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## Irish fans flock to Georgia to show support

By EILEEN DUFFY  
Assistant News Editor

They are the drivers of RVs, the bearers of MapQuest directions, the callers of shotgun and the seekers of rest stops. They set fire to their friends' heads in radio contests and bid exorbitant sums on subhub.com and ebay.com. They are the students making the trek to watch Notre Dame take on Georgia Tech this weekend.

Welcome to Atlanta where the Irish play (this weekend, at least). When the Irish hit the road, so do their fans — though cramped cars are a far cry from jet planes.

Senior Nathan Catanese will be squeezing six people into a car — meaning one person will be sitting between the driver and the front passenger. It's going to be tight, but Catanese might have a little more tolerance for leg cramps, as this is the first Notre Dame game he's seen in

nearly two years, having studied abroad in London last fall.

"Since we missed last football season, we are going to as many games as we can to make up for it this year," he said.

Junior Fritz Shadley can relate. On Tuesday, he'll board a Spain-bound airplane that will fly him away from Notre Dame football for the fall. He's still heading down to Atlanta, though.

"The only games I can go to are this one and the National

Championship game," he said, without knocking on wood. Students like Shadley and Atlanta resident Emree Chapman, who flew home Thursday for the game, are confident in the team's ability to win.

"I have a lot of high school friends that go to Georgia Tech. It'll be fun to beat them," she said, adding a "hopefully!" for good measure.

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## Police arrest suspect

Man in custody for Turtle Creek incident

By MADDIE HANNA  
News Writer

Police arrested a Mishawaka man Wednesday in connection with the alleged assault at Turtle Creek Apartments Aug. 23.

Bruce Smith, 24, was arrested Wednesday night on "preliminary charges" relating to the incident in which a female Notre Dame junior, 21, was held at knifepoint in her Turtle Creek apartment, South Bend Police Captain John Williams said Thursday.

Williams said he could not specify how Smith was found and arrested — "I didn't look into all that" — or what charges were made.

"The [St. Joseph County] prosecutors will decide what he will be formally charged with," Williams said.

When asked if he knew this was the man who broke into the apartment and assaulted the student, Williams said, "No, I don't."

After the arrest, Smith was taken to the St. Joseph County Jail, Williams said.

At about 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 23, a man who claimed to be a cable company employee allegedly entered the student's apartment and said he needed to check the student's cable.

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## ND students help Katrina relief

One year after devastating storm, the clean-up effort continues with volunteers

By MARCELA BERRIOS  
News Writer

Tuesday marked the first anniversary since Hurricane Katrina's raging winds and waters destroyed the homes and lives of countless families living in and around New Orleans.

It may have happened a year ago, but that does not mean the victims of Katrina have moved on — and neither have the members of the Notre Dame community tied to the disaster.

"People are still suffering emotionally, psychologically and economically from Hurricane Katrina," junior Radhika Deva said.

Deva spent her summer in New Orleans ripping out molding walls and ceilings in houses that were evacuated immediately after the levees collapsed and stayed abandoned for more than nine months.

"It's tragic to see entire fami-

lies coming back to their homes for the first time and finding everything destroyed and scattered," she said.

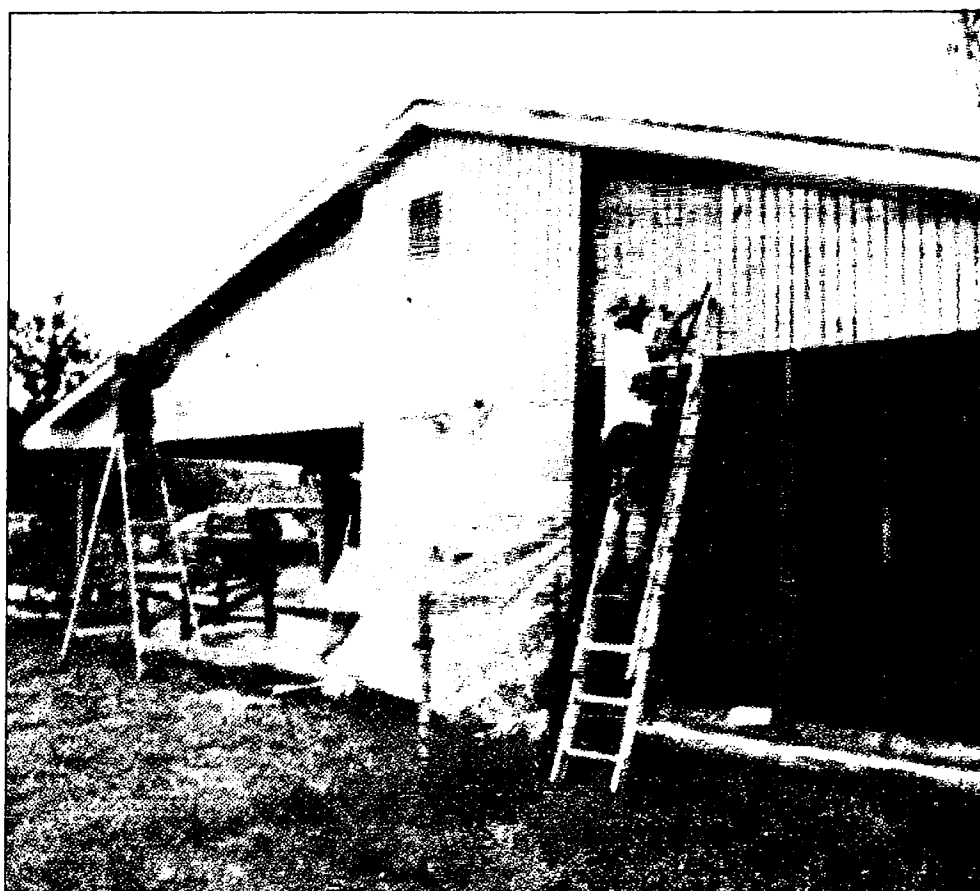
Deva and several Notre Dame students traveled to New Orleans as part of a Center for Social Concerns Summer Service Project.

In the last year, the CSC has sent more than 65 students to the Katrina-ravaged region, said Bill Purcell, associate director of Catholic Social Tradition and Practice.

"As a student body at a religiously affiliated institution of higher learning, we need to act in solidarity with the folks in the Gulf Region to address the systemic problems which will take a decade to overcome," he said.

The CSC recently began a Gulf Coast Task Force designed to assist with student interest in continuing the relief and recovery efforts in the Gulf

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On the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, non-ND volunteers Kent Grantham and Michael Collard in Waveland, Miss. paint the outside of a house damaged by the storm. Notre Dame students took on similar projects in New Orleans.

## Budget, scheduling restrict band away game travels

Group will only play at Michigan State

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL  
News Writer

As the 2006 Irish football team runs onto Georgia Tech's field for the season opener, an element almost as synonymous with Notre Dame football as Knute Rockne will be missing — the Band of the Fighting Irish.

The band will take only one road trip this season, as opposed to its typical two away appearances. Tight budgeting and scheduling issues forced the band to choose Michigan State on Sept. 23 as its only away game visit, according to Larry Dwyer, assistant director

of bands.

The band traditionally travels to away games in buses to defray costs. While in the past buses have taken the band as far as Tennessee and Florida State, Dwyer said this year the band chose to save money by traveling only a state away.

"By saving the money from a second away game, it will enable us to go to the Penn State game next year, which is a longer trip," he said.

This season the Irish play seven home games and only five on the road. With the other away games spreading across the country — Georgia Tech, Navy in Maryland, Air Force in Colorado and USC — distance plays a large role in choosing which games are feasible.

But money is not the only reason the Band of the Fighting Irish does not make

appearances nationwide.

"Even if there were money to send the band to every away game, it would almost certainly be the University's policy not to do that," Dwyer said. "Our band members have academic schedules and need to study. There are very good academic reasons why we don't go."

Unlike athletes on scholarship, band members are volunteers. Home game weekends are packed with band performances, including step-off, drummer's circle, the concert on the steps and the march to the Stadium, as well as the game. All this adds to a full academic load.

However, if the team qualifies for a bowl game, the band will travel as well.

"For [the band members] to

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Assistant drum major Brad Lancy leads the Band of the Fighting Irish during practice Thursday.

INSIDE COLUMN

# Life at the bottom

Bare light bulbs, unfinished walls and cold concrete floors. Typical things you would find in a basement. It is the bottom of the building, the place in your house you were afraid to go by yourself when you were little. Some people might call a basement spooky. I call it my home.

**Kaitlynn Riely**  
Production Editor

This year I am living in the basement of my dorm, the result of an unfortunately low lottery number during room picks. The first, second, and third floors filled quickly last year, so I resigned myself to living in what is widely regarded as Pangborn's least desirable room location.

During an introductory exercise on the first day of Spanish class, a classmate asked me what dorm I am in and what floor I live on.

"Cero," I replied, since I have not spoken a word of Spanish all summer and could not remember how to say basement.

"The basement," I said in English after he looked at me with a confused expression. Immediately a look of what can only be described as pity registered on his face.

"They have rooms down there?" he asked incredulously.

Rooms and much, much more. After only two weeks living in the basement, I am officially converted to a willing basement dweller. Climbing stairs to go to my room has become a thing of the past. The easy access to the laundry, the printer and the close proximity of my friends, the "Basewoment," is marred only by the occasional blaring of the back door alarm when a fellow Phox breaks parietals or forgets, as I myself have in the past, the door alarm is always turned on at midnight.

This basement life is not new to me. Over the summer, I moved from the second floor bedroom I had lived in for six years to another room in the basement of my home.

My extensive basement dwelling experience allows me to identify certain pluses to lower level living. The temperature is cooler, it's easier to move in and move out and there is a slight feeling of detachment from the other floors that can easily be misconstrued as living on your own.

Now, from my dorm room I can walk right outside and do homework in the sun at a picnic table in the courtyard. My DeBartolo commute is about two minutes shorter. And without a couple flights of stairs to lug my laundry basket up and down, I think I can get through the whole year without breaking it like I did last year.

When room picks start at the end of the year, even if I have a high lottery pick, I think I will choose to live in the basement again.

So, to my Spanish friend, don't worry about my living situation. I may barely be above ground, but I still enjoy windows, plumbing, electricity and a room identical to every other room in the dorm.

If you need me, I'll be in the sótano.

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



**Anna Konger**  
senior  
Holy Cross

"ND will win because they're going to win every game."



**Brie Anne Eichhorn**  
junior  
LeMans

"We'll win because Weis is a god."



**Catherine Wagner**  
senior  
LeMans

"They'll win because I'm an RA and what I say goes."



**Kate Van Damme**  
senior  
LeMans

"They'll have the game won in 49 seconds."



**Maggie Jespersen**  
junior  
LeMans

"They will win because they have the support of the Belles behind them."



**Sarah Patten**  
junior  
McCandless

"They'll win because The Shirt is actually cute this year."



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**Robbie Hazen, a junior from O'Neill, plays during the first AcoustiCafe of the year Thursday night, held in the LaFortune Ballroom. The Student Union Board sponsored the event.**

## IN BRIEF

Chicago's "Howl at the Moon" dueling pianos will perform at Legends at 10 tonight. ND, SMC or HCC student ID required for admission.

"An Inconvenient Truth" will be shown at 7 and 10 tonight in Browning Cinema at The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$6 for general public, \$5 for faculty, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for students.

The women's soccer team will take on USC tonight at 7:30 at Alumni Field. The game is part of the Inn at Saint Mary's ND Classic.

The Student Activities Office will host a Game Watch on North Quad for the Georgia Tech game on Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. Free food and drink will be provided while it lasts.

The Snite Museum of Art will showcase Mexican migration to the United States through a multimedia exhibit that includes Chicano and Mexican visual arts beginning Sunday, Sept. 3 in the museum's O'Shaughnessy Galleries, Mestrovic Studio Gallery and the entrance atrium.

The sixth annual Saturday Scholar Series will feature six lectures and a performance by leading faculty members on each home football game weekend this fall. The first lecture, "More Than a Movie? Assessing 'The Da Vinci Code'" will be held, as always, three and a half hours before kickoff on Sept. 9 in DeBartolo 101.

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

## OFFBEAT

### Bartender gets \$10,000 tip on \$26 tab

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Cindy Kienow, a bartender at Applebee's, got a \$10,000 tip from a man — for a \$26 meal — on Sunday.

"I couldn't move," Kienow said. "I didn't know what to say. He said, 'This will buy you something kind of nice, huh?' And I said, 'Yeah, it will.'"

Kienow said the man, whom company officials have declined to name, comes in several times a month and eats at the end of the bar.

"He usually signs his tick-

et and flips it upside down," said Kienow, 35, who has worked at the restaurant for eight years. "But this time, he had it right-side up and said 'I want you to know this is not a joke.'"

### Strippers help Las Vegas area schools

LAS VEGAS — The Clark County School District kicked off the first day of school Wednesday with scant resources. But it got a major donation from the scantily clad.

The same day the nation's fifth largest school district began the year with some 400 teaching vacan-

cies, the nonprofit corporation that supports it, the Public Education Foundation, accepted a \$2,500 donation from a strip club, Scores Las Vegas.

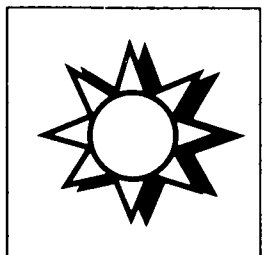
Scores raised the funds at an Aug. 23 back-to-school event called "Detention" that featured strippers dressed as teachers, schoolgirls and librarians.

"It's back to school time and you know what that means. Detention for everyone who has been bad!" one advertisement read.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

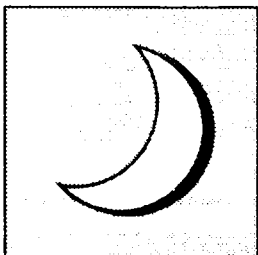
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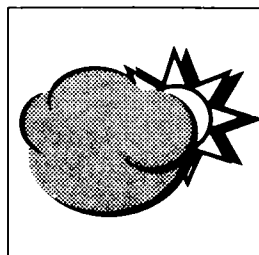
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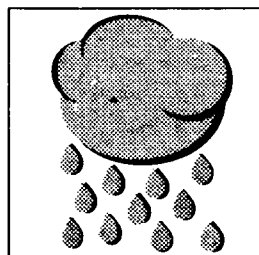
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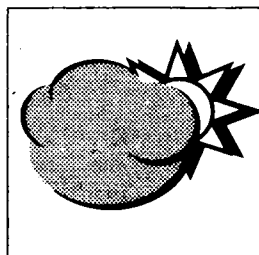
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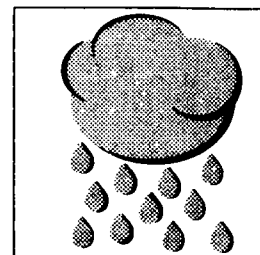
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# College expands handicap access

*Ramp to be added to Le Mans west entrance*

By LIZ HARTER  
News Writer

Students returning to Saint Mary's campus this fall noticed a new addition to one of the oldest residential buildings.

A handicapped ramp is being installed on the west entrance of Le Mans, a building that houses not only students but also many of the College's administrative offices, the Department of Residence Life and the counseling center.

Bill Hambling, director of Facilities at Saint Mary's, said while there is a handicapped ramp to the south of the one being built, the new ramp will provide an entrance to the basement.

"This new ramp will provide a more convenient entrance [and] exit to [and] from Le Mans to the center courtyard area," Hambling said.

The new ramp was designed to fit in with the architecture of the building so as to be aesthetic while serving its purpose, he said.

While the existing ramp was believed adequate and served its purpose, students

found it to be in an awkward place and poorly marked.

"I had no idea that there were any ramps or anything [in Le Mans], there was nothing to indicate it," said Kellie Anderson, a sophomore who lived in Le Mans her freshman year.

The new ramp, Hambling said, is "strategically placed to make it more readily visible and available to use."

The other residential buildings on campus are not being updated, Hambling said. Regina Hall and McCandless Hall are considered to be very accessible to handicapped students, he said. Holy Cross Hall also has a handicapped entrance to the north of the building near the Security Office, next to the Post Office.

When asked why the construction was taking place now, Hambling responded that it was not a matter of neglect, but rather of finding the funds for the project.

"[College President] Carol [Ann] Mooney and her leadership team are always concerned about accessibility issues and safety of our entire campus family," he said.

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# House guards memories of past

*Riedinger used for student practicum*

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A mystery for many students and source of fond memories for many alumnae, the Riedinger House stands as a remembrance of things past on Saint Mary's Campus.

Though no longer used for its original purpose, the house was built in 1939 for use for the student practicum required of all seniors majoring in domestic science, according to Barb Henry of the SMC Alumnae Relations Office.

Four students were assigned to live together in the house, along with a live-in supervisor, for a period of nine weeks, Henry said. While there, the students learned advanced home management skills by practicing efficient budget management, planning and preparing meals, shopping, cleaning, sewing and guest hosting and entertaining.

While defunct by the mid-1960s, the College's domestic science programs were considered rather advanced for the time, and students with concentrations in dietetics or nutrition were required to take several rigorous courses in biology and chemistry in addition to fulfilling laboratory requirements.

The program's courses and laboratory sessions were conducted in what is now Holy Cross Residence Hall. The cost of the construction of the Riedinger practicum house was \$21,272, a large portion of which was donated by the Adaline Crowley Riedinger Family. Riedinger, Class of 1864, was the first alumna to send her daughter, Mary Adalaide Riedinger, Class of 1889, to Saint Mary's.

After an unexpected increase in expenses, however, plans for the house were changed to 7/8 scale. This reduction in size is noticeable primarily in the lowered ceilings, especially upon entering the powder room off the main foyer.

The house was furnished in Early-American style, and the bedrooms contained Georgian-period style furniture. Much of the original furniture remains today. The kitchen was considered state-of-the-art at the time of its construction and even included a dishwasher. There were three bedrooms—two for the students and one spacious room with a fireplace for the supervisor.

The bathroom was also unique for the time and was designed in such a way that all four students could use it simultaneously, yet with relative privacy. One area of the bathroom housed a tub, shower and sink; another area, a toilet and a sink; the third area, properly called a "dental lavatory," contained two sinks

and a full mirror.

The basement—originally served as a state-of-the-art laundry facility, containing an electric wringer-washer and an automatic in-wall steam, dry and press unit.

After the domestic science program ended, Riedinger House was occupied in 1968 by Msgr. John McGrath. The house underwent a major renovation in the mid-1970s, and has been suitably maintained since. Much of the original furniture remains and has been reupholstered throughout the years.

Maintaining nearly all of its charm, the house still bears the original copper scalloped gutters, original casement windows and blue toile adorned dining room with original Hitchcock dining chairs. The house also contains one of Mother Madeleva's personal bookcases, a silver tea service formerly of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and an original painting of Norman Laliberte, artist and former art instructor at the College from 1960 to 1965.

Today, the Riedinger House is used by official guests of the College, Alumnae or Trustee Board members or for faculty functions. The rich memorial gardens surrounding the House are open for public use. The House is not available for rent for alumnae weddings or reunions.

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## Katrina

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region.

Students like junior Caity Schneeman, who visited the New Orleans region twice in the last year, have become key players in the creation of this project.

"The whole area is in dire need of helping hands, but here is one of those cases where people don't really understand how bad things are until they see for themselves," she said.

As chair of the task force, Schneeman is already organizing another trip to New Orleans during fall break, where students will be gutting and rebuilding homes.

About 80 people are signed up to travel to Louisiana in October.

One of them is sophomore Luis Crespo, who said it would be his second time helping out in New Orleans.

"The sheer amount of destruction down there struck me, and I really encourage anybody who has the opportunity to go to do it," he said.

The Alliance for Catholic Education has also been working relentlessly all year to help with the reconstruction of the city's education system.

Students working as teachers in the ACE program saw their schools in Biloxi, Mississippi, destroyed by the waters.

While they were forced to evacuate the region, most of the ACE participants returned in less than one week to help coordinate the initial rescue and relief efforts, said John Staud, director of Pastoral Formation and Administration for ACE.

"ACE raised over \$150,000 last fall, which was sent to the schools to support the rebuilding and the continued education of students whose families lost almost everything," he said.

Other ACE participants in the Baton Rouge area welcomed the storm's refugees, offering daytime and nighttime school sessions to accommodate the region's newly-doubled population, Staud said.

One year after the storm first hit, some people still haven't returned to their old homes — if those homes even remain.

"Being there was depressing at first; the city is not functional," Deva said of her New Orleans experience. "There are no children playing in the street, and half of the businesses are closed, and everywhere there are wrecked houses. ...

"The local people, though, are absolutely inspiring."

Deva said she and her fellow Notre Dame volunteers met the owner of every house they cleared, in an effort to connect the work they were doing to real faces and real people.

"We were taught to treat the house as if it were the owner itself," Deva said.

Completing one house took approximately three days, and while she thinks she may have worked on more than one hundred homes, Deva stressed the many more houses still in need of work and volunteers.

"The people down there don't need prayers," she said. "They need people to come help with the clean-up. There is just so much work that needs to be done."

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## Russo offers financial aid advice to British

### Faculty member back after summer abroad

Special to The Observer

The names of the British universities Oxford and Cambridge mean academic excellence even to Americans. And supported as they and other British universities are by the national government, British college tuition does not present the challenge to family finances that U.S. tuitions do.

Just home from a summer appointment to the Oxford University faculty, Joe Russo, director of student financial strategies at Notre Dame, has returned with a key belief reaffirmed: The

broad opportunity to attend college in the U.S. is a significant national asset.

"The U.S. can offer a chance for further education beyond high school virtually for anyone who wants to pursue it," he says. "They can do it, and do it with support if they need it."

"The variety of opportunities is another major strength: Two-year, four-year, public, private, big, small, urban, suburban, religiously affiliated," he says, ticking off the options. "We are recognized around the world as the best."

The United Kingdom itself has recognized the importance of improving accessibility to higher education and is phasing in new approaches toward that end.

Russo served this summer as a fellow in the Centre for Higher Education Policy Studies (OxCHEPS), part of New College at Oxford University. The Centre's work includes developing reports that can be of assistance to university leaders and national policy-makers.

Russo was called to Oxford because of his vast knowledge and experience with the American financial aid system and American federal financial aid policy. He is considered one of the elder statesmen of American financial aid, having served 28 years at Notre Dame and the financial aid profession for more than 41 years. He also has written books on the subject including his recent, "How to

Save for College."

The British were seeking a little Yankee ingenuity because their system for financing higher education is on the cusp of change. Historically, fewer than 40 percent of Britain's secondary schools graduates continue onto college. But the lucky minority who do enroll face relatively small tuitions— the equivalent of about \$2200.

In 2004, the British Parliament passed new legislation intended to make higher education accessible to more students. To underwrite the cost of that expansion, tuitions would increase. Students entering their first year this fall will pay nearly the equivalent of about \$6,000.

## Georgia

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Chapman is hosting 15 students at her home for the weekend. Road-tripping students without friends in Atlanta said they plan to stay at hotels, other colleges near Atlanta like University of Georgia, or even in their RVs.

A student ticket lottery did not take place for the Georgia Tech game. Director of Student Activities Brian Freneau said the lotteries are

reserved for games "within a short driving distance" from campus, although Director of Ticket Operations Josh Berlo noted that 300 tickets would be available for the game at University of Southern California. Without Notre Dame's help for this game, students found their tickets in a multitude of ways.

Senior Mike Sciortino planned ahead. He and his friends went to the Georgia Tech Athletic Web site, [www.ramblinwreck.com](http://www.ramblinwreck.com), on July 1 when tickets went on sale, and purchased a three-

game flex pack. The pack included Notre Dame and two other games of the students' choice, but Sciortino says he plans to sell the other two tickets.

Shadley also found his tickets this summer, but from a more unique source. He and his friends, some of whom live in Atlanta, entered a radio contest there offering 20 tickets as its prize: 10 for the group that could prove itself Notre Dame's "craziest" fans, and the same for Georgia Tech.

In the photos they sent to

the station, the Siegfried juniors doused their friend's hat with lighter fluid, ignited it and "went crazy" in front of the camera. They then hoisted the flaming-head friend up for push-ups.

The 10 tickets were theirs. "I think [the push-ups] are what did it," Shadley said.

When the road trip ends, though, the game begins — and students hope they'll soon be doing push-ups for a different reason.

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## Arrest

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The student, who wished to remain anonymous, told The Observer Sunday that 10 minutes after the man entered her apartment she was increasingly certain "this guy wasn't supposed to be in my apartment."

Several minutes later, the student said, the man was holding a knife to her neck.

Despite his threats — "If you scream, I'll kill you" — the student said she managed to escape by grabbing the knife and pushing his arm away.

