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Scully's post remains vacant

Malloy temporarily assuming executive vice president duties

By SHEILA FLYNN
News Writer

Nearly two months after Father Timothy Scully's resignation as executive vice president became effective, the position has yet to be filled.

Scully announced May 2 that he intended to leave the administrative post, and the resignation took effect June 30. He did not state his reasons for the decision and the only comments from the University came in a statement largely outlining Scully's achieve-

ments.

"The fruits of his dynamic decision-making and high standards for performance will continue to influence this University long into the future," Patrick McCartan, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said in the statement.



Malloy



Scully

"We respect the personal nature of the decision he has made to step down but look forward to a continuing relationship with him as a member of the Board of Fellows and the Board of Trustees and as a valued member of the faculty." As executive vice president,

Scully's duties included the administration of an annual operating budget of more than \$500 million, an endowment of more than \$2.6 billion and a construction program of \$600 million.

While the position remains vacant, University President Father Edward Malloy is overseeing both his normal responsibilities and those normally performed by the executive vice president, University spokesman Matt Storin said.

Storin also said the choice of

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Football rape trial begins



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Former Irish safety Abram Elam enters the county courthouse Tuesday in South Bend.

Observer Staff Report

SOUTH BEND — The trial of Abram Elam — the first of four former football players accused of taking part in the rape of a woman at an off-campus house 17 months ago — began Tuesday with opening statements and testimony from the victim.

Elam, a former Notre Dame safety, is the only one of the four not charged with rape. He is charged with conspiracy to commit rape and is accused of holding the then-20-year-old Notre Dame student down while the others attacked her. He is also charged with criminal deviate conduct and sexual battery.

The woman told police she met the men at a bar, and they lured her to a house by saying there was a party

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Severe weather disrupts campuses

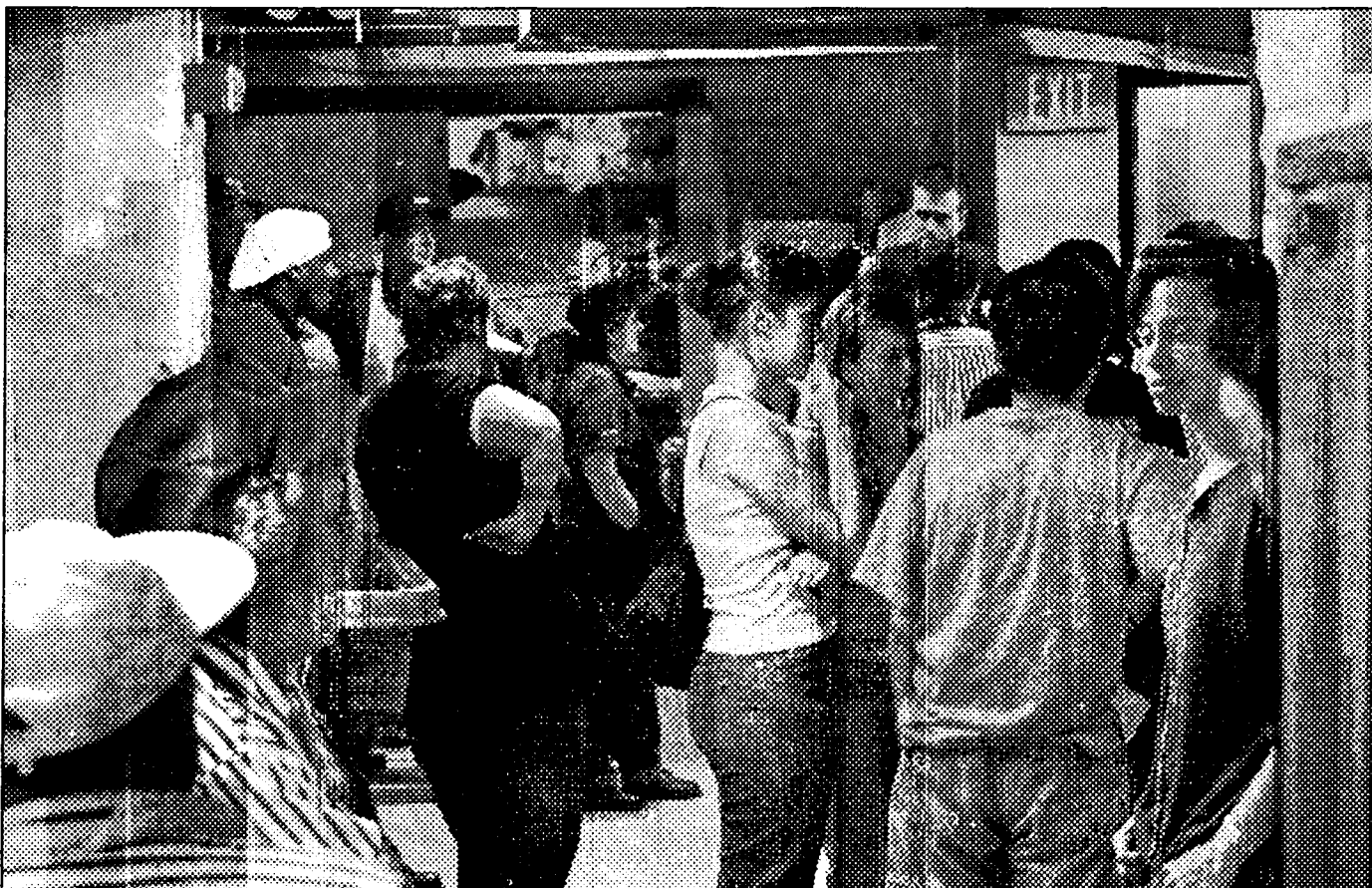
By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

