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Truck hits golfers' van on Toll Road

No. 1 player injured, ND vehicle totaled as freshman tries U-turn

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

A University-issued van driven by a freshman on the Irish men's golf team was hit and totaled by a semi truck on Interstate 80 Thursday afternoon, injuring one of the six team members present in the vehicle.

Scott Gustafson, the team's top-ranked golfer, was the sole passenger injured in the crash. He was transported to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center with lacerations to the elbow caused by broken glass, Indiana State Police said.

Gustafson, a junior, was in stable condition at the hospital Thursday night, nursing supervisor Stella Ford confirmed. Though University athletic officials declined to offer details about Gustafson's treatment, golfer Eric Deutsch said his teammate underwent surgery.

The van was traveling to a team practice session at Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Mich., the site of Friday's opening round of the Notre Dame Invitational and approximately a 45-minute drive from South Bend.

Police said the crash occurred at the 69.9 westbound mile marker of I-80 at approximately 2:20 p.m. The van's driver, freshman golfer Gregory Rodgers, reduced his speed in the freeway's left lane as he prepared to make an illegal U-turn, said State Trooper Tim McCormick.

To avoid plowing into the back of the van as it approached from behind, the semi "had to take evasive action to avoid collision," McCormick said. He added that several witness accounts confirmed Rodgers was "driving extremely slow" and therefore was at fault. Rodgers was ticketed at the scene for attempting a U-turn on the interstate.

As the semi sideswiped the van, both vehicles veered into the left median, McCormick said.

"It was pretty much a blur to me. I'm still kind of shaken up," said Deutsch, a junior who was one of the van's passengers. "We actually got pretty lucky because the semi was empty — if it's full we're not walking."

Head coach John Jasinski, who was waiting for his team in Bridgman at the time of the crash, said he was unable to visit

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Photo courtesy of Dan Carey

Top golfer Scott Gustafson was hospitalized Thursday.

Driver tests positive for alcohol

SMC sophomore cited for underage drinking

Observer Staff Report

The Saint Mary's sophomore whose car struck a Notre Dame alumnus early Sunday morning has been ticketed for an alcohol-related offense.

According to the South Bend Tribune, St. Joseph County Deputy Prosecutor Ken Cotter said Jackie Miltenberger, 19, was ticketed on a misdemeanor count of consuming alcohol as a minor and for the violation of being under 21 with a blood-alcohol level of 0.02 percent or higher. Cotter declined to release her exact blood-alcohol level, stating only that it was under 0.08 — the legal level in Indiana at which a driver over 21 years of age is considered to be intoxicated.

Cotter did not return phone calls Thursday from The Observer.

Ryan O'Connor, 24, a 2002 Notre Dame graduate and Naval officer, was running across South Bend Avenue near Vaness Street when he was struck by a car driven by Miltenberger after leaving a nearby bar with friends, police said. St. Joseph County Deputy Coroner Rex Rakow said O'Connor died of severe head trauma at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center and that his death was ruled an accident.

The South Bend Police declined to disclose how fast Miltenberger's car was traveling at the time of the accident and to release the accident report, citing that the investigation was ongoing.

Police said Miltenberger, the driver of the vehicle, was

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Rising football ticket prices don't hurt sales

Observer File Photo

Students line up for the August football ticket lottery number distribution. Tickets prices have increased 20 percent in four years.

By TERESA FRALISH
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Though the time-honored rituals of football Saturdays stand out as a special part of the Notre Dame experience, some students seem to be opting out of that tradition — by simply not purchasing football tickets.

"Definitely there's the money issue," said Saint Mary's sophomore Courtney Rusnak, who did not purchase tickets last year. "I understand why the tickets are more expensive, but I also understand why Saint Mary's girls are upset about the prices being so high."

Notre Dame junior Anna Nussbaum won't be attending football games this year either.

"It was a combination of factors," said Nussbaum, who bought tickets her freshman and sophomore years. "For me personally it wasn't a good investment."

This year, a Notre Dame student season ticket cost $159 while Saint Mary's students paid $212 for each season ticket — a 20 percent increase compared to four years ago, when season tickets were $114 and $173 respectively.

"Quite a few of my friends didn't get tickets," said Saint Mary's sophomore Lindsey Anderson.

Last year, Anderson split a season ticket with her sister but chose not to purchase a season ticket this fall. Though she hopes to purchase a single ticket for one of the home games, Anderson cited the high cost of the ticket combined with low interest in the

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Second-annual Relay for Life raises cancer research funds

Organizers say high participation, enthusiasm helped achieve $80,000 goal

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

For 16 hours this weekend, the Notre Dame community will come together to honor and remember victims of cancer under the banner of Relay for Life: "Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer".

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For the second year, the nationwide fundraiser comes to the Stepan Center to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Last year organizers were pleasantly surprised by the outpouring of donations and participation, and raised over $65,000 — $35,000 over the initial goal.

The campaign has only gained momentum this year, and with 51 teams totaling over 1,400 participants, the event promises to make a significant contribution to cancer research. According to Relay for Life faculty co-chair Jessica Brookshire, this year's goal of raising $80,000 has already been met and exceeded.

Organizers have attributed this year's success to the creative fundraising efforts of the various teams on campus.

The biology team, which is the largest team fielding over 300 participants, held the "Pie in Your Face" contest last Friday night. With a donation of $1 students could throw a pie at the top six money makers from Biological Science. Other teams sold apple pies, mums, and cardboard trash bins for tailgaters on Saturday.

Many of the students involved with Relay for Life participate because cancer has affected someone close to them.

"Cancer has deeply affected my family and I feel that this is one small way that I can help others who are battling this disease," said Michele Taets, a Notre Dame student and campus-wide coordinator of the event.

Teams consist of Notre Dame faculty staff and students. Notre Dame organizations fielding teams range from PILLARS club to Notre Dame firefighters. The diversity of the clubs reflects the unifying effect of Relay for Life.

"It is the only event I know of where faculty and students come together for a common cause" said Brookshire. "It is amazing to see how small teams can come together and do so well. We had no idea how much energy people would put into this."

Luminaries were distributed to participants earlier this week. With a donation of $5, participants can decorate the luminaries in honor of someone who has faced cancer. They will line the perimeter of the Stepan Center.

Event organizers have filled the night with activities to encourage participants to stay for the full 16 hours. Most teams coordinate schedules for the evening so that at least one member of their team is walking at all times. This allows

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Inside Column

Movin' on up

Eileen Duffy

News Production Editor

Three years ago, my family upgraded from a 100-year old house to a brand-new townhouse complex.

This fall I moved from one of the oldest dorms on campus, Lyons Hall to, as my former rectress called it, "the first world" — the sparkling new Welsh Family Hall.

Guess what? This time it didn't cost a thing.

My old house contained two bedrooms and one bathroom. Do all of you out there know what it feels like to pull the shower curtain shut when you are taking a bath so another member of your family can go to the bathroom, or to "call" the bathroom on the way home from family outings, like you might call shotgun, or to hold your toothpaste spit for abnormally long amounts of time and finally run downstairs and spit it in the kitchen sink?

Well, I do. That's why moving to a new house with three bedrooms, four bathrooms and the third floor all to myself is so much more rewarding.

That's not to say I don't love and miss my old house. After all, it had so much character — my new house looks the same as the other 29 connected to it. And my sisters and I will never fall asleep in such close proximity to each other again.

Living in an old dorm last year was oddly reminiscent of being in my old house.

In our basement quad I would get out of my top bunk by leaning over and grabbing my roommate's wardrobe, which was on the opposite wall. We would change by announcing, "Don't turn around". When I hadn't done my laundry in awhile, it would take up approximately one-fourth of our room. We were in such close quarters that I thank God neither of us broke parietals — it could have been a bit awkward.

Moving into Welsh Family was truly like going from Motel 6 to The Ritz Carlton. I danced around the first day as we set up our futon, which actually fit in the room, lofted our beds in two minutes flat and strained to cover that very top inch of our massive wall space.

Heck, I think Michael Jordan could stand in our room and jump without touching the ceiling.

Again, that's not to say I don't love Lyons. I still reminisce about curling up with three of my roommates in one twin bed to watch "Sex and the City" on a rainy afternoon, and I feel a pang in my heart when I walk under that arch.

But then I remember that they and I are paying the same fee for two strikingly different living situations. The same rate does not apply at a Motel 6 and a Ritz Carlton.

I'm not suggesting we tear down the Motel 6 — just charge its patrons less. I speak from experience, and I'm telling you, it's only fair.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer Contact Eileen Duffy at eduffy1@nd.edu.

Corrections

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

Question of the Day: *What's your prediction for the football game this weekend?*

Amy Houghton

senior McGlinn

"Parachuters will fall out of the sky and beat up MSU's team."

Brent Locey

Freshman Alumni

"Notre Dame completes the sweep of Michigan. ND 30, MSU 14."

Ellen Becker

freshman Cavanaugh

"Irish all the way!"

Ge Wang

freshman St. Ed's

"ND by 14."

Nicole Lapka

freshman Cavanaugh

"State sucks. ND 24-21."

Thomas Garcia

junior Dillon

"ND wins by more than 11."

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Senior Danielle Noujaim, left, speaks to representatives from News Marketing America at the Business Career Fair held Thursday night from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Students were invited to drop their resume off and pick up applications for companies that sparked their interest.

Offbeat

Hairpiece theft comes off all wrong

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A man has been fined and sentenced to probation for a hair-raising stunt that left a man bald.

Paul Goudy, 25, of Lemoyne, pleaded guilty to snatching the hairpiece off the head of another man at a restaurant as part of a dare.

He was sentenced to 23 months' probation, fined $500 and ordered to write a letter of apology.

The victim, Edward Floyd, was sitting in the Fisaga restaurant in Harrisburg on Jan. 1 when Goudy ripped the hairpiece off his head, taking with it a gold chain that hung from his neck.

"Don't these guys have anything better to do than to rob and humiliate someone for absolutely no reason in the world? It's just outrageous," said Floyd, 60, of Harrisburg. "I'm a nice guy. I don't bother anybody."

Talk about racing to the altar

GREENWOOD, Neb. — Matt Simmons was one of the stars Sunday at Nebraska Raceway Park, but not for his driving.

Simmons, 29, got the attention of the crowd during intermission of the Outlaw Vintage Lites Racing Series, when he and fiancee Shannon Fulmer, 24, got married at the track.

The Davey couple had set two earlier wedding dates, but the traditional nuptials never happened, Simmons said. So about two months ago, they decided they should just get married at the track.

That solution made sense, Simmons said, since most of his Sundays are spent racing his five-eighths scale replica of a 1932 Chevrolet coupe.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

SUB presents **'Troy'** starring Brad Pitt and Orlando Bloom **tonight** and **Saturday at 8** and **10:30 p.m.** Tickets are $3 at 101 DeBartolo.

Barbara Newman of Northwestern University presents a lecture on **"The Artifice of Eternity: Three Versions of Celestial Poetics" today** from **8 to 9:30 p.m.** in the McKenna Hall Auditorium. The lecture is [art of the "Names and the Unnameable: Literary Art and Spiritual Vision" conference.

The **Relay for Life: "Fighting Irish Fighting Cancer"** is taking place from **6 p.m. tonight until 10 a.m. Saturday**. The event includes luminaries, contests and entertainment. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Saint Mary's will be sponsoring a **trip to Chicago Saturday**. The bus leaves from the LeMans bus stop at **8:00 a.m.** Tickets can be picked up at the Haggar front desk.

The **Domer Run and Walk** takes place **Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** There are 3-mile and 6-mile runs and a 2-mile fun walk, followed by a pancake breakfast for participants. Proceeds go to ovarian cancer research and education.

The **Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis** will play the opening concert in the Leighton Concert Hall of the Debartolo Performing Arts Center on **Sunday from 8 to 10 p.m.** For tickets call the DeBartolo box office at 1-2800.

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

Local Weather

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH	77	67	77	78	83	85
LOW	52	52	55	60	65	70

Atlanta 75 / 64 **Boston** 80 / 64 **Chicago** 76 / 55 **Denver** 84 / 53 **Houston** 96 / 72 **Los Angeles** 78 / 64 **Minneapolis** 76 / 50
New York 78 / 68 **Philadelphia** 80 / 68 **Phoenix** 104 / 83 **Seattle** 62 / 52 **St. Louis** 81 / 59 **Tampa** 89 / 77 **Washington** 80 / 70

Domers run in honor of deceased alumna

By JEANNINE PRIVAT
News Writer

For the first time in 22 years, students, faculty and members of the community will participate in the traditional Domer Run and Walk in honor of a specific individual.

This year the event is being held in memory of Barbara Ann Link, who battled ovarian cancer before passing away last November.

Link was one of the first female graduates of Notre Dame and the wife of David Link, dean emeritus of the Notre Dame Law School.

"[The Domer Run] is a more traditional event that started as a campus run for students," Bill Reagan, RecSports' assistant director of instruction, special event and family programming said. The event originated as an activity for students to participate in during one away-game weekend during football season. When RecSports began to sponsor the event in partnership with the Alumni Association in 1997, however, it evolved into a fundraiser for cancer awareness and aid programs.

This year, all proceeds will go to organizations that deal with ovarian cancer in Link's honor.

All three races that comprise the run — the three and six mile runs and the two mile walk — begin at the north end of the stadium and end at Library Quad.

Over its 22-year evolution, a breakfast for the runners has been added. After completing the course, participants are invited to a pancake breakfast under a tent on Library Quad, where awards will be distributed to the winners of the categories each race.

There are awards for male and female divisions in each race, and in each gender subset there is an award for the undergraduate, graduate student and faculty and staff winners.

The money raised from the registration fees of the participants and donations by local organizations is collected and distributed by the Alumni Association to local organizations, like the Women's Cancer Task Force.

A $6 pre-registration is available until 5 p.m. today. Participants can also register for $10 fee at 10 a.m. Saturday before the race begins, under the tent located on Library Quad.

These fees include the pancake breakfast and t-shirt that participants are awarded for completing the course.

Participants can begin arriving at the tent on Library Quad at 10 a.m., with the races starting promptly at 11 a.m.

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Malloy's book recounts travels

Special to The Observer

Father Edward Malloy has circumnavigated the globe for the past 17 years as the University of Notre Dame's president — from the Holy Land to Ireland, Chile to Iceland, Tibet to Ground Zero.

In "Monk's Travels: People, Places, and Events," a new book published by Andrews McMeel, Father Malloy recounts his impressions of the places he has visited and the people he has met in more than two dozen nations and locations worldwide. The book is the product of the diaries he has produced in the aftermath of his many presidential journeys.

In the preface, Father Malloy writes: "Ann Tyler wrote a novel entitled 'The Accidental Tourist' that is about a man who is forced to travel but does not want to have any new experiences. He wants to guarantee his safety and security by making sure that everything is predictable and familiar. My goal on my trips was just the opposite: not to do anything too foolish, but to be open to an endless round of new experiences and possibilities."

Father Malloy begins the book with memories of what he calls the most significant event of his more than 40 years at Notre Dame: a Mass on the afternoon of Sept. 11, 2001, on the South Quad in remembrance of the victims of that morning's terrorist attacks on America. He goes on to describe his first visit to Ground Zero a month later, writing: "I felt the same way at the World Trade Center as I have felt at the battlefields of Gettysburg or Chancellorsville or Manassas/Bull Run: This is indeed sacred ground, and we honor the dead by being present at the place where they lost their lives."

The book continues with Father Malloy's recollections and observations from his travels through Europe, the Mediterranean region, Eastern Europe, Latin America, South America, Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and the Far East.

Professor named ASME fellow

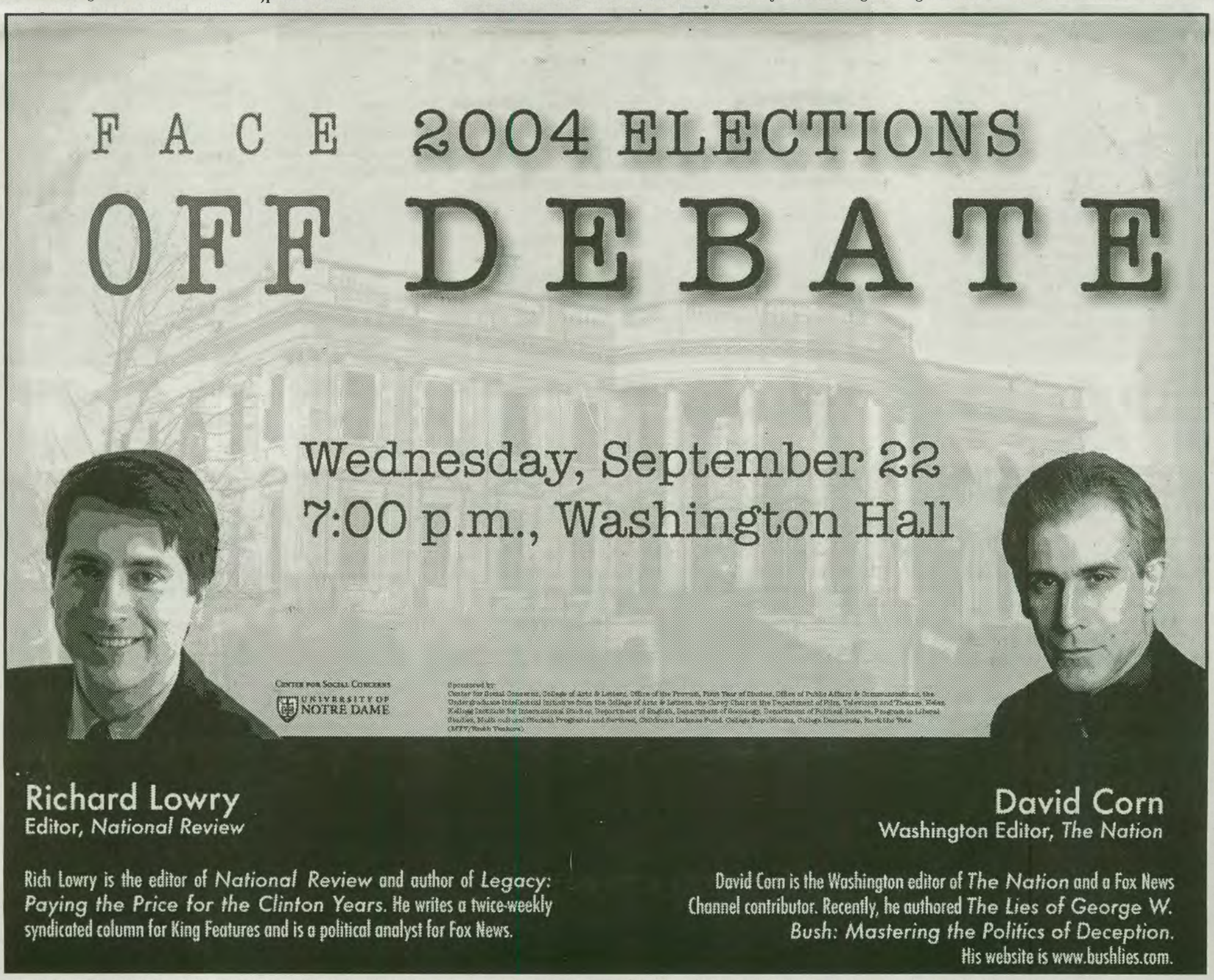
Special to The Observer

Patrick Dunn, professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering at the University of Notre Dame, has been named a fellow of the American Society of Engineers.

Fellow is the highest elected grade of membership in ASME and is conferred upon a member with at least 10 years of active engineering practice who has made significant contributions in the field. Dunn is the seventh member of Notre Dame's aerospace and mechanical engineering faculty to be named a fellow. The others are: Hafiz Atassi, Frank Incropera, Thomas Mueller, John Renaud, Albin Szewczyk and Kwang-Tzu Yang.

Dunn is a graduate of Purdue University, where he also earned his doctorate in aerospace engineering and fluid mechanics in 1974. After receiving his degrees, he taught at both Purdue and Duke Universities and in 1978 joined the engineering division of the Argonne National Library.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1985, Dunn served from 1998 to 2002 as director of the University's Hessert Laboratory for Aerospace Research, and in 1999 served as director of the College of Engineering's London Program.' His research at Notre Dame has focused on the dynamics of aerosol formation, transportation and deposition.



Tickets

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football team for why she didn't go for the full set.

"I'm not much of a football fan," she said.

The University's general policy has always discounted Notre Dame student tickets 50 percent off the general admission price, and Saint Mary's students receive a 33 percent discount, said Tom Nevala, assistant athletic director for business operations.

Notre Dame students who have trouble affording tickets can appeal to the Rector Fund for assistance with the cost. Saint Mary's has no comparable program.

For its part, the University claims such ticket price hikes are necessarily to support the mission of the athletic department and contribute funds toward other University priorities.

"Most of the decisions that involve revenue-generating come back to tickets," said Nevala.

According to Nevala, the University administration expects the athletic department, and specifically football, to generate about $12 million per year, which becomes included in Notre Dame's overall budget.

Though Nevala said this level has remained relatively constant over the past four years, he expects it to remain high as the University continues its push to increase financial aid.

However, the athletic directors set the actual ticket price yearly.

But in addition to the net revenue expected by the University, Nevala said prices hikes have directly correlated to full funding for scholarship sports.

"That would certainly be a big factor over the last four years," he said.

Currently, the athletic department funds 320 full tuition scholarships in the various sports programs.

"This is the first year we're fully funding all of our sports," Nevala said.

Ticket office manager Josh Berlo said specific statistics aren't compiled each year on exactly what percentage of students purchase tickets, but said generally 10,000 are sold each year, plus or minus 100-200 tickets.

Nevala said the athletic department was mindful of the price increases, but didn't expect the upward trend to change.

"We know we're at a pretty critical juncture for football tickets," he said.

The University hopes to find alternative sources to generate revenue, but won't participate in widespread licensing like many other universities.

"We don't do blatant corporate sponsorships. That's just not Notre Dame," Nevala said. "We have to be very creative to find other revenue sources."

Nonetheless, Nevala noted that demand for general admission tickets remained very high given the sellout crowds in attendance week after week at Notre Dame Stadium.

"Some marketing professors would say, if your building is sold out then you should raise ticket prices," he said.

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Relay

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other participants to enjoy the various activities planned for the evening. A dunk tank will be on site, and hayrides will be given throughout the campus from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. In addition, the Science Observatory will be open from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. to view the stars. The Mr. Relay Pageant will begin at 11 p.m.

Even if students have not registered they are encouraged to attend. Registration tables will be open during the night and students are invited to stop by after their SYRs to roast marshmallows and go to "Dance around the Track" at 2 am.

The money raised for Relay for Life goes directly to the American Cancer Society. From there, it is distributed to various research institutions like Notre Dame.

"It will come full circle because the money funds research that takes place right here on campus. That really helps explain why Relay for Life is such a wonderful part of Notre Dame," Brookshire said. "The power of Relay for Life is so hard to describe. You really have to be there to understand how special it is."

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Van

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Gustafson in the hospital.

"He's recovering, he should be okay tomorrow," Jasinski said.

The van, a 2000 blue Chevy, was towed after suffering nearly $10,000 worth of damage, McCormick said. Damages to the semi were estimated at $1,000.

University spokesman Matt Storin and Associate Athletic Director John Heisler both declined to comment on whether the University will cover the vehicular damage or Gustafson's hospital fees.

Heisler said it was not unusual for athletes to drive vehicles carrying teammates.

"There are circumstances under which that's routine," he said. "Today was a typical example — 16 teams, multiple sites. One coach was at one [site,] one coach was at the other. ... There's no rule against it per se."

Students in general can also drive their peers after taking a training course, Storin said. He said he did not know if Rodgers had completed such a session.

All golfers but Gustafson will still participate in the tournament, Jasinski said.

"Absolutely, the tournament will continue," said Chris Masters, assistant director for Sports Information. "We're really looking forward to it."

The last major accident involving a Notre Dame sports team occurred in January 1992, when a United Limo bus carrying the women's swim team overturned on the Indiana Toll Road, killing two swimmers and injuring 32.

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Accident

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breathalyzed at the scene of the accident and taken to the St. Joseph County Jail for an additional blood-alcohol level test as per state law.

Both the South Bend Police and St. Joseph County Prosecutor's office declined to release the blood-alcohol levels of both the driver and the victim and to elaborate specifically on who was drinking, stating only that the investigation is ongoing and that alcohol appeared to be a factor.

Police said the accident remains under investigation pending reconstruction of the accident. At that time the prosecutor's office may decide to file additional charges against Miltenberger.

Rakow said that the coroner's office ruling of O'Connor's death as an accident is independent of both the police investigation and the prosecutor's decision of whether to bring further charges against Miltenberger.

O'Connor's funeral was Thursday in his hometown of West Chester, Penn.

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Friday, September 17
Step off from the Main Building with the Band of the Fighting Irish at 4 p.m.
Join the parade with costumed actors from FTT and the Irish Guard.
See the fanfare that is the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.
Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and stay open until 10 p.m.
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Come and celebrate the opening of your performing arts center! Enjoy a self-directed tour through the facility. Maps will be available. Notre Dame and regional performers will showcase their considerable talents in all five venues.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. launches attacks in Fallujah

BAGHDAD — U.S. forces launched attacks Thursday in the western towns of Fallujah and Ramadi, killing up to 60 insurgents in strikes against allies of terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a military statement said.

The military said that the "foreign fighters" were killed near Fallujah. Dr. Ahmed Thayer said 14 wounded had been brought to Fallujah General Hospital, most of them women and children.

The military launched what it called a "precision strike" against a house in Fallujah and followed it with a second strike in a nearby town. The second strike destroyed three buildings allegedly used by Zarqawi's network.

"Those foreign fighters who escaped the initial strike fled into the town of Qaryat ar Rufush," the military said.

IAEA wrestles with Iran resolution

VIENNA, Austria — U.S. and European diplomats tentatively agreed Thursday to demand a new Iranian freeze on uranium enrichment by fall as they fine-tuned a draft resolution meant to deprive Iran of technology that could be used to make nuclear weapons.

But negotiations over the text being prepared for the International Atomic Energy Agency's board of governors were overshadowed by a U.S. charge that the U.N. atomic watchdog had kept silent about its concerns over a possible nuclear weapons-related test site in Iran.

"This is a serious omission," a U.S. official said, alluding to the lack of specific mention of the Parchin complex in a report that IAEA director Mohamed ElBaradei wrote for the board on the status of a probe into Iran's nuclear activities.

NATIONAL NEWS

TSA announces security tightening

WASHINGTON — Starting next week, all airline passengers must take off their jackets before passing through metal detectors and more will be subjected to pat-down searches and checks for explosives, the Transportation Security Administration announced Thursday.

Screeners will advise passengers of the new procedures when they put their carryon bags on the conveyor belt, TSA spokeswoman Yolanda Clark said.

The goal is "to fortify our screening procedures to detect the presence of explosives carried on a person or in carryon luggage," she said.

Bags checked onto planes must pass through machines that can detect various kinds of explosives.

Twin dies after surgical separation

BALTIMORE — A little girl born with her head fused to that of her twin sister died Thursday, shortly after surgeons separated them.

The surviving 1-year-old twin, Lea Block, lay in critical but stable condition.

Lea and her sister, Tabea, from Lemgo, Germany, were separated shortly after midnight, after more than 18 hours of surgery.

Tabea died "of major complications associated with the separation surgery," according to a statement released Thursday by the Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

Doctors had performed "an exhaustive resuscitative effort," hospital spokeswoman Staci Vernick Goldberg said.

LOCAL NEWS

Student fires handgun at school

GARY — A student who police say fired a handgun inside a high school during a lunch period fight remained at large on Thursday even though he returned to the school with his mother.

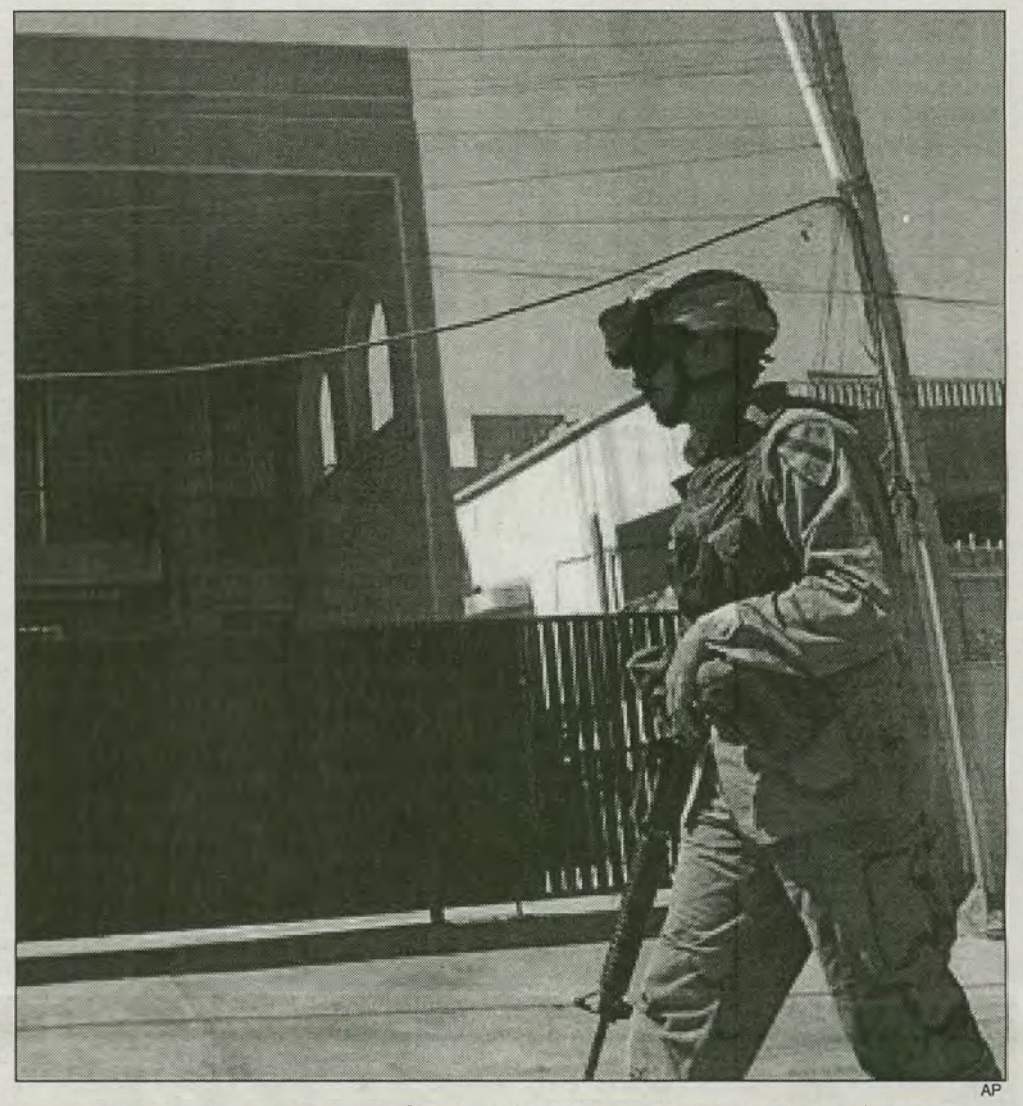
A surveillance tape showed that a fight broke out Wednesday in the Wirt High School commons area, with the student who shot three bullets into the ceiling then fleeing the school, police said. No injuries were reported.

BAGHDAD

Insurgents take three hostages

Gunmen kidnap two Americans, one Briton in morning raid of Iraqi capital

Associated Press



AP

A U.S. soldier patrols the house in al-Mansour, Baghdad, Iraq, from which gunmen abducted two Americans and a Briton, all employees of Gulf Services Company.

BAGHDAD — A team of kidnappers grabbed two Americans and a Briton in a dawn raid on their home on a leafy Baghdad street Thursday _ a bold abduction that underlines the increasing danger for foreigners in the embattled capital as violence soars ahead of national elections planned for early next year.

West of the capital, U.S. forces launched attacks Thursday in the Sunni insurgent strongholds of Fallujah and Ramadi, killing up to 60 insurgents in strikes against allies of terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a military statement said. The military said that the "foreign fighters" were killed near Fallujah, but hospital officials there said the city was calm and that they had not received any casualties.

The military launched what it called a "precision strike" against a house in Fallujah and followed it with a second strike in a nearby town. The second strike destroyed three buildings allegedly used by Zarqawi's network.

Also Thursday, three U.S. Marines assigned to 1st Marine Expeditionary Force were killed by hostile fire in separate incidents in the western Anbar province while conducting security operations, the military said. One Marine died at the scene and the two others died later of their wounds. No other details were released.

The U.S. Embassy identified the kidnapped Americans as Jack Hensley and Eugene Armstrong, but the identity of the British man was not disclosed.

The three worked for Gulf Services Co., a United Arab Emirates-based construction company. "They were doing work under contracts with them in Baghdad," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

The abduction took place in the al-Mansour neighborhood, one of the most affluent in Baghdad. Foreign embassies and prominent Iraqi politicians are based in the neighborhood.

The team of about 10 attackers drove to the head of the tree-lined street in a minivan, walked up to the house, circumvented a concrete wall and snatched the Westerners without a gunfight, said Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman, an Interior Ministry official.

Nineteen-year-old Ziad Tareq said he was walking down the street when he saw a man dressed in black, his face covered with a red Arab headdress, dragging one of the Westerners by the collar and pushing him into a car parked outside the house.