As she tried to escape, the man ran out of her apartment, she said.

Williams said he could not give a timeline for the review of the case, to be conducted by the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's office.

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## Band

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do all the home games is a lot, so going to Michigan State and presumably the National Championship this year should be plenty," Dwyer said.

While the band may not be performing at Georgia Tech this weekend, members will be using the extra time to prepare shows for home games.

"We're excited. Our first pri-

ority is always to do exciting shows for the Notre Dame student body," Dwyer said. "We try to make nice shows so the parents, alums and fans — everyone — will like it, but the first priority is the students."

Students will see the band on the field for the first time this season in next weekend's home opener against Penn State.

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# Friday, September 1

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Rocket attack kills 47 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD — A barrage of coordinated bomb and rocket attacks on eastern Baghdad neighborhoods killed at least 47 people and wounded more than 200 within half an hour on Thursday, police and hospital officials said.

The latest spasm of violence — which included explosives planted in apartments, car bombs and several rocket and mortar attacks on mainly Shiite neighborhoods in the capital — came even as Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Iraqi forces should have control over most of the country by year's end.

The Baghdad bombings brought the day's death toll across the country to at least 68.

Attackers rented apartments and shops in buildings a few days ago and planted explosives in them, detonating them by remote control almost simultaneously Thursday evening, said Maj. Gen. Jihad Liaabi, director of the Interior Ministry's counterterrorism unit.

### Israel turns over small border area

JERUSALEM — The Israeli army turned over a small border area in south Lebanon to Lebanese and foreign troops Thursday, a symbolic move paving the way for U.N. peacekeepers to go into the volatile area.

The pullback came as an international donors conference in Sweden pledged nearly \$1 billion to help Lebanon rebuild, after the country's prime minister told the gathering that Israel's war with Hezbollah wiped out "15 years of postwar development."

Israel sent up to 30,000 soldiers into Lebanon during the 34-day war, and when the fighting ended they occupied a zone extending about 10 miles north from the border.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Possible melanoma treatment found

WASHINGTON — Mark Origer entered the last-ditch experiment hoping to beat back his melanoma for a few months. He got far luckier: Almost two years later, his body shows no signs of the aggressive skin cancer.

Government scientists rescued Origer and one other man with advanced melanoma by genetically altering their own white blood cells to turn them into tumor fighters.

The National Cancer Institute called its experiment, unveiled Thursday, the first real success in the long quest for gene therapy for cancer — because it fought the disease's worst stage, when it had spread through the body, not just single tumors.

### Tropical storm Ernesto gains steam

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Tropical Storm Ernesto picked up steam with surprising speed in the warm waters of the Atlantic and built toward hurricane strength Thursday as it swirled toward the Carolinas, forcing the closing of ports and campgrounds.

Virginia's governor declared a state of emergency and hundreds of National Guardsmen were activated there and in the Carolinas as forecasters issued a hurricane watch for the entire North and South Carolina coastline.

Ernesto was expected to come ashore late Thursday near the South Carolina-North Carolina line.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Two walk away from plane crash

GROOMSVILLE, Ind. — A plane crashed in a farm field during a flying lesson Wednesday, but neither the student pilot nor the instructor was injured.

Both men walked away from the plane after it turned upside down during the crash in rural Tipton County about 40 miles north of Indianapolis.

Steven N. Stants, Kokomo, was giving a flying lesson to Scott E. Post, Noblesville, about 6 p.m. when the plane apparently lost power at 1,000 feet, Sheriff Craig Henderson said.

## IRAN

# President defies U.S., deadline

*Country refuses to abide by U.N. request, insists on right to use nuclear technology*

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Iran defied a U.N. deadline Thursday to stop enriching uranium, opening the door for sanctions, but U.S. and other officials said no action would be sought before a key European diplomat meets with Tehran's atomic chief next week to seek a compromise.

Iran's hard-line president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, lashed out at the United States, calling it "tyrannical" and insisting Tehran would not be "bullied" into giving up the right to use nuclear technology. Other Iranian officials said the country could withstand any punishment.

President Bush called for "consequences to Iran's defiance," saying the "world now faces a grave threat from the radical regime in Iran."

"We must not allow Iran to develop a nuclear weapon," Bush said in a speech in Salt Lake City. He said Washington hoped for a diplomatic solution, but insisted "it is time for Iran to make a choice" whether to cooperate with the United Nations.

John Bolton, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said the Security Council would wait to consider possible actions until after the European Union's foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, met with Ali Larijani, Iran's top nuclear negotiator, sometime in the middle of next week.

"We're certainly ready to proceed here in New York when we're given the instructions to do so," Bolton said.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan also was expected to raise the issue during a visit to Tehran this weekend.

Midnight Thursday — the last day of the Security Council deadline — passed with no change in the Iranian position.



Iranian ex-patriots demonstrate outside United Nations headquarters Thursday to denounce Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's nuclear weapons program.

The formal trigger for possible sanctions was provided by the International Atomic Energy Agency, based in Vienna, Austria.

In a report Thursday, the U.N. agency confirmed Tehran had not halted uranium enrichment as demanded by the Security Council and said three years of IAEA probing had been unable to confirm "the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program" because of lack of cooperation from Tehran.

Iran denies it is trying to acquire atomic weapons in violation of its commitments under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. Tehran insists its nuclear program is peaceful, with

the sole aim of producing electricity with nuclear reactors.

The Security Council voted July 31 to impose the Thursday deadline for Iran to suspend uranium enrichment and asked the IAEA to report on Tehran's compliance, dangling the threat of sanctions if Iran refused.

Still, with permanent council members Russia and China opposed to quick and harsh penalties, the council appeared ready to delay such action. Senior U.N. diplomats told The Associated Press that Iran had agreed to meet with European negotiators to try to find a compromise.

Confirming the plans, Bolton said the Security Council would wait to consider any action until after European Union envoy Javier Solana met with Ali Larijani, Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, sometime next week.

An official from one nation on the council said the meeting was tentatively set for Tuesday in Berlin. The official said senior officials from the U.S., Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany would meet in the German capital the following day. Those six nations offered rewards to Iran in June if it gave up enrichment — but warned of U.N. sanctions if it didn't.

# Manned spaceship in the works

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — NASA on Thursday gave a multibillion dollar contract to build a manned lunar spaceship to Lockheed Martin Corp., the aerospace leader that usually builds unmanned rockets.

The last time NASA awarded a manned spaceship contract to Lockheed Martin of Bethesda, Md., was in 1996 for a spaceplane that was supposed to replace the space shuttle. NASA spent \$912 million and the ship, called X-33, never got built because of technical problems.

The nation's space agency chose

Lockheed Martin, the biggest government aerospace and defense contractor, to build the Orion crew exploration vehicle, which is once again supposed to replace the space shuttle fleet, take astronauts to the moon and perhaps on to Mars.

The only other competitors for the contract was a team made up of Northrop Grumman Corp., the world's largest shipbuilder and third-largest military contractor, and Boeing Co.

In picking Lockheed Martin for Orion, described by NASA's chief as "Apollo on steroids," NASA bypassed Apollo throwbacks

Northrop Grumman of Los Angeles and its chief subcontractor Boeing of Chicago. An early version of Northrop Grumman built the Apollo lunar lander. Companies bought by Boeing built the Apollo, Gemini, and Mercury capsules, Skylab and the space shuttle.

"NASA decided to do something different and go with a company that has not been in manned space before, sort of spreading the wealth and making sure they've got two contractors that know the manned space business," said aerospace industry analyst Paul Nisbet, president of JSA Research.

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**Stocks**  
**Dow Jones** 11,381.15 -1.76

Up: 1,933 Same: 164 Down: 1,296 Composite Volume: 2,045,208,728.00

AMEX	2,022.33	+1.19
NASDAQ	2,183.75	-1.98
NYSE	8,388.56	+0.18
S&P 500	1,303.82	-0.45
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,047.37	-93.39
FTSE 100(London)	5,906.10	-23.00

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-0.10	-0.04	38.87
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.36	-0.27	19.57
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-1.96	-0.10	4.99
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.39	-0.10	25.70
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	-13.69	-0.36	

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.65	-0.031	4.732
13-WEEK BILL	-0.30	-0.015	4.905
30-YEAR BOND	-0.69	-0.034	4.878
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.91	-0.043	4.692

Commodities	
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl)	+0.23 70.26
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+8.10 634.20
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.75 91.50

Exchange Rates	
YEN	117.2100
EURO	0.7810
POUND	0.5253
CANADIAN \$	1.1043

## IN BRIEF

### Silver futures surge to 3-month high

NEW YORK — Silver futures surged to their highest level in three months Thursday, as analysts cited good investment demand a day after the amount of metal held by an exchange-traded fund climbed above 100 million ounces.

Gold followed, helped by both silver and a sharp gain in copper, analysts said. Continuing tension over Iran's nuclear program was another factor underpinning precious metals.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, December silver settled 36 cents stronger at \$13.03 a troy ounce. The contract peaked earlier in the day at \$13.08 an ounce, which was its strongest level since May 31.

December gold futures added \$8.10 to close at \$634.20 an ounce, after hitting a one-month high of \$635 an ounce.

Copper turned in a strong performance, as the market discounted news that striking workers at Chilean mine Escondida had come to a provisional settlement, which threatens to end a 25-day strike.

### Judge halts sale of generic Plavix

NEW YORK — A federal judge blocked sales of a generic version of blood thinner Plavix Thursday while he considers the merits of a claim that a Canadian pharmaceutical company improperly entered the market.

U.S. District Judge Sidney H. Stein issued his written ruling Thursday after a two-day hearing in which Sanofi-Aventis and its partner Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. insisted that the Canadian company, Apotex Inc., must be forced to stop selling its product. Stein denied demands by Bristol-Myers and Sanofi-Aventis that Apotex be forced to withdraw from the market the generic product it had already sold.

Apotex had argued that a patent protecting sales of Plavix from competitors was no longer valid and that it was in the public interest to permit sales of its generic version of the drug because lower prices mean even more people can use a lifesaving drug.

The Ontario-based Apotex began selling its product Aug. 8 after negotiations between the three companies failed to settle the dispute.

# Consumer spending increases

Strong start to back-to-school shopping season boosts hope for economy prospects

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumers increased their spending in July by the largest amount in six months and the back-to-school shopping season got off to a strong start in August, boosting hopes that the economy will not stumble into a recession this year.

The Commerce Department reported that July consumer spending rose by a healthy 0.8 percent, double the 0.4 percent gain in June, reflecting a rebound in auto sales.

Meanwhile, many of the nation's retailers reported solid gains for back-to-school shopping in August, led by better-than-expected increases at retailing giant Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and many teen retailers such as Abercrombie and Fitch Co. and Wet Seal Inc.

The new reports provided evidence that consumers are continuing to spend despite rising interest rates, a cooling housing market and gasoline prices that hit records this summer above \$3 per gallon.

That is good news for the economy, given that consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of total economic growth. A slowdown in consumer spending in the spring contributed to a sharp drop in overall economic activity and raised worries that further consumer cutbacks could short-circuit the economic expansion.

Analysts said Thursday's reports should ease concerns of that occurring.

"Consumers are hanging tough and will continue to support the expansion," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com.

Some analysts say overall economic growth in the second half of this year may come in at a stronger pace than expected, based on the rebound in consumer spending. But they said it was critical that consumer confidence stabilize in coming months.

The Conference Board reported this week that con-



Customers purchase back-to-school items as a sales clerk assists them at a Limited Too store Thursday in the Brooklyn borough of New York City.

fidence in August fell to its lowest point since last November, reflecting such adverse factors as the surge in gas prices, the tumbling housing market and the discovery in London of a new terror threat against airline travel.

"Although consumer sentiment has deteriorated, consumers are still spending," Nigel Gault, an economist at Global Insight, said regarding Thursday's reports.

Many analysts said consumer spending should rebound further as long as the employment situation does not falter.

There was good news in that area as well Thursday, with the Labor Department reporting that the number of

Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits dropped by 2,000 to 316,000 last week.

The government will release the August unemployment report Friday and many analysts are predicting the jobless rate will decline from a five-month high of 4.8 percent in July to 4.7 percent with a moderate 125,000 new jobs created.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average edged down 1.76 points to close at 11,381.15 in a day of listless trading as investors awaited Friday's release of the jobs report.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke struck a positive note about the economy in a speech Thursday in South Carolina, predicting

that the strong productivity growth the country has enjoyed since 1995 "is likely to continue for some time."

The 0.8 percent rise in spending last month, the best increase since a 0.9 percent rise in January, reflected in part higher gasoline costs. However, even with inflation removed, spending rose by 0.5 percent in July, the best performance since a similar increase last December.

An inflation gauge tied to consumer spending that is closely watched by the Fed edged up by just 0.1 percent in July, the slowest monthly gain this year, although over the past 12 months prices are up 2.4 percent, well above the Fed's 1 percent to 2 percent comfort zone.

# Investors await employment data

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street ended an aimless session barely lower Thursday after investors shrugged off comments about productivity by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and awaited the government's August employment report. The major indexes ended August with gains.

With Bernanke saying little to inspire the market in light pre-holiday trading, investors decided against making any major moves in advance of Friday's report on non-farm payrolls. The Fed chairman, speaking before an economic and development conference in South

Carolina, said productivity growth is "likely to continue for some time." He said recent reports showing a short-term slowing in productivity didn't change his view.

There are questions on Wall Street about whether the economy has slowed enough to ward off further interest rate hikes — or whether the Fed's 17 straight increases since 2004 might have tipped the economy too far. Productivity gains make it easier for the Fed to maintain a stable rate policy.

The market was hard-pressed to hold on to gains from early in the session. It ultimately had little response to a Commerce Department report that consumer

spending rose in July and that core consumer inflation eased, signaling that the current economic slowdown might not be as severe as some have feared.

Also Thursday, the Labor Department released figures showing a drop in the number of recently laid off workers filing for unemployment benefits.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average was modestly lower, down 1.76, or 0.02 percent, at 11,381.15. The Dow showed gains in each of the previous three sessions, and is now at a three-month high. For August overall, the Dow rose 1.8 percent, its best showing since April.

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## New technologies open campus

Notre Dame students often criticize the University for being shielded by a seemingly impenetrable screen. Now, thanks to the efforts of campus organizations, that screen is becoming more transparent.

With access to more than 60 cable television channels, wireless Internet and three of the nation's best newspapers stacked high in the dining halls — the world and its issues are only getting closer.

The increased exposure to national and world events is striking — and, more importantly, permanent.

Unlike the myriad of "awareness" weeks that periodically flood campus with information about a select issue or cause, continuous exposure to national news makes the world outside Notre Dame more real than ever before.

The habit of picking up a paper every day or tuning into the local news every night will serve students not just this fall, but throughout their lives.

What's more, the "bubble"-bursting effort is not the product of a single campus office or organization. Cable television and wireless Internet come from the Office of Residence Life and Housing. The College Readership Program — delivering 1,600 copies of USA Today, The New York Times and the Chicago Tribune — is the brainchild of a student senator and backed by student government. Students and the administration appear to be united on this front, complementing each other's work on an immeasurably important cause.

Both should be lauded for their initiatives, and encouraged to continue them.

The University and student leaders have made the information available. Their efforts will be measured not by the number of newspapers picked up, but by what students choose to do with the information they now have.

A student population that is better educated on world events should have no excuse for ignorance or complacency. With so much information available, to not know is to not care.

### The Observer Editorial

## The devolution of evolution

Normally, when the U.S. Department of Education (DoE) issues a 13 page memorandum of detailed rules relating to a new federal grant for college students, a few financial aid directors will groan, a few students will cheer, and most people will continue on as if nothing at all had happened. But not this year.

Issued just this summer, the table of acceptable fields of study for the new Academic Competitiveness Grant reads like Einstein's shopping list: molecular biology, toxicology, computer science, mathematics, physics. These are only some of the scientific, engineering and linguistic majors to which Congress allocated additional funds, because it deemed them essential for the continued success of the nation.

Conspicuously absent from the list is major number 26.1303: Evolutionary Biology.

The DoE claims that the omission was simply a "clerical error," but a closer inspection of the memo shows that 26.1303 breaks what would have otherwise been a sequence of 10 contiguous biology majors, and, furthermore, there is a blank line in the document clearly indicating an omission. Giving the obviousness of this "error," it is difficult to understand the removal as anything other than purposeful. Evidently someone in the DoE thinks that evolutionary biology is not an acceptable field of study.

But, besides insulting to all of science, what does this omission actually mean? If you happen to be studying evolutionary biology this fall, it means that you could be out several thousand dollars of federal aid. However, in the grand scheme of things, it probably means very little. The ACLU has already threatened to sue if the major is not restored to the list, and chances are good that it will be added very soon.

What is troubling about this incident

is that it is just one symptom of a much larger problem spanning the entire nation — sort of a bureaucratic canary in a mine-shaft.

On August 11, the journal "Science" published the results of a study that examined American and Western acceptance of human evolution since 1985. While some of the results were promising, overall the conclusions of the study were profoundly negative. As of 2005, 39 percent of Americans rejected the concept of human evolution, which places America second from the bottom among the 34 nations surveyed. Only the country of Turkey had a higher rate of rejection of this fundamental science.

While this is a decrease of nine percentage points from 1985, at the same time the percentage of Americans who are uncertain about their views on human evolution has increased at an astonishing rate, from just seven percent in 1985 to 21 percent as of 2005.

One can safely conclude that most of those who no longer reject evolution outright end up in this intermediate category, and therefore much of the gain since 1985, though hopeful, is nonetheless moot.

As recent as May of 2005 we witnessed an unfolding comedy of errors, as the Board of Education of Kansas once again attempted to handicap the teaching of human evolution in its schools. Additionally, there are now several Republican conventions which have adopted campaign platforms that are openly hostile to the continued soundness of Americans' understanding of the concepts of evolutionary biology.

This reason that all of this is important, notwithstanding the intrinsic value of scientific understanding and the profoundly troubling implications for our nation's cherished and essential separation of church and state — and perhaps even for religious freedom itself — is that today the American people are increasingly called to make qualitative and ethical

judgments on topics that are grounded in biology. Future generations will no doubt look back on this era as a formative moment in our legal understanding of bioethics, in the same sense that the late 19th century was formative in our legal understanding of the role of private corporations. We should not take this lightly.

Reproductive human and animal cloning, genetic discrimination, the implications of transgenic modification, stem-cell research, therapeutic cloning and incidents of viral mutation (e.g. bird flu) are only a handful of the scientific issues closely linked to policy decisions that are currently being debated, and which are all fundamentally grounded in biology.

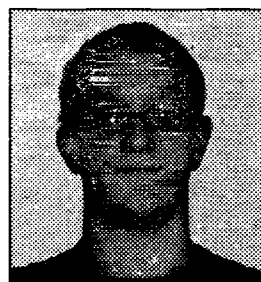
But biology itself is fundamentally grounded in evolution. This is not advanced or specialized scientific knowledge — it is a basic, middle-school level understanding, which an unacceptable number of Americans lack. I contend that with-

out a firm understanding and acceptance of evolutionary biology, we as a society are not equipped to make any kind of meaningful judgments about biologically oriented issues.

Our nation has already lost a great deal because of the rejection of evolution. It has diminished our ability to permit science to enlighten our spiritual understanding of the world. It has overthrown scientific fact as the standard par-excellence on which to base public policy, and it has terminated the ability of a section of our population to do more than babble and wave its hands everywhere that public policy and biology intersect.

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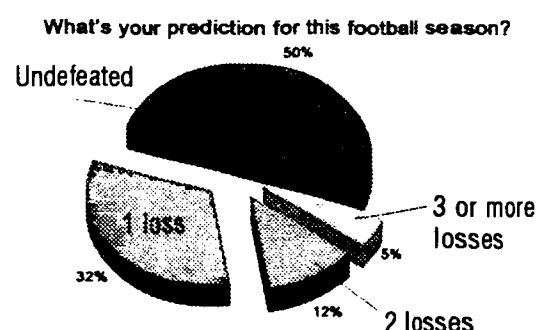


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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The fact that a believer is happier than a skeptic is no more to the point than the fact that a drunken man is happier than a sober one."

George Bernard Shaw  
Irish playwright



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Western role in the Middle East

#### *Stereotypes versus statistics*

Clare Feeney raises a valid-sounding objection ("Beware stereotyping," Aug. 30) to my recent Letter to the Editor ("An invalid assumption," Aug. 29), suggesting, somewhat sarcastically, that I am merely propagating negative stereotypes, and falling only about half an inch short of simply calling me a racist.

This is a brilliant rhetorical move, but not stopping at simply lacking in substance, Feeney goes on to engage in moral equivocation worthy of Ward Churchill. Suggesting that our possession and historic use of nuclear weapons makes us the moral equivalent of Iran displays moral blindness of the first order.

I never made the argument that the West is morally blameless. It is possible for a civilized state to have engaged in terrible acts. Everyone has blood on their hands. But I did advance the suggestion that terrorists are uncivilized and that dealing with them as if they were civilized is a grave mistake.

Civilized people do not deliberately launch rockets into densely populated areas with the express inten-

tion of killing civilians. Civilized people do not strap dynamite to themselves and blow up cafes. Civilized people do not use hospitals and churches as staging areas. Civilized people do not routinely use children as human shields. Civilized people do not execute women for being raped. Civilized people do not recruit illiterate teenagers for suicide missions. Civilized people do not fly passenger liners into office buildings.

The wrongs may or may not have been done are completely irrelevant — there is absolutely no justification for acts such as the ones listed above. These things are beyond the pale and bar the people who commit them from the ranks of the civilized world. Attempting to deal with those who perpetrate such unspeakable acts as equals or acting as if we're no better than they is naive.

Ryan Davidson  
grad student  
off campus  
Aug. 31

#### *Civilization, ceasefire and surrender*

How many letters can Clare Feeney get published in one week discussing her thoughts on the current situation in Middle East? We get it. It's always the West's fault. That line of thinking is obvious in her first piece ("Israel's a terrorist state?" Aug. 28) considering her complete failure to mention the thousands of indiscriminate rocket launches at civilian targets in Northern Israel by Hezbollah (some of which, along with the kidnapping of Israeli soldiers, happened prior to Israel's response) or the fact that those launches came from civilian locations within Lebanon, thus forcing the IDF to retaliate in kind. She also fails to mention that a considerable amount of the infrastructure in Lebanon that was destroyed was done so with the expressed purpose of preventing the re-supply of weapons from Syria and Iran.

In Syria and Iran's case, I would characterize countries known for their complete lack of women's rights, minority rights (both ethnic and religious), gay rights and the rights of political prisoners to be uncivilized. Call me crazy, but that probably fits the description in any belief system. The Left in this country only focuses on those rights when the leader

or country in question is an ally of the US. Otherwise, dictators and religious fanatics the world over are given free reign. If you don't believe me, ask Kim Gandy or Jimmy Carter what they're doing about forced marriages in the Islamic world. One would think they'd be interested.

As to what Feeney considers our most uncivilized act, the use of nuclear weapons against Japan ("Beware stereotyping," Aug. 30), it is pointless to discuss this topic without any historical context. The appropriateness of their use will be debated until the end of human history, but two parts of the debate are fact. First, 500,000 Purple Hearts were produced to be given to wounded soldiers during the invasion of Japan. The military would still be using them if they hadn't changed the design. Let that sink in. Second, Japan is our ally and North Korea is not. When debating the merits of ceasefire vs. unconditional surrender in the Far or Middle East (or elsewhere), the historical results speak for themselves.

Matt Alles  
alumnus  
Class of 2001  
Aug. 30

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### *A modest proposal*

Skipping the tedious business of refutation, Clare Feeney devotes most of her August 30 letter ("Beware stereotyping") to diagnosing Ryan Davidson as suffering from a severe case of "savage Arab" stereotyping. This has led him to accuse Iran (which is not an Arabic state) of, in Ms Feeney's words, "making nuclear weapons for unfriendly purposes." In fairness to Davidson however, it seems possible that his conclusion might be based on more than just repeated viewings of Lawrence of Arabia. After all, Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has been known to call for the Zionist entity (i.e. Israel) to be "wiped off the map." Admittedly, the accuracy of the translation has been questioned, with some experts suggesting that the phrase is better rendered as "wiped off the pages of history." Maybe it sounds friendlier in the original Farsi.

Having said that, when Feeney says that America is in no position to make accusations about Iran's motives since "we are the only one who has actually dropped the bomb" she makes a strong, albeit ungrammatical, point. That is why I propose a radical new approach to the issue, which I call the "Everybody Gets One" policy. According to this policy every state recognized by the United Nations, exception for the United States which has already had its turn, gets to fire nuclear weapons with a total force of 100 kilotons (the total for the two bombs dropped by the U.S., adjusted for inflation based on the increase in the world's population, and rounded up) at a state of their choosing without any recriminations. Then the survivors can go about the business of establishing a sane and rational global nuclear policy unburdened by history on a leveled playing field.