A tornado warning for St. Joseph's County temporarily affected daily operations in the South Bend area Tuesday, including those at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Mike Hoffman, WNDU-TV's chief meteorologist, said that while the tornado sirens went off at approximately 2:30 p.m. and 3:40, there were no confirmed reports of a tornado and he was unsure why the second siren sounded, as weather conditions at that time did not warrant an emergency. He said Emergency Management may sound the alarm even if there is not a warning.

"I surveyed [South Bend] from my chopper and in my opinion the damage was not from a tornado," Hoffman said. "It was a downburst south of South Bend and Mishawaka."

Hoffman said there were confirmed



ADAM MIGLIORE/The Observer

Notre Dame students wait for the severe weather to pass in the basement of South Dining Hall Tuesday.

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SMC continues with presidential search

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

The search for a successor to Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred has progressed during the summer, maintaining the search process schedule instituted last April.

The College's Presidential Search committee and Board of Trustees began the process after Eldred announced March 5 that she intended to retire from her position. She agreed



Eldred

to stay on until a successor is named.

In early July, the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees hired Korn/Ferry International to conduct a search for a qualified candidate to fill the position.

The firm was chosen based on its notability and experience, said Colleen Ryan, a Saint Mary's trustee and chair of the Presidential Search committee. Korn/Ferry International demonstrates an understanding of the College's needs and holds an impressive record of success in finding presidents for colleges and universities, she said.

Based out of offices in 40 countries, Korn/Ferry

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ND hikes ticket prices

By WILL PUCKETT
News Writer

Many students were surprised Tuesday by a \$15 increase when they purchased football tickets for the upcoming season.

The price jump, combined with that of last year, means that Notre Dame students now pay about \$30 more for home game tickets than they did two years ago.

Jim Fraleigh, assistant athletic director for community relations and ticket operations, said the increases are part of the department's effort to expand student athlete scholarships.

"Two years ago, the University approved funding all scholarships that are allowed by the NCAA," Fraleigh said. "As a result, in

Increasing Football Ticket Prices



Source: Observer Archives

MIKE HARKINS/The Observer

excess of 64 scholarships have been added, and a big portion of the ticket increase goes toward that."

The University now funds 26 teams at the varsity level in NCAA sports. Prior to the decision, many Olympic sports did not have the maximum number of scholarships funded.

Student reaction to the ticket price increase has been

mixed.

"I didn't notice [the increase], and I don't really think it's too much," sophomore Pete Murphy said.

"I think it's to help programs, and it's to be expected with inflation and everything," said senior Mike Diamond.

But not all students share this view.

"I don't see why they have

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INSIDE COLUMN

Reliving time abroad

Everyone knows "that girl." She returns from studying abroad in a morphed, annoying, impossible-to-shut-up version of her former self. She insults America at every opportunity, spouting irritating theories of European superiority. She finds her stories hilarious and worships her abroad pictures to the point that everyone she meets wants to knock her out with her own precious photo albums.



Sheila Flynn

Assistant Managing Editor

I swore that I wouldn't be "her." Over the summer, I was pretty good. But I reserve the right to write one column about my abroad experience. Here it is.