A neighbor, who identified herself only as Um Ibrahim, said she was awakened by the voices of men giving orders. "Walk. Get in," she said she heard men say in Arabic. "I thought they were stealing a car and I was scared, but my mother told me that they might be some people fixing the generator," she said.

"These are kind people who have come to rebuild Iraq," she added. "Why did this happen to them?"

Neighbors knew the foreigners because they had allowed them to use their generator for electricity during Baghdad's sweltering summer.

One resident, who would give his name only as Majid for fear of reprisal, said he left his house about 6 a.m. during a power outage to turn on the communal generator.

"I noticed unusual movement in the garage. I heard voices that sounded like someone was trying to drag somebody else," he said. "I was frightened and left the area, but when I came back to the foreigners' house, I saw that the outer gate was open and the foreigners' car had gone."

Hurricane Ivan slams Gulf Coast

Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Hurricane Ivan drilled the Gulf Coast early Thursday with 130-mph winds that inflicted far less damage than feared everywhere except Florida's Panhandle, where residents were left with surge-ravaged beachfronts, flooded streets and homes ripped apart by deadly tornadoes.

The storm was blamed for at least 18 U.S. deaths, most of them in Florida.

"We were prepared for the hurricane, but the tornadoes were bam, bam, bam," said Glenda Nichols, manager of the Microtel Inn in Marianna, Fla. "There was nothing we could do about it. I put all my guests in their rooms and told them to get in the bathtubs."

Ivan quickly deteriorated to a tropical storm after coming ashore. But forecasters warned it was not done yet: It threatened up to 15 inches of rain and flooding across the South, already soggy after Hurricanes Charley and Frances over the past month.

And more danger could be on the horizon: Hurricane Jeanne is tearing through the Caribbean on a path that could take it into Florida early next week.

More than 2 million residents along a 300-mile stretch of the Gulf Coast cleared out as Ivan, a former 165-mph monster that killed 70 people in the Caribbean, closed in on an unsteady path.

Ivan came ashore near Gulf Shores Beach, Ala., around 3 a.m., but it was the Panhandle — squarely in the northwest quadrant of the storm, where the winds are most violent — that took the brunt.

Ivan spun off at least a dozen tornadoes in Florida, while creating a storm surge of 10 to 16 feet, topped by large battering waves. A portion of a bridge on Interstate 10, the major east-west highway through the Panhandle, was washed away.

Lethal injections may be banned

Lawsuits seek to nix means of capital punishment

AP

Philip Parker, then-warden of the Kentucky State Penitentiary, pushes on an arm board in the death chamber in the Eddyville, Ky., penitentiary in July 1998. Attorneys in at least a dozen of the 37 states that use lethal injection have pursued lawsuits claiming the procedure is unconstitutionally cruel.

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Lethal injection, when used for the first time in Texas nearly 22 years ago, was touted as a more humane way to execute prisoners than the firing squad, hanging, the gas chamber or even the electric chair.

Today, though, death penalty opponents are challenging that notion based on the Constitution's Eighth Amendment, which prohibits "cruel and unusual punishments inflicted."

Attorneys in at least a dozen of the 37 states that use lethal injection have filed lawsuits seeking to ban the procedure, which they say puts inmates through excruciating pain because the anesthetic wears off before the two other drugs are injected.

Prosecutors and victims rights advocates call the lawsuits "the appeal du jour."

"It is clear that no method would be acceptable to those who oppose capital punishment in principle," said Pete Adams, executive director of the Louisiana District Attorney's Association. "It should be remembered that anti-death penalty advocates see their cause as a long-term campaign to be waged on many fronts."

The most recent anti-death penalty action was brought in civil court in Kentucky. Earlier this year, New Jersey stopped lethal injections after an appeals court found insufficient medical knowledge to support the procedure.

The Kentucky case involves two convicted murderers, Thomas Clyde Bowling and Ralph Baze. Their lawyers argue that Bowling and Baze "will ... be tortured to death" if the state executes them by lethal injection.

A lethal injection is comprised of an anesthetic, a paralytic drug and potassium chloride, which causes cardiac arrest.

Pennsylvania state Rep. Daylin Leach has proposed eliminating the paralytic drug from that state's lethal injection. Not using it may show whether inmates are unconscious when receiving potassium chloride or if they are awake and just unable to speak, Leach said. Someone squirming and screaming in pain as the lethal dose is administered could be enough to prompt states to refine the procedure, he said.

Missing evidence on Marine resurfaces

Attorney says Iraqi man's larynx is found in freezer in Germany

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Missing medical evidence taken from the body of an Iraqi man beaten by Marine prison guards resurfaced this week, a defense attorney for an officer charged in connection with the man's death said Thursday. For months, the military had insisted the evidence was lost.

An Army medical examiner found the larynx of Nagem Hatab in a freezer in Germany, said Keith Higgins, a civilian defense attorney. The examiner, Col. Kathleen Ingwersen, conducted Hatab's autopsy in Iraq and concluded he died from a broken bone in his neck.

Higgins represents Marine Maj. Clarke Paulus, who ran the jail at the prison camp and is accused of ordering one of his men to drag Hatab by his neck after the Iraqi suffered a severe bout of diarrhea and collapsed while in custody.

Paulus, 35, faces up to 4 1/2 years in prison if convicted of aggravated assault, dereliction of duty and maltreatment of prisoners. Court-martial is scheduled to begin in November at Camp Pendleton, the Marine base north of San Diego.

Last week, a military judge delayed the start of the court-martial because of the missing evidence and ordered prosecutors to redouble their efforts to find the items. The judge, Col. Robert Chester, threatened "some extreme measures" to correct what he viewed as serious problems interfering the case.

Higgins said it was "disheartening and extremely troubling" that military doctors would act so carelessly with evidence that he deemed crucial to clearing his client's name.

Higgins also said an Army criminal investigator found a rib cage that may belong to Hatab in a refrigerator at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C. Ingwersen's autopsy found that Hatab had six broken ribs. Results from a DNA test to determine whether the ribs were from Hatab's body are expected Friday, Higgins said.

Christopher Kelly, a spokesman for the institute, said he was unaware of the specifics of the case and could not comment.

Marine guards have testified Hatab was targeted for rough treatment because they believed he had a role in the ambush of a U.S. Army convoy that killed 11 soldiers and led to the capture of Pfc. Jessica Lynch and others.

The missing bones are just one of several errors in the investigation that became known at a hearing last week. Hatab's organs, removed during the autopsy, were destroyed when they were left for hours in the blazing heat on an Iraqi airstrip.

Marine Sgt. Gary Pittman was convicted earlier this month of dereliction of duty and abuse of prisoners at the prison camp, but was cleared of assaulting Hatab. Pittman was sentenced to 60 days of hard labor and demoted to private.

CBS fights for reputation in National Guard scandal

Associated Press

NEW YORK — CBS News is trying to restore its credibility after a week of questions about its report on President Bush's National Guard service — yet it may never conclusively know whether it was duped by fake documents.

The news division has acknowledged for the first time questions about the authenticity of documents used to support the story, and it has promised a stepped-up effort to get at the truth.

"They could have saved themselves a good deal of negative publicity and attacks if they had said that from the beginning," said Charlotte Grimes, a Syracuse University professor with a specialty in political reporting.

Internet watchdogs were the first to raise questions about last week's report, and CBS anchor Dan Rather's critics have been buzzing ever since.

An editorial cartoon in the Birmingham News pictured a dour-looking Rather saying on camera, "There is not an anti-Bush media bias. And here's a memo to prove it."

The memos, purportedly written by Bush's late squadron commander, Lt. Col. Jerry B. Killian, indicated he had been pressured to sugar coat Bush's performance and that the future president ignored an order to take a physical. Several document experts say they look suspiciously like they were written on computer, not a 1970s-era typewriter.

CBS flew the late Killian's former secretary, Marian Carr Knox, from Texas to New York Wednesday for an interview, in which she said she believed the documents were fake but their content accurate.

While backing away slightly from the documents, CBS has always maintained — and Rather repeated on "60 Minutes" Wednesday — that no one has disputed the substance of the story: Bush received preferential treatment to get into the National Guard and didn't fulfill his requirements.

But CBS News President Andrew Heyward said "there obviously remain questions surrounding the documents and we're going to redouble our effort to get to the bottom of them."

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IN BRIEF

Martha Stewart to report to prison

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart said she would miss her many pets and hoped to be free in time for her cherished spring gardening.

Otherwise, she seemed determined to get her ordeal over with when she announced Wednesday she would surrender within weeks to begin serving her five-month prison sentence.

Speaking at a choreographed news conference before a brilliant array of color swatches, Stewart said she will continue to appeal her conviction — but will head for prison anyway to end what she called a personal nightmare.

"I must reclaim my good life," the 63-year-old millionaire businesswoman declared. "I must return to my good works and allow those around me who work with me to do the same."

Stewart was convicted March 5 of lying about why she sold 3,928 shares of ImClone Systems Inc. stock on Dec. 27, 2001, the day before a negative announcement about the company that sent the price plunging.

She was sentenced in July to five months in prison and five months of house arrest. The judge allowed her to remain free pending appeal — but defense lawyers have now asked the judge to lift that order.

Infineon pleads guilty to price fixing

WASHINGTON — German computer chipmaker Infineon Technologies AG has agreed to plead guilty to price fixing and will pay a $160 million fine, the Justice Department announced Wednesday.

In a plea agreement filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, Infineon acknowledged conspiring with other companies to fix prices of computer memory products between July 1999 and June 2002.

The victims included some of the world's largest computer companies — Dell, Hewlett-Packard, IBM and Gateway.

Infineon's "dynamic random access memory" is used in digital recorders, personal computers, printers, video recorders, mobile phones and other electronics.

The agreement calls for Infineon to plead guilty to one felony count of price fixing and to cooperate with the investigation of other producers of computer memory products.

NEW YORK

Stocks show signs of promise

Though volatile oil prices loom, Wall Street begins to gain momentum

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks regained some momentum Thursday as fresh economic data suggested inflation remains well under control, but volatile oil prices gave investors some pause late in the session.

Analysts are closely watching stocks for signs that the market will stabilize in the second half of the year, but choppy trading has made it difficult to build confidence among investors, particularly given recent fluctuations in oil prices. Some traders questioned the durability of the day's advance on the heels of several lowered corporate forecasts and mixed economic data.

"Once again, we've pulled oil into the headlines. It seems we always find ourselves with that staring us down anytime we're starting a rally," said Bill Groenveld, head trader for vFinance Investments. "We've had a strong move, but it would be healthy for the market to consolidate. It could give us a pedestal to move higher, solidly, in the fourth quarter, as long as economic numbers don't change and oil stays in line."

The Dow Jones industrial average finished up 13.13, or 0.1 percent, at 10,244.49.

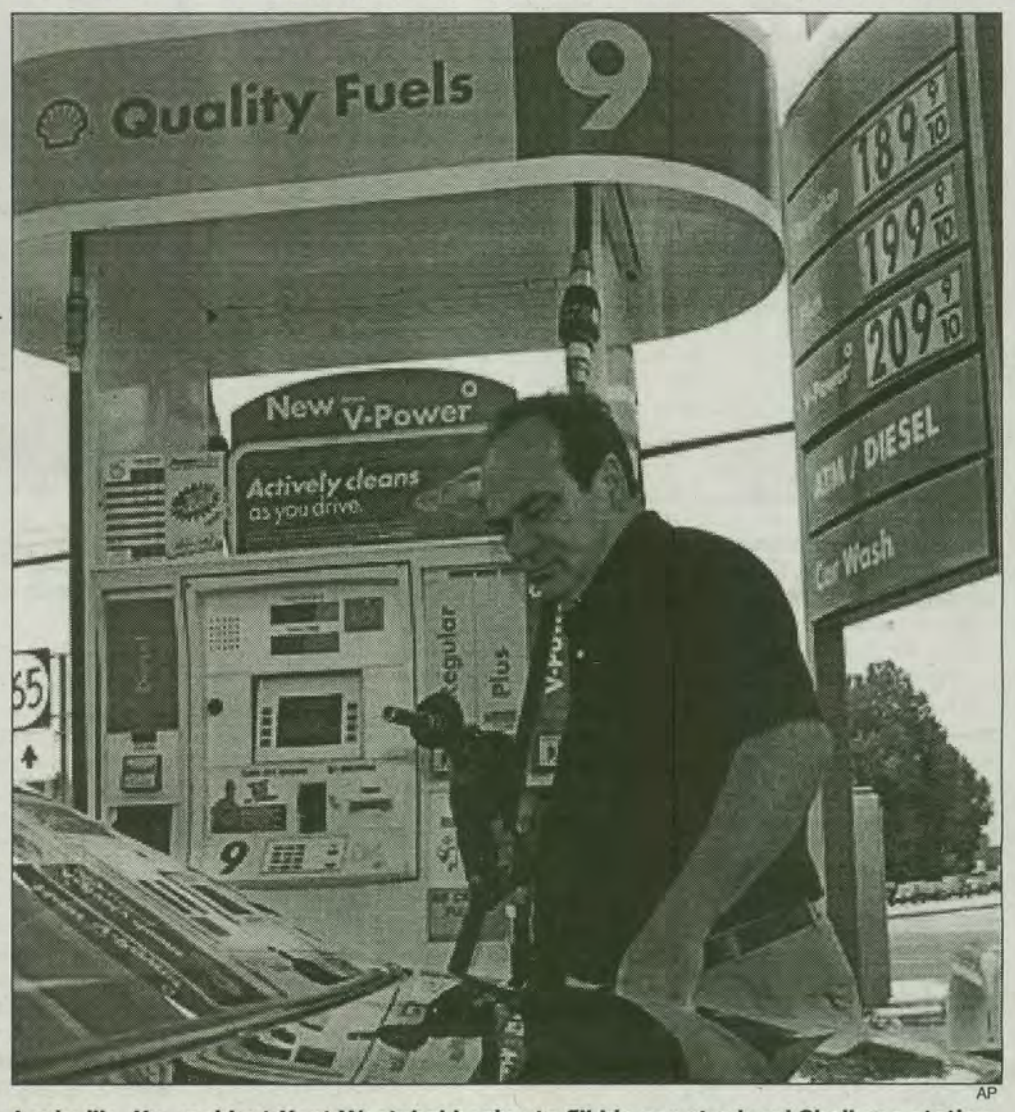
The broader gauges also closed in positive range. The Nasdaq composite index added 7.56, or 0.4 percent, to 1,904.08. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 3.13, or 0.3 percent, to 1,123.50.

Oil production facilities in the Gulf of Mexico were restaffing and assessing damage after Hurricane Ivan threatened rigs, tossed tankers off course and dented production earlier in the week. Crude prices were down most of the day, but inched higher late in the session as traders covered their shorts. Light crude for October delivery settled up 30 cents at $43.88 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, rebounding from below $43.

The Labor Department reported a 0.1 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index, the government's most closely watched inflation gauge. It was a better reading than the 0.2 percent rise forecast by economists, and indicates inflation poses no immediate risk. Analysts said the economic lull in late spring and early summer made it harder for some companies to raise prices.

Following a weaker session Wednesday, which analysts said was overdue after four weeks of solid gains, the inflation data was a welcome buying incentive, and more than offset negative earnings warnings from several companies, including Nortel Networks Corp. Volume was light due to Rosh Hashanah — the Jewish New Year — and ahead of the usually volatile "triple witching" on Friday, when options and futures contracts expire.

Much attention has been focused on economic data ahead of next week's meeting of the Federal Reserve, when policy-makers are expected to raise the federal funds rate by a quarter point to 1.75 percent. As long as inflation remains in check, analysts say the Fed is unlikely to adopt a more aggressive policy on rates. With oil prices, the jobs picture and the presidential race all coming into play, however, a great deal of uncertainty remains. Market watcher say this shouldn't scare investors to the sidelines, but it underscores the need to keep expectations in check.



AP

Louisville, Ky., resident Kent Westphal begins to fill his car at a local Shell gas station. Oil prices rose Thursday despite reports that refineries closed due to Hurricane Ivan.

OPEC set to increase oil production

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — OPEC will increase its oil production target by 1 million barrels a day later this year in a move widely viewed as more symbolic than significant, given that the cartel has been exceeding the new output limit since the beginning of the year.

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheik Ahmad Fahad al-Ahmad al-Sabah said Wednesday the cartel agreed to the decision to raise output by nearly 4 percent, adding it would take effect Nov. 1.

"We will give a signal to the market that we are working hard for the stability of the market," he said.

"It's a gesture of goodwill to the consumers that we want lower prices," Algerian Oil Minister Chakib Khelil said.

But Leo Drollas, chief economist at the London-based Center for Global Energy Studies, said the decision was irrelevant.

"It's a PR exercise to prove to the consumer that OPEC actually likes them, " he said. "It's not going to help the market at all."

The move will increase OPEC's self-imposed output limit for all its members, except Iraq, from 26 million barrels a day to 27 million barrels, but the cartel is already producing 27.4 million barrels and accounts for one-third of the world's oil supply.

Crude prices in New York and London climbed to record highs earlier this summer, but have eased in recent weeks. In trading Wednesday morning, U.S. crude futures were up 61 cents at $45 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, moved largely by government data showing a decline in inventories. The all-time high reached Aug. 19 was $48.70 a barrel. October Brent crude was up 32 cents at $42.05 in trading on London's International Petroleum Exchange.

A proposal by the cartel's board of governors to increase the price band for its basket of crudes, currently at $22 to $28, will be made at a meeting Dec. 10 in Cairo, Egypt. Prices have long been well above the upper end of the band, which is the cartel's preferred selling range. OPEC's basket price, currently in the $39 a barrel range, is lower than prices in the United States because that market requires a higher grade of product.

Bush visits South on fundraising trip

Incumbent seeks women's votes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is dusting off his fund-raiser-in-chief hat and resuming the task of collecting campaign cash for himself and other Republican candidates.

He was raising money Friday in Washington and North Carolina and, while down south, was holding an event designed to boost his standing among women voters.

Bush last appeared at a fund-raiser Aug. 13 in Seattle, and has spent far less time raising money in recent months than campaigning.

Both he and Democratic challenger John Kerry have accepted $75 million in taxpayer money for the general campaign, but the GOP and Democratic parties will spend tens of millions more and the candidates continue to help raise that cash. The parties can spend roughly $16 million each in coordination with their presidential nominees, and unlimited amounts independent of them.

Bush was to attend a Republican Party fund-raiser at a Washington hotel before another at the Charlotte, N.C., home of C.D. Spangler Jr., a retired banker and former president of the University of North Carolina system. The Charlotte fund-raiser also will benefit the campaign of GOP Rep. Richard Burr, who is running for an open Senate seat against Democrat Erskine Bowles, a former chief of staff to President Clinton.

In between, Bush was to talk up the benefits to women of his policies on comp time, job training, welfare-to-work, medical malpractice lawsuits and other issues.

The event has Bush campaigning in the home state of Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards, a senator from North Carolina. The Kerry-Edwards ticket has been campaigning aggressively there in hopes of putting the state's 15 electoral votes in play, though it was last carried by a Democrat in 1976 and Bush easily won there in 2000.

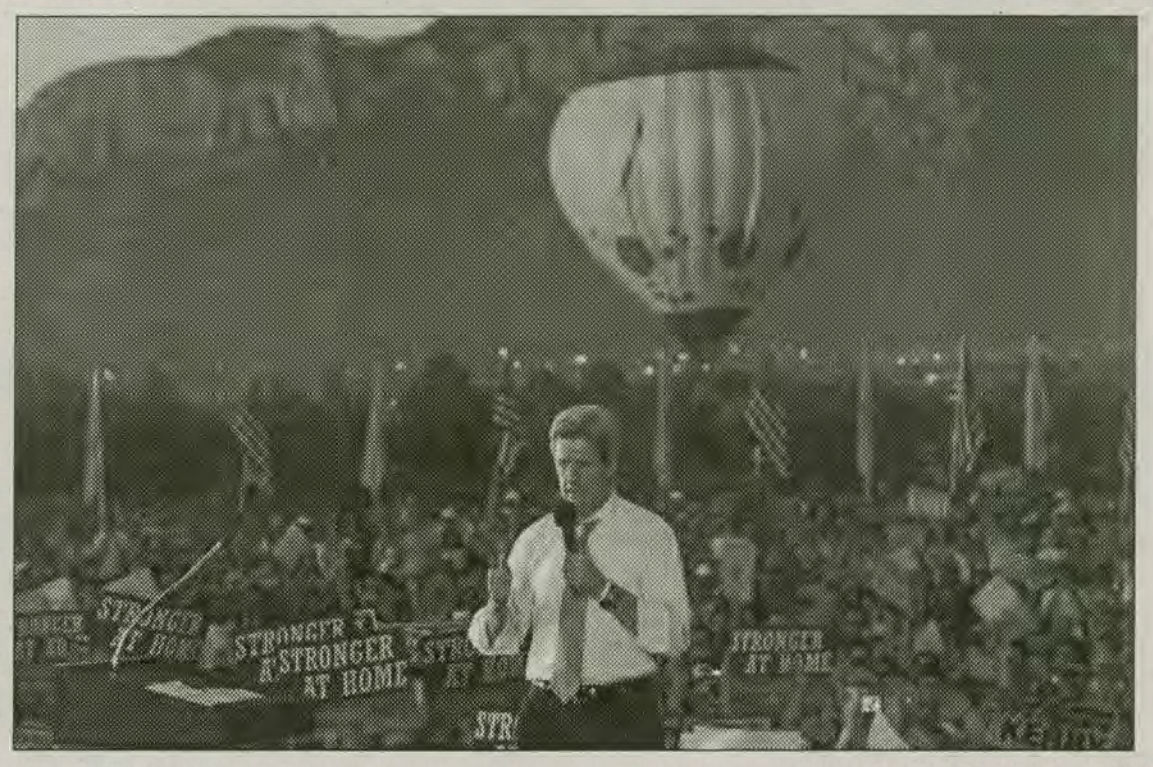
Polls last month showed Bush with a narrow lead in the state.

Bush, who aims to put North Carolina out of contention before Kerry boosts his advertising spending there, was last in the state in July, for another fund-raiser.

From North Carolina, Bush was traveling to his family's compound in Kennebunkport, Maine, where he was spending the weekend. He leaves Sunday to visit hurricane-ravaged Alabama and Florida before returning to Washington.

The hastily arranged Gulf Coast visit forced aides to shelve plans for Bush to attend a NASCAR race and campaign event in New Hampshire on Sunday. The campaign event in Derry, N.H., is now scheduled for Monday.

Kerry strikes back at Cheney



AP

Against a backdrop of the Sandia Mountains and a hot air balloon, Democratic presidential nominee Senator John Kerry speaks about health care at an Albuquerque, N.M. rally Thursday.

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — John Kerry counts on loud applause at campaign stops when he strikes against Dick Cheney and Halliburton. The Democratic presidential candidate seeks to tap into that vein of combativeness with a new attack and television ad aimed at the vice president and the multinational corporation he headed.

The new ad seeks to paint Cheney with a conflict of interest for collecting deferred benefits from the time was Halliburton's chief executive and the work the company has done during the war and reconstruction of Iraq.

It says the administration's decision to award contracts to Halliburton without competitive bidding wasted taxpayer money that could have been used to create jobs and provide health care. Several investigations into Halliburton's work in Iraq have shown evidence of overcharging or raised questions about the corporation's performance.

The campaign also seeks to link Cheney and Halliburton to the president's management of military and security operations in Iraq, and Kerry's frequent charge that the Bush administration works hardest for special interests.

"We need a commander in chief and a vice president who puts the interests of our troops and our taxpayers ahead of their big money friends," Kerry said in remarks prepared for delivery Friday.

"As commander in chief, I will have two words for companies who cheat the U.S. military — you're fired."

The Bush-Cheney campaign said the links aren't there.

"John Kerry's latest personal attack has as much accuracy as a Kitty Kelly novel," said spokesman Steve Schmidt, referring to the expose author who recently released a book on the Bush family. "It's a breathtakingly dishonest attack by John Kerry."

Schmidt said deferred compensation packages have been accepted by other business leaders who move to the private sector, including some in President Clinton's administration.

"You Killed My Son" shirt disrupts rally

New Jersey woman protesting son's death in Iraq war is escorted from First Lady's speech

Associated Press

HAMILTON, N.J. — A woman wearing a T-shirt with the words "President Bush You Killed My Son" and a picture of a soldier killed in Iraq was detained Thursday after she interrupted a campaign speech by first lady Laura Bush.

Police escorted Sue Niederer, of Hopewell, N.J., from a rally at a firehouse after she demanded to know why her son, Army 1st Lt. Seth Dvorin, 24, was killed in Iraq. Dvorin died in February while trying to disarm a bomb.

As shouts of "Four More Years" subsided, Niederer, standing in the middle of a crowd of some 700, continued to shout about the killing of her son. Local police escorted her from the event, handcuffed her and put her in the back of a police van.

Niederer was later charged with defiant trespass and released.

The first lady continued speaking, touting her husband's record on the economy, health care and the war on terror to those attending the rally in this suburban community of 90,000 people near Trenton.

"Too many people here had a loved one that went to work in New York that day. It's for our country ... that we do the hard work of confronting terror."

Laura Bush
First Lady

She made several references to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and said that many in New Jersey, including some in neighborhoods near the firehouse, lost family members that day.

"Too many people here had a loved one that went to work in New York that day," Bush said. "It's for our country, it's for our children, our grandchildren that we do the hard work of confronting terror."

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Casino workers strike

AP

John Wilhelm, left, president of Hospitality Industry Unite Here, appears before demonstrators on the beach in Atlantic City, N.J.

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Waving signs that read "No Contract, No Peace" and "Contract Now," an estimated 5,000 casino-hotel workers Thursday marched along the Boardwalk and onto the beach in a boisterous show of union solidarity.

There were no arrests or reports of violence, police said.

Most of the marchers were members of the 17,000-member Local 54 of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees union, which has been working without a contract since midnight Tuesday. Union members have voted to authorize a strike, but one has not been called.

"We don't want to strike, but we will if we have to," said Mary Walsh, 43, a buffet server at Resorts Atlantic City. "Here, we're trying to show we're all together."

The union, which represents bartenders, cooks, cocktail servers, housekeepers and other rank-and-file casino employees, is embroiled in a bitter dispute with the casinos over the use of nonunion subcontractors in casino restaurants and bars.

They were joined by members of the union's international affiliate, and by construction trades workers and other union supporters from neighboring states.

Starting at opposite ends of the Boardwalk, two groups waved signs and chanted slogans, squeezing bystanders to the storefronts and railings that line the Boardwalk.

The union last struck in 1999 with a three-day walkout that forced casinos to curtail some services and put executives and managers to work in the vacated union jobs.

Iraq inspector to find no WMDs

Report draft concludes Hussein did not stockpile

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Drafts of a report from the top U.S. inspector in Iraq conclude there were no stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction, but say there are signs the fallen Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had dormant programs he hoped to revive at a later time, according to people familiar with the findings.

In a 1,500-page report, the head of the Iraq Survey Group, Charles Duelfer, will find Saddam was importing banned materials, working on unmanned aerial vehicles in violation of U.N. agreements and maintaining a dual-use industrial sector that could produce weapons.

Duelfer also says Iraq only had small research and development programs for chemical and biological weapons.

As Duelfer puts the finishing touches on his report, he concludes Saddam had intentions of restarting weapons programs at some point, after suspicion and inspections from the international community waned.

After a year and a half in Iraq, however, the United States has found no weapons of mass destruction — its chief argument for overthrowing the regime.

An intelligence official said Duelfer could wrap up the report as soon as this month, but noted it may take time to declassify it.

Those who discussed the report inside and outside the government did so on the condition of anonymity because it contains classified material and is not yet completed.

If the report is released publicly before the Nov. 2 election, Democrats are likely to seize on the document as another opportunity to criticize the Bush administration's leading argument for war in Iraq and the deteriorating security situation there.

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry has criticized the president's handling of the war in Iraq, but has also said he still would have voted to authorize the war even if he had known no weapons of mass destruction would be found there.

Duelfer's report is expected to be similar to findings reported by his predecessor, David Kay, who presented an interim report to Congress in October. Kay left the post in January, saying, "We were almost all wrong" about Saddam's weapons programs.

The new analysis, however, is expected to fall between the position of the Bush administration before the war — portraying Saddam as a grave threat — and the declarative statements Kay made after he resigned.

It will also add more evidence and flesh out Kay's October findings.

Then, Kay said the Iraq Survey Group had only uncovered limited evidence of secret chemical and biological weapons programs, but he found substantial evidence of an Iraqi push to boost the range of its ballistic missiles beyond prohibited ranges.

He also said there was almost no sign that a significant nuclear weapons project was under way.

Duelfer's report doesn't reach firm conclusions in all areas.

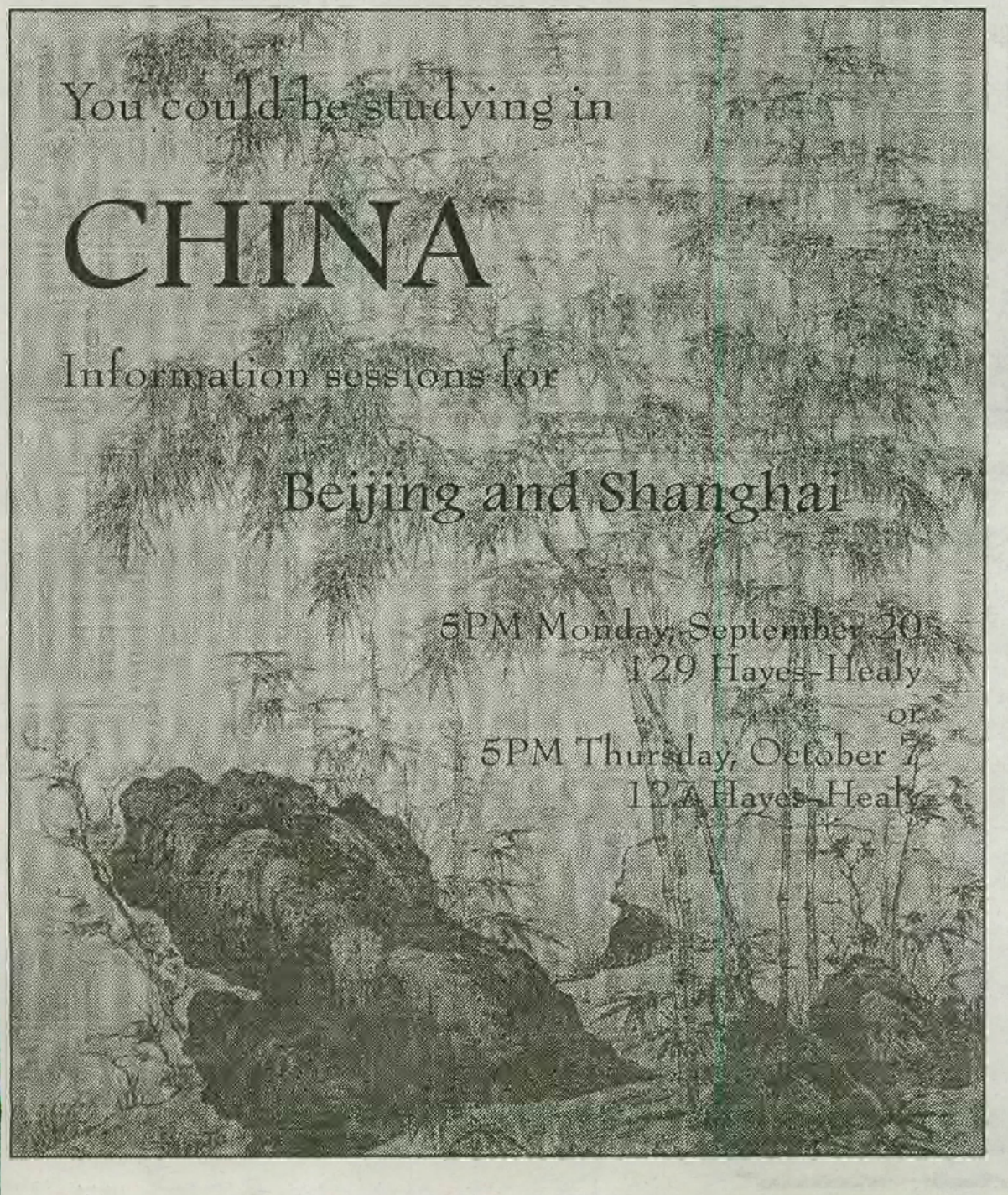
For instance, U.S. officials are still investigating whether Saddam's fallen regime may have sent chemical weapons equipment and several billion dollars over the border to Syria. That has not been confirmed, but remains an area of interest to the U.S. government.

The Duelfer report will come months after the Senate Intelligence Committee released a scathing assessment of the prewar intelligence on Iraq.

After a yearlong inquiry, the Republican-led committee said in July the CIA kept key information from its own and other agencies' analysts, engaged in "group think" by failing to challenge the assumption that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and allowed President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell to make false statements.

The Iraq Survey Group has been working since the summer of 2003 to find Saddam's weapons and better understand his prohibited programs.

More than a thousand civilian and military weapons specialists, translators and other experts have been devoted to the effort.



Nickel gets make-over

Jefferson head bigger, bolder on coin

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thomas Jefferson appears bolder and bigger on new five-cent pieces, marking his first makeover since he landed on the nickel in 1938.