Either that, or we could try to stop judging the actions of nation states, including our own, in terms of friendliness and hypocrisy, as if they were giant superannuated people.

Peter Wicks  
grad student  
off campus  
Aug. 31

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## SCENE &amp; HEARD

## We now bring you a commercial break

It's an awful feeling. You're watching your favorite program or a big game and one of the commercial breaks features the utterly worst commercial you've ever seen.

Whenever a commercial featuring Willie Nelson, Joan Cusack, old men fishing and promoting Flomax, Dr. Scholls or any South Bend car dealership pops on, anger and disgust start to arise like bile.

I had this exact experience recently with a certain Dr. Scholls commercial. Part of the "Are you gellin'?" series, the commercial plays on the word "gellin'" and rhymes it with as many words as possible in an attempt to be funny. I became painfully aware of the fact that the writers of the commercial were trying far too hard to be funny, and the end result was a total lack of humor.

"Why," I wondered, "can't all commercials be funny and enjoyable?"

I had in mind such commercials as the Geico caveman ads, Aflac commercials, anything featuring Red Stripe and even the Vonage commercials where a spokesman tries to promote cell phones while a lobster gets stuck in a revolving door.

There is, of course, a reason for the disparity in funniness between various commercials. This disparity can be connected to a similar inconsistency found among stand-up comedians. Some comedians, such as Dane Cook, Mitch Hedberg and Jerry Seinfeld, are extremely funny, while others, such as Sarah Silverman and Gilbert Gottfried, lack the capacity to humor intelligent audiences.

The difference lies in that the first three comedians do not overextend themselves in their approaches to humor whereas the latter two try excessively hard to woo audiences and fail in the process. Thus, the best humor is unforced, natural and produces unaffected and hearty laughter.

Humor in television commer-

cials functions in a similar manner. An ad depicting a caveman asking for roast duck at a restaurant is funny because it is not trying overly hard to be humorous. However, Dr. Scholls commercials trying to rhyme and ESPN Mobile commercials trying to use humor so subtly or wittily causes them to fall flat on a majority of television watchers and fail miserably.

The source of many poor commercials is clearly the Super Bowl. While Super Bowl ad time has produced many outstanding commercials in past years such as the Office Linebacker and a prehistoric FedEx spot, just as many bad commercials have come from Super Bowl ad spots. Given large amounts of money and a large public forum, writers overextend themselves and turn out horrible advertisements that in turn make it all right for more ads like these to be produced at times other than the Super Bowl.

In the face of poor advertisements like the ones mentioned here and many others floating around the airwaves, it is necessary to ask what can be done to end the pain and bring about better commercial watching. Doing away with Super Bowl ads is not an option given that some of the best commercials originate here. Simply muting the television or changing the channel when a horrible commercial airs also serves no purpose. The offending ad will still play even if you try to stage a one-person revolt against the television powers that be.

I propose that a reality television show be developed in which commercial writers are subjected to a jury of "ordinary Americans" that has the power to sentence writers of bad commercials to punishments of watching their own commercials for hours on end. In one or two seasons, a show like this could weed through the entire population of commercial writers — for how many can there possibly be?

In this way, I believe we can rid America of bad, unfunny commercial advertisements forever. Until then, we return you to your regularly scheduled programming.

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## DVD REVIEW

## 'Friends' a smart, bold film

By LAURA MILLER  
Scene Critic

Writer/director Nicole Holofcener's "Friends with Money" is absolutely shocking.

Joan Cusack (Franny), Frances McDormand (Jane), Jennifer Aniston (Olivia) and Catherine Keener (Christine) play four best friends who are struggling in the adjustment to middle age. Although it is advertised as a comedy, it most assuredly is not. It is funny, but it rises above this label (evidenced by it opening the Sundance Film Festival this year) and is also quite possibly one of the most well-written and true-to-life movies to come out this year.

The best thing about the script is that it allows the actors and actresses to be distinctly human. There is no illusion of beauty. They look frumpy in the morning, they eat ice cream for breakfast and they bicker. At first, it feels like a film that might take 88 minutes to go absolutely nowhere, but Holofcener gently ties the film together in subtle outtakes of the characters talking about each other. It is these clips of the more intimate discussions that tastefully integrate the themes of the movie without forcing any specific message upon the viewer. Holofcener is wise in leaving issues open-ended, allowing the audience to draw their own conclusions and relate to the characters in their own unique way.

Overall, the acting was phenomenal, but it is clear that Aniston is not as comfortable out of the comedic setting as her costars. This is the first film in which Aniston is seen departing from her traditional role — and while it is not a seamless transition, her acting



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Frances McDormand, left, Jennifer Aniston, center, and Catherine Keener star in the intelligent "Friends with Money."

is promising at the very least.

Cusack nails her wealthy soccer-mom persona and McDormand's picture of Jane going through menopause is so perfectly scary that it leaves the audience praying that their mothers (or themselves) are never that bad.

Keener also does a fantastic job showing a woman struggling with her marriage without going too far. These depictions are what make this movie great. It is real and the problems encountered are real problems. Money. Friends. Divorce. There is no spastic soap opera plot with the ex-wife's husband's child getting pregnant, but rather, a thoughtful outlining of everyday problems and event in the life of the middle aged — getting burnt on the stove, noticing wrinkles, etc.

The film also translated well to DVD, in part because of the

simplicity of the cinematography and a larger emphasis on dialogue. The extras are sparse, but actually worth watching. Deleted scenes or music videos are absent, replaced with actor and director interviews. If the movie didn't make the viewer see these actors and actresses as real people, the extras certainly do. They show crew at the Sundance Film Festival clad in jeans and casual shirts, hair in ponytails and minimal makeup. These women looked their parts. They were passionate in their interviews, describing the script in terms of an emotional process — not a "this movie was fun to make" response. It was refreshing to see some big Hollywood names looking and feeling so comfortable in their own skins.

Over the past years, few good movies about women's issues have been released. This movie achieves what films like "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" and shows like "Desperate Housewives" have miserably failed to achieve — a woman's perspective on family life that is not anti-male. If nothing else, this movie is educational.

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## Friends With Money

Full and Widescreen Edition

Sony Pictures



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Catherine Keener stars in the emotionally complex and highly engaging "Friends With Money" as Christine, a woman struggling with her marriage who finds comfort in her friends.



Photo courtesy of brainfuel.tv

Reebok's Terry Tate, "The Office Linebacker," illustrates that commercials really can be funny with only 30 seconds of TV air time.



## SCENE *in perspective*

# Celebrities always under public's keen eye

By ANALISE LIPARI  
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It's been more than a year since Tom Cruise took to the couch on an unassuming broadcast of "The Oprah Winfrey Show," declaring his love for much younger actress Katie Holmes. Viewers were intrigued — albeit somewhat shocked — at this up-close-and-personal exposure to Cruise's formerly very private life.

Cruise's antics during the year that followed only added to the perception that he was odd, or even slightly disturbed. Few can forget his famously calling Matt Lauer "glib" while discussing antidepressants on "The Today Show," while still fewer can watch a Cruise film without the thought of his bizarre endorsement of Scientology on their minds.

It is true that "Mission Impossible III" did yield more than \$400 million dollars worldwide during its on-screen run. However, Cruise's recent split with former partner Paramount, allegedly due to his recent behavior, suggests that the power of negative public opinion remains an indelible factor in Hollywood.

The experiences of Cruise and other celebrities, such as the recently maligned Mel Gibson, call to mind the question public perception in an entertainer's career. When entertainment magazines revealed the details behind the gates of Neverland Ranch, that information undoubtedly altered Americans' opinion of Michael Jackson. Charlie Sheen's recent redemption from the

bowels of Tinseltown has been hampered yet again — this time by the accusation of former spouse Denise Richards of alleged wrongdoing during their brief marriage.

Be it through tabloids, E! Entertainment Television or the internet, the American — and the increasingly global — public finds more evidence of a seamy underbelly to their favorite stars' lives. Often, these revelations can have a powerful impact on those actors' or actresses' careers.

Is it right to judge a man's craft based on the details of his private life or personal opinions? Despite the truth or falsity of this question, history has shown in the end, the public has the final say.

Actors are not alone in this uncomfortable circumstance. Nineteenth century Britain shunned the formerly beloved playwright Oscar Wilde, upon discovering that he had been convicted of engaging in homosexual behavior. Politicians are clearly not immune from public scandal, as Americans have seen in the damaged reputations of Trent Lott, Bill Clinton and even John F. Kennedy.

It is a peculiarity of entertainment, however, that success is so tightly linked to public opinion. To put it bluntly, if an actor or actress has no audience, they simply will not act. The crux of the problem lies where the public's enjoyment of celebrities' screen personas and its fascination with celebrities' personal lives intersect. Where one ends and the other begins is the question that must be asked.

Disconnection with that audience due



Marlon Brando's "Native American" acceptor, left, Mel Gibson, above, and Tom Cruise are all celebrities whose personal lives affect their professional lives.

to personal behavior casts a negative, and often irrevocable, shadow. Despite being a nation of self-proclaimed free thinkers, American sensibilities still contain a strain of Puritan ethic, and social norms still have a say in the actions of celebrities.

The future success of men such as Cruise and Gibson remains to be seen. Bouncing back from scandal can take precious time and money. However, the ultimate redemptive factor may just be the passing of time. In the annals of film history, Orson Welles is remembered more for the critical darling that is 1941's "Citizen Kane" than he is for the

tailspin of weight gain and bad career decisions made in his later life. Marlon Brando is remembered for being off-kilter, sending an actress posing as a Native American to collect one of his Academy awards. However, he is more remembered for his eternal portrayal as Don Corleone in "The Godfather" and Stanley Kowalski in "A Streetcar Named Desire." Some celebrities stand the test of time aside from abnormal behavior.

Only time will tell how our generation's stars are remembered.

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## DVD REVIEW

# 'Arrested Development' shines in third season DVD set

By CASSIE BELEK  
Assistant Scene Editor

After an unceremonious and much-debated cancellation, "Arrested Development" now has released its third and final season on DVD. The Emmy-winning series went from critical darling to cult favorite during its short run but never achieved the widespread viewership it so richly deserved.

The FOX Network did little to aid the success of the comedy by continually switching its time slot, cutting Season Three down to 13 episodes and airing the last four episodes opposite the Torino opening ceremonies. FOX practically ensured the demise of the offbeat series produced by Ron Howard. In the process, television lost its best comedy on Feb. 10, 2006. Thankfully, "Arrested Development" will forever be preserved on DVD in 53 flawless episodes.

The 13-episode third season continues to follow the exploits of the Bluth family, a dysfunctional bunch whose patriarch, George Bluth Sr. (Jeffrey Tambor), was

arrested on multiple counts of fraud and light treason in season one. At the start of the first season Michael (Jason Bateman) — the only sane member of the family — establishes himself as the new leader of his family and the Bluth Company.

This season begins with George Sr. being put under house arrest and Michael meeting British bombshell Rita (Charlize Theron), who is painted as spy that pretends to fall in love with him.

The episodes continue with Tobias getting hair plugs only to have the transplant reject him (not the other way around), Maeby's relation to George Michael finally being revealed, the introduction of new lawyer Bob Loblaw (Scott Baio) and his Law Blog, J. Walter Weatherman returning for one glorious final lesson and the Bluth boys traveling to Iraq in search of evidence to exonerate their father.

Special features on the two-disc set include audio commentaries on three episodes. Also included are 19 deleted and extended scenes, a bloopers reel and a look at the final shooting on location.

"Arrested Development" is far from a failure, with three Emmy nominations and one win for Outstanding Comedy Series. The smartest show not on television employs a massive amount of self-reflexivity, endless pop culture references and a continuous recycling of jokes and sight gags from earlier



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The Bluths romp, dance and crawl their way through three seasons of "Arrested Development." The program's demise was not due to lack of humor or wit.

episodes, not to mention using Ron Howard as the spectacular narrator. The series joins the ranks of "Freaks and Geeks" and "Undeclared" as amazing shows that couldn't find an audience.

For months, speculation circulated that Showtime would pick up the series, but when creator Mitch Hurwitz quit the show, that possibility died. There is now renewed buzz that the show will instead return as a feature film, a prospect Ron Howard himself addresses in the series finale. While most of its actors have moved on to other projects, "Arrested Development" is still fighting for its life.

Shrouded in dysfunction, the series is actually a celebration of traditional family

values. Family unity remains paramount over women, money and loose seals with a taste for mammal blood. Its themes never caught the eye of mainstream America, but the fan base is spreading, particularly among college students.

With its use of handheld cameras and abandonment of the laugh track, "Arrested Development" helped pave the way for shows like "The Office" and "My Name is Earl." The series could not find an audience while on the air, but the Bluth family will live on through DVD, further establishing "Arrested Development" as one of television's all-time great comedies.

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## Arrested Development

Third Season  
20th Century Fox



## MLB-AL

# A-Rod stops slump as Yankees defeat Tigers

*Devil Rays win in 10; Royals fall to Twins*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For Alex Rodriguez, hitting is no big mystery.

"It's a matter of getting a good pitch and putting a good swing on it," Rodriguez said after he had three hits including his 27th home run of the season in the New York Yankees 6-4 victory over Detroit on Thursday. "You have the ability. It's a matter of going out and being assertive with the swing."

So how come A-Rod was 0-for-10 and 1-for-24 going into Thursday's game?

That's the mystery of baseball. Rodriguez offered some explanation.

"I swung the bat much better," he said. "It's a little of everything. When you swing well, it doesn't matter what they throw. The focus is not on what I do. The focus is on what the team does."

But Rodriguez was the American League MVP last season and the highest paid player in the game. So it's hard to avoid the focus, especially in a season when he has committed 22 errors, gone through long hapless stretches at bat and been the target of repeated booing at Yankee Stadium.

It was a welcome change for him when the sellout crowd demanded a curtain call following his seventh-inning home run and manager Joe Torre nudged him out of the dugout. "I didn't think about it," Rodriguez said. "I haven't had one in awhile."

Before Rodriguez homered, Detroit manager Jim Leyland was ejected by plate umpire James Hoyer for complaining on balls and strikes. It was his second ejection this season.

"I didn't like a couple of situations that were called," he said. "But I didn't put on a big show. I was down in the dugout."

After he was ejected, Leyland came on the field, stopped arguing during the singing of "God Bless America," and then resumed the argument, with crew chief Larry Young separating him from Hoyer.

"In my opinion, the umpire got real trigger happy. I felt there

was absolutely no just cause to throw me out of that game," Leyland said.

Randy Johnson (15-10) allowed a pair of early home runs to Magglio Ordonez and Omar Infante — the only hits he allowed through eight innings. Then a leadoff walk in the ninth followed by Marcus Thames' 24th homer made it close and spoiled Johnson's day.

"I was disappointed about the ninth inning," he said. "That's me."

Johnson struck out eight and walked one. Eight quality innings didn't mean much to him. "I didn't pitch a quality ninth," he said.

After Thames' homer, Mariano Rivera finished for his 33rd save in 36 chances.

He gave up a double to Ordonez off the wall in right-center, then retired Carlos Guillen, pinch-hitter Sean Casey and Brandon Inge on groundouts.

## Devil Rays 5, White Sox 3

The Chicago White Sox keep wasting opportunities.

Jorge Cantu hit a two-run single in the 10th inning, and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat the White Sox Thursday to keep Chicago from pulling within 3 1/2 games of first-place Detroit in the AL Central.

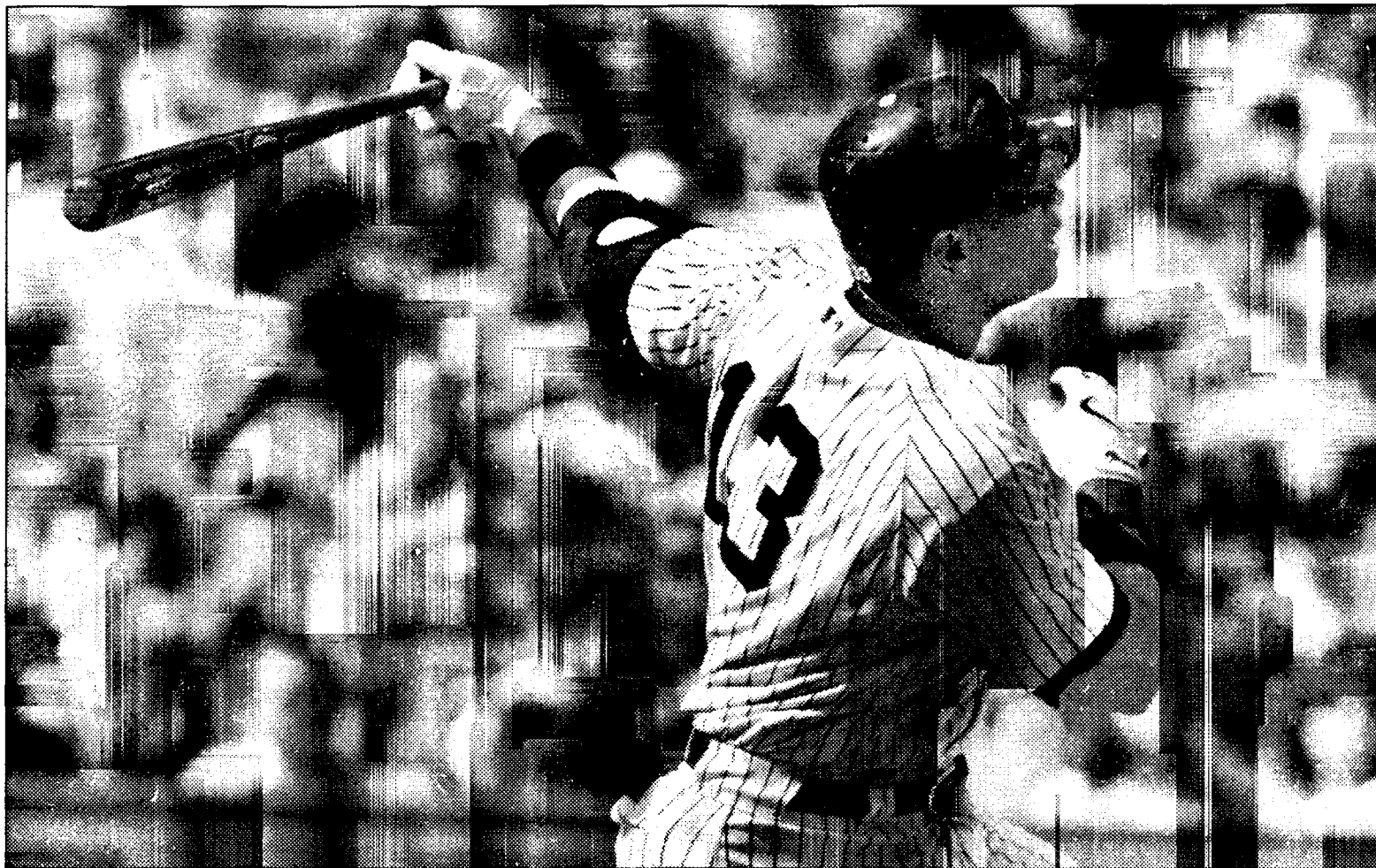
"We don't do any good when Detroit is losing and we're losing," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "We need to win the most games we can, and obviously it would have been nice to win today and be one game (closer), but we didn't. Watching the scoreboard right now is too much, at least for me."

Chicago, which remained a half-game ahead of Minnesota in the AL wild-card race, has not been within 3 1/2 games of first since before play on July 19.

"This is a game we should've won. We had chances and we just didn't get it done," said A.J. Pierzynski, whose two-run homer in the sixth gave the White Sox a 3-2 lead.

Dioner Navarro tied it with an eighth-inning homer off Matt Thornton.

With Pierzynski's homer, the defending World Series champions became the first major league team to hit 200 homers in seven straight seasons.



Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez hits his 27th home run of the season Thursday in a win against the Tigers. Rodriguez ended his 1-for-24 slump with 3 hits in the game.

"Congratulations," Guillen said sarcastically. The New York Yankees have hit 200 homers in the past six seasons and have 167 this year.

"It doesn't mean anything," Pierzynski said. "It's nice we've hit 200 home runs, but we needed to win this game."

After winning two of three from Tampa Bay, the White Sox head to Kansas City for a weekend series.

"Two out of three from now on, I'll take that," Guillen said.

Delmon Young led off the 10th against Brandon McCarthy (3-5) with his fourth hit of the game, took second on a wild pitch and advanced to third on Carl Crawford's groundout. Greg Norton was intentionally walked and Navarro walked on four pitches, loading the bases for Cantu, who singled to left.

"I was just trying to put a good swing on the ball and get on base so the people behind me could drive me in," Young said. "Cantu came through."

## Twins 3, Royals 1

Two of Minnesota's best starting pitchers are ailing, and the Twins are trying to stay in post-season contention.

Johan Santana shrugged off the burden and got another big

win.

Dominant at the Metrodome again, Santana struck out 11 in seven innings to help Minnesota end a three-game losing streak with a win over the Kansas City Royals on Thursday.

"It's his ballgame. He's the man," manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Rondell White homered for the Twins, who moved within five games of first-place Detroit in the AL Central and one-half game behind Chicago in the AL wild-card race.

With rookie Francisco Liriano still working through soreness and weakness in his left arm and veteran Brad Radke fighting persistent pain in his right shoulder, making the playoffs will be tough with a suddenly inexperienced rotation.

But as long as Santana is around, anything is possible.

"I don't try to put pressure on myself or anything like that," Santana said. "I just want to do my job."

Hopefully everyone will get together and win some games."

Estaban German's just-barely home run in the sixth inning was the only score against Santana (16-5), who leads the league with a 2.95 ERA and is 7-0 in the second half.

He walked one, gave up five hits and threw 109 pitches.

Against the team with the worst record in baseball and pitching at home, a victory by Santana was a pretty safe bet. He has not lost in his last 21 starts in Minnesota, going 14-0 since Aug. 6, 2005.

"We ran into Cy Young," said Kansas City's Mike Sweeney, who went 1-for-4. "Johan is the top pitcher we've faced this year."

Royals starter Jorge De La Rosa (1-2) gave up two runs, six hits and three walks while striking out three and pitching into the sixth — when he said he changed his motion.

He left the bases loaded for reliever Joel Peralta, who bailed him out by getting Torii Hunter to ground into a double play that scored Mike Redmond for the go-ahead run and striking out White.

That run was the last bit of support Santana needed. Pat Neshek pitched a scoreless eighth, and Joe Nathan did the same in the ninth for his 28th save.

Jason Bartlett hustled for a double and then scored an extra run in the eighth, when he stole third and came home on catcher John Buck's throwing error.

