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Students celebrate Notre Dame's 17-10 win over Michigan

Fans travel to Ann Arbor to watch the Irish defeat the Wolverines

By JENNY HAMES
News Writer

The usually deafening Big House was mostly silent Saturday.

Mostly silent, that is, except for the patches of hardcore Irish fans sprinkled throughout Michigan Stadium — cheering on Notre Dame in a win for the record books as Irish head coach Charlie Weis became the first Notre Dame coach to win two back-to-back road games to start off a season since Knute Rockne in 1918.

More than 111,000 fans in the Big House witnessed the historic victory. Tickets were hard to come by for Notre Dame fans who wanted to travel to the game, but senior Eric Staron, like hundreds of his peers, made it to Ann Arbor to cheer on the Irish.

"It was fun to hear the Michigan stadium go silent and only hear the Notre Dame fans cheering," Staron said. "I was really surprised, though, at how quickly our defense improved compared to last season and last game. I'm excited to see what happens when the whole team clicks at once against a tough opponent."

Sophomore Tim Goldsmith, who watched the game at Notre Dame, said he was impressed with Weis' coaching tactics.

"Our opening drive went well," Goldsmith said. "[Weis] really held his own. He put pressure on the team rather than on him-

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Frustrated Michigan fans watch Notre Dame fans celebrate an Irish touchdown during Saturday's game at Ann Arbor.

ND, SMC offer hurricane aid and analysis

CSC hosts disaster relief academic forum

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

While the country — Notre Dame included — was stunned by the devastation Hurricane Katrina left behind, the University community was quick to act by jumping headlong into the aid and relief efforts.

The Center for Social Concerns (CSC) did its part by organizing a full day of events to both aid the efforts and educate the community about the issue. As part of Hurricane Katrina Response Day, the CSC hosted an Academic Forum for Disaster Relief Friday in the CSC Coffee House.

The event, moderated by Bill Purcell, associate director for Catholic Social Tradition and Practice at the CSC, featured four speakers: Justin Poché, a doctoral candidate in history, psychologist Len Hickman, economics professor Jennifer Warlick and Stephanie Williams of the local chapter of the Red

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Loyola University New Orleans students socialize during an orientation and reception at the Loyola University Chicago campus after being relocated by Hurricane Katrina.

Saint Mary's allows students displaced by storm to attend College

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

While colleges across the country busied themselves collecting money and supplies to benefit Hurricane Katrina victims last week, Saint Mary's took its response one step further and opened its enrollment to undergraduates displaced by the disaster.

College officials said they had developed an emergency admissions policy to assist students who were left without a school to attend after levees protecting New Orleans gave way Aug. 30, flooding the city.

Two such students, freshman Julie Prior and junior Vivian Mary Coney, had enrolled as of Friday.

"It was a decision reached by the president's cabinet," said Dan Meyer,

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Professor's simulations used for storm models

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Since Hurricane Katrina struck the southeastern United States two weeks ago, Notre Dame students have joined audiences around the globe in prayer and fundraising for the storm's victims — but most students are unaware that a member of the Notre Dame faculty is deeply involved in efforts to prevent future storms from causing such destruction.

For more than 15 years, professor Joannes Westerink of the department of civil engineering and geological sciences has developed the ocean circulation models that allow engineers to design structures dependent on water conditions, such as New Orleans' system of levees.

"We have been working with the Corps of Engineers New Orleans District for eight years," Westerink said. "Everyone in southern Louisiana is using the model."

The New Orleans District used

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Notre Dame community remembers Sept. 11 attacks

ANN KELLEY/The Observer

The Glee Club sings at the Sept. 11 memorial ceremony held at the Clark Memorial Fountain on Sunday.

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Sept. 11 was not forgotten at Notre Dame.

About 150 students and community members gathered near the Clarke Memorial Fountain Sunday for prayer and reflection on the fourth anniversary of the World Trade Center terrorist attacks. The event was sponsored by the Department of Political Science, College Democrats, College Republicans, College Libertarians and Women in Politics.

Director of Campus Ministry Father Warner, who led the opening and closing prayers, shared the story of his visit to Ground Zero right after the attacks.

"I spent about five hours looking at that rubble, that smoke and fire ... watching firemen as they looked through debris for remains," Warner said. "While I was there, I would have these firemen come up to me with dark, sunken eyes and say to me, 'This was a friend of mine's brother. Will you pray for him?'"

For Warner, experiencing the scene firsthand was essential to his understanding of the situation.

"It was an amazing thing to see the sorrow," he said.

But the ceremony was not entirely about reflection. Political science professor Dan Lindley analyzed the U.S. response to Sept. 11, saying his main goal was to increase discussion on terrorism "to try and help people who died on Sept. 11 and make sure they didn't die in vain."

Lindley said viewing terrorism as a form of war offers a perspective many people do not consider.

"We live in such a luxurious

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Inside Column

Everyday heroes

Anthony Iannamorelli

Wire Editor

For those students from New York City or the Washington D.C. area, and those who lost loved ones on Sept. 11, 2001, yesterday was a day of mourning and remembering. I am from neither of these places. I have no personal ties with any one of the victims of 9/11. I am from Fayette County, Penn., about 45 minutes of winding, tree-lined mountain road away from the crash site of Flight 93.

On that fateful day, America was at first confused, then terrified and angry, and all the while helpless. I am sure that millions of people in the countless small towns across America breathed a sigh of relief, believing they were safe, as they said prayers under their breath for those who were suffering in the big, far-away cities.

As I watched, someone joked that no one would bother to attack southwestern Penn. If they thought they would destroy the United States' main coal and steel supplier, they were about 30 years too late. As soon as our quiet chuckles ended, the news broke that Flight 93 had crashed. It had crashed close. A feeling of dread moved like a shock wave from the site to the surrounding villages and towns. Many in the area thought that this was the start of a full-scale attack on every inch of America. It seems silly in hindsight, but we thought that if the small town of Shanksville was attacked, then nowhere was safe. It was not until later that week that the courageous truth came out.

The blood spilt on the ground in Shanksville is unique, set apart even from that of Gettysburg or the beaches of Normandy. The brave soldiers in those situations were prepared and trained for the horrors they would encounter. They awoke those mornings knowing they might not return to their loved ones. The 40 people who overpowered the highjackers and sacrificed their lives were in no way prepared to become heroes the morning they boarded the plane, but their actions have placed them in the ranks of the bravest of veterans.

The field where they crashed will soon be the sight of a memorial. But it will never be able to fully thank them. They overcame all fear to stop the evil and sacrificed themselves to save innocent lives just like theirs. And in doing this, they saved what had the potential to be the greatest symbolic loss of 9/11: the White House. But I do not think they thought of this as they charged the cockpit. They thought of the loved ones they called from the plane. They thought of the goodbyes sworn and hoped these would be made lies, not that they would be made heroes.

I know my area was not chosen as the sight of final resting place for these brave individuals. It was fortunate that a bare field was chosen instead of a town, or even a house. But now that ground is holy. And it will forever emanate the one question we must all ask ourselves: would we do the same thing they did in that situation?

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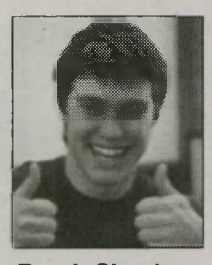
Question of the Day: *What did you think of the Michigan game?*



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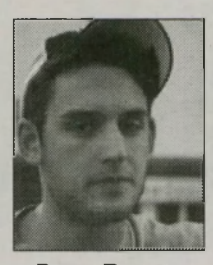
"Good job Notre Dame!"



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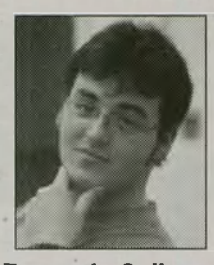
"My favorite part was the garbage on the field."



Fernando Quijano

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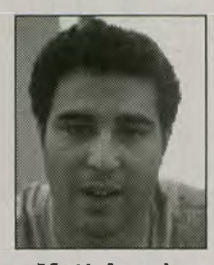
"It was awesome. We showed that we have not only offense, but also defense."



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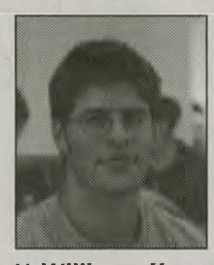
senior
Stanford

"Football ... ?"



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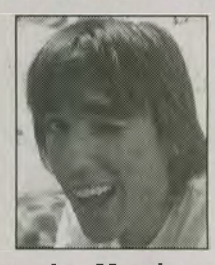
"Tommy, you're my hero!"



Joe Murphy

sophomore
Carroll

"I dunno ... but I got a nice tan there."

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ROTC cadets salute the American flag during the National Anthem Friday morning at a Patriot's Day ceremony at the Hesburgh Library Reflecting Pool. The vigil honored war veterans and victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Offbeat

Scottish team wins 2005 elephant polo match

BANGKOK, Thailand — Straddled atop hulking pachyderms and wielding long mallets, the Chivas Regal Scotland team clinched their second King's Cup Elephant Polo title Sunday after scoring a golden goal in overtime to beat Thailand's Mullis Capital, 6-5.

Some 1,500 spectators came to watch the fifth annual charity game to raise money for Thailand's National Elephant Institute in Lampang, Thailand. The tournament was held near Hua Hin, 80 miles southwest of Bangkok.

The game is played on a field 330 feet by 200 feet, roughly one-third the size of a horse polo field. A game has two seven-minute halves — known as chukkas — with a 15-minute interval. Three elephants form a team.

Chivas Regal, which won the 2004 tournament, was tied with Mullis Capital after the second chukka and scored the winning goal after two minutes of overtime, said Wanida Khunthipmark, a spokeswoman for the event.

Squirrel kills Topeka power

TOPEKA, Kan. — A squirrel too curious for its own good caused an outage that left the Statehouse and other downtown Topeka buildings briefly without power Thursday, according to Westar Energy Inc.

Company spokeswoman Gina Penzig said the squirrel got into a power substation and was touching different parts of a circuit, causing electricity to flow through its body and overload the circuit.

The power went out about 8:30 a.m. and returned about a half-hour later. Besides the Statehouse, two state government office buildings were affected.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

All **Notre Dame faculty** are invited to an **introductory address** from **Provost Tom Burish today** at **4 p.m.** in **DeBartolo 101**.

A **panel discussion** titled **"Why do we need the UN?"** will be held **Tuesday** from **4:15 p.m. to 5:30** in the **Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium**. The event is sponsored by the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

The **Saint Mary's Student Governance Association** is hosting the **State of the School Address**, the student body president's annual report, on **Thursday** at **7 p.m.** in **Stapleton Lounge**.

An exhibit entitled **Two Italian Hardbodies: Sports Cars Clad by Scaglietti and Frua** will be on display in the Snite Museum of Art Entrance Atrium Gallery until **Sept. 18**. The exhibit features a **1958 Ferrari** and a **1955 Maserati**. Admission is free.

Fiddler's Hearth is hosting a **"halfway to St. Patrick's Day" Irish Fest Friday, Sept. 16 through Sept. 23** to raise money for the **Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund**. **Irish bands The Sprigs, The Bardic Apostles, The Fenians, Teada, Brock McGuire** and local band **Kennedy's Kitchen** will perform, and all have discounted their tickets to aid the relief. Fiddler's Hearth is located in downtown South Bend at 127 N. Main. For tickets and information, call 232-2853.

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

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ROTC Patriot's Day ceremony honors victims, veterans

By NICOLE ZOOK
Assistant News Editor

The attitude at the Hesburgh Library reflecting pool was somber Friday morning as Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff and a handful of war veterans gathered to honor those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and those who have died in the following global war on terror.

The Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC branches jointly sponsored the fourth annual Patriot's Day Ceremony as an "opportunity for the Notre Dame family and greater South Bend community to pay tribute to those innocent victims who died in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93, and to remember those who continue to serve in the armed forces of our great nation to fight the war on terror," tri-military commander Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Rachael Walters said.

Walters, a Saint Mary's senior, served as master of ceremonies for the vigil, which all ROTC cadets from each branch and about 50 civilians attended. The ceremony included an invocation and benediction from ROTC Chaplain Father Peter Rocca, the playing of the national anthem, and words from guest speaker retired Lt. Col. Douglas Hemphill, who shared with the audience his thoughts on patriotism after serving in the Army.

"I believe we can't just allow circumstances to define patriot, or patriotism, or anything else for that matter," he said. "It is more basic and concrete than that."

Hemphill said children are taught about good and evil, a distinction that blurs as they grow older.

"[As children] we wanted so much for truth and goodness to prevail that we almost accepted the idea that the world would simply evolve into a kinder and gentler place," he said. "Some of us even dreamed we could transform evil through our own human actions. Sept. 11 and the events of the last four years contradict that dream. Certainly God can transform evil. I cannot. What I can do — what I have done — what you are doing — is to stand up to evil through patriotic service."

Hemphill called the Notre Dame environment a nurturing place for service where the call to serve can be heard "especially clearly," noting campus landmarks such as the Clarke Memorial Fountain, Holy Cross Cemetery — where several markers signify "the service of priests of the Holy Cross and Notre Dame community as military chaplains" — and the Basilica to prove his point.

"At Notre Dame, the idea of service presents itself to us every day. The words on the east entrance to our Basilica of the Sacred Heart call us to service — to 'God, Country, Notre Dame,'" he said. "And hearing the words 'God, Country, Notre Dame,' it is difficult for any of us who wear a uniform not to think of a related call to service — to 'Duty, Honor, Country.'"

Hemphill also spoke of war veterans, both those who "served to the point of the ultimate sacrifice" and those who "returned home to continue quietly serving society." Several such veterans, including Ralph "Lefty" Guillette, were in attendance at the ceremony.

"[Ceremonies like this are important] to show that the youth we have, that are so often degraded and insulted, care about being patriots," Guillette said. "Inside, we're just as proud of this country as we were in my generation, the 'Greatest Generation.'"

Hemphill spoke of the 'Greatest Generation' as well, and called the uniformed students in attendance to serve as their fathers and grandfathers did.

"What makes this commemoration so special is this: if you look around, I think you will see next to you the people who will become the Greatest Generation. Your membership in the ROTC programs imposes on you a call to service that I think most of you have already accepted," Hemphill said. "It is as well a call to vigilance. It is a call to responsibility. It is a call to stand and protect."

Giullette, who served in the Korean War and was wounded during one of two long tours in Vietnam — totaling 24 years in service — said he feels the Notre Dame cadets answered this call and will continue to remember why it is important to serve.

"We talk about 'remember the Alamo,'" he said. "Now we've got to say, 'remember 9/11.' That's the thing the military teaches you — how commitment and devotion ... always stay with you, you're born an American."

FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

The Notre Dame ROTC flag detail is reflected in the Hesburgh Library pool as members present the flags at Friday's

Guillette, 75, said he understands the community atmosphere and spirit of service at Notre Dame — he is a student at the University.

"I am so proud to be a part of Notre Dame's campus but even more proud to be a student at Notre Dame," he said. "I look at Notre Dame like the Marine Corps — semper fi, always faithful. There's no middle road for ND or the Marine Corps, you either love 'em or you hate 'em. You have to be a part of it to appreciate it."

Guillette and several other veterans teared up at several points during the ceremony, most noticeably when two cadets played 'Taps' across the reflecting pool.

"We can go to ballgames and take our children to parks without fear because people died," Guillette said. "If I was 20 years younger, I'd be proud to go to Iraq. OK, maybe 30 years younger."

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Purcell introduced the forum by asking the audience, "What's the response for Hurricane Katrina? How do we use our minds and bodies? What are the ways we can respond?"

Poché, a New Orleans native, was the first to speak, giving the history of the New Orleans area.

"It's nice to do something to give back," Poché said. "I'm very homesick."

Poché described the New Orleans area as a place that has often generated more heat than light.

"It is only now in the wake of a national tragedy that it gains some attention," he said.

Louisiana, like many places in the south, had a movement of families from rural areas into the cities — which led to limited housing, raised rents, crowded schools, persistent violence and high prices, Poché said. "Superghettos" were formed, where the lower class and minorities often lived.

There was a "reinforced insulation of the communities from the rest of New Orleans," Poché said.

Hurricane Katrina has brought the chance for people to reflect on the urban underclass in New Orleans and to reflect on national values, Poché said.

"It is difficult to avoid a deep sense of humanity," he said — noting that among glaring contradictions, people have a surprising connectedness to one another. "Perhaps the images coming through today will move us to finish the job."

Hickman began his speech by letting the audience know the University Counseling Center is now located in the old post office building near Main Circle, if anyone requires their services.

"There have been major disasters and crises in this country," he said. "We need to be available for people who need it and want to use us."

However, Hickman said that what people need most after a crisis is first aid — water, food, safety and a roof over their head.

"Some may need some psychological first aid, but that doesn't mean a therapist," Hickman said.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is often a result of traumatic events, like Hurricane Katrina. PTSD is a psychiatric disorder that can occur following the experience or witnessing of life-threatening events such as military combat, natural disasters, terrorist incidents, serious accidents or violent personal assaults like rape, Hickman said.

"This situation was not what we've come to expect. We're used to the Red Cross bringing coffee and blankets, not bodies floating down the street."

Len Hickman
professor

"PTSD doesn't apply to what is going on in New Orleans now," Hickman said. "It could be in four months, six months from now."

Individuals in New Orleans are likely experiencing acute stress disorder now, which often occurs anywhere from two days to four weeks after an event, Hickman said.

However, Hickman said it is likely PTSD will be seen in the south in coming months.

"The situation was not what we've come to expect," Hickman said. "We're used to the Red Cross bringing coffee and blankets, not bodies floating down the streets for five days."

People who suffer from PTSD often relive the experience through nightmares and flashbacks, have difficulty sleeping and feel detached or estranged, and these symptoms can be severe enough and last long enough to significantly impair the person's daily life.

Still, Hickman said positives often come out of tragedy.

"The effects of traumatic events are not always negative. Resilience is the most common response to trauma," he said.

Those at risk for PTSD include females, ages 40 to 60, ethnic minorities, people of low income status, witnesses of grotesque death and those who suffer from physical injury, resource or social support deterioration, alienation and mistrust, Hickman said.

Warlick spoke on the economic impact of Hurricane Katrina. Individuals in the New Orleans area already had significantly lower incomes than the rest of the country. While the median of American household annual income earnings is $42,000 and $33,000 for Louisiana, 50 percent of houses in New Orleans made ends meet on only $27,000 or less annually, she said.

Warlick said economic policymakers at every level are going to be struggling to meet the needs of the people affected in different ways.

"The last thing we want to do is forget the people who lost the most," she said. "Economists do sometimes try to put a monetary value on a life — we don't want to do that."

Warlick also said economic struggle in the area will come about in large part because many of the people who died in New Orleans were important sources of income and economic support for families in the area.

Advanced societies have societal safety nets to keep people from being totally destitute. The struggle now, Warlick said, is to see what kinds of nets were actually in place before Katrina and see how they are responding.

Though individuals often had private safety nets — like home insurance — they are of little value. Most homes in the damaged areas were insured against wind damage but not flooding.

"Even people who had home insurance — not many would be able to receive a replacement value," Warlick said.

While welfare is an option, to receive such funds one has to be working.

"How do you respond if there are not jobs available?" Warlick said.

A further problem is that programs like welfare and food stamps require proof of residency and birth certificate, an impossible task for people who may have left documentation in their now-ruined homes.

Warlick said it appears as if the federal government will have to spend $200 billion on rebuilding the New Orleans area.

Williams spoke about the efforts by the Red Cross to offer aid to hurricane victims.

So far, almost 160,000 people have been housed across 17 states. Millions of meals have been given out thanks to the hands of over 32,000 volunteers, Williams said.

The Red Cross' mission is to provide food, shelter and clothing — not through collections, but funds.

"We help anyone affected by disaster," Williams said. "We are mandated by Congress to provide this service, however we receive no government funding."

The Red Cross has exercised their national disaster plan, meaning all money collected goes directly to the national headquarters for use only on hurricane victims.

The local Red Cross chapter has been welcoming evacuees, who turn to workers to help them "start a paper trail." Specifically, every effort has to be made to locate parents of children left orphans by the hurricane, Williams said.

Never before has the Red Cross given this kind of aid. The monetary collections were not this high — $240 million — after the tsunami or Sept. 11, 2001, Williams said.

Williams said their main goals are family identification and rebuilding. She also said although they are "all up in arms about a lot of things" with the response time, the Red Cross cannot lose sight of providing food, shelter and clothing.

"We specialize in disaster," she said.

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Game

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self."

The student body seems to have an optimistic attitude about this year's football season, freshman Christine Clark said.

"I was a little scared in the fourth quarter when Michigan started coming back, but I knew the Irish would pull through in the end," she said.

Freshman Ronald Kerelegon said he was surprised at the final score of the game, in which Michigan remained held to three points until its first touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"The game was surprisingly low-scoring," Kerelegon said. "I didn't think the Michigan defense would have played as well as they did. It was smart, though, how Notre Dame ran down the clock at the end of the game."

Many fans, like freshman Megan Erikson, said the highlight of this low-scoring game was second-year Michigan quarterback Chad Henne's fumble on the one-yard line.

"As a freshman, I am new to the whole Notre Dame football experience, and I found the game to be enthralling," she said. "The touchback was so intense. It was definitely the best part of the game. It must have been embarrassing for the Wolverines."

With two wins behind the team, many Notre Dame fans are anxiously looking foward to watching the Irish take on Michigan State this Saturday in the opening home game.

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Commentator: Eric Smithburn
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran warns U.N Security Council

TEHRAN — Iran said Sunday it would not stop uranium conversion and warned of consequences if it was referred to the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions over its nuclear program.

Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said Iran wants to continue dialogue with Europe without preconditions and rejected a U.S.-European threat that Tehran has about a week to freeze uranium processing activities or face referral to the Security Council.

"There is no legal or legitimate reason, given Iran's transparent activities and its open cooperation with the IAEA ... that Iran be referred to the U.N. Security Council," Mottaki told a news conference.

Mexico begins election season

MONTERREY — Three former members of President Vicente Fox's Cabinet vied Sunday to become the ruling National Action Party's presidential candidate in 2006 elections.

Former Energy Secretary Felipe Calderon led in early results in the first of three regional votes to select a National Action candidate. Fox is prohibited by law from seeking a second term.

With ballots counted from about 40 percent of voting stations, Calderon received about 44 percent of the votes, followed by former Interior Minister Santiago Creel with 38 percent and former Environment Secretary Alberto with about 18 percent, party officials reported.

Creel had led preference among party members for months. But Calderon gained ground in public opinion polls after a strong performance televised debates last week.

NATIONAL NEWS

Carolinas fear Hurricane Ophelia

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Hurricane Ophelia sat nearly stationary off the coast of the Carolinas on Sunday, taunting coastal residents made wary by the destruction that Katrina caused along the Gulf Coast.

The storm was more than 200 miles from land with sustained wind of nearly 75 mph, but it was piling up heavy surf that challenged surfers and pounded the beaches. A hurricane watch remained in effect from just north of Edisto Beach, S.C., to North Carolina's Cape Lookout, a stretch of more than 250 miles.

Warning of the possibility of coastal flooding, Gov. Mike Easley sent 200 National Guard soldiers to staging centers in eastern North Carolina and ordered a mandatory evacuation of tourists visiting fragile Ocracoke Island on the Outer Banks, reachable only by ferry.

Hearings on Roberts open today

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee said Sunday he will not ask Supreme Court chief justice nominee John Roberts whether he would vote to overturn Roe v. Wade, the landmark decision that legalized abortion.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., did say he planned to ask Roberts, the president's pick to succeed the late William H. Rehnquist as chief justice, whether there is a right to privacy in the Constitution.

LOCAL NEWS

Hoosier television broadcaster dies

INDIANAPOLIS — Chris Schenkel, an Indiana icon and one of the founding fathers of sports broadcast journalism, died early today at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind., after a long battle with emphysema. He was 82.

Schenkel's radio and television broadcasting career spanned more than 60 years and included virtually every major sports competition.

Known for his smooth, deep baritone voice, he was the first to cover the Masters Tournament on television, in 1956.

New Orleans tries to rebuild

City turning a corner two weeks after tragedy; death toll remains uncertain

Associated Press

AP

Jimmy Longley, 37, searches through the wreckage of his parents' living room Sunday in Port Sulphur, La.

NEW ORLEANS — Workers here were picking up trash Sunday, a small miracle under the circumstances. The airport opened to cargo traffic. A bullhorn-wielding volunteer led relief workers in a chorus of "Amazing Grace."

Nearly two weeks after Hurricane Katrina's onslaught, the day was marked by signs that hopelessness was beginning to lift in this shattered city. While the final toll from the disaster remains unknown, there were indications New Orleans had begun to turn a corner.

"You see the cleaning of the streets. You see the people coming out," said the volunteer with the bullhorn, Norman Flowers. "The people aren't as afraid anymore."

Later in the day, President Bush began his third visit to the city since the hurricane, landing on a warship that was assisting in recovery efforts and visiting with firefighters.

Flowers, deployed by the Southern Baptist Convention, stood in the bed of a pickup truck on Canal Street, leading police, firefighters and relief workers in song, punctuated by the exuberant honk of a fire truck nearby.

"This is a sign of progress," said New Orleans resident Linda Taylor, gesturing at the impromptu gathering. "Last Sunday, I couldn't find any church services. This Sunday, people have gathered together to worship."

Numerous residents were able to visit their homes for the first time, however briefly, as floodwaters receded and work crews cleared trees, debris and downed telephone poles from major streets.

Albert Gaude III, a Louisiana State University fisheries agent, was among those returning for the first time since the storm.

"They wouldn't let us in before, but we made it now and we could drive all the way here with no problem," he said.

Kristian Sommier, 35, drove through the muck to his home, broke through its water-swollen door and was almost knocked off the porch by a swarm of gnats and flies.

"I'm glad I got the chance to come back finally and see what the damage is," he said after collecting a few things. "It's looking better. But anything is better than how it was."

Bush planned to spend the night aboard the USS Iwo Jima, an amphibious assault ship anchored in the Mississippi River in front of the convention center, where thousands of people waited in squalor for several days before being rescued. The vessel is serving as a control center in the relief efforts. On Monday, the president planned to tour the devastated town of Gulfport, Miss.

The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport reopened for cargo traffic Sunday, and limited passenger service was expected to resume Tuesday, airport Director Roy Williams said.

Williams said he expects about 30 departures and arrivals of passenger planes a day — far below the usual 174 — at the airport, where a week ago terminals became triage units and more than two dozen people died.

Starting Monday, owners of businesses in the central commercial district will be able to get temporary passes into the city so they can retrieve vital records or equipment needed to make payroll or otherwise run their companies, said state police spokesman Johnny Brown.

ISRAEL

Israeli troops pull out of Gaza Strip

Associated Press

NEVE DEKALIM, Gaza Strip — The last Israeli troops began driving out of the Gaza Strip in large convoys early Monday and flag-waving Palestinian police took over the abandoned positions as Israel wrapped up its historic pullout from the coastal territory after 38 years of occupation.

Some 5,000 Israeli troops left in Gaza began driving toward Israel and the last Israeli soldier was to be out by daybreak. Meanwhile, Palestinian police on foot and in buses moved into the abandoned Jewish settlements, accompanied by cars carrying civilians who honked horns and waved flags.

Palestinian forces in red berets planted their flag in what was once the largest Jewish settlement in Gaza, Neve Dekalim. Hundreds of Palestinians celebrated, beating drums and marching toward the settlements. In the abandoned Morag settlement, the synagogue was set on fire. Mosques blared chants praising the "liberation" and fireworks lit up the sky.

"It is only the first step to more liberation ... tomorrow we liberate all of Palestine," Gaza resident Mohammed Khamish Habboush shouted into a mosque loudspeaker.

Late Sunday, Israeli troops had lowered their national banner in Neve Dekalim, snapped farewell pictures and closed army headquarters, which were left intact for use by the Palestinians.

In a somber farewell ceremony, the Israeli commander in Gaza, Brig. Gen. Aviv Kochavi, expressed hope the pullout would be a step toward peace. "The gate that will close behind us is also the gate that will open," he said. "We hope it will be a gate of peace and quiet, a gate of hope and goodwill, a gate of neighborliness and if a bad wind breaks through then we will greet it with a force of troops ready and waiting."

Model

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the software of the Advanced Circulation Model (ADCIRC) to design the city's levees. After Hurricane Betsy caused massive destruction in 1965, the engineers decided to update their models.

The software provides information to engineers so they know how structures will react to storms of different intensities, Westerink said.

"The major problem is that it requires funding from the government, and that has not been coming," he said. "It's about the risk they are willing to take. The design storms were Category 3. There have been quite a few Category 3 storms, and the levees held."

While the government does fund the current research needed to protect the city from hurricanes, Westerink said increased funding is necessary.

The engineering costs to provide protection from a Category 5 storm would be $2.5 billion, he said. In the context of engineering, this is not an extraordinary cost. A major bridge costs $1 billion to construct, and the Big Dig in Boston will require $11 billion, Westerink said.

"You can see how the storm has taken lives, which of course are irreplaceable, and will now cost hundreds of billions of dollars in reconstruction," he said. "And that doesn't even account for the economic fallout."

The software models measure how fast water flows, how high it flows and where and when it will flow. There are also components that track the flow of pollution and sediment.

Westerink came up with the ADCIRC with Rick Luettich, his roommate during their first year of graduate studies at MIT and now a professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The pair has actively worked on the model's development since completing graduate school more than 15 years ago.

"As is true with any successful partnership, the collaborators need to have complementary roles," Luettich said. "Dr. Westerink has often been the visionary, daring to propose extremely challenging modeling feats."

This boldness can be exemplified by the efforts in southern Louisiana, Luettich said.

"The complexity of representing flow structures at scales of meters in the context of processes extending over hundreds of kilometers is monumental," he said. "Dr. Westerink has doggedly pursued this application and should be widely recognized for his efforts."

To design the model needed for these simulations, the scientists and engineers working in Westerink's Computational Hydraulics Lab must use applied mathematics, computer science, coastal oceanography and engineering.

The model relies on the principles of conservation of mass and conservation of momentum, which are formulated into differential equations to describe the physics of a situation.

"The heart of the model changes differential equations to algebraic equations that can be solved by computers," Westerink said.

The mathematics involved in the ADCIRC models are so complicated that the calculations for one storm require 128 to 512 computer processors working simultaneously.

"We work on the biggest Department of Defense supercomputers," he said. "Such intensive calculations would take months to do on one computer."

While the public's attention is now focused on the southeastern region of the United States, the ADCIRC model is applicable to any region. It is currently used in simulations for the Persian Gulf, the Mediterranean and the East and West coasts of America.