Before we left for Spain, there was a mandatory meeting for all students preparing to study abroad. We were told that culture shock could hurtle us onto an emotional rollercoaster, possibly resulting in such undesirable effects as clinical depression or agoraphobia.

I laughed. Maybe I shouldn't have. No one I know developed a fear of leaving the house, but every other bizarre occurrence possible managed to happen last semester.

One of my best friends and I discovered a dead body in the mountains of Spain. My flight almost landed directly on top of another plane. I lost my wallet, sustained three permanent scars and slept for 12 hours on the floor of a broken-down train. One member of our program had his ACL torn in an unfortunate run-in with a bull (I am not kidding). Another group was on a train that derailed and ran into a river after hitting a flock of sheep. People fell down steps, fell for each other, got tattoos and got pick-pocketed. Some rented stick-shift cars they didn't know how to drive, and others were nearly jailed by gun-toting Eastern European guards when they ran out of Czech currency.

That's just an inkling of what went on. And it was great.

I realized, over the summer, that we'll never get any of that back. Never again will we trip over cobblestones in the rain together, calling to the ever-present gimpy dog. We won't drink cafe con leche five times a day and beg for more tapas. Never again will we decide, at 4 a.m., that it's a good idea to lie on the sidewalk eating vending machine pizza. We probably won't escape to a mountain or the panoramic top floor of our school on a passing whim. And I miss that.

What I will miss most, though, (and here I go with the clichés) is the people — the group of eccentric and amazing personalities that drove me crazy, kept me sane and became some of my best friends.

Thanks for everything, tios. Jo.

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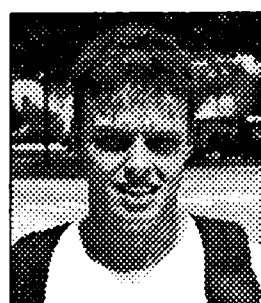
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE OLSEN BROTHERS' DECISION TO TRANSFER?



Steve Carroll
Senior
Off-campus

"It's definitely a loss to our team, but I think we can recover."



David Kil
Junior
Off-campus

"It's his loss, I don't know why anyone would want to go to Miami or Virginia."



Bob Prim
Stadium
Usher

"That's the way football recruiting evolves. Too bad for the Olsens, they'll be missed."



Greg Coleman
Senior
O'Neill Hall

"He'll learn from the best tight end in the nation, Kellen Winslow."



Mike Goolsby
Senior
Dillon Hall

"It's a big loss to the team, but we have enough talent to pick up the loss of Greg and Chris."



Bubba Gerner
Junior
St. Ed's Hall

"I wish we had the Olsen twins."



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Notre Dame students join hands during a Mass at the Joyce Center to celebrate the start of classes. University President Edward Malloy presided over the Mass and students, faculty and staff gathered afterwards for an indoor picnic.

OFFBEAT

Smelly employee fuels hygiene policy

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — City officials say one smelly employee is responsible for a new policy that requires all city employees to smell nice when reporting for work.

The Murfreesboro City Council adopted the good hygiene policy Thursday.

"No employee shall have an odor generally offensive to others when reporting to work. An offensive body odor may result from a lack of good hygiene, from an excessive application of a fragrant aftershave or

cologne or from other cause."

Phone book cover features heroin flower

CLERMONT, Fla. — Sprint Corp. is remaking phone books distributed in central Florida after learning that the colorful cover art could be sending the wrong message.

The phone book in south Lake County features the magenta petals of the opium-bearing poppy, the flower used to make heroin.

Sprint spokeswoman Darcy Miller said the picture was chosen from stock art for its color and attractiveness but has

been deleted and will not be used again.

Woman pleads guilty to attacking stripper

WHEELING, Ill. — A woman has pleaded guilty to misdemeanor battery, admitting she attacked a stripper who failed to meet expectations during her daughter's bachelorette party.

Jacqueline McMahon, 52, was sentenced to 30 days of court supervision and ordered to pay \$2,500 restitution to the victim in a plea deal reached Monday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame juniors may purchase season football tickets today at the Stadium box office, across from the Joyce Center. Tickets are available for \$144.

Clubs and student organizations interested in running a concession stand this fall must complete a training program. Sessions will be held today at 4 and 5:30 p.m.