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## Major League Baseball

### American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	79-53	.598	5-5	-
Boston	71-62	.534	2-8	8.5
Toronto	69-64	.519	4-6	10.5
Baltimore	60-72	.455	6-4	19
Tampa Bay	53-81	.396	4-6	27

### American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Detroit	83-51	.619	4-6	-
Chicago	78-55	.586	5-5	4.5
Minnesota	77-55	.583	6-4	5
Cleveland	63-69	.477	8-2	19
Kansas City	49-86	.363	4-6	34.5

### American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	77-56	.579	8-2	-
Los Angeles	70-64	.522	5-5	7.5
Texas	68-66	.507	4-6	9.5
Seattle	63-70	.474	7-3	14

### National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	82-49	.628	9-1	-
Philadelphia	67-65	.508	7-3	15.5
Florida	65-67	.492	9-1	17.5
Atlanta	63-68	.481	6-4	19
Washington	55-77	.417	1-9	27.5

### National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	70-61	.534	5-5	-
Cincinnati	67-67	.500	3-7	4.5
Houston	65-68	.489	7-3	6
Milwaukee	62-71	.466	3-7	9
Chicago	54-79	.406	1-9	17
Pittsburgh	53-81	.396	6-4	18.5

### National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	71-62	.534	6-4	-
San Diego	68-65	.511	7-3	3
San Francisco	65-68	.489	6-4	6
Arizona	64-69	.481	2-8	7
Colorado	61-71	.462	2-8	9.5

## NSCAA/adidas Men's Soccer Top 20

	team	record
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2	Connecticut	16-3-2
3	New Mexico	18-2-3
4	Virginia	12-5-3
5	North Carolina	17-4-3
6	Clemson	15-6-3
7	SMU	14-6-3
8	Creighton	15-5-3
9	Akron	18-1-4
10	UCLA	12-5-3
11	California	14-4-3
12	Indiana	13-3-6
13	Penn State	13-7-2
14	Duke	12-5-3
15	NOTRE DAME	12-8-3
16	Wake Forest	13-8-2
17	St. John's	11-6-5
18	South Florida	13-6-2
19	Cal State Northridge	15-4-3
20	Santa Clara	13-6-3

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### MLB

San Francisco at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m., WGN

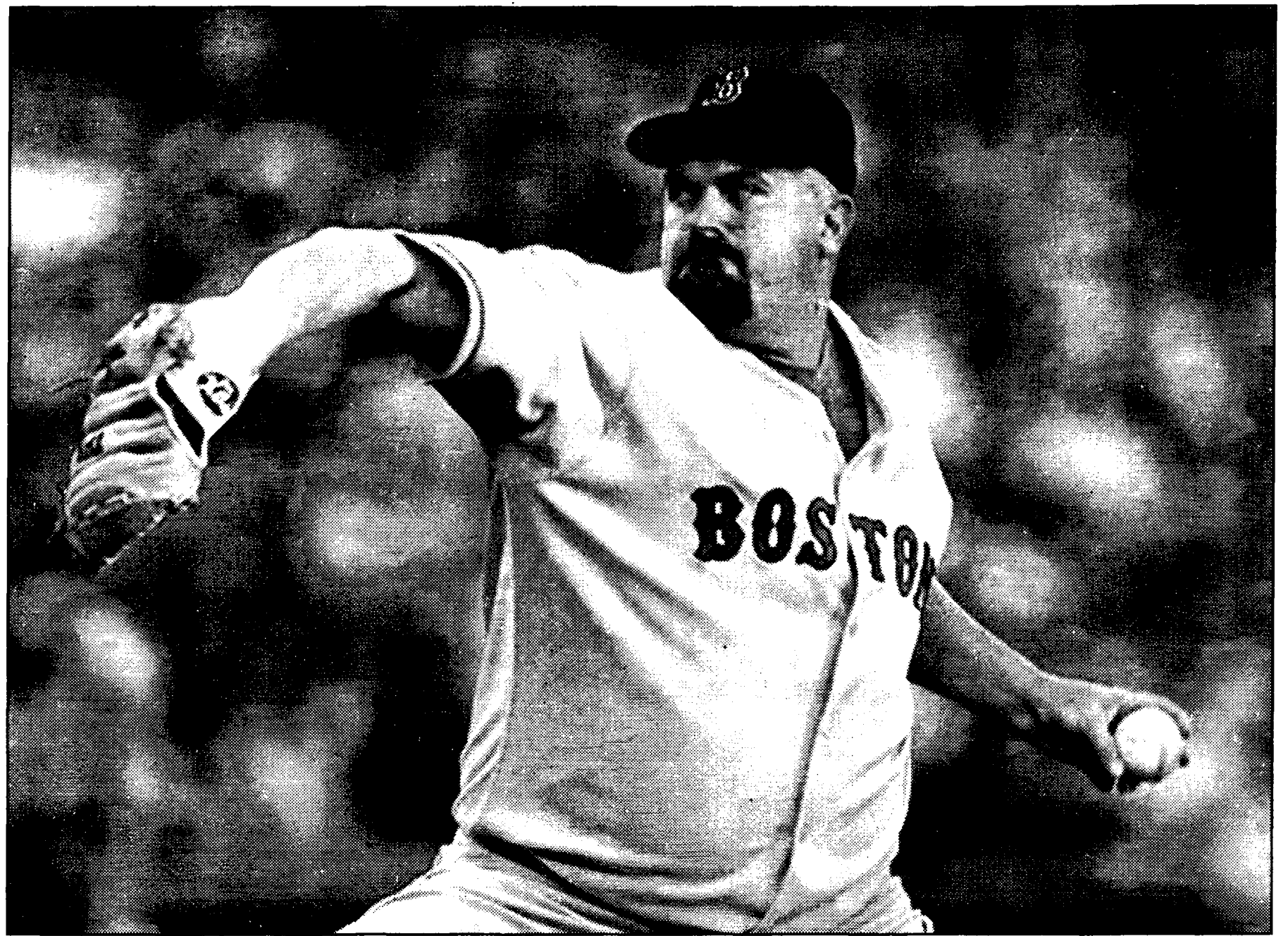
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m., CSN

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m., TBS

### NCAA FOOTBALL

Nevada at Fresno State, 10 p.m., ESPN

## MLB



Former Red Sox pitcher David Wells throws against the Seattle Mariners on August 26. Wells was traded back to the San Diego Padres Thursday for minor leaguer George Kottaras.

## Slumping Red Sox trade Wells to Padres

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Left-hander David Wells was traded Thursday from the Boston Red Sox to his hometown San Diego Padres, who are seeking pitching as they contend for a playoff spot.

"He's thrilled to be heading back to San Diego and, hopefully, helping get them into the playoffs," agent Gregg Clifton said by phone from Arizona.

The defending NL West champion Padres were off Thursday. They were leading the wild-card race by a half game over Philadelphia and trailing the division-leading Los

Angeles Dodgers by three games.

A source told ESPN's Jerry Crasnick that the Red Sox would get minor-league catcher George Kottaras in the deal, which was first reported by ESPN The Magazine's Buster Olney.

Kottaras is playing for Triple-A Portland, where he is hitting .233 with two homers and 13 RBI. The Red Sox organization is in need of catching, and Kottaras has a reputation as a solid defender. To be on a postseason roster, a player had to be in a team's organization by the end of Thursday.

The 43-year-old Wells,

who pitched with the Padres in 2004, was scratched from his scheduled start Thursday night in Boston and designated for assignment.

Wells' locker was nearly empty and four cartons were stacked in front of it before the game against the Toronto Blue Jays. Reliever Julian Tavarez was picked to start in his place.

The 43-year-old Wells has a history of postseason success and has been one of Boston's best starters while the team has fallen far behind in the playoff race with an 8-21 record in August, the worst in the majors for

the month. The Red Sox began the day eight games behind in the AL East and 7 1/2 games behind in the wild-card standings.

Wells, who battled knee problems most of the season, is 2-3 with a 4.98 ERA. Since returning from the disabled list on July 31, he is 2-2 in six starts. He has a 2.65 ERA in his last five outings beginning Aug. 5.

Wells was expected to be in uniform when the Padres open a home series against Cincinnati on Friday night. He is expected to start for the Padres on Saturday against the Reds.

## IN BRIEF

### Tigers skipper stops arguing for "God Bless America"

NEW YORK — Jim Leyland put his argument with umpires on pause of a moment of patriotism.

The Detroit Tigers manager was ejected in the seventh inning of Thursday's 6-4 loss to New York, and came on the field to argue with plate umpire James Hoye.

Leyland got to the plate and started jawing with Hoye when Yankee Stadium public address announcer Bob Sheppard called for a moment of silence followed by the playing of Kate Smith's rendition of "God Bless America." Leyland backed off, stood at attention and respected the moment before resuming the argument.

"That was a little embarrassing," Leyland said. "I certainly in no way, shape or form would I ever be disrespectful. But you don't tell the umpires, 'Hey, I've got to listen to Kate.'"

### Vinatieri still sidelined with injury to non-kicking foot

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts expect an update Friday on the condition of kicker Adam Vinatieri, who has an injured non-kicking foot and will probably miss the team's final preseason game.

Vinatieri's mother, Judy, told The Indianapolis Star that he told her several days ago that he had a fracture, the newspaper reported on its Web site Thursday.

"They sent him to a specialist," Judy Vinatieri told the Star. "They found a small broken bone in his foot."

Colts coach Tony Dungy declined Thursday to elaborate on Vinatieri's injury, saying he expected a team doctor to update about the kicker's recovery on Friday.

Colts spokesman Craig Kelly said that Vinatieri had not suffered any broken bones and that he was recovering from a sprained ligament.

### Ortiz released from hospital, expects to play Saturday

BOSTON — David Ortiz said he is in good health after experiencing heart palpitations and expects to return to the lineup Saturday, welcome news for a Boston Red Sox team reeling from injuries.

"My health is fine. The doctors have told me to rest today and practice Friday so I can be ready to return to the playing field on Saturday," he said Thursday on radio station Z-101 in his native Dominican Republic.

Manager Terry Francona was cautious about putting Ortiz back in the lineup.

"I talked to David today," Francona said before Thursday night's home stand opener against Toronto. "I think he was very upbeat. I think the medical people are also, but, at the same time, we sent him home to be careful. So to deviate from that plan now would be, in my opinion, stupid, and we're not going to be stupid."

## WNBA

# Monarchs return home for second Finals game

*Laimbeer readies Shock to rebound from loss*

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Sacramento Monarchs accomplished their goal of grabbing home-court advantage from the Detroit Shock with a dominating performance in the opening game of the WNBA finals.

But the coaches and players for the defending champion Monarchs expect to see a much different effort from the Shock in Game 2 on Friday.

Detroit coach Bill Laimbeer is demanding more from his players.

"We're a very confident bunch and when we get an attitude, we're even more confident," Laimbeer said. "We got frustrated and a couple players started getting mopey and it affects how you make shots and how you go to loose balls quicker and how you make rebounds.

"That can't happen. ... I told them, in the WNBA finals, the coach's job is to help get you there. When you get to the finals, it's a test of wills."

The Monarchs, who won at Connecticut to open last year's finals series, set new records for points in a game and in a half with their 91-75 victory Wednesday night. And they beat Detroit at its own physical game, getting in the faces of the Shock players on defense and taking the ball straight at its usually solid interior defenders, including power forward Cheryl Ford and center Ruth Riley.

Post players DeMya Walker and Yolanda Griffith each scored 17 points for Sacramento.

"At the end of the day,

defense was what got us the win, and that's the type of team that we are," Walker said. "That's the type of team we've always been, and we know we can't win without it. We also know Detroit is going to come back at us in Game 2, so we've got to keep our focus and remain steady and not worry about Game 1. Game 1's over."

When they weren't pounding it inside, the Monarchs were lighting it up from the outside. Former Shock draft pick Kara Lawson scored 22 points, 18 from 3-point range — another finals record.

The Monarchs forced 24 turnovers.

But the Shock did have a few bright spots they hope to build upon.

Ford scored a career playoff-high 25 points, many of which came from short range or the free-throw line after being fouled under the basket. And Katie Smith scored 21 points, living up to her status as the all-time leading scorer in women's professional basketball in her finals debut.

Ford, Smith and Deanna Nolan, who had 14 points, scored 60 of the team's 71 points. The key for Game 2 is to get more production from Riley and Swin Cash, the team captain and one of the stars of the 2003 championship team.

Riley managed only two points in 15 minutes of playing time.

Cash, who hasn't achieved the same level of consistency since a serious knee injury two years ago, was held scoreless in only 11 minutes in Game 1.

In this year's playoffs, she's had just two double-digit scoring nights and is averaging 7.5 points per game, a few points below her regular-season production.

## TENNIS

# Williams advances in Open

*Sharapova, Davenport move to third round*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maria Sharapova switched outfits for a power lunch while Serena Williams changed her early luck, with both advancing to the third round of the U.S. Open with straight-set victories Thursday.

Lindsay Davenport served up the most impressive win — a "double bagel" in tennis terms — and joined fellow former Open champions Justine Henin-Hardenne and Svetlana Kuznetsova in posting easy wins.

Second-seeded Rafael Nadal faced a tougher test in beating Luis Horna 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Andre Agassi was on the night schedule, and once again could be playing his final match as a pro.

He was set to face No. 8 Marcos Baghdatis, two days after getting a cortisone shot for an ailing back.

No surprise, Arthur Ashe Stadium was already sold out to see him.

The third-seeded Sharapova overwhelmed Emilie Loit 6-0, 6-1.

The 19-year-old Russian won 28 of the first 31 points, and maybe there was some payback involved — in 2003,

Sharapova was knocked out of her first U.S. Open by Loit.

Sharapova came out wearing a relatively simple pale blue dress. The previous night, she put on a sequined, black cocktail number that she said was inspired by her Audrey Hepburn "phase."

Trying for her third U.S. Open title, Williams defeated No. 17 Daniela Hantuchova 7-5, 6-3. She got off to a shaky start in the first set, not that she was keeping score.

"Was I down 5-2? I didn't even know it," she said. "I just started focusing. She was doing everything right."

Davenport showed no signs of the shoulder and arm problems she brought to the tournament, beating Jelena Kostanic 6-0, 6-0.

It was the first love-and-love match at the U.S. Open since 2002, when Venus Williams beat Mirjana Lucic by that score in the first round.

"Some days, everything just seems to be working," said Davenport, the 1998 champion and seeded 10th this year. "These days don't happen that often, so you have to be happy when they come your way."

The second-seeded Henin-Hardenne stopped Vania King 6-1, 6-2 while Kuznetsova defeated 16-year-old American Lauren Albanese 6-1, 6-1.

Despite her loss at Louis Armstrong Stadium, King had

an engagement at Arthur Ashe Stadium: The 17-year-old American was to sing "America the Beautiful" before the night session.

"I'm really nervous," King said. "I don't know if I'll be more nervous for that than my match."

"The inflammation was pretty bad, and I just don't want to go off the court limping," Agassi told USA Network. "It's not what I want to do."

While Davenport was enjoying her breakfast bagels, a crowd formed outside the fence at the practice courts to watch the 36-year-old Agassi warm up.

When he wrapped up, Agassi made a teenager's morning wait worth it, signing the boy's forehead with a Sharpie.

Former Open champion Andy Roddick said he expected a game effort from Agassi.

"I've never had a cortisone shot, but from what I've heard, you feel like you can run through walls," Roddick said. "He's been playing through that pain for a couple of years now, so I think he's used to it."

Davenport didn't face a break point, compiled 11, and produced a 24-2 edge in winners. The match took all of 40 minutes.

"I knew I had to come back tomorrow again and play, so I was trying to get out of here relatively fast. Not that fast," said Davenport, who quit during the final of a hard-court tuneup in New Haven, Conn., last weekend because of fatigue and soreness in her right arm.

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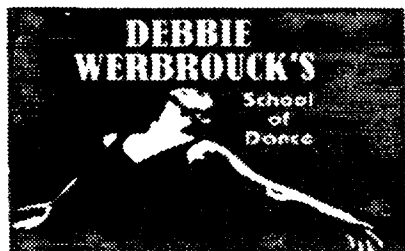
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## BASKETBALL

## Coach K succeeds with NBA stars

## USA to play Greece in Worlds semifinals

Associated Press

SAITAMA, Japan — As practice wound down, Mike Krzyzewski approached LeBron James, who was shooting baskets alone on a side court.

James listened intently as the coach spoke and motioned to a spot in the lane. The two talked for about 10 minutes before Krzyzewski rejoined his staff on another court and James went back to shooting.

Who said NBA stars would never listen to a college coach?

"You know the high-intensity coach that you see on TV," James said later. "You get a chance to see the warm side of him a little bit now on this trip. You get a chance to really know him."

When USA Basketball appointed Krzyzewski coach last October, skeptics wondered whether a college coach, even one as respected as Duke's Hall of Famer, would be able to connect with pampered pros. But those questions have subsided as Krzyzewski has led the U.S. to the semifinals of the world championships.

The Americans already have advanced farther than they did in the 2002 worlds, when they finished a demoralizing sixth in Indianapolis. While the U.S. hopes to win this tournament, the ultimate goal is to bring home the gold in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. If Krzyzewski does that, his considerable reputation will have grown exponentially.

"Let's put it this way: As high up the totem pole as he is, his position will only be enhanced in the basketball world with the success of this program and the new relationships he has developed," said USA Basketball managing director Jerry Colangelo, who hand-picked his fellow Chicago native.

For Krzyzewski, success with the U.S. team may bring renewed interest from the NBA. But having spurned a reported \$40 million offer from the Los Angeles Lakers in 2004, Krzyzewski said he has no interest in coaching in the pros, even though he's enjoyed dealing with the NBA stars at the worlds.

"This is an incredible, unique experience, and I love that experience," Krzyzewski said after a recent practice. "But I'm not going to be going to the NBA. I love coaching in college. Whenever I get through coaching in college, that'll be it, whenever that is. I'm not saying that it's imminent."

The 59-year-old Krzyzewski, a West Point graduate, accepted this job because he wanted to restore the U.S. to prominence in world basketball. Krzyzewski has won 753 games and three national titles in 26 years at Duke and five at Army. But he hasn't led a team to an Olympic gold medal, although he was an assistant on the gold medal-winning Dream Team in 1992.

U.S. forward Shane Battier played for Krzyzewski at Duke and sees in his coach the same vigor at the worlds.

"He's enjoyed the journey because it is so different from what he's been doing the last

30 years," Battier said. "And he is an individual who really gets off on those sorts of experiences and those challenges."

At the outset, it was fair to wonder whether rich NBA players would be sufficiently motivated. But when Krzyzewski and Colangelo required the Beijing Olympics, the likes of James, Kobe Bryant, Carmelo Anthony and Dwyane Wade bought in.

Once the U.S. had assembled its roster, Krzyzewski didn't worry about his wealth of NBA talent. He dealt with his players as people, not celebrities.

During training camp in Las Vegas this summer, Krzyzewski spent much of his time talking to players individually, just as he did with James at practice in Japan. He understands this is the NBA offseason and knows not to push too hard.

"Even when we're doing five-on-five, if a guy's sitting out, I might go up to him and be able to do that instead of saying, 'Will you come to my room and have this meeting?'" Krzyzewski said. "That's relationship-building. At least the first three days in Vegas, that's all I was doing."

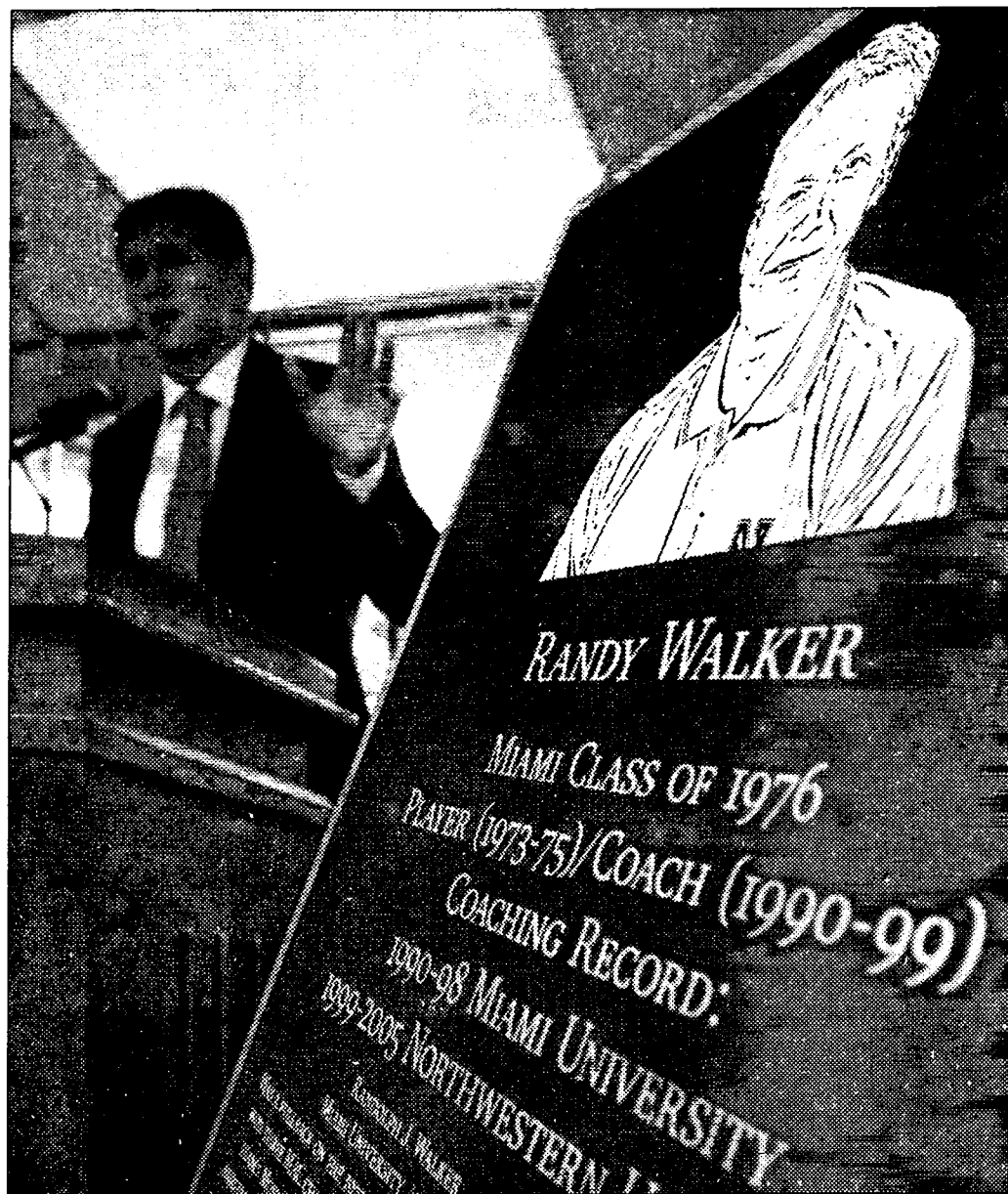
"Somebody would say, 'Well, who's the head coach?'" Krzyzewski said with a grin. "I don't know. There's this guy walking around talking to everybody."

The players may have envisioned the sort of fiery speeches Krzyzewski uses when Duke faces North Carolina. But his approach has been more low-key.

"I really didn't know what to expect coming in," guard Kirk Hinrich said.

## NCAA — FOOTBALL

## Wildcats beat Red Hawks in opener



Northwestern athletic director Mark Murphy speaks at a ceremony honoring deceased head coach Randy Walker. The Wildcats beat Miami (OH) in their season opener.

## NU bests Miami in memory of dead coach

Associated Press

OXFORD, Ohio — With his number on their helmets and his nickname on their hearts, Randy Walker's players gave him one more tribute.

Erryn Cobb blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown Thursday night, helping Northwestern finally get beyond two months of mourning with a 21-3 victory over Miami University.

The entire night was a tribute to Walker, the 52-year-old Miami graduate and Northwestern coach who died two months ago of an apparent heart attack. The season opener featured a lot of emotion but no points in the first half.

Coach Pat Fitzgerald, who was Walker's close friend and top assistant, watched his Wildcats find their stride in the second half behind red-shirt quarterback Mike Kafka, who threw a 19-yard touchdown pass.

Terrell Jordan made the Miami fans head for home with a 4-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter that made it 21-3 — too much for Walker's alma mater to overcome.

Walker scheduled the game when he left Miami in 1999, agreeing to make Northwestern only the second Big Ten team ever to visit Oxford. Walker was remembered during a pregame tribute behind one of the end zones, where a plaque with his likeness was unveiled.

There was a moment of silence before the kickoff, and Walker's wife, Tammy, went on the field for the coin toss. Players from both teams wore

a decal with Walker's uniform number and nickname just above their facemasks.

Northwestern players also had a rectangle that said "WALK" sewn on the front of their jerseys over their hearts.

Video and photos of Walker's career were shown on the scoreboard at halftime, lending the feel of a memorial instead of an opener. Two listless offenses provided little distraction in the scoreless first half, a reflection of the mutual inexperience at quarterback.

In Walker's wide-open offense, the Wildcats averaged more than 500 yards per game last season behind Brett Basanez, the school's career passing leader. His replacement started out playing like a freshman.

Kafka went 7-for-11 for a measly 26 yards in the first half. In two telling throws, he bounced passing at the feet of wide-open receivers on back-to-back plays.

His counterpart had his own problems. Junior Mike Kokal made only his second career start for Miami, which managed 54 yards in the scoreless half against a defense that finished last in Division I-A last season.

Maybe that was another appropriate tribute. Walker never minded a low-scoring game. A star tailback at Miami, he preferred the slog-it-out style — his spread offense was a matter of necessity, not deeply held philosophy.

Cobb, a senior tight end, broke the stalemate by breaking through the line on Miami's first punt in the second half and batting Jake Richardson's kick to the ground. The ball bounced straight up, and Cobb caught it cleanly and ran 8 yards for his first career touchdown.



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## MLB — NL

## Sanchez leads league in average

*Unkown third baseman  
outhitting superstars*

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Batting championships once came with relentless regularity for the Pittsburgh Pirates, who won nearly one-quarter of all the National League titles during the 20th century.

But who expected Freddy Sanchez, the Red Sox castoff and a utility infielder at the start of the season, to challenge for their 25th title and first since 1983? Certainly the Pirates didn't.