The maker of the nation's coins, the U.S. Mint, revealed designs for two new nickels to be issued in 2005. The unveiling Thursday was the latest in a series of design changes for the coins.

A new likeness of Jefferson will be on the front of the two revamped coins, giving the third president a "fresh, contemporary look," Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore said. The "tails" side also gets updated.

With the makeover, Jefferson will move from the center of the coin to the side, where he gazes in a close-up profile that shows more detailed features of his face.

"I wanted an image that was large enough so that you could see the determination and intelligence in his eyes. The kindness of his mouth. His sense of humor. The main thing that was guiding me ... I wanted you to get a sense of the character of the person," said artist Joe Fitzgerald, who created the design for the front of the new nickel.

Also on the front of both new coins: The word "liberty" will appear in script — as Jefferson once had written in his own hand. The phrase "In God We Trust" remains as well as the year.

Daniel Jordan, president of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, which owns and administers Jefferson's Virginia home, Monticello, described the new likeness as "truly impressive and it is entirely appropriate." Besides being a founding father of the nation, Jefferson was an avid coin collector, he said.

The back of one of the new nickels — which will be released early next year — features an American bison on a grassy patch, a design that is reminiscent of the buffalo nickel first issued in 1913. The words "United States of America" wrap around the top of the coin, above the bison's image. The phrase "E Pluribus Unum" is below the bison as is "Five Cents."

The tails side of the second new nickel features a view of the water from a rocky coastline dotted with trees. There's the phrase "Ocean in view! O! The joy!" That's a quote from explorer William Clark's journal, a reference to the Lewis and Clark expedition's quest to reach the Pacific Ocean.

Purpose of Emmys questioned

Change of air date for award show considered

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Each year, January and February bring an escalating rush of red-carpet excitement with the Golden Globes, Screen Actors Guild Awards and Oscars.

Then comes September and little orphan Emmy.

Intended to serve as the standard-bearer for the opening of the fall TV season, the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences awards are far removed from the convergent frenzy of other Hollywood self-love pageants.

But what if Emmy's isolation ended? After all, the traditional fall-to-spring TV season has been declared passe by at least one broadcast network and is little observed by cable channels.

Could an earlier Emmy ceremony juice viewership, which last year measured just under 18 million? That's compared to nearly 27 million viewers for this year's Golden Globes and 43 million-plus for the Oscars.

For actors, the shift from Los Angeles' typically sizzling September to a cooler month amounts to a health and safety issue.

"At that time of year, it's 4 in the afternoon in Los Angeles and it's 98 degrees and they're sweating in their tuxedoes," observed analyst Bill Carroll of Katz Television Group.

Most importantly, a springtime awards show could benefit worthy but ratings-challenged shows that need a boost.

"Emmys have a noble history of saving shows," said Tom O'Neil, author of "The Emmys" and host of GoldDerby.com, an awards prediction Web site.

"All in the Family" was mired in the ratings cellar after it debuted in January 1971. The Emmys were held in the spring that year and the sitcom received the best comedy series award as well as the best new series trophy [no longer given] and went on to become an invaluable part of America's culture.

This Sunday, when the 56th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards are held [airing 8 p.m. EDT on ABC], the critically lauded yet low-rated Fox sitcom "Arrested Development" could be the beneficiary of Emmy largesse.

After evading cancellation, its best comedy series bid could draw audience attention to its charms.

Emmy's impact on endangered programs would be even greater if the awards came early in the year when they have a chance to affect viewership for struggling shows.

More than a few series canceled in May, when the fall schedules are announced, have enjoyed the empty honor of an Emmy nomination in July.

Those wary of change should consider the evidence: Until 1976 the awards were usually held no later than May, at the TV season's conclusion. They moved to September in 1977 after a split between East and West Coast factions of the TV academy.

Authorities withheld Columbine documents

Associated Press

DENVER — Authorities decided soon after the Columbine High School massacre to withhold a document showing deputies knew one of the killers had been accused two years earlier of making death threats and building pipe bombs, according to a grand jury report released Thursday.

The grand jury also said it was "troubled" by still-missing documents in what remains the deadliest school attack in U.S. history. But it did not hand up any indictments, closing at least the third investigation that has elected not to place any blame for the slaughter of 13 people by suicidal teens Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold.

Victims' families said the report confirmed their suspicions that the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office covered up mistakes that could have led authorities to the killers as much as two years before the attack.

"Clearly Columbine never should have happened and they don't want the public to know that," said Brian Rohrbough, one of several family members who met Thursday with Attorney General Ken Salazar. Rohrbough's son, Daniel, was among the students slain on April 20, 1999.

The grand jury said it didn't hand up any indictments because all the witnesses claimed to know nothing about the missing sheriff's records. The records involved a draft search warrant for Harris' house a year before the attack.

Salazar took the case to the grand jury after the sheriff asked him to investigate last fall.

The grand jury report said the draft affidavit, never submitted to a judge, was the subject of "a private meeting of high-ranking Jefferson County officials and law enforcement officials" called a few days after the attack to discuss the document and its "potential liabilities."

As a result of that meeting, th sheriff's office decided agains discussing the affidavit in an Apr 30, 1999, news conference. A state district judge ordered th affidavit's release in 2001.

Jefferson County District Attorney Dave Thomas, who was at the post-attack meeting, said Thursday that was the first time he saw the affidavit and that it didn't provide enough evidence to warrant a search of the Harris home. His spokeswoman, Pam Russell, also said prosecutors weren't asked during the meeting whether investigators should publicly disclose the document.

PUERTO RICO

Officer accuses panelists of bias

Dismissals suggested in Guantanamo Bay hearings

Associated Press

SAN JUAN — The presiding officer in charge of U.S. military commissions in Guantanamo Bay has recommended that two panel members be dismissed from hearing cases of suspected terrorists because they could be considered biased.

Army Col. Peter Brownback made the recommendations in a letter to commissions' appointing authority and obtained by The Associated Press on Thursday. The recommendation for their dismissal came after defense challenges last month at preliminary hearings for four Guantanamo prisoners charged with war crimes.

The two men Brownback said should step aside were Air Force Lt. Col. Timothy Toomey, an intelligence officer who was involved in capture of suspects in Afghanistan, and alternate panel member, Army Lt. Col. Curt Cooper, who admitted calling Guantanamo prisoners "terrorists."

"Specifically, his comments that the detainees in Cuba were terrorists, or words to that effect, might cause some to believe that he has prejudged the cases," Brownback wrote in the letter dated Sept. 15, 2004, and made in response to a series of challenges.

Toomey's activities in Afghanistan could be seen as problematic, wrote Brownback, who recommended keeping panel members Marine Col. Jack Sparks Jr. and Marine Col. Thomas Bright — two members individually challenged because of their links with the war on terror.

Sparks lost a reservist working as a firefighter in the Sept. 11 attack on New York City, and Bright assembled lists of detainees bound for Guantanamo.

Brownback's recommendations came after an unexpected challenge from the government's top prosecutor who joined defense attorneys in their assertion that Brownback's close relationship with the commission's appointing authority could be viewed as a conflict.

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> **Army colonel**

Brownback said it was inappropriate for him to comment on challenges made to his impartiality but said he had evaluated whether he could do the job. He is the only person on the five member panel with law experience.

"To the best of my knowledge, there was not any item brought forth in voir dire [challenging of members] which might cause a reasonable person to believe that I could not provide a full or fair trial or to show that my impartiality might reasonably be questioned," Brownback said.

Chief prosecutor Army Col. Robert Swann asked Brownback to evaluate his suitability.

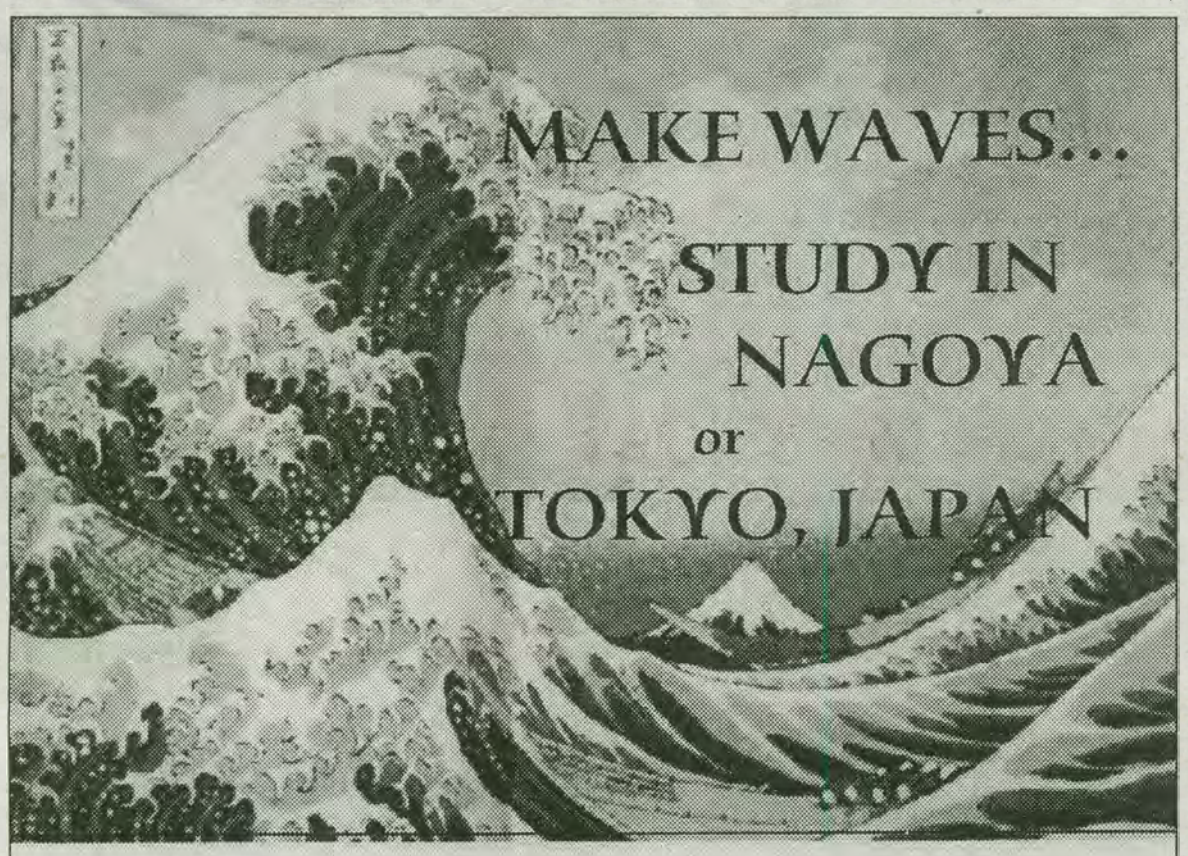
Brownback worked with the commission's appointing authority, John Altenburg, in Fort Bragg, N.C. He also spoke at a retirement roast for Altenburg and attended the wedding of Altenburg's son. Brownback's wife also worked in Altenburg's office.

"We request that he [Brownback] closely evaluate his own suitability to serve as the presiding officer ... with particular attention focused on whether his impartiality might reasonably be questioned," Swann said in his filing.

Altenburg is expected to decide on challenges to the panel members, including Brownback, by the first week of November. Only three members are needed to hold commissions, or trials, the first set to begin in December.

Meanwhile, two alleged al-Qaida fighters on Thursday boycotted U.S. military hearings meant to decide whether they are being properly held as enemy combatants.

Both prisoners, ages 26 and 28, allegedly fought against U.S. forces in Afghanistan, said Navy Cmdr. Daryl Borgquist, a spokesman for the review tribunals.



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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Hurricane Jeanne ravages Caribbean

AP

A flooded neighborhood in Puerto Rico, is shown a day after Tropical Storm Jeanne hit. Jeanne strengthened to a hurricane, killing two.

Associated Press

SAMANA — Hurricane Jeanne plowed into the Dominican Republic Thursday, killing a baby and forcing thousands of people to flee their homes. The storm unleashed floods and left two dead a day earlier in Puerto Rico.

Jeanne made landfall at the island's evacuated eastern tip and weakened to a tropical storm as it raked the north coast. But it was expected to regain hurricane strength and likely head for the Bahamas and then Florida, Georgia or the Carolinas.

"We can't really say for sure whether it's going to ease up to the north on the Florida coast or continue more westward over Florida," said Max Mayfield, director of the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami. "People need to monitor it very carefully."

Jeanne's heavy rains reached to the Dominican capital, Santo Domingo, where a 4-month-old child died when a landslide crushed part of her family's house, said Jose Luis German, spokesman for the National Emergency Committee.

At least eight people were injured as trees toppled and floods struck parts of the east and northeast, officials said. Crashing waves pounded the north coast, along with high winds that knocked over palm trees.

Telephone service and electricity were out in some areas. Some airline flights were canceled.

"We're all afraid," said Julie Acosta, 17, helping her father tie down their tin roof with rope as winds and rain intensified around Samana, a coastal town popular with European tourists about 60 miles northeast of Santo Domingo.

More than 8,200 Dominicans were evacuated and took refuge in shelters set up in schools and churches, officials said.

"I had to come here because at night this becomes scary," said Mario Vasquez, a 40-year-old farmer crowded with 150 people into a school in blacked-out Samana. "People could die out here."

Beachside hotels and restaurants closed along the north coast, while authorities ordered boats into port.

Jeanne hit the Dominican Republic with 80 mph winds before dropping 70 mph, just shy of hurricane strength.

The storm raged across Puerto Rico on Wednesday, dumping up to two feet of rain, flooding hundreds of homes, snapping trees and downing power lines.

"It left a wake of destruction that we now have to face," Puerto Rico's Gov. Sila Calderon said Thursday. She asked President Bush to declare a disaster to speed the release of federal aid.

About 3,600 Puerto Ricans remained in shelters Thursday, dozens of roads were blocked, most of the 4 million islanders were without power and some 600,000 without running water for a second day, Calderon said.

One Puerto Rican woman was killed Wednesday when winds flung her from a hammock and smashed her into a neighbor's house, and a man putting up storm shutters died when he fell from a roof, police said.

At 8 p.m., Jeanne's eye was over the northeast Dominican Republic, about 65 miles northeast of Santo Domingo. The storm was drifting, with storm-force winds stretched out 70 miles, and expected to remain near the Dominican coast through Friday. A slow west-northwest turn was expected in 12-24 hours.

In the U.S. Virgin Islands, debris littered streets and some residents shoveled mud from homes. Two prisoners escaped from a St. Croix jail during the storm, though it was unclear how, police said.

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Performing arts center overdue

The Observer Editorial

The departments of Music and Film, Television and Theater have been waiting a long time for this.

Students and professors have waited patiently for much longer than just the 20 years of planning and construction that went into the new project. They have waited while nearly every other department on campus has been given appropriate space. They have waited and worked with what was available — buildings that could not meet the full needs of the FTT.

But now the wait is finally over. The end may have been a long time coming — but it is a spectacular end.

The Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts is not just an improvement over Washington Hall. The center is designed to fit the needs of the performing arts departments in a way no building on campus has ever been able to do. Every student of the arts on campus — from the film classes that can now see their clips perfectly projected to the theater classes that can build their sets in a real scenery shop — will benefit enormously from the new facility.

The University has not just provided a phenomenal performance facility, but a phenomenal performance facility that will benefit students as much as possible. By choosing to construct a center with a variety of smaller venues instead of a single large performance space, the University has committed itself to students first and foremost, providing them with diverse opportunities in different opportunities in different genres of the arts. Underwriting student ticket prices will also allow students to see legendary performing artists at prices that could not be found elsewhere.

The PAC will not just change the face of Notre Dame arts education. The building is not only the best performing arts center in South Bend but one of the best in all of Northern Indiana. Any member of the community interested in the arts will experience the difference almost as much as students in music and FTT programs. The chance to see musicians like Wynton Marsalis or watch a film in a THX-certified theater is something that benefits both the campus and surrounding communities.

Notre Dame has always been known for sports and academics, but the University has never been known for strength in the arts. With the opening of the PAC, this may be possible for the first time.

Reputation aside, the PAC is a benefit to the community and a long-overdue boost to arts education on campus. The University has made up for its longstanding inattention to the artistic education of its students over the last century with the construction of a world-class performing facility.

Debates, Iraq will determine election

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

You read it here first. The presidential election will not be as close as any poll has indicated to date. In fact, the electoral college total will be lopsided as well. The feel of this year's race, backed by internal polling data that has remained constant throughout the year, is similar to the one run in 1980. Only an extreme "October surprise" or devastating attacks either in Iraq or on U.S. soil can reverse the trend. That said, the debates will sell the winning candidate to the American electorate and close the books on this year's contest.

The dynamics of this year's presidential election became apparent at the height of the summer, well before either the Democratic or Republican conventions performed their pageantry for the American electorate. About 45 percent of the electorate is rabidly pro-Bush, and 45 percent is rabidly anti-Bush. Therefore, it doesn't matter what a candidate's "negatives" are until it surpasses 45 percent. The election is fought in the middle ten percent.

A recent leadership gauge shows among independents, Kerry leads Bush by 10 points, 48 percent to 38 percent. His lead is 12 points — 51 percent to 39 percent — in battleground states. These middle-ground voters are by nature less ideological. They tend to be concerned with pocketbook issues, which is why Kerry has emphasized the economy. However, they can be swayed by cultural issues, by appeals to patriotism and national security, or by how much they personally like a candidate, which is why the Republican convention emphasized fear of terror and ridicule of Kerry.

At present, the Republican Convention has given Bush a slight lead in a contest that Kerry has usually led (very slightly) for six months. Bush energized his base more than Kerry, not the swing middle.

Bush milked his party's convention for everything he needed to launch his campaign in earnest in the closing two months. Yet polls reveal lurking shadows for him. Bush still has a net negative job performance rating (52-48 percent), a negative re-elect of more voters thinking it is time for someone new than feel he deserves re-election (49-46 percent) and a net negative wrong direction for the country (48-46 percent).

Some independent daily tracking polls show Bush with a point or two lead as of Labor Day with nine percent undecided. (The undecided number is important, because typically 85 percent of the undecided vote goes against the incumbent.) But even assuming Bush emerged from his convention with a ten-point lead that other polls showed, his lead does not approach the average lead of sixteen percentage points for the elected incumbent following a convention. Even with his bounce, Bush's numbers are historically weak.

The reason is obvious. The 45 percent who think Bush is a great wartime leader, and the 45 percent who think he is a reckless and dangerous man, are not going to change their minds. The Republicans knew that their chance to bash Kerry for four days over terrorism was a one-shot deal, and that the biggest issue among swing voters is the economy. That is, of course, unless things go terribly bad in Iraq or on the terrorism front. The worse the world, the more effective Republican fear-mongering.

However, Kerry's 45 percent may want him to rant about Iraq, to be "more aggressive," to motivate them, but that's not a formula for winning Ohio. In the debates Kerry will show that he is empathetic. He will need to articulate a straight answer about Iraq, and attack Bush on making the country weaker and more vulnerable instead of stronger. Kerry must also dispel any doubts that he can protect the nation.

During the summer of 1980, challenger Ronald Reagan sat approximately where Kerry sits today in the polls, nationally neck and neck with the incumbent but leading within the margin of statistical error in most swing states. It was a time of high gasoline prices at the pump, hostility in the Middle East, low respect for this nation abroad and declining morale here at home. The stage is set this year for history to repeat itself.

A problem the Bush team faces is that polls show that 14 of the 16 battleground states this year oppose the Iraqi invasion by an average of 55 percent. Bush has a numbers problem that will be difficult to overcome should he lose just a couple of his previously won states. Bush risks losing six of the following states he previously won — Arkansas, Florida, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia. Conventional wisdom suggests that if incumbent Bush trails in most now, chances are that voters who have abandoned him will not return in November.

This year's election, like 1980, is a referendum on the incumbent's performance. With Bush's approval rating steadily hovering in the low to mid-40 percent range, his task is to win back support that has abandoned him. In 1980, Jimmy Carter held a similar approval rating until the last week of the campaign when those who had abandoned Carter were convinced that they could live with Reagan in the White House.

During the debates, Kerry needs to close the same sale to the American voters by shedding off the Republican charges that have distorted Kerry's character and service. If Kerry can successfully lay Bush's gold retirement watch on the table, Kerry will sweep to a large and dramatic win.

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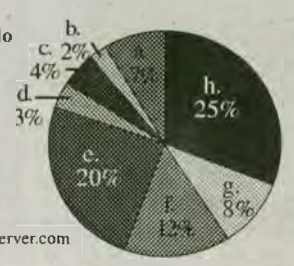

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member of Congress; but I repeat myself."

Mark Twain
author

The campaign prisoner's dilemma

Bill Rinner
A Voice of Reason

If President Franklin Roosevelt were seeking election in a political climate resembling today's, one cannot help but wonder which questions would be asked about his qualifications to serve. My theory is that he would find himself sandwiched between two vitriolic 527-groups, one questioning whether his polio will keep him from leading effectively, and the other charging that his polio is a fabricated ploy to gain sympathy among the electorate.

To such levels have descended the tremendously negative campaigns run by President George W. Bush, John Kerry and a host of independent groups who wink and nudge at the candidate they hope to win. 527 groups, emerging as loopholes for wealthy donors to funnel money into efforts to defame their candidate of choice, have negated a central goal motivating Campaign Finance Reform — attack politics should be minimized without completely stomping out free speech.

Quite the opposite has been achieved, in fact, as both campaigners, their surrogates and every variety of "unaffiliated" groups attack all aspects of the candidates except their sock-matching abilities. Negative campaigning can serve an important purpose — flushing out Bush and Kerry's qualifications for the presidency — but the tawdry debates about 30-year old behavior and the unwavering chants of "liar, liar, liar!" have halted any substantive discussion over what Kerry and Bush have to offer for the next four years.

Rarely does a reporter ask the Kerry camp why he believes raising taxes on only the most productive Americans will fund the swarm of costly social programs he proposes. How often is Bush asked to elaborate on his plans to revamp the tax code? I try not to hold my breath when I turn on CNN.

Instead of policy debate and positive campaigning, Bush and Kerry are locked in a prisoner's dilemma that neither serves the electorate nor gives either candidate the upper hand. Lifted from the traditional game theory application, a prisoner's dilemma occurs when both sides would benefit from cooperating, but a defection allows one side to gain an advantage until the other follows suit, ending in an "equilibrium" with a payoff inferior to the possibility of mutual cooperation for both players.

In the election game, each side faces the option of strictly positive campaigning or allowing and engaging in cheap partisan attacks, and four possible states can ensue. One, Bush and Kerry scarcely discuss each other's shortcomings while focusing on chiefly on how to achieve their vision for the future, and independent attack groups keep their dogs in the pen. Two, Bush takes hit after hit from Kerry, Edwards, Gore, Moore and Whoopi Goldberg, while no one fires back in Kerry's direction. Three, Kerry somehow halts the seething rage against Bush from fomenting and spilling over as Republicans and angry swift boat veterans target the Kerry punching bag. Or four, both sides clash in juvenile name-calling and fear-mongering that overshadows the most crucial issues facing the country.

In a perfect world, the hand-holding lovefest scenario would be ideal for voters to form an informed opinion, but the unaffiliated 527s, diminutive Vermont governors, and angry documentary filmmakers are an unchecked force that make that equilibrium unattainable. Both of the lopsided scenarios are possible for a brief period, but the moment one side gains the upper hand in attacks, the opposition will strike back with equal or greater vigor.

Events from the last month and a half support the idea of a political prisoner's dilemma, though the candidates themselves have played little role in the proceedings. Liberal-leaning 527 groups and political action committees had already spent tens of millions on television ads trying to depict the president as a blundering idiot or diabolical madman, but their messages rarely swayed the independent and moderate voters who view over-the-top portrayals as misleading.

Conservative or anti-Kerry groups were scarce, until the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth crashed the Massachusetts Senator's convention salute with allegations of duplicity, forcing him to revise his "Christmas in Cambodia" claims and admit that his first Purple Heart may not have come from combat. Suddenly, members of Kerry's naval division who disapproved of him outnumbered his supporters 154-12. Most claims remain unsubstantiated, but their unwavering case certainly hurt Kerry in the month of August.

Sensing that the traction gained by anti-Kerry forces has not been matched, Kerry's campaign staff is now in turmoil as insiders have questioned campaign manager Bob Shrum's effectiveness. Clinton-era advisers Paul Begala and Jim Carville have stepped up their consulting as Democrats urge Kerry and Democrats everywhere to attack.

Already the angle of choice is Bush's national guard service, which was seemingly exhausted in the 2000 cycle but strikes a contrast between Bush's service at home and Kerry's service in Vietnam. As Democrats vamp up the negative campaigning to reach a stable equilibrium, they may succeed in tarnishing Bush's image beyond that which their partisan allies have attained in the past four years. Nevertheless, as both sides scrape the bottom of the character defamation barrel, the clear loser is the American voter who may only be left choosing between the lesser of two evils.

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Defining true community

This letter is in response to Brian Moy's Sept. 15 letter, "ND lacks true community." We are not denying that Notre Dame should have a strong community atmosphere, but community should never be a force directed against outsiders.

First, let us discuss Moy's reaction to the "pompous" alumnus. We are not sure why it is inappropriate for this man to have proceeded with his transaction with the Michigan fan after Moy had already rejected his offer. Asserting that the alumnus should have backed out of an agreement merely because Moy is a Notre Dame student seems worthier of the label "pompous." Following through with the transaction shows a level of maturity that Moy clearly has not reached.

Furthermore, everyone remembers the way Michigan fans treated Notre Dame fans last year at Ann Arbor. We are proud that Notre Dame fans had the dignity to treat Michigan fans with humanity and respect when they visited South Bend last weekend. No one likes to see people wearing "Rudy Sucks" T-shirts in front of them, but ignoring the slogan and focusing our attention on the game exhibits the tolerance of which we, as educated adults, should be capable. Moy spoke of Sept. 11 in his letter; tolerance is one of the most important lessons that day should have taught us. No one would argue against strengthening the sense of Notre Dame community, but unity can be dangerous when it is used as a tool of discrimination. That is yet another lesson from the Sept. 11 attacks on our country, freedom and beliefs that apparently has eluded Moy.

Finally, it is important to note that the two Michigan students attacked by Moy and his fellow Dillonites did nothing other than wear semi-offensive T-shirts, to provoke the onslaught they received. In fact, after Moy began to taunt the students, he encouraged his band of Dillonites to join in. Since two Notre Dame students had sacrificed their tickets so their visiting friends could watch the game, why Moy felt his personal space was invaded is unclear. The two "troublemakers" simply defended the visiting students' right to be there. How better to spread the sense of Notre Dame community than to invite outsiders in? Moy needs to learn the true definition of the Notre Dame community and realize that ours is not one of arrogance and exclusivity.

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U-WIRE

Policy cripples military

Matthew Skuya
Iowa State Daily

In my last few columns, I refrained from using Sept. 11 to convince anyone that Kerry is the right man for the job of president.

However, this week the partisan gloves are coming off, and attacks on President Bush's claim of being more capable of making America safer will be made.

First, let me defend the sitting president on a particular issue. It is true that during the Sept. 11 attacks, Bush showed exemplary leadership. From the evacuation of the vice president and congressional leaders to Air Force One flying to the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Nebraska, Americans knew that our government was still in charge.

Second, Michael Moore attacks the fact Bush sat in a classroom for seven minutes before taking action. All I can say is that I would be worried if he had not shown any human reaction to what was a tragic day in our nation's history. No one attacks Rudy Giuliani for shedding tears; some could call that a sign of weakness. So for me, Bush demonstrating a seven-minute period where his body exhibited the fight-or-flight response to danger is not a concern.

In my view, Bush was a powerful rallying point for our country during that time, and it's clear that at the end of the seven-minute period he chose to fight. Having said some nice things about Bush, I will not hold back on my criticisms of his policies and values.

In Nov. 2002, CBS News reported on the military's desperate need for interpreters during a time of a tragic shortage of skilled linguists. Yet, despite this fact, the military saw it necessary to discharge nine qualified linguists, six of whom were capable of translating Arabic, due to the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

In the latest issue of The Advocate, a report shows that 3,000 gay and lesbian military personnel have been discharged since 1998 under this policy. In 2001, there were 1,273 discharges, and in 2003 there were 787. Do the math, and it's easy to see that more than two-thirds of the discharges since 1998 occurred on Bush's watch.

I'm sure someone out there might find it amusing to claim that those service members are cowards unwilling to fight the war on terror, but that would be a disservice to the estimated 50,000 service members who hide and lie about their sexuality on a daily basis in order to continue fighting for our country.

How can we as an electorate claim that Bush will be a stronger leader more capable of protecting America from terrorists when he so willingly casts aside qualified and patriotic soldiers? How can we claim a better capability to find and root out terrorists when the vital challenge of the language barrier is more difficult to overcome due to a shortage of interpreters only made worse by casting aside qualified gays and lesbians?

The true measure of leadership is doing what is in the best interest of the country. When John Kerry testified against the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, something he did during an apparently "nonexistent" Senate career, he knew that it would weaken our military.

Republicans like to hold up distorted interpretations of Senate votes to say John Kerry has consistently voted to weaken our military, but in this case, who is really weakening our defenses?

Why then would Bush not use the bipartisan support after Sept. 11 to repeal this unwise Clinton policy? The Republican platform passed during their convention gives insight into their agenda by stating that homosexuality is incompatible with military service, in addition to stating opposition to discrimination laws, same-sex marriage and civil unions.

It's easier to make an argument that homosexuals don't deserve equal rights when there are no gay heroes in the public eye. If Americans knew the number of gays who died protecting them from terrorists, it would be harder to hold the divisive positions the Bush administration apparently supports.

This is why John Kerry, who welcomes the gay community into the American mainstream, is more qualified than Bush to protect our country. He passes the test of leadership.

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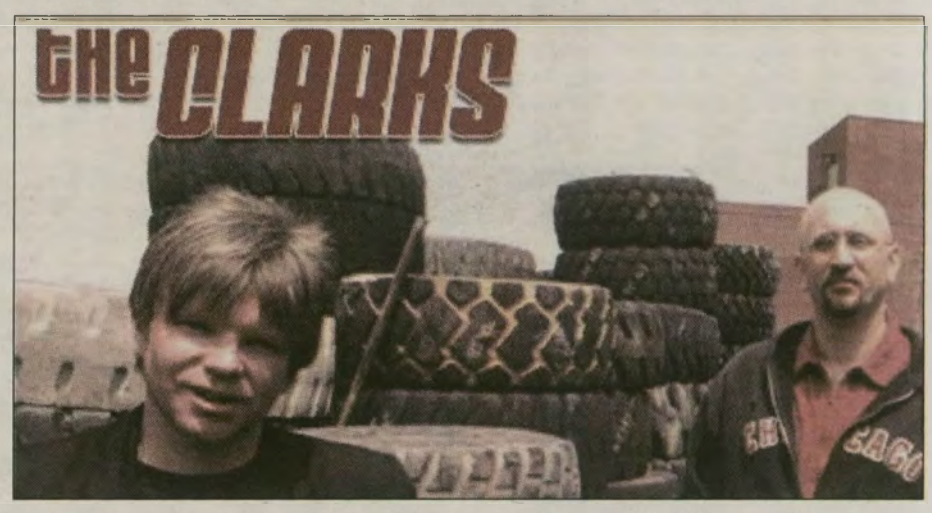
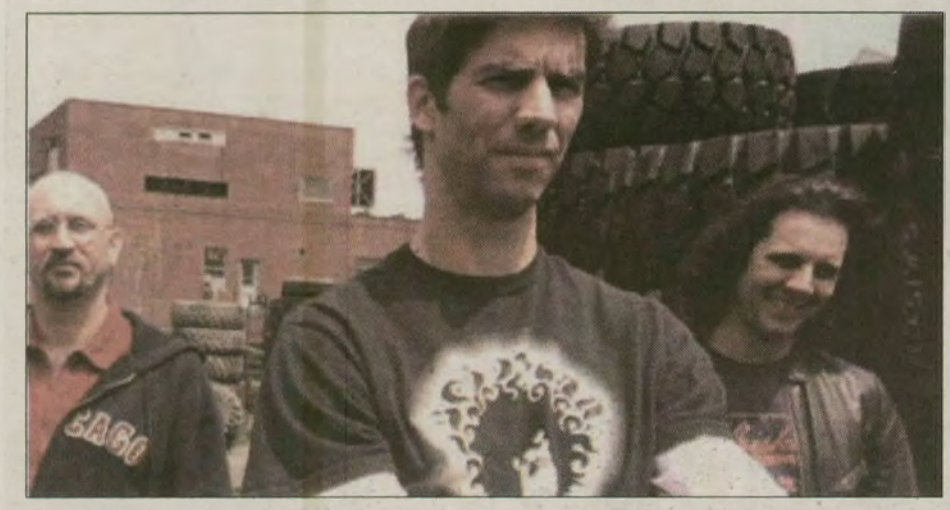
The Clarks: From Letterman to Legends





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By Patrick Vassel

For those of us not lucky enough to win tickets to the Michigan State game this Saturday night, the Student Union Board is kicking off their concert year with a students-only show at Legends featuring The Clarks.