Greg Pond's SSTAR Grant Project will be on display at the Moreau Gallery at Saint Mary's. The display continues until Sept. 26.

A special viewing of *Groundhog Day* will be shown on North Quad this evening. The movie begins at 9 p.m., weather permitting.

The Graduate Student Union will host a picnic to welcome back all graduate students and celebrate the start of another academic year. The picnic will take place at the Fischer Grad Residences from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All graduate students and their families are invited to attend.

On Thursday, Walsh Hall will present its annual *Football Tutorial*. The event takes place at the LaFortune ballroom from 8 to 9 p.m. It attempts to educate the football illiterate in the rules of the sport.

The sophomore class student government will host a *late-night grill* on Thursday from 10 to 11:30 p.m.

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

CORRECTIONS

In the Aug. 23 issue, a Black Hawk helicopter was mistakenly identified as an Apache helicopter in the caption on page 13. The Observer regrets the error.

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

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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Peters's duties still cut

Former Sorin rector remains inactive

MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

Former Sorin rector Father Sam Peters is still prevented from public ministry after he admitted in May to a n i n a p p r o p r i a t e r e l a t i o n s h i p with an adult female, s a i d



Peters

Dick Nussbaum, attorney for the Congregation of the Holy Cross's Indiana Province.

Nussbaum said Peters remains a priest and member of the Indiana Province, though he is not allowed to administer sacraments, practice public ministry and priestly other priestly duties.

He did not provide contact information for Peters and said Peters was not in Indiana.

Nussbaum said the Indiana Province determines which priests are eligible to perform public ministry, but added that Peters is currently not undergoing the "extensive"

process to defrock a priest, which involves both the province and the Vatican.

Peters's future is yet to be determined by the province, and he could theoretically be granted faculties, Nussbaum said. It is uncertain whether Peters will be able to resume public ministry.

"It is pretty clear he won't [be allowed to perform priestly duties] in the immediate future," Nussbaum said.

In early May, the University abruptly fired Peters for what University spokesman Matt Storin called an "inappropriate sexual relationship with an adult female." Storin declined to comment in May on whether the woman was a student, saying the University would protect her identity.

A member of the woman's family alerted University officials of the relationship. Within days, Peters admitted to the relationship and was removed as rector of Sorin Hall, a post he had held since September 2001. The former rector is banned from Notre Dame's campus.

Storin said in May that he did not know the length of the relationship, but that it was clear it had occurred

during the 2002-03 school year.

A May statement from the Indiana Province apologized for Peters's actions.

"It will be important for him to re-examine his life priorities and his fidelity to them," the statement said.

Peters told Notre Dame Magazine for a spring 2003 article on Holy Cross priests, "I'm the happiest guy you've ever met who's poor, celibate and obedient."

Several Sorin residents said in May Peters frequently talked about how happy he was with his celibacy.

The Vatican originally delayed Peters's ordination because, as a recovering alcoholic, he could not drink wine at the altar. In September 2001 he made his religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. A year later, the Vatican granted Peters a special dispensation and he was officially ordained a priest.

Before becoming rector at Sorin, he served at St. Joseph High School and Christ the King Catholic Church in South Bend and St. Pius X in Granger.

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Boat Club lawsuits

dismissed, postponed

By TERESA FRALISH
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Approximately 40 lawsuits filed against Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who were cited in the Jan. 24 Boat Club raid have been dismissed and the remaining 150 trials have been postponed until Sept. 23.

In April, Millennium Enterprises, the company that owns Boat Club, filed suits for \$3,000 each against Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students cited in the raid.

In his order granting the motion to dismiss the lawsuits, St. Joseph County Superior Court Magistrate Richard McCormick said Millennium Enterprises failed to show adequate legal precedent for its claim. McCormick said he did not agree with The Boat Club's argument that underage students admitted to the bar were responsible for damages the bar could incur as a result of the raid.

South Bend attorney Ed Sullivan, who filed the motion to dismiss in June, said he realized the cited students broke the law, but did not believe they were solely responsible for any penalties the bar faces. "Even if the factual allegations are true, the law doesn't allow this type of claim," Sullivan said.

In its brief to the court, Millennium Enterprises claimed that the "Defendant(s) knowingly made false statements ... of their age for purposes of inducing Plaintiff to allow

Defendant to gain admission to defendant's business establishment ... the Plaintiff has sustained damages, expenses, losses, costs and attorney fees due to the fraudulent actions of the Defendant."

