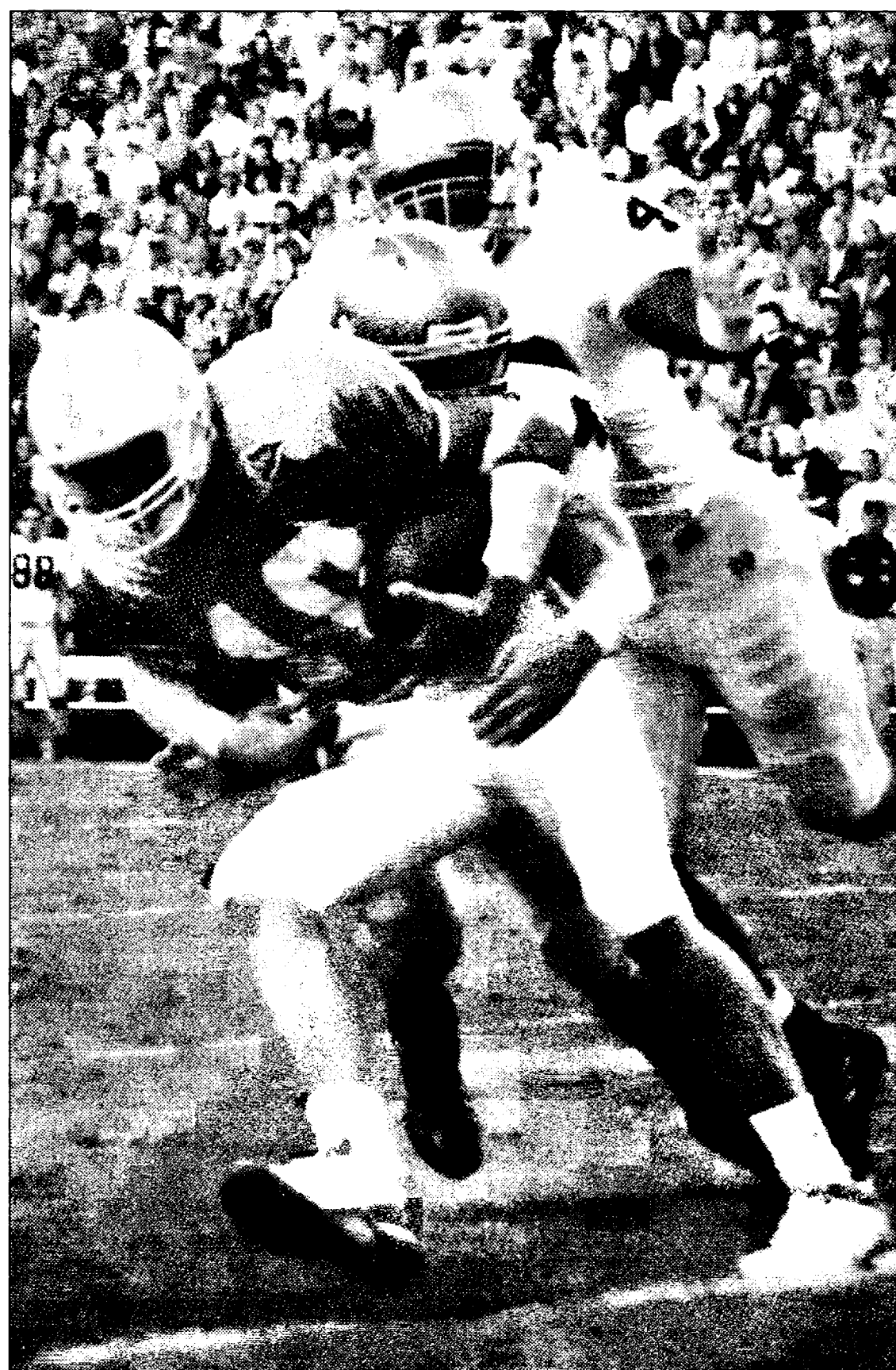
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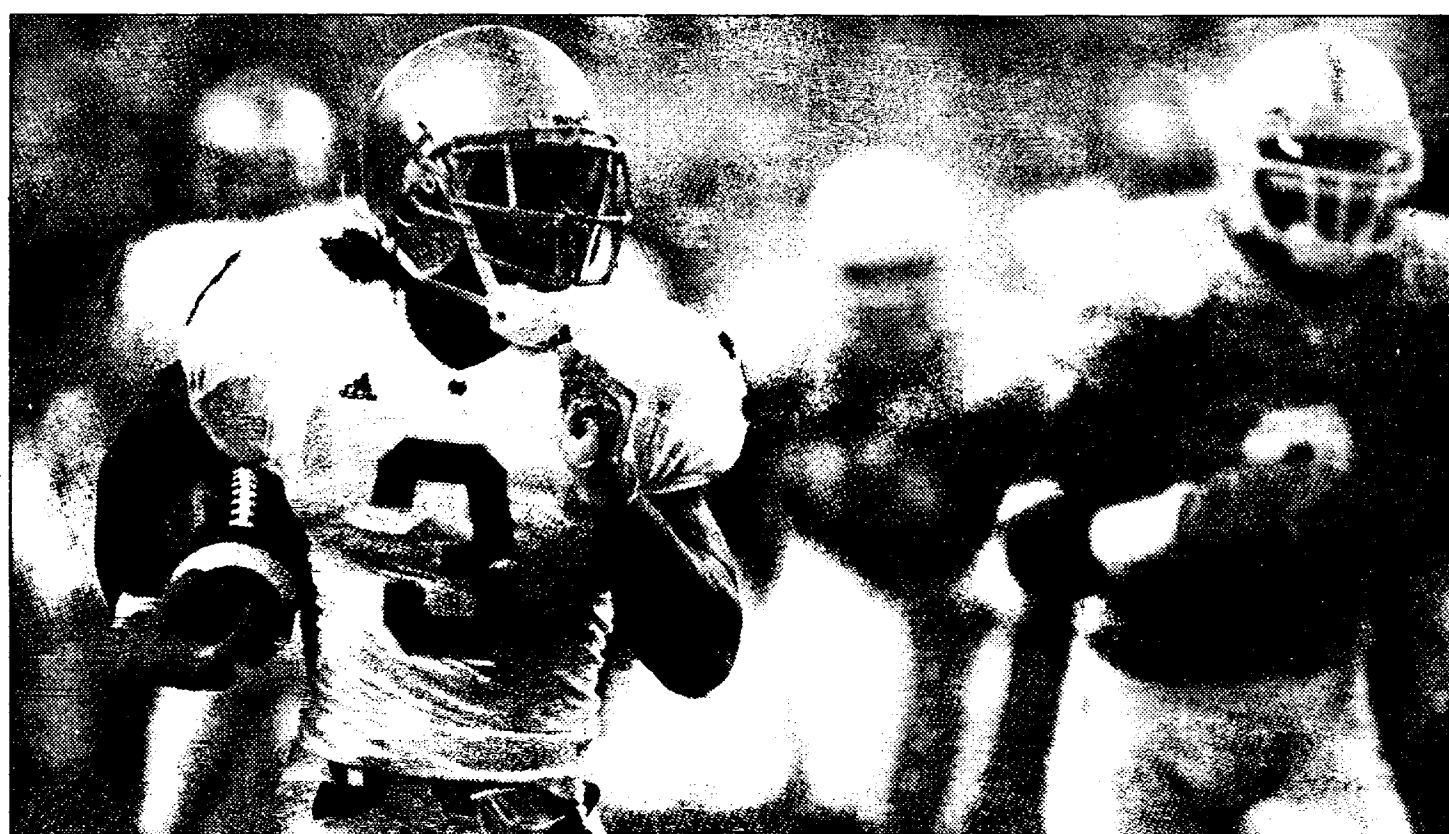
Notre Dame's defense held strong Saturday, making up for an offensive attack that only collected 216 total yards — with 141 of those yards coming in the first quarter. Brady Quinn's touchdown pass to Anthony Fasano in the first quarter was the only Irish offensive touchdown, but Mike Goolsby's 26-yard interception return for a touchdown gave the Irish much-needed breathing room against the No. 9 Volunteers. Tennessee's rushing game was stopped in its tracks, and Irish defenders picked up five sacks in the victory.



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Clockwise from top left to bottom left, Anthony Fasano catches the ball for a touchdown. Irish defensive end Justin Tuck shakes hands with Tennessee running back Gerald Riggs, Jr., after the game. Mike Goolsby and Derek Curry sack Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge. Irish running back Darius Walker breaks free of the Tennessee defense for a big gain. Brandon Hoyte, Preston Jackson and Mike Goolsby take down Riggs. Irish quarterback Brady Quinn is hurried by Tennessee's Robert Boulware.