Sanchez, in his first season as a regular at 28, takes an NL-leading .347 average into September after hitting .301 or better every month this season.

If he can maintain that consistency, and no one behind him gets unstopably hot, Sanchez could join former Pirates such as Honus Wagner (eight titles), Roberto Clemente (four) and Paul Waner (four) as an NL champion.

He would be their biggest out-of-nowhere winner since Matty Alou, once a journeyman outfielder, changed his batting approach after being traded by the Giants and jumped his average from .231 in 1965 to .342 in 1966.

Can he do it? Sanchez doesn't know, and doesn't talk much about his unanticipated pursuit of the silver bat. But after hitting .354 in August (39-of-110) — he hit .360 in May and .380 in June — he has answered the doubters who suspected he couldn't stay in the race long-term after moving into the lead July 3.

"I do have confidence in my

ability, but I was always labeled as a utility guy and it can be hard to shake that label," he said. "This isn't something I thought about and it's just happened."

If anyone with the Pirates says he saw this coming, he's not telling the truth. As manager Jim Tracy said, "Did I expect him to contend for the batting championship? No."

Sanchez hit .291 in 453 at-bats last season, mostly at third base, yet the Pirates went out and signed Joe Randa to a \$4 million contract to be their third baseman. Sanchez? He was supposed to be their super sub, a guy who would get regular at-bats at every infield position.

If nothing else, this illustrates why the Pirates are one loss from a 14th consecutive losing season: They had a potential batting champion and NL All-Star on their roster, yet didn't make him a regular until he forced them to do so in early May.

"He never complained," Tracy said. "Give him a lot of credit. He handled it very professionally."

The 5-foot-10, 180-pound Sanchez is more than a singles hitter. He has 45 doubles, two off the club record for a right-handed hitter, a total never approached even by Hall of Famer Clemente.

"He can flat out hit," said Pirates pitcher Marty McLeary, who came up in the Red Sox system with Sanchez. "He's always found a way to get it done."

Sanchez also has been exceptional in the clutch. His two-run single in the 11th inning Wednesday gave the Pirates a 10-9 win over the Cubs and raised his average with runners in scoring position to .419, the highest among NL players with

40 or more such at-bats.

And while Albert Pujols often is called the NL's best clutch hitter, consider this: Going into Thursday's games, Sanchez had 65 RBIs with runners in scoring position to Pujols' 68, even though Pujols had 39 homers to Sanchez's 6.

Pujols, by the way, is making \$14 million this season to Sanchez's \$342,000.

"He's been Mr. Clutch all year," Jason Bay said of Sanchez, who is trying to become the Pirates' first batting champion since Bill Madlock in 1983.

Sanchez's enthusiasm, always-on personality and love of the game have turned his teammates into his biggest fans. He still likes taking batting practice, much as he did when he passed up Friday night dates as a California high schooler to hit in batting cages. In the minors, he had averages of .339, .328 and .341.

"There isn't a guy in that clubhouse who isn't rooting for this kid to win the batting championship," Tracy said. "He's just amazing. If you handed out ballots at the start of the season listing potential candidates to win the batting championship, I don't know of his name would have been on the list. Now he's a player who people will keep an eye on for years to come."

Teammates such as Jack Wilson are urging Sanchez to not read the papers and skip watching TV sports highlights so he doesn't get caught up in the race and starts pressing for hits. Not that they expect that from a hitter who has had consecutive starts without a hit only twice all season.

"All you try to do is put the ball in play," Sanchez said, "And find some holes."

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Irish forward Kerri Hanks tracks down a ball during Notre Dame's 9-0 victory over Iowa State at Alumni Field Saturday. Notre Dame hosts the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic this weekend.

## Broncos

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soccer because two top teams play each other early every year."

Notre Dame's first game of the Classic will be tonight at 7:30 against USC. Despite Notre Dame's intense football rivalry with the Trojans, the two women's soccer teams have not played a regular season game during Waldrum's tenure.

"Certainly, the two institutions have a lot of competition with each other, but the only time we've played them while I've been here was in a spring [exhibition] game," Waldrum said. "I'm hopeful that after getting them here this year, this is a relationship we can continue after this year."

The Broncos and Irish, on the other hand, have played several hard-fought games over the last few seasons. In 2003, Notre Dame won 2-1 in Santa Clara on a goal by then-sophomore Katie Thorlakson. In 2004 the Irish beat the Broncos twice — once by a score of 5-2 in the regular season and then 1-0 in the national semifinal.

Last season, Santa Clara ended its losing streak, beating the Notre Dame 1-0 at the Broncos' home field.

The Broncos are generally known for the explosive offense, but have only scored two goals in their first two games — a pair of 1-0 victo-

ries over Wake Forest and Utah. Irish defender and senior captain Kim Lorenzen said Notre Dame still has to respect Santa Clara's forwards.

"Santa Clara is a challenge for us because they're very technical and creative where they're on the attack," Lorenzen said. "They're one of the best attacking teams in the NCAA."

The Irish back wall will be once again without sophomore defender Carrie Dew who, along with sophomore forward Brittany Bock, is competing in the U-20 World Championships in Russia. Freshmen Amanda Clark and Haley Ford have alternated in Dew's spot and will be called upon to help slow down the powerful Bronco attack.

"[Clark and Ford] have really stepped up," Lorenzen said. "We haven't missed a beat with Carrie gone, but at the same time we're really excited to have her back starting next week."

As for the Trojans, they come into tonight's contest 1-0-1, with a 4-1 win over UC-Santa Barbara and a scoreless tie with UC-Irvine last weekend. While the two teams haven't played in a while, Lorenzen said the Irish have been focusing on USC this week and trying not to look ahead to Sunday against the Broncos.

"We haven't played [USC] since I've been here," Lorenzen said. "I don't know anyone personally on their

team, but most California schools are really good programs. We're not looking past them at all."

### Notes:

♦ Lorenzen, sophomore forward Kerri Hanks, and freshman midfielder Courtney Rosen saw reduced playing time last week due to muscle pulls in their legs, but Waldrum said all three are healthy for this weekend.

♦ Waldrum said he has not decided which goalie — freshman Kelsey Lysander or junior Lauren Karas — will start against USC tonight. Lysander started last Saturday against Iowa State, while Karas started last Sunday against Ole Miss.

"We'll make a decision of who we start on Friday and then maybe we'll decide to [start the other one on Sunday] again, or not," Waldrum said.

♦ USC and Santa Clara will both play Harvard this weekend as part of the Inn at Saint Mary's Notre Dame Classic, but the Irish will not face the Crimson, nor will the Broncos and Trojans play.

♦ Waldrum said he expects big crowds for the two home games, especially tonight.

"I'm hoping that we get a really good crowd," he said. "I'm sure the students want to do something the night before football season gets started."

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## Belles

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mark at the 6K MIAA Championship.

White hopes to pick up where she left off at the end of last year after a summer of track workouts and hill training Bauters implemented.

"[Bauters] has really taken our program to the next level," White said. "Jackie has a strict plan for our team, but I think that kind of seriousness of effort is needed."

Saint Mary's sophomores also add experience to the

fold. Kelly Biedron was a steady performer all last season, posting times that were among the top half of the field in each race. Caitlin Stevenson will also be counted on to provide consistency after improving her times during the final three races of the 2005 season. In addition, Grace Fey looks to continue her improvement after posting several low times last season.

The regular season kicks off Sept. 8 with the Aquinas College Invitational in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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## SHARP AIM



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Notre Dame quarterback Evan Sharpley throws during the team's practice in the Loftus Center Thursday. Sharpley is No. 2 on the quarterback depth chart for Saturday's game against Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

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The Irish expect the competition to be just as stiff this year.

"Whereas last weekend's tournament had three top-20 teams, you're talking about four top-20 teams this weekend," Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark said, referring to Saint Louis, Indiana and No. 16 Connecticut. "These are all potential Final Four teams."

Competitive games are nothing new when Notre Dame and Indiana take the field together. Over the past five seasons, the two teams have split their six contests, and it was the Irish who ended the Hoosiers' bid for a second consecutive national title last November with a 2-0 win in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"There's a very healthy respect for the other in both camps," Clark said. "It's been a hard fought rivalry with great games, and we're lucky to have such a quality opponent in such close proximity."

Indiana will enter this weekend with a record of 2-0-0 after finishing in first place at Notre Dame's Berticelli tournament last weekend. The Hoosiers defeated Creighton 1-0 in double overtime and edged UAB 2-

1. The Irish, who finished in second place with a record of 1-1-0 in the tournament, will have a chance to repay the favor this weekend.

Notre Dame's other opponent this weekend, Saint Louis, has an impressive history at the Classic — owning an all-time record of 10-1-3. The Billikens also have a 9-3-1 record all-time against the Irish. Notre Dame, however, won the only match-up between the two teams last season by the score of 1-0 in overtime.

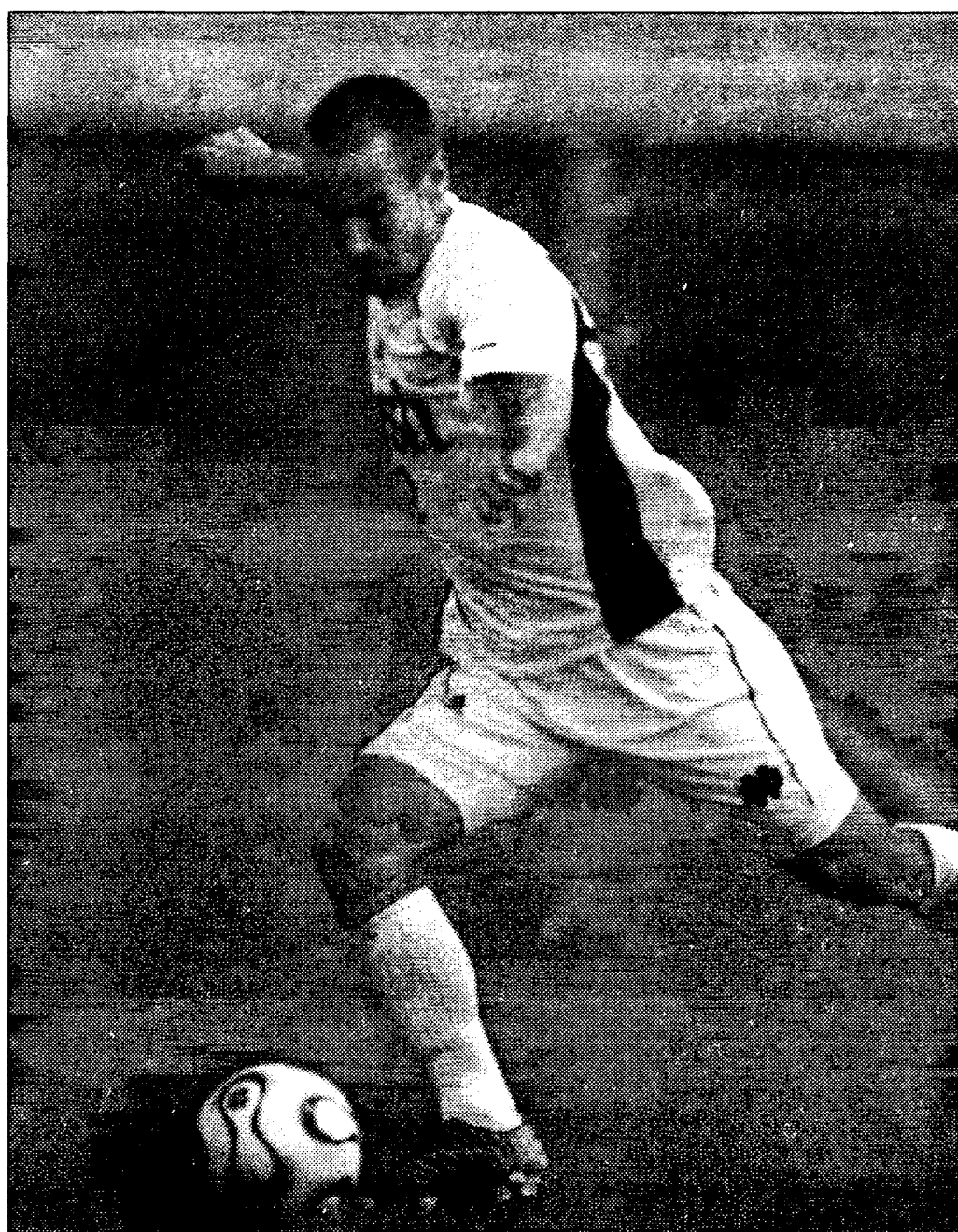
Clark sees this as a positive in the high levels of competition this weekend for his team.

"I believe in playing the best possible schedule you can," he said. "You only have eighteen regular season games, and you want to make every game as good as possible. Athletes love pitting themselves against good competition, and that's when you find out who the true competitors are."

Plus, two wins this weekend will send a message.

"It's an early opportunity to make a statement," he said. "We can either pass that opportunity or grab it with both hands. I hope we grab it with both hands."

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Irish senior forward Justin McGeeney lines up a kick during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Creighton Sunday. Notre Dame faces No. 8 Indiana and No. 25 Saint Louis this weekend.

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have a chance to win all of them."

With the strenuous schedule of the Invitational and its early position in the season, Brown sees the tournament as a starting point from which the Irish can gel rather than a must-win series.

"It's important that we play in a sport that there's a tournament at the end," she said. "It's not something that will be critical to the success of the season. It is something that will help develop the chemistry and confidence of the team. We know that we're going to learn a lot from the weekend, no matter the outcome."

This will be the first match the Irish have played since a 3-0 victory over Bowling Green on

Saturday — a match in which freshman Christina Kaelin had 24 kills and earned Big East rookie of the week honors.

Despite the Falcon shutout, Brown said she would like to see her individual hitters improve their efficiency in order to increase the team's overall percentage of successful shots made.

The team has also been working all week on shot selection, serving and transition offense in practice.

"I think it's really realistic. It's going to be a hard thing to do," Kaelin said of earning four wins this weekend. "We're going to have to play really well since we have so many new people on the court. We need some time to work out the kinks."

Valparaiso (3-0) comes into the weekend off a three-win

showing at the Chicagoland Classic. The Irish are 20-3 all-time against the Crusaders, who are the second most-common opponent in Notre Dame history.

Idaho (0-3) has struggled in the early season, losing three matches to Oklahoma, Arkansas and North Carolina. This will be only the third time that the Vandals and Irish have met, with the series tied at one apiece.

Missouri (3-1) and Santa Clara (3-0) are both top-25 ranked teams and fresh faces for the Irish — this is the second and first time, respectively, that Notre Dame has faced these opponents. Santa Clara advanced to the NCAA tournament semifinals just a year ago before losing to No. 1 Nebraska and Missouri made it to the

NCAA round of 16 — as did the Irish.

"It's hard at this point, everyone has just played one weekend," Brown said of gauging the competition. "A lot of it, we're going to have to be able to use the depth we have on the team. By the time we play on Sunday, fatigue comes into it. But I feel we're in really good shape. It's just going to be the ability to concentrate on one match at a time for sure."

Notre Dame has won the Invitational eight times — including five in a row — and holds a 27-4 all-time record in it.

"I'm excited. It's something I've never been a part of before, we're all looking forward to it," Kaelin said of the tournament. "It's a challenge, and we're all ready for it."

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*"We need some time to work out the kinks."*

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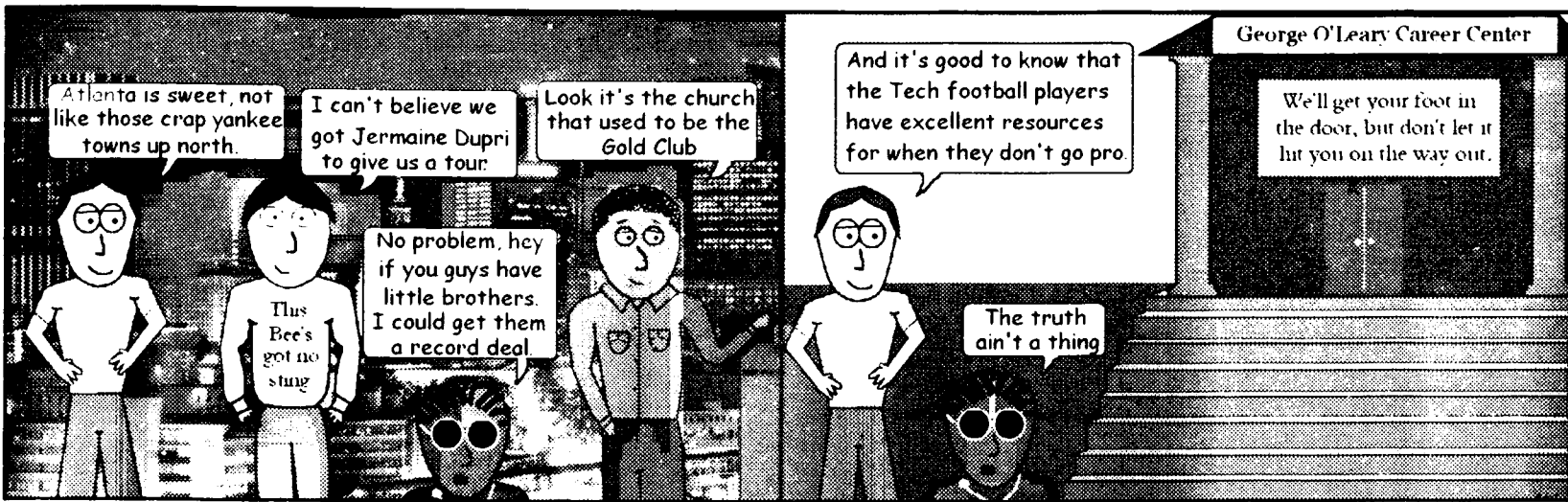
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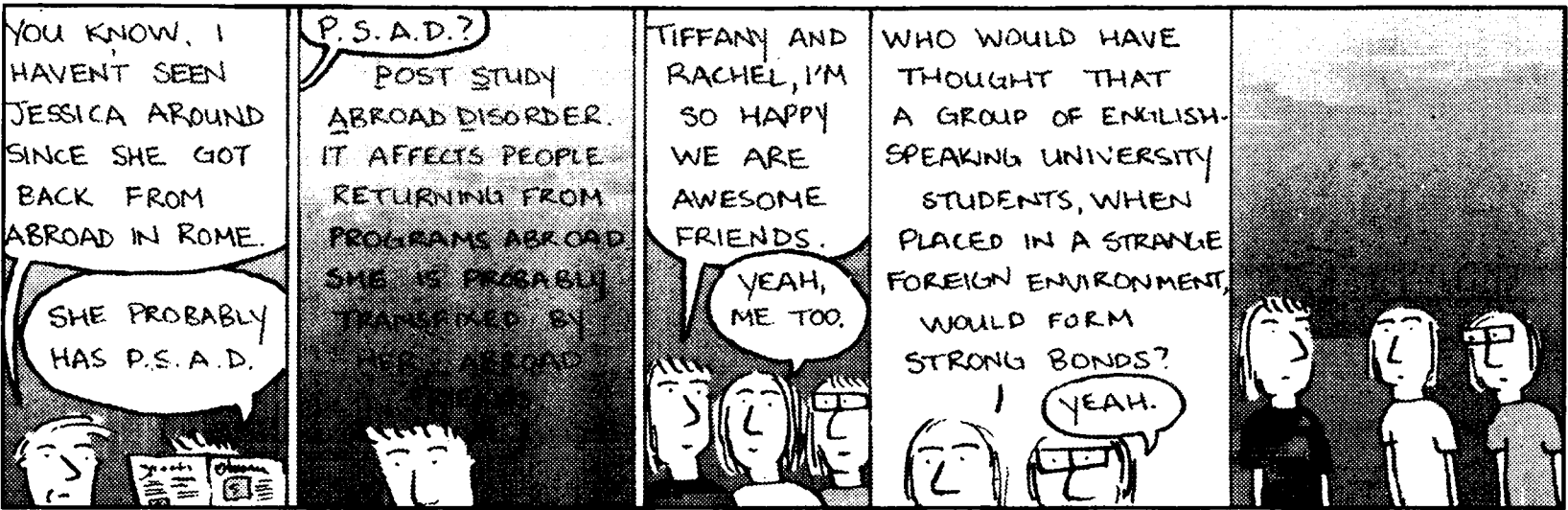
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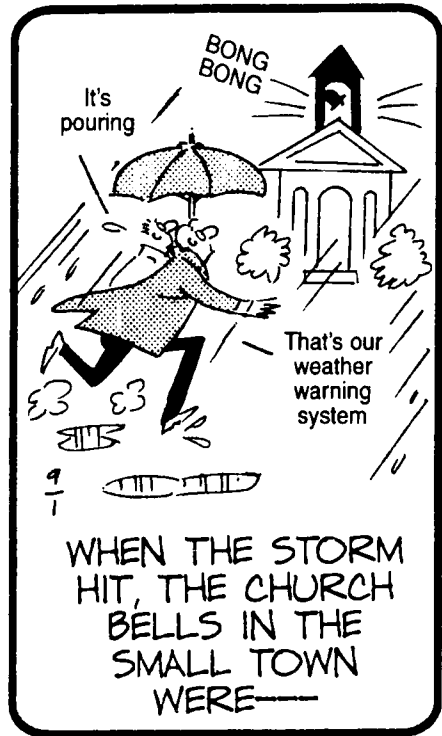
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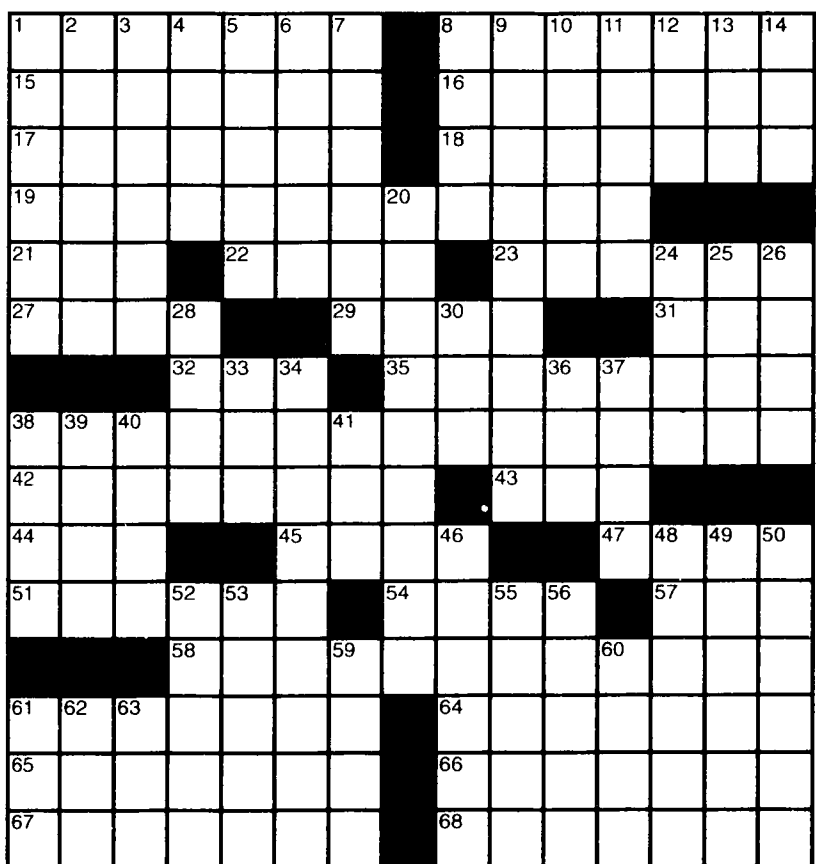
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- 22 Sounds to skip by
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- 29 Noted bell tower site
- 31 Preschoolers?
- 32 Melted glaze
- 35 Authenticate
- 38 See 19- and 58-Across
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- 43 Windy City transportation org.
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- 45 Memo starter
- 47 Rarely read messages
- 51 Stitches over
- 54 Investment options, for short
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- 58 Type of 19-Across that 38-Across is
- 61 Comedian's shtick
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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Chad Brannon, 26; Jeff Hardy, 28; Richard Gere, 56; Zack Ward, 35

**Happy Birthday:** This can be a great year for you if you are quick to get the ball rolling. Stop contemplating what you should do and take action. You'll only have yourself to blame if you are still standing in the same place this time next year. Determine what you want and go after it. Your numbers are 7, 15, 22, 31, 39, 48

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** This is the perfect time to set your mind on what you want and go after it. You will be able to convince anyone you encounter to help you out. A creative project will turn out better than you anticipated. \*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Trouble is brewing, so deal with it before it gets out of hand. Your stubborn attitude will make matters worse, so leave your ego at home and be prepared to compromise. Don't take advice the wrong way. \*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You will be intuitive today, instinctively knowing when to make your move. A romantic connection will turn out to be an asset in more ways than one. This is not the time to sit back and let others take over. \*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You may find yourself sitting in a rather precarious position if you have been overreacting to emotional matters at home. You may owe an apology. Don't put it off; the longer you ignore the problems, the worse matters will become. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Be confident and do your thing today. You will be in the limelight and will attract someone who can make your life easier. Change your daily routine and you will feel rejuvenated. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Take the initiative. Get involved at whatever level you can with something that interests you, and you can make a difference. Convince someone you enjoy doing things with to join you. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Everything will turn in your favor today if you present your ideas and do your own thing. Your professionalism will capture the interest of someone in a position to help you. Don't question your ideas. \*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't let jealousy or envy be your downfall today. Focus on what you can do, not what you can't. Get back to basics and what is required to deal with your own success. \*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You will be riding a high crest, but don't let that fool you into overspending. Love relationships are looking good, so put time aside to be with loved ones. You will have the discipline and the knowledge to make headway. \*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Matters concerning money, legal issues or health must be dealt with quickly. Your intuition will not lead you astray. Your interest in others will be impressive and attract someone who will help you out. \*\*\*

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**Birthday Baby:** You are emotional, sensitive and intuitive. You are stubborn, stand up for your rights and you aren't afraid to follow your own path.