The Boat Club faced sanctions from the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission and was given the options of losing its liquor license or paying a \$5,000 fine and selling to new owners.

Sullivan said that several states do not allow this type of lawsuit. "We cited those other states in our brief to the court," he said. Sullivan believes that the other suits may be dismissed as well. "I think it's likely," he said. "That ruling can be applied to any case. The facts are identical."

Millennium Enterprises has until Sept. 2 to appeal the decision to the Indiana Court of Appeals. Sullivan said he feels confident he would win any appeal.

Boat Club attorney Mitch Heppenheimer did not return Observer phone calls seeking comment on the suits.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who were cited for the Class C felony "Minor in a Tavern" paid court fines of \$220. The Office of Residence Life and housing required cited Notre Dame students to complete 40 hours of community service.

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SMC ranks first in Midwest colleges

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

For the ninth time in the past 10 years, "U.S. News and World Report" ranked Saint Mary's College was ranked the number one Midwest Comprehensive College offering bachelor's degrees.

The 109 colleges in this category are institutions in the Midwest that focus on undergraduate education, but grant fewer than 50 percent of their degrees in liberal arts disciplines. In addition, comprehensive colleges include institutions where at least 10 percent of the undergraduate degrees awarded are bachelors'.

"U.S. News" evaluates schools in six key areas: peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

Saint Mary's earned an overall score of 100, ranking highly in average freshmen retention rate, average graduation rate, alumni giving and student-teacher ratio.

"The faculty at Saint Mary's play a huge role," said Melanie McDonald, director of public relations at Saint Mary's. "They are a major reason for the College's excellent reputation, which is measured in the peer assessment category. They also greatly influence Saint Mary's scores in the categories of graduation and retention rates and faculty resources. Combined, these three areas amount to 70 percent of the total assessment."

The College said it welcomes the recognition and publicity brought by the annual study.

"These rankings are well recognized by parents and students, and are therefore an important third-party endorsement of the College's success," said Saint Mary's College President Marilou Eldred. "The guidebook also brings greater visibility to smaller institutions like ours that are often viewed as hidden treasures."

Holding the top position for so long also leads to increased publicity for the college.

"Any college that consistently ranks in the top of its category is clearly an academically sound institution with a well-established tradition of excellence," McDonald said. "When you're number one nine out of 10 years, it isn't a fluke."

Students find the ranking impressive but not necessarily

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Marilou Eldred
president
Saint Mary's College

a point of persuasion. Freshman Eileen Boyce first heard of the ranking at the president's address during orientation weekend.

"The ranking is great for the school, but I would never base my decision on a college just because of its national ranking," she said. "I came to Saint Mary's because of the beautiful campus, friendly people and academics; I was not even aware of the report."

The College hopes the report cultivates interest in high school women and pride in current students.

"The ranking gives Saint Mary's students one more reason to be proud of themselves and of the college they have chosen to attend," McDonald said.

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ND welcomes new rectors

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

Four dorms welcome new rectors this year, including Sorin College, St. Edward's Hall, McGlinn Hall and Zahm Hall.

The Otters of Sorin are now under the leadership of Father Jim King, a 1981 Notre Dame graduate. He was ordained as a Holy Cross priest in 1988. King has served as the director of vocations for the Congregation of Holy Cross since 1997 and will continue to hold the position while he serves as rector.

King was enthusiastic about his placement in Sorin, the first residence hall built at Notre Dame.

"We've inherited a lot of tradition here, and that's quite a plus," King said. "Our first weekend got rave reviews from parents and students alike."

Father Tom Eckert, the new rector of St. Edward's Hall, graduated from Notre Dame in 1995. The fourth rector to head St. Edward's Hall in the past three years, he said he sympathizes with the adjustments his upper-classmen residents have had to make to each new rector's expectations.

"When I was a student, I had

three rectors in four years, so I know where they're coming from. Patience has to be the name of the game when we're all adjusting to one another," Eckert said.

Eckert entered Moreau Seminary in the fall of 1995,

graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 2002. He was ordained a Holy Cross priest in 2003.

McGlinn Hall is the only female dorm to add a new rector this year, welcoming Beth Skinner to the staff. Skinner, who earned a B.A. in

Religious Studies from the University of California-Riverside, has completed all but her final

exams toward a Masters degree in Theology from Notre Dame.