Longtime favorites of the college circuit, the Pittsburgh-based band has been touring and playing their unique but classic mix of rock, pop, punk, country and a little bit of everything else for years. Its blend of styles fits well with the vision of SUB. "We would like to see a wider variety of talent this year that will appeal to a greater number of students, rather than a select few," concerts programmer Rich Fox said. Coming off a successful summer of touring, The Clarks has had an exciting past few weeks. With the release of its tenth album, "Fast Moving Cars." and a recent appearance on "The Late Show with David Letterman," the band is riding high and happy to have the opportunity to play for more people and continue to get their music out there.

"We love playing colleges and universities," tour manager John Williams said. "That's what it's all about, students who hear us and tell their friends at other schools. Before you know it you have people all over the place listening to the albums. It's great to play somewhere completely new and have almost the whole crowd know the lyrics."

While it is The Clarks' first show at Notre Dame, Pittsburgh-area students are well aware of the talented group, which routinely sell out 13,000 seat venues in its hometown. Many other students might recognize the band from various tours over the years. The Clarks average 150 shows a year and has played with John Mayer and O.A.R., as well as two artists who played at Legends last year, Gavin DeGraw and Ari Hest.

"Fast Moving Cars" features the songwriting and musical talents of all members of the band: Scott Blasey on lead vocals and guitar, Robert James on guitar and vocals, Greg Joseph on bass and vocals, and Dave Minarik on drums and vocals.

"It's been a really good thing," Blasey said on the band's Website (www.clarksonline.com). "It's allowed us to put out a new album every two years."

The Clarks has built a strong following nationwide without necessarily becoming mainstream or basking in the limelight.

Famous or not, with the new CD and continued exposure on national tours, The Clarks is definitely one of the most talented and most notable bands around.

"SUB is excited to bring a well-known, up-and-coming band to kick off our season at Legends," Fox said.

The next big event for the band is perhaps one of the most fun concerts any band could play. Boarding a Caribbean cruise ship with almost a dozen other performers, including Cowboy Mouth, Gavin DeGraw, and Hello Dave, 'The Rock Boat' will take passengers and music fans from Miami to the Cayman Islands and back,while featuring some of the best new music performed live.

While they are excited about the cruise, tour manager Williams said coming to Notre Dame would be a great opportunity for the group to reach a new audience in a great venue. Now in it's second year, Legends had already featured Chicago band Lucky Boys Confusion and hosted the first "Best Of Acousticafe" last night. SUB hopes to continue using the Legends stage for exciting young bands, as well as to feature campus talent with Acousticafe.

The show begins at 10:30 PM after the game watch sponsored by the Classes of 2006 and 2007 at Legends.

The Clarks brings a little bit of everything and pulls from songs written over the last several years, as well as new ones from "Fast Moving Cars."

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Performing Arts Center opens with a bang

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

The opening of the Debartolo Center for the Performing Arts is a momentous occasion for the Film, Television and Theatre departments, as well as for the campus as a whole. In celebration of this major move from Washington Hall to the new center, the faculty from the FTT departments will stage a costumed parade in celebration of their move from their old facility to the new building.

The Campus Open House for the PAC will kick off at 4:00 p.m. on the steps of Washington Hall, where the Notre Dame marching band and the faculty of FTT in costume will start a procession to the new building.

The procession, which will include banners bearing the messages "FTT On the Move" and "Farewell Washington Hall, Hello PAC," is meant as a theatrical representation of the theater department's move to a new home.

"We're moving from a 19th century building to a 20th century building," said FTT chair Peter Holland. "Washington Hall was much loved, but it doesn't meet our needs."

Continuous entertainment in the five performing spaces of the PAC from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. will give the community a chance to see the spaces in use. Maps will be provided for self-guided tours, and faculty and staff members will be available to answer questions about the building.

The Leighton Concert Hall will host performances by the Notre Dame glee club, liturgical choir, folk choir, chorale, symphony orchestra, jazz band, and other campus musical groups. Student dramatic performances and monologues will be hosted in the Decio Mainstage Theater and the Philbin Studio Theater. Performances by faculty members and graduate students will give people a chance to hear the new Fritts organ in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall. The Browning Cinema will be used to give sound demonstrations and show student films from past years.

The PAC has been open on a limited basis for concerts and film screenings in the Browning Cinema. The open house is the first opportunity for the general public to tour all the main performing spaces in the building and has caused great excitement in the university community.

"The arts have been kind of an odd stepchild, and have often have been leapfrogged in terms of priority for buildings," said glee club and symphony orchestra director Dan Stowe. "But now [the University has] made up for it in a spectacular fashion."

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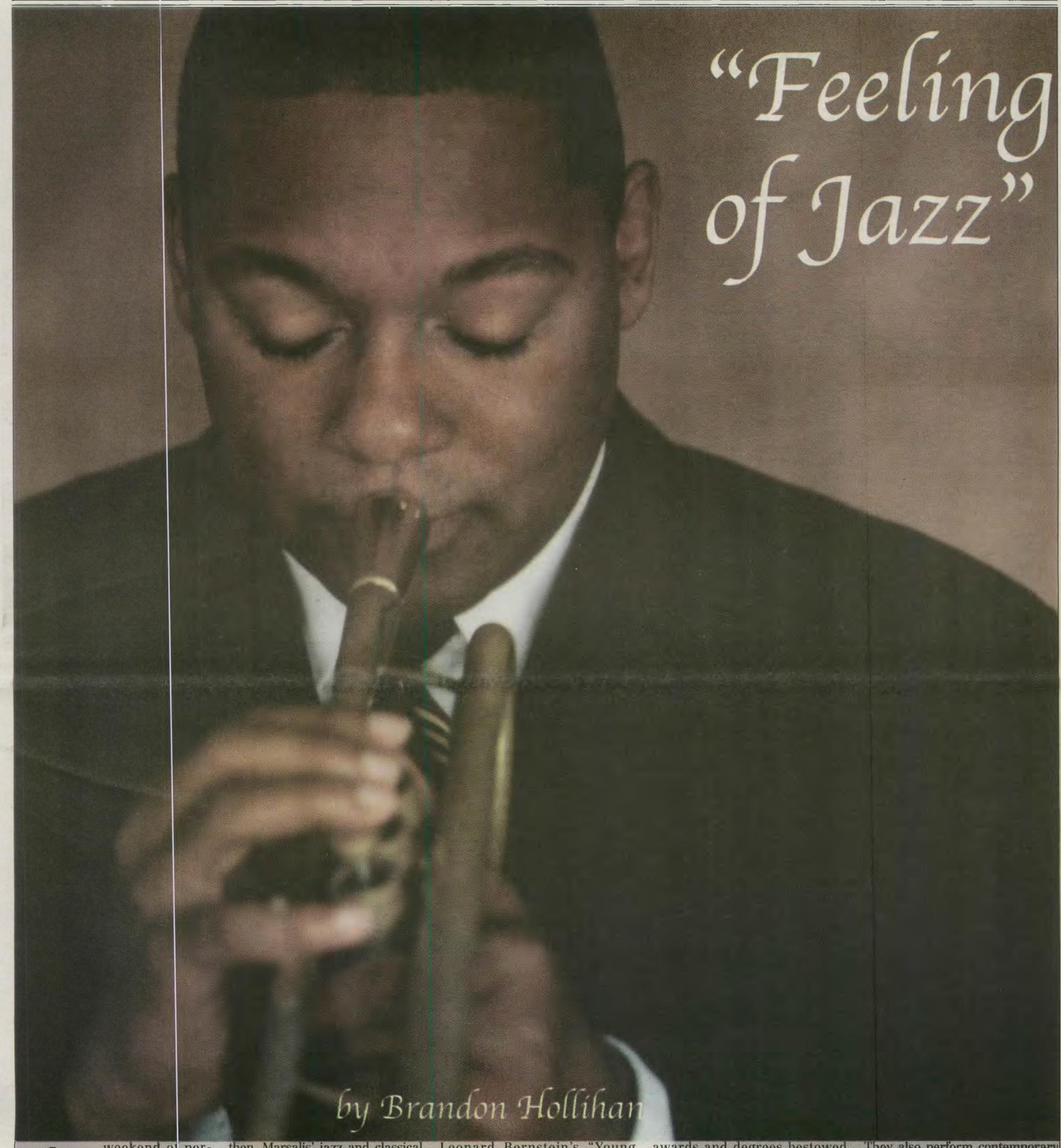

"Feeling of Jazz"

by Brandon Hollihan

A weekend of performances at the new Debartolo Performing Arts Center culminates with one of the most celebrated members of the modern jazz era, as legendary trumpeter Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra give the inaugural performance in the PAC's Leighton Concert Hall on Sunday.

Marsalis was born on Oct. 18, 1961, in New Orleans. He began studying trumpet seriously when he was 12, and six years later enrolled in the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. In 1980 he joined Art Blakely's Jazz Messengers and also signed a recording contract with Columbia Records, which led to his self-titled debut album in 1982. Since then, Marsalis' jazz and classical recordings have sold over five million albums worldwide while also creating a discography of more than 30 recordings and winning eight Grammy Awards. In 1997 he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in music for his oratorio "Blood in the Fields," a composition that centered on the lives of two slaves. He became the first jazz musician to win the prize.

The importance of music education has been another prerogative for Marsalis. In the late '90s he released a four-part TV series entitled "Marsalis on Music," in which he worked alongside internationally-acclaimed artists such as cellist Yo-Yo Ma and conductor Seiji Ozawa in teaching younger audiences about the fundamentals of musical technique. The series drew comparisons to Leonard Bernstein's "Young People Concerts" and won a Peabody Award. Marsalis emphasized jazz in New York by co-founding the Jazz at the Lincoln Center program in 1987. He presently serves as its director.

While Marsalis' experience in jazz has received high praise, he is also acclaimed for his work in both classical and baroque trumpet studies and composition. Ever since his debut album he continues to record and released baroque and classical trumpet concertos, and has worked classically with such stars as Kathleen Battle. He has also written compositions for dance choreographers such as Peter Martins and Twyla Tharp, including "Jump Start," which received rave reviews from such publications as the New York Times and Newsweek. Some of the honorary awards and degrees bestowed upon Marsalis include the Grand Prix du Disque of France, the Edison Award from the Netherlands, and honorary degrees from such places as the Royal Academy of Music, Yale, Princeton, Brown and the University of Miami. He has been profiled in many mainstream and jazz publications, and in 1996 was featured in Time magazine as "one of America's 25 most influential people."

The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra was founded in 1988 and is presently under . Marsalis' direction. The orchestra specializes in the music of Duke Ellington, but also works to re-establish the whole historical jazz period. This includes the works of musicians such as Thelonius Monk, Count Basie, Bennie Moten, and Charles Mingus. They also perform contemporary andavant garde works, and it is not uncommon for these pieces to be premiered by the group.

While Marsalis is the most prominent member of the Jazz Orchestra, all its members are exceedingly experienced and talented musicians. The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra are a renowned group, having performed in venues all over the country.

The inaugural concert takes place Sunday at 8 PM at the PAC and will run approximately two hours. Tickets are $75 dollars for adults and $25 dollars for students.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Rogers finally loses at Coliseum, A's win

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Rich Harden and Bobby Crosby hadn't even started high school the last time Kenny Rogers lost at the Coliseum.

The Athletics' youngest regulars were the biggest contributors to Oakland's 5-4 victory over the Texas Rangers on Thursday, with Harden pitching into the seventh inning and Crosby hitting a three-run double.

Neither Rogers nor the A's cared much about the left-hander's streak of 18 victories and 35 appearances in Oakland without a loss stretching back to Aug. 7, 1994. The playoff race is a bigger concern for both teams — and with a much-needed win, the A's maintained their slim AL West lead.

"You try to put it aside, but it's always in the back of your mind," said Harden, who had seven strikeouts while becoming Oakland's fifth 10-game winner. "It's coming down to the last few series here, and everything is magnified."

Crosby, who was 14 when Rogers last lost in Oakland, provided a clutch fifth-inning hit that allowed the Athletics to salvage a split of the four-game set. He and Harden (10-6) were teammates at Triple-A Sacramento last summer, but they're thriving in a major league race this fall.

"It's incredible for a rookie to be in this type of situation," Crosby said. "I'm not even thinking about it. I'm just taking it like it's the middle of the season, a regular old (at-bat)."

Crosby was unaware of Rogers' decade of dominance at the Coliseum.

"Sometimes it's better not to be aware of that stuff," he said with a grin. "That can put bad thoughts in your mind."

The Rangers had several disappointments in the finale of the four-game set. In addition to the end of Rogers' streak and a wasted chance to move within three games of the division lead, Texas might have lost Alfonso Soriano with an injury to his left leg.

Soriano was hurt in an awkward headfirst slide while stealing third base in the eighth inning. His left foot got caught under his right leg, and he left the game after consulting with trainers. He'll undergo tests Friday.

Detroit 6, Cleveland 4

Slumping in his recliner, C.C. Sabathia had a pained look of disbelief. He struggled for the right words to explain what went wrong.

None ever came.

Another bad night and another bad loss had Cleveland's pitcher searching for answers.

"I don't know what I'm going to do," Sabathia said. "I'm lost right now."

Sabathia's up-and-down season hit a new low point when the left-hander lasted just five innings in a loss to the Detroit Tigers.

Eric Munson and Omar Infante each hit two-run homers off Sabathia (11-10) and Detroit's bullpen stayed busy all night to help the Tigers take their second of three in the series.

Sabathia, who as recently as Sept. 6 shut out Seattle on five hits, failed in key spots to put away Tigers hitters and paid for it. He allowed five runs and six hits in five innings — a respectable line but not the one he or the Indians need from him.

Boston 11, Tampa Bay 4

Curt Schilling got his 20th win on the eve of Boston's big series with the New York Yankees. Now he wants much more.

"In a couple of weeks, hopefully, it will get a lot better," he said after becoming the first 20-game winner in the major leagues with a win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

By that time, he hopes, the Red Sox will have clinched the AL East title. They trail the Yankees by 3 1/2 games, but the teams have six meetings left — three in New York this weekend and three in Boston beginning next Friday.

"This is a great warmup," Johnny Damon said, referring to Boston's 24th victory in 29 games. "This is the time to shine. I think this is the best assembled team in the league and it's time to show it."

The Red Sox have slashed a deficit of 10 1/2 games on Aug. 15, but the Yankees are coming off back-to-back shutouts in Kansas City.

"It's not like it's the first time we've played them," Jason Varitek said. "We have to concentrate each day on each game. Whatever happens the first day, put it aside."

Boston leads the season series 8-5, but New York has the best home record in baseball, 50-21.

Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella was too concerned about his own problems to discuss what advantage Schilling (20-6) and Pedro Martinez (16-6) might give Boston in the playoffs.

"The Yankees and Red Sox can settle their own affairs," Piniella said. "Good luck to whoever comes out on top."

On Thursday, Damon and Kevin Millar each homered and drove in four runs, and Boston scored at least nine runs for the fifth time in Schilling's last six starts. The right-hander has won seven straight starts for the first time in his career. He has 20 wins in three of the last four years and is 11-1 at home this season.

"He has not let us down one bit" since being traded by Arizona last November, Boston manager Terry Francona said. "He's been tremendous and he will continue to be."

Baltimore 9, Toronto 5

Rodrigo Lopez is still trying to figure out how to handle Vernon Wells. At least he finally beat the Toronto Blue Jays.

Lopez won for the first time in seven career starts against Toronto and Rafael Palmeiro homered, lifting the Baltimore Orioles to a victory over the Blue Jays.

Wells hit two home runs off Lopez, including a two-run homer in the third that landed two rows into the fifth deck of SkyDome — just the 13th time a ball has reached the uppermost tier.

"I've never seen somebody hit one in the upperdeck. Today was my turn," Lopez said.

"He's a good hitter. I've always had a problem with him. I made a mistake and it landed almost in the hotel."

Palmeiro's homer in the ninth did not reach the upper deck, but was equally impressive for different reasons. His shot over the right field wall was his 547th homer, leaving him one behind Mike Schmidt for 10th place on the career list.

Wells is hitting .391 (9-for-23) in his career against Lopez, who is 1-4 with a 8.27 ERA in eight career games against Toronto.

"They get pretty comfortable against me, but today I got good movement on my fastball," Lopez said.

Minnesota 10, Chicago 1

Kyle Lohse is making the most of his last chance to salvage his season.

Lohse pitched seven sharp innings, Michael Cuddyer went 3-for-4 with a homer and the Minnesota Twins beat the Chicago White Sox for their ninth straight victory.

The streaking Twins are quickly closing in on their third consecutive AL Central title.

They reduced their magic number for clinching the division to four.

Lohse (8-11) once appeared to be the odd man out in the Twins' postseason rotation, but he's finishing strong with a 3-1 record in his last six starts. On Thursday, he gave up one run, four hits and one walk, lasting seven innings for only the third time since the All-Star break.

"I've just been putting things together, and today I felt like I had a pretty good fastball and slider," Lohse said. "That's my style. It's just been one of those years, where one start I'll have it, and the next I won't. Hopefully, I can put together a strong finish and people can forget about the rest of the year."

Lohse, competing with Carlos Silva for the third spot in the rotation behind Johan Santana and Brad Radke, had three 1-2-3 innings and got help from his defense throughout the game. Catcher Pat Borders threw out Willie Harris on a pitchout in the first after Harris led off with a single, and second baseman Augie Ojeda turned a nice double play to end the inning.

Anaheim 6, Seattle 1

The way things have gone for the Seattle Mariners this season, perhaps something like this was bound to happen.

Still, it was simply beyond belief.

The Anaheim Angels took advantage of two errors by Gold Glove second baseman Bret Boone, scoring four times in the eighth inning en route to a 6-1 win over Seattle on Thursday night.

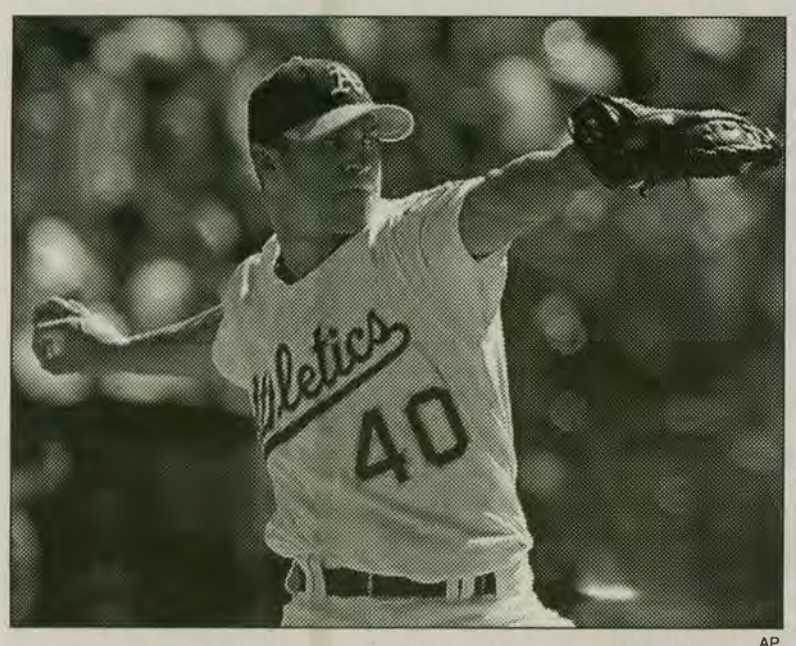
"You never know what's going to happen," Seattle starter Jamie Moyer said. "We're finding ways to have things happen that no one's ever seen before. We're bringing them full circle."

The Angels remained within 5 1/2 games behind Boston in the AL wild-card race. They trail Oakland by two games in the AL West.

Anaheim led 2-1 in the eighth and had runners at second and third with one out when Darin Erstad grounded to Boone, who tried to get Adam Kennedy coming home. Kennedy thought he was about to get nabbed.

Incredibly, the throw hit Erstad's bat — just in front of catcher Dan Wilson.

"I told Bret we're going to get 100 balls tomorrow and lay a bat at home plate," said Moyer (6-12), who lost his 10th straight decision despite 7 1-3 solid innings. "I told him I'll bet he can't hit it once. He just laughed."



AP

Oakland pitcher Mark Redman delivers a pitch against the Rangers in a 5-4 A's victory at home.

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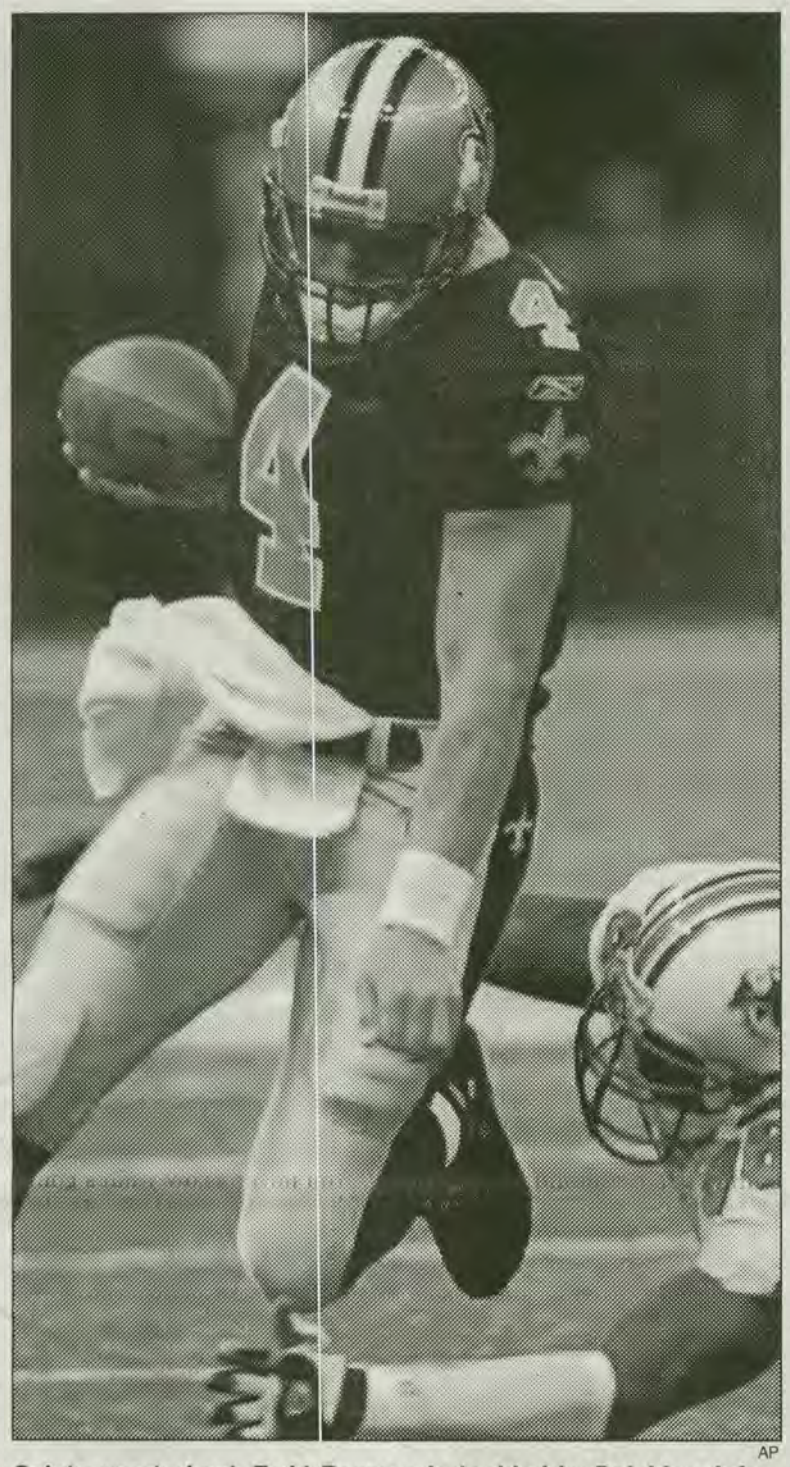
Players glad Hurricane Ivan did little damage to city of New Orleans, excited to play in dry conditions on Sunday



AP

Saints quarterback Todd Bouman is tackled by Dolphins defensive end David Bowensshould in a preseason game Sept. 3rd.

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The San Francisco 49ers were almost as relieved as the home team when New Orleans got nothing more than a bit of rain from Hurricane Ivan.

While the Saints spent the week working out and worrying in San Antonio, where they moved on Tuesday to escape the approaching storm, Niners coach Dennis Erickson and his players were grateful Sunday's game will be safe and dry.

"It reminds you how important football is — not very," said Erickson, whose Miami home was destroyed by Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

Ivan left New Orleans largely unscathed, so the game will go on despite early fears it might be moved to Texas or even postponed.

That means the Superdome should be as inhospitable as ever for the 49ers, a favorite target of derision for New Orleans' loyal fans in the long-standing NFC West rivalry.

"It's always tough for us down there," said 49ers cornerback Jimmy Williams, a Louisiana native who got most of his family out of town before Ivan approached. "They love the Saints, and they don't love the 49ers. Whether there's a storm or not, there will be fans who don't like us there."

The Saints spent the early part of the week tending to family concerns, sending their loved ones north to Shreveport or west to Texas. But the trip to San Antonio seemed to help the players focus on business after last Sunday's 21-7 home loss to Seattle.

Even coach Jim Haslett, a notorious control freak, seemed more relaxed than normal while living in a comfortable hotel.

"I think all of our guys are pretty much mature enough to understand that they still have to get themselves, their mind and their body ready to play," Saints running back Deuce McAllister said. "Regardless of the obstacles that you have to overcome, you still have to get ready to play."

San Francisco's young lineup could have a rough afternoon against the Saints, who expect their veteran defense to be among the NFL's best. New Orleans was stung in its opener, allowing 415 yards to the powerful Seahawks.

"Regardless of the obstacles that you have to overcome, you still have to get ready to play."

Deuce McAllister
Saints running back

So the Saints will do everything possible to harass Ken Dorsey, the 49ers' promising second-year quarterback. He's expected to make his first NFL start unless Tim Rattay's separated shoulder heals much more quickly than expected.

Haslett knows all about Dorsey: Haslett's son, a big fan of the University of Miami's championship-winning quarterback, has an autographed ball from Dorsey on a shelf at home.

"I get an earful all the time about how good he is," Haslett said. "He's got a good offensive mind. He's got a good release."

The 49ers also have a healthy respect for Aaron Brooks, who excelled against San Francisco in past meetings. After facing Atlanta's Michael Vick in their season opener, the 49ers hope they've got a bit of insight into mobile quarterbacks.

San Francisco limited former defensive coordinator Jim Mora's Falcons to 227 total yards in an encouraging start for its talented defense. The 49ers' linebackers are the defense's strength, and they'll be tested by Brooks and McAllister.

"They run basically the same scheme," McAllister said. "They are still the same guys, even though Coach Mora has left."

But the 49ers will play without two defensive starters: Cornerback Mike Rumph is out with a groin injury, and defensive end Andre Carter is very doubtful after his troublesome lower back flared up again.

Haslett coached with new Niners defensive coordinator Willy Robinson in Pittsburgh, so he recognizes some of the 49ers' schemes. The former star linebacker is a big fan of All-Pro Julian Peterson, who lined up everywhere from the secondary to the defensive line against Atlanta.

"He's 100 miles per hour," Haslett said. "He's full speed. He's a heck of a pass-rusher. He's tough and physical. To me, that is a guy on defense you have to account for all of the time."

After watching the Falcons' success with numerous blitzes against San Francisco's mediocre offensive line, the Saints are expected to do the same. Haslett and his staff formulated the game plan in a marathon 17-hour workday before heading to San Antonio.

The Texas trip could have been a big distraction, but McAllister believes it provided a breather after the opening loss and several days of worry over Ivan. In fact, once McAllister got his loved ones out of town, he had no concerns about his house and belongings.

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New England	1-0	1.00	27.0	24.0
NY Jets	1-0	1.00	31.0	24.0
Buffalo	0-1	.000	10.0	13.0
Miami	0-1	.000	7.0	17.0

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Cleveland	1-0	1.00	24.0	3.0
Pittsburgh	1-0	1.00	24.0	21.0
Baltimore	0-1	.000	3.0	20.0
Cincinnati	0-1	.000	24.0	31.0

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Tennessee	1-0	1.00	17.0	7.0
Jacksonville	1-0	1.00	13.0	10.0
Houston	0-1	.000	20.0	27.0
Indianapolis	0-1	.000	24.0	27.0

AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Denver	1-0	1.00	34.0	24.0
San Diego	1-0	1.00	27.0	20.0
Kansas City	0-1	.000	24.0	34.0
Oakland	0-1	.000	21.0	24.0

NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Philadelphia	1-0	1.00	24.0	17.0
Washington	1-0	1.00	24.0	10.0
Dallas	0-1	.000	3.0	35.0
NY Giants	0-1	.000	24.0	31.0

NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Detroit	1-0	1.00	20.0	16.0
Green Bay	1-0	1.00	24.0	14.0
Minnesota	1-0	1.00	35.0	17.0
Chicago	0-1	.000	16.0	20.0

NFC South

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Atlanta	1-0	1.00	21.0	19.0
New Orleans	0-1	.000	7.0	21.0
Tampa Bay	0-1	.000	10.0	16.0
Carolina	0-1	.000	14.0	24.0

NFC West

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
St. Louis	1-0	1.00	17.0	10.0
Seattle	1-0	1.00	21.0	7.0
Arizona	0-1	.000	10.0	17.0
San Francisco	0-1	.000	19.0	21.0

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NHL

AP

A youth hockey player skates on the empty ice at the Nashville Predators practice facility Thursday, the day the Predators were scheduled to open training camp.

NHL begins 2004-05 season lock out

Associated Press

NEW YORK — No shots, no saves, no goals. The National Hockey League locked out its players Thursday, threatening to keep the sport off the ice for the entire 2004-05 season and perhaps beyond in an effort by management to gain massive economic change.

After the long-expected decision was approved unanimously Wednesday by NHL owners, commissioner Gary Bettman repeatedly belittled the union's bargaining position, talked about the possibility the confrontation could extend into the 2005-06 season and said the conflict has jeopardized the NHL's participation in the 2006 Winter Olympics.

"When we ultimately make the deal that has to be made, we will then see whether or not there is time for a season or some semblance of a season," he said. "If there is, great, and if there isn't, then we'll deal with the next season when it comes along."

Bettman claimed teams had combined to lose more than $1.8 billion over 10 years, and said management will not agree to a labor deal that doesn't include a defined relationship between revenue and salaries.

"Until he gets off the salary-cap issue, there's not a chance for us to get an agreement," union head Bob Goodenow said in Toronto, adding that players "are not prepared to entertain a salary cap in any way, shape, measure or form."

Far apart on both philosophy and finances, the sides haven't bargained since last Thursday and say they are entrenched for the long run, echoing words of baseball players and owners at the start of their disastrous 7 1/2 - month labor war of 1994-95.

There is almost no chance the season will start as scheduled on Oct. 13, and Bettman told teams to release their arenas for other events for the next 30 days. Bettman said the season can't extend past June, and the lockout threatens to wipe out the Stanley Cup final for the first time since 1919, when the series between Montreal and Seattle was stopped after five games due a Spanish influenza epidemic.

IN BRIEF

'Monday Night Football' to use five-second delay

NEW YORK — "Monday Night Football" will be broadcast on a five-second delay for the rest of the season, a reaction to the furor caused by last season's Super Bowl halftime show.

The move is just a precaution, an ABC spokesman said.

At halftime of New England's win over Carolina in the Super Bowl on Feb. 3, Justin Timberlake ripped off part of Janet Jackson's brassiere, a wardrobe "malfunction" that exposed her right breast to a TV audience of some 90 million. The Super Bowl was broadcast on CBS.

A pre-game concert before the season opener between New England on Indianapolis was broadcast with a 10-second delay on ABC to prevent a repeat of the Super Bowl embarrassment.

After the Super Bowl, the Federal Communications Commission received more than 500,000 complaints about the broadcast.

The commission is reportedly considering a fine of $550,000 against CBS for violating broadcast decency standards.

Oakland rookie Gallery starts first game at right tackle

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Robert Gallery's future is certain to be at left tackle, but for the time being he'll have to settle for playing the right side for the Oakland Raiders.

Gallery, the second overall pick in the NFL draft, will make his first start Sunday against Buffalo.

He replaces third-year player Langston Walker, the right tackle in Oakland's season-opening loss to Pittsburgh.

"It's what I came here to do," Gallery said. "I'm glad they decided what they're going to do. Now I'm ready to play. I was going to be ready to play if I was starting or not, but now I know I can go out and play."

The decision to start Gallery at right tackle ends, at least temporarily, the Raiders' experiment with the rookie. Drafted to play left tackle, Gallery worked at both tackle and guard during the preseason but failed to supplant starters Barry Sims and Frank Middleton.

Soriano hurts leg in headfirst slide

OAKLAND, Calif. — Texas Rangers star Alfonso Soriano left Thursday's game against Oakland in the eighth inning after injuring his left leg on a headfirst slide, putting the rest of his season in doubt.

The All-Star second baseman will have an MRI exam Friday.

"It doesn't look very good," manager Buck Showalter said after Texas' 5-4 loss to the Athletics. "But we won't comment until the MRI."

Soriano was hurt while stealing third base. He easily beat the throw, but appeared to get his left foot caught under his right leg as he reached out for the bag.

Soriano felt pain behind his left knee.

"I don't know what happened," he said. "Right now, I can't feel the tendon behind the knee. About three or four feet before I got to the base, I started my slide, and I felt something."

RYDER CUP

Woods, Mickelson set to take back Ryder Cup

Associated Press

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Always rivals, barely friends, finally partners.