When reconstruction of New Orleans starts, Westerink's models will once again be employed to give engineers a better understanding of the natural forces they will face.

"It's human nature to learn from our mistakes," he said. "And sometimes it takes a tragedy for us to make our engineered systems safer."

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situation," Lindley said. "We fight wars in other people's territory. We don't realize how much wars are going on. Once you understand war is fairly common, 9/11 becomes a part of the fabric of history."

Lindley said he did not want to diminish the magnitude or impact of the attacks, or their "vicious and cruel" nature.

"But [that's what] war is," he said, citing the German blitzkrieg during WWII and Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

"The scale of war is often vast," Lindley said. "Women, children, non-combatants are rarely spared. That's nothing new. Civilian innocence is a mirage."

Lindley believed the "emotionalism" resulting from 9/11 caused "inefficient, unwise policy results ... that emboldened the Bush administration and neutered Democrats."

Lindley urged the crowd of "citizen-soldiers" to become politically involved to combat America's vulnerability after Sept. 11 and the more recent Hurricane Katrina.

"All you citizen-soldiers should go out, do what you can in public discourse and debates," he said. "Let's focus on the real problem here, in a thoughtful way."

After Warner's closing prayer, the Glee Club sang "Ave Maria" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

Students had mixed reactions to the event.

Senior Aimee Shelide said she wished more students would have attended, but thought the fact Sept. 11 fell on a Sunday was part of the reason for low attendance.

However, she applauded the speaker's "acknowledgement of the four political party groups" and the importance of electoral participation.

"It kind of inspired me to think of war as something different," she said. "To ask questions about it and to not just accept it."

Sophomore Andrew Hartnett, who attended in the memory of his friend's mother — a flight attendant on Flight 11 from Boston — said he wished the event would have focused more on the anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11.

"I don't think there was enough remembrance," sophomore Andrew Hartnett said. "I don't think today is a day for politics, the present or the future — it's about four years ago, the families and loved ones, the lives that were changed forever. It's about what America stands for and what was lost that day."

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AMEX	1,718.31	+22.23
NASDAQ	2,175.51	+9.48
NYSE	7,663.82	+69.18
S&P 500	1,241.48	+9.81
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	12,692.04	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,359.30	+18.50

COMPANY	%CHANGE	$GAIN	PRICE
INTEL CP (INTC)	-3.22	-0.84	25.25
NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	+0.56	+0.22	39.62
SIRIUS SATELLITE R (SIRI)	+2.64	+0.19	7.39
SUN MICROSYS INC (SUNW)	+0.50	+0.02	4.00
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+1.14	+0.21	18.58
Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.45	-0.20	44.02
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.39	-0.16	41.23
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.25	-0.10	39.33
3-MONTH BILL	-0.03	-0.01	33.97
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LIGHT CRUDE ($/bbl.)		-0.41	64.08
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IN BRIEF

Gas prices reach all-time highs

LOS ANGELES — Damage to Gulf Coast refineries and pipelines by Hurricane Katrina pushed retail gas prices to historic highs in the past two weeks, with self-serve regular averaging more than $3 a gallon for the first time ever, according to a nationwide survey released Sunday.

The weighted average price for all three grades surged more than 38 cents to nearly $3.04 a gallon between Aug. 26 and Sept. 9, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semi-monthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations around the country.

Self-serve regular averaged $3.01 a gallon nationwide, according to the survey. Midgrade was pegged at about $3.11, while premium-grade was at nearly $3.21.

"That's all thanks to Katrina," Lundberg said.

The spike occurred despite declines in the cost of crude oil in recent weeks.

The hurricane decimated refineries along the Gulf Coast, cutting 11 percent of the nation's refining capacity for all petroleum products and shutting down essential pipelines to the East Coast and elsewhere, Lundberg said.

Murdoch News makes aquisition

NEW YORK — Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. made its latest acquisition in the Internet sector Thursday, agreeing to pay $650 million in cash for online video-game company IGN Entertainment Inc.

The purchase comes on the heels of News Corp.'s $580 million cash deal to acquire Intermix Media Inc., owner of the popular social networking site, MySpace.com.

Murdoch told investors in a conference call last month that he intends to make a strong push in building up his company's Internet presence, saying online businesses would be a "major part" of the future growth of his media conglomerate, which includes the Fox broadcast network, the Twentieth Century Fox movie studios and DirecTV.

The acquisition of IGN, which is based in the San Francisco Bay Area, was made by News Corp.'s newly formed online unit, Fox Interactive Media.Scout Media.

Clinton offers advice to China

Former U.S. President urges toleration of economic dissent as wealth grows

Associated Press

BEIJING — China will have to tolerate more dissent as its economy grows and opens up to the rest of the world, former President Clinton said Sunday.

Clinton, who is on a four-day visit to China, also said he would have raised the case of a Chinese journalist imprisoned for allegedly providing state secrets to foreigners when he spoke at a conference on Saturday but he had not been aware of the issue at the time.

Clinton delivered the keynote address at a conference hosted by Internet powerhouse Yahoo Inc.'s new Chinese partner, Alibaba.com, at the eastern resort city of Hangzhou.

The French media watchdog group Reporters Without Borders said Chinese authorities convicted the journalist Shi Tao, who had written an e-mail about media restrictions, using information provided by Yahoo. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison under the country's vague state security laws.

The group said court papers showed Yahoo Holdings (Hong Kong) Ltd., part of Yahoo's global network, helped Chinese investigators trace the personal e-mail Shi sent containing his notes on the issue.

Human rights activists had sent a letter to Clinton asking that he raise Shi's case with his Chinese hosts. But at the conference on Saturday, the former president did not respond to questions from reporters about the case.

He explained this Sunday by saying he was suffering from a bad cold and "didn't know about that issue until this morning."

"I would've raised it in the speech to the Internet people had I known about it," he said after speaking at a U.S. Embassy service commemorating the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on the United States.

AP

U.S. President Bill Clinton listens during the China Internet Summit in Hangzhou, China, Saturday. Clinton was the keynote speaker Saturday at the conference, which was hosted by U.S. Internet giant Yahoo's new Chinese partner, Alibaba.com.

Clinton did, however, challenge the Chinese government's polices on dissent.

"The more China grows and diversifies economically and opens up to the rest of the world, the more there will have to be some room for dissent," he said at the embassy. "I don't think conflicting information and debate weakens a society. I think it strengthens it."

He added: "In the end there'll have to be more freedom of expression here."

Shi, a former journalist for the financial publication Contemporary Business News, was seized in November at his home in the northwestern province of Shanxi.

Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Yahoo has defended its move, saying it is obliged to comply with Chinese laws and regulations.

Two of its biggest rivals, Google Inc. and Microsoft Corp.'s MSN, previously have come under attack for censoring online news sites and Web logs, or blogs, featuring content that China's communist government wants to suppress in its struggle to maintain control of information in the burgeoning Internet era.

U.S. gave unnecessary 9/11 loans

Associated Press

Washington — The government promised banks a hands-off approach in overseeing nearly $5 billion in Sept. 11 recovery aid to small businesses. What it got in return was numerous loans to companies that didn't need terror relief — or even know they were getting it, The Associated Press found.

"Had we known it was 9/11 money, we would not have borrowed it," said John Adams, a vice president of Brankle Brokerage and Leasing in Marion, Ind., who didn't know until informed by AP that his company's $1.33 million loan had been drawn by his bank from a program created by Congress to help economic victims of the 2001 terror attacks.

"We would have chosen some other avenue. That money surely could have been used by people who needed it more than we did," Adams said.

His company wasn't alone. From Dunkin' Donuts shops and florists to motorcycle dealers and chiropractors, businesses nationwide said they were unaware their banks had lent them money from the low-interest, government-guaranteed Sept. 11 loan program.

The records obtained under the Freedom of Information Act also show that many other loan recipients who made cases they were injured by Sept. 11 were far removed from the direct devastation of New York City and Washington, like a South Dakota country radio station, a Virgin Islands perfume shop and a Utah dog boutique.

The pattern of lending left many at New York's Ground Zero seething, especially those who had trouble getting government assistance.

"You have to take it back and give it to us. Even now, I could use it," fumed Mike Yagudayev, who said the government offered him only $20,000 of the $70,000 loan he requested to rebuild the hair salon flattened by the collapse of the World Trade Center's twin towers.

The Small Business Administration, which oversaw the two Sept. 11 loan programs, said it first learned of the problems through AP's review and was weighing whether an investigation was needed. But officials also acknowledged they intended to target the post-Sept. 11 aid broadly because of the enormous impact the attacks had on the U.S. economy.

"We started seeing business in areas you wouldn't think of — tourism, crop dusting, trade and transportation. ... So there were a lot of examples you wouldn't think of, at first blush," SBA

Displaced

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Saint Mary's vice president for enrollment management. "We had received calls to the admissions office asking if we would accept displaced students."

Meyer said initially some administrators were hesitant to accept additional students because they would have to start the semester already two weeks behind.

However, after working with The National Catholic College Admissions Association and seeing the great need, Saint Mary's decided to accommodate stranded undergraduates.

"I think we really felt from a moral standpoint that this was something that would make sense for us to do," Meyer said.

College officials said they wanted to make the process as simple as possible and acknowledged the tremendous difficulties the incoming students had already faced.

"Under the new policy, qualifying students will be admitted as visiting students, defined as those attending on a temporary basis until they're able to return to their original place of enrollment," the College said in a statement. "Visiting student enrollment is based on the availability of classes and the college's ability to offer coursework suitable to her intended program of study."

Displaced students will be charged tuition equal to that of their original institution, the statement said. If students had already paid tuition to their intended school, no additional tuition would be charged by Saint Mary's.

Prior, originally from the Chicago suburb Lincoln Park, was looking forward to her first weekend at Tulane University when Hurricane Katrina bore down on New Orleans.

"I had moved all of my stuff in on Saturday and by four we were told that we had to evacuate the school by six," Prior said.

She and her fellow students were given three evacuation options — leave immediately with their parents, remain in the city with a local family member or friend or board a University-provided bus to Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss.

Almost nobody opted to stay, Prior said.

"My parents and I went back to our hotel room and at 5 p.m. we decided to start driving," she said.

With all her belongings still in her fifth floor dorm room, Prior and her parents made their way into Mississippi. They called their airline and arranged for flights out of Memphis, Tenn. to Chicago for the following day.

Back home, Prior kept herself updated on the status of the school through an emergency Web site the University established. The school remained largely dry as it is located uptown, she said. Once it was clear Tulane and the city of New Orleans would not reopen for some time, however, she and her family started to explore other options.

"My mom and I started calling some schools and I had a friend who went to Saint Mary's last year and goes to Holy Cross this year, and I knew a lot of people who lived in South Bend," Prior said.

She moved into the first floor of Holy Cross Hall and started classes Sept. 5.

"I'm settling in and the girls here are really nice," Prior said. "The teachers have been really accommodating about starting two weeks late."

Prior could not say whether she would remain at Saint Mary's permanently.

"I'm don't really know but I am hoping to see at least what Tulane is like," Prior said. "They are opening second semester."

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Dan Meyer
vice president for enrollment management

Coney is a New Orleans native and a nursing major at Holy Cross College of New Orleans, a small commuting school. Only a sudden opening in Saint Mary's popular nursing program allowed her to enroll.

Coney was not available to comment, but Meyer said she is living off campus while attending Saint Mary's.

"A little later in the semester, she will decide whether to officially transfer and finish her degree here," College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said.

The Notre Dame Law School has admitted two Tulane University law students who graduated from Notre Dame, and the Graduate School enrolled two students from other "Katrina-damaged institutions" as visiting students, according to a press release from the University.

However, Notre Dame has not accommodated undergraduates from damaged colleges because of "space limitations, heavy class enrollment and the rapid scholastic pace of the fall semester," the release said.

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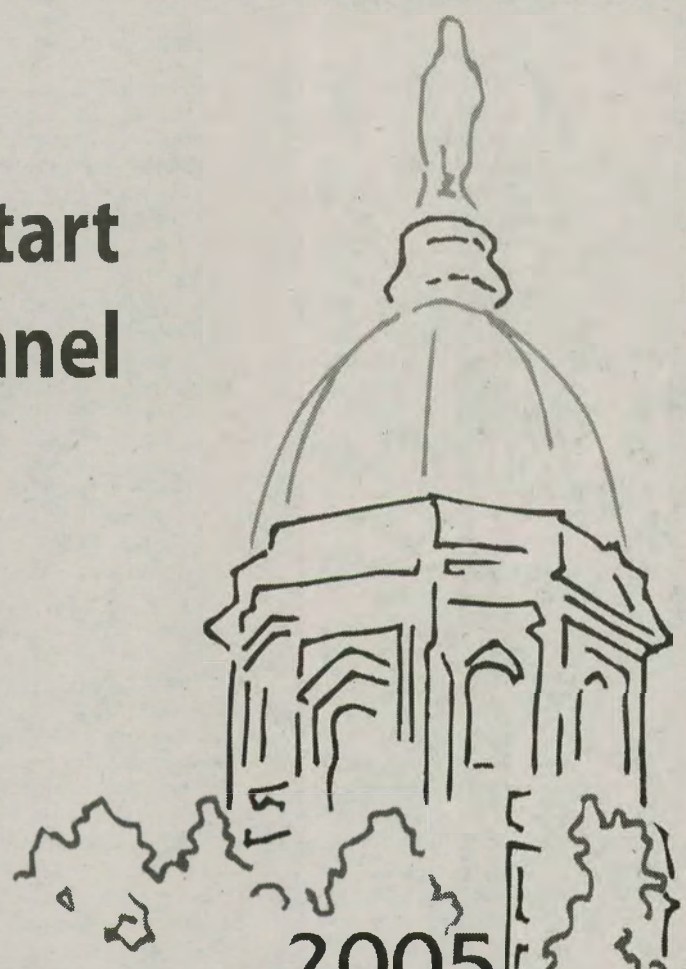

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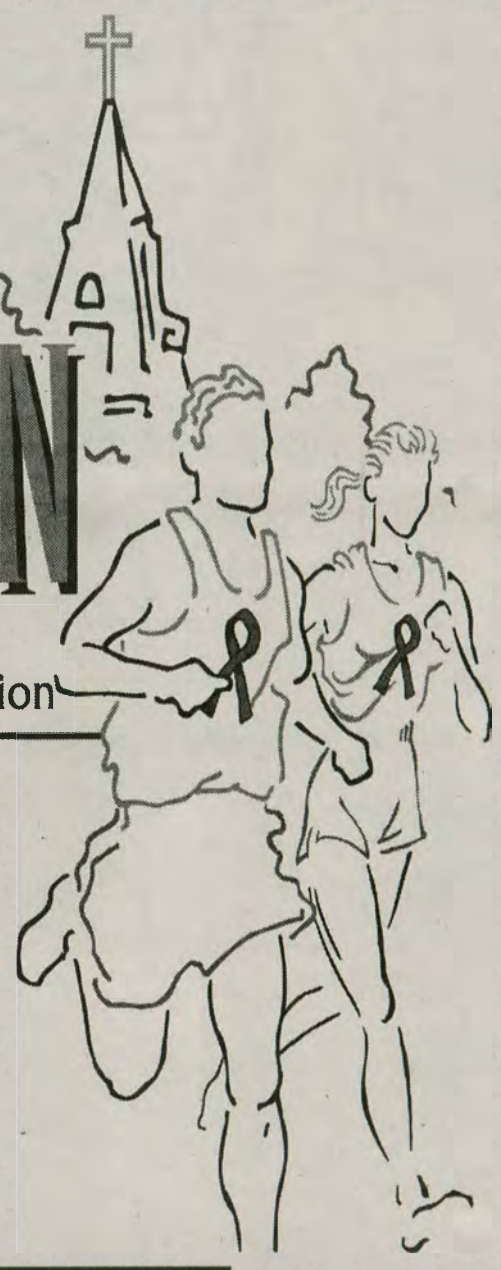

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Martin hits high note with film

'Shopgirl' demonstrates actor's versatility as writer, producer

Associated Press

TORONTO — More so than at perhaps any other time in his career, Steve Martin has a film that showcases his versatility.

"Shopgirl" started with Martin's prose, his best-selling novella about a depressive wallflower pursued by a rich older man and an awkward young slacker. It comes to the theater via Martin's own screenplay adaptation, which turned a highly internalized tale with minimal dialogue into a camera-friendly story.

It also features one of the finer in Martin's growing range of quiet, restrained performances as he fills the role of the lonely older man looking for love while settling for sex with a woman half his age. And as the producer, Martin helped stitch together a pitch-perfect cast that includes Claire Danes as the wallflower and Jason Schwartzman as the slacker.

The only thing missing is the wild-and-crazy physical comedy that has been a trademark of Martin's biggest successes, from "The Jerk" and "All of Me" to "Bringing Down the House" and "Cheaper By the Dozen."

Dismissed by critics in the 1970s as an anti-intellectual, banjo-toting buffoon with a fake arrow through his head, Martin has undergone a gradual transformation since the mid-1980s to become an esteemed writer and performer.

"I think when the movie `Roxanne' came out, which I also had written, I felt something new that I never felt, which was respect," Martin said with a bonny laugh in an interview at the Toronto International Film Festival, where "Shopgirl" played in advance of its Oct. 21 theatrical debut.

That continued through such films as "Planes, Trains & Automobiles," "L.A. Story," "Grand Canyon" and "The Spanish Prisoner" and a literary career that has produced the play "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" and the novel "The Pleasure of My Company."

"Also, as you get older, you gain a little more weight just by default because you've been around that long," said Martin, who turned 60 in August.

"Shopgirl" centers on Mirabelle (Danes), a twentysomething clerk at a ritzy Beverly Hills store. Solitary and on medication for deep depression, Mirabelle finds herself ineptly romanced by a young bumbler (Schwartzman) and swept off her feet by a rich divorced man (Martin).

Neither man proves quite what Mirabelle expected as the story winds through the euphoria of new romance, the sour taste of rejection and the human inclination to obsess over relationships gone wrong.

"I often think all that thinking we do and that emotional pain is some kind of evolutionary flaw. Why? Why are we neurotic? What's the purpose?" Martin said. "It's something like evolution going too far, and we end up so worried about things that don't matter. That's what love is. It's like this whole side effect of mating that got really complicated."

"Shopgirl" is the first of a flurry of Martin films that continues with the Christmas release "Cheaper By the Dozen 2," in which he reprises his role as patriarch to a family of 12 kids, and February's "The Pink Panther," in which he recreates Peter Sellers' bumbling Inspector Clouseau.

Even that broad range of films only scratches the surface of Martin's talent, said "Shopgirl" co-star Danes.

"He's an incredibly dynamic person. I don't know if the general public is so conscious of that," Danes said. "He's a skillful, celebrated writer. He also collects art in earnest, and he's also an incredible musician. You should hear him play the ukulele. It's ridiculous what he's capable of."

The soft-spoken, graciously polite Martin comes off like an elder statesman far removed from the wild-and-crazy guy he once portrayed.

"The Steve Martin I met and got to know is not a wild-and-crazy guy," said "Shopgirl" director Anand Tucker. "He's an incredibly erudite, articulate, quiet, I want to say even shy man. Very thoughtful. So in some ways, the Steve Martin you see in `Shopgirl' is more the real Steve Martin now."

Martin is braced for the day when writing could become his main job if lead movie roles dry up.

"I've kind of looked at it in two ways. One, one day it'll just be over," Martin said. "On the other hand, you've got Walter Matthau. He found a way to be funny late in life. But to just take a role as a corporate executive who sets up the new young stars, I have no interest in that."

'Exorcism' combines courtroom and horror

Film bends genres to boost box office sales

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" bedeviled its competition in its box-office debut this weekend, hauling in $30.2 million with its mix of courtroom drama and classic horror.

The film, inspired by true events, follows a Catholic priest on trial for negligent homicide following the death of a satanically possessed 19-year-old.

Its PG-13 rating and cast, including Oscar nominees Tom Wilkinson, Laura Linney and Shohreh Aghdashloo, helped give it wide appeal, bumping last week's newcomer, "Transporter 2," from the No. 1 spot, according to studio estimates.

Overall revenue for this weekend's top 12 films was up 16 percent from the same period last year, said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

"Transporter 2" fell to third place with three-day estimated ticket sales of $7.2 million. The action sequel dropped below "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," which held on to the No. 2 spot in its fourth week with $7.9 million, boosting its total domestic gross to $82.3 million.

The critically panned "The Man," a buddy comedy that throws together federal agent Samuel L. Jackson and dental supply salesman Eugene Levy to solve a murder, opened in sixth place with $4.0 million.

"An Unfinished Life," which stars Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman and Jennifer Lopez in the story of a rancher reluctantly reunited with his estranged daughter-in-law, opened well in limited release, with $1.0 million and a per theater average of $7,264.

Meanwhile, "The Constant Gardener," starring Ralph Fiennes and Rachel Weisz and based on a John le Carre novel, moved to fourth place in its second week. The film took in $4.8 million, bringing its total to $19.1 million, while playing on fewer than half the number of screens given to "The Exorcism of Emily Rose."

Dergarabedian attributed the popularity of "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" to its genre-bending style.

"It has a lot of very interesting elements that make it not your typical horror movie," he said.

The film's debut marks the third biggest September opener, behind "Sweet Home Alabama" and the first "Rush Hour."

Rory Bruer, president of distribution for Sony Pictures, called the opening "phenomenal."

"The movie cost us less than $20 million to make. We would have been very happy had the picture opened to $15 million," he said.

Raunchy summer comedies like "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"and "The Wedding Crashers" also continue to boost the sagging box office.

Still, overall revenues for the year are down about 6 percent and attendance is down about 9 percent.

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Coast Guard duties multiply

Associated Press

ABOARD JAYHAWK 6028 — Petty Officer Wayne Weschrek thought he'd long ago put the dangerous stuff behind him. Yet here he was, aboard a Coast Guard helicopter hovering at 50 feet.

Weschrek, 28, clipped a metal cable onto his flight jacket, the instructor gave a final tug to his flight suit, and Weschrek slid out, riding the cable to the ground below at the Coast Guard's Cape Cod air station.

Eight years ago, after his daughter was born, Weschrek transferred out of the Coast Guard's law enforcement side, from ship boardings and drug interdiction missions, and became an environmental officer, a "duck scrubber" who contained oil spills and saved wildlife.

Then came the 2001 terrorist attacks. The Coast Guard became the nation's largest Homeland Security agency and Weschrek's duties changed again. He became a boarding officer, a member of the armed teams that search foreign ships entering U.S. ports.

The Coast Guard's duties are growing faster than its ranks and officers like Weschrek who were saving seals, breaking ice or repairing harbor lights are being retrained.

"If you're part of the Coast Guard today, you have to understand that we have two priorities: search and rescue, and security," said Capt. Peter Boynton, commander for all of Long Island Sound, which includes Weschrek's unit based at New Haven, Conn. "We still do everything else, but those are the main acts."

Today, "everything else" includes helping victims of Hurricane Katrina. Rescue crews on other Jayhawk helicopters were among the first to respond and the Coast Guard is credited with saving thousands from rooftops of flooded homes in New Orleans. Coast Guard personnel also run medical centers and head up shelter operations.

And on Friday, Coast Guard Vice Adm. Thad W. Allen was named to replace Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Brown as commander of the New Orleans relief efforts.

AP

A U.S. Coast Guard petty officer is lowered from a helicopter as part of training for the Coast Guard's new responsibilities.

Deer hunter goes on trial for six murders

Associated Press

HAYWARD, Wis. — A deer hunter went on a rampage last fall, killing six hunters and wounding two others, after he felt insulted, a prosecutor told jurors Saturday. The defense said Chai Soua Vang felt physically threatened by a group of white hunters who tormented him with racial slurs.

Vang's attorney, Steve Kohn, said Vang, 36, of St. Paul, Minn., started shooting because he believed another hunter fired at him first.

"You will hear him telling you that he felt he was under siege," Kohn said during the opening day of the trial in Sawyer County. "He knows he was shot at by some very hostile individuals."

Earlier, prosecutors said Vang fired first because he was angry the others were disrespectful to him and said they would report him to state game wardens for trespassing, Assistant Attorney General Roy Korte said.

"In the end, it was nothing more than anger," Korte said.

Korte said Vang fired at least 20 shots, and the other hunters had only one gun and managed just one shot during the confrontation in the northwestern Wisconsin woods last November. Four hunters were shot in the back, and one victim ran nearly 500 feet before being shot, Korte said.

Korte denied the hunters used racial slurs, though he said one hunter, Robert Crotteau, got angry and used profanity. Kohn described a different confrontation in which the white hunters repeatedly used racial slurs against Vang, an ethnic Hmong who came to the United States from a refugee camp in Thailand in 1980.

"There is no question that race and racial prejudice played a part in the interplay between these individuals," Kohn said.

Vang is charged with six counts of first-degree murder and three counts of attempted murder. If convicted, he faces mandatory life in prison. Wisconsin does not have the death penalty.

Vang, dressed in khaki shirt and pants, showed no emotion as the attorneys gave their opening statements to the all-white jury. The trial is expected to last two weeks.

Vang, a National Guard marksman who has hunted deer since 1992, told investigators he got lost chasing a wounded deer and crawled into a tree stand on private land, where Terry Willers found him, the jury was told. Willers asked him to leave, and other hunters soon arrived and called Vang derogatory names, Kohn said.

Crotteau, one of the property's owners, rushed to confront Vang, Kohn said.

"He starts laying into him. Foul language, racial epithets, and he is physically threatened," Kohn said.

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HONG KONG

Hong Kong Disneyland suffers cultural setbacks

Associated Press

HONG KONG — Many in Hong Kong are ready to give Mickey Mouse a big hug for bringing Disneyland to them. But not dog-lovers, shark-defenders and fireworks foes.

The opposition may seem odd, in a Chinese city where fireworks are a fixture, shark fin soup is hugely popular, and stray dogs are summarily dealt with as health hazards.

But eight years after the British colony was returned to China, the capitalist city is much freer than the Communist mainland, and advocacy groups are vocal.

To start with the sharks: Disneyland said it was merely trying to honor local custom by selling shark fin soup at weddings in the park that opens Monday. But environmentalists protested that shark populations are being depleted by the fishing industry, which usually hacks off the fin before tossing the fish back into the sea to die.

A top-level decision was made to take the soup off the menu, said Robert Iger, president of the Walt Disney Co.

Disney made more headlines when it asked dog-catchers to round up dozens of stray mutts near the park, sending many of them to a certain death.

And then there were the plans for nightly fireworks displays at the park on Lantau, Hong Kong's largest island. Neighbors said they were worried about the noise and smoke, but the park stuck with its original plans.

In the months before the park's opening, the media sometimes sounded as though Disney were building a shoddy nuclear plant, rather than a cheerful amusement park with cuddly cartoon characters and a pink Sleeping Beauty Castle with a mountain backdrop.

Hong Kong Disneyland became a target because it involved high-profile marriage of big business and Hong Kong's government, the biggest investor in the US$3 billion park, said David Ketchum, a public relations expert.

"As the Australians say, 'The tall poppy gets the chop,' and Disney's high profile worldwide and the lead-up to the opening has meant that many are looking for ways the venture will fail," Ketchum said.

Michael DeGolyer, professor of government and international studies at Hong Kong Baptist University, said Disneyland apparently underestimated environmental cares in the crowded territory of about 7 million people.

"If they thought that a huge commitment of government money would cushion them from public criticism, I think they will, and seem already, to be discovering that is not, definitely not, the case," DeGolyer said.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Belfast militants riot in streets

Associated Press

BELFAST — Protestant extremists attacked police and British troops for a second straight night Sunday, littering streets with rubble and burned-out vehicles in widespread violence sparked by anger over a restricted parade. More than 40 police were wounded in the weekend mayhem.

Crowds of masked men and youths confronted police backed by British troops in dozens of hard-line Protestant districts in Belfast and several other towns. Gunmen opened fire in at least two parts of the capital Sunday night.

Nobody was reported shot, but shrapnel from homemade grenades wounded a half-dozen officers during clashes Sunday night with a 700-strong mob in east Belfast, raising the number of police wounded over the past 36 hours to above 40.

Police advised drivers to avoid Protestant parts of the city, where thousands blocked roads and lobbed the grenades a range of other objects at police equipped with helmets, body armor and flame-retardant jumpsuits.

Officers doused crowds with massive water cannons and fired several hundred blunt-nosed plastic bullets.

Chief Constable Hugh Orde, commander of Northern Ireland's mostly Protestant police, blamed the Orange Order — a legal brotherhood with more than 50,000 members — for inspiring the riots. The violence began Saturday when police prevented Orangemen from parading near a hard-line Catholic part of west Belfast.

But police and analysts claimed the march provided a pretext for Northern Ireland's two major outlawed Protestant paramilitary groups, the Ulster Defense Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force, to launch a pre-planned rebellion against police authority. Their current desire for street mayhem reflects their near-total disconnection from the province's decade-old peace process.

The UDA and UVF are supposed to be observing ceasefires and disarming in support of Northern Ireland 's 1998 peace accord, just like the outlawed Irish Republican Army rooted in militant Catholic areas.

But while the IRA has built a major base of support through its Sinn Fein party and has grown central to ongoing negotiations on Northern Ireland's future, the Protestant paramilitary groups have failed to win electoral support and barely register in political talks. Instead they wield power through criminal graft backed by occasional intimidating shows of force.

These days, while IRA veterans are being encouraged to pursue their aims through politics and appear poised within weeks to resume disarmament, the UVF and UDA are openly fighting to keep control of criminal empires — a future challenged by the police and the wider peace process.

Orde said members of both the UVF and UDA, which wield authority in different Protestant districts of Belfast, were orchestrating attacks. He cited the rioters' access this weekend to stockpiles of gasoline-filled bottles, homemade grenades and assault rifles. Police seized a bomb-making factory and seven firearms during the riots.

"We are very lucky we do not have dead officers this morning. It's a tribute to the way they responded and it's a tribute to their tactics," Orde said before rioting resumed Sunday night.

In one particularly blatant sign of outlawed groups ' involvement, masked and armed men stopped cars Sunday and checked drivers ' licenses at a police-style road checkpoint near the Mount Vernon neighborhood in north Belfast, a UVF stronghold.

Such demonstrations — which have been carried out by both the IRA and Protestant outlaws during previous flashpoints of Northern Ireland's 53-year-old conflict — are designed to mock police authority.

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Army general is face of control in ravaged New Orleans

Lt. Gen. Russel Honore told troops to turn down their weapons in respect for a stranded, stunned population

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — To troops, he's the "Ragin' Cajun," an affable but demanding general barking orders to resuscitate a drowning city. To his country, he's an icon of leadership in a land hungry for a leader after a hurricane exposed the nation's vulnerability to disasters.