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## ND SOCCER

# Sunday showdowns

*Clark ready to take on perennial power Indiana on Sunday*

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

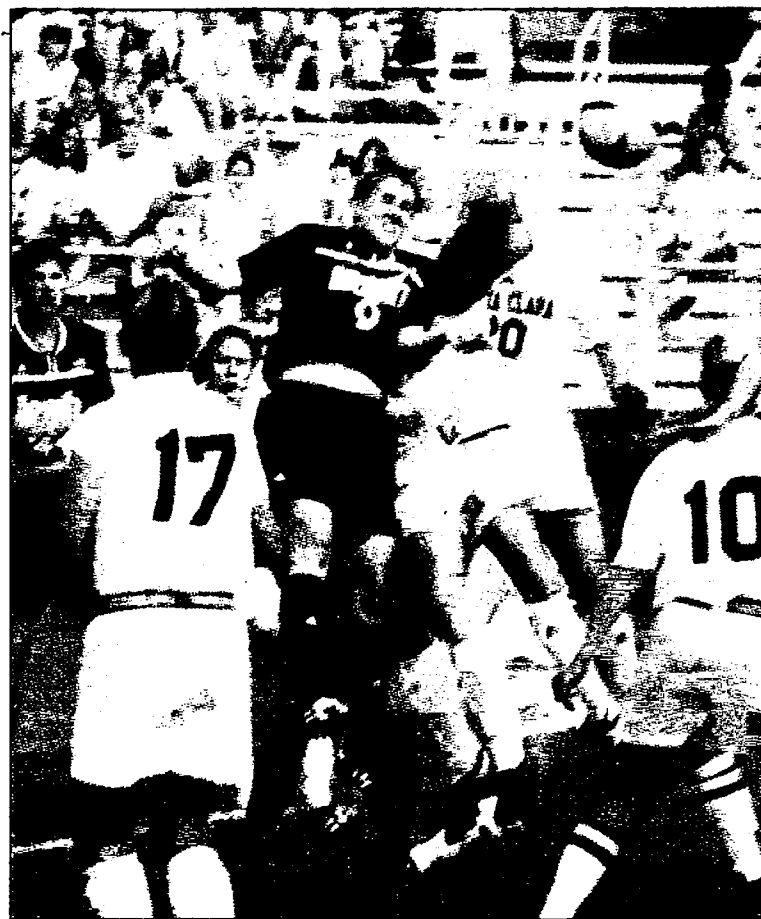
After two difficult games in the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament last weekend, Notre Dame will have no time to relax this weekend as it takes on No. 8 Indiana and No. 25 Saint Louis in the Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington.

This will be the fourth consecutive season Notre Dame has participated in the Hoosiers' annual event, one of the most competitive early-season tournaments in the nation. On nine separate occasions, the eventual NCAA champion has participated in the Classic.

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Left, Irish junior Kurt Martin dribbles past Creighton midfielder Danny Minutillo during Notre Dame's 4-1 victory over the Bluejays Sunday. Right, Irish senior Jen Buczkowski scores the first goal in Notre Dame's 5-2 victory over Santa Clara Sept. 5, 2004.



Photos by TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

*Women prepare for a battle of top-ranked teams against SCU*

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame, ranked No. 1 in the Soccer Times Coaches Poll after wins over Iowa State and Ole Miss last weekend, will face Santa Clara, ranked No. 1 in the Soccer Buzz poll, as part of the Inn at Saint Mary's Notre Dame Classic at 1 p.m. on Alumni Field Sunday.

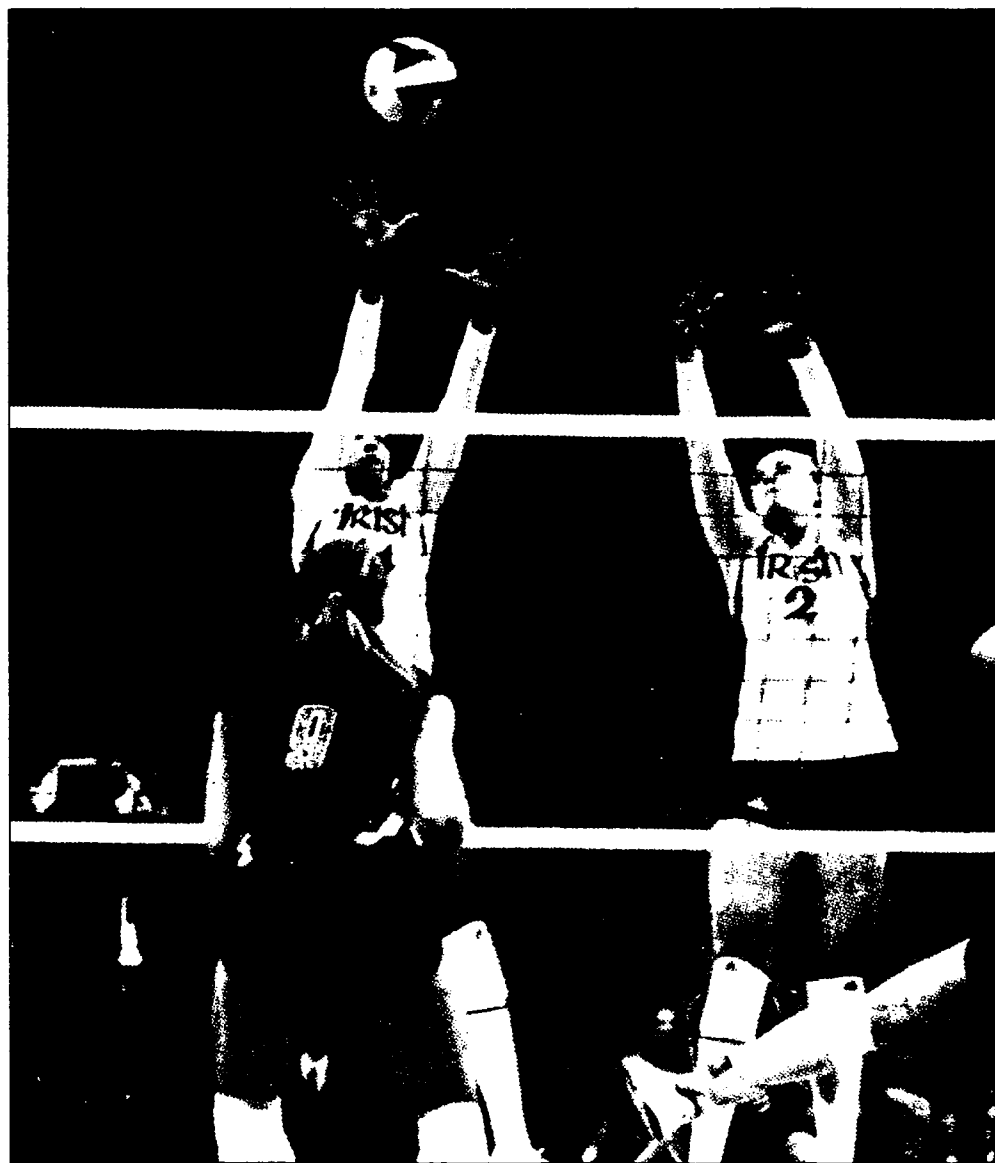
"Santa Clara is always a great rivalry," Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said. "It's a series that [Broncos head coach] Jerry Smith and myself have decided to continue year in and year out. It's great not only for our two programs, but for all of women's

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Shamrock attracts top foes

*Squad set to host six-team Invitational at Joyce Center this weekend*



Irish middle blocker Justine Stremick, left, blocks a Bowling Green return as teammate Mallorie Croal watches during Notre Dame's 3-0 win Aug. 26

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By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

No. 21 Notre Dame looks to improve its offensive game this weekend as it hosts the 12th annual Shamrock Invitational at the Joyce Center.

The three-day tournament's first serve is today at noon with No. 6 Santa Clara facing off against Valparaiso. The Irish play Valparaiso in their opener at 7 p.m. The two other teams in the tournament are No. 13 Missouri and Idaho.

Notre Dame will play Idaho Saturday at 12:30 p.m. before a match against Missouri that will be broadcast live on College Sports Television Network at 7 p.m. The four-game home weekend concludes with the toughest test for the Irish — a 2 p.m. Sunday standoff against Santa Clara.

"I think we're going into every match feeling confident that we have the ability to win," Notre Dame head coach Debbie Brown said. "It's challenging, four matches in three days. We absolutely believe we

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## SMC CROSS COUNTRY

# MIAA Alumnae Meet opens year for Belles

*Exhibition race kicks off Bauters' second year as head coach*

By BECKI DORNER  
Sports Writer

Before every race, acclaimed running coach Mike Fanelli would give his runners the same piece of advice: "Run the first part with your intellect, the middle part with your personality and the last part with your heart."

Saint Mary's looks to follow this same advice to piece together a successful fall season, combining smart training, camaraderie and dedication to both the craft of running and to each other.

The runners begin their fall 2006 schedule Saturday when the Belles play host to the pre-MIAA Exhibition Alumnae

Meet.

Second-year head coach Jackie Bauters stressed that the exhibition will be "a good opportunity to see where the team is at and what we need to work on."

"Hopefully it will be a good time for the team and I can get a better idea of the talent," Bauters said.

Indeed, the squad is relatively young and unproven, with nine freshmen after graduating three seniors last season.

But the Belles do enjoy a solid core of experienced returning runners. Senior captains Meaghan Herbst, Sara Otto and Katie White will guide the freshmen. The three have been consistent in the past and hope to usher in a new era for the program.

Last season Otto finished first or second for the Belles in every single meet she entered, with her best time of 20:07 clocked at the MIAA Jamboree.

White's peak came at the perfect time last season when she posted a career-best 24:45

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Mike Krzyzewski emphasizes teamwork as coach of the U.S. team.

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#### Northwestern 21 Miami (Ohio) 3

The Wildcats win their first game since the death of coach Randy Walker.

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Maria Sharapova and Serena Williams advance to the third round of play Thursday.

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Alex Rodriguez homers and leads New York to the win.

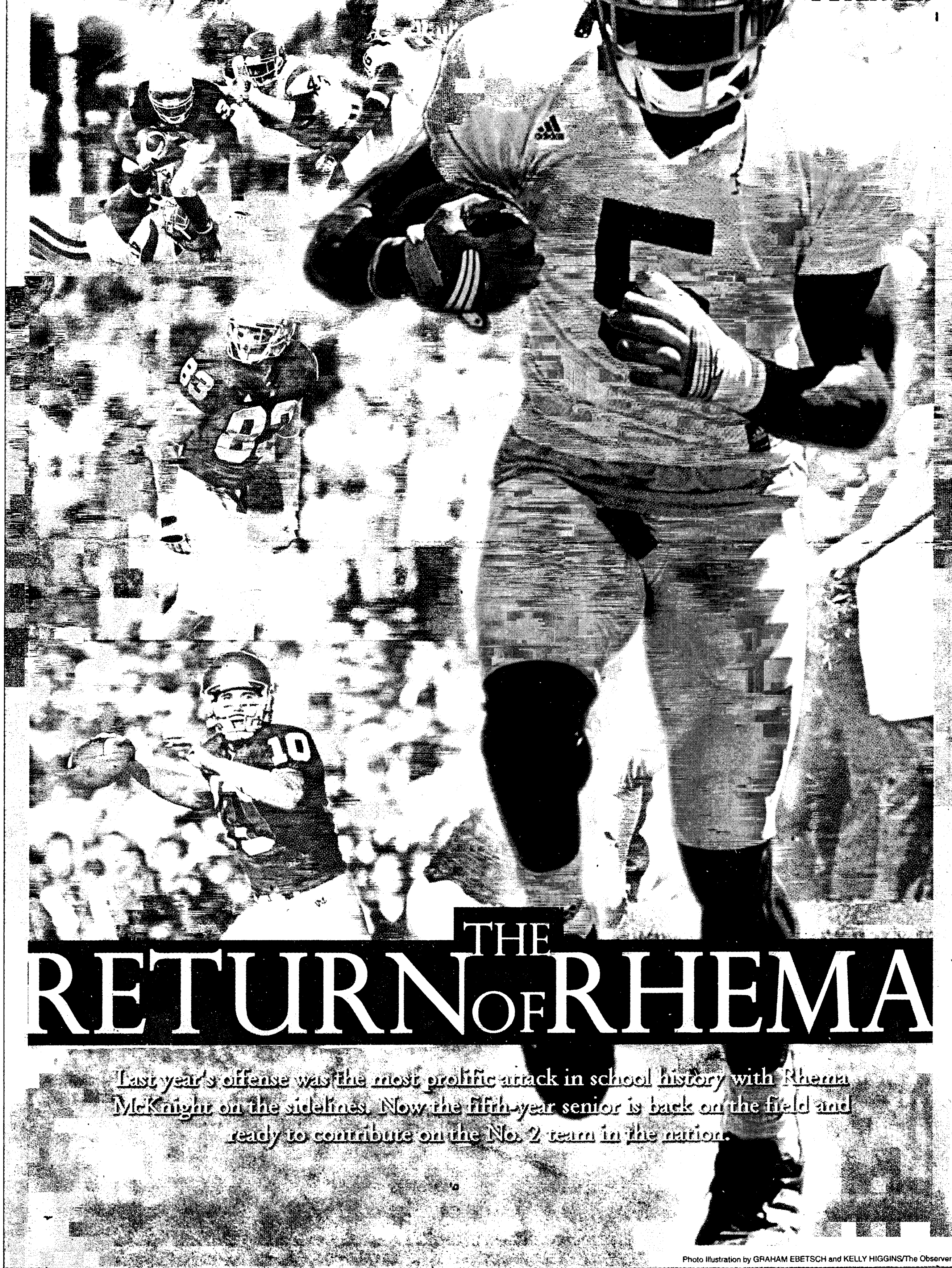
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# RISH INSER

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## THE RETURN OF RHEMA

Last year's offense was the most prolific attack in school history with Rhema McKnight on the sidelines. Now the fifth-year senior is back on the field and ready to contribute on the No. 2 team in the nation.



# Irish remain underdog despite polls

Hang up your "Herbstreit for President" T-shirt for just a minute.

Scrap the latest Las Vegas lines.

Don't book a flight to Arizona just yet.

Notre Dame is still an underdog.

Not in the traditional sense. Even Mark

May's mother has the Irish at the top of her contender's list this season.

Notre Dame is an underdog because it must be one.

Aside from his headset, Charlie Weis' best tactic against the Yellow Jackets will be making the Irish believe they aren't better than they really are.

For the Irish to win their season opener Saturday night, they don't have to win with style.

Brady Quinn doesn't have to be a Heisman finalist — he just needs to avoid interceptions.

Tom Zbikowski doesn't need to knock anyone out in 49 seconds — he just needs to make sure Calvin Johnson doesn't have any 49-yard touchdowns.

Sam Young doesn't have to set a school record for pancakes — he just needs to give Darius Walker a little room to run.

A win over Georgia Tech won't cause much celebration. The big victory parties are reserved for Penn State in a week.

The best way for the Irish to make headlines this Sunday is if they have read their headlines all summer long.

The Irish beat Pittsburgh in last year's season opener because they weren't sure just how good they were.

They fell behind big to Michigan State early in last year's home opener because they knew how good they could be — they just didn't play that way for three quarters.

The talent — and the home crowd — on Notre Dame's side last September against the Spartans should have put the Irish over the top. But it didn't take a miracle for John L. Smith to deprive Charlie Weis a win in his first game at Notre Dame Stadium.

It took one player — Matt

Trannon.

Apologies to quarterback Drew Stanton, but without Trannon and his five receptions for 135 yards and two touchdowns, the Spartans didn't have a chance.

Calvin Johnson is this year's Matt Trannon.

If you haven't seen the picture of the Tech wide receiver's hands smothering a football on the cover of the Yellow Jackets media guide, check it out. The guy could palm a Volvo.

*If you haven't seen the picture of the Tech wide receiver's hands smothering a football on the cover of the Yellow Jackets media guide, check it out.*

*The guy could palm a Volvo.*

A fourth-quarter comeback attempt in front of an electrified Bobby Dodd Stadium crowd and against a suddenly confident Tech squad isn't the easiest way to start a season.

Despite that kickoff is at 8 p.m. on the road — under the moonlight in front of a Southern crowd filled with moonshine — Notre Dame is expected to win.

Despite that Calvin Johnson is a second-year professional playing in college — Notre Dame is expected to win.

Despite that Georgia Tech has beaten a ranked team each season since 1995 — Notre Dame is expected to win.

The Irish are expected to do much more than beat Georgia Tech in 2006.

But the only way Notre Dame can meet those expectations is to ignore them.

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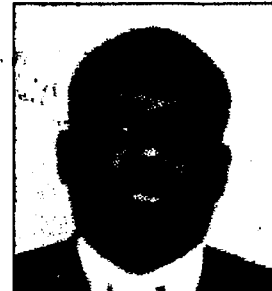
## game hype



Chan Gailey  
Yellow Jackets  
head coach

*"It's a great opportunity to go out there and show what type of defense we have."*

*"All the lead up is nothing. The game is what is important."*



KaMichael Hall  
Yellow Jackets  
linebacker

*"It's not about me... This is so much more important than that. This is about Notre Dame playing their opening football game."*



Bill Lewis  
Irish defensive  
backs coach

*"We have to play close to a perfect game and they are going to be a great team."*



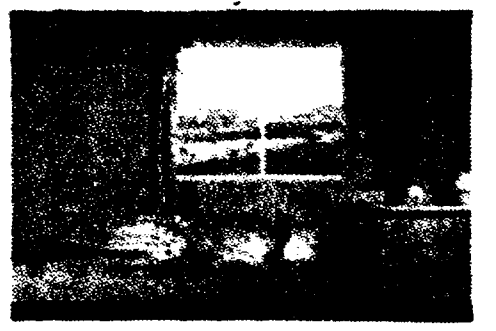
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# McKnight and day

*After being injured, Rhema McKnight returns to the field hoping to make an impact in 2006*

By BOB GRIFFIN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame wide receiver Rhema McKnight stood anxiously on the sideline, crutches tucked under his shoulder pad-free No. 5 jersey, and watched the Irish offense explode under first year head coach Charlie Weis — his own leg preventing him from being part of the process.

McKnight witnessed teammate Maurice Stovall go from a junior with 21 catches for 313 yards to a third round NFL draft pick. He saw his replacement, Jeff Samardzija, transform himself from an unknown receiver to a national celebrity.

He observed his battery mate, quarterback Brady Quinn, pick apart opposing offenses as if they were Pop Warner squads, and tight end Anthony Fasano draw safeties away from the sideline routes he used to run with ease.

And while he watched his teammates find success, his own place on the sidelines was a reminder of how close he came to being a part of it. McKnight came into 2005 with high expectations after a strong junior season (42 catches, 610 yards, 3 touchdowns), but saw it fade away with one play in Ann Arbor.

But instead of viewing that ill-fated crossing pattern as a hindrance, he sees it as a crossroads.

Because while McKnight spent all but two games of last season unable to play, he now has a chance to re-establish himself on perhaps the most powerful offense in the country — a unit that undoubtedly developed that reputation without him.

## Patiently waiting

McKnight's season didn't end when he was put on the shelf following the Michigan game on Sept. 10. Instead of catching passes, McKnight's responsibilities became centered on rehabbing his knee and being a source of off-field support for his teammates.

It was not the ideal situation for a player who might have been an NFL draft pick with a full, productive season — a likely scenario given McKnight's talent and Notre Dame's success in 2005. However, it was a role the fifth-year senior accepted.

But with a full year of anticipation for the start of the 2006 season and his subsequent return to college football — McKnight could not be more prepared.

"I always said it would be nice to have two years in this offense and look what I got," McKnight said after practice Tuesday. "So I'm very thankful I'm back ... and I'm going to try to take advantage of it."

McKnight trusts his coaches when they tell him he looks better now than he did in the past, despite having concerns last year regarding his injury and the timetable for his full recovery.

But maybe even more importantly, McKnight trusts the mental strides he made last season when he was unable to perform physically. Studying game film is one thing, but being forced to watch plays develop from the sideline left McKnight with a new perspective on reading defenses.

"I've had the opportunity to sit back on the sidelines, just watch other defenses, see how they rotate, watch corners ... I've been able to capitalize on the opportunity just to sit around and watch," McKnight said.

And while McKnight stored the information for a time when he would return to the field, he also shared it with his teammates — notably Samardzija and Stovall — who could benefit from his insight.

"Any time you have a veteran like that on the sidelines, unfortunately on the sidelines, he adds to what you see," Samardzija said after practice Tuesday. "He sees things that you can't."

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ties to showcase

his abilities.

But instead of

harboring bad

feelings for his

own misfortune,

McKnight encour-

aged Samardzija

and gave him

advice throughout

the season. This

year, the two have

been working

on their rhythm

since spring

practice began.

"Any time I had

an opportunity

to say, 'hey you

know look out

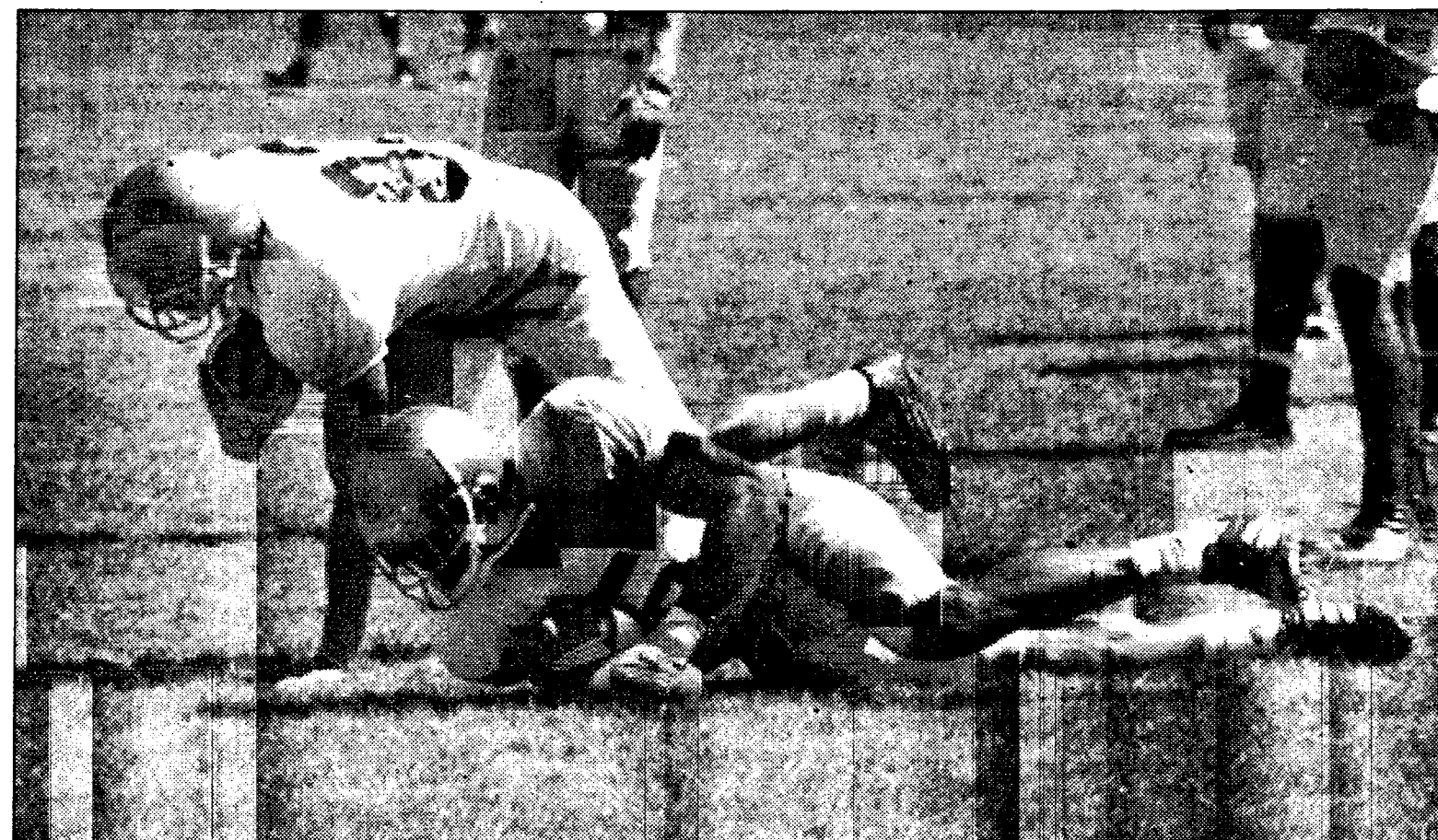
for this, watch

out for that,' I'm

pretty sure [Samardzija] took the

*"I've had the opportunity to sit back on the sidelines, just watch other defenses, see how they rotate, watch corners ... I've been able to capitalize on the opportunity just to sit around and watch."*

**Rhema McKnight**  
Irish receiver



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Notre Dame wide receivers Rhema McKnight, bottom, and Jeff Samardzija participate in a roll drill during practice at McGlinn Fields on Aug. 15. McKnight showed no signs of his injury.

advice and worked with it," McKnight said. "He made the best of an unfortunate situation and look where he's at now."