U.S. captain Hal Sutton made sure this Ryder Cup gets off to a dynamic start by pairing Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson — America's best two players — for the first time in the opening match at Oakland Hills.

"We came here to win," Sutton said Thursday, determined as ever.

So did Europe, which has captured the Ryder Cup six of the last nine times and showed that it wasn't about to back down. Sensing a Woods-Mickelson pairing was inevitable, European captain Bernhard Langer decided to send out Colin Montgomerie and Padraig Harrington to stop them.

"We can beat them " Monty declared."We will go to bed with that view, and we will wake up tomorrow morning with that view. And it will be dramatic."

Not even the glitzy opening ceremony that featured plenty of star power — from Olympic swimming champion Michael Phelps to Detroit Pistons coach Larry Brown to Donald Trump — could set the stage any better for the three most intense days in golf.

Woods and Mickelson, who have combined to win 63 times on the PGA Tour, sat side-by-side at opening ceremonies as the leading points-earners on the U.S. team.

For the first time in seven team events — four Ryder Cups, three Presidents Cups — they will be side-by-side on the tee box Friday morning for the first of four better-ball matches.

The last time America's best two players were paired was in the second set of matches at Brookline five years ago, and it gave Europe a huge lift when Darren Clarke and Lee Westwood beat Woods and David Duval.

"If we do win that game, it will have a dramatic effect on the day," Montgomerie said."It would be huge for the European team — and everybody here — to see that we can cope with their top two."

Sutton sees it a differently.

He had this pairing in mind when he was appointed captain two years ago, not sure why other captains never bothered to match golf's two most exciting players.

"I felt like history needed it. I felt like the fans needed it," Sutton said at opening ceremonies."And most of all, I felt like Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods needed it."

"I think I've sent out some very strong pairings."

Bernhard Langer
European captain

Is it a risk if they lose?

"There's a risk every day in life," Sutton said, losing patience with anyone who doesn't see his side. "You cross the street and it's a risk; someone may run over you. This is a risk Hal Sutton is taking. I'm not afraid of this risk. And I challenged them not to be afraid of this risk."

No one is sure what to expect — not now.

Mickelson is coming off a stunning year in the biggest events, winning the Masters and coming within a combined five shots of winning the other three majors. But he changed his equipment companies last week and will be playing with a new driver, fairway metals and golf ball at Oakland Hills.

Plus, he put a bulls-eye on his back by not practicing with the team the last two days. He took Wednesday off and played Thursday on the adjacent North course.

Woods is in the midst of his least productive year. His only victory came in February at the Match Play Championship, and his five-year reign at No. 1 in the world ranking ended two weeks ago.

Still, Sutton figures that Tiger is Tiger and Mickelson is the kind of guy who likes to show he can get it done.

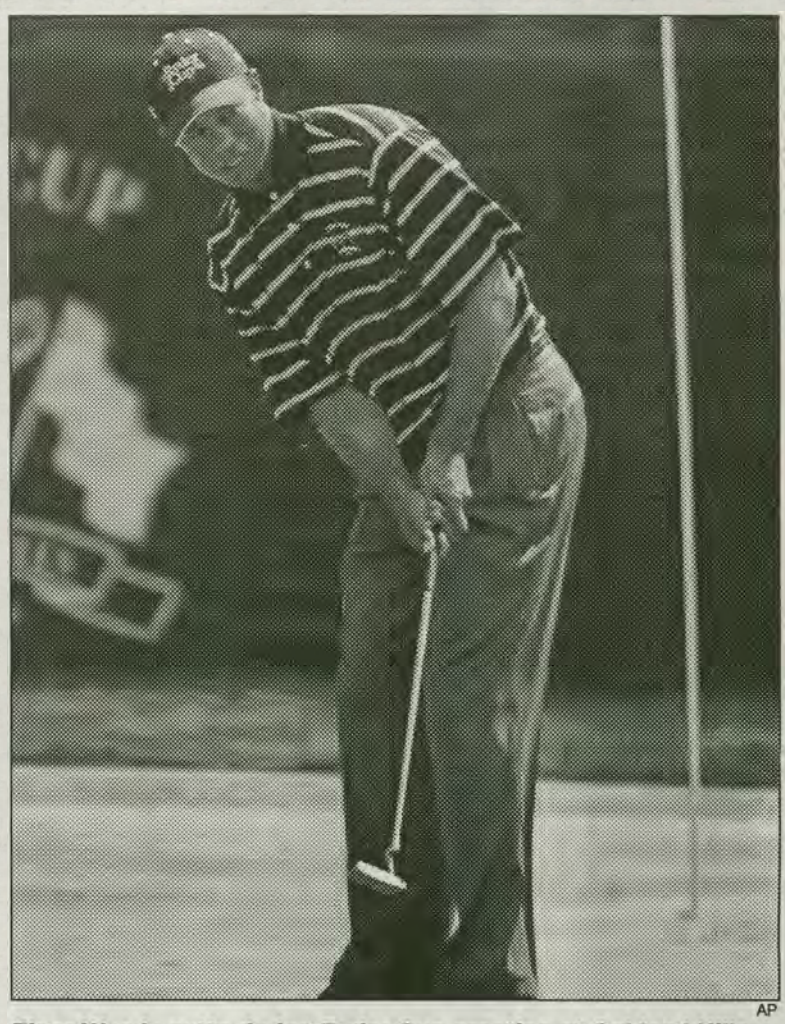
In other better-ball matches Friday morning, Darren Clarke and Miguel Angel Jimenez of Europe will play Davis Love III and Chad Campbell; Paul McGinley and Luke Donald of Europe will play Chris Riley and Stewart Cink; and Sergio Garcia and Lee Westwoodwill take on David Toms and Jim Furyk.

Sutton purposely kept his players guessing on their partners.

Langer started pairing his guys up the last two days, having them play better-ball matches the front nine, and alternate-shot matches on the back.

The only change he made was to swap McGinley for Paul Casey, simply because McGinley has been hot in the last two months and continued to show good form during practice rounds.

"I think I've sent out some very strong pairings," Langer said."They have 12 very strong players, and they're going to have strong pairings no matter who they send out together."



AP

Tiger Woods putts during Ryder Cup practice at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township, Mich. on Thursday.

Still, the focus is squarely on the opening match.

The rivalry between Woods and Mickelson intensified early last year when Lefty joked in a magazine interview that Woods used"inferior equipment."

They have never been particularly close off the course. Woods played in the World Cup three straight years until the rules were changed in 2002 requiring the highest-ranked players to represent the U.S. team. With Mickelson the next-ranked player, Woods chose not to play that year.

Even so, Sutton said the pairing sends a strong message about U.S. unity.

Mickelson gave Woods a gentle tap on the back as they were introduced at opening ceremonies, and they returned to their seats with a firm handshake.

"We're fine with it," Woods said."

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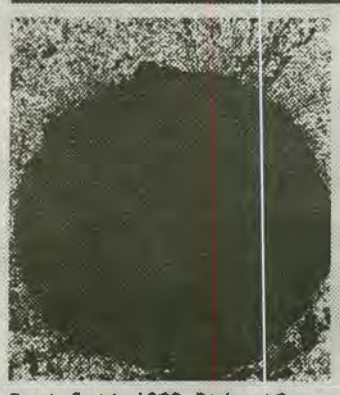

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SNITE MUSEUM of ART

Purdy is hot in Texas

Shoots course-record 61 at Texas Open

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Ted Purdy closed his course-record 9-under 61 with an eagle and a birdie Thursday and held a three-shot lead over four players after the first round of the Texas Open.

Purdy hit all 14 fairways on a windless but extremely hot day at the La Cantera Golf Club course. He reached all but one green in regulation, and needed only 26 putts in his best round as a pro.

"I hit the ball better today than I have maybe ever in my life," said Purdy, who missed the cut in five of his last seven events since finishing second at the B.C. Open in July.

The 61 tied the course mark set in 2002's second round by Garrett Willis. It was the fourth 61 on the Tour this year.

At 64 were Jim McGovern, Tim Clark, Dean Wilson and J.J. Henry, while five players had a 65, including two-time champion Justin Leonard.

Defending champion Tommy Armour III, who set a 72-hole scoring record last year with a 26-under 254, shot a 67.

The round was the hottest faced by PGA Tour players this year, with temperatures reaching 95 degrees and with the humidity, it felt like 102. Friday's forecast is for conditions to be even hotter.

The heat certainly didn't seem to bother Purdy.

He said his coach made a slight correction in his swing earlier this week, and he could feel the difference right away at La Cantera.

"I knew I could shoot a low number today," he said."After I got it to 6-under, I'm going, 'Oh man, I can shoot 59 on this golf course."

Starting his round on the back nine, Purdy opened with a par and then four straight birdies. His longest putt of the bogey-free day was a 15-footer for birdie on the 427-yard 11th.

He got to 6 under with six holes to play and made four straight pars. On the 361-yard 8th, he holed his second shot from 71 yards for an eagle and finished on No. 9 with a 10-foot putt for birdie.

McGovern, whose best finish this year was a tie for 20th in the John Deere Classic, shot a season-low 64.

McGovern started on No. 10 with his only bogey when he two-putted from 12 feet. He got that stroke back on the next hole, and then had four birdies in a five-hole stretch.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Bonds stuck on 699, Giants shutout Brewers

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Not in the city where Aaron played, he won't. But get ready, kayakers: Barry Bonds will get the chance to hit another historic homer at home.

The San Francisco slugger remained one shot shy of joining Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron in the 700-homer club Thursday, but did go 3-for-3 with a walk in the Giants' 4-0 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

"I still have a lot of baseball left," Bonds said. "It will come eventually."

And chances are it will come at SBC Park, where the Giants begin a nine-game homestand Friday night against the San Diego Padres, his favorite long-ball victims.

He has 78 homers off the Padres, more than any other opponent, including two off right-hander Jake Peavy, whom he'll face first.

Bonds' three line-drive hits Thursday backed rookie Brad Hennessey (2-2), who allowed two hits over seven spectacular innings as the Giants remained a half-game ahead of the Chicago Cubs in the NL wild-card race.

Bonds certainly got his chance to reach the milestone in Milwaukee, where Aaron started and ended his career on the way to a record 755 home runs.

Bonds took 21 swings in the three-game sweep during the Giants' only trip to Miller Park this season, going 3-for-9 with four walks — one intentional. He hit an RBI double and two singles in the final game.

"They pitched to him," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "He hit the ball hard, but they kept the ball down. He can do it at home now."

Bonds has long saved his most historic homers for home, where they often splash into McCovey Cove in San Francisco Bay.

He hit career homer No. 660 — to tie godfather Willie Mays — and No. 661 at home off the Brewers earlier this season. He also hit his 500th in San Francisco in 2001, and later that season broke Mark McGwire's season record by hitting Nos. 71-73 at home the final weekend of the season.

After hitting his 699th homer Sunday in Arizona, Bonds was challenged by the Brewers, who didn't groove many pitches. He saw 56 pitches in Milwaukee, 23 of them strikes, including two called.

"I swung at more pitches. I took more chances," Bonds said. "Today it was hits, hits, hits and that's it."

Bonds called it a successful series despite not homering.

"That's all that matters," Bonds said after the Giants won their fifth straight. "That's the key. We've got to keep winning. We're not playing for 700 home runs. We're playing to win."

Arizona 8, Colorado 5

PHOENIX — The Arizona Diamondbacks won their third straight game Thursday, their first such streak in over three months.

Danny Bautista drove in a run with his second double of the game in the seventh inning and scored on Alex Cintron's sacrifice fly, lifting the Diamondbacks to an 8-5 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

Rookie Chad Tracy added a two-run homer in the eighth off Chin-Hui Tsao to help the Diamondbacks rally from an early 4-0 deficit and win three straight for the first time since sweeping San Francisco from June 1-3.

"That shows the character of the guys on the team," Tracy said. "None of these guys have ever given up during a game, and that's why they're here — because we've always been competitors."

Chad Durbin earned the win despite walking three in his only inning of work. With the game tied at 4, Durbin (1-0) walked Todd Helton and Jeromy Burnitz before giving up a two-out RBI single to Garrett Atkins, who drove in three runs.

Mike Koplove worked a scoreless eighth, and Mike Fetters earned his first save of the season, the 100th of his career.

New York 9, Atlanta 4

NEW YORK — The New York Mets heard all about highly touted Jose Capellan and his hard fastballs, so they expected to see some right away.

They made sure the Atlanta Braves' rookie wasn't around to throw any more of them after the first inning.

Richard Hidalgo and Todd Zeile hit back-to-back homers in New York's seven-run opening inning against Capellan, leading the Mets to a 9-4 victory Thursday night.

"It was a good feeling," Hidalgo said. "He threw a lot of fastballs and threw them hard, but everybody hit them."

Mike Cameron had three hits and drove in two runs for the Mets, who took three of five against the Braves. A day after manager Art Howe was fired, effective at the end of the season, New York won its first series since taking two of three at Colorado on Aug. 17-19.

"That was a great first inning and we won a series, so that's good," Howe said.

Steve Trachsel (11-13) allowed four runs — two earned — and eight hits in six-plus innings to win for the first time since beating Houston on Aug. 10. He had lost five straight decisions and was winless in his last six starts.

"It was very nice because I had runs to work with," Trachsel said. "It gives you room to just trust in your pitches."

The Braves knocked Trachsel out in the seventh when Eddie Perez, Charles Thomas and Mark DeRosa all singled to load the bases.

"When you play the Braves, I don't care if you have a 15-run lead — they're going to find a way to get the tying run to the plate," Howe said.

Heath Bell came in and got Wilson Betemit to ground to first for the first out, but Perez scored to make it 8-4. Bell struck out Marcus Giles before walking Wise to load the bases. Pinch-hitter Julio Franco struck out swinging to end the inning.

Florida 4, Montreal 3

MIAMI — Dontrelle Willis knew there wasn't much room for error against Livan Hernandez.

The Montreal right-hander came into Thursday night's game with an 8-3 record against the Marlins and had wins in his last two starts.

This time Florida finally got to Hernandez, overcoming a 3-0 deficit and defeating the Expos 4-3. Willis won for the first time in five starts.

"I knew going against Livan that he isn't going to give up a lot," Willis said. "I kept us in the game and put the pressure back on him. We need every single game we can win."

Juan Encarnacion hit a two-run triple to tie the game in the fifth, and Jeff Conine drove in the go-ahead run with a sixth-inning single. The Marlins earned their 25th comeback victory and remained 3 1/2 games behind San Francisco in the NL wild-card race.

Hernandez (10-14) took the loss despite pitching his major league-leading eighth complete game. He gave up eight hits and five walks, striking out three. Tony Batista hit his 28th homer for the Expos.

Willis (10-9) allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings. He was lifted for a pinch-runner after his leadoff single in the seventh.

Guillermo Mota worked a scoreless eighth, and Armando Benitez got three outs for his 42nd save in 45 opportunities.

"This game showed what this team is made of," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said. "We were down 3-0 but we didn't quit and bounced back."

Florida took a 4-3 lead in the sixth when Conine's one-out single drove in Paul Lo Duca from second. Lo Duca stumbled slightly rounding third but evaded catcher Brian Schneider's tag and touched home plate with his left hand.

The Marlins tied the score at 3 in the fifth. Hernandez walked Conine to open the inning, then gave up a single to Damion Easley. Encarnacion followed with a two-run triple and scored on a sacrifice fly by Alex Gonzalez.

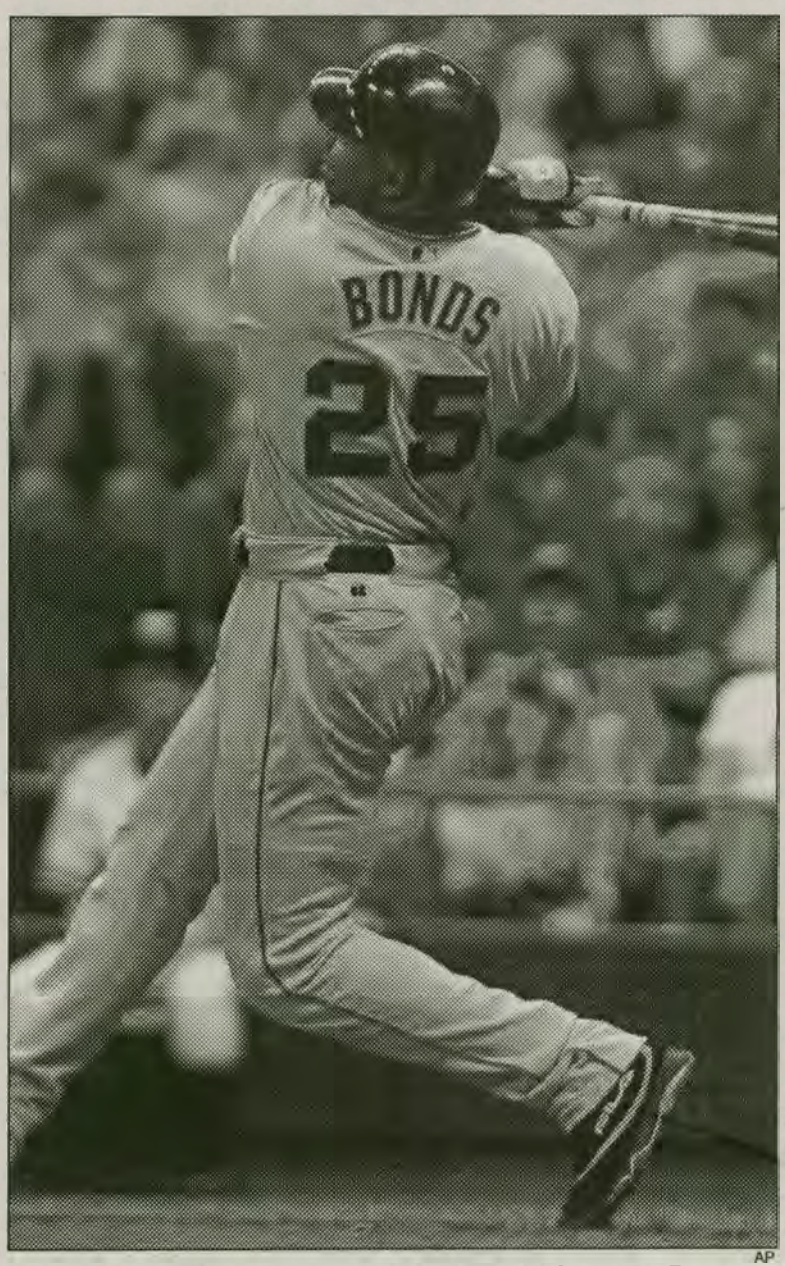
"Encarnacion has come through with some clutch hits for us the last three weeks" McKeon said. "He's also done a great job with his glove."

Chicago 5, Cincinnati 4

CINCINNATI — The Cubs were hardly concerned when Kerry Wood let the lead slip away in one wild inning.

Why fret when Aramis Ramirez was going to bat again?

The third baseman homered three times for all of Chicago's runs Thursday, and the Cubs kept pace in the playoff race with a 5-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.



AP

Barry Bonds flies out Wednesday night against the Brewers. He is currently third all-time with 699 home runs.

Without Ramirez, Chicago would have lost precious ground in the wild-card chase. The homer binge kept the Cubs a half-game back of San Francisco and revived them at the start of their final regular-season road trip — four cities, 12 games.

"One-man wrecking crew," Reds starter Josh Hancock marveled. 'If I had the kitchen sink in my back pocket, I would have thrown it up there and he probably would have hit it."

That's how helpless he made them feel.

Ramirez hit a two-run homer and a solo shot off Hancock, then put the Cubs ahead in the seventh with a two-out, two-run drive off Ryan Wagner (3-2) for his second three-homer game of the season. Ramirez also hit three against Philadelphia on July 30.

He is the first player to have two three-homer games in a season since 2001, when Sammy Sosa had three. Barry Bonds, Jeromy Burnitz and Carlos Delgado also did it twice that year.

Twelve major leaguers have hit three homers in a game this season.

"We know what he can do," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "We got six hits and he got four of them, drove in all the runs. This is what you need. You need somebody like that — or somebodies — in different games to put the whole team on his back and carry it, which he did."

Houston 8, St. Louis 3

ST. LOUIS — Suddenly, the St. Louis Cardinals can't do anything right.

Jeff Kent had two doubles and four RBIs, and the slumping Cardinals committed a season-high four errors to help the Houston Astros snap Jason Marquis' 11-game winning streak with an 8-3 victory on Thursday night.

"You don't want to sugarcoat it," manager Tony La Russa said. "Bad ballgame. Good for them, bad for us."

The Astros took two of three from the NL Central leaders, staying two games behind the Giants in the wild-card race and keeping the Cardinals' magic number for clinching the division at four.

"The bottom line is we still have to win," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "They've made a mockery of the division race and to take two of three is very important."

La Russa said he wouldn't use this game as a motivational tool.

"This is not TV or the movies," La Russa said.

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish return home for first big race this fall

Invite to prepare ND runners for Big East and NCAAS

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

In their first large race of the year, the men's and women's cross country teams will compete today in the 25th annual National Catholic Invitational held at Notre Dame.

The Irish runners have enjoyed great success at the invitational over the years with a total of 20 individual titles and 26 team victories. In 2003, both Notre Dame squads walked away with team titles.

The Catholic Invitational includes schools from across the nation with 34 teams competing in the women's field and 32 on the men's side. However, only 10 of the teams have Division I status.

"We will not face the type of competition we expect down the road," women's head coach Tim Connelly said. "We still want to use this race as a chance to improve the more inexperienced runners."

"We will not face the type of competition we expect down the road."

Tim Connelly
Irish women's coach

After a convincing sweep at the Valparaiso Invitational last week, the Irish men will bring even more depth to their squad.

Junior Kaleb Van Ort and senior Sean O'Donnell will return to the men's lineup for their first invitational this season. Van Ort finished second overall at the 2003 Catholic Invitational while O'Donnell took third.

Senior Ryan Johnson and sophomore Austin Weaver also will compete after strong races at Valparaiso.

The Irish women will enter all top five runners from last week including Elizabeth Webster and Katie DeRusso who placed in the top ten at Valparaiso.

CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer
Junior Jean Marinangell runs in last year's National Catholic Invitational.

In her first race this season, Senior Kerry Meagher looks to defend her 2003 individual title at the Catholic Invitational. However, the women's team has yet to field all their runners.

"We will probably be at full strength by next week for the Notre Dame Invitational," Connelly said. "This meet is another step along the way towards the Big East and NCAA championship meets."

Although the Irish have more important meets on their upcoming schedule, the team will put forth a complete effort.

"With our schedule we don't race that often," Connelly said. "So when we have a meet we're going to compete."

The National Catholic Invitational will be held today on the Burke Memorial Golf Course route at 5 p.m.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles go to ND for race

Saint Mary's to participate in Irish National Invitational

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The Belles will remain close to home this weekend as they travel across the street to compete in the National Catholic Invitational at Notre Dame.

Coming off of a fourth place finish last week at Aquinas College, the Belles are using this week's competition primarily to prepare for their first conference meet, which they will run in next week. Last year the Belles finished 16th out of twenty-two teams at the invitational, but this year's team certainly has the potential to improve its performance, returning four of its top five runners to the course.

"We are getting ready for our first conference meet. We want to come out of the National Catholic meet injury free."

Dave Barstis
Belles coach

Additionally, freshman Megan Gray and sophomore transfer Meghan Murphy have the ability to bring-in top performances for the team.

Coach Dave Barstis says that the race today is being treated primarily as a workout, as the women are concentrating on improving their overall team performance.

"We are going to work on our pack running and narrowing our splits between our first and seventh runners."

Dave Barstis
Belles coach

"We are getting ready for our first conference meet," Barstis said. "We want to come out of the National Catholic meet injury free."

Barsits said he doesn't want to count on any one person to be the star of the team, but is looking for team progress as far as helping each other on the course.

"We are going to work on our pack running and narrowing our splits between our first and seventh runners," Barstis said.

The team is also taking advantage of the fact that their routine will remain unchanged and they do not have to travel to the meet. To capitalize on the opportunity, the girls are running through this race rather than taking time to rest up for it.

Though the schedule can be a challenge for the runners, Barstis believes it will pay off next week when they are getting ready for their first conference run.

But for now, the cross country team is prepared to take full advantage of the opportunity that they have to improve on their team performance before conference standing is at risk.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

MIAA matchup to test Belles

Saint Mary's faces Adrian today in a conference game

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

This Saturday the Belles will play their first conference game against Adrian College, which is currently in fourth place in the MIAA.

The Bulldogs come to Saint Mary's with a record of 2-1 in the conference and 6-7 overall. The Belles are 1-4 in the league and 1-6 on the year.

A win could help them gain some ground in the conference where they sit third from the bottom.

"We still need to focus on winning," Michelle Gary said. "If we have fun and continue to put everything together then we will play our game and give ourselves a chance to win this year."

Last year, Saint Mary's split with Adrian, falling in the first match of the season, but winning the second. In the first meeting, the Belles lost in three straight games. However, they were able to pull out the second contest by winning the fourth game by a score of 34-32. Once again, the girls will have their hands full against another difficult opponent.

"We still need to focus on winning."

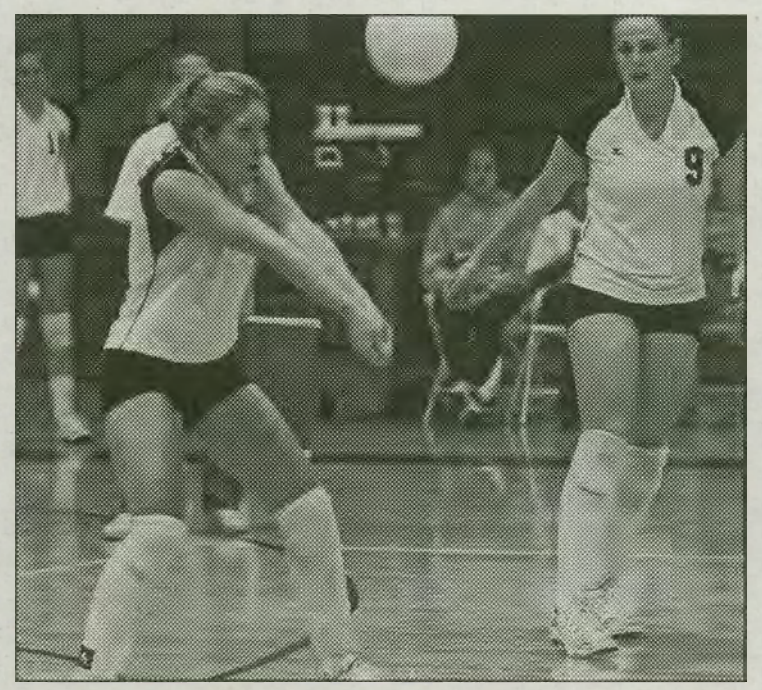
Michelle Gary
Belles

So far this year, the Belles have had a number of players contribute key roles on both the offensive and defensive sides of the court. Michelle Turley has played remarkably well both offensively and defensively. She is first on the team with 92 total digs and has recorded 71 kills. Meanwhile, teammate Ann Cusack has also been a force on defense, recording 92 digs. Elise Rupright along with Shelly Bender have consistently performed well on offense, leading the way for the Belles' scoring attack.

The Belles schedule is comprised of mostly conference opponents now that it is just about halfway complete. Even with the slow start, Saint Mary's still has the ability to gain ground and secure a berth in the league tournament, which begins in early November.

After Saint Mary's faces the Bulldogs, the Belles next game will be played at the University of Chicago on Wednesday evening. Saint Mary's dropped its first scrimmage of the year to the Maroons. This time around, the Belles will be looking to avenge the loss now that it is the regular season.

The Adrian game is set for 4 p.m.



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Michelle Gary passes the ball in a game last season. The Belles face MIAA rival Adrian tomorrow at 4 p.m.

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NCAA Football

Storm awaits LSU, Auburn

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn and LSU have played several nickname games in recent years: The Fire Game. The Interception Game. The Cigar Game.

The latest entry might be The Hurricane Game.

Saturday's high-stakes matchup between No. 14 Auburn and No. 5 LSU is in limbo because of Hurricane Ivan. The storm plowed into Alabama and Louisiana and left concerns about safety, travel plans and available support personnel.

Auburn officials will likely decide Friday morning whether to reschedule the afternoon game.

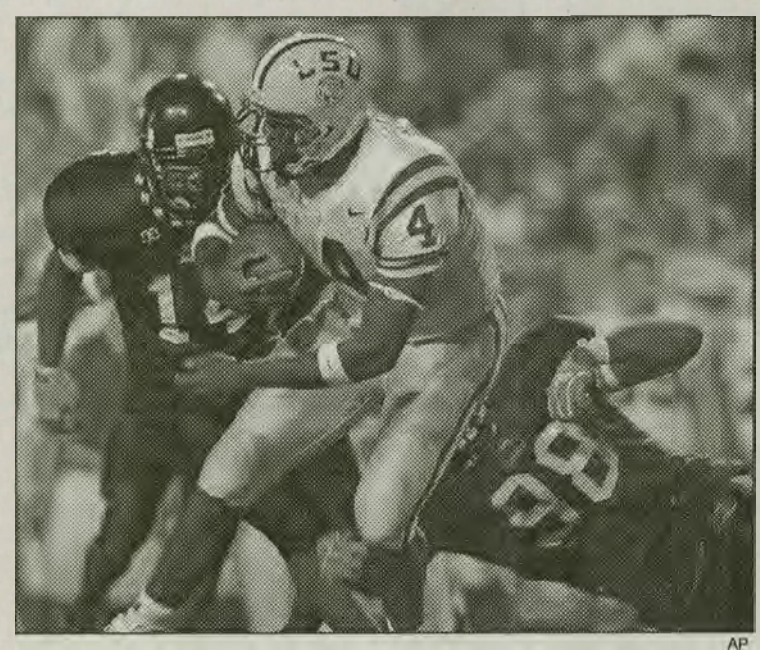
Hurricane Ivan already has forced the postponement of two Top 25 games. No. 10 California was scheduled to play at Southern Mississippi on Thursday night and No. 24 Louisville was slated to play Tulane at the Superdome in New Orleans on Saturday.

Auburn-LSU is one of two heavyweight contests in the Southeastern Conference on Saturday. No. 11 Florida is at No. 13 Tennessee, with the winner clearing a major hurdle toward an Eastern division title.

In other Top 25 action on Saturday, No. 1 Southern California is at BYU; No. 2 Oklahoma plays host to Oregon; and No. 3 Georgia faces Marshall, which gave Ohio State a scare last week. The ninth-ranked Buckeyes are at North Carolina State.

No. 4 Miami gets a bit of a break after its big win over Florida State by hosting Louisiana Tech, while the eighth-ranked Seminoles also step down in competition with a home game against UAB.

No. 7 West Virginia looks to break a four-game losing streak to No. 21 Maryland in a Big East vs. Atlantic Coast Conference matchup.



AP

LSU quarterback JaMarcus Russell breaks a tackle during his team's 53-3 win over Arkansas State last Saturday.

Elsewhere, No. 12 Virginia hosts Akron; No. 15 Utah is at Utah State; No. 16 Iowa visits Arizona State; No. 17 Michigan plays host to San Diego State; and No. 19 Fresno State, coming off an impressive win, plays Portland State.

Two ranked Big Ten teams face potentially tricky road games with No. 20 Wisconsin at Arizona and No. 22 Minnesota visiting Colorado State.

No. 23 Boise State is at UTEP and No. 25 Memphis, playing its first game as a ranked team, is at Arkansas State.

As usual, the Auburn-LSU rivalry combines a dramatic story line with SEC title implications. The two Tigers are the favorites to win the West.

"They compete hard against us and that's what makes a rivalry great," LSU defensive end Marcus Spears said. "No matter what the situation is when we play each other we want to play our best game. It's just important for us to play well.

"It's a great game, a great atmosphere to be a part of."

In 1994, Auburn returned three of its five fourth-quarter interceptions for touchdowns to rally for a 30-26 win.

In 1996, the Auburn Sports Arena burned just outside Jordan-Hare Stadium, smoke billowing above the bleachers. LSU won 19-15 as Auburn missed three field goals and an extra point.

In 1999, Auburn punctuated a 41-7 win at Baton Rouge with coach Tommy Tuberville and his players firing up victory cigars on the game. Before the game, they danced on the eye of the tiger at midfield.

Since 1998, the average margin of victory has been 20.5 points.

Olympics

No harm for officials

Two men convicted in bribery scandal get neither jail, fine

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The only two men convicted in the Salt Lake City Olympic bribery scandal were let off without penalty at their sentencings Thursday. Both cooperated with prosecutors in an unsuccessful attempt to bust two key officials in the city's bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

Salt Lake businessman David Simmons and former U.S. Olympic official Alfredo La Mont _ who have been on probation since pleading guilty in 1999 received no jail time, no fines and no probation.

The two had been expected to receive leniency in return for their testimony against the two key figures in the case, who ended up being acquitted last December by a judge halfway through their trial.

Tom Welch and Dave Johnson had been accused of plying International Olympic Committee members with $1 million in cash, gifts, medical care and other favors to help bring the 2002 Olympics to Salt Lake City.

Simmons, a telecommunications executive, hired the son of a former IOC member from South Korea and was secretly reimbursed by Salt Lake City Olympic boosters. He pleaded guilty to tax fraud for disguising those payments.