Honore

With a can-do attitude and a cigar in hand, Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honore arrived after Hurricane Katrina and directed troops to point weapons down in respect for a stunned and stranded population lacking food, electricity and safety.

Each morning, Honore (pronounced AHN'-ur-ay) boards a Blackhawk helicopter at Camp Shelby in Mississippi, 100 miles north of New Orleans, for a humanitarian mission as head of the military's Joint Task Force Katrina.

Honore was born at home 57 years ago during a hurricane, his mother and an uncle always told him. He grew up poor in Lakeland, La., northwest of Baton Rouge, with 11 siblings, once winning a 4-H contest with the family's lone dairy cow, Weasel.

His daughter and friends live in New Orleans. As a child, he spent two weeks at Charity Hospital, where Katrina's flood waters trapped doctors and patients, after he was hit in the head with a baseball bat.

Stepping into a crisis that has drawn criticism of leaders at every level of government, Honore was praised for his compassionate approach to residents and his colorful bursts of instructions to troops, delivered in a Louisiana drawl with spits of profanity for emphasis.

"He's a man of action," said Maj. Gen. Bill Cald-well, commanding general of the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, N.C. "He knows the area, understands the people and doesn't take no for an answer."

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Bill Caldwell
commanding general

Honore has won over even some of the government's harshest critics, including New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, who blasted the Bush administration's initial response to his city's disaster.

"He came off the doggone chopper, and he started cussing, and people started moving," Nagin told a radio station. "I give the president some credit on this. He sent one John Wayne dude down here that can get some stuff done."

The 6-foot-2 three-star general points out that John Wayne was an actor. "I'm a soldier. You get what you see," he said.

With his thin mustache and black beret, Honore has become one of the most visible figures of Katrina. On Sunday he appeared on both CBS' "Face the Nation" and on CNN's "Late Edition," where he defended giving food and water to people who are refusing to leave New Orleans.

"Right now, we want to make sure that we're taking care of the people that are alive, and that we are treating them with dignity and respect, and we're providing food and water for them," Honore told CNN.

He views Katrina as an enemy that pulled a "classic military maneuver," speeding toward land with overwhelming force, surprising and paralyzing the city and countryside and knocking out communications, electricity, water and roads in a "disaster of biblical proportions."

In a journey slowed by fallen trees, Honore headed to Mississippi after the hurricane from an Atlanta base where he trains half the nation's troops for Iraq duty.

Honore said it was as if he entered a football game to coach in which it was the "end of the first quarter and you're down 25 to nothing."

"He's intolerant of lackluster performance."

Charles Wilhelm
retired general

"You can't win the first quarter in a disaster. It's impossible to do it. You got to do the best you can. But you better win the next quarter, take care of the evacuees," he says. "If the first quarter taught us anything, your plan is a plan but it needs to be executed."

On paper, Honore's authority is limited to the military but last week body recovery began after he complained loudly to those responsible for removing them.

"He's intolerant of lackluster performance," said Retired Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm. "He has high standards and he's a sworn enemy of mediocrity."

Outside the Superdome one day with flood waters in rapid retreat, Honore grew impatient when his truck was blocked. "There's room to get by there. Let's go!"

"I don't intentionally try to be tough. As long as the job's getting done, I have nothing to say but praise," Honore says.

He likes the music of Tina Turner and B.B. King, along with country western tunes. He says he'd like to learn guitar someday. In his garden are pumpkins, tomatoes, beans, peas, potatoes and peppers. He loves to cook and shares his vegetables with troops at barbecues.

This week, he'll reunite with one of his four children, a son returning from Iraq after a year of duty. He also has a grandchild.

He gets quiet when he talks about lives he has crossed in New Orleans, like the woman carrying twins, one slipping from each arm.

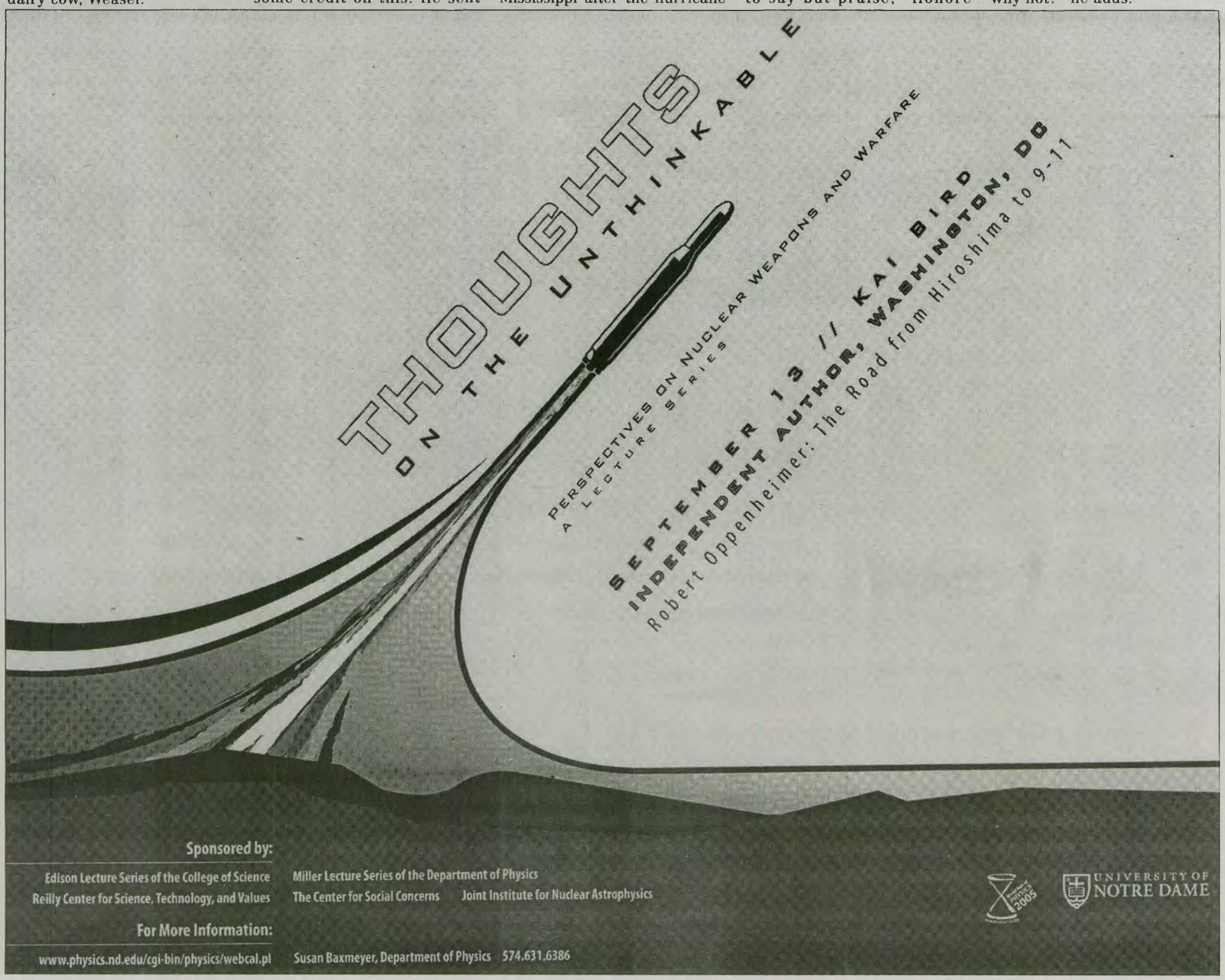
He feels lucky to be a general, despite "living in a fishbowl."

The hurricane, he says, reminds him life is fragile and makes him glad he passed on more lucrative pursuits to serve his country.

"I'd rather be in the middle of the game, playing hard with little hope of winning than to be an observer," he says.

No one calls him "Ragin' Cajun" to his face.

"But the troops like it, so why not?" he adds.



Nation mourns fourth anniversary of Sept. 11 attacks

Memorial services held in New York City, throughout United States to remember those who lost their lives

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As if they were writing letters to a long-lost friend, the brothers and sisters of Sept. 11 victims walked to the microphone, looked to the sky and tearfully told their siblings what had happened in the world since they died.

They talked about babies born, children growing up, and how much the victims were still missed.

"If you were here, you'd be so proud, so proud of Gabe and Madeleine," Francis Hoffman told his brother Stephen, a 36-year-old Cantor Fitzgerald bond broker.

"If it's a boy in December, we're taking your name," said Nancy Brennan-Poulis, Peter Brennan's brother.

The siblings were among more than 600 people who read the names of the 2,749 victims who died four years ago when hijacked jetliners crashed into the World Trade Center. Tears sometimes swallowed their words as they read the names, and relatives in the crowd bowed their heads and sobbed as the siblings spoke.

"You're still our hero. Please keep watching over us," Elizabeth Ahearn said to her brother, Fire Lt. Brian Ahearn.

Several times, the brothers and sisters came in groups — sometimes six or seven large — to honor their loved one, all huddling together to say their name. Some blew kisses to the sunny, pale-blue sky, while others said over and over, "We love you. We miss you."

"We know you're keeping everyone laughing up in heaven," said Kathleen Pslrogianes to her brother, Thomas Cahill, a Cantor Fitzgerald trader who was 36 when he died.

As the names of the dead were read, weeping mourners filed down a ramp to a reflecting memorial pool at the floor of the site, which remains virtually empty four years after the attack tore a hole in the New York skyline. Families filled the water with red, orange and yellow roses, some shaking as they inscribed dedications on the wooden edge of the pool.

The four-hour ceremony came as Hurricane Katrina left Americans once again struggling with a catastrophe that caught the nation unprepared and left thousands of citizens dead and grieving.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg opened with words of condolence for those devastated by Katrina and the terrorist bombings in the London Underground.

"To Americans suffering in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, our deepest sympathies go out to you this day," Bloomberg said.

In New Orleans, New York firefighters helping with the relief effort gathered around a makeshift memorial for their fallen comrades, accepting the gift of a bell from a nearby church whose steeple was destroyed in the storm.

New York Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta said at a ceremony in Brooklyn that his firefighters who have gone to the Gulf Coast are "doing what this department does best, and that is saving lives."

"An entire city has been virtually destroyed ... but four years later, we are in a position to respond with the same generosity of spirit which was shown to us," he said.

AP

Ron Edgerton, a Vietnam veteran and commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2259 in Conway, Ark., salutes the U.S. flag during a Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony.

In Shanksville, Pa., about 1,000 people attended a memorial service for the 40 passengers and crew who died when Flight 93 crashed into a field after those aboard struggled with the al-Qaida hijackers flying it toward Washington.

In Washington, President Bush marked the anniversary with his wife on the South Lawn, and throngs of people marched in remembrance of the attacks and in tribute to troops fighting overseas.

The ground zero ceremony paused for moments of silence at 8:46 a.m., the time at which a hijacked jetliner crashed into the north tower, at 9:03 a.m., the moment a second plane struck the south tower, at 9:59 a.m., when the south tower fell and at 10:29 a.m., when the second tower collapsed.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Gov. George E. Pataki, former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and New Jersey Gov. Richard Codey all addressed the crowd.

"We all stand together to help each other and to help those who need our help in the future," Giuliani said. "We remember forever all the brothers and sisters that we lost on that day."

For several family members, their messages became political. Many prayed to succeed in efforts to provide a fitting memorial at the site, a reference to the battle over an international museum of freedom planned for ground zero. Some families say the museum would politicize the site and overshadow the memorial.

Parents and grandparents read the victims' names at ground zero last year, while children's voices were heard in 2003. A selection of politicians, relatives and others read the names on the first anniversary.

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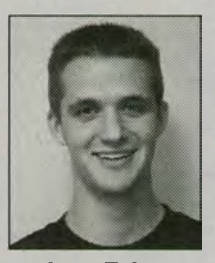

Joey Falco

Forty Ounces

Three years ago, New York Times reporter Adam Cohen wrote a column titled "If the Big One Hits, New Orleans Could Disappear." In his remarkably insightful article, he noted that America's most "culturally rich city" was also "a disaster waiting to happen" because of its precarious position below sea level and in between Lake Pontchartrain and the Mississippi River.

In other words, as Cohen wrote in 2002, "If a bad hurricane hit ... the city could fill up like a cereal bowl, killing tens of thousands and laying waste to the city's architectural heritage. If the Big One hit, New Orleans could disappear."

Well, the Big One did hit, and New Orleans did fill up like a cereal bowl. Worst of all, when this horrific episode in American history is all said and done with, tens of thousands of people could very well turn out to have lost their lives at the hands of "the Big One." The problem is, however, that the anarchy that has engulfed New Orleans for the past two weeks could have easily been prevented.

As Cohen noted in his prophetic story, Washington could have followed the lead of the Italian government, which invested over $3 billion into saving its own drowning city — Venice. In New Orleans, this could have been accomplished by various methods, including building a 30-foot wall across the city to hold back lake water or investing money into raising lake levees and saving the eroding coastal wetlands.

Instead, according to Cohen's article, the head of the New Orleans Office of Emergency Preparedness at the time, Terry Tullier, merely chose to give his citizens disaster preparedness presentations in which he started by saying, "When the Big One comes, many of you will die — let's get that out of the way." (If that was the best disaster preparedness plan that the city could come up with, then maybe the New Orleans government was already suffering from one too many Hurricanes — the drink, not the storm, that is.)

Of course, ignoring warnings has become an unofficial American pastime as of late, so it comes as no surprise that the Big Easy wasn't at all prepared to handle "the Big One."

Only a week after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, it was uncovered that the FBI had learned in 1995 — and several dozen times afterwards — that terrorists with ties to Osama bin Laden had planned to hijack commercial planes and slam them into major U.S. targets, including buildings in New York and Washington. Of course, those warnings were largely ignored until after the fact.

Similarly, as the body count began to grow in Iraq, America learned that its government had been warned numerous times that their reasons for getting tied up in this Middle Eastern reincarnation of Vietnam — namely, that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction and had ties to Osama bin Laden — were false. Naturally, these warnings were ignored until it was too late as well.

Even with less-pressing issues, the United States seems bent on staying true to its "ignore it, then deplore it" outlook on life. For several years now, Americans have been inundated with warnings about over-eating and the health risks related to obesity. Eating fast food on a regular basis is like begging to be buried in an extra-wide casket, and everyone knows it. Nevertheless, recent studies have shown that eight percent of the American population is sucked into McDonalds every single day of the year! Not only does this explain why they stopped counting how many hamburgers they've sold on their signs, but it also provides another sickening example of U.S. citizens ignoring a blatant warning and suffering because of it.

In each of these cases, someone of authority has told America not to push the red button, and each time, without fail, Uncle Sam has stuck out his pudgy white hand and pushed defiantly. No wonder the rest of the world considers this country to be a bunch of cocky, self-serving imperialists.

The real question, of course, becomes why. Why does America do it? Who are we to laugh in the face of experts and go about living our lives as if we were somehow above the mundane trivialities of being a human?

Who was Michigan to sit around in their Big House with their No. 3 ranking and inept defense and expect to keep up with what some have called the "nastification" of Notre Dame football?

It seems as if no matter how many cities are destroyed, no matter how many buildings collapse, no matter how many soldiers are killed, no matter how many overweight people die of heart attacks, and no matter how many Wolverines go limping off the football field, America will never alter its pattern of ignoring the evidence first and pointing fingers (at federal agencies, former presidents, British people, fast food corporations or video replay referees) later. That's just the American way, and one day, it's going to be our downfall.

But don't say I didn't warn you.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is proof of a base and low mind for one to wish to think with the masses or majority, merely because the majority is the majority. Truth does not change because it is, or is not, believed by a majority of the people."

Giordano Bruno
philosopher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Advertising Notre Dame

Preserving faith

I don't read The Observer's Viewpoint section often, and Friday's disappointing presentation reminded me why. I am saddened to learn that The Observer's editorial staff and some students have become so pretentious and self-aggrandizing that they were "insulted" by Notre Dame's "Candle" television Spot.

Although the ad doesn't strike me as particularly brilliant, I think it does a fair job of demonstrating that Notre Dame is a school that recognizes that we are not self-made. It seems the editorial staff is too preoccupied with proving to their friends in the Ivies that Notre Dame isn't just a "football school" and, unfortunately for them, all that religious stuff doesn't come off as impressive either.

It's too bad that Mr. Kearns and his friends in the theology department spend their time laughing at the simple piety of us "candle lighting" Catholics, but the Notre Dame I love recognizes that there is profound theology at work in a simple "candle." Maybe he should take a few classes with Professor Cavadini or Father Daley, I'm sure they at least can help him stop that nasty laughing habit, if not also helping him to see that theology is more than smarty pants sniggering.

The "Candle" ad may not show everything about Notre Dame. It was not meant to. I think it does show one thing brilliantly however, and that is that at Notre Dame we recognize more than just the academic and athletic success of our students, alumni and faculty. We recognize more than the rankings and statistics. We recognize more than the avant-garde academic (and theological) posturing. We recognize that all of reality, even getting into Notre Dame, is a sign of the Mystery who became a man continuing his saving presence in history.

I am grateful for students like the young woman in New Jersey. I hope that her four years of study at Notre Dame strengthen this awareness. And I think there is still hope for Mr. Kearns and the editorial staff of The Observer. The Mystery is waiting to encounter them too.

Stephen Sanchez
alumnus
Class of 2001
Sept. 10

Ad for core constituents

Perhaps the video advertisement shown during the Pittsburgh game is intended for a very specific audience which has been long neglected. The ad was not designed to attract prospective students or even their parents. There is certainly no shortage of applicants. Nor was it intended to demonstrate how the University is on a par academically with certain aspirational peers, or how much the University and its alums are contributing to make a better world. It is good to see that we don't sense the need to say that. Perhaps the ad is intended for that core constituency who believe that the message has been too subdued in recent times, saying to them yes, we are uniquely Notre Dame and proud of our traditions. I am thrilled that our new leaders are willing to shout that boldly, not only to a neglected constituency but to the world, on national television.

Jack Fremeau
alumnus
Class of 1971
Sept. 9

Ad shows ND's shortcomings

What kind of image is Notre Dame selling in the new television advertisement? A university that provides higher education? I think not, because it does not say anything about Notre Dame's academic programs. It does not highlight the wonderful faculty and facility we have. It does not say what the school's mission statement is. Instead, the commercial successfully sold an image of homogeneity. It perfectly depicts the lack of diversity at Notre Dame, which not only discourages those who cannot identify with the girl in the video to apply, but it also shows disrespect to the minorities at Notre Dame since they are nowhere to be found in this 30-second television advertisement that is supposed to represent Notre Dame.

In the commercial, the white girl who lives in a middle-upper class suburban neighborhood prays that she will get admitted to Notre Dame. What kind of students will this video attract? Definitely not those who grow up in inner cities and constantly struggle with the inequality in the distribution of educational resources and yet manage to score high on the SATs and maintain a 3.8. Definitely not the African American students who study so hard just so that they can be the first ones in their families to attend college. Definitely not Jews or atheists who believe that Notre Dame offers them what they want academically and yet are skeptical about the difference of their religious backgrounds. These students are different and yet they are the kind of students that Notre Dame claims it strives to reach out to. However, not only does this new commercial fail to reach out to students with a diverse background, it sends a clear message telling them not to apply because we don't want those who hold different opinions and they will never fit in.

In addition, when Julie Flory, an assistant director at the Office of News and Information, states, "It's hard to craft a message so perfect that no one can dislike it," she neglects the minorities on campus. They are not Catholic, white or rich, and yet they have chosen to come to this school for the higher education opportunities it provides. They are part of the student body and yet they are not recognized by the administration. Indeed the majority of Notre Dame students are from white, Catholic, middle-upper class families; however, that does not mean Asians, Mormons, gays or people whose parents have three jobs just to keep them in school do not exist here. Oftentimes these marginalized groups are only seen but not heard on campus. In this case, they are not even seen in this commercial, as if Notre Dame does not approve of their presence.

Notre Dame tries hard to create an image of "We are ND." Everyone in this big Notre Dame family is happy and well taken care of. However, who is excluded in this school is evident. Some may argue that it is white, rich and Catholic students are Notre Dame legacies and Notre Dame must carry on this tradition. Sure, Notre Dame can accept any kind of students it wants, but these students will not always live in the Notre Dame bubble. When they graduate, they will realize that there are many different kinds of people in reality. Not everyone shares the same worldviews, not everyone votes for Bush, not everyone is heterosexual, not everyone goes to church and not everyone can afford football tickets.

Diversity has been one thing that Notre Dame tries to increase in the past decade because the school sees the importance of diversity and the advantages it brings. I cannot imagine how this commercial will hurt the efforts and awareness that have been made by students who care about diversity issues. One thing that was right about the commercial is how flawlessly it illustrates the lack of diversity in the student body, as Matt Storin, the associate vice president for News and Information stated —"[The video] shows what Notre Dame is, what it strives to be and how it is different from other universities" — Notre Dame is unique because there is no other school that betrays its mission to increase diversity and neglects the marginalized like Notre Dame does. I wonder when Notre Dame will truly embrace diversity as it says it does. I can only hope for the day when everyone —Latinos, bisexuals and Buddhists — are truly considered part of the Notre Dame family.

Shan-Jan Sarah Liu
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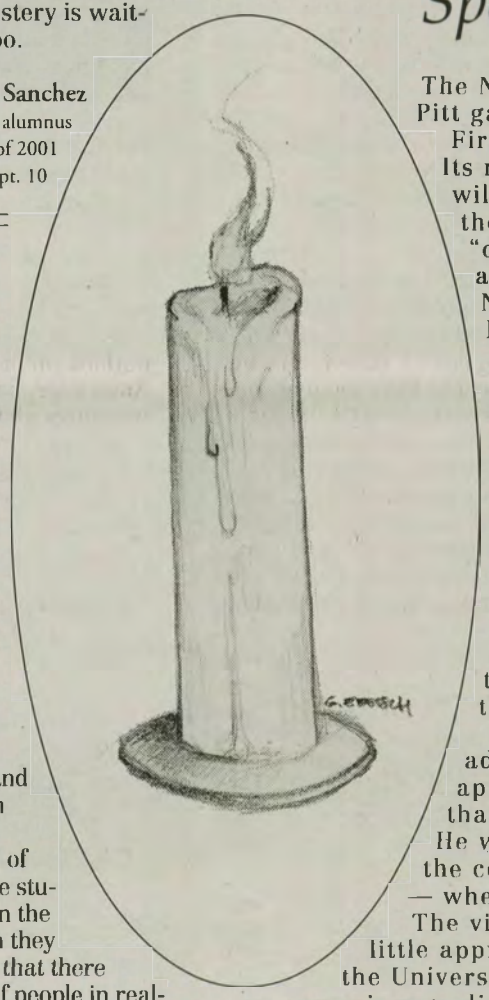

Spot sends wrong message

The Notre Dame "Candle" video, shown during the ND-Pitt game, was an embarrassment to the University.

First, the "institutional spot" is theologically unsound. Its message — if you light enough candles, the payoff will be admission to Notre Dame — is what the German theologian Dietrich Bonhoefer called the myth of "cheap grace." It is a simplistic message unworthy of a university aspiring to greatness. One doubts that Notre Dame's theology department, or its Campus Ministry, would support the theology underlying the video. It is unimaginable that Georgetown University or Boston College, Notre Dame's peer institutions in the Catholic academy, would promote themselves in this fashion.

Second, the video mischaracterizes Notre Dame's admissions process. From our own experiences, we know that admissions officers base their decisions on academic achievement — not on whom one knows, or how many candles one lights. The process is professional and correct. It is an insult to the Admissions Office to suggest otherwise.

Over 11,000 students apply annually to ND; fewer than 4,000 are accepted. Did God turn a deaf ear to the prayers of the other 7,000 applicants?

We speak from experience, having had one son admitted to ND and another not, plus a daughter applying this year. Our belief is, and our prayer is, that God will show our children, and us, what direction He wishes their lives to take — and that they will have the courage and grace to accept God's will in their lives — whether or not that includes a Notre Dame education.

The video was created by slick PR professionals who have little appreciation of what Notre Dame is really about. That the University would allow it to be shown to a national audience is very disappointing. Those who defend the video on the grounds that they were merely pointing out the University's unique Catholic character haven't a clue about what being "Catholic" really is.

Kevin Kearney
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alumna
Class of 1973, law class of 1977
Sept. 10

Implications are demeaning

Whoever created and, worse, approved the insulting new 30-second ND ad understands neither Notre Dame nor Catholicism. It demeans our religion and our University. A Notre Dame "higher education" does not mean an Admissions Office sitting around until God inspires it to admit the student who piled up the most prayers. The world trivializes what a great university like Notre Dame could possibly mean by calling itself a "Catholic" university. How awful when the University itself pays for that trivialization! After 45 years on the faculty, I am ashamed.

Donald P. Costello
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Sept. 9

RECIPE TIPS

Late night snacking

By MAUREEN MALLOY
Scene Writer

Sometimes the best part about a fun night out is the cheesy breadsticks and pepperoni pizza that you and your friends will inevitably order at 2 a.m. But if you can rattle off Papa John's number by heart or are listed as a preferred customer at Domino's, it might be time to mix up your late night feasting.

Instead of reaching for the phone book, serve up one or more of these treats to your friends, and you'll be almost as popular as Ben & Jerry. These recipes are easy to prepare and can be made ahead of time or whipped up quickly when you get home.

Cold Sesame Noodles

3 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons rice vinegar or white-wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon dried hot red pepper flakes, or to taste
2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar or granulated sugar, or to taste
1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
1 tablespoon Oriental sesame oil
1 teaspoon grated peeled fresh ginger
1/2 cup chicken broth
1 pound linguine or lo mein noodles
chopped scallion and cucumber strips for garnish

In a saucepan combine the soy sauce, the vinegar, the red pepper flakes, the brown sugar, the peanut butter, the oil, the ginger and the broth, simmer the mixture, stirring, until it is thickened and smooth, and let it cool slightly.

In a kettle of boiling salted water, cook the noodles until they are al dente, drain them in a colander and rinse them under cold water. Drain the noodles well, transfer them to a bowl and toss them with the sauce. Serve the noodles at room temperature and garnish them with the scallion and the cucumber.

Serves 4 to 6.

Recipe courtesy of Gourmet Magazine, September 1991.

The Sep Pep Sandwich

Garlic Sauce:
10 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 tablespoons finely chopped garlic

Pizza Sauce:
2 cups pizza sauce with basil
1 cup tomato juice
3 tablespoons finely chopped garlic
1/2 tablespoon salt
2 loaves hearty French bread
3 cups sliced mushrooms
3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
2 cups sliced pepperoni (about 80 slices)
1 tablespoon dried oregano

Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

Make the Garlic Sauce: In a medium bowl, microwave the butter on high until melted, about 3 minutes. Whisk in the garlic. In another medium bowl, whisk together the pizza sauce, tomato juice, garlic and salt. Set aside. Slice off part of the rounded side of each bread half to create a flat surface. (This will allow the bread to lay flat in the oven.) Cut the loaves open, lengthwise, keeping them intact like a book. Cut each loaf in half, crosswise, to make 4 sections. Arrange the bread on a baking sheet. Using a brush, slather the bread with the garlic sauce. Using a ladle or spoon, cover the bread with tomato sauce (be sure to cover to the edges to prevent burning). Spread about 1/4 of the mushrooms and mozzarella, and 1/2 cup (about 20 slices) of pepperoni across each loaf section and sprinkle with oregano. Bake until all the cheese is melted and the bread is golden brown, about 8 to10 minutes. Serve immediately. Yields four to six servings.

Recipe courtesy The Hot Truck, Ithaca, New York.

Sweet Nutty Popcorn Treats

12 cups popped popcorn
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup corn syrup
1/2 cup water
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
6 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup sliced toasted almonds
1/2 cup roasted unsalted peanuts
1 cup white chocolate chips

Lightly grease a large bowl and place the popcorn in it.

In a large saucepan, combine the sugar, corn syrup, and water and cook over medium heat to the soft ball stage, 235 to 238 degrees Fahrenheit on a candy thermometer. Add the butter and when melted, stir in the chocolate and vanilla.

Very carefully, slowly pour the hot chocolate mixture over the corn, stirring to prevent from lumping. Continue stirring until the mixture is cooled and the popcorn is evenly coated. Add the remaining ingredients and stir to combine and coat. Turn out onto a greased foil-lined sheet pan. Let cool, then store in airtight containers. Makes 14 cups.

Recipe courtesy Emeril Lagasse, 2004.

Butterscotch Chocolate Chip Cookie Pie

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1 1/4 cups Honey Bunches of Oats (or old fashioned oats)
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter (preferably Plugra), softened
3/4 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 eggs
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 cup butterscotch chips

Preheat oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit. Spray a 9-inch pie tin with vegetable-oil cooking spray; set aside. combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, oats, and salt in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla in large mixer bowl. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition; gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in chocolate and butterscotch chips. Press 3 cups of dough into prepared pan. Bake until edges are golden and center is almost firm to touch, 40 to 45 minutes. Let cool at least 20 minutes and remove from pan. You'll have enough cookie dough to make about ten more cookies, or to freeze for when your next cookie dough craving strikes.

Adapted from Nestle Tollhouse Chocolate Chip Cookies Recipe.

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TECH PREVIEW

iPod nano slimmer, lighter than original

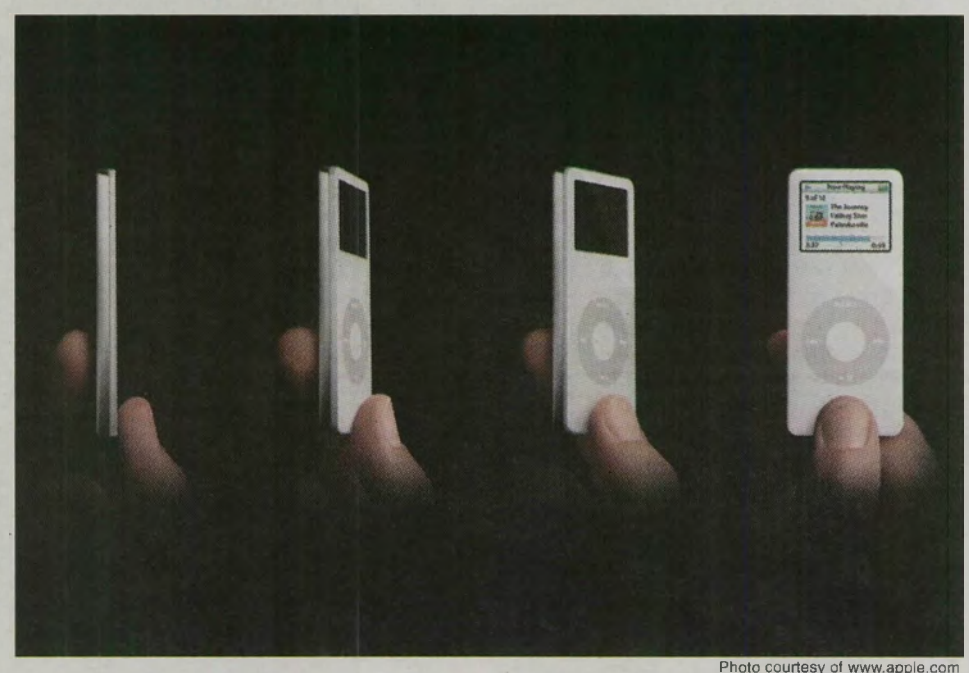

Photo courtesy of www.apple.com

The iPod nano features a color screen, up to 14 hours of battery life and has a wide range of accessories. It is capable of holding photos along with music.