## Finding his own role

Regardless of his status as one of Notre Dame's most talented offensive players, he is still faced with a glaring reality — having not played during the Irish resurgence, McKnight is in the rare position of having to form

his own identity as a fifth-year senior.

It's well

documented

that Quinn

and

Samardzija

have one of

the top rap-

ports in the

country as a

quarterback-

receiver tan-

dem. The two

hooked up for

15 of Quinn's

32 touch-

downs last year.

Luckily, though, there is an open spot opposite Samardzija that was vacated when Stovall (and his 11 touchdowns) graduated in May.

And given McKnight's athleticism and intelligence — he graduated earlier this year with degrees in psychology and computer applications — it shouldn't take long before Quinn and McKnight find the chemistry that was visible before his injury.

When that happens, the Irish offense will have another weapon in its already varied arsenal. McKnight is one of the most talented players on the Notre Dame roster, made evident by his numbers prior to Weis' arrival in South Bend (36 games, 98 receptions, 1,301 yards and six touchdowns) and in his short 2005 season.

Georgia Tech head coach Chan Gailey understands this reality and studied old film of McKnight in order to prepare for Saturday's game. He also viewed tapes from last season in order to anticipate how McKnight might be used.

"What you have to do is go and look at that position last year and see how that position was used," Gailey said in a teleconference Tuesday. "Then you go back to prior tape and see how that person can adapt to that

position."

It's unlikely that McKnight will have an identical role to Stovall's from last season. The two receivers have different builds and different skills. Stovall was a big receiver (6-foot-5, 220 pounds) who was a jump ball threat and a goal line mismatch. McKnight is a smaller, elusive wide out (6-foot-2, 212 pounds).

But Gailey feels that there is still some benefit to understanding Stovall's role to get a better handle on McKnight Saturday.

"I don't think they'll adjust everything they do with that position. ... But him being a great athlete, they'll be able to plug him in there," he said.

## The bigger picture

But when the clock hits 8 p.m. on Saturday and the Irish begin a season where many expect them to contend for a BCS National Championship, the story will not be Rhema McKnight. The focus will be on Notre Dame, of which McKnight is just a small part.

There will be no sideline reports of McKnight's fight to get back on the field. Nor will there be talk of how a kid from Inglewood, Calif. — a town better known for being referenced by The Game than producing college football players — emerged to become one of the integral parts of a mission that leaves South Bend with

Glendale, Ariz. in its periphery.

So while McKnight begins his own individual quest to return to his level of on-field production, and potentially surpass it, Notre Dame will be faced with the same challenge.

Last year's 9-3 finish, and loss to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl, was a start — a stepping stone for what could happen if Notre Dame's potential manifests itself in victories during the 2006 season.

And if the Irish do outperform last season's team, then and only then, can people begin to sit back and speculate about the effect McKnight had on the process. When this happens, he can become the story — an integral part of the 2006 team that was missing one year earlier.

But as of now, McKnight just wants to get back to playing football.

"Sitting back and watching every game hurt, but it is what it is," McKnight said.

Come Saturday, however, there will be no more watching from the sidelines.

When McKnight puts on his game jersey, this time covering his shoulder pads — the only thing the senior receiver and Notre Dame fans will wait for is No. 5's first six points since last September.

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## by the numbers

Notre Dame players to finish in the top 5 of the Heisman balloting, including Brady Quinn in 2005.

27

6 Georgia Tech players to finish in the top 10 of Heisman balloting. Quarterback Joe Hamilton was the last Yellow Jacket finalist, coming in second in 1999.

Years Bill Lewis, Notre Dame's current defensive backs coach, was Georgia Tech's head coach. Only one coach of the modern era has had a shorter term with the Yellow Jackets than Lewis.

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1 Games won by Lewis' 1994 Georgia Tech team — a win in Week 2 against Western Carolina.

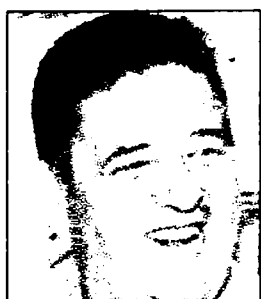
Meetings between Georgia Tech and Notre Dame in the series' history.

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7 Wins Georgia Tech has had in each of the four years since Chan Gailey became head coach in 2002.

RHEMA MCKNIGHT						
STATS						
YEAR	G-GS	REC	YDS	AVG	TDs	
2002	12-0	9	91	10.1	0	
2003	12-8	47	600	12.8	3	
2004	12-9	42	610	14.5	3	
2005	2-1	5	69	13.8	1	
Career	38-18	103	1370	13.3	7	

Notre Dame  
Fighting Irish  
Record: 0-0  
AP: 2  
Coaches: 3(tied)



Charlie Weis  
head coach

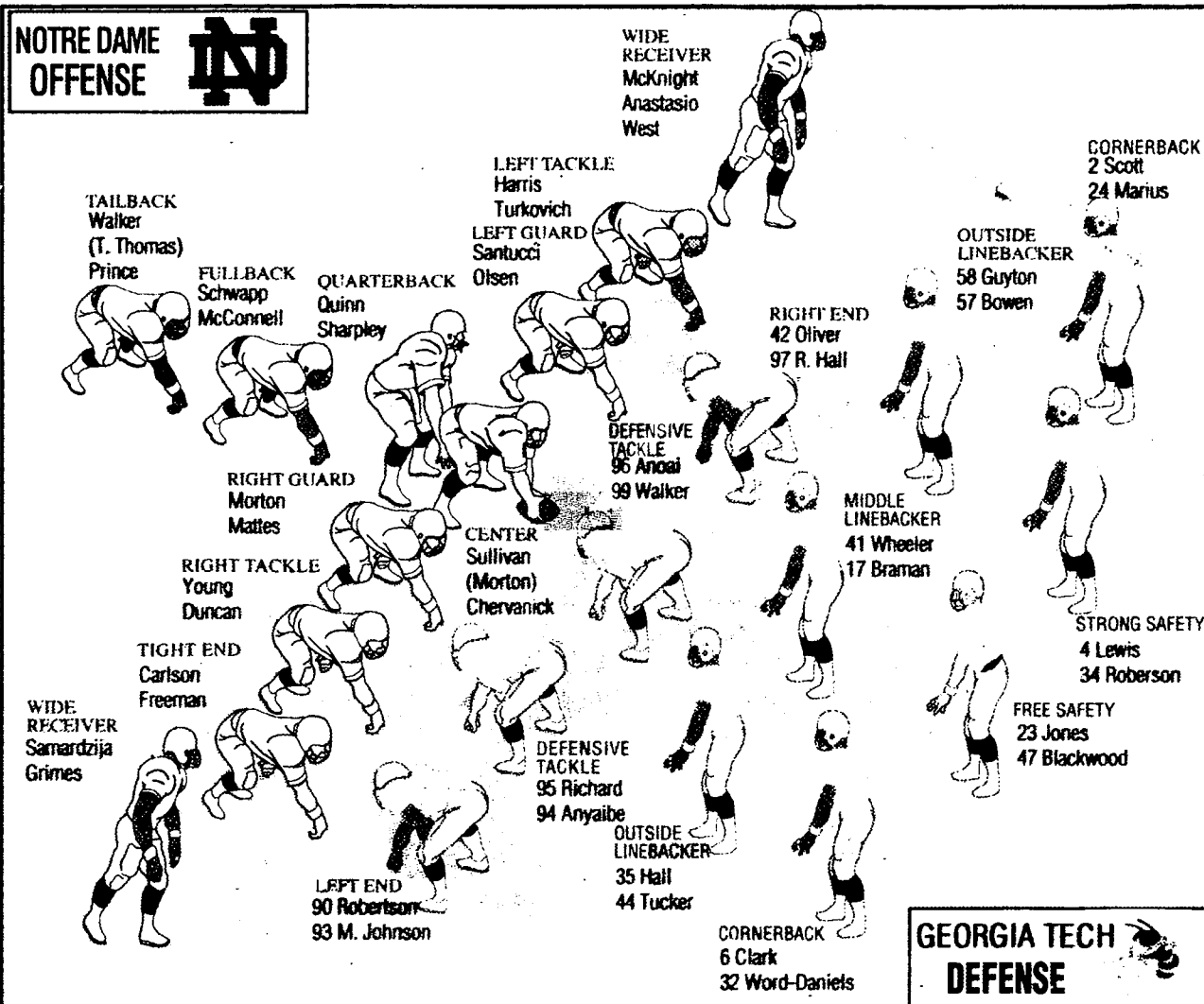
Charlie Weis  
2nd season at  
Notre Dame  
career record:  
9-3  
at Notre Dame:  
9-3  
against  
Georgia Tech: 0-0

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	192	SO
2	Darrin Walls	DB	6-1	175	FR
3	Darius Walker	RB	5-11	202	JR
4	Demetrius Jones	QB	6-4	202	FR
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-1	212	SR
6	Ray Herring	DB	6-0	189	SO
7	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	170	SR
8	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	175	FR
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	5-11	203	SR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	227	SR
11	David Grimes	WR	6-0	170	SO
12	Zach Frazer	QB	6-4	215	FR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	207	SO
14	Bobby Renkes	K	6-0	195	SR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	186	JR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	186	SR
17	Dan Gorski	QB	6-3	196	SO
18	Chinedum Ndukwe	DB	6-2	219	SR
19	George West	WR	5-8	179	FR
20	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-11	188	JR
21	Barry Gallup Jr.	WR	5-11	175	FR
22	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	197	SR
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	203	SR
23	W. David Williams	DB	5-10	170	JR
24	Brandon Erickson	WR	6-0	178	JR
25	Munir Prince	RB	5-10	175	FR
26	Wade Iams	DB	5-9	188	JR
26	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	215	SR
27	David Bruton	DB	6-2	187	SO
27	John Lyons	RB	6-1	205	SR
28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-0	189	SO
29	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	195	FR
29	Jake Richardson	WR	6-0	180	SO
30	Mike Richardson	DB	5-11	193	SR
31	Sergio Brown	DB	6-1	184	FR
32	Luke Schmidt	RB	6-3	230	FR
33	Nate Whitaker	K	5-9	165	FR
34	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	209	FR
35	Ashley McConnell	RB	6-0	247	SR
35	Tim Kenney	DB	6-0	180	SR
36	Dex Cure	RB	6-1	215	FR
37	Junior Jabbe	WR	5-11	190	JR
38	Nick Possley	WR	6-1	183	JR
39	Ryan Burkhardt	K	5-11	185	FR
39	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	230	FR
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	220	JR
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-3	234	SO
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	231	SO
42	David Costanzo	WR	5-9	170	SO
43	Eric Maust	P	6-1	180	FR
43	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	180	SO
44	Asaph Schwapp	RB	6-0	250	SO
45	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	174	SO
45	Carl Gioia	K	5-10	183	SR
46	Michael Planalp	TE	6-4	230	SO
46	Kyle Charters	LB	5-11	195	JR
47	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-3	240	SR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	220	JR
49	Matt Augustyn	FB	6-3	220	SR
49	Toryan Smith	LB	6-0	230	FR
50	Dan Santucci	OL	6-4	290	SR
51	Dan Wenger	OL	6-4	285	FR
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	212	SR
53	Morrice Richardson	LB	6-2	228	FR
54	Anthony Vernaglia	DB	6-3	221	JR
55	Eric Olsen	OL	6-4	290	FR
56	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-4	238	SR
57	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	252	SR
59	Chris Steward	OL	6-5	340	FR
60	Casey Cullen	DL	6-1	238	SR
61	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	JR
63	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-3	305	SO
64	Dan Chervanick	DL	6-1	259	SR
66	Derek Landri	DL	6-3	263	SR
68	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	288	SR
69	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	260	JR
71	Bartley Webb	OL	6-7	290	FR
72	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	292	SO
73	Matt Carufel	OL	6-5	288	FR
74	Sam Young	OL	6-7	292	FR
75	Chris Frome	DL	6-5	268	SR
76	Bob Morton	OL	6-4	292	SR
77	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	290	SO
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	298	SR
79	Brian Mattes	OL	6-6	285	SR
80	Richard Jackson	WR	6-3	200	FR
81	Darrin Bragg	WR	6-1	192	JR
82	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	185	FR
83	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-5	216	SR
84	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	250	FR
86	Mike Talerico	TE	6-5	245	JR
87	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-3	245	SR
88	Konrad Reuland	TE	6-6	239	FR
89	John Carlson	TE	6-5	255	SR
90	John Ryan	DL	6-5	240	FR
91	Travis Leitko	DL	6-7	270	SR
92	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	301	SO
93	Paddy Mullen	DL	6-5	265	FR
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	247	JR
95	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-4	260	SR
96	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-2	267	SO
97	Kallen Wade	DL	6-5	220	FR
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	293	SR
99	Ronald Talley	DL	6-4	261	JR

NOTRE DAME  
2006 Schedule

Sept. 2	at Georgia Tech
Sept. 9	PENN STATE
Sept. 16	MICHIGAN
Sept. 23	at MSU
Sept. 30	PURDUE
Oct. 7	STANFORD
Oct. 21	UCLA
Oct. 28	at Navy
Nov. 4	UNC
Nov. 11	at Air Force
Nov. 18	ARMY
Nov. 25	at USC



COACHING

QUARTERBACKS

IRISH RUSHING

IRISH PASSING

NOTRE DAME

Charlie Weis has mixed experience with a long layoff. To start the 2005 season, Notre Dame tore through the Pittsburgh defense. But Notre Dame struggled mightily against Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl, as the defense couldn't do the job against the speedy Buckeyes.

Brady Quinn completed 64.6 percent of his passes for 3,919 yards and 32 touchdowns — the best year in history for an Irish quarterback. He also managed to escape the pass rush, being sacked just 10 times, and threw just seven picks in 2005.

Darius Walker doesn't have breakaway speed but does have impeccable vision. His successes include a 186-yard performance against Stanford in 2005 and 90 yards on just 16 carries against a top-10 OSU defense. Walker will have Asaph Schwapp blocking for him.

Jeff Samardzija was a consensus All-American in 2005 with 15 touchdown receptions, and Rhema McKnight led the team in receptions and yards the previous two seasons. McKnight's career average of 13.3 yards per catch is impressive, and Samardzija's is even better.

GEORGIA TECH

Chan Gailey has never won more than seven games in a season at Georgia Tech but has a penchant for beating top teams early in the season, including a 23-14 road win over No. 15 Auburn in the 2005 season opener and a 14-10 win over Miami in late November.

Georgia Tech's Reggie Ball is an inconsistent passer, completing less than 50 percent of his career passes and throwing four more interceptions (41) than touchdowns (37). But his ability to run has led to 1,097 yards and nine scores for the Yellow Jackets.

The Yellow Jackets return all four starters on the defensive line, a unit which held opponents to 103 yards per game on the ground in 2005. Third-year starting linebacker KaMichael Hall is the intimidating force behind the trenches with 121 career tackles.

The Yellow jackets have one returning starter in the secondary, and he is a good one. All-America candidate Kenny Scott will be responsible for shutting down Samardzija, but the three remaining members of the secondary have combined for two career starts.

ANALYSIS

Despite the Irish performance in the Fiesta Bowl, Gailey said Weis is one of the best coaches at finding his team's comparative advantage and exploiting it. Gailey's teams simply haven't had that success, losing at least one game per year by three touchdowns or more.

Both signalcallers have started since they were true freshmen, but Quinn is a pre-season favorite for the Heisman Trophy for a reason. The Dublin, Ohio, product is one of the nation's most effective quarterbacks at reading defenses and checking off receivers.

Chan Gailey said Walker's skill at running back is comparable to Quinn's at quarterback or Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight as a receiver. Walker's success in big games against top defenses will be tested against the Yellow Jackets.

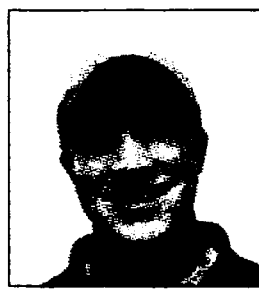
The dual threats of Samardzija and McKnight for the Irish may equal the nations most feared and productive combination of receivers. Scott is an excellent cornerback, but he is only one member of a four-man unit through the air.

Irish  
experts



Mike Gilloon  
Editor in Chief

There isn't a more imposing receiver in college football than Calvin Johnson. And at the end of the Fiesta Bowl, there didn't look like a more beaten defense than Notre Dame's. But this is a new year and the Irish have too much to lose to allow the All-American to spoil a championship season before it begins. Brady Quinn keeps the ball moving as 2006 kicks off with an efficient performance.  
**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 28 Georgia Tech 13**



Bob Griffin  
AME

Notre Dame has been waiting for this game since Jan. 2 and it will not come out flat. The only thing that stops the Irish from hanging 50 on Georgia Tech will be head coach Charlie Weis' decision to control the clock after a 35-point first half. Even so, Notre Dame will muster a touchdown and field goal in the second half and the Yellow Jackets will score a garbage TD late to make the game appear closer.  
**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 45 Georgia Tech 24**



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## Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets

## Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets

Record: 0-0

AP: NR

Coaches: NR

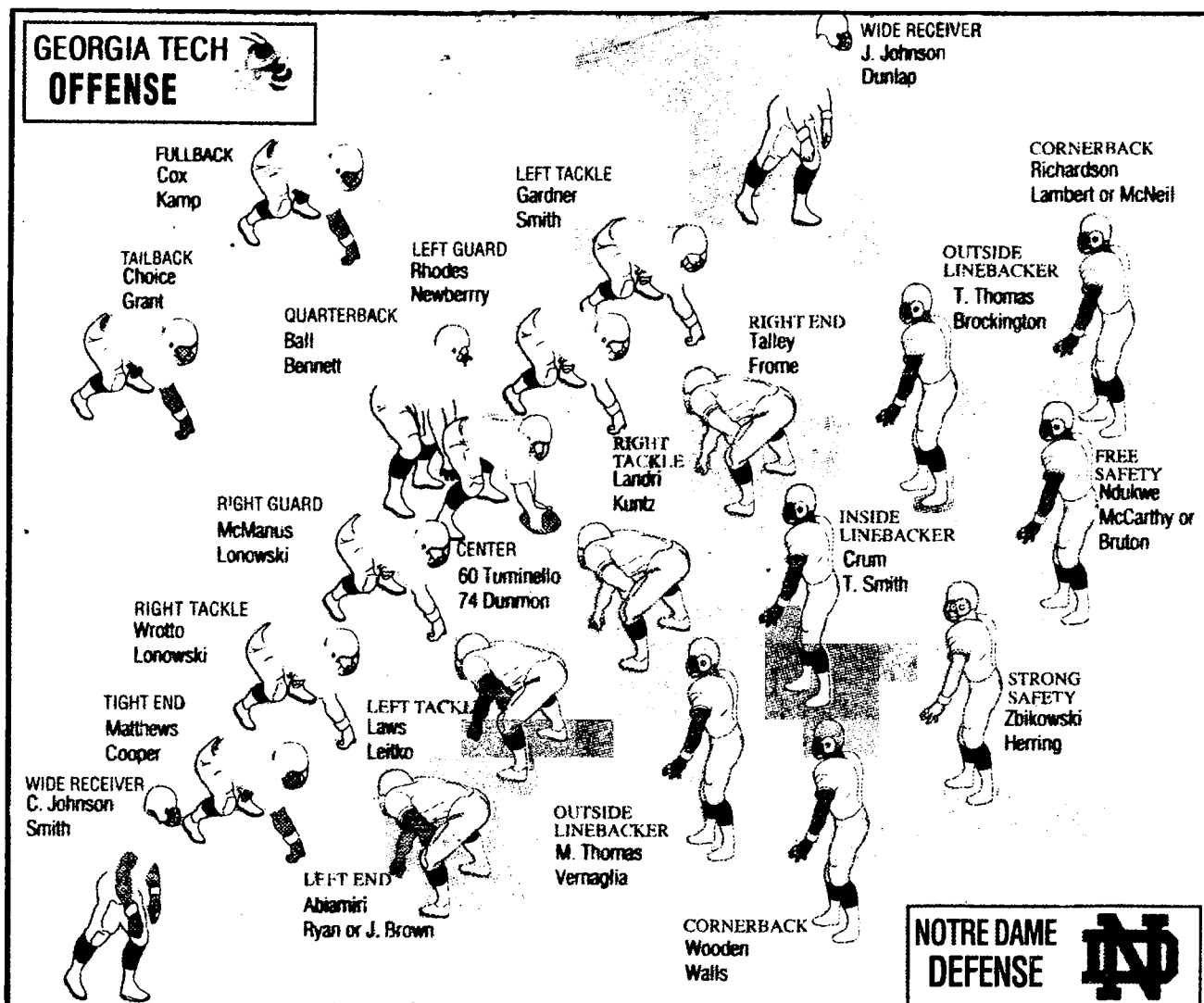
Chan Gailey  
5th season at  
Georgia Tech  
career record:  
52-33  
at GT:  
28-22  
against Notre  
Dame: 0-0



Chan Gailey  
head coach

## GEORGIA TECH 2006 Schedule

Sept. 2 NOTRE DAME  
Sept. 9 SAMFORD  
Sept. 16 TROY  
Sept. 21 VIRGINIA  
Sept. 30 at Virginia Tech  
Oct. 7 MARYLAND  
Oct. 21 at Clemson  
Oct. 28 MIAMI  
Nov. 4 at NC St.  
Nov. 11 at UNC  
Nov. 18 DUKE  
Nov. 25 at Georgia



## Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Reggie Ball	QB	5-11	195	SR
2	Kenny Scott	CDB	6-2	185	SR
3	Rashaun Grant	RB	5-10	200	JR
4	Jamal Lewis	DB	6-0	190	JR
5	Greg Smith	WR	6-3	195	SO
6	Pat Clark	DB	5-11	185	JR
7	Tony Clark	DB	6-1	190	SO
8	Demaryius Thomas	WR	6-3	215	FR
9	Eric Oetter	WR	5-10	180	SO
10	Martin Frierson	WR	6-2	185	SO
11	Kyle Manley	QB	6-2	210	JR
12	Anthony Barnes	LB	6-3	230	FR
13	Tyler Jones	K	5-8	185	JR
14	Taylor Bennett	QB	6-3	215	JR
15	Byron Ingram	QB	6-5	190	FR
16	Correy Earls	WR	6-0	185	FR
17	Matt Braman	LB	6-3	232	O
18	Jonathan Garner	QB	6-4	210	SO
20	Jamaal Evans	RB	5-8	191	FR
21	Calvin Johnson	WR	6-5	235	JR
22	Tashard Choice	RB	6-1	205	SR
23	Djay Jones	DB	6-1	200	JR
24	Laurence Marius	DB	5-11	175	FR
25	Jasper DeRon	DB	6-1	195	FR
26	Dominique Reese	WR/DB	5-11	175	FR
27	Loyall Gause	RB	5-9	210	JR
28	Brian James	K	5-10	185	SO
29	Sam Williams	DB	5-11	200	SR
30	James Liipfert	LB	6-0	230	JR
31	Mahomed Yahiaoui	K	5-11	215	SO
32	Jason Davis	RB	5-10	195	SO
32	Jahi Word-Daniels	DB	6-0	180	SO
34	Avery Roberson	DB	6-2	200	SR
35	KaMichael Hall	LB	6-0	225	SR
37	Joe Gaston	DB	5-11	195	SR
38	Quincy Kelly	LB	6-0	225	FR
39	Durant Brooks	P	6-0	198	SR
40	Mike Cox	RB	6-1	245	JR
41	Philip Wheeler	LB	6-2	225	SR
42	Adam Oliver	DL	6-4	265	SR
44	Talib Tucker	LB	6-1	238	SO
45	Tyler Barnett	DB	5-10	180	JR
46	Matt Kamp	RB	5-11	230	SO
47	Jake Blackwood	DB	6-1	182	SO
48	Michael Matthews	TE	6-4	270	SR
49	Trevor Bay	RB	6-0	230	FR
50	Carter Scurry	LB	6-0	225	SO
50	Bret White	LS	5-11	240	JR
51	Zach Ware	LS	6-0	215	SO
52	Travis Chambers	LB	5-11	232	JR
53	A.J. Smith	OL	6-7	280	JR
54	Sedric Griffin	LB	5-11	220	FR
55	David Brown	DT	6-3	260	JR
56	Osahon Tongo	LB	6-3	225	FR
57	Shane Bowen	LB	6-1	215	FR
58	Gary Guyton	LB	6-2	230	JR
59	David Sanborn	LB	6-1	222	SR
60	Kevin Tumminello	OL	6-4	285	SR
61	Matt Rhodes	OL	6-3	275	SR
62	Jacob Lonowski	OL	6-5	290	JR
63	Marcus Harris	DL	6-1	270	SR
64	Andrew Gardner	OL	6-6	290	JR
65	Andrew Folkner	DL	6-0	292	JR
66	Will Miller	OL	6-5	290	SO
68	Mansfield Wrotto	OL	6-3	310	SR
69	Alex Paquette	DL	6-2	245	SO
71	Cord Howard	OL	6-05	300	SO
73	Nate McManus	OL	6-3	295	JR
74	Trey Dunmon	OL	6-4	285	SO
75	Jason Hill	OL	6-4	280	SO
77	Dan Voss	OL	6-4	290	SO
78	LeShawn Newberry	OL	6-0	320	SR
80	George Cooper	TE	6-5	260	SR
81	Xavier McGuire	WR	6-4	215	SR
83	Andrew Smith	WR	5-11	195	JR
84	Colin Peek	TE	6-6	260	SO
85	Austin barrick	TE	6-3	240	FR
86	Wayne Riles	TE	6-4	252	SR
87	Travis Bell	K	6-0	210	SR
88	Chris Dunlap	WR	5-11	200	SR
89	James Johnson	WR	6-0	2190	JR
90	Darrell Robertson	DL	6-5	240	JR
91	Brad Sellers	DL	6-2	265	SO
92	Travis Rogers	DL	6-2	242	SR
93	Michael Johnson	DL	6-7	240	SO
94	Elris Anyaibe	DL	6-3	264	JR
95	Darryl Richard	DL	6-4	285	JR
96	Joe Anoi	DL	6-3	280	SR
97	Robert Hall	DL	6-3	225	FR
98	Ben Anderson	DL	6-2	265	FR
99	Vance Walker	DL	6-2	260	SO

## JACKETS RUSHING

Notre Dame returns five linemen with at least six career starts, with Victor Abiamiri a skilled left end and Landri a solid force against the run on the inside. The Irish front four held five of its 12 opponents in 2005 to less than 110 yards rushing.

Tashard Choice studied under Oklahoma standout tailback Adrian Peterson for a year before Choice transferred to Georgia Tech. Choice averaged 4.4 yards on 114 carries in 2005 as the backup to P.J. Daniels. The other threat is Reggie Ball, a prolific rushing quarterback.

Georgia Tech must be able to solidify a run game early to create windows of opportunity for Ball and the two Johnsons, but the Irish veterans will be committed to preventing that from occurring. But Ball's scrambling ability will cost the Irish on broken third-down plays.

## JACKETS PASSING

Opponents scorched the Irish pass defense in 2005, gaining 264.6 yards per game in the air. Tom Zbikowski had five interceptions last season but often was fooled by play-action fakes, while Ambrose Wooden and Mike Richardson are serious questions at corner.

Calvin Johnson has made his fair share of outstanding catches, but he has been wildly inconsistent, catching four or less passes eight times in 2005, while gaining more than 100 yards in three of the team's other four games. Meanwhile, James Johnson has just two career starts.

If Johnson shows up, his athletic ability will be enough to allow the Yellow Jackets to tear through the Irish secondary. Neither Wooden nor Richardson have the shiftness to counter Johnson's size and body control while adjusting for the ball in mid-air.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

Notre Dame replaces D.J. Fitzpatrick in all three kicking categories. Geoff Price had a strong camp but only has punted twice in his career. Carl Gioia has a low trajectory on field goals, and Bobby Renkes has made five appearances as a kickoff specialist.

Junior Travis Bell has never missed an extra point for Georgia Tech and is 19-for-22 on field goals shorter than 40 yards. Bell's 136 career points place him eighth on the Yellow Jackets' all-time list, and he likely will climb to third by the end of the season.

Georgia Tech's superior experience in special teams could lead the Yellow Jackets having a short field much of the night. Perhaps only if the Irish return men perform well will this difference be mitigated in the game.

## INTANGIBLES

Weis is undefeated in official road contests, winning all six road games in 2005.

The Irish hold a 26-5-1 series advantage over Georgia Tech, but lost the last contest between the two squads — the 1999 Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla.

In 1976, Georgia Tech beat Notre Dame without throwing a pass. Now the Yellow Jackets have beaten a ranked team in each of the past 11 seasons.

Calvin Johnson missed out on All-American status because of Samardzija in 2005 and could find sweet revenge.

Notre Dame's attention to detail — from top down — is perhaps the greatest edge the Irish will have. Quinn's stellar instincts result from his ability to see the little things quickly, and Walker has a knack for getting just past the first down marker on third-down runs.

NOTRE DAME

GEORGIA TECH

ANALYSIS



Mike Gilloon  
Sports Editor

Notre Dame will pick apart the three inexperienced starters in the Georgia Tech secondary and put up a big number on the Yellow Jackets. Expect Quinn to throw 15-to-20 passes in the first half as the Irish use the passing game to set up a Darius Walker-led rushing attack that will eat up the clock once Notre Dame takes a commanding lead. Georgia Tech will score some, but not nearly enough.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 52  
Georgia Tech 21**



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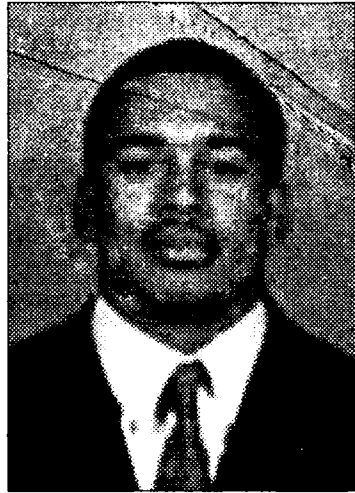
It will be a sweet victory for the Irish, who roll past a strong defense in the perfect warm-up for the Big Ten trifecta up next. McKnight and Samardzija shine, Walker's draws are deadly and Quinn is rarely off-target. Notre Dame's defense is a surprising strength and shows off a suffocating pass rush. The Yellow Jackets give it their best, but the Irish dominate the line of scrimmage.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 48  
Georgia Tech 14**

## Irish experts

# Sizing up the Irish and the Jackets

	Notre Dame	Georgia Tech
Points Scored	36.7	18.5
Points Allowed	24.5	20.1
Total Yards Gained	477.3	349.0
Total Yards Allowed	396.9	317.5
Rushing Yards Gained	147.1	153.8
Rushing Yards Allowed	132.3	103.9
Passing Yards Gained	330.2	195.2
Passing Yards Allowed	264.6	213.6
Turnovers Lost	14	21
Turnovers Recovered	24	29

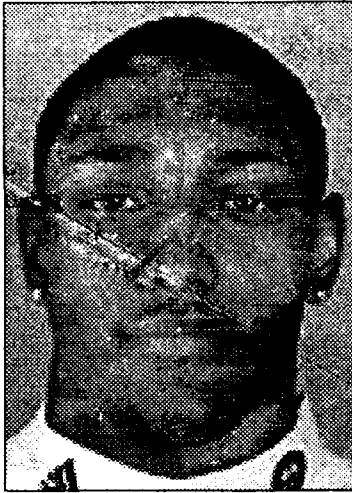


GEORGIA TECH  
BACKFIELD

Reggie Ball has rushed for nearly 1,097 yards in his career, scrambling around defensive ends and slicing through linebackers.

If Notre Dame's corners are able to cover the two Johnsons well, Ball will try to make the most of broken plays by using his speed and shiftiness with the ball tucked in his arm.

His main cohort in the backfield will be Tashard Choice, who is taking over in a starting role for the Yellow Jackets. Choice averaged 4.4 yards per carry in limited action last season.



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The Notre Dame's linebackers were strong against the run last season, but had trouble in pass coverage and against dual-threat quarterbacks, including Michigan State's Drew Stanton.

With junior Maurice Crum the only returning starter, it remains to be seen whether new starters Travis Thomas and Mitchell Thomas bring enough of an upgrade in speed to mitigate the unit's lack of experience.

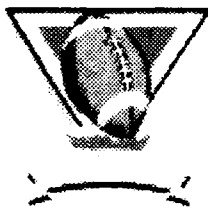
Even if they can keep up with Ball and Choice, it's no guarantee they can tackle them.

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# Johnson's big play ability worries Irish

*Size, strength, speed will test vulnerable secondary in opener*

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Editor

He's bigger, he's stronger and he's got better hands than almost anyone in college football. Other than that, Georgia Tech junior Calvin Johnson is just a normal receiver.

The 6-foot-5, 235-pound wide receiver was a second-team All-American in 2005 with 54 receptions for 888 yards. After just two years at Georgia Tech, Johnson is in the school's all-time top-10 in career receptions (103), yards (1,725) and touchdown catches (13).

Notre Dame defensive backs coach Bill Lewis thinks Johnson is just as good as advertised.

"When you read the comments that the coaches there in the ACC make about him ... he lives up to everything that's been said," Lewis said after Wednesday's practice. "He's among the best receivers in college football."

Lewis said Johnson's combination of size and strength — along with his jumping ability — is something usually reserved for the NFL.

"He's got a 45-inch vertical jump. You put that on top of a 6-foot-4, 6-foot-5 guy — that's what makes him play so big,"

Lewis said. "You could be in perfect position. You could be in perfect position with two people. And he'll go up and out-jump two people for the ball because he's that kind of athlete."

But wait, there's more. "He's got unbelievable hands," Lewis said. "He makes some catches that are circus catches. So you look at him and you say, 'This guy lacks nothing as far as being a great receiver.'"

For Lewis' defensive unit that is trying to demonstrate it is better than the 264.8 passing yards per game given up a season ago and the unit's 617 yards surrendered to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl, Johnson creates quite the task.

"I think we have an awful lot to prove," Lewis said. "[Johnson] will be one of the toughest physical receivers we will see all year."

Lewis didn't name the other receivers in that class.

**Inconsistent?** Although unlike most receivers in many ways, Johnson may have a downside.

His 2005 season earned him national honors, but he was often criticized for being inconsistent.

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Irish defensive backs coach

Johnson was held to less than five receptions on eight occasions last fall. That alone, however, wasn't always a bad thing for Georgia Tech.

The Yellow Jackets lost 17-14 to North Carolina State last year when Johnson set personal records with 10 catches for 130 yards. His five catches and 108 yards also went to waste in a 27-17 loss to Virginia.

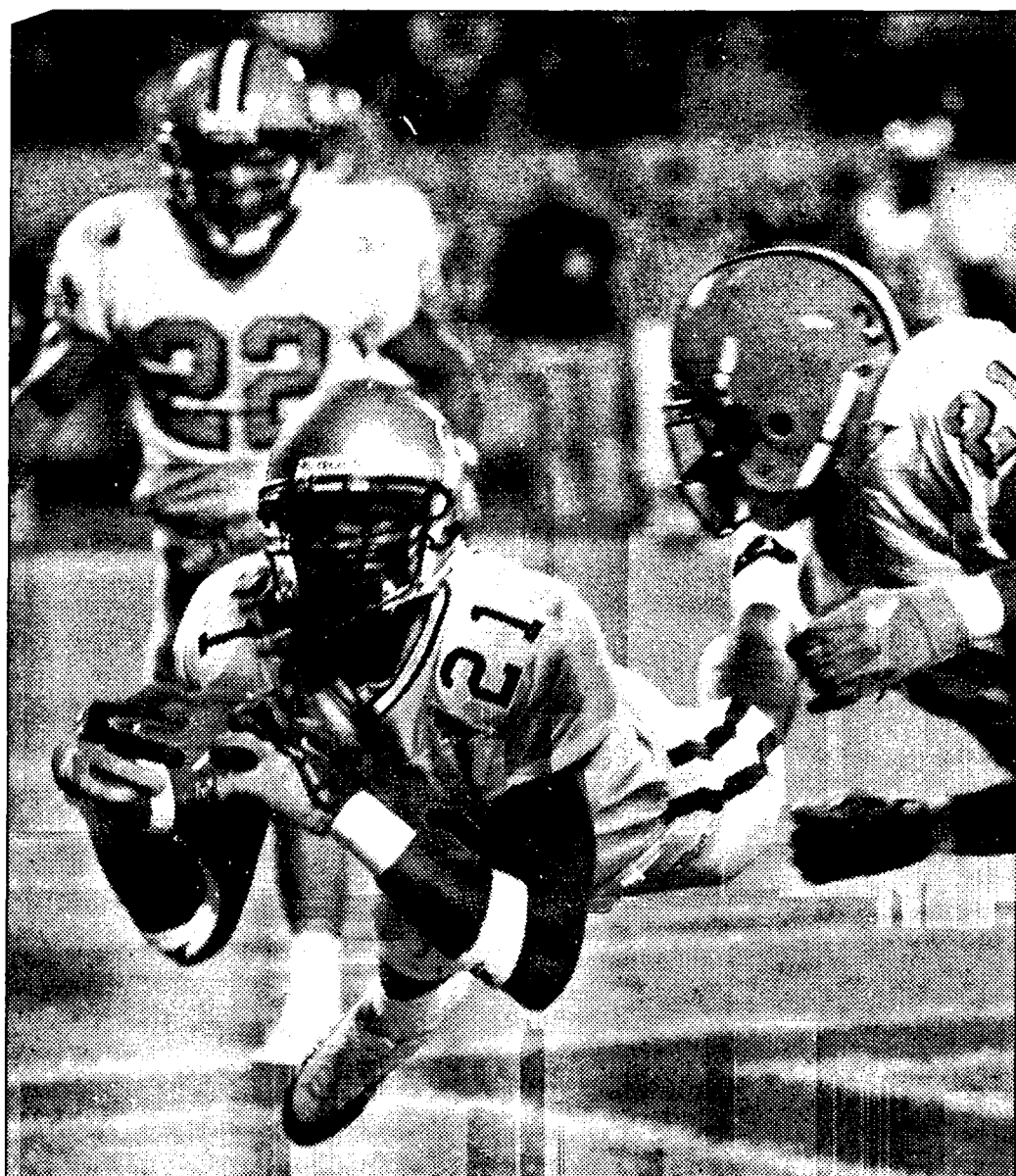
Still, Johnson's sheer athletic ability scares opposing secondaries.

Irish cornerback Mike Richardson said one factor that could mitigate Johnson's ability would be the receivers the Notre Dame defense faces in practice every day.

After Wednesday's practice, Richardson compared Johnson to former Irish wide-out Maurice Stovall and senior All-American Jeff Samardzija.

"They're similar receivers — big, physical guys," Richardson said of Johnson and Stovall. "It's helpful having guys like that — and Jeff — to practice against every day."

While Samardzija said he hasn't seen much of Johnson because he doesn't want to be distracted from the opposing defense, another Irish wide receiver — Rhema McKnight —



Georgia Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson makes a diving touchdown catch in the first quarter of a 51-14 win over Syracuse in the Champs Sports Bowl on Dec. 21, 2004.

said he thinks highly of Johnson.

"He's just a big guy, a big physical guy, [who] goes up and gets the ball," McKnight said after Tuesday's practice. "Hopefully throughout the work we've done during the

off-season and heading into game week, the defense is ready."

If it's not, Johnson will make Notre Dame pay.

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## ND-GT series history is rich in tradition

By KATE GALES  
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When the nation's great college football rivalries are discussed, the Notre Dame-Georgia Tech series is seldom mentioned.

It doesn't have glamour and prestige that Notre Dame-USC possesses. The Yellow Jackets do not have the same significance in Notre Dame history as the Navy Midshipmen. And there is little emphasis on all-time winning percentages, a title always at stake when the

Notre Dame plays Michigan.

And while Notre Dame has dominated Georgia Tech in the past, possessing a 26-5-1 record, the rivalry extends well beyond who wins on Saturday.

First of all, the Notre Dame-Georgia Tech series gave college football one of its greatest stories — Rudy. It also saw a game where the Yellow Jackets won without completing a pass. It witnessed the rededication of Notre Dame Stadium in 1997 decades after Knute Rockne walked the sidelines.

And it's an important piece of American social history, as well

as two of college football's most storied powerhouses.

Looking back, Notre Dame wasn't a world-renowned university in the early 20th century. But it took its sports seriously.

"Out of that athletic culture came good football teams — before Rockne [was a coach] and when Rockne was a player," said Murray Sperber, author of "Shake Down the Thunder: The Creation of Notre Dame Football."

The social culture surrounding the fledgling university, however, was less conducive to its success. It was "an era with tremendous amounts of prejudice" against Catholics, Sperber said.

In the early twentieth century, the Ku Klux Klan planned an attack on the University and the Big 10 refused to allow Notre Dame to become a member institution.

"That was the world that Rockne and Notre Dame had to operate in," Sperber said. "They turned it to their advantage because not many Big 10 schools would play them ... [and] they had to travel great distances for opponents."

Notre Dame's first game against Georgia Tech, a 13-3 win, took place in 1922.

"Going to Georgia Tech that first time in 1922 was very important," Sperber said. "Rockne wanted big paydays. ... People criticized Rockne for [scheduling this game] because Notre Dame might lose."

There are more than social implications to the Notre Dame-Georgia Tech series, however. When Rockne scheduled the Yellow Jackets, it was a clash of

titans within the college game.

"One of the reasons [this series] is significant is because Georgia Tech was such a huge power in college football from fairly early on," said Professor John Soares, who teaches a course in American sports history at Notre Dame. "One factor is that Notre Dame obviously has its strong history in football, and Georgia Tech has it as well."

Georgia Tech hired only its fourth football coach in 1967. Two of its previous coaches were John Heisman, for whom the sport's most prestigious award was named, and Bobby Dodd, for whom college football's Coach of the Year award is named.

In the 1970s, Notre Dame head coach Dan Devine and Georgia Tech head coach Pepper Rodgers — old rivals from Missouri and Kansas, respectively — brought new blood to the series.

In 1976, the Yellow Jackets beat the Irish despite attempting only one pass, an incompleteness. The Irish were stunned by the wishbone, but made up for it the following year, winning 69-14 en route to a national championship.

The rivalry grew in 1978 as angry Georgia Tech fans pelted the Notre Dame sidelines with bottles during the game, to the point where Devine was concerned about team safety.

They also threw fish in a reference to the derogatory term for Catholics "mackerel snappers," said Sperber. But the anti-Catholicism of the 1970s was nothing compared to what Rockne faced in the 1920s, when the Klan attempted to

march on the university.

"Any game against Georgia Tech was particularly charged with all this extra meaning," Sperber said, noting that the staunchly anti-Catholic Klan was based in Atlanta.

But all of this happened before today's students were born. The college-aged Irish fans making the trek from South Bend to Atlanta this weekend might not appreciate the strong academic tradition of Georgia Tech.

Perhaps their strongest Georgia Tech memories come from the movie "Rudy." The climatic scene is set at the 1975 Notre Dame-Georgia Tech game, a 24-3 win where Daniel Ruetiger recorded a sack in the waning minutes.

Some might have been present for the stadium rededication in 1997, a 17-13 win over the Yellow Jackets that marked Bob Davie's debut.

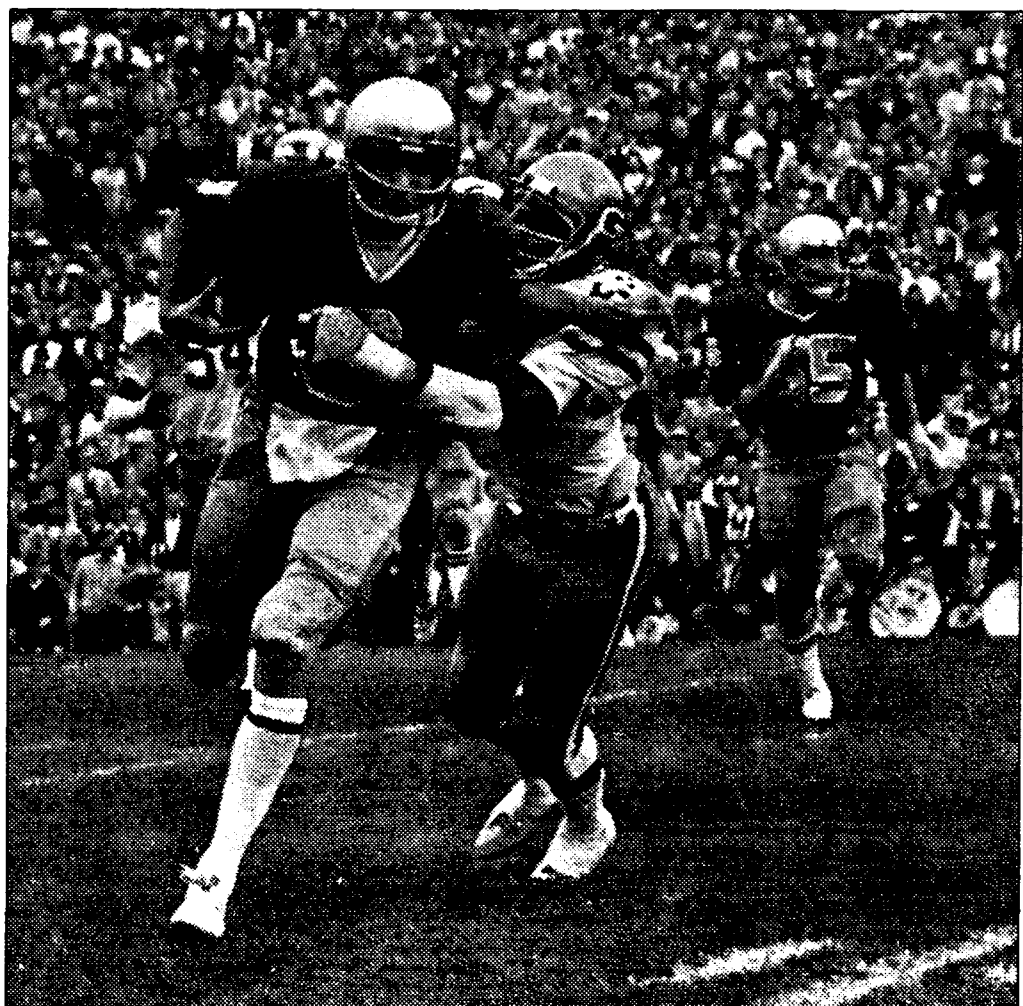
"It has been a while since Georgia Tech has been consistently at the top of the rankings year in and year out," Soares said.

Tech's last national title was in 1990, two years after Notre Dame's 1988 title.

However, although their modern teams don't have the cachet of Southern California or Louisiana State, there will be tradition at stake on both sides Saturday at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

"They tend to win more than they lose and go to bowl games," Soares said. "But I think a lot of fans don't appreciate how rich their tradition is."

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Joe Montana attempts to evade Georgia Tech's Reggie Wilkes in the first quarter of Notre Dame's 69-14 win in 1977.

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