"I received no personal benefit from my actions, but was motivated by my desire to assist the bid committee," he said. "What I did was wrong."

Outside court, Simmons said he wasn't complaining that he got a misdemeanor conviction while the bid leaders were convicted of nothing.

"No regrets," Simmons said. "I tried to take full responsibility from day one and haven't deviated from that."

La Mont was an international relations director for the U.S. Olympic Committee who moonlighted as a Salt Lake bid consultant when the city was trying to persuade the IOC to select the city for the games. He pleaded guilty to tax evasion and conspiracy to evade taxes.

La Mont made "two really stupid decisions" _ taking a consulting job that conflicted with his USOC duties and not paying taxes on the income, said Lee Forman, his lawyer.

"The first decision cost him his job; the second made him a felon," he said.

Both men have since paid the evaded taxes, Justice Department attorney Richard Wiedis said Thursday.

Wiedis said the Justice Department was unable to convict the main players in the scandal because "there were many forces that wanted to bury the facts of Olympic corruption."

He said the Salt Lake Organizing Committee was too willing to pay Welch and Johnson's legal defense, and that its trustees offered testimony at trial that undermined the federal case.

La Mont had faced up to a year in prison.

Magistrate David Nuffer said he had no choice but to assess Simmons $25 in court fees. La Mont was assessed $200.

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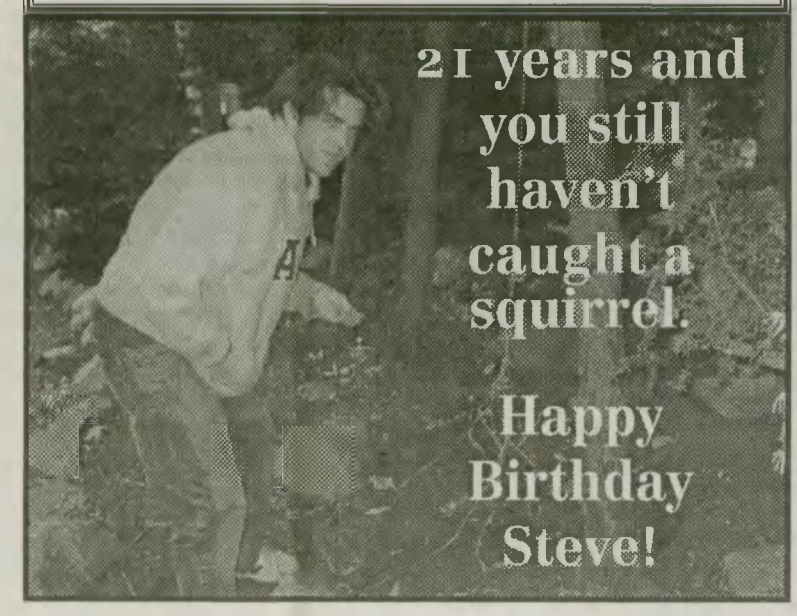

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Cavanaugh, Walsh begin journey to stadium

Pangborn plays Welsh Fam, Lewis faces Badin, Howard battles Lyons, Farley tangles with BP in season openers

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Cavanaugh vs. Walsh

Cavanaugh coach Lou Perry is hoping to create order out of the Chaos when the team faces the Wild Women of Walsh this Sunday at 2 p.m.

Walsh is recollecting the images from last season and believes its team exudes enough confidence that will prove to be unstoppable in this Sunday's match-up.

"Our experience and new talent is one of our biggest selling points," Walsh captain Carrie Campbell said. "We are more confident on the field this year."

Last season, Cavanaugh came out victorious against Walsh as the referees implemented the 'mercy' rule. Fortunately, the Wild Women are using the loss to its advantage to avenge last season's loss.

"We want to leave the impression that we are a team to be reckoned with," Campbell said.

The Wild Women are depending upon its seasoned veterans to lead the team to victory in its season opener. Walsh returns seniors Amanda Borys, Katie Hesmond and Karla Bell on defense.

"A lot of players look up to Karla on and off the field," Campbell said. "She is really emotional and passionate and is great at getting the team fired up."

The team is hoping that its trio can stop the Chaos, who are led by quarterback Lisa Retter and team captain Sara Gilloon.

"We've watched some film from last season and isolated several of our weaknesses from last year," Perry said. "I think this team is very motivated and has the talent to go all the way."

Cavanaugh bowed out of the playoffs early last year and Perry has his heart set on the stadium. "We don't particularly want revenge on any one team — we dislike them all equally," he said.

With an apparent rivalry between the two teams, it is sure to guarantee an intense match-up.

"We want to show that we have matured and that we are going to be a team to watch throughout the season," Campbell said.

"Our experience and new talent is one of our biggest selling points. We are more confident on the field this year."

Carrie Campbell
Walsh captain

Pangborn vs. Welsh Family

For captain Katie Murray and the Pangborn Phoxes, this football season will be a test not of muscles, but of the mind. The Phoxes will examine this theory Sunday as they face the Welsh Family Whirlwinds at 5 p.m. on West Quad.

"We've got a great core group of athletes coming back from last year's team, so our biggest challenge is going to be staying confident, trusting ourselves, and keeping disciplined. If we can do that, I think we're going to have a great season," Murray said.

Pangborn is coming off its best season in half a decade, and has high hopes for this year.

"We had a really good season last year. Before that, we hadn't scored a touchdown in five years, so winning two games was a really big confidence booster for us," Murray said. "This year, we're hoping to improve our record even more. We were in the Blue League last year, so this time season we will get play a whole new group of teams, which should make it pretty fun."

The Welsh Family Whirlwinds hope to blow Pangborn off course, however, with its stingy defense and the experience of its older players.

"I think the biggest key to our success is going to be the leadership of the seniors," Whirlwind captain Mary Pendergast said. "We had a lot of people return this year from studying abroad, and I think that will add a lot to our success."

Pendergast also feels that her team will benefit immensely from returning players from last season's semifinal team.

"We had a really surprising season last year; no one expected us to do as well as we did," Pendergast said. "The entire defense from that team is back this year, and that is definitely going to be our anchor for this season."

Both teams have worked hard thus far to prepare for the kickoff this season and are excited to finally get the ball rolling.

"We scrimmaged PW last week, and I thought we looked really good," Murray said. "We can't wait to get into a real game and see how we adjust as a team."

The Whirlwinds are also excited to start the much-anticipated season.

"I've been waiting for this all year. We've been practicing for three weeks, and our coaches have worked us really hard," Pendergast said. "Everyone seems to have picked up the offense really well, and I'm looking forward to seeing how we do in a game situation."

Lewis vs. Badin

After eleven months of waiting, the Lewis Chicks finally have their chance for revenge against Badin at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

After coming out on the short end of a hard-fought 7-6 championship game last fall against the Bullfrogs, the Chicks are ready for another run at the stadium.

"We're going to have to play really well to get there," Lewis captain Sheila Dawes said. "[It's] totally on our shoulders."

Dawes will lead the Lewis defense along with sophomore linebacker Mia De La Rosa. On the other side of the ball, Lewis will use a balanced offensive attack, led by junior wide receiver Kara Bailey.

Bailey will lead a relatively new group of receivers for Lewis, but that does not appear to be a concern for the Chicks.

"We have a lot of returning players, but we also have a ton of freshman filling in key rolls for us," Dawes said.

For the defending champions, their stellar defense of last season was hit hard by graduation, leaving a few question marks behind.

"Hopefully our offense can carry our defense a little this year," Badin senior captain Stephanie Heath said.

Heath will lead the Bullfrogs' experienced offense as the starting quarterback after splitting time under center last year. Badin will also look for big games from senior receiver Erin Diminick and sophomore Meg Charlebois.

The Bullfrogs will look to air the ball out and put points on the board early, giving its defense a cushion.

"We have a really good core of receivers returning this year," Heath said. "Hopefully we can move forward."

Although inexperienced, Badin's defense does have some strong leadership. Senior Rita Morgan will be playing multiple positions on the defensive side again this year, while sophomore Colleen Mallahan will lead the defensive line.

The Bullfrogs are not are not overly confident, even after last year's championship.

"It's always a new season," Heath said. "I think it will be an intense game."

The Chicks' captain agreed.

"It will come down to who's going to come ready to play," Dawes said.

Howard vs. Lyons

If anyone spotted the rector of Howard Hall dressed as a lion last year, do not expect to see it again this year if the Ducks have their way.

Every year Howard and Lyons Halls wager on their flag football game. The bet is not monetary or even in the form of a gift. It's all about dorm pride. The rector of the losing team must dress in the costume of the winning dorm. Howard was defeated in this matchup of sister dorms last year, but that game was only one loss of a winless season. The Ducks hope to reverse that this year and it starts with this key rivalry game.

"We've been working really hard on the practice field and we've had a great turnout at all of the practices. We're ready for the stadium this year."

Jaimie Feltault
Breen-Phillips captain

The Lyons Lions are coming off of a .500 season last year and are hoping to improve upon that this year. The Lions have started off strong in the preseason, holding many practices leading up to the first game. This commitment ties in with one of the team's goals for the season — to take football more seriously and work on team togetherness. The Lions are led by captain Traci Kazmerski and upperclassmen Meghan Regan, Meghan Hassel and Michelle Celli.

The Ducks hope to capitalize on a more experienced core of upperclassmen that can lead an athletically talented crop of incoming freshman. Captain Callie Whelan hopes the freshmen's speed combined with senior leadership can gain the Ducks some victories.

Key players this year for Howard are Renee Alessi, Brin Anderson and Laura Nilan. Howard knows of the great amount of preparation Lyons has put in for the game, but is not worried. Preparation for the Ducks has consisted of what Whelan describes as "carbo-loading".

With dorm pride and a wager on the line, both teams are ready to bring their A-game to the field on Sunday.

"Howard is ready mentally and physically to take it to Lyons and get revenge for last year," Whelan said.

Kazmerski is ready to put the Lion back into Howard.

"We've been preparing offense and defense for several weeks, and we've shown sufficient improvement to give Howard a good game this weekend," she said.

Women's Preseason Interhall Rankings

1. Cavanaugh
2. Welsh Family
3. Badin
4. Pasquerilla East
5. Lewis
6. Breen-Phillips
7. McGlinn
8. Pasquerilla West
9. Lyons
10. Pangborn
11. Walsh
12. Farley
13. Howard

*Rankings compiled by team captains

Farley vs. Breen-Phillips

Sunday afternoon, two north quad neighbors will battle for dominance on the football field. The Babes of Breen Phillips will take on Farley's Finest in the season opener.

Although Breen Phillips won last year's matchup, Farley plans to combine skilled leadership and freshman enthusiasm to bring home a win.

"We've got a very promising offense and defense this year, they show ambition, energy and skill at every practice," coach Nicole Rapagnani said. "I'm looking forward to a great season."

Aside from all of the hard work, the team has also improved fundamentally.

"Our team is a lot faster this year and I think the addition of a good play book will really help us out," Farley captain Angelina Zehrbach said.

Breen Phillips, however, won't be coming down without a fight. Last year they tied for second with Badin in the final interhall rankings.

Breen Phillips has dedicated itself during the preseason as well, hoping to make it to the finals in the stadium later this fall.

"We've been working really hard on the practice field and we've had a great turnout at all of the practices," captain Jaimie Feltault said. "We're ready for the stadium this year"

Instead of a new crop of freshman, Breen Phillips has the advantage of a veteran team. "Our whole defensive line is returning this year and we've got a core of great receivers who are coming back as well," Feltault said.

The game should prove to be a battle between an experienced team and an energized one.

"We're hoping to take Farley by storm," Feltault said.

"We want to play and fight."

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on the defensive line are some Sigfried players to watch. Offensive lineman Kevin Phipps will provide bulk upfront for the Ramblers.

"He is a force to be reckoned with," Hughes said.

On the Juggs side, Joe McCarthy, Jesse Greenwood and Mike Peters will lead the way. Along with those three, are two third-year returnees who have been called "unsung heroes" by their captain. They are offensive line members Patrick Varley and Jason Creek.

Both halls are pumped and prepared for the game this Sunday. It should be a great battle between these two rivals.

St. Edward's vs. Zahm

Both St. Edwards and Zahm would like to get their season off to a good start, as last year they were looking up at Siegfried and Knott at the top of the Blue League standings. St. Edward's and Zahm both feel as if they have improved immensely this year, and are ready to give the Ramblers and Juggernauts a run for their money this season.

Defense should be the strength of the Stedsmen this year.

"We have a good overall team defense," Stedsmen Matt Webber said.

Nick Stober and Mike Giampa, both returning four-year starters, will be playing on both sides of the ball this Sunday.

"Those two guys are the anchor of our team," Webber said.

Also be on the lookout for captain Joe Pomeranke, who is a leader for the Stedsmen.

As for Zahm, captain Kyle Jones feels that the Rabid Bats will be much improved this year. "We seem to have a lot of freshmen and seniors on the team this year, but we still expect to be a lot better than before," Jones said. The Rabid Bats have been knocked out of the playoffs in the first round three years in a row.

"Be on the lookout for our fullback, Eric Tarnowski," Jones said.

Another Rabid Bats to watch this week should be star wideout Mike Russell.

"The strength of our team this year is going to be our offensive line, which is especially strong this season," Jones said.

Looking around the league it seems as if most of the other dorms have small, but quick, offensive lines this season, so Zahm will have to wait to see if its strength prevails.

The two teams open up their respective seasons this Sunday at 3 p.m. The game will be played at Riehle field.

Morissey vs. O'Neill

Aaron Ronsheim expects success.

The Morrissey captain has seen his team defeated in the playoffs by eventual champion Siegfried each of the past two seasons. This year, the Manorites want to build on past accomplishments, and their quest begins this Sunday at 3 pm against the O'Neill Angry Mob at Riehle Field South.

"Hopefully we can get over the hump," Ronsheim, whose team went 3-0-1 and beat Zahm in the opening round of the playoffs last year, said. "We want to make a statement this year."

As for the Mob, they come into this fall looking to improve on last season's 1-3 record.

"Our goal this year is to win at least two games and get into the playoffs, which O'Neill's never done before," Mob captain Michael Milligan said.

In order to start their resurgence, however, O'Neill will have to deal with a Morrissey squad that is expected to be as potent offensively as it is stingy defensively.

The Manorites return seven starters from a defense that didn't allow a point until their eleventh quarter of football last year, although they did lose middle linebacker Brian Dinsmore to graduation.

Nevertheless, Ronsheim is optimistic.

"Our defense has been the strongest part of the team since I've been here," he said. "Our defense carries us. We hope it can cause turnovers and put our offense in a strong position."

Offensively, last year's starting quarterback, Marty Mooney now plays for the Notre Dame football team, but 2002 starter Pete Sprietzer returns from a semester studying in France to lead the Manorite offense. Sprietzer's favorite targets should include senior tight end Dave Purcell and wide receiver Tim Kenney.

Sprietzer will also be helped out by star halfback Nick Klein, a four year starter.

"We expect [Klein] to be our workhorse," Ronsheim said.

Lead blocking for Klein will be his brother Steve. The all-Klein backfield has already impacted the game plan of one opponent.

"We're planning on using a 5-3 defense to stop the run," Milligan said. "Morrissey will give us a big test, so we'll find out how good our defense really is."

The young Angry Mob defense is expected to substitute liberally due to its inexperience and the reputation of Morrissey's offense.

> *"Our defense carries us."*
>
> **Aaron Ronsheim**
> **Morrissey captain**

"We're going to get a good rotation of guys in there, because we don't know who can play where yet," Milligan said.

Offensively, O'Neill is expected to be conservative and try to control the clock with halfback Bradon Turner and fullback Brian Stein.

"We're going to try to establish the run," Milligan said, "If that works, we'll open things up and try a few passes."

Keough vs. Alumni

A huge loss is never easy to forget. Keough learned this the hard way last season after being crushed by Alumni 27-0 last year.

With the teams set to butt heads again in Sunday afternoon's 2 p.m. season opener, the Kangaroos will take the field with one thing on their mind — revenge.

"We brought [last year's loss] up to our players," Keough captain and quarterback Brian Kusper said. "They know that that can't happen again. We had more intense practices this week because of that. It's our turn this year."

The Kangaroos feel that the key to securing this revenge on Sunday will lie in the trenches. Keough wants to dominate the line of scrimmage on both ends of the ball.

"If we can control the line, we can control the game," senior fullback Dan Degen said.

This might be easier said than done. Alumni captain AJ Remen believes that the offensive and defensive lines are the strengths of his team. The Dawgs return six key starters along the lines, including senior standouts Dan O'Connor and Pat Higgins.

Outside of excellent line play, Alumni will rely on the leadership and experience of several seasoned veterans. Remen, a senior cornerback, and sophomore linebacker Matt Augustine will anchor a stingy Alumni defensive unit.

On the other side of the ball, the Dawgs will rely on several fresh faces at key skill positions. Freshman quarterback Brent Locey will lead Alumni's attack.

"Locey is a real big kid with great potential," Remen said.

Freshman wideout Willie D. Williams and freshman running back Bret Shapot will join forces with Locey to form a potent offensive threat for the Dawgs.

Slowing down this Alumni offense will be a focal point for Keough.

"The big key to the game is going to be our defense," Kusper said. "If we can make them throw the ball, we feel we will have a real good chance."

Kusper is not as concerned with Keough's offense, and for good reason. Kusper, Degen, and returning wide receiver Nick Dobbertin lead an experienced and talented Kangaroo attack that could provide problems for the Alumni defense.

As the season rapidly approaches, both squads are concentrating on one goal — the chance to play for the championship in Notre Dame Stadium.

"We are looking to make the playoffs and hopefully get a game in the stadium," Degen said. Remen also cited a single objective for Alumni this season — to get to the championship.

With both teams clearly focused and confident, the meeting between Alumni and Keough should make for quite a battle.

Fisher vs. Sorin

A new year of Notre Dame interhall football kicks off this Sunday, with Fisher taking on Sorin at 1 p.m. at Riehle field.

The Green Wave will look to avenge last year's loss to the Otters in a closely contested game that came down to one kick — a game winning field goal as time expired. The 3-0 final score truly reflected the struggles that each offense had against two very tough defenses.

Statistically speaking, Fisher dominated last year's game, but untimely interceptions essentially led to Sorin's final and decisive possession.

Several Sorin freshmen stepped up then, and they will look to do so again after a year's experience under their belts.

Both teams will likely try and get the offenses going early, while trying to avoid the mistakes and missed opportunities that plagued each during the last meeting.

Fisher captain Jerremy Moreno and returning Sorin captain Collin O'Keefe will try to lead his respective team to victory in this opener.

Men's Preseason Interhall Rankings

1. Siegfried
2. Dillon
3. Alumni
4. Keenan
5. Morrissey
6. Fisher
7. Stanford
8. Zahm
9. Sorin
10. Knott
11. Keough
12. O'Neill
13. St. Edward's
14. Carroll

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A Dillon running back fends off a Siegfried defender in last year's championship game at Notre Dame Stadium. Interhall football kicks off this Sunday with both men's and women's games.

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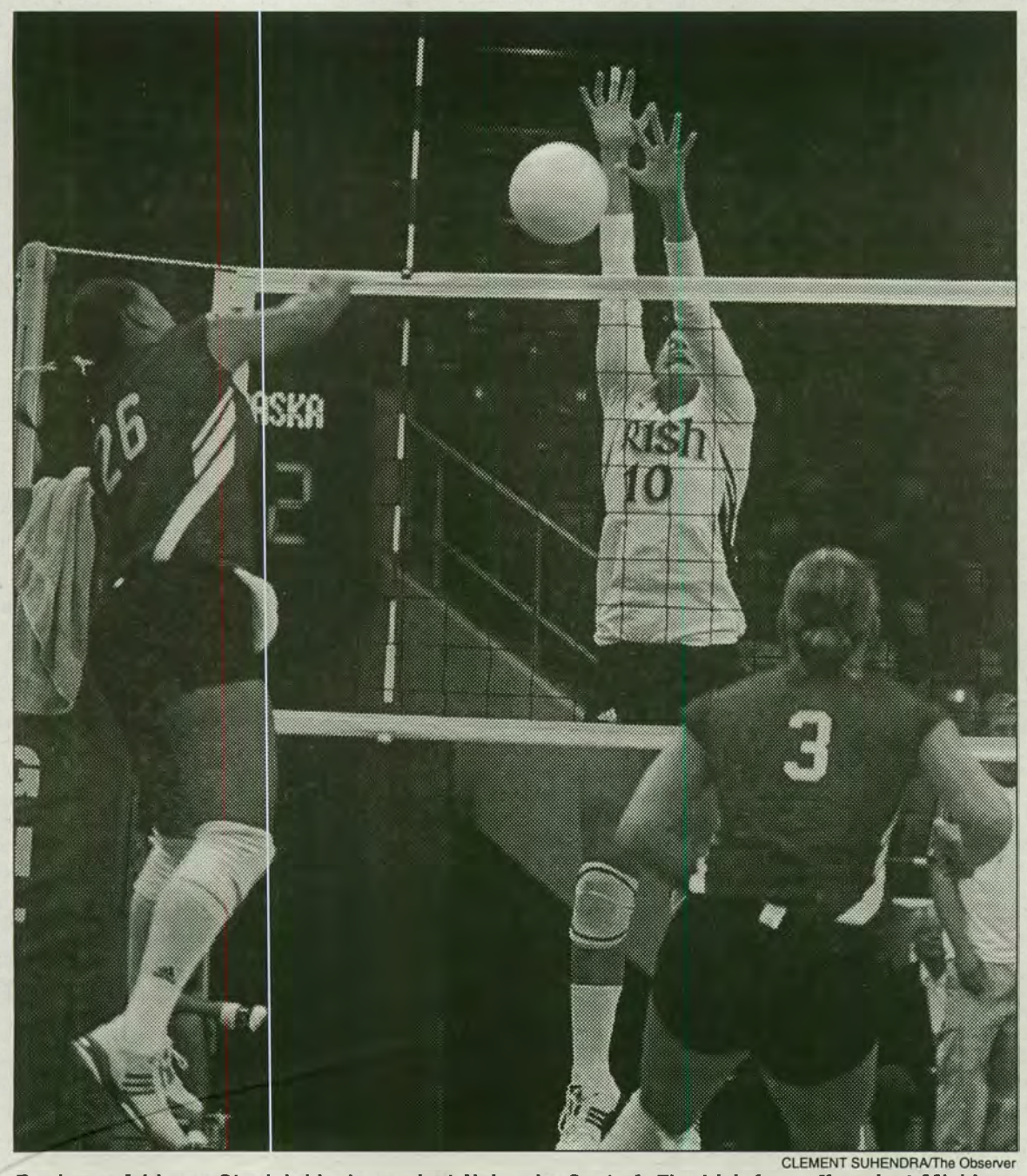

CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Freshman Adrianna Stasiuk blocks against Nebraska Sept. 4. The Irish face off against Michigan State tonight at 7 p.m. in the Gamecock Invitational at the University of South Carolina. Notre Dame then faces South Carolina on Sunday in the tournament.

Tourney

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ed two consecutive national championships.

Traditionally, the Spartans have notched wins against the Irish, holding the advantage in the series record 7-3.

On Saturday, Notre Dame was scheduled to face No. 2 USC. University officials announced Thursday that the Trojans were withdrawing from this weekend's invitational due to "safety issues and travel difficulties as a result of the severe weather conditions in the Southeast caused by Hurricane Ivan and the upcoming Hurricane Jeanne."

Host South Carolina (5-2) will bring a great presence to the court on Sunday when they meet the Irish. Competing in front of a home crowd, the Gamecocks are playing for pride and are expected to impress. Wake Forest (3-1) and Duke (3-0) were the only teams to beat the Gamecocks this season. Last year, South Carolina bested No. 15 Notre Dame last season in four close matches, 30-26, 30-27, 24-30, 31-29.

This whirlwind weekend should be an opportunity for Notre Dame to prove what a solid and capable team they are.

At the Cal Poly Invitational last weekend, the Irish captured the championship title over Fresno State, Cal Poly, and Sacramento State. Statistically, the Irish were at their best this season, recording 59 kills — almost 20 per game — and registering a .311 hitting percentage.

Junior middle blocker Lauren Brewster earned the title of tournament MVP after registering 3.82 kills per game and recording a 3.72 hitting percentage. She also contributed 28 digs, 18 blocks, and four aces during the two matches.

Her efforts in the invitational also demonstrated to Big East officials that she was deserving of her fourth Big East player of the week honor. Last week, Brewster tallied three double-doubles in four matches last week, totaling 60 kills on a .336 hitting percentage. She also averaged 1.62 blocks and 2.56 digs per game.

Junior outside hitter Lauren Kelbley was also named to the Cal Poly All-Tournament team after notching 4.00 kills per game and seven service aces.

With talented individuals like Brewster and Kelbley leading the team, the Irish should be a formidable force this weekend.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish return home, but lose Gustafson

No. 1 golfer injured in team car crash Thursday afternoon

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Notre Dame will be back in action this weekend despite a car accident Thursday that left Scott Gustafson, one of the team's best players, injured. The team was headed to Bridgman, Mich. to practice on the Lost Dunes Country Club course for the Notre Dame Invitational, the first regular season tournament hosted by the squad in 17 years this weekend.

Gustafson

The field of competitors will attempt to serve as a preview of the NCAA Regionals, with all teams anticipated to qualify for that event playing this weekend, including No. 24 Texas A&M and No. 25 Southern Methodist University. The three-day event will kick off Friday at the Lost Dunes Country Club in Bridgman, Mich., before returning to the Warren Golf course on campus for the 36 holes Saturday and Sunday.

"Everyone is working on the right things."

Chris Witten
Irish assistant coach

Serving as host should serve as a great advantage for the Irish. Surprisingly, Notre Dame will likely have a much more pronounced advantage at Lost Dunes, where they have played a few times, than at Warren, where they play every day.

"At Lost Dunes, the difficulty lies in the greens, and it takes a lot of time to figure out the greens," Irish assistant coach Chris Whitten said. "Our advantage at Warren should be minimal."

Whitten hopes for good things to come from going up against such strong competition this early in the season, especially coming off Notre Dame's trip to the NCAA Regionals last season.

Photo Courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information

Eric Deutsch putts in a match last season.

"Last season was the first postseason [for us] since the mid 1960s," he said. "If we could finish top 5, that would be a huge victory."

Leading the team towards that goal will be sophomore Cole Isban, who qualified as the team's No. 1 for this event. Joining him will be junior Eric Deutsch, sophomore Shane Sigsbee, and freshmen Greg Rodgers and Mike King. King and Sigsbee will be competing in their first tournament as part of the Irish scoring lineup this season, after competing as individuals at an event hosted by Bowling Green last weekend.

Whitten is excited about the progress the team has already shown this season.

"Everyone is working on the right things," he said.

Also, five more members of the Irish squad will compete in the tournament as individuals. Seniors Steve Colinitis and KC Wiseman will lead the group, joined by juniors Tommy Balderston, Mark Baldwin and Daniel Klauer.

Irish coach John Jasinski said Thursday night that it was too early to tell if Gustafson will be out for the season.

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the Hoyas lightly.

"You aim to win every game, and then after that, you've just got to get on with in," Clark said. "Once you start talking a score — what you think it's going to be — that's when you start getting into problems."

Part of that approach encompasses a focus more on the Irish style of play than what the Hoyas will be trying to do Saturday night.

"We've got to concentrate and play our game," Clark said. "You've got to be aware of the other team — that's key — but at the same time you've got to make sure you don't forget to play your game. That's going to be very important."

The Irish suffered their first loss of the young season Wednesday night in Bloomington, dropping a 2-0 decision to soccer powerhouse No. 1 Indiana (5-0-0).

"I was disappointed with the final outcome, but there were a lot of positives," Clark said. "It was a tough game [with] both teams working very hard."

Notre Dame hung tough with the nation's top squad, nearly matching the Hoosiers in total shots — Indiana registered ten while the Irish drilled nine — and out-cornering them six to one.

However, shots and corner kicks don't factor into the final score.

"Soccer is a funny game— there's really only one statistic that counts and that's goals," Clark said. "It's disappointing, but we've actually scored more goals at this point in the season than we did last year."

Clark points to the youth up front and undefined roles as possible explanations for Notre Dame's inability to capitalize on quality scoring changes thus far this year.

"We made a decent amount of chances that we didn't convert," Clark said. "It's a young team and guys are still just fighting out exactly where they all fit in."

After the Irish nearly took an early lead on a ninth minute run by defender Jack Stewart, Indiana forward Jacob Peterson put the Hoosiers on the board eight minutes, fifteen seconds into the second half.

Uncorking a shot just inside the box, Peterson's ball deflected off Stewart's foot and into the net, staking Indiana to a 1-0 lead.

The Irish refused to give in, nearly converting a pair of scoring opportunities before Indiana took advantage of Notre Dame's aggressive play and effectively put the game out of reach on a fast-break goal by midfielder Brian Plotkin.

The 2-0 Hoosier shutout marked the fifth consecutive time that a Notre Dame/Indiana contest has ended with at least one team failing to score.

The Irish downed the Hoosiers 1-0 at Alumni Field last season on an overtime goal by defender Kevin Goldthwaite.

Following the Georgetown contest, the Irish travel to Morgantown, W. Va., next Thursday to face West Virginia.

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for those teams that we take for granted a little bit," she said. "A big team like UConn is always a great team against us ... [but] we haven't played [Syracuse] in a long time so you tend to forget about teams like that."

This will be the first game Notre Dame has played with the distinction as the top-ranked team in the country. Tancredi feels that now opposing teams have even more motivation when they play the Irish.

"It doesn't matter what number we are, we always seem to have good competition against us," Tancredi said, "[But] it's always going to be a hard game, each game we play [ranked No. 1]."

Despite the challenges of playing for a targeted team, Tancredi was named the Big East Defensive Player of the Week for the second consecutive week. However, she attributes her own accolades to a tougher mentality of team's defense as a whole.

"Our [team has] dedication to not allowing teams to having any shots on goal, taking that seriously, taking it to heart when we actually get scored on," she said.

The Irish have more good news as well. After a rash of injuries, slowly but surely, the team is getting healthier. Irish forward Candace Chapman, who missed all of the 2003 season with a knee injury, has returned with a vengeance. Chapman is tied for the team lead in goals with five, and has done so, not as a starter, but providing the spark off the bench.

CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Irish forward Candace Chapman has been a force this season after being injured in 2003.

"You get on the field, you work as hard as you can, and then you switch it up and new people go," Chapman said. "In the time that I have I try to do as much as I can. You just have to work harder every minute that you get."

Notre Dame will also see the return of a promising freshman, Jannica Tjeder, who has also been sidelined with an injury for the better part of this season. Waldrum, for one, is anxious to have her back on the field.

"We're going to try and get her some time this weekend. She looked good in training this week," he said. "I don't think she's completely healthy, but she's close."

Goalkeeper Erika Bohn will likely return to the Irish net this weekend as well. Waldrum started freshman Lauren Karas in last week's game against Arizona State, and is leaving his options open for the coming weekend.

"We'll probably start Erika on Friday and then just see how it goes," Waldrum said. "It's really easy to put young players in games that don't mean a lot, but we wanted to see her in a meaningful game. I think the competition has been very close. I don't know if we'll split games or split halves but the games will dictate that."

Tonight's game is set for 7 p.m. and Sunday's is slated to start at 1 p.m.