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Editor

Apple's advertising juggernaut used a simple, undeniable phrase to turn the iPod into a cultural and consumer sensation: 1,000 songs in the palm of your hand.

Last week, the company took another giant step ahead of its competitors, offering up the latest gadget in the growing line of iPod portable digital music players — the iPod nano.

Impossibly small (as the ad campaign insists), the newest iPod incarnation is both appropriately named and a technological marvel.

The iPod has been on top of the digital music hill for so long that critics have raised concerns about Apple becoming complacent with its trademark brand. The recent release of the iPod shuffle hasn't helped matters. Although it was touted by Apple for its miniature size, taking up the same space as a pack of chewing gum, not all buyers were impressed. Essentially a memory stick with a play button, the shuffle model did little to push the envelope for functionality.

iPod nano

Manufacurer: Apple
Dimensions: .27 inches wide and weights 1.5 ounces
Price: 2GB and 4GB models starting at $199

Enter the iPod nano. Apple wisely chose to apply all the stylized features that made the original iPod and iPod mini models so successful. The iPod nano is smaller than a business card and thinner than a No. 2 pencil. Essentially, it's an ultra-slim version of the 20 and 40 Gigabyte (GB) iPod models, forced into an appliance that can be twirled in between a person's fingers.

The click wheel, a staple feature for previous iPod models, has been applied to the nano as well. Featuring a color screen, previously only available in the most recent iPod models, and a battery life maxing out at 14 hours, the nano is the latest whiz creation from a company that has made the iPod its bread and butter product.

The color screen is an especially nice touch for the nano. Not only does it beautify the overall aesthetic nature of the model, but it allows album art to be shown on-screen during music playback. And as an added bonus, users can take entire digital photograph collections with them. Up to 25,000 photos can be housed in the nano's tiny package.

While a few aesthetic and functional changes have been made to the iPod nano, most of the features are familiar to current iPod owners. The headphone port has been moved to the bottom of the unit, leaving the tiny hold button on the top face of the nano.

But a few fun gimmicks have been thrown into the mix that are exclusive to this model. A stopwatch feature has been added, letting users keep track of run or lap times. Finally there's a new Screen Lock feature, letting owners lock the iPod contents with a four-digit code, deterring prowlers from discovering socially embarrassing songs.

The iPod nano comes in two different sizes — 2 GB and 4 GB — and lets buyers pick between two available colors, black or white.

Deciding on a starting price of $199, Apple has carefully maneuvered the nano to fill the void vacated by the iPod mini, a model the company discontinued to create more market space for the latest iPod manifestation. In terms of price, functionality and size, the nano trumps many of the features that made the iPod mini so popular. This prompted Steve Jobs, Apple's chairman, to confidently proclaim the nano as "the biggest revolution since the original iPod" during his introduction of the new product.

Recently, there have been rumors circulating in the music industry that Apple was planning a new generation of iPod players, capable of storing and playing video files. But while iPod fanatics will continue to wait for that leap in portable entertainment, the nano gives musicphiles plenty of reasons to rejoice.

A smaller, sleeker device, the iPod nano will further cement Apple's deserved stranglehold on the portable music battleground. It's only appropriate that the product responsible for rejuvenating an entire company continues to be the pinnacle of cool functionality.

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IRISH INSIDER

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Not since Lou

Weis, Notre Dame take Big House 12 years after Holtz's Irish last invaded

By KATE GALES
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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The 111,386 spectators packed into Michigan Stadium Saturday were silenced with an efficient opening drive orchestrated by Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn and kept quiet by an aggressive Irish defense. No. 20 Notre Dame never trailed on its way to a 17-10 victory over No. 3 Michigan, and the Irish won in Ann Arbor for the first time since 1993.

The Associated Press now has Notre Dame ranked No. 10 in its most recent poll.

"I wanted to take the crowd out of the game," Irish coach Charlie Weis said of the opening drive. "You'll notice this was a no-huddle offense, but this was not a hurry-up offense. ... It was just so that we could take the noise out of the game."

The last time Notre Dame beat Michigan in Ann Arbor was on Sept. 11, 1993, when then-head coach Lou Holtz guided the Irish to a 27-23 win.

Quinn noticed a difference in the stadium's noise level from his last visit in 2003, which resulted in a 38-0 Wolverine drubbing of the Irish.

"Somehow it didn't seem as loud, and I think that had something to do with the way we came out," he said.

The 12-play opening drive, which didn't use a third down and was run without a huddle until the final scoring play, set the tone for the game — although the Irish would score just one field goal in the second half. As the Irish offense slowed its output, the defense stepped up against a potentially explosive Michigan team that never found the end zone until late in the fourth quarter.

"Everyone had this game pegged down as an offensive team versus an offensive team," Weis said. "I told those guys this morning, you never know how the game is going to be played."

With a 17-3 score in the fourth quarter, the Irish were far from secure in their lead. Michigan nearly cut the lead to seven in the fourth quarter after cornerback Ambrose Wooden forced Jason Avant out of bounds at Notre Dame's 1-yard line after a 54-yard reception.

As the crowd anticipated the Wolverines' first touchdown, Irish defensive tackle Brian Beidatsch forced a Henne fumble on second down. Free safety Chinedum Ndukwe recovered it for a touchback and ran out of the pile holding the ball high.

TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Wide receiver Rhema McKnight celebrates after scoring a touchdown on the game's opening drive Saturday. Brady Quinn threw two touchdowns in a 17-10 Irish victory at Michigan Stadium.

Though the referees initially ruled that Michigan retained possession, instant replay determined Henne had fumbled.

"I knew [Ndukwe] had it," Weis said. "I knew that he was in the end zone. So I'm saying that's a touchback. And I'm yelling to [the officials], saying that's our ball, it's a touchback."

The call went in favor of the Irish, and the Wolverines failed to get into the end zone in a game that saw them convert 0-of-3 attempts in the red zone — all three situations coming in the second half.

Henne finally found the end zone with a 25-yard pass to Mario Manningham with 3:47 on the clock. But the Irish defense stifled any Wolverine hopes, forcing a turnover on downs after a Notre Dame punt.

Notre Dame's defense began the second half with a forced turnover, as well. Strong safety Tommy Zbikowski intercepted Henne at the Notre Dame 1-yard line, ending a 14-play Michigan drive and returning the ball to the Notre Dame 28.

"That interception down close, that was a critical play of the game," Weis said. "There was a lot of momentum and that interception just changed the whole momentum back and just got the game back under control."

Michigan nearly regained that momentum after a Darius Walker fumble in the fourth quarter. The Wolverines had the ball on the Notre Dame 5-yard line, but an Irish defensive stand forced Michigan to turn the ball over on downs.

Defense was key to the Notre Dame victory, but Weis was careful to credit to special teams and the offense as well.

"I don't look at it just one aspect of the team," Weis said. "I'm proud of the way the defense stepped up today. The special teams were challenged with [Michigan returner Steve] Breaston and they stepped up today."

Quinn went 19-for-30 with 140 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. Irish running back Darius Walker led all rushers with 104 yards on 26 carries and added five receptions for 22 yards.

On the Michigan side of the ball, Henne completed 19-of-44 passes for 233 yards and Kevin Grady rushed for a career-high 79 yards after starting running back Mike Hart left with a hamstring injury in the first half.

Notre Dame wide receiver Rhema McKnight, who left in the first half with a knee injury, caught Quinn's first touchdown pass during the game's opening drive. Late in the second quarter, Jeff Samardzija snagged a pass from Quinn via a tip by Michigan linebacker Chris Graham.

Earlier in the second quarter, Wolverines kicker Garrett Rivas nailed a 38-yard field goal to put Michigan on the board.

Despite a second-half barrage from the Michigan offense, the much-maligned Irish defense was able to keep the lead for the rest of the game. After the Wolverines gave up the ball on downs with 1:52 to play, time expired and the battered defense could finally relish the moment, as the noise came from ecstatic pockets of Notre Dame fans in the Big House.

"That's some big time hitting going on out there — it was an extremely physical game," Quinn said. "We were fortunate where our defense was doing the majority of the hitting."

Saturday's 17-10 decision was only the seventh home loss for Michigan head coach Lloyd Carr over his 11-year career.

"I'm proud of the team, I'm proud of the coaching staff, I'm proud of the players," Weis said. "This is a tough place to win. We came in here and walked out of here with a 'W' — we've got to be happy."

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player of the game

Tom Zbikowski

The strong safety was a threat as a defender and a returner on Saturday, notching nine tackles, an interception right in front of the Irish goal line and a 17-yard punt return.

stat of the game

2 to 0

Notre Dame's red zone offensive efficiency (2 for 2) compared to Michigan's (0 for 3).

play of the game

Chinedum Ndukwe's fumble recovery

Ndukwe prevented Michigan from scoring early in the fourth quarter when he recovered Henne's fumble at the Irish 1-yard line.

quote of the game

"Our whole motto ... is that we're going to have 11 people flying to the ball, and I think that's how they are playing."

Charlie Weis
Irish coach

report card

B **quarterbacks:** Quinn looked nervous and fidgety in the pocket at times and missed several open receivers. But he didn't throw an interception and took care of the football.

B- **running backs:** Walker had 26 carries for 104 yards, fumbling once, but was stifled by the Michigan defense most of the day. Powers-Neal and Schwapp helped wear down the Wolverine line.

A- **receivers:** The receivers ran crisp routes and Samardzija made another spectacular touchdown catch. McKnight also scored, while Fasano made several key third-down grabs.

B- **offensive line:** The unit surrendered three sacks and the rushing game was slow. But they were able to hold their own against a very athletic Wolverine defensive line.

A **defensive line:** The line held Michigan running backs Hart and Grady to 83 yards rushing. It batted down five Henne passes and sacked the Michigan quarterback twice.

A- **linebackers:** Hoyte and Mays combined for 20 tackles and pressured Henne all game. Crum Jr. continued to improve, tallying five tackles.

A- **defensive backs:** The group held Breaston to just one catch for nine yards and Henne threw only one touchdown. Zbikowski made a key interception on the Notre Dame 1-yard line.

B+ **special teams:** The coverage units were able to keep Breaston from slipping through for a big play. Fitzpatrick's field goal was wobbly, but good.

A **coaching:** The Irish came into the Big House and gave Lloyd Carr only the seventh home loss of his career. Though it was a sloppy game, Weis had the team ready to pull off the upset.

3.40 **overall:** The Irish weren't intimidated by the Wolverines and outplayed the nation's No. 3 team on their own field. The play wasn't always pretty, but the result was.

adding up the numbers

2 Number of times officials overturned calls based on instant replay — both in Notre Dame's favor.

1918 Knute Rockne's first year as coach. Weis joined him as the only ND coaches to begin their careers with two road wins.

17 Number of first downs for the Irish — 14 in the first half.

3 Michigan's rank when they lost to Notre Dame in 1993. The Irish did not defeat a top-3 opponent again until Saturday.

7 Number of home losses for Wolverines head coach Lloyd Carr in his 11-year career at Michigan. Carr is 8-11-1 overall against the Irish.

31 Consecutive quarters in which the Irish had not given up a fumble. The streak ended Saturday with Walker's fourth-quarter fumble.

0 Number of third downs Notre Dame needed on the 12 plays of its first scoring drive.

2-2 Notre Dame's productivity in the red-zone, scoring two touchdowns. Michigan was 0-3 inside the 20-yard line.

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Irish players, led by center Bob Morton (76) and defensive tackle Trevor Laws (98) salute the student section after their 17-10 upset victory in Michigan Stadium. The heated rivalry between Notre Dame and Michigan led to high tensions in 2003's 38-0 loss, which the Irish avenged on Saturday.

Fulfilling the Irish potential

Mike Gilloon

Sports Editor

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — This is what he came back for. This is why he left his East Coast roots to return to his Midwestern alma mater. This is why he left the Patriot powerhouse he built with Bill Belichick and Tom Brady and the job security he had earned.

Charlie Weis came back to beat Michigan.

Michigan and all the other schools who have bullied Notre Dame around the past few years on the college football playground, taking its bowl money but never its potential. The Notre Dame potential — its tradition, its spirit, its financial power — was always right there, stuffed in its back pocket. No one could take it. Notre Dame just needed to realize what it had.

Weis knows what he has — and it has nothing to do with offense.

His best weapon — the reason the Irish are 2-0 — is defense.

An Irish defense that lost the memo informing it of its inexperience, its lack of talent, its knack for giving up four touchdown passes to Oregon State.

Well, Tom Zbikowski might have received that memo. But he probably ripped it up, or at least knocked the messenger around. The Irish strong safety, who was compared to a kamikaze pilot by defensive coordinator Rick Minter last week, helped knock the Wolverines out. He stuck his helmet in the chest of every Maize and Blue receiver in his sight Saturday. And his interception at the Irish 1-yard line early in the third quarter let Notre Dame breathe easier.

A coach can only do so much. Weis may be one of the best offensive minds in the sport, but he needs an enforcer, a fighter, a competitor like Zbikowski to grind out a win.

And Zbikowski loves it — the attention, the rush, the feeling of stopping one of the nation's best teams on the biggest home turf of all.

"Coming into the Big House and getting a win, it's just unbelievable," Zbikowski said. "I'm just happy we won."

This was supposed to be a game of offense, a nationally televised opportunity for Henne and Quinn to show off their talent; another chance for Weis to cement his reputation as an offensive wizard.

The Notre Dame potential — its tradition, its spirit, its financial power — was always right there, stuffed in its back pocket. No one could take it.

But, as usual, this Michigan-Notre Dame clash was anything but predictable.

The offense, besides an opening touchdown drive as smooth as a Don Henley tune, struggled against a gritty Michigan defense.

Quinn looked jittery, his timing slow. And the Michigan defense was too fast, too talented, too good for the Irish signal-caller to have an off day and still be successful.

Paging the defense.

Linebackers Brandon Hoyte and Corey Mays joined Zbikowski in smacking the Wolverines and saving the day for Notre Dame.

Chinedum Ndukwe showed a Shane Walton-like sense for the football, and Maurice Crum Jr. showed poise in his first year as a starter.

Notre Dame couldn't have asked for any more. The offensive success overall, with ten starters and Darius Walker returning, is no surprise.

The defense is what had Irish fans buying extra bottles of Tums before the season started. Don't put them away yet — some guy named Pete Carroll is bringing a pretty good team to South Bend next month.

However, Zbikowski and friends have already exceeded expectations and aren't planning on a letdown.

With Michigan State visiting Saturday, Weis will do everything he can to prevent a mental lapse that seems possible considering the hype his rejuvenated program is receiving.

The Spartans are one of those teams that have bullied the Irish around in the last decade. They've won the past four contests in Notre Dame Stadium — reason enough to give Notre Dame heartburn.

The Irish are the stronger squad and should win on paper. But this game, just like Saturday at Michigan, could turn ugly.

That's fine for this defense.

They like to be the bully.

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Mays, linebackers step up at UM

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Corey Mays leapt over a Michigan defensive lineman, crashed into the backfield and hassled Wolverine quarterback Chad Henne.

After four years in a reserve role, the Irish senior linebacker was having fun — and establishing himself as a leader of an unexpectedly stout defense — during Notre Dame's win over Michigan Saturday.

"It's the Michigan-Notre Dame game," Mays said. "How much fun can it get?"

Well, fun for Mays at least.

He recorded eight tackles, broke up two passes and teamed with fellow senior linebacker Brandon Hoyte to make Henne's day not so happy.

The Wolverines' sophomore quarterback was 19-of-44 for 223 yards with one touchdown. Notre Dame sacked him twice.

Irish coach Charlie Weis said Mays fell sick during the game and needed to be replaced by freshman Scott Smith for several plays. However, the sickness didn't sideline him for a significant amount of time.

This is Mays' first season as a starter and the first time he saw significant action against Michigan.

The fifth-year player has spent his previous four seasons playing mostly on special teams though he did start the 2003 Washington State game.

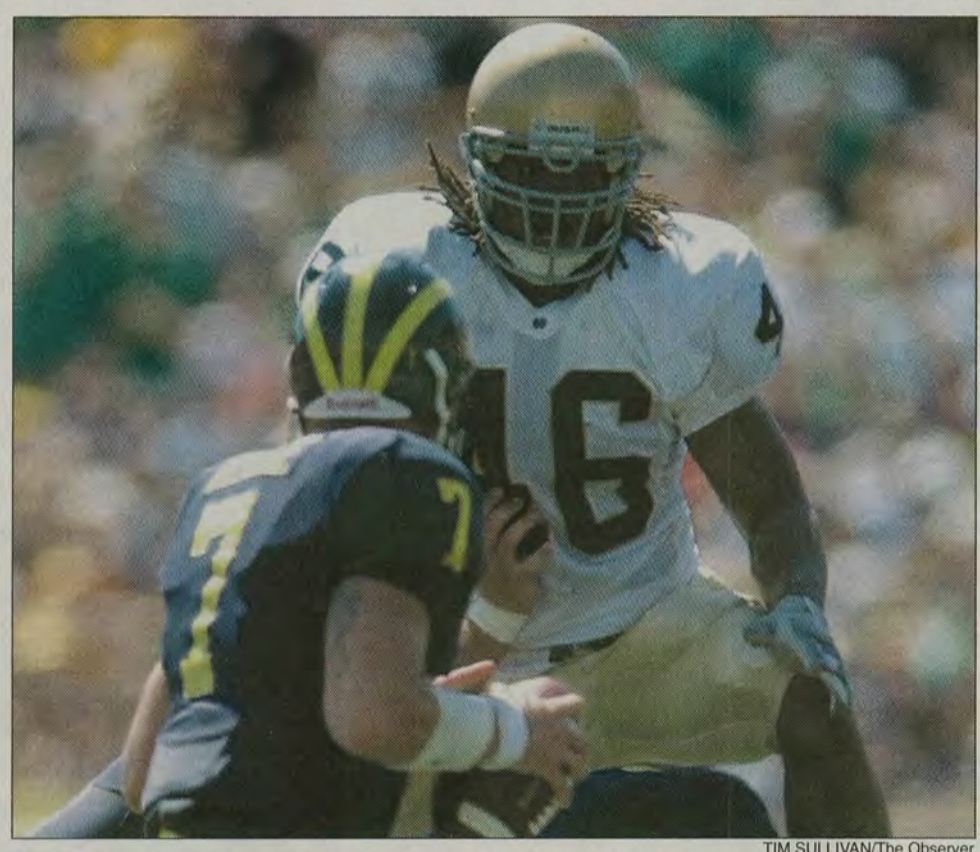
Mays' teammates are impressed with his vocal leadership, especially in May's first season as a major contributor to the defense.

As linebackers, Mays and Hoyte are like quarterbacks of the defense, responsible for making sure each player is in proper position before the snap.

"[Mays and Hoyte] are playing great. I couldn't be happier," Irish defensive tackle Derek Landri said. "They're getting us our calls on our defense. It's really call-oriented, and they're doing a good job."

Mays, a former Chicago (Morgan Park) standout, assisted on three tackles against the Wolverines during Notre Dame's 28-20 win in 2004.

He was also on the field shortly in 2003 at Michigan Stadium when the Wolverines demolished the Irish 38-0.



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Linebacker Corey Mays hurdles over the Michigan offensive line to reach Wolverines quarterback Chad Henne, who was under pressure all game.

With so many of the same Irish players suiting up Saturday as in 2003, Mays was unsure how to attribute the different outcome.

"I really can't tell you what's different," Mays said. "We just made some more plays [Saturday] really."

Hoyte made many of those plays while recording a team-high 12 tackles.

However, as a team captain with 15 career starts under his belt heading into 2005, Hoyte is doing what's expected.

Meanwhile, Mays himself is one of the reasons for the dramatic change from the 2003 game.

He blitzed often Saturday, disrupting the timing of Henne and helped hold the Wolverine running back tandem of Mike Hart and Kevin Grady to a total of 83 yards in a game many expected to be high-scoring.

"We really didn't know what to expect in any game so you just have to come prepared," Mays said. "That's why we practice all types of different situations — so we can come prepared."

With this early-season success, both for the Irish and personally for Mays, the potential for overconfidence is high.

But Mays believes it's his duty to keep his younger teammates hungry and prepared.

"I feel [Hoyte and I] are leaders on this team," Mays said. "It really has to stay consistent each week. You know we can't come out and be a one-week wonder. You just have to take it one game at a time. Each week is a different week so trying to get a big head is really not the thing to do."

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Team adjusts to game use of instant replay

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Two of the most important decisions in the game didn't even happen on the field. Instant replay was an important factor, overturning two key calls in favor of the Irish.

In the fourth quarter, Chinedum Ndukwe's goal-line fumble recovery for a touchback was initially ruled as a recovery for the Wolverines. Later that quarter, what was first called a fumble by Brady Quinn was overturned as the officials ruled he was down.

Weis' experience as an offensive coordinator in the NFL accustomed him to a slightly different set of rules on the replay, which is not used in the pros unless a coach challenges the call. College rules dictate no coach can challenge a call. An official in a booth reviews every play and determines if a replay is necessary.

"The one time I really thought was ridiculous is when they're told — and I'm talking about the last one when [Quinn] was down — they're told to err on the side of safety because they have replay," Weis said.

He pointed out that college referees can rely on replays for backup on any call.

"[The officials] told me right then [after the call] that because they have instant replay they're told to make that call in that way because they know it can be corrected upstairs," Weis said. "Whereas that's not the rule that I've been used to dealing with."

Quinn's play was evidence that instant replay could play a significant role in the outcome of college football games.

"The tough thing is, there's still a couple of calls where I feel like there should have been instant replay ... there's still a lot of tough issues regarding that on both sides of the ball, I'm sure," Quinn said.

Notes

◆ McKnight injured

Rhema McKnight appeared to injure his knee on a passing play from Brady Quinn in the first half. McKnight left the game and was seen in street clothes at the end.

"They said at halftime, they said they were going to go do an MRI on him," Weis said. "I mean I'll have to wait and find out. But obviously it was something where he couldn't come back in the second half, you know — the severity of it."

Weis said at his noon press conference Sunday he would meet with his staff to discuss injuries at 1:20 P.M. He was, therefore, not able to comment further on McKnight's status.

◆ Michigan Stadium win streak snapped

Saturday's loss marked the first home loss for Michigan in 16 games. Their last home loss was on Sept. 12, 1998, in a 38-28 decision to Syracuse. It is only the seventh home loss for Wolverines coach Lloyd Carr in his 11-year career as head coach.

◆ Walker runs past century mark — again

Darius Walker, Notre Dame's versatile running back, reached the 100-yard milestone for the second consecutive game on Saturday. This is the first time Walker has rushed for over 100 yards in consecutive games, after posting exactly 100 yards (and two touchdowns) against Pittsburgh last week.

Walker rushed for 115 yards in his collegiate debut against Michigan last season in Notre Dame Stadium, also scoring two touchdowns. He added 112 yards against Pittsburgh last season.

"I thought Darius ran hard," Weis said. "He got a lot of extra yards for us."

◆ Top-3 drought over

The game was the first time the Irish have defeated a top-3 opponent since defeating No. 3 Michigan in 1993. That was also the last year the Irish won in Michigan Stadium. Current Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter was also Notre Dame's defensive coordinator during that win.

◆ Compared to the Rock

Weis entered the record books with the victory as only the second Irish coach to win consecutive opening road games in his first year. The first was Knute Rockne in 1918.

But Weis wasn't looking for comparisons to the legendary Irish coach.

"I'm really happy for our kids right now," Weis said. "They're starting to figure it out. And that's two weeks in a row now. That's a really happy locker room, and they deserve it."

◆ Captains

Saturday's captains were Brady Quinn on offense, Brandon Hoyte on defense and Casey Cullen on special teams.

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	7	7	0	3	17
Michigan	0	3	0	7	10

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, Michigan 0
- Rhema McKnight 5-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 12:02 remaining (D.J. Fitzpatrick kick)
- Drive: 12 plays, 76 yards, 2:58 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 7, Michigan 3
- Garrett Rivas 38-yard field goal with 14:04 remaining
- Drive: 5 plays, 35 yards, 1:15 elapsed

Notre Dame 14, Michigan 3
- Jeff Samardzija 5-yard reception from Quinn with 4:24 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick)
- Drive: 12 plays, 72 yards, 4:25 elapsed

Third quarter

No points scored

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 17, Michigan 3
- Fitzpatrick 43-yard field goal with 14:11 remaining
- Drive: 4 plays, 8 yards, 1:21 elapsed

Notre Dame 17, Michigan 10
- Mario Manningham 25-yard reception from Chad Henne with 3:47 remaining (Garrett Rivas kick)
- Drive: 5 plays, 50 yards, 0:37 elapsed

statistics

ND		Michigan
44-104	rushes-yards	29-114
19-30-0	comp-att-int	19-44-1
9-371	punts-yards	8-330
3-1	fumbles-lost	3-1
4-21	penalties-yards	4-28
17	first downs	15

passing

Quinn	19-30-0	Henne	19-44-1

rushing

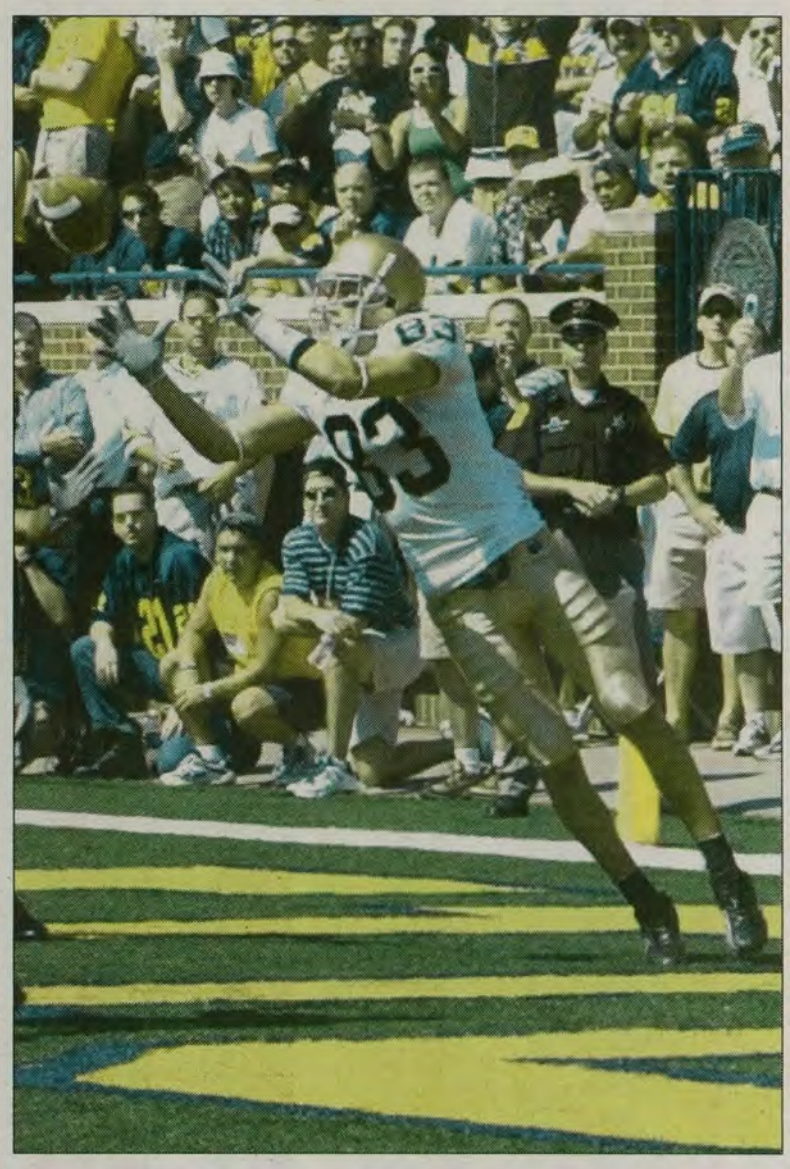
Walker	26-104	Grady	18-79
Powers-Neal	6-19	Breaston	2-34
Schwapp	2-8	Hart	3-4
McKnight	1-(-7)	Jackson	1-4
Quinn	7-(-16)	Henne	4-(-3)

receiving

Walker	5-22	Ecker	7-74
Samardzija	4-52	Avant	5-90
Fasano	4-18	Dutch	2-16
McKnight	2-18	Massey	2-3
Stovall	2-17	Manningham	1-25
Powers-Neal	1-9	Breaston	1-9
Shelton	1-4	Thompson	1-6

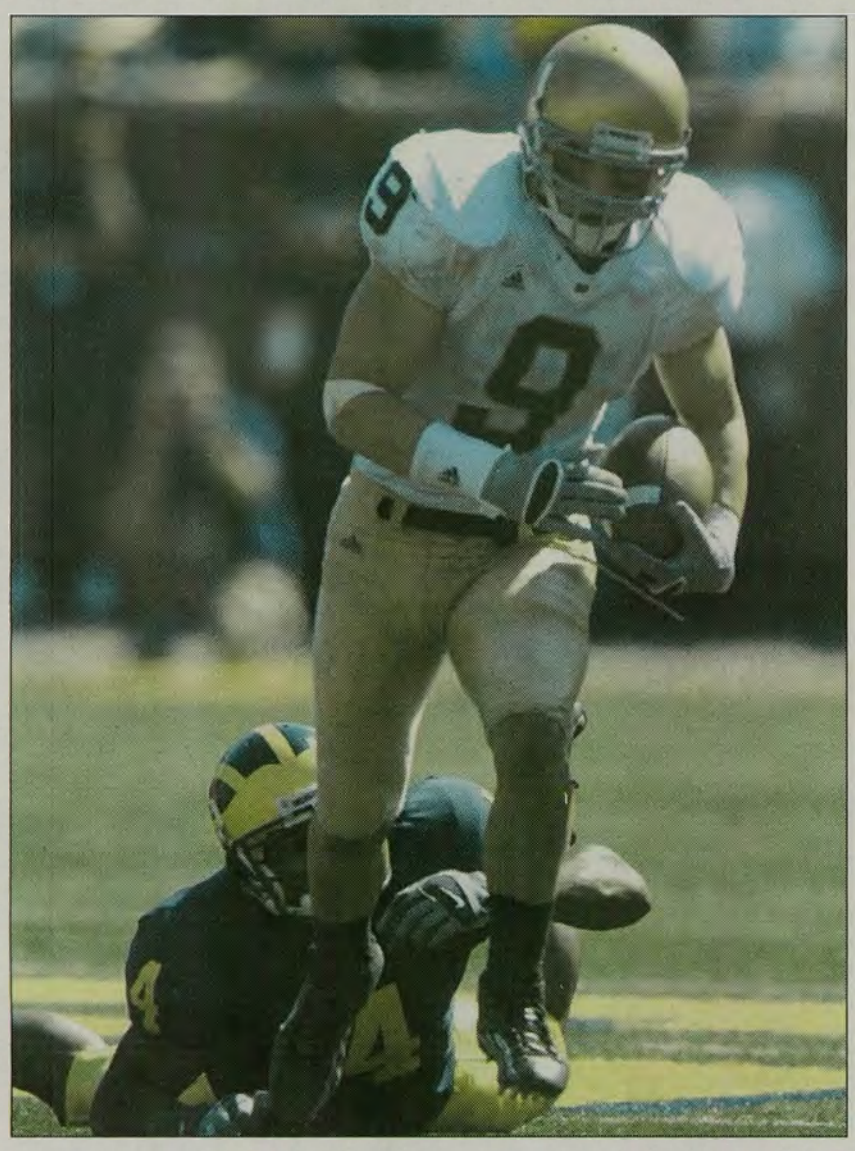
tackling

Hoyte	12	Mason	16
Zbikowski	9	Graham	9
Mays	8	Burgess	8
Wooden	5	Harris	8
Richardson	5	Englemon	6
Crum Jr.	5	Woodley	5
Ndukwe	4	Barringer	4
Lambert	2	Hall	4
Thomas, T.	2	Massey	3
Talley	2	Trent	3
Laws	1	Watson	3



Defensive spectacular

A game expected to showcase two high-octane offenses instead turned into a scrappy defensive battle. Safeties Tom Zbikowski and Chinedum Ndukwe each came up with critical turnovers along the Irish goal line. Brady Quinn kept his cool while evading a heavy Michigan blitz, and Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis drew comparisons to Irish legend Knute Rockne by winning his first two games on the road. The Irish beat Michigan at the Big House for the first time in 12 years and vaulted themselves into the Associated Press top ten with the victory.