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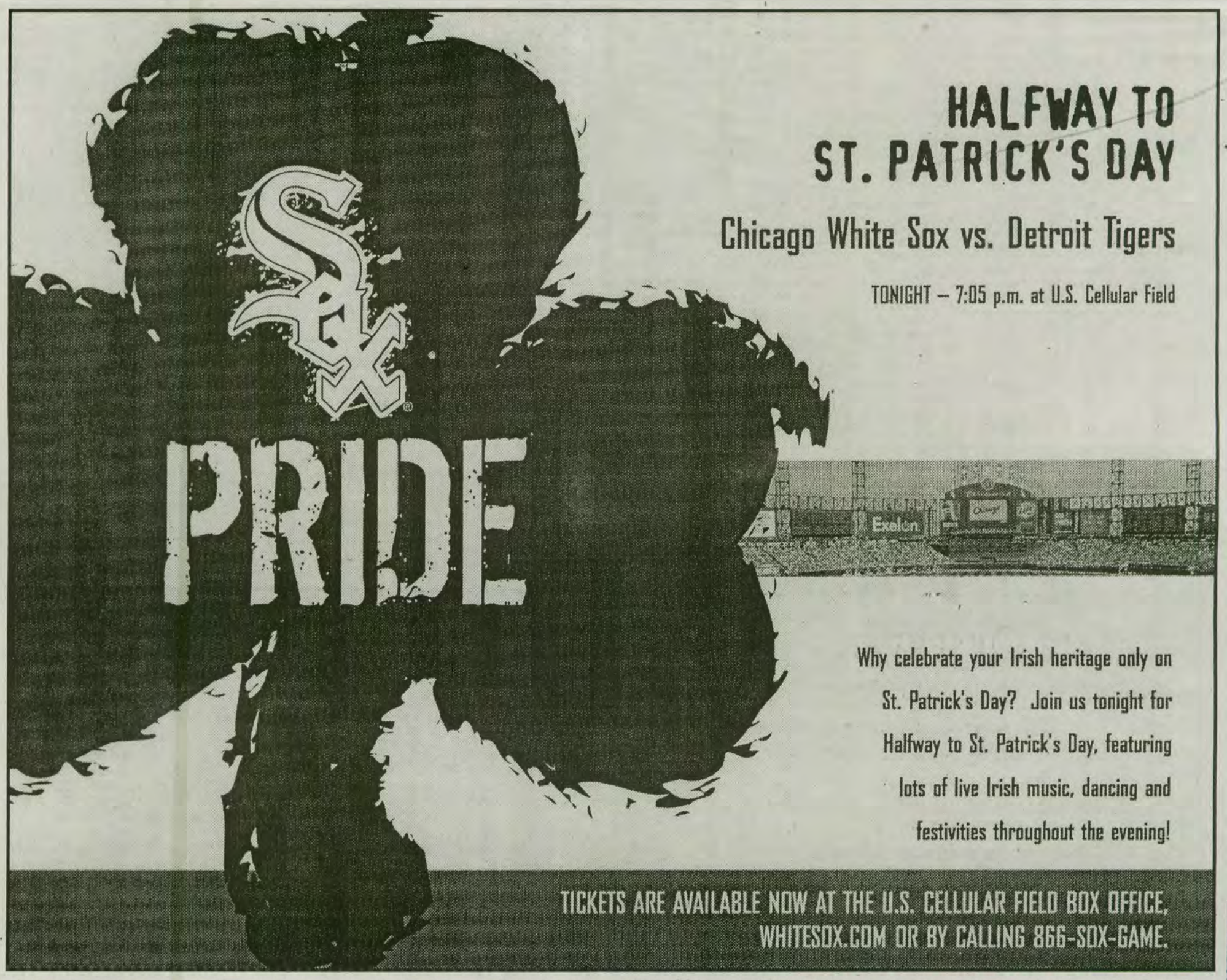

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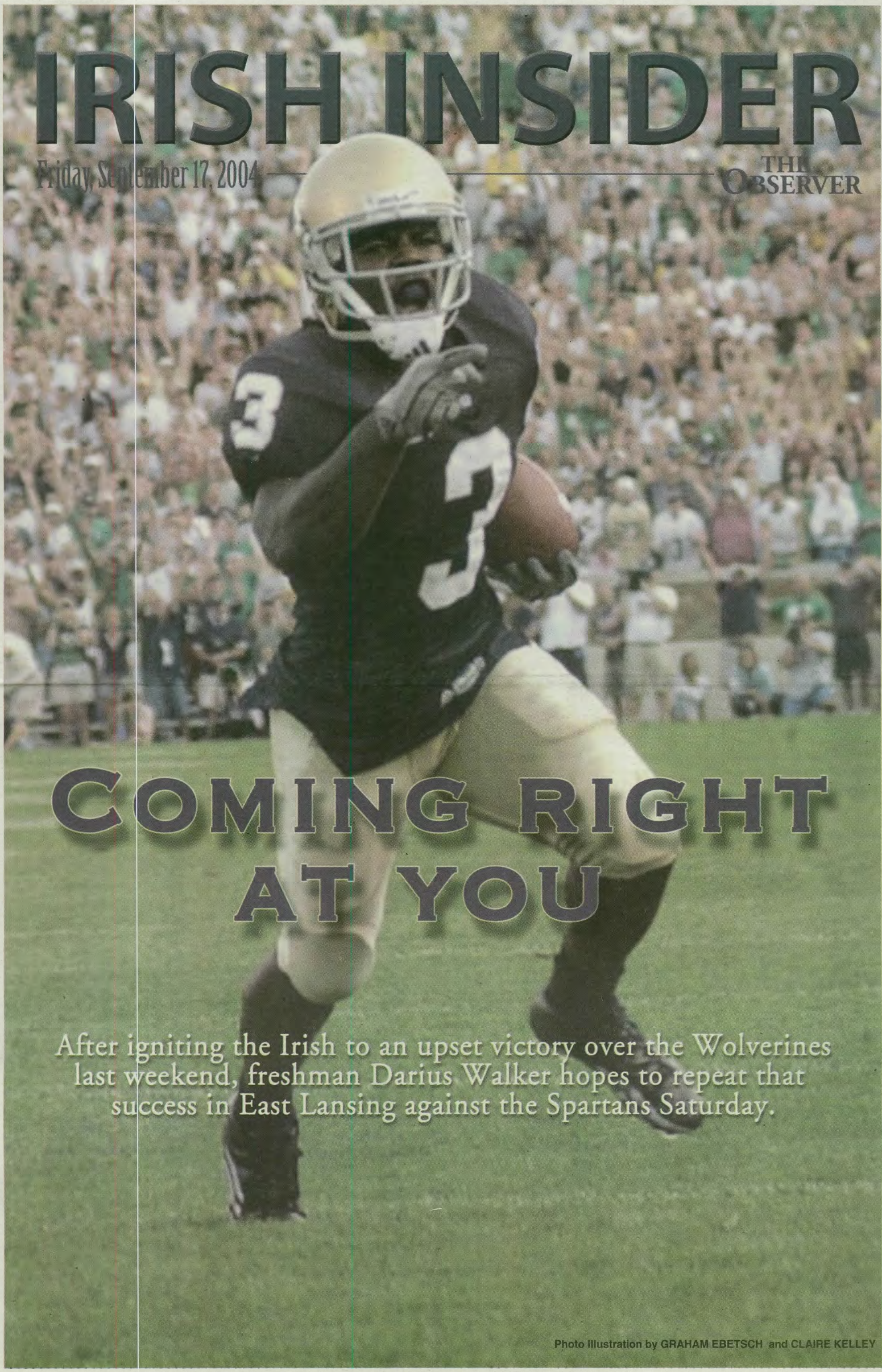

COMING RIGHT AT YOU

After igniting the Irish to an upset victory over the Wolverines last weekend, freshman Darius Walker hopes to repeat that success in East Lansing against the Spartans Saturday.

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Spartans game a crossroads for ND

Think back to the Michigan State game during the 2002 season.

The No. 12 Irish were 3-0 and coming off a 25-23 statement win over No. 7 Michigan. The Spartans had defeated the Irish in the previous five match-ups between these teams.

Matt Lozar

Sports Writer

And it looked like that streak would extend to six.

Michigan State receiver Charles Rogers made a circus catch in the back of the end zone to put the Spartans ahead 17-14 late in the fourth quarter.

It turned out the Irish, for once in this series, had a big play of their own.

Pat Dillingham, filling in for an injured Carlyle Holiday, hit an open Arnaz Battle who got a block from Gary Godsey and sprinted down the left sideline to give the Irish a miraculous 21-17 win.

That play, that win, kept that team believing something special was brewing in Tyrone Willingham's first season in South Bend.

"Two years ago was exciting with the big play Arnaz made, because it changed our season," Holiday said. "It was the start of big things to come in 2002."

Now think back to last year's game against Michigan State.

The Irish were 1-1 and coming off a 38-0 embarrassment at Michigan. Meanwhile, the Spartans were 2-1 and coming off an embarrassing loss of their own — a 20-19 defeat at the hands of WAC "powerhouse" Louisiana Tech. The Spartans had a plus-five turnover margin, but Louisiana Tech scored 13 points in the final 69 seconds of the game to pull off the upset.

For some unexplainable reason, the Spartans always seem to play their best game against the Irish.

The Spartans appeared to be the perfect medicine for a beaten-down Irish team.

But holding true to recent history, the Irish couldn't solve the Michigan State mystery, losing 22-16 at home in a game no one thought the Irish should lose.

Brady Quinn relieved Holiday, couldn't complete the comeback and became the eventual starter next week at Purdue en route to a disappointing 5-7 campaign.

"I think this team remembers the game last year, I know I do," Quinn said. "I feel that was the game we really felt slip through our fingers.

"That's something we are going to be looking at this weekend."

So what does all this mean?

For some unexplainable reason, the Spartans always seem to play their best game against the Irish.

Holiday said the closeness of the games stays in the back of your mind. Kyle Budinscak can't put his finger on it.

But Brandon Hoyte "couldn't care less" about the past — whether it's the losses to the Spartans or last week's win over Michigan.

Derek Curry said nothing in the past will affect this game.

Willingham's job is trying to find a place somewhere in the middle to get his team ready for a pivotal game.

"You want a balance. You want an awareness of what happened in the past, but you don't ever want to linger on it," he said Tuesday.

"If those players from the past were going to play for Michigan State, then I would put more emphasis on it. But I don't think any of them are in the lineup.

"It's going to be their 2004 team against our 2004 team. It simply will come down to this: the team that plays the best will win."

That's the attitude this team needs to take.

The Irish did it last week against the Wolverines. They were the best team on the field and didn't focus too much on the opening-week loss.

Now they have the chance to continue their season turnaround.

Once again, that game comes against Michigan State.

Once again, the Spartans will have a major impact on which way this season heads.

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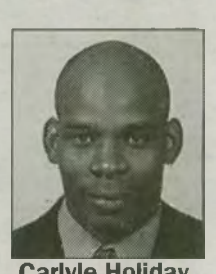
game hype

Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

"You want an awareness of what has happened in the past, but you don't want to linger on it."

"[ND-MSU] is one of those games where you have to pull it out in the end for the win."

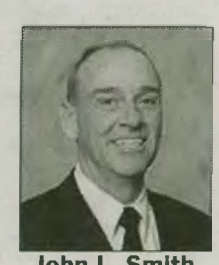


Carlyle Holiday
Irish wide receiver/punt returner

Kyle Budinscak
Irish
defensive lineman

"We have to come ready to play because they will be."

"Notre Dame has some good talent like Darius [Walker]. He's really been a spark for them."



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Broad shoulders

Darius Walker wears the number 3 and lifts the hopes of the Irish faithful

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

He did not request the hype. He didn't even want it. But when Darius Walker got to Notre Dame, he received a jersey with the number three — and, some would say, the expectations that came with it.

"I guess it worked out for me," Walker said.

The situation is too much of a coincidence. The true freshman from Georgia jumped from promising recruit to celebrity status after igniting the Irish running game in last week's 28-20 upset of No. 8 Michigan, wasting no time in displaying the big-game potential of former number three wearers Joe Montana and Rick Mirer.

"It was a big spark," tight end Anthony Fasano said. "He added a difference maker and a person to see the holes we were creating."

Fans regarded the son of former Arkansas defensive tackle Jimmy Walker as one of the few bright spots in an overall disappointing recruiting class last winter, but nobody expected Darius Walker to get 31 carries in the season's second game — against one of Notre Dame's biggest rivals.

"I felt all along at some point this year he would have some impact on a football game," head coach Tyrone Willingham said.

Walker put 12 points on the scoreboard and totaled 115 net rushing yards, doing it all with the weight of Notre Dame tradition labeled clearly on his back.

The number three

Even sub-par Notre Dame fans — the ones who think Rocket Ismail was the name of a NASA space shuttle — know the significance of the number three. Montana, Mirer and Ron Powlus are only some of the legendary Irish alums to sport the symbol. Playmaker Arnaz Battle graduated in the spring of 2003 and no one stepped up to carry the torch.

Then Walker arrived in South Bend, oblivious to the number's availability, but it did not matter. The jersey found him.

"I actually wanted a single digit number," Walker said. "I was No. 7 in high school and that was something I was pushing to get. Carlyle Holiday decided to keep the number and three was the only single digit number left."

Walker wore the number three proudly Saturday, whether he was speeding into the right corner of the endzone or stiff-arming tacklers on his way to the left corner. His accomplishments came as no surprise to his head coach.

"I had the opportunity [in practice] to watch his style, watch his ability to see things, and just make yardage out of things that didn't seem to have much yardage," Willingham said.

Walker's skills would exist whether he was wearing the number three or the number 33.

But the parallels between Walker's timely Saturday performance and those of past great number three's are eerily similar.

The most notable moment came in 1980, when kicker Harry Oliver — number three — put a 51-yard field goal through the uprights with no time on the clock to beat — that's right — Michigan.

No one expected the wind to subside as Oliver booted the clincher, and no one expected Walker to carry such a load in his first outing — not even the freshman himself.

The workload

Walker has not lost a game he has played in since losing the state title game during his freshman year of high school. Walker's Buford High School went on to win the Georgia AA state title in his final three seasons, dominating opponents by wide margins. And though Walker was an integral part of the offense, the team didn't need to heap all of the responsibility on their star back's shoulders.

"It was very seldom [to carry the ball 30 times in high school]," Walker said. "So the [Michigan] game was very rough."

Walker carried the ball 31 times against the Wolverines. He hit open holes and gained solid yardage, solid especially for a team that had rushed 22 times for just 11 yards in the previous weekend's 20-17 loss to BYU.

"He loves playing the big game," running backs coach Buzz Preston said. "He's hungry to do great things."

Walker was able to score a record 46 touchdowns in high school, breaking the Georgia state rushing record of 45 held by former NFL running back Herschel Walker — no relation.

But Darius Walker's familiarity with the endzone did not show when he commented on the two he put past the Michigan defense Saturday.

"It was my first [two] college touchdown[s], so it was a little sentimental for me," he said. "I couldn't believe that I was out there at first, and then to score a touchdown made it a little crazy for me."

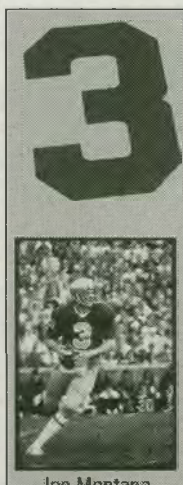
Walker became the first freshman to rush for two touchdowns since quarterback Matt LoVecchio did in a November 2000 win over Southern California. He was also the first freshman running back to notch a pair of scores since Autry Denson scored twice in a 44-14 Notre Dame win over Air Force on Nov. 18, 1995.

All of the statistics, all of the praise, and what does Walker's coach have to say?

"It was just about what I expected to see from him," Willingham said.

Willingham saw Walker in practice and felt confident in the ability of his recruit, but even some of the players closest to Walker on the field had little clue about what impact he could have.

"I wasn't sure what to expect," quarterback Brady Quinn said. "Obviously I give him the ball and [we] ran the … plays for him [to] see what he [could] do with it."


Joe Montana

Arnaz Battle

Former Notre Dame players that wore number 3:

NAME	POSITION	YEARS PLAYED
John Weibel	LG	1922-24
Emmett Murphy	QB	1930-32
George Moriarty	QB	1933-35
Bob Hargrave	QB	1939-41
Al Skat	QB	1943
Roger Brown	QB	1946-47
Bill Whiteside	QB	1949-50
Ralph Guglielmi	QB	1951-54
George Izo	QB	1957-59
Daryle Lamonica	QB	1960-62
Dan McGinn	QB	1963-65
Coley O'Brien	QB	1966-68
Scott Smith	K	1970-71
Joe Montana	QB	1975-78
Harry Oliver	K	1980-81
Alonzo Jefferson	TB	1983-87
Rick Mirer	QB	1989-92
Ron Powlus	QB	1994-97
Arnaz Battle	QB/WR	1998-2002

MIKE HARKINS/Observer Graphic

Behind an offensive line that showed improvement from the weekend before, Walker jumpstarted a rushing attack that keyed a Notre Dame victory.

The sweeping effect

Ask offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick if he has reached a point where he is comfortable with the installment of the West Coast offense and he will reply in a blunt statement.

"Definitely not," he said after beating Michigan.

If the offense isn't there yet, Walker has definitely brought it closer.

The struggling Irish could get nothing going against the five-defensive back set of BYU in the first game of the season, and the play-calling resorted to unsuccessful short passes and runs.

Notre Dame coaches started sophomore Travis Thomas (six carries, two yards) at tailback. They used senior Marcus Wilson (nine carries, 22 yards). They even inserted junior Jeff Jenkins to block on passing downs. With Ryan Grant out with a sore hamstring, coaches were scrambling for options.

Walker traveled, but he never saw the field. Part of the reason could be coaches' concern about Walker's pass blocking abilities.

"The most difficult thing, when you talk about a passing offense — and this is everyone involved — is the word 'protections,'" Willingham said. "I don't have any idea what Darius had to pass protect against in high school, but I know it wasn't a 246-pound middle linebacker."

Walker may have to work on his pass protection, but Diedrick believes the advantage an improved running game gives to the entire rest of the team is indisputable.

"There's a tremendous advantage in having and maintaining good field position both for the offense and the defense," Diedrick said. "You can start all the way back on your own goal line and get into single digits of percent of teams who are able to drive the length of the field."

Wearing a single digit on his chest and back, Walker's rushing prowess could make Notre Dame one of those statistical single digits.

"I try to be a back that can do it all," Walker said. "I want to be a back that has the power to run over you, but I also want the speed to outrun you. I want to be an all-purpose back. I try to do the best I can in everything."

Handling the spotlight

Walker's early season accomplishments have brought unprecedented media attention to the wide-eyed freshman. But that attention — and sharing the weight of a program's expectations — is no strange concept to one of Walker's teammates.

"You have to [handle yourself well]," said Quinn, who threw 59 passes in his first start as a freshman last season. "No matter who it is [talking about you], this is Notre Dame. Every time you have a good game, the [media] are going to be saying stuff. You got to stay levelheaded, grounded and working hard."

Walker's performance does not establish him as the only threat for Notre Dame, either. Grant was still recovering from his hamstring injury during the Michigan game and could get the start Saturday at Michigan State.

Walker welcomes Grant as the senior back.

"Ryan and I talk all the time," the freshman said. "We are very close. He tells me to keep working hard and is just a great person and a great back. It is unfortunate that he has his hamstring problem, and I hope that he comes back and does well."

The maturity and intelligence Walker displays during interviews indicates the type of player Willingham has professed recruiting since he signed his five-year contract.

"He's a good young man," Preston said. "[He's] very intelligent, sharp; as folks can tell he can articulate. He really has a bright future if he can keep it going in the right direction."

Walker will try his hardest to keep it going as Michigan State approaches with its eyes focused nowhere else but on the source of Notre Dame's offense.

"I am a used to [being a target] from high school," he said. "I guess I have a bit of a target on my back after that last game."

Walker now wears a target along with his number three, both symbols of what he has meant to the Irish thus far.

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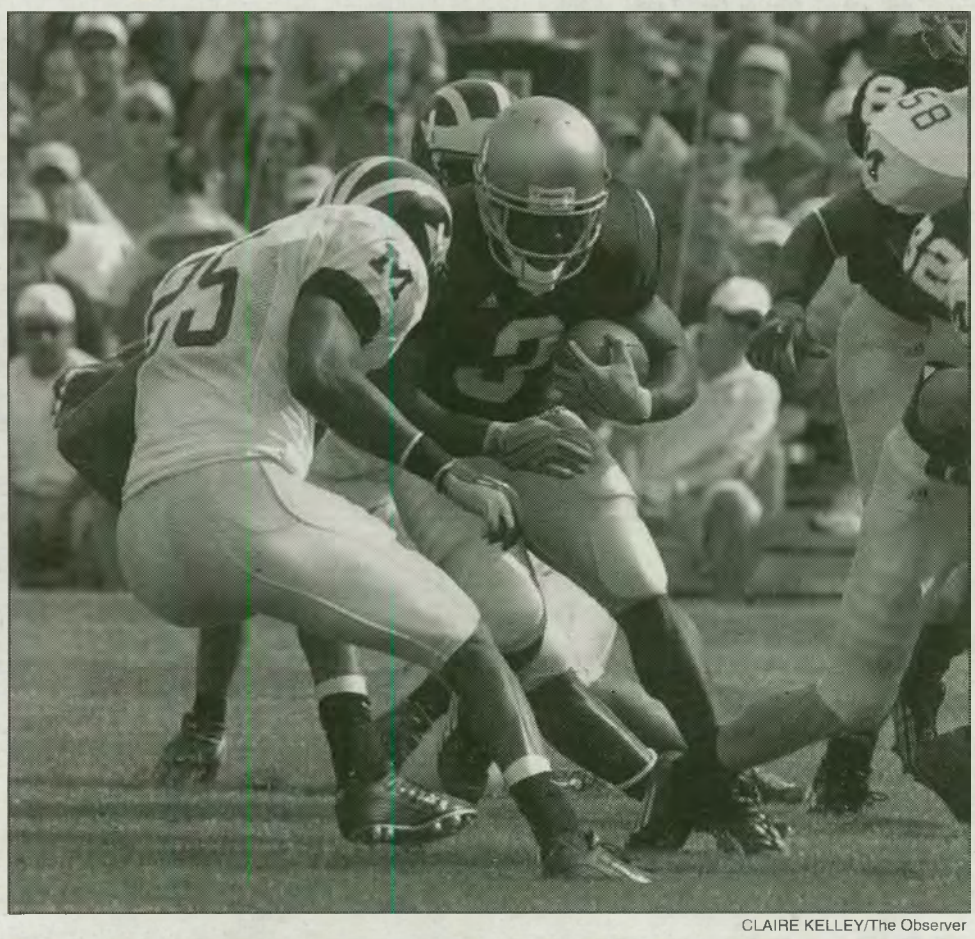
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Irish running back Darius Walker runs through a hole during Notre Dame's 28-20 win over Michigan Saturday. Walker has provided a spark to the Irish offense.

by the numbers

3 number of quarterbacks Michigan State has used so far in its first two games. None of the three were ever injured.

60 yards of Arnaz Battle's touchdown reception in Notre Dame's come-from-behind 21-17 win in its last visit to East Lansing.

2 number of touchdown runs for Darius Walker in his Irish debut Saturday

6 ranking in the country for the Notre Dame rushing defense

96 ranking in the country for the Michigan State rushing defense

19 number of points Michigan State allowed in a loss to Rutgers to open the Spartans' season

35 points Rutgers then allowed in its next game, a loss to Division I-AA New Hampshire

118 number of wins in Michigan State coach John L. Smith's 15-year career

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Fighting Irish

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AP: NR
Coaches: NR

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Tyrone Willingham
head coach

Tyrone Willingham third season at Notre Dame career record: 80-47-1 at Notre Dame: 16-11 against Michigan State: 2-1

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Jared Clark	TE	6-4	250	SR
2	Freddie Parrish	DB	6-1	202	SO
3	Darius Walker	RB	5-11	200	FR
4	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	218	SR
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-1	215	JR
6	Carlos Campbell	CB	5-11	195	SR
7	Carlyle Holiday	WR/QB	6-3	215	SR
8	Marty Mooney	QB	6-2	210	JR
8	Quentin Burrell	FS	6-0	195	SR
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	5-11	203	SO
9	Pat Dillingham	QB	6-2	205	SR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	224	SO
11	Marcus Wilson	RB	5-11	202	SR
12	Josh Schmidt	FB	6-1	232	SR
13	David Wolke	QB	6-4	205	FR
15	Preston Jackson	CB	5-9	180	SR
16	Rashon Powers-Neal	FB	6-2	243	SR
16	Stan Revelle	QB	5-11	195	SR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	190	SR
17	J.J. Warren	QB	6-1	184	SO
18	Darren Bragg	QB	6-2	185	FR
18	Chinedum Ndukwe	DB	6-2	223	SO
19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	6-1	200	SR
21	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	227	JR
22	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	186	SO
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-1	202	SO
24	Dwight Ellick	CB	5-10	185	SR
25	Nate Schiccatano	FB	6-2	242	JR
26	Wade Iams	DB	5-8	170	FR
26	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	212	SO
27	Lionel Bolen	DB	6-0	210	SR
27	John Lyons	RB	6-1	192	SO
28	Tregg Duerson	DB	5-10	170	FR
28	Cole Laux	FB	5-10	240	SR
30	Mike Richardson	DB	5-11	190	JR
31	Jake Carney	FS	6-0	192	JR
31	A.J. Cedeno	DB	6-0	191	SO
32	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	216	JR
33	Justin Hoskins	RB	6-0	195	FR
34	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-10	190	FR
37	Junior Jabbie	DB	5-11	190	FR
37	Matt Mitchell	CB	5-9	190	JR
38	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	180	FR
39	Brandon Hoyte	LB	5-11	231	SR
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-1	215	FR
41	Mike Goolsby	LB	6-4	242	SR
42	Anthony Vernaglia	LB	6-4	220	FR
43	Anthony Salvador	LB	6-2	232	JR
44	Justin Tuck	DE	6-5	261	SR
45	Carl Gioia	K/P	5-10	185	SO
45	Rich Whitney	DB	6-3	205	JR
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91	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	169	JR
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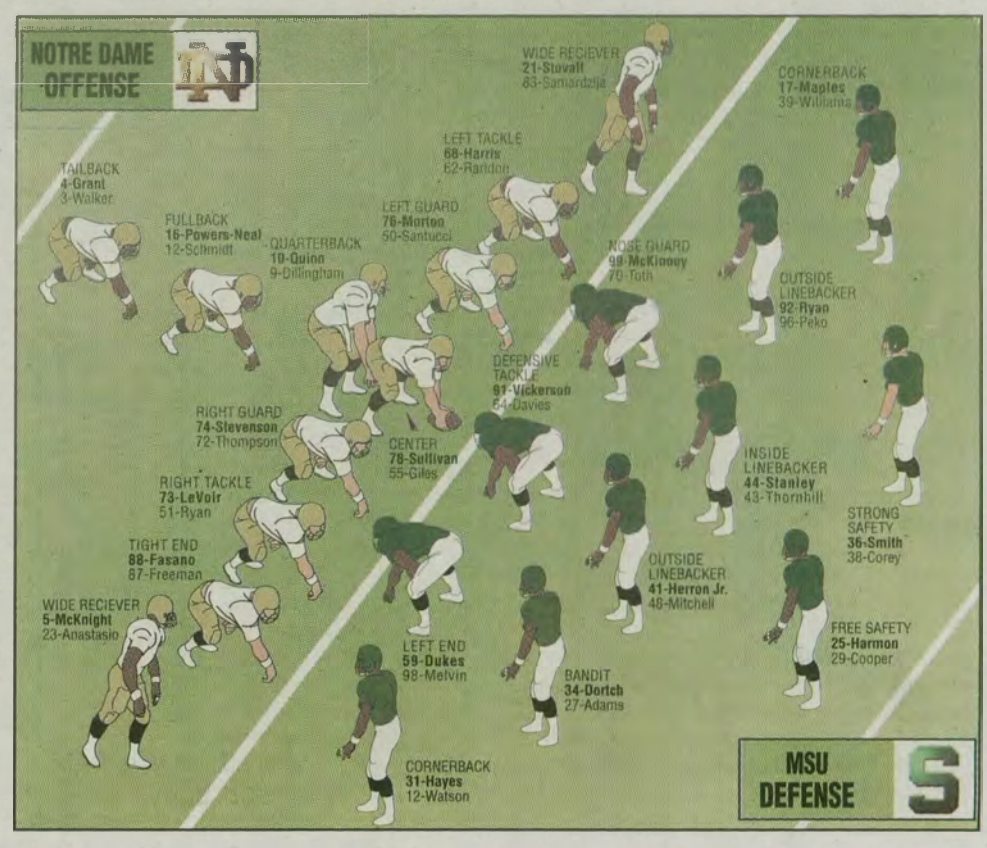
95	Victor Abiamiri	DE	6-5	269	SO
96	Bobby Renkes	K/P	6-0	190	SO
97	Travis Leitko	DE	6-6	275	JR
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-0	285	SO
99	Ronald Talley	DL	6-4	245	FR

NOTRE DAME 2004 Schedule

Sept. 4	at BYU - L
Sept. 11	MICHIGAN - W
Sept. 18	at Michigan State
Sept. 25	WASHINGTON
Oct. 2	PURDUE
Oct. 9	STANFORD
Oct. 16	at NAVY
Oct. 23	BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 6	at Tennessee
Nov. 13	PITTSBURGH
Nov. 27	at USC



	Coaching	Quarterbacks	Irish Rushing	Irish Passing
Notre Dame	Willingham's team showed tremendous improvement in its win against Michigan, while his staff demonstrated innovation in the offensive playcalling. As a graduate of Michigan State, the Irish coach will be hoping to get a win over his alma mater.	Quinn didn't win many style points during his start against Michigan (10-for-20 with three INTs), but he did pick up the win. Currently in his second year as the signal-caller for the Irish, he has shown flashes of brilliance but still needs to work on consistency.	Walker had an impressive debut against Michigan Saturday, rushing for 115 yards and two touchdowns. Grant will probably see playing time as well, and both Powers-Neal and Wilson are other options in the running back rotation.	Quinn didn't have to throw as often in Notre Dame's win over the Wolverines. He threw three interceptions, but two went off his receivers' hands before being picked off. He completed several long balls, but missed on some plays that could have been TDs.
Michigan State	Smith is in just his second year at the helm of the Spartans, going 8-4 in the regular season last year including a win at Notre Dame. He had considerable success at Louisville before coming to East Lansing.	The Spartans are in a mess at quarterback. Dowdell started the opener against Rutgers, but stayed on the bench as Reaves and Stanton played against Central Michigan. Smith has tentatively named Reaves the starter for Saturday's game.	The Spartans have the worst rushing defense in the Big Ten, having allowed 410 yards on the ground so far this season. Smith and Harmon rank second and third on the team in tackles — considering both are safeties, that's not a good thing for a rushing defense.	Michigan State has the 29th best passing defense in the nation, allowing opponents just 167 yards per game. Harmon has one interception so far this year, after being named an honorable-mention all-Big Ten selection in 2003.
Analysis	Smith engineered an upset over then-No. 4 Florida State while at Louisville in 2002. His team did lose at Rutgers to open this season, however. Willingham has shown he too can upset teams (Michigan), but his Irish also had an opening letdown.	Quinn will be making his first start in a difficult road venue at East Lansing, but he gets the nod here. The Spartans' trio of quarterbacks have all appeared average so far, with Reaves more than likely starting right now.	The Irish went against the second-worst rushing defense in the Big Ten in Walker's debut, and now they get the worst in his encore presentation. The outlook appears sunny — even if it is a night game — for the Irish ground attack.	The Irish passing game is still trying to work out its kinks, with Quinn needing to especially improve on short throws. Michigan State has one of the better pass defenses in the Big Ten, but, again, they have yet to play a quality opponent.

Irish experts

Matt Lozar
Editor in Chief

This game has all of the potential to be scary for the Irish, which is enough reason for them not to overlook a bad Spartans team. The defense gives the offense enough time to get in a flow and blow this one open in the second half against a Michigan State defense that can't stop the run or the pass.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27, Michigan State 7

Joe Hettler
AME

Throw out the history for this one. It doesn't matter what Michigan State's done to Notre Dame in the past, these teams are clearly mismatched. The Irish should run the football all day on a weak Spartan front seven and the Notre Dame defense will be licking its chops to face a vulnerable, inexperienced Michigan State offense.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34, Michigan State 10

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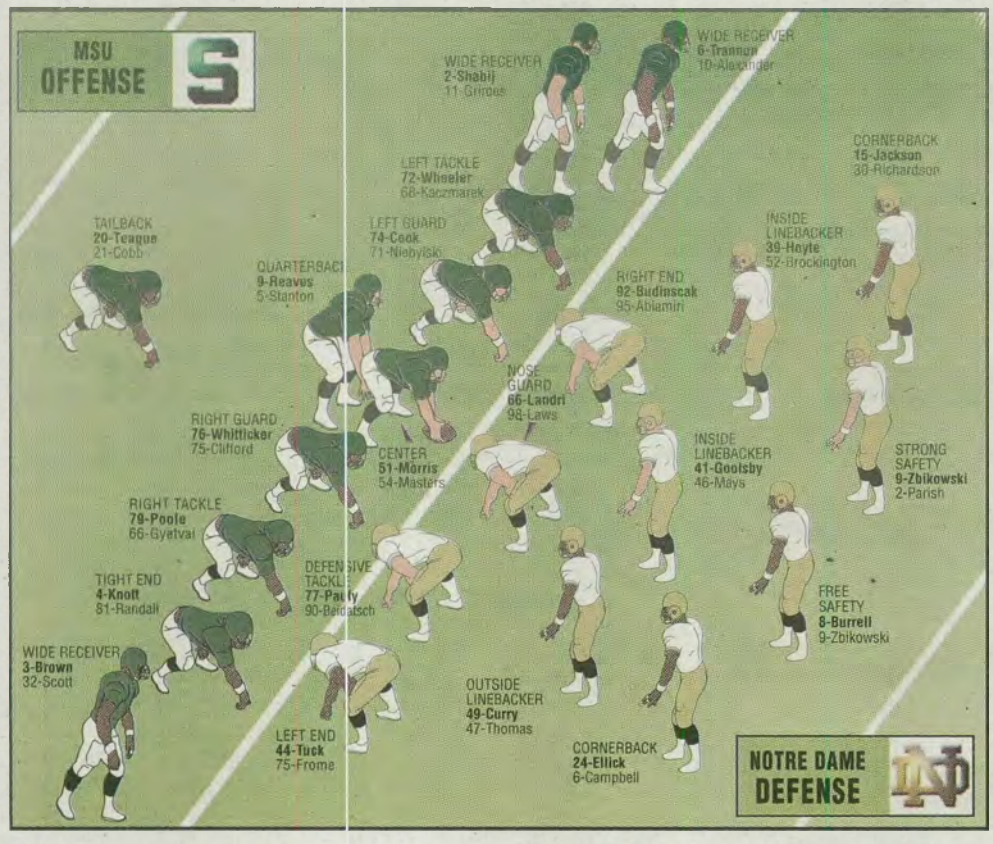
Michigan State Spartans



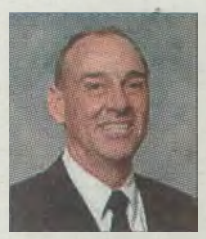
MICHIGAN STATE 2004 Schedule

Sept. 4	at Rutgers - L
Sept. 11	CENTRAL MICH. - W
Sept. 18	NOTRE DAME
Sept. 25	at Indiana
Oct. 2	at Iowa
Oct. 9	ILLINOIS
Oct. 16	MINNESOTA
Oct. 30	at Michigan
Nov. 6	OHIO STATE
Nov. 13	WISCONSIN
Nov. 20	at Penn State
Dec. 4	at Hawaii

Michigan State Spartans

Record: 1-1
AP: NR
Coaches: NR

John L. Smith
second season at
Michigan State
career record:
87-26
at Michigan State:
9-6
against Notre
Dame: 1-0


John L. Smith
head coach

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
2	Agim Shabaj	WR	5-10	195	JR
3	Kyle Brown	WR	6-1	208	JR
4	Eric Knott	TE	6-3	249	SR
5	Drew Stanton	QB	6-3	225	SO
5	Anthony Belasco	S	5-10	198	SO
6	Matt Trannon	WR	6-6	217	JR
7	Damon Dowdell	QB	6-1	222	SR
8	Brandon Fields	P	6-6	234	SO
9	Stephen Reaves	QB	6-1	206	FR
10	Aaron Alexander	WR	6-5	209	JR
11	John Goss	K	6-3	215	JR
11	Carl Grimes	WR	5-9	180	FR
12	Ashton Watson	CB	5-11	180	JR
13	Chad Simon	RB	5-8	194	SR
14	Todd Acchione	WR	6-0	181	SR
16	Dave Rayner	K	6-2	209	SR
16	Travis Key	CB	5-10	175	FR
17	Roderick Maples	CB	5-10	190	SR
17	Brian Hoyer	QB	6-2	199	FR
18	Mike Bell	CB	5-11	187	FR
18	John Van Dam	QB	6-3	212	FR
19	Irving Campbell	WR	5-11	185	FR
20	Jason Teague	RB	5-9	193	JR
20	Ashley Beaudoin	DB	6-0	200	FR
21	DeAndra Cobb	RB	5-10	197	SR
21	Kelvin Doyle	CB	5-10	168	SR
22	Darren Barnett	CB	6-0	184	JR
23	Bryan Brighton	DB	5-10	187	FR
24	Eric Hines	DB	5-9	187	FR
24	Kevin Hall	P	6-4	218	FR
25	Jason Harmon	S	5-11	202	SR
26	Tom Dance	DB	6-1	189	FR
26	Kyle Mayer	K	6-1	207	SO
27	Sir Darean Adams	WR/DB	6-0	223	FR
28	Ron Stoops, Jr.	DB	6-3	195	FR
29	Greg Cooper	S	5-11	184	SO
30	Jehuu Caulcrick	RB	6-0	235	FR
31	Jaren Hayes	CB	5-9	186	JR
32	Jeramy Scott	WR	5-10	188	SO
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34	Tyrell Dortch	DB	5-10	208	SR
35	Kiel Beltinck	DB	5-9	200	SO
36	Eric Smith	S	6-1	193	JR
37	Tony Howard	DB	5-10	193	FR
38	Cole Corey	S	5-10	190	FR
39	Nick Thompson	DE	6-3	238	SR
40	Michael Bazemore	DE	6-3	256	JR
41	David Herron, Jr.	LB	6-1	251	SO
43	Kaleb Thornhill	LB	6-1	232	FR
44	Ronald Stanley	LB	6-0	234	SR
47	Tyrone McKenzie	LB	6-1	225	FR
48	Seth Mitchell	LB	6-2	255	JR
49	Maurice Smith-Davis	DE	6-1	238	FR
50	Steve Kelp	DE	6-6	238	SO
51	Chris Morris	C	6-4	298	JR
51	Derrick Johnson	LB	5-9	226	FR
52	Eric Andino	LB	6-4	212	FR
53	Marshall Campbell	LB	6-2	221	SR
54	John Masters	C	6-4	274	FR
55	Dwayne Holmes	LB	6-0	255	FR
56	Brian Bury	SN	6-0	240	SO
56	Jim Young	LB	6-2	230	SR
58	Eze Ejelonu	LB	6-1	232	SR
59	Clifford Dukes	DE	6-3	258	SR
60	Luis Fonseca	OG	6-4	298	FR
61	Tramonte Pointer	DT	5-10	299	FR
62	Charlie Rewoldt	DT	6-2	283	FR
63	Devin Pritchett	LB	6-2	234	FR
64	Brian Davies	DT	6-5	264	SR
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84	Miles Williams	WR	6-1	199	FR
85	Matt Walters	TE	6-2	249	SR
86	Terry Love	WR	5-11	174	FR
87	Kyle Sackrider	TE	6-2	224	FR
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93	Nick Smith	DL	6-6	273	FR
94	Hugh D'Imperio	LB	6-4	229	FR
95	Justin Kershaw	DL	6-4	232	FR
96	Domata Peko	DL	6-2	297	JR
97	Dan McGarry	DL	6-6	230	FR
98	Daryl Melvin	DE	6-5	258	JR
99	Brandon McKinney	DT	6-3	327	JR

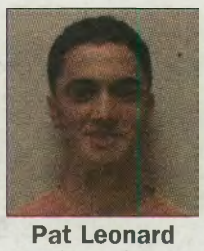
ANALYSIS

Spartans Rushing	Spartans Passing	Special Teams	Intangibles
The Irish stuffed Michigan's rushing attack, even while focusing on covering the Wolverines' wide receivers. Notre Dame's defensive line caused chaos in the Michigan backfield, stopping the running backs before they could even get going.	Notre Dame's secondary stepped up against Michigan, effectively shutting down the vaunted Wolverine receivers. However, they had a difficult time on the road against BYU's aerial attack, allowing 285 yards.	Fitzpatrick hasn't missed a field goal or PAT so far, and his punts have been decent. Holiday and Anastasio have stepped up as capable in the punt and kick return game, respectively. The Irish blocked a punt in their game against Michigan, a play that proved large.	The Irish seem to have all the momentum on their side, facing a team that lost to Rutgers in its opening game. But the fact remains that Michigan State has been a thorn in Notre Dame's side for years.
Teague has rushed for 160 yards on 33 carries, and the Spartans have averaged 4.8 yards per carry. However, they have yet to face a defensive unit that is the caliber of Notre Dame's sixth-ranked rushing defense.	The same school that produced wideouts like Charles Rogers and Plaxico Burress doesn't have anyone of similar talent this year. Brown was named a preseason All-Big Ten player, and leads the team with 133 yards. Knott is one of the better tight ends in the nation.	Fields is a candidate for the Ray Guy Award, given to the nation's best punter each year, and has averaged 50.3 yards per punt. But Rayner has missed two of three field goals, an unexpected start for the Lou Groza (best kicker) candidate.	The Spartans have won six of the last seven against the Irish, and the lone Notre Dame win required a last-second miracle from Arnaz Battle. Smith's team has been preparing for this game for a while, and should come ready to play.
The Spartans have a slightly better rushing attack than Michigan, but Notre Dame's strength on defense are its linebackers and defensive line. If guys like Tuck and Laws can get penetration, it could be a long day for the Spartans' running backs.	It's hard to tell which defensive backs the Irish have, the ones who looked lost against Todd Watkins and BYU or the ones who shut down Braylon Edwards and Michigan. The Spartans' receivers aren't overly-talented, but they are good enough to cause problems.	It's unlikely that Rayner will continue his poor start in the placekicking game, and Fields is one of the best punters in the nation. Fitzgerald has done an admirable job with both the punting and kicking duties, but the edge goes to the Spartans' special teams.	Michigan State has owned Notre Dame in recent years, giving the Spartans the edge here. After an exciting upset against Michigan, the Irish might suffer a letdown against a Michigan State team that doesn't appear very good.

NOTRE DAME — MICHIGAN STATE

Heather Van Hoegarden
Sports Editor

Notre Dame will struggle on the road against a team that always plays them tough. In the end, the Irish line will get the best of a Spartan front seven that struggled last week and Notre Dame will run the ball successfully. Quinn will step up to the task and come ready to play.
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 20, Michigan State 13


Pat Leonard
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame put its foot in the critics' mouths — including mine — last weekend by beating a top-10 Michigan team. Michigan State has the night game and the home field advantage, but the Irish will pull it out as Brady Quinn has his first solid game of the season.
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 23, Michigan State 13

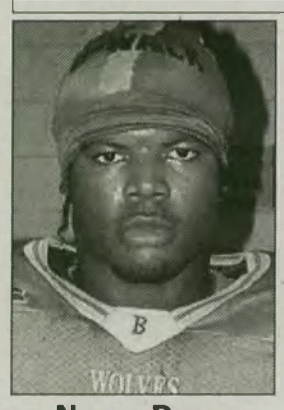
Justin Schuver
Associate Sports Editor

In many ways, this game is more important for Willingham than the Michigan game. How will Notre Dame respond against a team that doesn't look to be very good on paper? This one has the potential to be close, but the Irish have something to prove.
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31, Michigan State 16

Sizing up the Irish and the Spartans

Average Per Game	Notre Dame's Offense vs Michigan State's Defense	Michigan State's Offense vs Notre Dame's Defense
total yards gained	294.5	382.5
total yards allowed	372	290.5
rushing yards gained	73	151.5
rushing yards allowed	205	39
passing yards gained	221.5	231
passing yards allowed	167	251.5
kick return yards gained	52	52
kick return yards allowed	40	62
punt return yards gained	54.5	27.5
punt return yards allowed	32	16.5
yards per punt	39.6	49.2
punts blocked	0	1
turnovers lost	5	3
turnovers recovered	2	5
total points scored	22.5	19
total points allowed	13	20
Notre Dame yards penalized	52	
Michigan State yards penalized	46	

KEY MATCHUP



Notre Dame Running Backs

The Irish running attack came alive Saturday with the successful debut of true freshman Darius Walker (above). Walker's 115 yards on 31 carries added an extra dimension to Notre Dame's offense that seemed to catch Michigan off guard.

With Ryan Grant hopefully returning from an injury this week, the Irish could have a tandem of speed and power in Walker and Grant.

Going up against one of the poorer rushing defenses in the country Saturday, the Irish need to show they can move the ball on the ground.

Michigan State Rushing Defense

The Spartans' rushing defense will have to show that it is better than its current 96th overall national ranking if Michigan State is to have any hope of beating the Irish.

Ronald Stanley (above) leads the team's linebacker corps with 27 total tackles, and the senior will have to provide leadership to a unit that has allowed 410 total rushing yards to Rutgers and Central Michigan.

Last year, the Spartans held Julius Jones to just 32 yards on 14 carries. They'll need similar success against Walker and the other backs Saturday if they want to beat the Irish.

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Irish confident after big win last Saturday

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

The Irish have regained some swagger after last week's convincing win against Michigan.

"I think confidence is built over time, over repetitive playmaking," Notre Dame linebacker Brandon Hoyte said. "I think last week we had that. On defense and on offense, we established that.

"You need to build on that as a team. It's not just going from play to play, but it's going from game to game."

Last season's devastating home loss to Michigan State — the team's sixth defeat in its last seven games against the Spartans — crumbled Notre Dame's confidence and had a lasting effect for the rest of the 2003 season.

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Brandon Hoyte
Irish linebacker

This season, the Irish began the year with a disappointing loss to Brigham Young. Many said the team was finished.

But Notre Dame bounced back in convincing fashion, upending No. 8 Michigan at home last weekend. In that game, Notre Dame overcame a 9-0 first-half deficit and scored 21 points in the fourth quarter. The offense moved the ball and the defense suffocated the Wolverines' offense.

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said he and the coaching staff made no significant changes between the BYU and Michigan games.

"We stayed the course more than anything else," the third-year coach said. "We have always believed in our football team. We believe in their ability to do things. I've been on record as saying that at some point our offense will start to step up and will start to play better.

"We're still not there. We still have a long way to go before we can beat a team that I would hope and expect we can."

Hoyte said the players never doubted themselves, even after the BYU defeat.

"With all due respect, all of the people in [the press room], not the players, are surprised," he said. "Everyone talks, everyone has their own opinion about what the Irish is all about.

"But the fact is what goes on in that locker room as far as the focus and the mentality and the understanding of what needs to be done, we don't doubt ourselves. We understand what needs to be done day in and day out, especially on Saturdays."

Now the Irish hope to carry that confidence into East Lansing when they battle Michigan State Saturday evening.

Hoyte said to do that, the team hasn't wasted time enjoying the Michigan win. They turned their focus to this week's opponent Sunday morning.

"To be honest with you, to be really blunt, I could care less what happened in the past," Hoyte said. "It doesn't matter last week, it doesn't matter what happened in the past against Michigan State. We just need to stay focused and focus on what we need to do as a team to build and get better every day."

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn agreed that the team isn't wasting effort thinking about crushing the Wolverines.

"We're not trying to stay too high after [the Michigan win]," he said. "We know what Michigan State's capable of."

Offensive lineman Dan Stevenson said the offense felt more confident against the Wolverines and the unit's performance indicated that.

"I think [swagger] just comes with moving the ball on offense," he said. "It starts with leadership. As long as a couple guys start to have that swag, other guys start to feed off of it. I think we did a good job with that last week against Michigan I think its one of our important keys [against Michigan State]."

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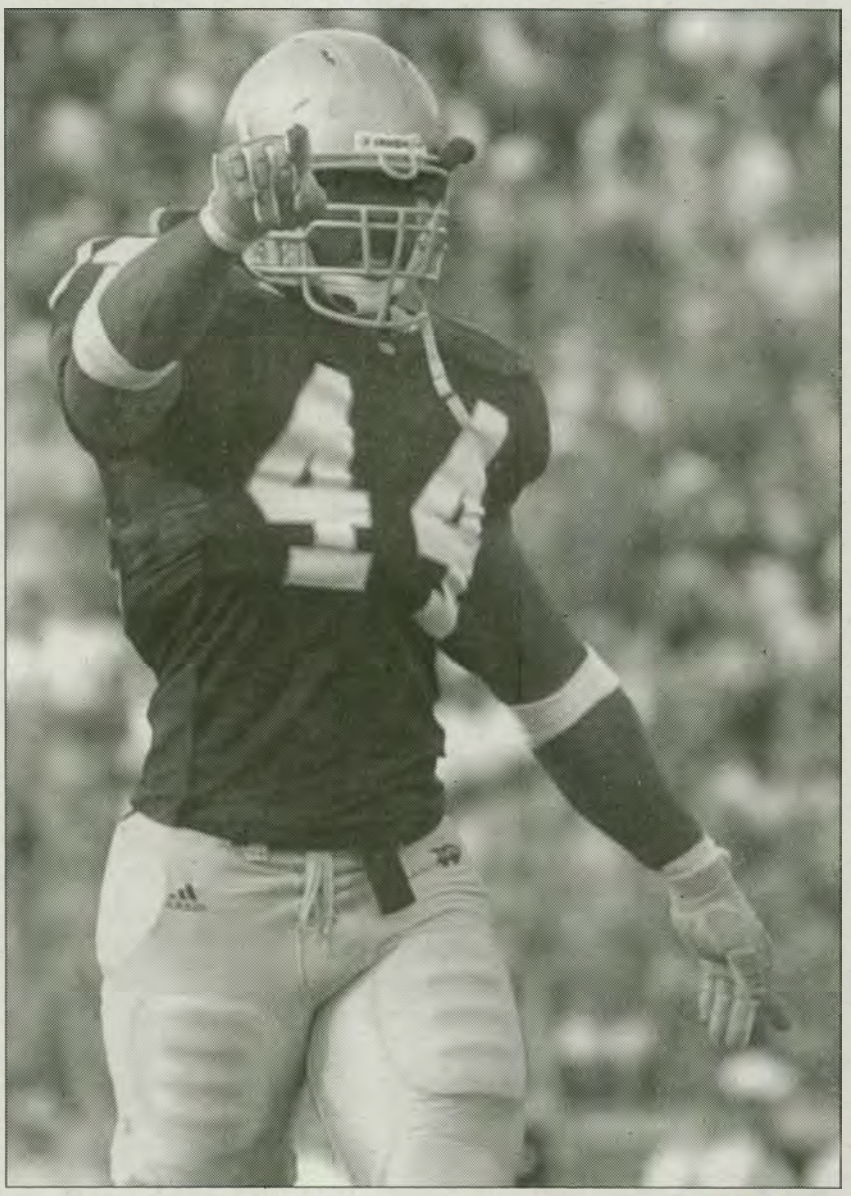

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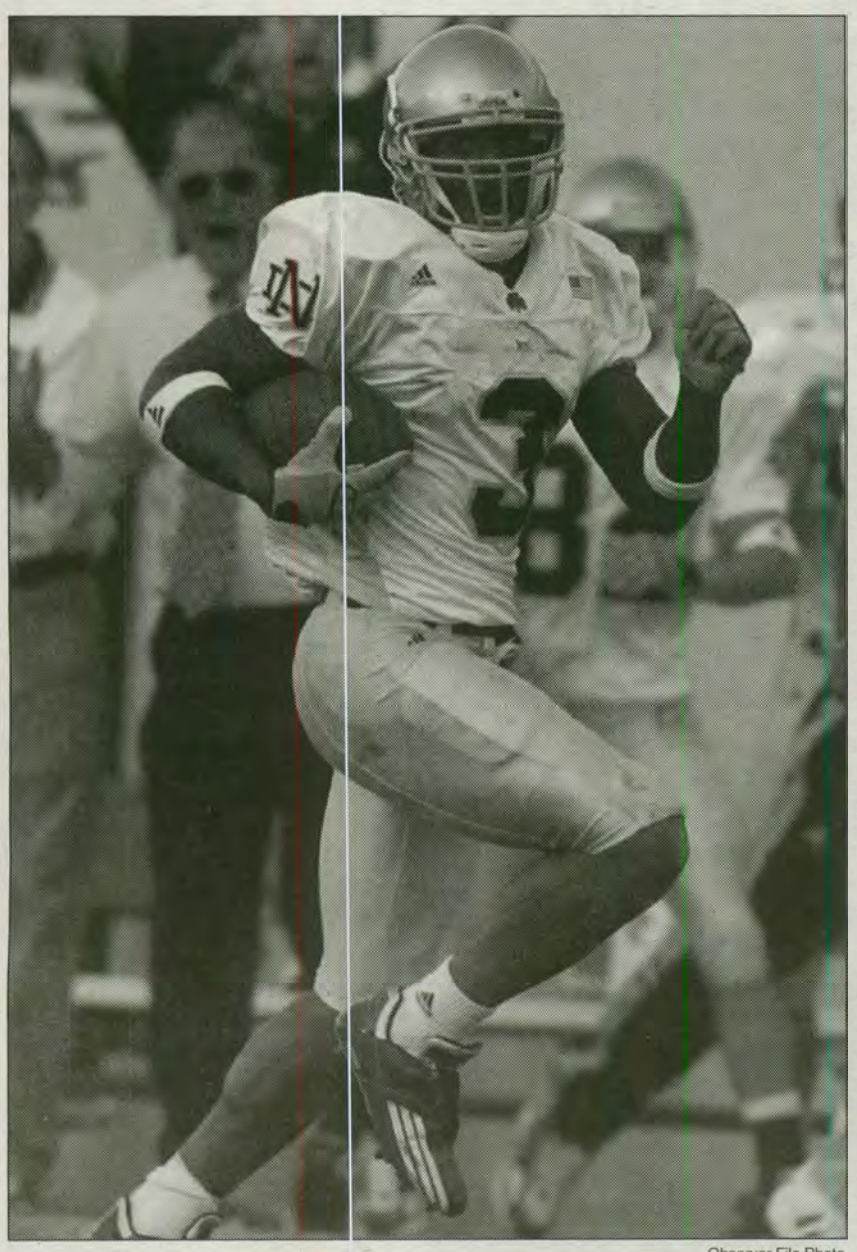
Irish defensive end Justin Tuck points to the crowd during Notre Dame's 28-20 win over Michigan Saturday. The Irish have a new confidence from their victory over the ranked Wolverines.

Fantastic finishes mark Irish-Spartans rivalry



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Arnaz Battle breaks away for the game winning touchdown in Notre Dame's victory at Michigan State in 2002. The Spartans-Irish rivalry has historically come down to the wire.

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

The big play has historically decided these games.

The last five contests between Michigan State and Notre Dame have been decided by game-winning touchdowns coming from 40 or more yards out late in the fourth quarter.

The Irish will face a Michigan State (1-1) team who is coming off a 24-7 win over Central Michigan.

Notre Dame, meanwhile, faces the Spartans after a big win at home over then-No. 8 Michigan. But the Irish are not worried about a letdown.

"The win against Michigan was great but it means nothing right now," defensive end Justin Tuck said. "We have to go up there and if we are not focused they can easily embarrass you. So that's our focus right now.

"That's what our leaders are preaching and that is what our coaches were preaching yesterday during our meetings. I don't think we are going to let this one slip by mentally. We are going to be geared in and ready to go."

The Irish must prepare for Spartans quarterback Steven Reaves, a redshirt freshman, who will get the start according to coach John L. Smith.

Reaves started last week against Central Michigan, going 9-for-19 for 183 yards and one touchdown. However, he was replaced in the fourth quarter by Drew Stanton, who went 1-for-3 and ran for 43 yards on two carries.

Jason Teague and Jehuu Caulcrick, who rushed for 74 yards and 68 yards, respectively, against the Chippewas, lead the Spartans in the rushing game. Receiver Kyle Brown caught six passes for 123 yards and a touchdown.

But the story of the game was the Spartans' rushing defense — they gave up 236 yards on the ground, including 170 yards to Jerry Seymour.

Despite the numbers, the Irish know Michigan State will play them tough, especially when looking back to the history of the rivalry.

Last season, the Irish were ousted at home, 22-16, when Greg Taplin returned an interception 40 yards with 6 minutes, 55 seconds left in the game.

Notre Dame linebacker Mike Goolsby said he knows the Spartans always come to play against the Irish.

"I think just talking about it [Sunday] it's just one of those cases where they just play their hearts out against us and they give us everything they got year in and year out," he said.

Michigan State defensive back Tyrell Dortch called this game a "must-win" for the Spartans.

"It is a big game for us," Dortch said of the matchup against the Irish. "We need to win the game."

And the Irish know what they will be in for when they travel to East Lansing, Mich., to face the Spartans Saturday evening.

"It seems like the whole time I've been here they've been great games coming down to the wire," said Goolsby, a fifth-year senior. "Hopefully that won't be the case this year but we're preparing for another tough game."

For Willingham, it is special to play against his alma mater for the third straight year, but that doesn't mean he will show his fondness for the school during the game.

"It's not just another team," Willingham said. "I've got some pretty good memories from my days at Michigan State. You have a fondness for that, you have a fondness for the University and you have great respect for it.

"But, once again, when the official blows that whistle, there will be no thoughts about the fondness of Michigan State."

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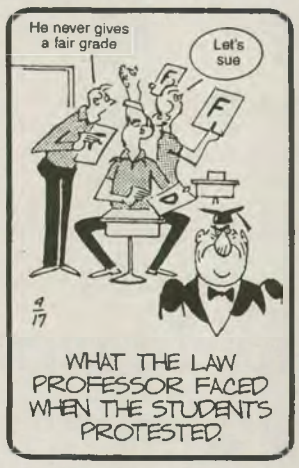

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: A " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CRAWL AXIOM NEPHEW BEYOND
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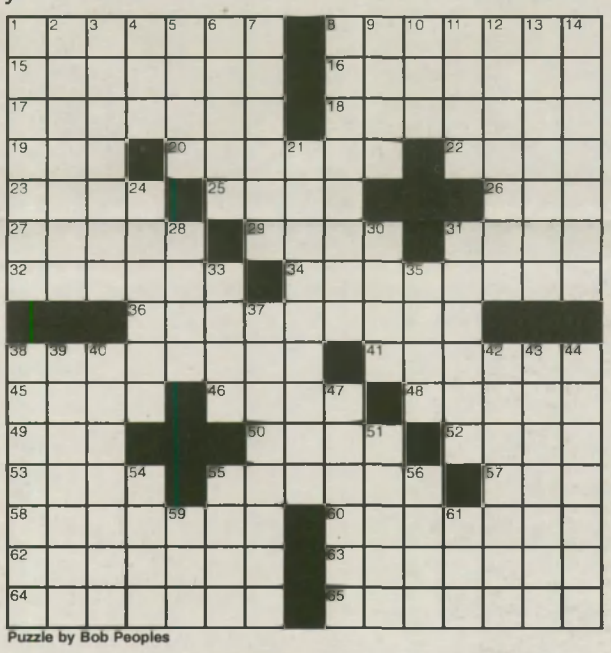

Puzzle by Bob Peoples

ACROSS

1 Holder of a lot of hidden dirt
8 Cajun condiment
15 Basement feature, sometimes
16 Not quite direct
17 Took some of
18 Bass offering
19 Shellback
20 Swear
22 By and by
23 Big name in home furnishings
25 Accommodate, in a way
26 "The 5,000 Fingers of ___" (1953 film musical)
27 Emulates a wolf
29 Roller coaster feature
31 Quintillionth: Prefix
32 Implant deeply
34 One and only
36 Efficiency option
38 Available from, as a product
41 Winter weather wear with adjustable straps
45 Eliminates as unnecessary
46 Old Testament figure
48 Insinuating
49 Year in St. Gregory I's papacy
50 Old World grazers
52 Formerly, once
53 Duffer's obstacle
55 Isn't up
57 Bird of the genus Corvus
58 Approach in a hurry
60 Sure shot
62 Wearing
63 Get behind
64 Sports physicians' concerns
65 Coty fragrance

DOWN

1 Like some egos
2 Indicate
3 Molson product
4 Something to thank God for: Abbr.
5 Historic Hebrides monastery site
6 Mississippi senator's family
7 Gushed
8 News leader
9 Makeup course?: Abbr.
10 "Up the Down Staircase" novelist Kaufman
11 Like some salts
12 Keep at steadily
13 Development of the 1950's
14 Like some mules
21 It's not too bright
24 Baking by-products
28 Essential element
30 18-Across offerers
31 Renaissance edition of a classic
33 Every family has one
35 Cries of alarm
37 Optimist in "Candide"
38 Masters
39 Good-for-nothin'
40 Record player
42 Ones who pay attention to bills
43 "Sounds about right to me"
44 Linking
47 They have naps
51 Knackered, as a Brit would say
54 Long-lasting, in commercial names
55 Cold-cock
56 "Vic and ___" of oldtime radio
59 Samoan staple
61 Point of "view"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Prince Harry, Tommy Lee Jones, Oliver Stone, Merlin Olsen

Happy Birthday: An opportunity should arise this year that will allow you a little more freedom to follow your own path. If you don't do what suits you best, you will have regrets. Your intuition will not lead you astray. Your numbers are 4, 8, 16, 26, 34, 43

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take advantage of the opportunities that are available to you. Stop holding yourself back -- if you believe in yourself you will find success. Be bold in your relationships. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This is the perfect day to go after a better position or find a way to make some extra cash. You will have a much better idea what you need to do in order to feel, look and do better. ***
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have more going for you than you realize, so start moving in a direction that will benefit you. You have been doing too much for others and forgetting about doing for yourself. *****
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be too quick to make a decision; chances are someone is feeding you false information. Emotional matters will surface, so stay composed. **
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get involved so you can meet new people or develop a relationship you are already in. Talks will lead to beneficial results. Your persuasive personality will also charm someone. ****
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a good look at anything you have to sign or that could be binding before you move forward. Someone is trying to get you to do something that may not be what's best for you. **
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are being recognized for your talent, so don't be shy -- lay everything you've got to offer on the table and reap the rewards. Love is evident. *****
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ND SOCCER

Big (East) weekend

No. 14 men meet Georgetown at home, No. 1 women face UConn

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The No. 14 Irish hope to rebound from Wednesday night's 2-0 loss to in-state rival No. 1 Indiana when they welcome Big East rival Georgetown to Alumni Field Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

The contest marks the first of a four-game stretch against conference opponents for Notre Dame (3-1-1).

Last season, the Irish edged the Hoyas 2-1 at Alumni Field on a cold September afternoon behind a pair of goals from graduated seniors Justin Detter and Devon Prescod. The contest turned ugly late in the second half.

Two Hoyas were sent off with injuries less than a minute apart, forcing the squad to play two men down for the remainder of the game.

While Georgetown (3-3-0) stumbled to an 11th-place finish of 13 Big East teams last season (8-9-2 overall, 3-7 in conference) and failed to qualify for the Big East tournament — Notre Dame took home the tournament crown — coach Bobby Clark and the Irish certainly aren't taking

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CHUY BENITEZ and TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish forward Tony Megna, left, looks upfield against Evansville Sept. 10. Jenny Walz kicks the ball against Santa Clara Sept. 5 for the No. 1 Irish.

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame begins a new chapter of the season this weekend as they debut in both Big East conference play and as the No. 1 team in the nation according to Soccer America magazine.

The Irish (6-0-0) travel to the East Coast this weekend to begin their conference schedule at Connecticut on Friday and then at Syracuse on Sunday. Notre Dame defeated Connecticut 2-0 last year and did not play against Syracuse.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said that conference play means that his team is now playing for more than just a ranking, but for positioning in the conference.

"You look at the season in phases," he said. "This is the second phase of the season and it takes on a little bit higher level of interest."

Defender Melissa Tancredi sees the elevated play as raising the stakes for Irish opponents.

"The Big East competition is really tough for us, especially

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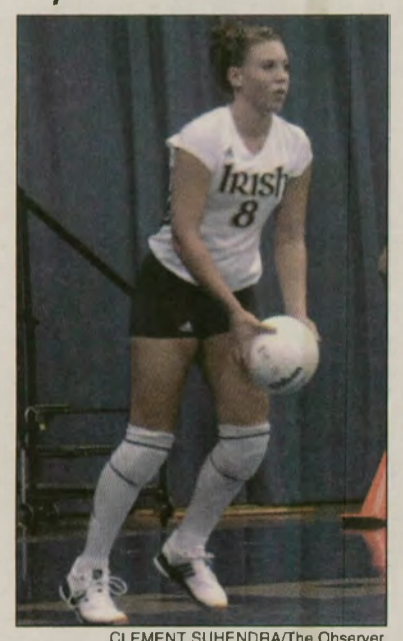
ND VOLLEYBALL

Challenges await Irish

Spikers travel to Gamecock Invitational



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Irish freshman setter Ashley Tarutis serves against Nebraska Sept. 4.

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The Irish aren't ones to shy away from a challenge.

Already this year, the team held its ground versus preseason No. 2 Nebraska (3-0, 3-2), nearly upsetting the team in the second game. The Irish (4-3) will take on rival Michigan State Friday and host South Carolina Sunday.

Neither team looks to be a pushover.

Michigan State (5-1) started the season flawlessly, winning its Coca-Cola/MSU Volleyball Invitational and sweeping opponents Ohio, St. John's and Florida A&M. No. 6 Washington handed the Spartans their only loss of the season 3-0.

The team earned a bid to the NCAA Championships last year before losing to Dayton in the opening round. Coach Chuck Erbe led the Spartans to a sixth-place finish in the Big Ten Conference and posted a 19-12 record. Ironically, he coached Irish coach Debbie Brown at USC, when the Trojans collect-

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Rivalries heat up Sunday

By ABIGAIL RICHARDSON, JORDAN BELTZ, CHRIS KHOREY, KEVIN BRENNAN AND TOM STILES
Sports Writers

It's the time of year again.

Blood, guts and glory running within the halls of the Notre Dame men. It is time for interhall football.

On Sunday at 2 p.m. on Riehle North Field, Siegfried and Knott will come face to face for the first event of the Flanner Cup, the annual competition between the rival dorms.

The teams have prepared with practices, scrimmages and reviewing strategies. Both squads are ready for a win.

"Beyond [a win], we are hoping to run the ball efficiently and to have good defense," Knott Hall captain Drew Donovan said. "We want to look sharp."

Siegfried hopes to establish itself as a team.

"We're focusing on ourselves," Siegfried captain John Hughes said. "The biggest challenge is getting in the flow of the game."

While Siegfried tries to defend its title, they must overcome the loss of many seniors, including star quarterback Bill Bingle. But they, like many teams, are rebuilding and concentrating on what is in front of them this weekend.

Knott, on the other hand, is trying to build on last year's success in the regular season. They suffered a loss to Kennan in the first round of playoffs in 2003, ending their season. Donovan said his team is driven to overcome that early playoff exit and play great Saturday.

For both teams, unity and working together are helping their strength and spirit.

"We have a new coach," Donovan said. "Our coach is helping us focus and come together as a team."

Marques Bolden and Pat Manning

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S GOLF
Notre Dame Invitational
Sunday, 8 a.m.
The Irish try to regroup after a Thursday car accident.
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WOMEN'S INTERHALL
Women's interhall games kick off Sunday at Riehle and West Quad fields.
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ND CROSS COUNTRY
National Catholic Invitational
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Burke Memorial Golf Course
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SMC CROSS COUNTRY
The Belles travel across the street to the National Catholic Invitational at Notre Dame for a tuneup before MIAA play.
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SMC VOLLEYBALL
Saint Mary's vs.Adrian
4 p.m., Saturday
The Belles face the Bulldogs in MIAA play.
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Notre Dame at Michigan State, 7 p.m.
The Irish travel to East Lansing to face their bitter rivals.
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