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Coach Charlie Weis argues with an official, top left. Jeff Samardzija comes down with his second-quarter touchdown, top right. Trevor Laws hits Michigan quarterbak Chad Henne, middle right. Chinedum Ndukwe (18) celebrates his fumble recovery, bottom right, and Tom Zbikowski takes off on a punt return.

CONCERT REVIEW

Classic country sounds featured at concert

New bands add flair to Michiana radiostation's anniversary celebration

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When you're heading to a show where the schedule of events includes a listing that tells what time the Miller Lite Beer Garden opens, you can't be exactly sure what to expect.

On Sunday, the St. Joseph County Fair Grounds threw open its gates to country fans of all ages and walks of life. To celebrate its 11th birthday, Michiana's top country station, B100.7 held its annual birthday party. There were quite a few give-away events on and around Notre Dame's campus in the past week, but only a few students were spotted in the crowd that filled the Centennial Wireless Festival Park.

Like every other country concert in the U.S., a wide range of people braved the heat and came out for the show. The group ranged from girls wearing J. Crew cowboy hats to old men sporting tattooed arms and real Stetsons.

This varied fan base that makes country music what it is today. It is a genre of music that addresses many serious issues, such as the terrorist attacks that happened four years ago, but also manages to keep things light with songs about hillbillies, cowboys and the comforts of the South.

The performers at the concert included up and coming acts such as Jason Aldean, Hot Apple Pie and Shooter Jennings, as well as veteran country men Pat Green and the headliner, Tracy Lawrence.

In the opening acts, it was obvious that new sounds are coming out of today's country music. Singers and their bands are beginning to pull away from the "pop-country" hybrid that has propelled the industry in recent years. Although some of the sounds coming from the stage during the concert were different than the audience was used to hearing, they seemed to be a welcome change.

Jason Aldean, a young singer raised in Georgia, was one of the first performs to hit the stage. He reached a low point in 2003 when he lost his recording contract and almost gave up on the music industry, but has been slowly inching his way up through the Nashville music scene since then. It wasn't until he released his song "Hicktown" that he became a popular name in country music. The crowd at the concert today definitely showed him support by singing along to every word of the catchy song.

Photo courtesy of www.hotapplepie.net

The band Hot Apple Pie formed in 2002 and plays music that doesn't mix country with pop. The band had a hit this past summer with its song, "Hillbillies."

The band Hot Apple Pie seems to be making great strides in the area of "country groups." This band knows how to play real country, and they aren't afraid to show it. Unlike some of the other fairly new male country groups in the music industry today, such as Rascal Flatts and Emerson Drive, there isn't a hint of pop in their country twang (not that there's anything wrong with pop country).

Hot Apple Pie was formed by lead singer Brady Seals in 2002. All of the band's members, which include Seals, Sparky Matejka, Keith Horne and Trey Landry, have had past experience in groups of their own, or in touring and performing with other country greats, such as Waylon Jennings, Trisha Yearwood, Charlie Daniels and Lonestar. Seals was a member of the band Little Texas before he began to formulate plans for Hot Apple Pie.

The band chose their unique name because, as Seals said, "it means so many things. It means home, it means comfort, it means country, it means rock 'n' roll. And it's so American."

The band's self-titled debut album was released this past summer and includes the fun summer-time hit, "Hillbillies." Although this is a great song, it was not the best one that could be heard from the stage as the band played at the B100 concert Sunday. "Annabelle" was a great southern ballad that had the crowd swaying, and everyone seemed to enjoy the bouncing sounds of "We're Making Up."

The most interesting act at the concert may have been the son of famed country legend Waylon Jennings While he is the son of a country legend, Shooter Jennings did not begin his music career in country music. He instead has slowly made his way from Rock 'n' Roll back to the music of his roots. After playing with a band called Stargunn for many years in Los Angeles, Calif., Jennings decided to turn his career around and work on the music that made him the happiest — true, old-school country. With a band he calls the 357s, he has recently released his first full-length country album, titled "Put the 'O' back in Country."

That is exactly what Jennings wants to do. Some of the most descriptive lyrics in the song by the same name include "I'm rollin' like a freight train, comin' straight at you / I'm playin' hillbilly music, like I was born to do / You know, it ain't country music you've been listenin' to."

With tons of great new music being showcased like it was in South Bend this past weekend, country fans definitely don't need to worry about the future of their favorite radio stations. The sounds may be evolving, but there's something about country music and the dedication of its fans that will never change.

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Jason Aldean is one of the up-and-coming country acts that contributed the B100.7 birthday concert. The Georgia native is known for his distinctive voice.

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Shooter Jennings, son of country legend Waylon Jennings, performed at Sunday's concert. He performed rock music before returning to his country music roots.

MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Johnson leads Yanks in classic over Red Sox

Lackey, Angels roll over White Sox; Rogers, Rangers top Oakland

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Randy Johnson glared at Johnny Damon, sending an early message. The Big Unit muttered when plate umpire Derryl Cousins didn't give him calls and tapped his glove on his chest after strikeouts.

Pumping fastballs at up to 99 mph and sliders that darted down, he put together his best performance of the season, and did it against the Red Sox with the Yankees desperately needing a win to stay in contention in the AL East.

Johnson gave up one hit — a soft single at that — in stifling Boston over seven innings. Jason Giambi homered off Tim Wakefield in the first on a curveball that just stayed fair, and Tom Gordon and Mariano Rivera staved off the Red Sox in a 1-0 victory Sunday.

"That's the pitcher that everybody expected, and that's the pitcher that I'd expected," said Johnson, who improved to 4-0 against the Red Sox this season.

After the teams exchanged sloppy wins — 8-4 by New York on Friday and 9-2 by Boston on Saturday — they played nine crisp and tense innings. Wakefield pitched a three-hitter, and the Yankees allowed just three hits. New York had not beaten the Red Sox 1-0 on a homer since Roy White connected off Jose Santiago on May 11, 1968, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Seeking its eighth straight AL East title, New York moved within three games of the first-place Red Sox with three weeks left. The Yankees began the day 1 1/2 games behind Cleveland in the wild-card race.

"The big thing was not coming in here and getting swept," Boston's Doug Mirabelli said.

Do the Yankees have a shot to overtake the Red Sox?

"Sure we have," owner George Steinbrenner said.

Pitching one day after his 42nd birthday and on the fourth anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks, Johnson (14-8) struck out eight and walked two on an afternoon filled with brilliant sunshine.

Rangers 7, Athletics 4

Winning two out of three isn't good enough for the Oakland Athletics when they are running out of games.

Mark Teixeira hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer that made him the major league RBI leader and the Texas Rangers avoided a three-game sweep with their victory Sunday that dropped Oakland to third place in the AL wild-card chase.

"We're trying to win as much as we can. This one's going to hurt a little bit because the next two series are going to be really important," said Oakland shortstop Marco Scutaro, who had a two-run double and a solo homer. "We're just trying to win every game. We don't have much time left."

Oakland (79-63) had won three straight, but lost for the seventh time in 11 games overall. The A's began the day tied with New York at 1 1/2 games behind wild-card leader Cleveland, but the Yankees beat Boston. And Oakland dropped two games behind AL West-leading Los Angeles after the Angels beat the White Sox.

Angels 6, White Sox 1

Chone Figgins got the Los Angeles Angels off to a powerful start Sunday.

Figgins hit a leadoff homer off Orlando Hernandez, and Garret Anderson and Darin Erstad added solo shots in the first to give the Angels a quick three-run lead in a victory over the Chicago White Sox.

"That's my job, to try and get on base," said Figgins, who hit his third career leadoff homer, all this season. "I'm not used to doing things like that."

John Lackey pitched seven shutout innings and the Angels completed the three-game sweep.

Figgins had a sacrifice fly in the second and stole his 50th base in the eighth.

"We just got pitches to hit and we didn't miss them," Figgins said. "When you get pitches to hit, you can't miss them. We put the ball in play hard today."

Vladimir Guerrero hit his 29th homer in the eighth to help the Angels win their fourth straight game, all on the road. After Friday's 6-5 win in extra innings, Los Angeles outscored the White Sox 16-6 in the last two games. The Angels came into the game 10th in the AL in home runs.

Devil Rays 6, Blue Jays 5

Travis Lee hit a tying infield single with two outs in the ninth, then drove in the winning run on an 11th-inning grounder to help the Tampa Bay Devil Rays rally for a victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Sunday.

Joey Gathright had a leadoff single against Scott Schoeneweis (3-4) in the 11th. Gathright went to second on Aubrey Huff's grounder before stealing third. Lee then hit a grounder to first, but the speedy Gathright beat Shea Hillenbrand's throw to the plate.

Tampa Bay right fielder Damon Hollins kept the game tied with a running catch on Russ Adams' drive near the wall in the top of the 11th. Eric Hinske, who was on first after drawing a walk, was doubled off to end the inning.

Travis Harper (3-6) threw two scoreless innings for the win. The Devil Rays avoided a three-game sweep and moved to 32-23 since the All-Star break.

Blue Jays starter Gustavo Chacin allowed three runs and five hits in 7 2-3 innings, nearly improving to 4-0 in four starts against Tampa Bay this year. He struck out a career-high seven and walked one.

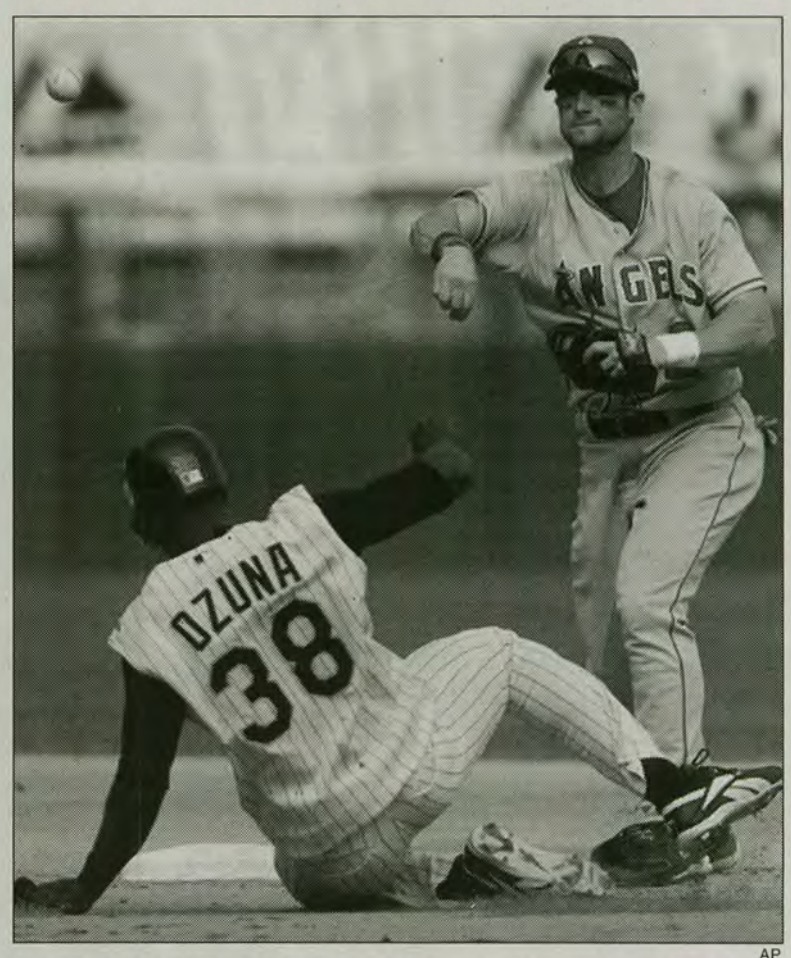
Jason Frasor got the final out in the eighth but Miguel Batista allowed two runs in the ninth for his seventh blown save in 34 opportunities.

Huff hit an RBI grounder off Batista to get Tampa Bay to 5-4. Lee tied it with a two-out infield single, a high chopper to first that Hillenbrand failed to field cleanly.

The Devil Rays improved to 4-76 when trailing after eight innings.

Hillenbrand's RBI double off Chad Orvella broke a 3-all tie in the eighth. Aaron Hill made it 5-3 with a sacrifice fly.

Tampa Bay starter Casey Fossum gave up three runs — two earned — and five hits in seven innings.



AP

Los Angeles Angels' second baseman Adam Kennedy, right, throws after forcing out Chicago White Sox runner Pablo Ozuna in the eighth inning of the Angels' 6-1 Sunday.

AP

New York Yankees fans hold a flag taped in tribute to fallen firefighters as they stand side-by-side with Boston Red Sox fans during the singing of "God Bless America" in the seventh-inning stretch on the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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GOLF

United States prevails, reclaims Solheim Cup

19-year old Creamer leads the Americans

Associated Press

CARMEL, Ind. — Juli Inkster saw flags waving, heard chants of "U-S-A" and felt a lump in her throat on the practice range, the intensity building before the first match Sunday in the Solheim Cup.

She gathered all the American players she could find. With their hands together in a collective fist, they broke huddle with a shout that carried them to victory and kept their record perfect on home soil.

"FINISH!"

"That was our key phrase," Paula Creamer said. "They don't remember how you start, but how you finish."

Creamer made sure the start sent a message just as powerful.

The United States won back the Solheim Cup and picked up a new star along the way — Creamer, the 19-year-old rookie who all but guaranteed victory and then backed it up with a crushing win over Laura Davies that set the tone for an American rout in singles.

The finish turned out to be anticlimactic. The only match that reached the 18th hole was the last one, when Rosie Jones earned a halve with Suzann Pettersen. All that did was provide a final score for posterity.

United States 15 1/2, Europe 12 1/2.

"It's like a dream," U.S. captain Nancy Lopez said. "These players played their hearts out."

The matches were tied going into the last day for the first time in 11 years, but not for long. The scoreboard was awash in so much American red that when Jones teed off in the final twosome, Europe did not lead in any match.

Creamer, who went through her high school commencement just four months ago, shot 30 on the front nine and buried Davies, 7 and 5, as the Americans won six of the first seven matches.

"I saw after nine holes she was 6 up," said Pat Hurst, who rallied in the match behind Creamer. "She's our rookie, and she was unbelievable."

The Europeans were in a state of shock.

"You're thinking about your own match, but it's hard not to look at the board," Carin Koch said. "With all the matches going the wrong way for us, it was tough. We've done everything we can."

Meg Mallon clinched the cup for the United States with a par putt on the 16th hole for a 2-up lead, assuring the Americans at least the 14 1/2 points they needed to win it back from Europe.

Mallon won the next hole with a par for a 3-and-1 victory over Karen Stupples, and the celebration was on.

Players joined arms in a chorus line dance, rambled down fairways with an American flag and sang to the record gallery. Inkster took a camera from her bag before her caddie took it away. The only downer was after the closing ceremonies.

Lopez said Mallon became lightheaded because of the heat, and was taken to the hospital as a precaution.

It left a U.S. team that was slightly more somber, but still all smiles about the trophy before them.

Europe was subdued for obvious reasons.

"I'm not one to grieve too hard or too long over golf," European captain Catrin Nilsmark said. "I'm disappointed, mostly for the girls. They tried their best and they did their best. ... But we got down by so much. There were some big numbers up there."

The youngest player in Solheim Cup history led the way, with help from a few others from the hip-hop generation.

Creamer, the first LPGA Tour rookie to earn a spot in the Solheim Cup, surprised even her teammates two weeks ago when the U.S. team was named with a sassy message to the Europeans.

"All I can say is they had better get ready, because they're going to beat," Creamer said.

Then she backed it up in a big way.

"You should never say anything you don't believe," Creamer said. "This is a week I'll never forget."

Over three days, she was in the toughest matches and came through with clutch shots and fearless putting. She played all five matches and went 3-1-1, the biggest of all her rout against Davies.

Starting with her opening birdie, Creamer was 7 under par through 13 holes.

For the first time all week, the United States had the lead.

AP

Europe's Carin Koch chips out of a bunker on the 14th hole at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Ind., Saturday. Koch and partner Sophie Gustafson defeated Laura Diaz and Wendy Wood of the U.S.

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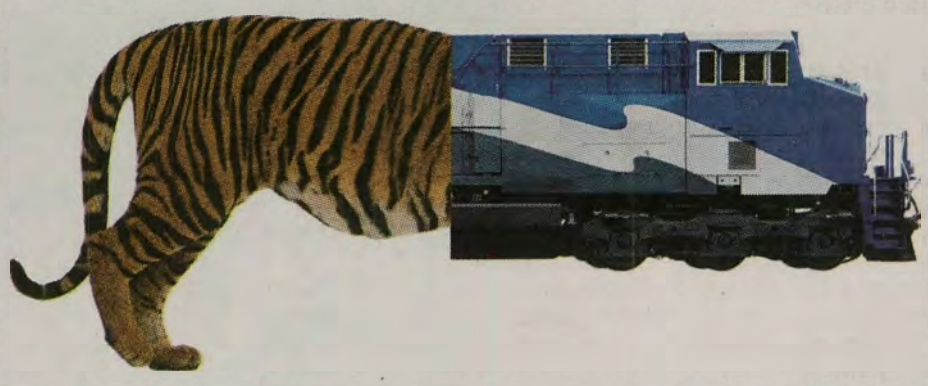

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Pedro stops skid, pitches well against Cards

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The way the New York Mets' road trip went, Pedro Martinez considered pitching to avoid a series sweep more stressful than his start in the World Series last fall.

Martinez stopped his own two-game skid as well as the Mets' six-game losing streak, working eight strong innings in a 7-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday.

He beat the Cardinals with seven shutout innings in Game 3 of the World Series, helping the Red Sox sweep for their first championship since 1918.

"I think in the World Series it was easy for me to relax," Martinez said. "I had a space to actually make mistakes. But the way we're looking right now, we're not going to last very long."

Carlos Beltran homered and Mike Jacobs doubled twice with an RBI to help the Mets beat the Cardinals for the first time in 12 games on the road and avoid a four-game sweep. Victor Diaz hit a three-run homer in the ninth off Adam Wainwright.

New York, which rested Mike Piazza a day after he was beaned, won for only the third time in 15 games overall and completed a 2-8 road trip to Florida, Atlanta and St. Louis that damaged its wild-card hopes.

"There's no reason obsessing about it now," manager Willie Randolph said. "It's over, done with, and you can move on, but obviously it was nowhere near what we were expecting to do."

Randolph said his young team can learn some valuable lessons.

"I just told them to make sure they don't like the taste they have in their mouth, that they spit it out right away," Randolph said. "Our guys are pretty sharp, they've got a lot of talent and it's all part of growing pains.

"Sometimes you learn the hard way."

Brewers 4, Astros 2

Rickie Weeks doesn't always play like a rookie, but his teammates reminded him Sunday that he is one.

Weeks hit a two-run homer and Rick Helling pitched seven strong innings to lead the Milwaukee Brewers over the Houston Astros.

After the game, Weeks and every other Milwaukee rookie was forced to wear white Hooters tank-tops and tiny black shorts before the Brewers left for their road trip.

"I'm feeling good," Weeks said before putting on his new outfit. "I've been hitting the ball but I couldn't find a hole. Now I guess the holes are finding me."

Houston remained a half-game ahead of Florida in the wild-card race. The Astros, who failed to move a season-high 12 games over .500, begin a four-game series with the Marlins on Monday in Houston.

"It's a wasted opportunity, no question," said Houston manager Phil Garner, knowing that Florida already had lost. "We didn't take [the Brewers] for granted, we just didn't show up offensively."

Helling (2-0) was making his fourth start of the season and picked up his first win as a starter.

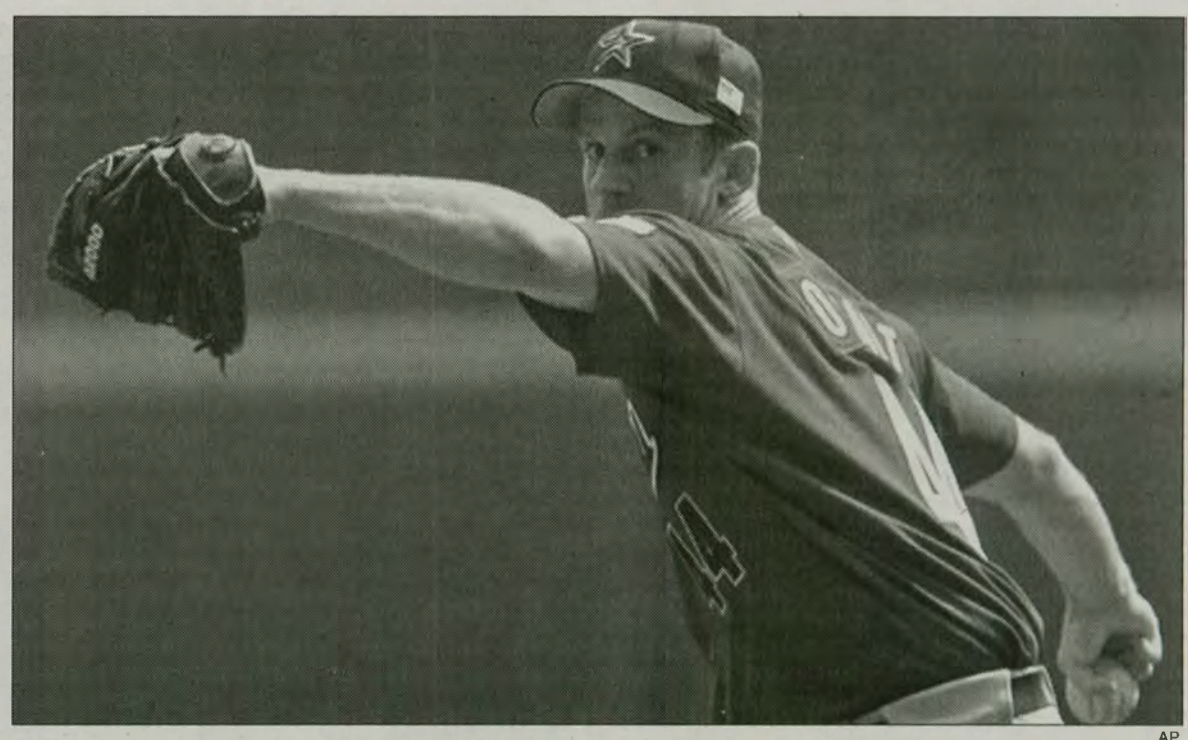
"I had a pretty good cutter today and I was locating my fastball pretty well."

Rick Helling
Milwaukee pitcher

He gave up five hits and had a season-high six strikeouts. Derrick Turnbow pitched the ninth for his 31st save in 34 chances.

"That was probably the least amount of curveballs I've thrown in my entire career," Helling said. "I had a pretty good cutter today and I was locating my fastball pretty well, so I stayed with that all day."

Roy Oswalt (17-12) lost for just the sixth time in his last 20 starts. He lasted six innings and gave up eight hits and four runs. He struck out five and walked one.



AP

The Houston Astros' Roy Oswalt pitches to the Milwaukee Brewers in the first inning Sunday during the Astros' 4-2 loss to the Brewers. Oswalt allowed four runs in six innings.

Braves 9, Nationals 7

Andruw Jones and Chipper Jones made up for another poor outing by the Braves' bullpen.

They hit consecutive homers off Chad Cordero with two outs in the ninth inning Sunday to give Atlanta a victory over Washington, which had rallied with a five-run eighth after John Smoltz left with tightness in his pitching shoulder.

For Andruw Jones, it was his second homer of the game and 49th of the season. He broke the franchise record of 47 shared by Hall of Famers Hank Aaron (1971) and Eddie Mathews (1953).

"All these records — I already proved what I can do this season. I just want to get it done, help my team, and get back into the World Series," Andruw Jones said. "There was a bit of frustration, but we came out on top, and that's what really matters."

Chipper Jones' two-run shot off Cordero (2-4) erased a 7-6 deficit for Atlanta — which led 6-2 heading into the bottom of the eighth. Andruw Jones followed by driving an 0-2 pitch to left.

Both came on fastballs, the pitch Cordero has ridden to a franchise-record 44 saves.

"All the guys went out there today and battled all day, and I throw one inning and I blow it," Cordero said. "I just want to throw stuff. I'm just upset."

Macay McBride (1-0) earned his first major league victory. He faced one batter, striking out Brian Schneider to end the eighth. Kyle Farnsworth got his sixth save.

Until Jones and Jones brought Atlanta back, it looked as if Washington might actually win a game on an afternoon they trailed 6-0, used eight pitchers, and had four rookies in the starting lineup.

That's because Atlanta's bullpen didn't come through when Smoltz departed after allowing three hits on only 74 pitches over seven innings.

"A blessing for us," Washington outfielder Ryan Church said.

Cubs 3, Giants 2

Neifi Perez hit a tiebreaking RBI double in the eighth inning against his former team, and the Chicago Cubs wrapped up a successful road trip with a victory over the San Francisco Giants on Sunday.

Jerry Hairston hit a two-out double against LaTroy Hawkins (2-6) — traded by the Cubs in May — before Perez lined a double to left for the go-ahead run.

Matt Murton homered and Todd Walker had an RBI triple in the second for the Cubs, who finished their road trip at 8-2.

Moises Alou tied the game at 2 in the sixth when he scored on a wild pitch by Michael Wuertz, but Alou got banged up on the play and left the game shortly after. Wuertz (5-2) recovered for the win.

Alou had two hits and drove in a run for the Giants, who lost for the fifth time in six games. Alou, the team's lone All-Star this season, will move from left field to right and from the cleanup spot to fifth in the order Monday night when Barry Bonds makes his long-awaited season debut after recovering from three surgeries on his right knee since Jan. 31.

Brett Tomko pitched seven strong innings in his second start since returning from his second demotion to the bullpen, but failed to earn his first win since beating Florida on July 22. The right-hander has since gone 0-5 in seven starts.

He wore a new number for this occasion, switching from No. 50 to the 35 he sported in college. Tomko was the Giants' best pitcher down the stretch last season but never got into a groove this year, leading the Giants to move him into a relief role.

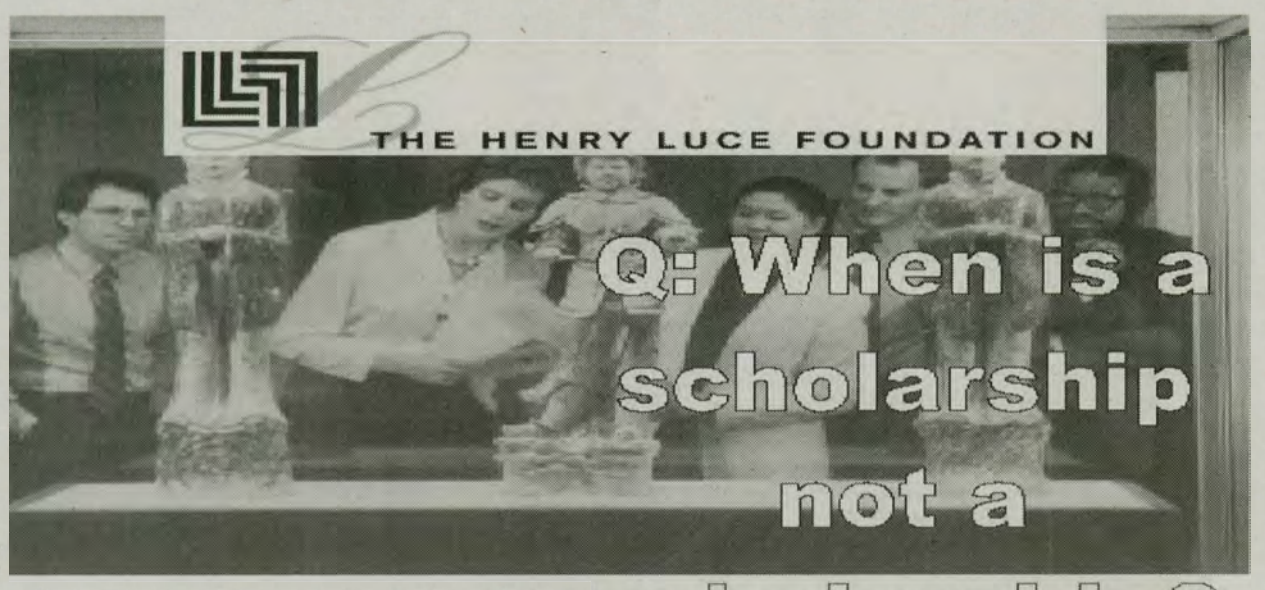
Murton made it 2-1 when he hit a solo homer to left on the first pitch he saw from Tomko in the fifth. Tomko got eight straight outs before the homer, then retired his final eight afterward.

Ryan Dempster worked the ninth to convert his 13th straight save opportunity and his 27th in 29 chances overall.

Randy Winn led off San Francisco's half of the first inning with a double, then scored on Alou's single to left.

A cheerful Bonds looked upbeat and relaxed as he prepared to come off the 60-day disabled list and play for the first time this year.

The slugger will be in the starting lineup when the Giants open a three-game series against the NL West-leading San Diego Padres on Monday.



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Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Southern California (56)	1-0	1,592
2	Texas (8)	2-0	1,538
3	LSU	1-0	1,404
4	Virginia Tech	2-0	1,345
5	Tennessee	1-0	1,297
6	Florida	2-0	1,242
7	Georgia	2-0	1,181
8	Florida State	2-0	1,138
9	Ohio State	1-1	1,100
10	NOTRE DAME	2-0	1,036
11	Louisville	1-0	941
12	Purdue	1-0	837
13	Miami	0-1	754
14	Michigan	1-1	740
15	California	2-0	634
16	Georgia Tech	2-0	575
17	Boston College	2-0	483
18	Arizona State	1-1	373
19	Texas Tech	1-0	324
20	Clemson	2-0	316
21	Oklahoma	1-1	267
22	Iowa	1-1	252
23	Fresno State	1-0	225
24	Iowa State	2-0	223
25	Virginia	1-0	205

College Football
USA Today Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Southern California (59)	1-0	1,547
2	Texas (3)	2-0	1,480
3	LSU	1-0	1,336
4	Tennessee	1-0	1,311
4	Virginia Tech	2-0	1,311
6	Georgia	2-0	1,202
7	Florida	2-0	1,173
8	Florida State	2-0	1,120
9	Ohio State	1-1	905
10	Louisville	1-0	872
11	Purdue	1-0	849
12	NOTRE DAME	2-0	781
13	Miami	0-1	757
14	Michigan	1-1	696
15	California	2-0	601
16	Boston College	2-0	527
17	Oklahoma	1-1	508
18	Georgia Tech	2-0	502
19	Texas Tech	1-0	425
20	Virginia	0-1	311
21	Iowa	1-1	286
22	Arizona State	1-1	285
23	Clemson	2-0	223
24	Alabama	2-0	213
25	Fresno State	1-0	171

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team	conf.	overall
Calvin	0-0	6-0
Tri-State	0-0	4-0
Adrian	0-0	7-1
Hope	1-0	7-2
Albion	0-0	2-1
Kalamazoo	0-0	4-3
SAINT MARY'S	0-0	4-6
Olivet	0-0	1-5
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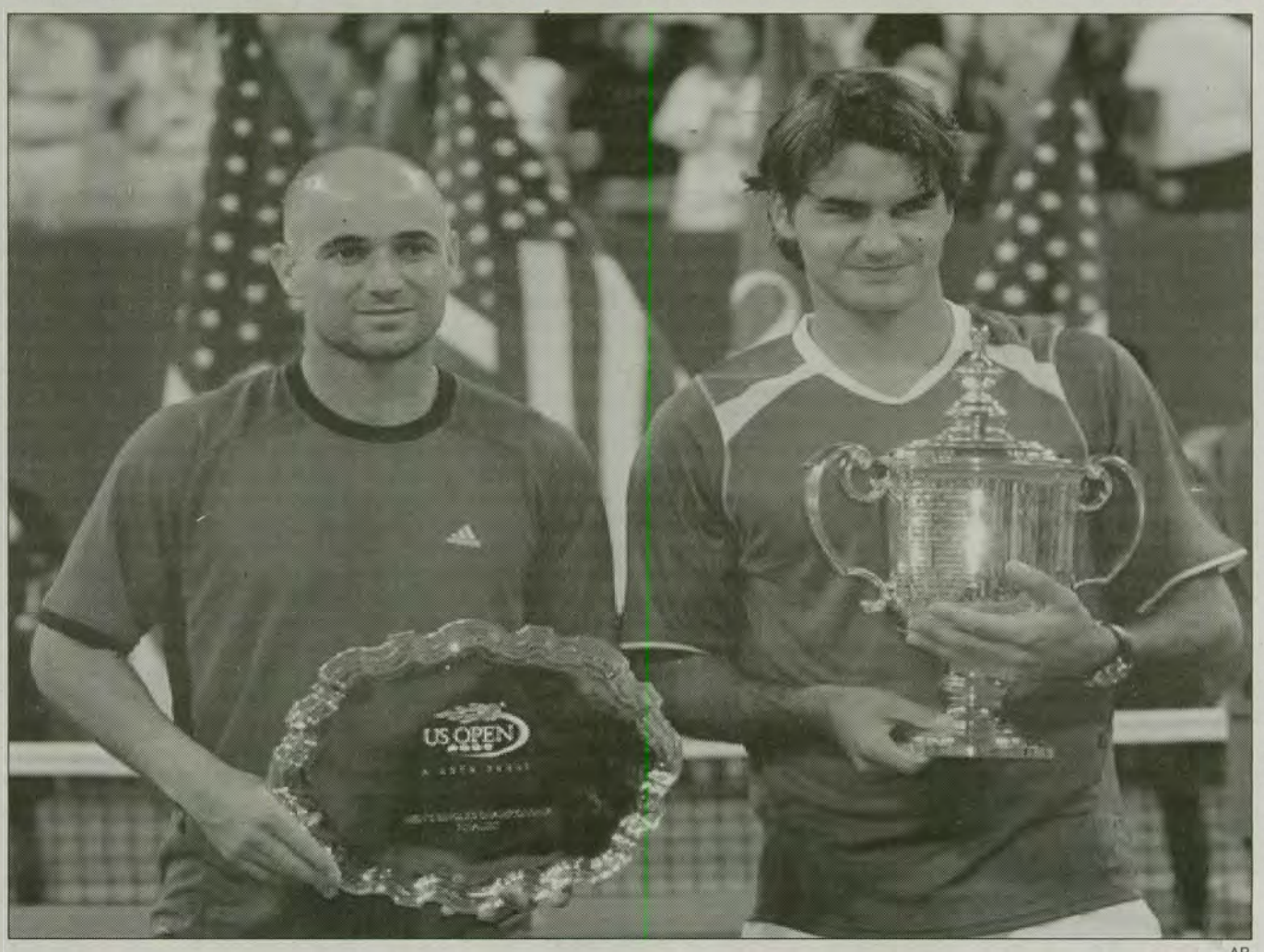


AP

Roger Federer, right, poses with Andre Agassi after winning the U.S. Open Sunday. Federer defeated Agassi in four sets to win his second consecutive U.S. Open and sixth career Grand Slam title.

Federer defeats Agassi to win U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andre Agassi has battled the champions of three eras — Pete Sampras, Boris Becker, John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl — and now he puts Roger Federer above them all.

"He's the best I've ever played against," Agassi said after falling to Federer 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (1), 6-1 Sunday in the U.S. Open final. "Pete was great. No question. But there was a place to get to with Pete. You knew what you had to do. If you do it, it could be on your terms. There's no such place like that with Roger.

"He plays the game in a very special way that I haven't seen before."

Federer, a player of panache and unparalleled perfection in finals, withstood Agassi's spirited upset bid to capture a second straight U.S. Open and sixth Grand Slam title.

Federer responded to his few moments of pressure by reeling off seven straight points in the tiebreak that turned the match around, then blew Agassi away in the fourth set to run his stunning record in finals over the past two years to 23-0. He has never lost in a major final.

"This is probably the most special Grand Slam final in my career," Federer said. "To play against Andre in New York, it's a dream."

Federer moved into a tie with Becker and Stefan Edberg for Grand Slam titles among Open era players, and one behind McEnroe and Mats Wilander. Sampras holds the record with 14 Grand Slam titles, but at 24 years old Federer could well have a shot at that.

"That's fantastic," Federer said of tying Edberg and Becker. "Tying your idols — isn't that great? It's every boy's dream and I made it come true today in a memorable final."

Federer, flattered by Agassi's comments, shied away from pronouncing himself the best of all time.

"The best player of this generation, yes. Nowhere close to ever," Federer said. "Just look at the records that some guys have. I'm a little cookie."

Federer shrieked and leapt in the air when Agassi's backhand return looped long on the championship point. The two men, who have the highest of respect for each other, shook hands warmly at the net.

IN BRIEF

Clijsters wins U.S. Open, claims first Grand Slam title

NEW YORK — Kim Clijsters climbed a wall and, like a tightrope walker, inched along a railing high above the court. Fans reached out to help her, worried she might fall.

No way. On this night, everything was grand.

After coming up short in her first four tries and missing much of last year with a serious wrist injury, Clijsters finally won her first Grand Slam title Saturday night, crushing Mary Pierce 6-3, 6-1 at the U.S. Open.

"It's still very hard to believe," said Clijsters, who won $2.2 million, double the top prize and the richest payday in women's sports, because she won the U.S. Open Series leading up to the tournament. "It's an amazing feeling to have, especially after being out for so long last year. It means so much more."

When she hit a service winner on the second championship point, Clijsters dropped her racket and covered her mouth with her hands.

Bonds to return to lineup tonight

SAN FRANCISCO — A cheerful Barry Bonds looked upbeat and relaxed Sunday as he prepared to come off the disabled list and play for the first time this year.

Bonds will start in left field and bat cleanup when he makes his long-awaited return to the San Francisco Giants' lineup Monday night as they open a three-game series against the NL West-leading San Diego Padres at SBC Park.

Bonds took batting practice and shagged fly balls in the outfield Sunday. He joked around with Cubs star Nomar Garciaparra and former teammate Jerome Williams, traded to Chicago earlier this season.

He even shook hands with a baby.

"Right now, I'm just trying to keep my mind clear, that's it," Bonds said while quietly gripping his bats in his black recliner in the corner of the clubhouse.

The slugger, coming back from three operations on his right knee since Jan. 31, has been eager for months to resume his quest of Hank Aaron's home run record.

Wheldon claims record sixth win of IRL season

JOLIET, Ill. — Dan Wheldon kept his composure through the tense moments and left the track with a record and, unofficially, a championship.

Wheldon set an Indy car mark Sunday with his sixth victory this season and all but clinched his first IRL title, beating Helio Castroneves and Sam Hornish Jr. in a tight finish to win the PEAK Antifreeze Indy 300 at Chicagoland Speedway.

"It's difficult in this series," Wheldon said. "To have won six is a very proud moment for me. To win six races is something I'll look back on and think that was a strong season."

Wheldon beat Castroneves by about a hood's length.

NCAA FOOTBALL

No style points, but Georgia stays unbeaten

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — They don't give style points in football.

Good thing for Georgia.

The Bulldogs survived the return of Steve Spurrier to Sanford Stadium by the barest of margins. A touchdown wiped out by a penalty. A missed extra point. A failed two-point conversion.

If any of those things had gone South Carolina's way, Georgia might have gone the way of three other Top 10 teams over the weekend.

But, as coach Mark Richt frequently points out, it doesn't matter how your team looks as long as it wins.

"I've learned to appreciate every victory," he said, reflecting on Saturday's 17-15 victory over the Gamecocks. "I'm not going to apologize for it."

At least Georgia (2-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference) didn't meet the same fate as Ohio State, Michigan and Iowa, teams that held down three of the top eight places in The Associated Press poll going into the weekend. All three lost and tumbled in the rankings Sunday.

Despite their less-than-impressive victory, the Bulldogs moved up two spots to No. 7.

"I'm proud of our guys," Richt said. "You always wonder how your team is going to react to some adversity. We were losing at the half, but the guys did a great job of doing what they had to do to win. Some people may not think it's a beautiful victory, but it is to me."

After accounting for six touchdowns in his first college start, quarterback D.J. Shockley had a rough day. The senior completed only 8-of-17 passes for 112 yards. He threw two crucial interceptions, one returned for South Carolina's first touchdown, the other picked off in end zone.

Still, Shockley came through on the biggest play of the game late in the fourth quarter.

With Georgia facing third-and-22 from its own 8, South Carolina was poised to get the ball back in good position to drive for a game-winning field goal. Spurrier, in his first year as the Gamecocks coach, was already chatting with his offense on the sideline, fully expecting the Bulldogs to be punting on the next play.

But Shockley connected with Bryan McClendon on a 27-yard pass along the sideline, allowing Georgia to burn more than 5 1/2 minutes off the clock. By the time the Gamecocks did get the ball, it was at their own 22 with just 1:11 remaining — too far to go, too little time.

"We should have won the game," Spurrier said. "We had our chances. There were a lot of ifs."

South Carolina led 9-7 at halftime and would have been up by a bigger margin if not for a kicking breakdown and a questionable penalty.

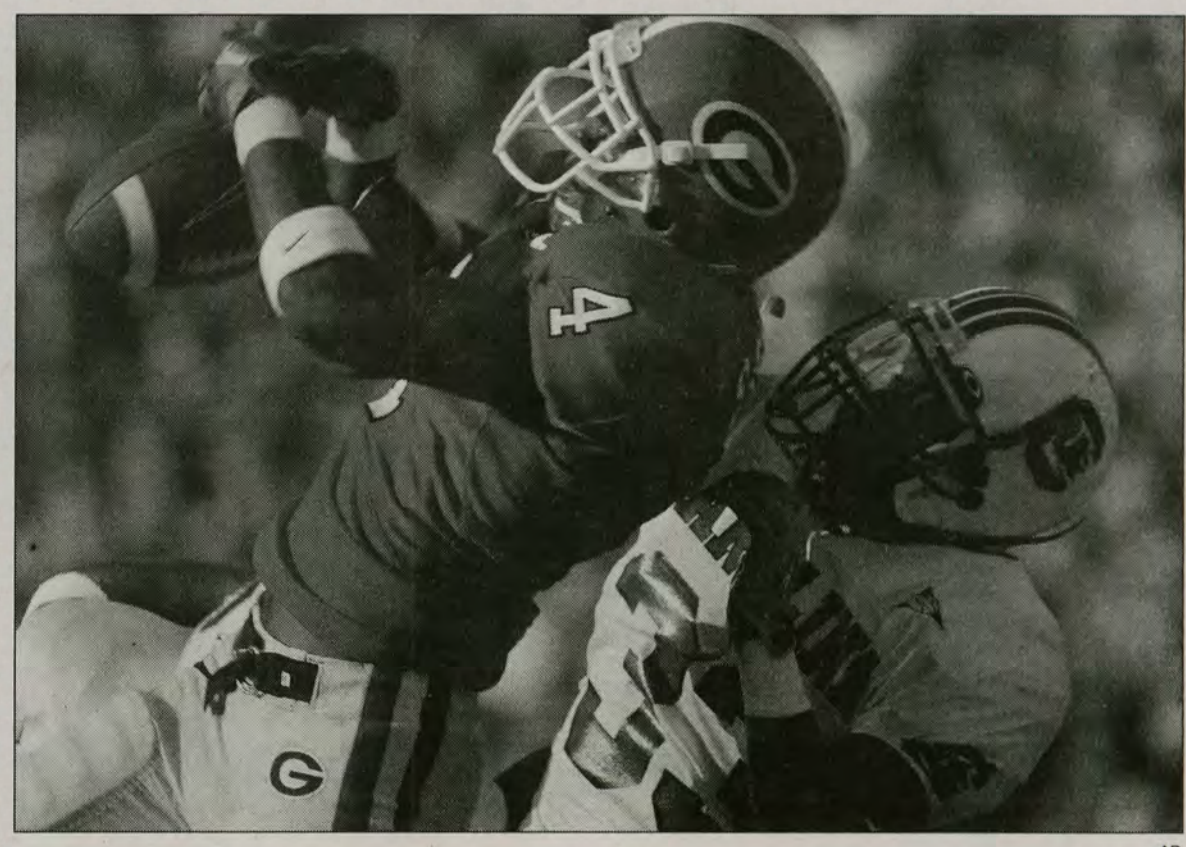
After Johnathan Joseph picked off a tipped pass and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown, Josh Brown smacked the extra point off the upright to leave Georgia ahead 7-6. On South Carolina's next possession, Blake Mitchell directed a 12-play drive that consumed more than six minutes.

Mitchell appeared to finish things off by hitting Sidney Rice over the middle for a 20-yard touchdown. But the Gamecocks were flagged for an illegal shift, which left Spurrier shaking his head along the sideline.

South Carolina still had a chance to get back to the end zone, receiving an automatic first down at the 14 on a defensive holding penalty. Daccus Turman ran for 4 yards, but Mitchell threw two straight interceptions that brought on Brown for a 27-yard field goal.

Georgia relied on its defense and running game in the second half.

Paul Oliver picked off a pass at the South Carolina 32, giving the Bulldogs six interceptions in the first two games — more than they had all last season.



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Georgia receiver Sean Bailey, left, can't hang on to a pass as South Carolina's Chris Hampton attempts to break up the play in Athens, Ga. Saturday.

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NFL

Redskins defeat Bears in season opener, 9-7

Three false starts kill Chicago's final drive

Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. —The Chicago Bears were driving in Washington Redskins territory in the fourth quarter, seemingly poised to make a winner of a rookie quarterback on opening day.

Then, in one cruel sequence, the Redskins rattled the drive into oblivion. False start on Fred Miller. False start on John Tait. False start on Ruben Brown. Kyle Orton sacked by Demetric Evans. Suddenly, it was third-and-38. The Bears' last good scoring chance was over, and Washington's defense showed it hadn't lost a beat from last year in leading the team to a victory Sunday.

"I guess they know we're a blitzing team," Washington linebacker Marcus Washington said with a smile as he recounted the sequence. "A couple of times we're looking like we're going to come, with one foot up and eyes big. Those guys, they kind of panic a little bit, and they say, 'This Washington defense is coming.' Whatever it was, we were glad we were able to back them up a little bit."

The Redskins allowed only 166 total yards, overcame three turnovers, several untimely penalties and the loss of starter Patrick Ramsey, who had his neck wrung in the second quarter by blitzing linebacker Lance Briggs. Mark Brunell, booed mercilessly last year by the home fans, entered and led three scoring drives, all ending in field goals by John Hall and powered in part by the running of Clinton Portis, who rushed for 121 yards on 21 carries.

Ramsey is fine with a mild neck sprain, but coach Joe Gibbs would not commit to a starter for next week's game at Dallas. Hall isn't fine — he strained his quad on his last kick and might not be able to play next week.

Miami 34, Denver 10

MIAMI — When the Miami Dolphins scored their first touchdown for new coach Nick Saban, he celebrated by pacing the sideline with a stoic expression.

Randy McMichael strutted into end zone with the score, Jason Taylor jumped for joy and Gus Frerotte did a jig. But Saban kept his game face, well aware that one touchdown — and one win — is merely a start.

Frerotte led a creative offense by throwing for 275 yards, Taylor returned a fumble 85 yards for a score and Miami successfully kicked off the Saban era by routing the Denver Broncos Sunday.

"It's important how you respond to good things and bad things," Saban said. "We should enjoy this for 24 hours, but this is one game in a long season."

It was a long day for the Broncos. They lost cornerback Champ Bailey and running back Mike Anderson to injuries, wilted in the 90-degree South Florida heat and fell to 0-7 in Miami.

"We knew it was going to be difficult to come in here and deal with the elements in their backyard," said coach Mike Shanahan, now 10-3 in season openers with Denver and Oakland.

New Orleans 23, Carolina 20

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Football is no longer a simple game for the New Orleans Saints. They'll play this season for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, a burden they'll carry every time they step on the field.

The Saints won Sunday for their deluged city and the displaced victims of the Gulf Coast region, getting two touchdowns from Deuce McAllister and a 47-yard field goal from John Carney with 3 seconds left in a season-opening win over the Carolina Panthers.

"In the back of our minds, we know we have to give them one tiny bit of hope," said New Orleans quarterback Aaron Brooks. "We have complete faith in what we are doing because every time we go out there, it is our job to give them hope that every day will be a better day."

The Saints have visited shelters in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, spending time with fans who had lost everything. Each time they heard the same request: Win a game for us.

If they needed another reminder, they got it during a Saturday night team meeting when coach Jim Haslett read an emotional letter from New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin.

"He talked about the things he had seen, babies dying," receiver Joe Horn said. "You would only see it in a horror story. People were crying on his shoulder, saying they don't know where their son is, where the daughter is.

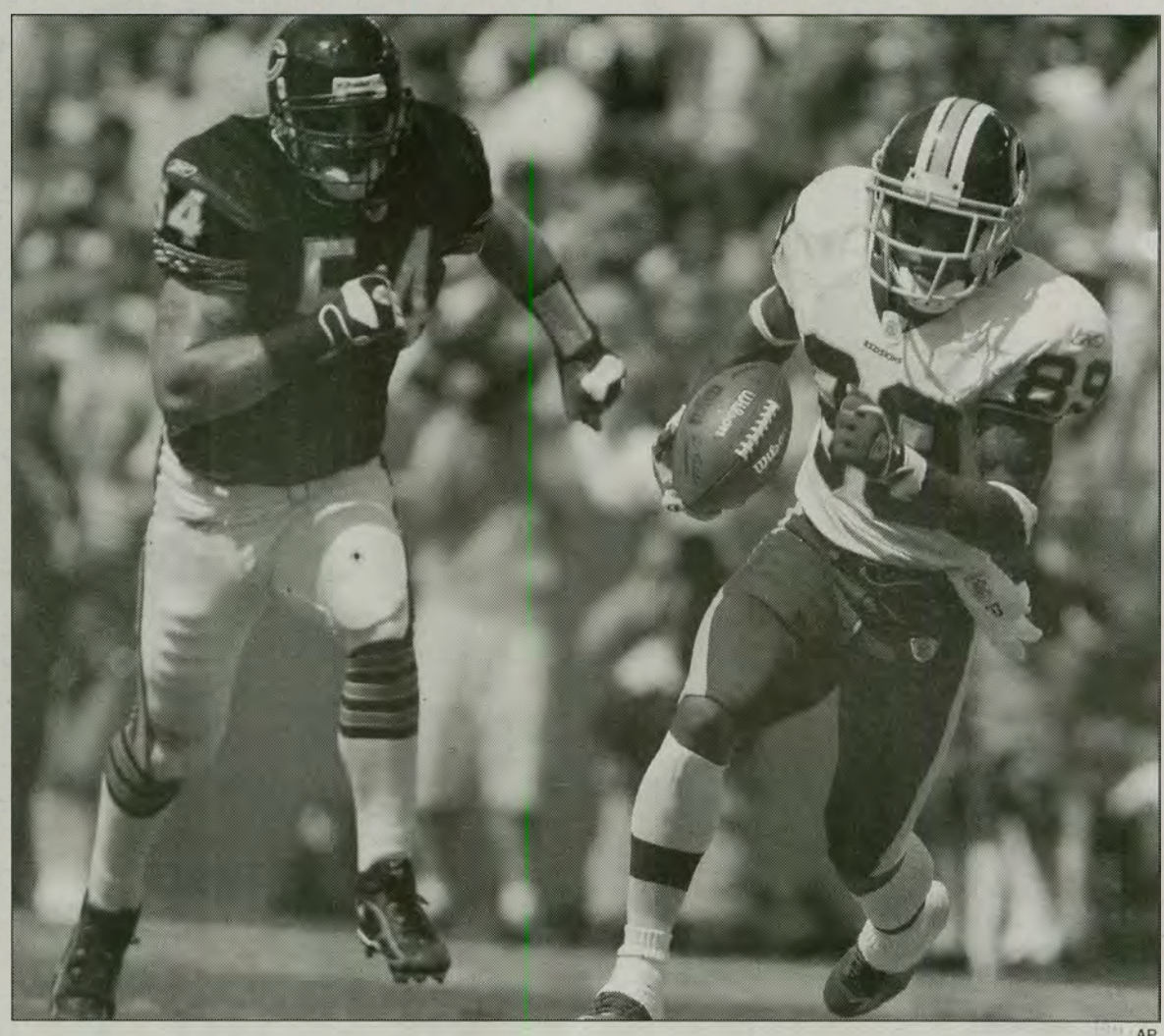
Jacksonville 26, Seattle 14

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Linebacker Mike Peterson grabbed the football, took two steps toward the sideline and heaved it as far as he could. His toss fell a few feet short of the stands.

It was the most noticeable thing the Jacksonville Jaguars did wrong in the season opener.

Jimmy Smith caught seven passes for 130 yards and two touchdowns, Fred Taylor ran strong in his return from a serious knee injury and the Jaguars beat the Seattle Seahawks in draining heat and humidity Sunday.

"My gloves were wet, man," said Peterson, trying to explain his wobbly pass intended for friends and family members. "At least I don't have to pay the fine now."



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Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher, left, tries to run down Redskins receiver Santana Moss during Moss' 52-yard second quarter reception at FedEx Field Sunday afternoon.

Peterson was the only Jacksonville player feeling he had something left to prove.

Smith, 36, showed he hasn't lost a step. Taylor broke tackles, took hard hits and gained 76 yards despite a bulky brace on his left knee. And quarterback-turned-receiver Matt Jones emerged as a triple threat in Jacksonville's new offense.

The defense returned to form, too.

Pittsburgh 34, Tennessee 7

PITTSBURGH — The Tennessee Titans needed a scouting report on Steelers running back Willie Parker, so cornerback Michael Waddell issued this warning: Don't pay attention to his college career, this guy can run.

Who knew he could run like this?

Parker, a college backup who adds speed to the NFL's most run-heavy offense, had a dazzling first career start with 161 yards rushing and a long reception, and a mistake-free Ben Roethlisberger threw for two scores in Pittsburgh's rout of Tennessee on Sunday.

"He's got the kind of speed you can't coach," tackle Marvel Smith said. "He's a raw talent, basically, but he's so fast and he's just all over the place. He broke a lot of tackles out there."

For more than 40 years, the Steelers have been all about big, physical backs who run over or elude tacklers: Hall of Famer John Henry Johnson, Franco Harris, Jerome Bettis and, last year, Duce Staley. Parker provides a speed element they've never had, and his yardage was the most for a Steelers back on opening day.

"I really didn't take any hits in college, so my career's really just beginning," Parker said. "I had to make a name for myself, open up some eyes that I can play."

Parker, playing because of injuries to Bettis and Staley, nearly equaled the 181 yards he had as a non-starting senior at North Carolina, where Waddell was his roommate. He followed up a 102-yard game against Buffalo to end last season.

"The game plan is different with him, to take advantage of his speed," center Jeff Hartings said. "I don't know if there's another running back in the league who can get down the sideline as fast as he does."

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NFL

Culpepper's five turnovers doom Minnesota

Without Moss, Vikes fall to the Bucs, 24-13

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers figured out how to finish a game, an instinct they've been lacking the past two seasons. That vicious, ball-hawking defense was back in familiar form, too, as Daunte Culpepper and the Minnesota Vikings found out.

The Buccaneers forced five turnovers — including two interceptions by Brian Kelly — and pulled out a scrappy season-opening 24-13 victory over the Vikings on Sunday.

"That's the type of thing we can do on defense," Simeon Rice said. "We want to do something special."

Culpepper lost two fumbles and threw three INTs, the second one glancing off Moe Williams' hands and into Kelly's arms at the Tampa Bay 6-yard line with 1:45 left and Minnesota trailing by four.

Tight end Alex Smith caught two touchdown passes and fellow rookie Carnell "Cadillac" Williams finished with 148 yards on 27 carries, including a 71-yard touchdown run with 1:23 remaining that sealed it.

"I kept telling guys, 'I'm going to break 'em,'" Williams said.

After winning the Super Bowl in the 2002-03 season, the Bucs went 12-20 over the last two years — losing 15 of those by one touchdown or less. But finally, the tide turned their way in the fourth quarter.

"If that's an evaluation of what we're capable of doing," coach Jon Gruden said, "that's a good sign."

Coming off a career-best season, Culpepper looked more like a rookie than a three-time Pro Bowl pick. He finished 22-for-33 for 233 yards, failing to throw a TD pass for the first time in 22 games.

Kansas City 27, N.Y. Jets 7

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Here's a switch: The Kansas City defense is apologizing for being imperfect, not for being awful.

The Chiefs' revamped defense — the product of a busy, wheeling-and-dealing offseason — came within 29 seconds of handing the New York Jets their first shutout in almost 10 years.

A victory Sunday over the mistake-prone Jets proved a major pick-me-up for a defense which the past three years has never finished higher than 29th.

"We really wanted that shutout at the end. I know our fans did, too," said defensive end Eric Hicks, who blocked a field goal attempt when rookie Mike Nugent slipped.

"I'm sorry we couldn't get it for them."

Kansas City started fast on offense, too — Larry Johnson rushed for 110 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries and Priest Holmes added 85 yards and a touchdown.

Spurred on by newcomers like Sammy Knight, Patrick Surtain and Derrick Johnson, the new-look defense forced seven fumbles and recovered two. Chad Pennington was sacked three times and intercepted once.

Curtis Martin was held to 57 yards on 20 carries — 139 fewer than he had in last year's season opener against Cincinnati en route to the NFL rushing title.

"There's nothing like having talent," said head coach Dick Vermeil. "Our draft and free agency were good, and then the maturity of the kids that were already here blended together. Talented athletes make more tackles than average athletes."

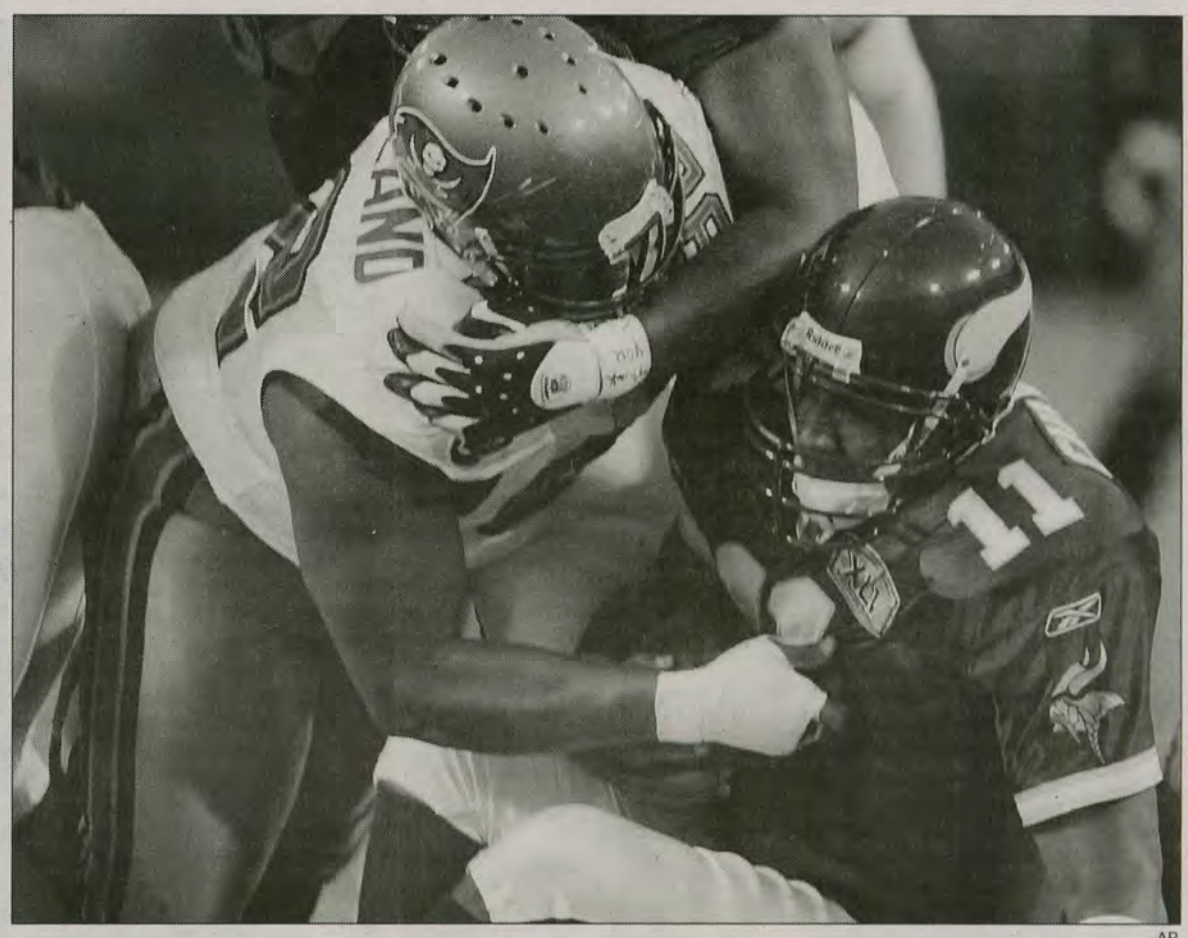
Backup Jay Fiedler enabled the Jets to avoid their first shutout since Dec. 24, 1995, when he hit Chris Baker on a 23-yard touchdown pass with 29 seconds to go.

"I wish we could have made more of a game of it, but it wasn't," said Jets coach Herman Edwards. "They took us behind the woodshed and whupped us."

Dallas 28, San Diego 24

SAN DIEGO — Except for one particularly brutal series, Drew Bledsoe's reunion with Bill Parcells is off to a wild and impressive start.

Hit and harassed all afternoon, Bledsoe responded like the veteran he is, throwing three touchdown passes, two to Keyshawn Johnson, to lead the Dallas Cowboys to a win over the defending AFC West champion San Diego Chargers on Sunday.



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Vikings quarterback Dante Culpepper, right, is sacked by Buccaneers defensive lineman Anthony McFarland during the first quarter of Tampa Bay's 24-13 win at the Metrodome Sunday.

"It is the best feeling in the world to have a close game come down to just a couple of plays and you are able to do it," said Bledsoe, who became the 10th player in NFL history to throw for 40,000 yards.

Bledsoe threw the winning 2-yard touchdown pass with 3:06 left as Johnson beat cornerback Sammy Davis on a quick out.

"That third-down completion to Keyshawn for the touchdown ... I live for this stuff," Bledsoe said.

Detroit 17, Green Bay 3

DETROIT — Brett Favre slumped over in the middle of the field after his third turnover of the day.

The three-time MVP, who turns 36 next month, limped to his news conference about an hour later with gray in his hair and a scruffy beard.

"I'll probably feel worse (Monday), but I could play another game now," Favre said after two of his three turnovers led to 10 points in a game in which scoring was scarce, helping the Detroit Lions beat the Green Bay Packers Sunday. "Inside, it hurts the most."

The game marked the fewest points Green Bay scored with Favre as its starting quarterback.

Tampa Bay beat the Packers 31-3 on Sept. 13, 1992, two weeks before Favre began his record streak of starting 227 straight games, including the playoffs.

"We obviously have a ways to go offensively," Favre said. "But if you would've told me we would score three points, I would've said you were crazy."

After kicking a field goal in the second quarter, Green Bay didn't have a first down in the second half until its sixth drive.

"It wasn't just us," Lions linebacker Earl Holmes said. "The special teams bottled up their return game and the offense kept us off the field so we could catch our breath."

Detroit won its opener for a third straight year, but the Lions hope this season doesn't wind up like the last two — or the two before that. Since 2001, the Lions have lost an NFL-high 48 games.

Joey Harrington threw two touchdown passes, including one to rookie Mike Williams with 4:13 left.

N.Y. Giants 42, Arizona 19

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — It was billed as a showdown between mentor and apprentice. Instead of Kurt Warner vs. Eli Manning, the New York Giants' special teams stole the show Sunday.

Manning bounced back from a poor first half to throw for two touchdowns in New York's win over the Arizona Cardinals. But the Giants' highest-scoring game in more than two seasons had as much to do with kick returns as it did Warner being upstaged by his former teammate.

Willie Ponder returned a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown and Chad Morton, signed by the Giants a week and a half ago, returned a punt 52 yards for another as New York accomplished both types of returns in the same game for the first time in 50 years.

Tiki Barber and rookie Brandon Jacobs ran for touchdowns for the Giants, who scored 21 points in the third quarter to take command of the game.

The last time the Giants scored as many points was Dec. 22, 2002 when they defeated Indianapolis 44-27. The last time they returned a punt and kickoff return in the same game was on Oct. 30, 1955 against Washington.

Playing against the quarterback who helped guide him through his rookie season with the Giants in 2004, Manning finished 10-for-23 for 172 yards.

Indianapolis 24, Baltimore 7

BALTIMORE — An outstanding performance by the Indianapolis defense enabled Peyton Manning to take his time before finding a way to get the offense in working order.

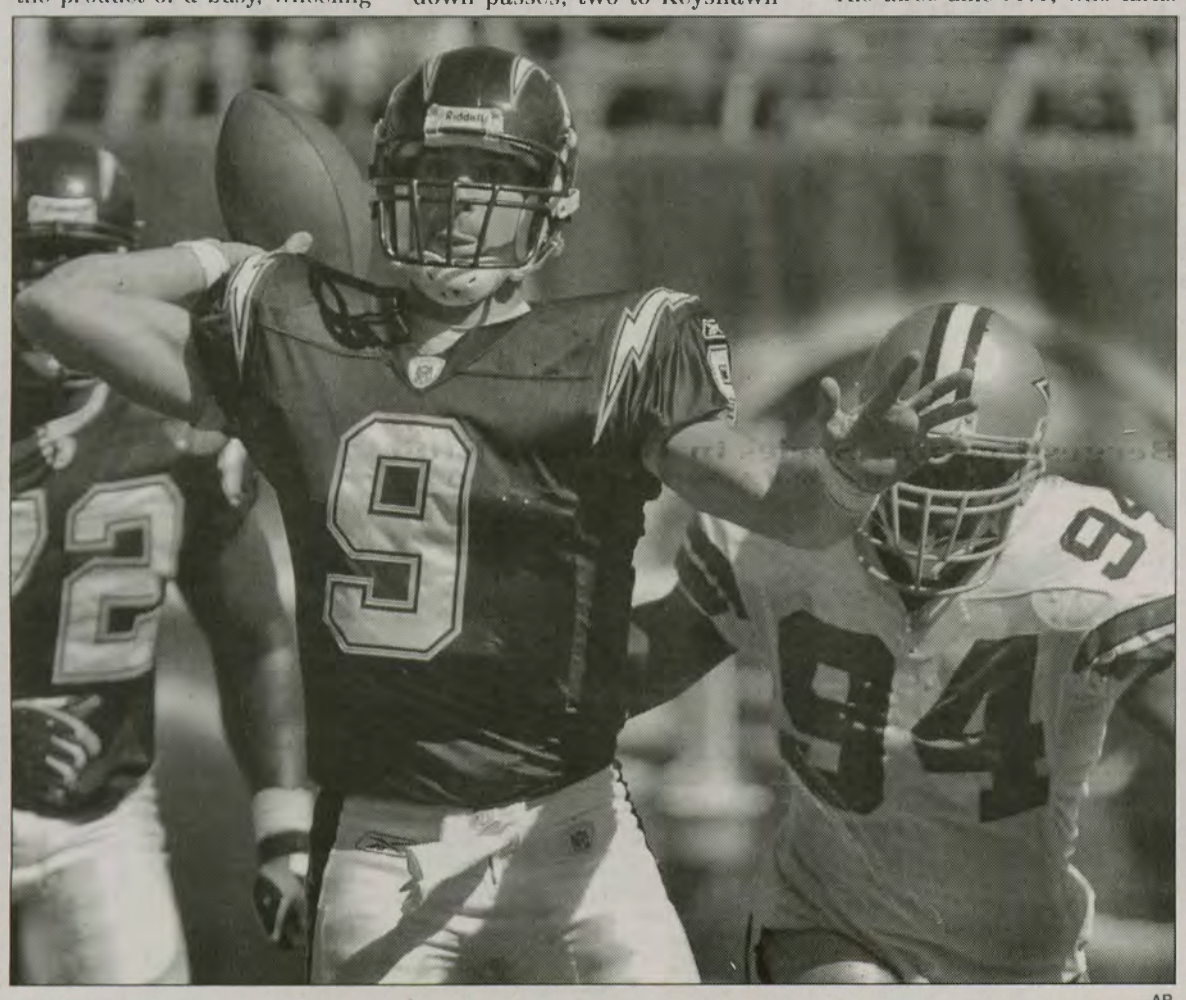
The Colts barely missed their first shutout since 1997. Manning threw two second-half touchdown passes, and Indianapolis cruised past the Baltimore Ravens Sunday night.

Manning could generate only three points in the first half, but it didn't matter because Baltimore wouldn't end up scoring until the game's final minute.

"Our defense had to play well until we figured out the looks they were going to give us," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "We just had to hang in there."

Indianapolis scored two touchdowns in the third quarter to take a 17-0 lead, and the Colts coasted behind a defense that received few headlines last year while Manning threw an NFL-record 49 touchdown passes for an offense that amassed a league-leading 522 points.

"So often, our offense gets a lot of credit," defensive tackle Corey Simon said. "They've done great things, but it's time for the defense to get a name for ourselves and play hard and be just as good as our offense."



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Chargers quarterback Drew Brees, left, looks to throw downfield as Cowboys defensive lineman DeMarcus Ware pursus in Dallas' 28-24 victory in San Diego Sunday.

NCAA Football

Young, No. 2 Texas knock off No. 4 Ohio State

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Vince Young did what star quarterbacks do, passing his team to a victory, and making the Texas Longhorns look as if this could be the season they come up big in the biggest of games.

Best known for his highlight-reel runs, Young threw a 24-yard go-ahead touchdown to Limas Sweed with 2:37 left and No. 2 Texas defeated No. 4 Ohio State 25-22 Saturday night in the much-anticipated first meeting between two of college football's most storied programs.

While it's a long way to the Rose Bowl, Texas validated itself as a prime contender to Southern California's crown. Ohio State, meanwhile, will have to win out to even have a shot at a national title.

Young's floating touchdown pass over a defender capped a 67-yard drive that started with five minutes left after Josh Huston, who made school-record five field goals, missed a 50-yarder.

The biggest plays came on Young's passes, including a third-and-6 completion of 9 yards to Jamaal Charles. Young's second TD pass of the game made the score 23-22.

"Sweed came off the ball real good and I threw the ball to the outside so he could go out of bounds or make the great play and Sweed made a great play for us," said Young, who threw for 270 yards.

The Longhorns' 'D,' which time and time again held firm after turnovers and special teams gave Ohio State good field position, had the biggest takeaway of the game when Drew Kelson stripped a scrambling Justin Zwick and Brian Robison recovered and returned it inside the 20.

Ohio State (1-1) held the Longhorns (2-0) out of the end zone, but Larry Dibbles sacked Troy Smith for a safety and Texas coach Mack Brown had his second straight huge victory over a Big Ten team.

The Longhorns defeated Michigan in the Rose Bowl, when Young launched his 2005 Heisman Trophy campaign with 192 yards rushing.

Young proved against the Buckeyes he can pass it when he needs to as well.

"Obviously he's a great runner," Ohio State linebacker A.J. Hawk said. "Tonight he showed us he's a great passer."

One Ohio State player had said the Buckeyes' goal was to put an end to Young's Heisman campaign. And while Bobby Carpenter and Ohio State's swift linebacking crew hemmed in Young after some good runs early, they couldn't stop his passing.

"When you have to play extra people in the box to stop his run it's going to leave

you a bit vulnerable to the pass," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said. "I thought he played hard. He kept getting hit and beat up and kept coming back. And his team won."

Young also had made a couple of those poor decisions and bad throws — he was intercepted twice — that have caused him to be labeled a tailback playing quarterback.

But he finished 18-for-29 and ran 20 times for 76 yards.

Tressel was true to his promise, playing both Zwick and Smith at quarterback. Neither distinguished himself, and it looks like the quarterback competition will resume for the Buckeyes.

Smith ran for 27 yards, threw a touchdown pass to Santonio Holmes and led Ohio State on five scoring drives.

Zwick was 9-for-15 for 66 yards and led Ohio State to one field goal.

Ohio State came up with three turnovers in Texas territory, but the Buckeyes could only manage three field goals against defensive end Tim Crowder and Co.

And when Ted Ginn Jr.'s 46-yard kickoff return got the Buckeyes to around midfield in the third quarter, they again drove inside the 20, only to stall when Ryan Hamby let a sure TD pass pop off his chest.

Huston knocked his final field goal of the game through to tie a record last accomplished by Mike Nugent, the All-American he replaced this season, and give Ohio State a 22-16 lead with 5:12 left in the third.

AP

Texas quarterback Vince Young lunges forward in the first quarter of a 25-23 Texas win over Ohio State at Ohio Stadium in Columbus, Ohio Saturday night.

"I was walking down the sidelines telling the guys, 'We've been though this (before) play by play,"' Young said. "The defense is going to give us the ball and they did a great job."

Ginn, Ohio State's big play specialist, was only a factor on special teams. He caught two passes for nine yards.

For Brown, the ballyhooed matchup was another opportunity to try to prove to critics that he can, indeed, win the big games.

It's a reputation mostly built on five straight losses to rival Oklahoma and no Big 12 titles, despite winning at least 10 games the past four seasons.

Brown took a step toward shedding that tag by beating Michigan in the Rose Bowl and another big one Saturday night.

"I don't think you ever silence critics," Brown said."They'll be critics in the morning, that's part of the deal."

Tressel dropped to 6-2 against opponents ranked in the top 10.

"Our goal was to win the national championship that's remote now," Buckeyes guard Rob Sims said.

Zwick got the start over Smith, who was returning from an NCAA suspension, and played the first two series as Texas built a 10-0 lead.

Smith, who's kind of a Vince Young-lite, gave the Buckeyes a lift with his running, and tossed a 36-yard TD pass to Holmes that tied the game at 10.

Hawk then came up with an interception and fumble recovery on consecutive series to give Ohio State the ball deep in Texas territory.

Both times the Longhorns stiffened and made the Buckeyes settle for field goals of 37 and 25 yards by Huston.

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SMC Soccer

Belles drop road game against Flying Dutch

Early morning road trip leads to sloppy play, 2-0 loss to Hope

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The rigors of travel, time and a tough opponent caused the Belles trouble in a close-fought 2-0 defeat at the hands of the Flying Dutch of Hope College.

The game, played at noon at Hope, worked against the Belles even prior to the start of the game.

The long road trip in the early morning hours, along with the loss of an hour due to time zone differences, did not contribute to an energetic Saint Mary's soccer team entering the pitch.

These conditions would hinder even the most dominant team playing an inferior opponent, but the Belles were not playing a pushover — Hope is the cream of the MIAA crop and always a tough competitor for the women of Saint Mary's.

Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie was concerned that her players were not given the most ideal conditions to win a key MIAA conference game.

"Hope just took advantage of [the inhibiting conditions]," she said. "They came with high energy, just out-possessed and out-played us in the first half."

The Flying Dutch registered their first goal shortly after the opening whistle, tickling the twine at the eight minute mark. Hope's Kristin Krcmar dribbled the ball into Saint Mary's penalty box and shot a cross over the middle to Linnae Klompmaker. Klompmaker headed the ball towards the back post, driving past the Belle's Laura Heline (5 saves) for the score.

"The first [goal] was really great," Mackenzie said. "It was really hard to stop it, just how well it was timed. We didn't defend it very well — it was a bit of a breakdown defensively for us."

Hope's control of the game did not end following the quick tally — 18 minutes later the Flying Dutch added the insurance goal. Sarah Cochrane notched the tally unassisted past a tiring Belles' defense.

The Belles reversed the flow of the game once the second half began, but could not put the ball past Hope goalkeeper Holly Nestle (seven saves on 10 shots).

"We kept pressing, pressing but couldn't put the ball in the net," Mackenzie said.

The Belles have been scoreless for the past 270 minutes of play, their last goal coming in a double overtime victory over SUNY-Brockport in the Marietta College Classic.

"It puts more pressure on the forwards than I wanted too," Mackenzie said.

But that is not to say that there has been a lack of strong play from the Belles' attackers and midfielders. Carolyn Logan and Cat MacMillan tried to spark the fuse that would ignite a Belles' offensive explosion, but were unable to complete the feat.

On defense, Carrie Orr was the backbone for the defensive four that handled the Flying Dutch attack competently, along with goaltender Heline, but did not receive the support on offense necessary for victory.

"It's back to the drawing board in terms of playing on the road," Mackenzie said. "I think we are about ready to turn a corner, so hopefully that will come to fruition on our home field, after two weeks of playing on the road."

The Belles will take these hopes into another MIAA match-up with Albion College at home on Wednesday.

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NCAA Football

LSU opens season in wake of Hurricane Katrina disaster

Tigers' original first game was postponed after storm hit land

Associated Press

For LSU, football has a stark look this season.

"This is not a made-for-TV movie," coach Les Miles said. "This was a real-life trauma where friends and family had to stay in the dorms and the town swelled to take in the New Orleans evacuees. We are treating people that are injured and disadvantaged 200 yards from our stadium. We have a scrimmage, and Blackhawk helicopters are flying people from New Orleans over our heads."

The fifth-ranked Tigers traveled halfway across the country to play their "home" opener Saturday night — a 35-31 victory over No. 15 Arizona State in Miles' debut as LSU's coach.

The game should have been the second this season in Baton Rouge, La., but Hurricane Katrina washed out the opener against North Texas on Sept. 3. A week later, the Tigers were in Tempe, forced off campus by the influx of people who turned the basketball arena into what athletic director Skip Bertman called the largest triage center in the United States.

"Our team has had the longest camp in the history of camps," Miles said.

On Saturday night, JaMarcus Russell hooked up with Early Doucet for a 39-yard touchdown on fourth down with 1:13 to go to win it for the Tigers.

This was hardly smooth going for LSU. The Tigers committed 11 penalties for 100 yards and allowed Arizona State's Sam Keller to pass for four TDs and more yards (461) than LSU's team total (434).

But LSU played like a national title contender at the end, outscoring Arizona State 28-14 in the fourth quarter with contributions everywhere — offense, defense and special teams.

Even after Russell rolled right, reversed direction and threw an against-the-grain floater that Doucet grabbed and came down with his right foot in, the defense had its work cut out. Keller went to work with 27- and 25-yard completions, setting up the Sun Devils (1-1) on the LSU 28 with just under a minute left.

Then the Tigers, who had to replace current NFL cornerbacks Corey Webster and Travis Daniels this season, forced Keller into four straight incompletions and got the ball back.

"I've never been in a game like this," defensive tackle Kyle Williams said. "It's good to come to Tempe and play against a good team that had one game up on us. We fought hard on both ends."

The special teams made a big contribution. Mario Stevenson returned a field-goal attempt 55 yards after Claude Wroten blocked it, and Craig Steltz returned a blocked punt 29 yards 1:20 later, sending LSU to its first lead, 21-17, with 13:27 remaining.

Joseph Addai scored two short-yardage TDs and had 109 yards on 16 carries.

Keller was 35-of-56 for 461 yards in his third game as a starter, throwing scoring passes of 25 and 26 yards to Jamaal Lewis, 8 yards to Rudy Burgess and 4 yards to Mocy Mutz.

Derek Hagan and Terry Richardson each had seven catches, and Hagan finished with 191 career receptions to move past John Jefferson (1974-77) for first in school history.

"We had a couple of soft spots, and they were just making good plays against the calls we had," Steltz said. "We have an off-week coming up, and that is going to be something that we improve on and get ready for Tennessee."

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LSU players celebrate during their win over Arizona State Saturday. The Tigers opener against North Texas was postponed due to Hurricane Katrina.

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish take first in Valpo Invitational

Freshman Rodriguez finishes second to lead Notre Dame to win

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Chris Rodriguez started his college career with a bang.

The freshman finished second overall with a time of 26:01 to lead Notre Dame to a win at the Crusader Invitational Friday at Sunset Hills Park in Valparaiso, Ind.

Rodriguez attributed his success to continuing to feel strong deep into the race.

"I was feeling good, so I tried to go as fast as I could, and it worked out," he said.

Although it didn't show in his performance, Rodriguez said the transition from five-kilometer (3.1 mile) races to eight-kilometer (5 mile) races was difficult.

"Going from 5K to 8K is a huge difference," he said. "I definitely felt it when I got to the 5K point. I felt like I should be done, but I was only a little over half way."

Rodriguez said the longer distances have been noticeable in practice as well.

"I put in the work this summer to prepare, but training has still been hard," he said.

Irish coach Joe Piane sent a young squad to the meet in order to create depth and rest frontrunners Tim Moore, Kurt Benninger and Kaleb Van Ort, among others. Notre Dame still won the six-team meet with a score of 26 points, besting second place Oakland by nine points.

Rodriguez led the way, but only 11 seconds behind him was Irish sophomore Zach Einterz, who finished third. Four more Irish runners finished in the top 10: sophomore James Millar took sixth, sophomore Brett Adams was seventh, sophomore Dan Bradley placed eighth and freshman Mark Moore finished ninth.

Sophomore Mike Popejoy, senior Tom Longo and freshman Kevin McFadden also competed. All finished in the top 30 of the 82-man field.

Rodriguez said the freshmen mainly ran together apart from the upperclassmen in pre-season training in order to ease their transition to collegiate distances. He said that because of this, he didn't realize how fast he and the others had become.

"I wasn't running with the top guys. [Instead] I was running with the freshmen, so I didn't have anyone to compare myself to," Rodriguez said.

Oakland runner Adam Freezer was the individual champion, but fourth runner Paul Kulesik could not get past the Irish pack of Millar, Adams, Bradley and Moore, and the Golden Grizzlies fell to second place.

The meet featured mostly small schools. Western Illinois was a distant third with 110 points, followed by St. Joseph's and IUPUI.

Valparaiso and Wisconsin-Green Bay tied for sixth, and Chicago State finished eighth with 260 points.

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ND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Young team gets third at Valpo

Underclassmen gain experience in year's opening competition

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Late summer heat and inexperience took their toll on the Notre Dame women's cross country team Friday at the Crusader Invitational.

The Irish tallied 72 points to match last year's third place finish at the event, but coach Tim Connelly was not pleased with his team's results.

"This was definitely not our best effort this afternoon," Connelly said. "We've trained a lot better than this, and I was disappointed at the way things turned out."

The Irish chose to send their younger, less experienced runners to Valparaiso in an effort to build their confidence and give them the opportunity to race. Notre Dame's top runners continued to train over the weekend.

Junior Ann Mazur was the first Notre Dame runner to cross the line, finishing sixth in 23 minutes, 30 seconds for the six-kilometer course. Other Irish athletes who finished in the top 20 included freshman Becca Bauman, who finished ninth in her first collegiate race (23:35), sophomore Julie Opet (16th, 23:41) and sophomore Allyson Parker (19th, 23:52). Loryn King, the lone competitor with significant top-seven experience, finished 25th. The senior competed in her first race in several months after sustaining an injury during the track season.

Connelly said that the heat adversely affected his runners as the race wore on. Temperatures approached 80 degrees by race time Friday afternoon.

"We told them not to go out so fast because of the heat, but they did," Connelly said. "They got in trouble in the middle part of the race and had to deal with it. Some of them were able to compete and fight it, others were not."

Connelly saw a few bright spots in Friday's race, including the performance of his top two finishers, Mazur and Bauman.

"I did like the race that Ann and Becca ran, but as a group, we should have done better," Connelly said.

The Irish coach felt his team was physically ready to succeed at Valparaiso, but also said that the intense training, combined with a lack of experience, may have been reasons for the subpar performance. He said his runners were not rested entering the meet.

Connelly made it clear, however, that the goal is for his runners to be in the best possible condition at the end of the season and would sacrifice results in early season races to meet this goal.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles take fifth at Wooster Invite

Saint Mary's bounces back from two opening losses with three wins

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team's performance at the Wooster Invitational this weekend was most accurately summed up in one word.

Resilient.

After losing their first two matches of the tournament Friday, the Belles roared back to win three straight matches Saturday, capturing fifth place out of eight teams.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was proud of her team's weekend effort.

"We showed a lot of heart, especially on Saturday," Schroeder-Biek said. "We had good spirit and focus."

"We showed a lot of heart, especially on Saturday."

Julie Schroeder-Biek
Irish head coach

Saint Mary's opened the tournament by facing undefeated Mt. Vernon. The Belles lost in three straight games, 30-16, 30-11, 30-25. Schroeder-Biek felt her team was somewhat flat in the tournament opener.

"We didn't step it up like I thought we could," she said. "Our serve reception struggled, and when you can't pass the ball effectively, it's difficult to get any offense going."

The Belles next faced perennial power Muskingum. They again fell in three games, 30-17, 30-22, 30-24. Schroeder-Biek said her team picked up its level of play in the second match and competed well, but it wasn't enough to get a win.

"Our serve reception struggled and when you can't pass the ball effectively, it's difficult to get any offense going."

Julie Schroeder-Biek
Irish head coach

Following two Friday losses and facing a three-match losing streak, the Belles refocused and set new goals for Saturday's contests.

"After losing the first two matches, the best we could finish was fifth," Schroeder-Biek said. "We made that our goal for Saturday, to finish as high as we could."

The Belles pulled together Saturday morning, opening with a three-game sweep over Bluffton, 30-23, 30-22, 30-19. St. Mary's followed its first win of the tournament with a four-game victory over Point Park, 26-30, 30-25, 30-16, 30-16.

The Belles captured the fifth-place match in a four-game decision over Bluffton 30-21, 22-30, 30-28, 30-17.

Entering the tournament, Schroeder-Biek emphasized focus and mental toughness, something she felt was lacking in a loss earlier in the week to Hope College. Saturday's effort showed that the Belles responded to their coach.

"We showed a lot of perseverance," Schroeder-Biek said. "We stuck to our goals and pulled together as a team. Everyone played for their teammates."

Schroeder-Biek felt that her team's balance over the weekend was one of their strong points. Statistics from the weekend support her case.

The Belles had three different players lead in kills (Kristen Playko with 59), digs (Michelle Turley with 57) and assists (Amanda David with 132) over the weekend.

Saint Mary's will look to continue its three-match winning streak when it hosts conference foe Olivet College Tuesday.

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SMC GOLF

Belles struggle against Division I competition

Mattia paces Saint Mary's in mostly large school tournament

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's golf team faced a multitude of challenges this weekend at the Notre Dame Invitational, not including the host of Division-I programs that took part in the tournament. Unfamiliar territory, uncomfortable temperatures and unexpected illness all provided extra difficulty for the Belles, who accepted an invitation to be the only Division-III team at the annual event, hosted by the Notre Dame women's golf team.

Saint Mary's finished in last place out of 17 teams at the invitational, which Notre Dame won. The Irish finished nine strokes ahead of the runner-up, the University of Toledo, which was followed by Georgetown in third place.

The weekend marked the fourth time in six years that the Irish have claimed the title at their home tournament.

Five Saint Mary's women competed in the 54-hole tournament, which took place at Warren Golf Course, but senior and co-captain Nicole Bellino was forced to withdraw before the third round due to illness.

Senior Megan Mattia led the way for the Belles, finishing in 68th place overall with scores consistently in the mid-80s. Kirsten Fantom, also a senior and co-captain for Saint Mary's, showed scores that reflected the general trend of the team. Fantom struggled in the first round, finishing at 94, but improved her score by nine strokes in the second round.

"Overall, I think we were pretty proud of sticking it out," Fantom said."I think we expected our numbers to be a little lower, but we shouldn't be ashamed at all of how it ended up."

The invitational marked the first of its kind in which the Belles have competed, being a three-round tournament taking place over two days. And the Warren Golf Course, located just northeast of campus, provided a challenge in itself for Saint Mary's, which initially struggled on the greens. Their scores reflected the level of confidence they were able to gain after having played a round on Saturday.

"Once we got over getting used to the greens we were able to get down our scores," Fantom said.

The team went from an overall score of 369 in the first round to 350 in the second round. The Belles were hindered in yesterday morning's third and final round, having only four golfers after Bellino withdrew. The team finished the last round with a score of 374.

If there was one factor that the Belles did not let get to them, it was the level of intimidation that comes with being the only Division-III school up against 16 D-I programs.

Although Saint Mary's finished in last place in the tournament, they were in no way blown out of the water by the competition. They were, for the most part, able to keep up with all of the groups in the tournament.

"I think it's good every once in awhile for Division-III teams to play bigger competition," Fantom said. "There's no reason to feel intimidated, [because] we're a good team overall. These girls are almost all scholarship — we just play for the love of the game."

The 54 holes of golf that the women played this weekend should do well to prepare them for the first major competition of the year. On Wednesday, the Belles will travel to Calvin College to compete in the first MIAA competition of the season. Expectations will continue to be high for the team, which hopes to capture its fourth MIAA title in a row.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Oklahoma struggles to replace former quarterback

Without 2003 Heisman winner Jason White, Sooner offense stalls

Associated Press

Perhaps now Oklahoma fans truly appreciate Jason White.

With the best quarterback in school history gone after six long years, the Sooners would probably do just about anything to have him — bad knees and all — back for a seventh season.

Neither of his two successors have been able to lead the Oklahoma offense with any level of success, and the No. 21 Sooners (1-1) decided a game and a half into their season that it might be better to go without the pass than to have either Rhett Bomar or Paul Thompson throwing the ball.

The Sooners had 42 yards passing in Saturday's 31-15 win against Tulsa, their lowest total since throwing for 38 yards against Syracuse in 1997. The Sooners had never thrown for less than 100 yards in Bob Stoops' 80 previous games as Oklahoma's coach. They had only 128 passing yards in a 17-10 loss to TCU in Week 1.

We need to develop a passing game that our players can execute," Stoops said. "For whatever reason for the past two weeks, what we have been doing hasn't been productive. That is being about as kind as I can be.

"We are not going to continue to go through the year like this and not be able to throw the football some "

Adrian Peterson bailed out the Sooners against Tulsa, running for 220 yards on 32 carries with three touchdowns.

After going without a pass attempt in the second half against Tulsa, Stoops and offensive coordinator Chuck Long plan to thoroughly re-evaluate — and not just the quarterbacks. They'll also examine whether the team's current receivers can execute the same plays as three receivers taken in the NFL draft during the offseason.

"When we're as unproductive in two games as we've been, we have got to really be critical of what we're doing and what we're asking them to do," Stoops said. "Just because it's worked for us in the past, and it's worked well, doesn't mean it's going to."

The coaches declined to say whether there might be another change at quarterback, but said the competition for the position will continue.

Long said he never considered replacing Bomar with Thompson.

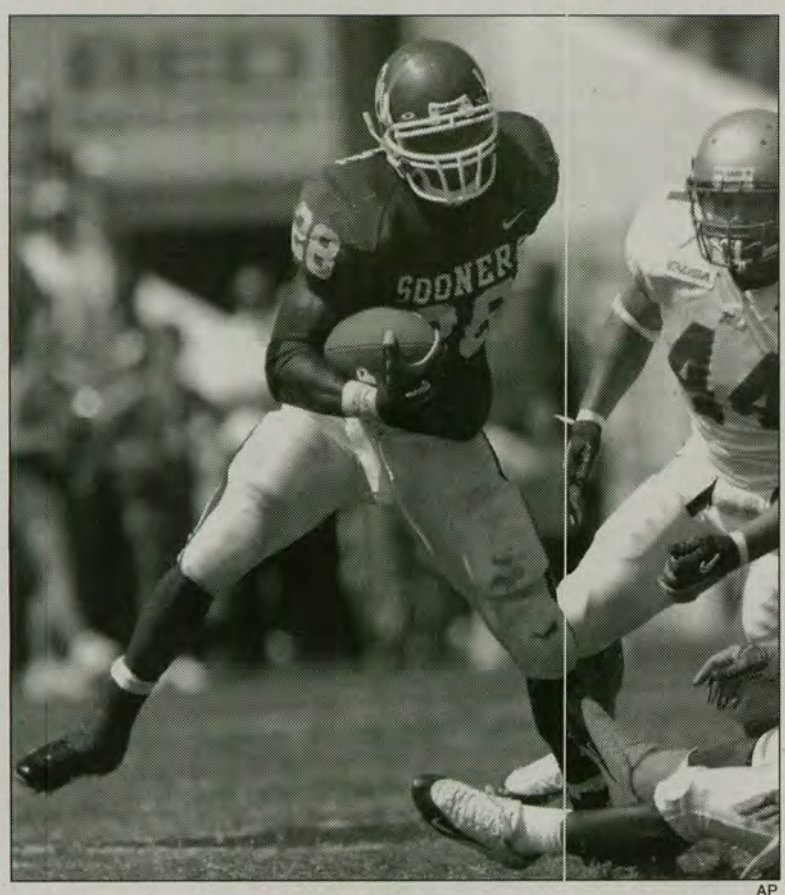
"We felt good about him being in there," Long said. "He's in command. He's good on the sideline. We wanted to keep that rhythm going if we could."

White, who would win the Heisman Trophy in 2003, threw for 343 yards when he made his first collegiate start in 2001 against Baylor, but by that time he had already played in several games as a backup over the course of 2 1/2 seasons. Bomar's first start came in his second game, with a receiving corps that includes four freshmen.

"You can slice it every way you want, but we're young and starting over," Long said. "I thought these guys had a little growth."

Bomar was more confident than the coaches in his analysis of Oklahoma's passing game.

"We have the plays that will work and we know what to do," Bomar said.



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Oklahoma halfback Adrian Peterson runs against Tulsa Saturday. The Sooners have struggled to replace Jason White.

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junior goalkeeper Chris Cahill recorded his first collegiate shutout on two saves.

The Irish started slow against the Terriers but came to life after halftime.

"The first half was back and forth and pretty even," Norman said. "But we dominated them in the second half."

The team carried that momentum into the first half of Sunday's game against St. Louis. The Irish started strong, with Lapira and several teammates challenging the Billiken defense time and time again. The Irish had eight shots in the first half compared to only three for St. Louis.

Notre Dame seemed to come out sluggish for the second period, though. Head coach Bobby Clark was surprised by the drop in the level of play.

"I honestly thought the second half we opened terribly," Clark said. "We were shocking for the first 15 minutes. I don't know what happened. We usually come out in the second half and really take it to them, but we lost it a little bit there."

The Irish gradually regained control of the game, but still could not find the back of the net. Lapira, Norman, senior forward Tony Megna and junior midfielder Ian Etherington all had scoring opportunities that could not be converted.

Cahill had no doubts the Irish would score, though.

"I knew the whole time that we'd get one," the Irish keeper said. "Our forwards had been working really hard, and I knew that they'd eventually stick one in."

Lapira finally did just that with just under three minutes left to play. Norman and junior defender Ryan Miller were both credited with assists on the goal. Miller sent a long pass across the field to Norman. When the St. Louis defense shifted left, Lapira faded to the back post, and Norman found him for the game-winner.

"Cahill is doing amazing in the back."

Bobby Clark
Irish head coach

Clark praised Miller for setting up the play.

"The ball that made the goal was the diagonal from Miller," Clark said. "That was a hell of a ball. It was unbelievable."

Norman has been a bright spot for the Irish offensive attack all year. With Friday's goal and Sunday's assist, the midfielder's team-leading season points total has reached five.

The talk of the tournament was Cahill's play in goal. Entering the year, Clark was not positive who would replace graduated all-American Chris Sawyer in goal. Cahill has emerged, however, and probably solidified his hold of the starting job with back-to-back shutouts this weekend.

"Cahill is doing amazing in the back," Lapira said. "We had no idea who was going to start at the beginning of the year, and he has stepped it up."

Clark likes what the tall, athletic Cahill brings to the position.

"He's just a huge big bird in there with big wingspan," Clark said. "He's hard to beat, and he's brave. He's done phenomenally well."

Cahill deflects all of the praise to Notre Dame's defenders, though.

"I can't really take all of the credit, because our back four played really well," Cahill said.

With senior captain Dale Rellas out with a groin injury, Miller, junior captain Greg Dalby, senior Ben Crouse and freshman Jack Traynor made up the defensive back for the Irish this weekend. Clark said he thought the defenders had a superb tournament.

The coach is pleased that Notre Dame finally seems to be coming together as a unit.

"I think this team is now becoming a team in its own right," Clark said. "And that's always the interesting thing you have to do at the start."

Notre Dame will open Big East play Friday with a game against St. John's in New York. Clark looks forward to the stiff challenge that the talented Red Storm should pose.

"St. John's will be another test, and that's great," Clark said. "But we'll enjoy this one for one day anyway."

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Sweep

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Dame has said it expects great things. After solid wins against Michigan, then-No. 11 Texas and Arizona State, the Irish knew they were good. They claimed they weren't underdogs against the mighty lineup they would face in San Antonio.

And Friday through Sunday, they backed up their talk. They not only walked, they strutted. And while the Irish quickly say they aren't cocky already, they've certainly got a growing confidence.

"We have so much confidence in each other right now," Brewster said. "I don't think we're cocky by any means. I don't think we're over-confident."

In the three matches, the Irish gelled. Everyone played, and everyone contributed.

"It was a really great team effort," Brewster said. "Everyone suited up for the first time. We're really excited because it wasn't a couple of individuals that were doing well, it was the whole team coming together."

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Lauren Brewster
Irish co-captain

Notre Dame's two injured sophomores returned. Adrianna Stasiuk, who missed the first three matches of the season, and Ellen Heintzman, who missed every match but the first one, played a major role in the Irish victories. Stasiuk had a team-high 24 digs against the Gators. She played libero during the first two games and at opposite the final game, while Heintzman filled in for freshman Mallorie Croal, who collided with a teammate in the second Florida game and was out with a concussion. While senior outside hitter Lauren Kelbley had a career-high 29 kills against USC, senior middle blocker Carolyn Cooper pounded 11 kills against Florida. Seldom-played senior Kelly Burrell made her first appearance this season in the Oklahoma match. She sparked her team with an outstanding block and a set assist.

"It's great because we had [the sophomores] back," Brewster said. "We had [Stasiuk] going back between libero and the outside. She did a great job at either position.

"Against Florida, in the second game, Ellen Heitzman came in for [Croal] and did a great job, had some great shots, so it was great to be able to see her and Madison Clark come off the bench and really contribute right away."

The Irish were scheduled to play in the Sugar Bowl Classic in New Orleans this weekend, but the tournament has been cancelled because of Hurricane Katrina and the tragic situation in New Orleans. Their next scheduled match is Sept. 25 against Big East foe Seton Hall at the Joyce Center. Rather than taking the entire two-week hiatus, Notre Dame is working on scheduling a few matches.

For now, the Irish won't dwell on their successes.

"We're ready to keep working harder," Brewster said. "We have some other great teams coming up."

Despite the 3-1 victory against the Trojans — a team that has won two of the past three national championships and lost and in last year's title match — the Irish weren't completely pleased, Brewster said

"Against USC, we didn't play as well as we would've liked," she said.

It's not cockiness that makes Brewster and her teammates think such things. It's their desire to win, their awareness of their limitless potential. Even after defeating the intimidating Trojans, the pesky Sooners and the Gators — who had not been swept in more than two years — the Irish aren't satisfied.

The bar is that high. And they like it.

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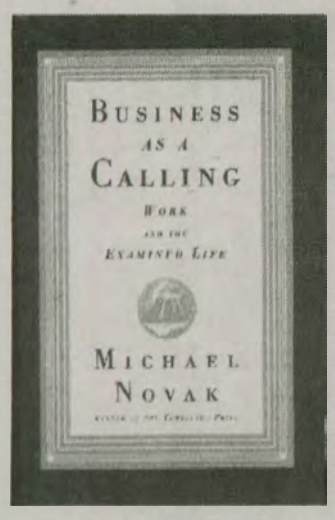

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the most dedicated people I've ever met," she said. "She's destined for greatness because she works hard at it."

Indiana's Shannon Johnson also shot a 223 to tie Nakazaki for the title. The Hoosiers finished tied for tenth.

Nakasaki, who became the first Irish player since Rebecca Rogers in 2000 to finish first in the ND Invitational, shot a 72 and a 73 in the first two rounds of competition, followed by a 78 on Sunday.

"The first 36 holes I was consistent, and the last round I only had one bad hole," Nakasaki said.

The junior was not fazed by her success, however. She noted at least one area of her game that needed improvement.

"I really have to work on my sand shot," she said. "I was blading it a little bit."

Other scoring players for the Irish included senior Katie Brophy with a 236, junior Stacy Brown with a 237, senior Suzie Hayes with a 238 and sophomore Jane Lee with a 239.

Five other Irish players — Lisa Maunu, Sarah Bassett, Alejandra Diaz-Calderon, Lauren Gebauer and Courtney Sullivan — competed in the tournament as individuals. Maunu and Gebauer, who shot a 234 and a 237, respectively, were in the top-five scores for the Irish.

King said good rounds by non-scoring players are indicative of a deep roster.

"That happens to us a lot because we're a very deep team," she said. "It's very hard to choose five because we're such a deep team."

King said she hopes the victory will spur the Irish to a successful season in 2005-06.

"This is what we hoped for," she said. "We wanted to start out our season with a win."

The tournament marked the last Notre Dame Invitational for Illinois coach Paula Smith. The Hall of Famer, who has coached the Illini for 28 years, will retire after the season. She was honored by King at the tournament awards ceremony.

"Paula's one of the most kind-hearted people I've ever met, and she will be greatly missed in the coaching field," King said of her longtime rival.

Toledo finished second in the tournament, followed by Big East member Georgetown. Bradley placed fourth, with Eastern Michigan only one stroke behind. Western Michigan and Xavier tied for sixth with team scores of 950 with Illinois just one stroke behind them. Yale, the only Ivy League school in the field, finished eighth, followed immediately by Winthrop.

Indiana and Butler tied for tenth. Boston College, Bucknell, Western Illinois, IUPUI and St. Mary's rounded out the field.

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Split

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junior defender Kim Lorenzen, who was out with an injury.

Despite this, Dew did not think her absence was the reason for the loss.

"It didn't really hurt us not having her in there," Dew said. "We still have a lot of depth."

Sunday afternoon was a different story, however.

Notre Dame returned to its winning ways, defeating Gonzaga 4-1 in the second game of the Santa Clara Adidas Classic.

Leading the Irish were familiar faces Thorlakson, Hanks and Amanda Cinalli, who all scored goals in the win.

All four goals were scored in the first half, as Notre Dame did everything in its power to erase the memories of the loss two nights before.

"It just wasn't going our way."

Carrie Dew
Irish defender

Thorlakson got the Irish started on the right foot when she scored on a penalty kick at 12:14, and then assisted on a goal at 16:19 when Annie Schefter headed her corner kick to Jen Buczkowski who put the ball in the back of the net.

At 32:14, Hanks scored her second goal of the game, and No. 11 of the season, when she beat Ryder with a shot in the left side of the net.

Cinalli scored the final goal at 34:56, capping off a four-goal first half.

Notre Dame will play next Friday at home against DePaul at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday against Michigan at 1 p.m.

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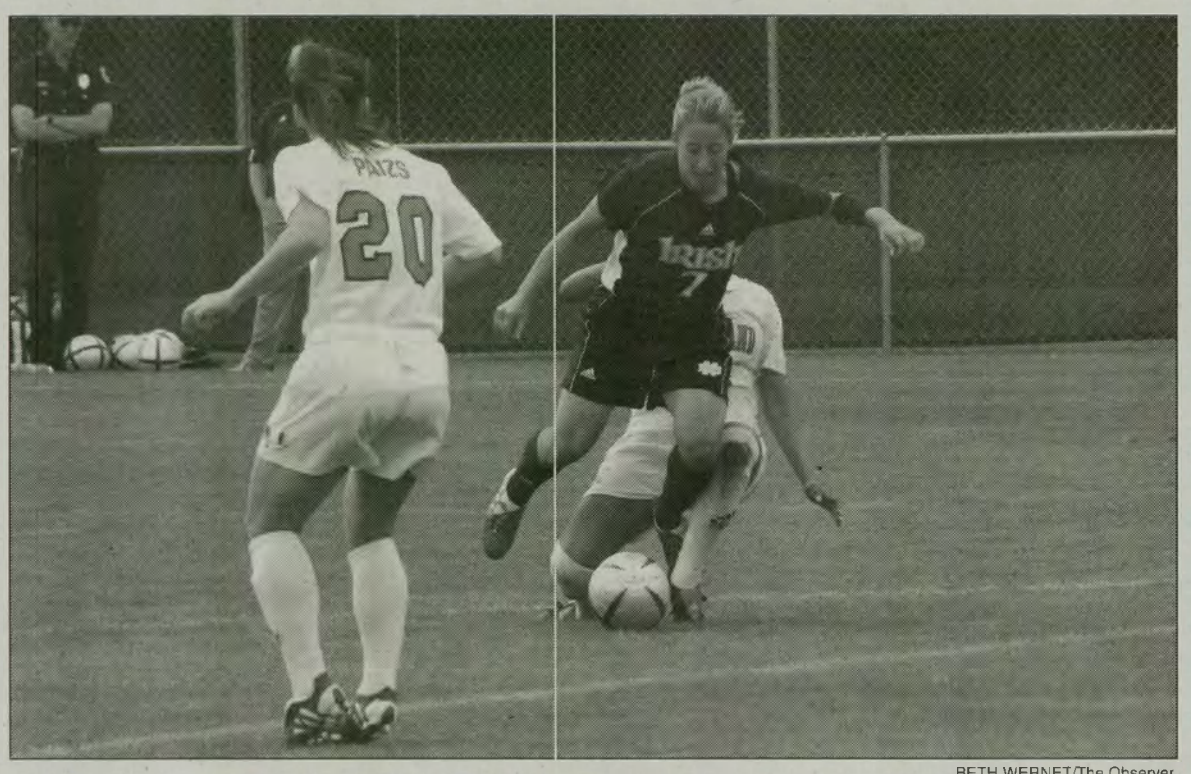

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Senior forward Katie Thorlakson keeps the ball away from a Terrapin defender on Sept. 4. Thorlakson had a goal and an assist in the Irish's 4-1 win over Gonzaga Sunday.

NASCAR

Gordon misses chase for 2005 Nextel title

Four-time series champion fails to qualify for playoff

Associated Press

The sound of defeat echoed from Jeff Gordon's voice as he saw his chance at making the "Chase for the Nextel Cup" come to a screeching halt.

"We're done now," Gordon said over the radio after scraping the wall on lap 211 of Saturday night's NASCAR Chevy Rock & Roll 400 at Richmond International Raceway.

Gordon, who entered the decisive race 30 points out of 10th place, was forced to pit multiple times under caution to repair the damage to the right side of his No. 24 Chevrolet Monte Carlo. He returned to the track one lap down in 36th.

Earlier, after making a routine stop for adjustments to his ill-handling car, Gordon had to pit a second time because of a loose lug nut on the left-rear tire. He returned from that mishap in 29th.

"I knew we were in trouble," Gordon said. "I wasn't feeling too good about things when we started going backwards."

He finished 30th to remain 12th in the standings, 83 points out of the 10th and final spot for the "Chase." The last time the four-time series champion finished outside the top 10 in points was his rookie season of 1993.

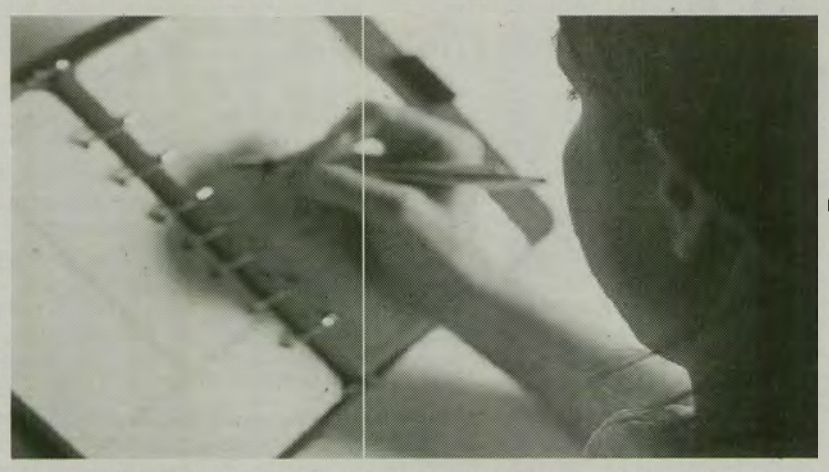
Gordon, who won three of the season's first nine events, has recorded as many top-10 finishes (9) as results of 30th or worse this year. He joins Dale Earnhardt Jr. as NASCAR's biggest names out of the championship hunt.

"It's disappointing, but it's been a disappointing year," Gordon said. "There are so many moments throughout the year where you can look back and say, 'Boy, if this could of happened, we could have been in the Chase.' But lately, things have not gone our way, and we haven't performed."

Though angry and frustrated, Gordon put missing a shot at his fifth series championship into perspective.

"I've had some far more disappointing seasons than this one," Gordon said. "Life is still pretty darn good for me right now. Racing is not everything. I've put my heart and soul into it like this team does, and we want to win. But we also know at the end of the day, that it's not the number one thing in our lives."

FALL CAREER EXPO



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above car-

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: IGLOO LOUSY PASTRY HAPPEN
Answer: When they looked at the dishes through the store window, they saw — "PLATE" GLASS

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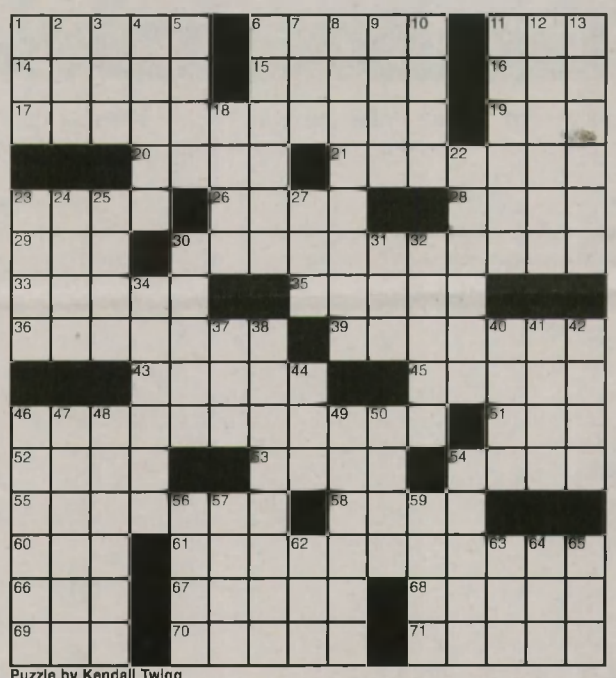
ACROSS

1 Dennis the Menace-type kids
6 Luxuriates
11 "Just ___ thought!"
14 Love to pieces
15 Maine college town
16 Stanley Cup org.
17 Start a negotiation
19 Dover's state: Abbr.
20 Minor setback
21 Raises canines?
23 Body parts with claws
26 Pizzas
28 Mrs. Chaplin
29 Miner's discovery
30 Give a little, take a little
33 Euripides drama
35 "___ a gun!"
36 Late, as a payment
39 Incited
43 Street-smart
45 Spine-tingling
46 Agree
51 SSE's opposite
52 "This won't hurt ___"
53 Seen once in a blue moon
54 Korean soldiers
55 To the point
58 Nick and Nora's dog of story and film
60 ___-tac-toe
61 Shake on it
66 Put into service
67 Jazz great Shaw
68 ___ cum laude
69 Basic version: Abbr.
70 Atwitter, with "up"
71 Fork feature

DOWN

1 "Kapow!"
2 Nutritional inits.
3 "All systems go"
4 Lock of hair
5 Actor Connery
6 Dance energetically
7 Terrier's sound
8 Tap dancing without taps
9 Patella's place
10 Achy
11 "You said a mouthful!"
12 Singer Easton
13 "Amen!"
18 Back of the neck
22 Chewy candy
23 Ceremonial splendor
24 Square footage
25 Ties the knot
27 UFO occupants
30 Angry with
31 "The Ice Storm" director ___ Lee
32 Theater seats
34 "... yadda, yadda, yadda"
37 One, in Madrid
38 Petition
40 First 007 film
41 Pigpen cry
42 Front page fill
44 Nay's opposite
46 It has points in Arizona
47 Double-reed woodwind player
48 Chopped into small pieces, as food
49 Not suitable for kids, as a movie
50 Go well together
54 Speeder spotter
56 "Out of Africa" author Dinesen
57 Parched
59 Office worker just for the day
62 Commit perjury
63 Sense of self
64 Raggedy doll
65 Fall behind



Puzzle by Kendall Twigg

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ariana Richards, 26; Brad Fischetti, 30; Harry Connick Jr., 38; Earl Holliman, 77

Happy Birthday: Stop talking about what you want to do this year and start actually following through with your plans. Personal and professional change is needed in your life. Things have become stale, so spice them up. Someone will help you if you share your dreams. Your numbers are 7, 13, 19, 29, 33, 38

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You have the discipline and the drive to take a creative idea and turn it into something great. The person you love will encourage you and contribute to your plans for the future. *****
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may wish to make some changes to your residence, but now is not the time. Set aside some time to create a plan and set a budget. You'll come up with a solution that is within your means. ***
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will feel torn between two choices. Don't make a decision based on what other people want. You have to decide for yourself. **
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Consider what you can do to change your routine. Decide what is healthy and what isn't. Now is the time to make a to-do list and stick to it. You will gain respect. ***
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have an attitude that everyone wants to mimic and an approach to life that is riveting. Practice what you preach and your life will be as wonderful as you portray. *****
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you want to avoid opposition today, forget about discussing your plans. Someone you least expect will do something totally out of character. Decide whether or not this person is good for you. **
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone may try to take advantage of you financially. Don't lend, borrow or get involved in joint financial deals. Love and romance are in the picture, so plan an exciting evening for two. ****
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get involved in an activity that will bring you closer to your dream of the past. If you do something connected with an industry you long to be in, it could lead to something great. ***
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be hard to pin down and even more difficult to keep up with. You will excite those who meet you and exhaust those you have known for some time. ***
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The quieter you are about your plans, the less opposition you will have to contend with. Watch what everyone else is doing and you will know who is capable of getting involved in your plans. ***
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can come up with a great idea that can turn into a prosperous future if you stick to it and turn this rather unorthodox project into something tangible. Your trendy style and unique way of doing things will entice potential business partners today. ****
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let the dust settle before you decide to deal with emotional issues. Take a closer look at your financial position and make adjustments. Making changes to your living arrangements will do you some good. **

Birthday Baby: You are practical, clever, unique, adaptable and open-minded. You are courageous and have the stamina to finish what you start.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Santa Clara shocker

Notre Dame falls to No. 5 Broncos in an early-season thriller

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

Something very strange happened to the Irish Friday night — something most of them are completely unaccustomed to as Notre Dame players.

For the second time in their last 49 games, dating back to late 2002, the Irish lost a soccer game.

Traveling to Santa Clara, Calif. for the Santa Clara Adidas Classic, the No. 1 Irish fell 2-1 to the No. 5 Broncos after failing to capitalize on numerous scoring chances.

Notre Dame outshot Santa Clara 14-5, and missed a critical penalty kick in the 39th minute in the loss.

"It just wasn't going our way," Irish defender Carrie Dew said. "We had a lot of really good chances. It was one of those days."

Notre Dame fell behind 1-0 at 20:03 when Megan Snell passed the ball behind her to Jordan Angeli, who ripped a shot into the right side of the net.

Angeli's goal was the sixth time that the Irish have given up a goal in the first half in the previous 32 games.

BETH WERNET/The Observer

Notre Dame forward Kerri Hanks, right, makes a cut on a Maryland defender during Notre Dame's victory over the Terrapins Sept. 4. Hanks scored a goal in the 4-1 Irish win over Gonzaga Sunday.

In the 32nd minute, Kerri Hanks was moving towards the right box when Broncos' defender Michaela Esquivel tackled her from behind.

Senior Annie Schefter took the penalty kick, but it was stopped by Santa Clara goaltender Julie Ryder.

At 37:50, Notre Dame finally scored when Katie Thorlakson found Hanks from the left corner near the net. The ball found its way to the back of goal, and a score that was originally credited to Hanks was afterwards ruled an own-goal.

Santa Clara's go-ahead goal came at 83:05 when Angeli's shot ricocheted off the left post into the goal.

Despite the loss Friday, coach Randy Waldrum was not terribly upset when viewing the loss in the context of the season as a whole.

"[Waldrum] said that it's a long season, and we'll be fine," Dew said.

Notre Dame was without

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish beat Gators for Rally title

Team takes out two top-10 teams in big weekend tournament

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

They did the unthinkable. They defied the inevitable. And now they're believable.

Over the weekend, the No. 19 Irish (6-0) swept through the University of Texas San Antonio Dome Rally — a tournament stacked with imposing competition — at the Alamodome. Notre Dame rallied to beat No. 8 Southern Cal 23-30, 32-30, 30-26, 30-27 Friday, breezed past Oklahoma 30-28, 30-27, 30-17 Saturday and fought by No. 6 Florida 30-28, 31-29, 30-28 Sunday.

Notre Dame's unofficial team motto is "raising the bar." And this weekend, the Irish met their bar.

"We're really proud of ourselves," said senior co-captain and middle blocker Lauren Brewster, who posted a total of 52 kills in the three matches.

So far this season, Notre

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Nakazaki leads Irish to big win

KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Irish junior Noriko Nakazaki tees off Saturday during the Notre Dame Invitational. Nagazaki shot a 223 as the Irish placed first.

Junior golfer earns first place at home Warren Golf Course

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

The hard work paid off for Noriko Nakazaki.

The Irish junior, who practiced all summer in lieu of a paying job, shot a 223 over three rounds Saturday and Sunday to share the tournament championship and lead her team to a nine-stroke victory over a 17-team field at the Notre Dame Invitational.

Irish coach Debby King was not surprised by Nakazaki's success.

"Noriko is probably one of the

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MEN'S SOCCER

Cahill's shutouts give team crown

Goalie delivers 197 scoreless minutes in annual tournament

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

The frustration built up inside Joe Lapira all game.

The sophomore forward had failed to capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities Sunday, but finally came through in the eighth minute of the second overtime period. Lapira headed in a pass from junior midfielder Nate Norman to give the Irish a 1-0 victory over St. Louis and ensure a first-place finish for the team at the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament.

"It was frustrating," Lapira said. "I probably had about seven or eight balls that I should have finished easily. It just finally fell in the second overtime."

Notre Dame kicked off the weekend with a 1-0 defeat of Boston University Friday night at Alumni Field. Early in the second half, Bright Dike found a streaking Norman, who split two defenders and fired a shot past the goalie from the top of the box.

The goal would be the only scoring the Irish would need, as

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

M CROSS COUNTRY

Freshman Chris Rodriguez led Notre Dame to a win in Valparaiso.

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W CROSS COUNTRY

Notre Dame's young team ran well, finishing in third at the Valparaiso Invitational.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

The Belles captured fifth place this weekend in the Wooster Invitational.

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St. Mary's dropped a tough road game to conference foe Hope.

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Brewers 4, Astros 2

Rick Helling beats Roy Oswalt in batte of NL Central teams

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Notre Dame 17, Michigan 10

A strong defensive performance propelled the Irish to a victory in the Big House.

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