She comes to the University after serving for ten years in the diocese of San Bernardino, CA, including two years as the Associate Director of the Office of Small Faith Communities for the RENEW program. Skinner also served for the U.S. Army in Germany as a drug and alcohol counselor.

"I see my main role as one of providing leadership and direction for the women of this dorm," Skinner said. "It is very important to me to get and keep the dorm more organized than last year, especially in terms of following through with policies and organizing hall functions."

Skinner said her hall staff has been extremely helpful in her adjustment to the job.

Zahm Hall welcomes new rector Dan Parrish, who will be ordained a Holy Cross deacon Sunday.

"This past week has been amazing — I am so excited to be here at Zahm," he said.

Parrish praised the strong presence of community that is alive in the dorm, saying that he believes Zahm's hall spirit to be the best sense of family at Notre Dame.

"On top of social and athletic activities, the freshmen paid a 3 a.m. candlelit visit to the cemetery to see Father Zahm's grave. We talked about how he lived his life and how it's a call for us to live our lives — how Fr. Zahm lives on through us."

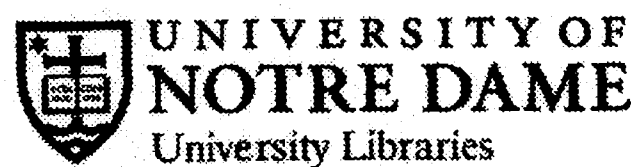
"We've inherited a lot of tradition here, and that's quite a plus."

Father Jim King
rector
Sorin Hall

Parrish graduated from the University of Portland in 1996 and earned a Masters of Divinity degree from Notre Dame in May of 2003. During his time

as a seminarian, Parrish volunteered at the Indiana State Prison, as well as in the Office of Campus Ministry.

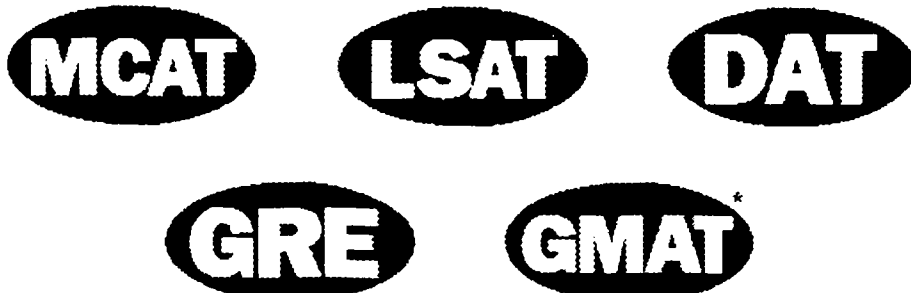
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Cuba detainee attempts suicide

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Another inmate at the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has tried to kill himself, bringing to 32 the number of detainees that have attempted suicide, the military said Tuesday.

The detainee, one of about 660 from 42 countries being held on suspicion of links to Afghanistan's fallen Taliban regime or the al-Qaida terror network, was being treated by medics, Lt. Col. Pamela Hart said.

"He is going to be looked at by mental health personnel more carefully, but physically he's fine," Hart told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from the base in Cuba.

Hart declined to say how the man tried to kill himself but most attempts have been with men trying to hang themselves with garments or sheets provided in their 8-by-6 foot metal cells.

American claims coaster record

BERLIN — An American set a world record for roller-coaster riding Tuesday, surpassing his own mark of 147 hours after six days of careening rides in a German amusement park, organizers said.

Richard Rodriguez, 43, followed Guinness Book of World Records rules requiring eight-hour periods of riding with no more than 15-minute breaks, the Holiday Park in the southwest German town of Hassloch said in a statement.

Rodriguez, who teaches English at Loyola University in Chicago, used two roller-coasters at the amusement park in his record chase. For the purpose, one car on each ride was equipped with a small toilet and with seat padding, so he could sleep while riding.

NATIONAL NEWS

Two feared dead in plane crash

YARMOUTH, Mass. — A commuter plane with just two pilots aboard crashed Tuesday off Cape Cod after the crew reported an emergency and tried to return to the airport, authorities said. The pilots were presumed dead.

Recovery efforts were suspended for the night at about 7:30 p.m. without any bodies being recovered, said Mark Foley, a spokesman for the Yarmouth Fire Department.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the Colgan Air crew declared an emergency shortly after takeoff and was returning to land when the crash occurred about 3 miles off the coast. The plane was a Beechcraft 1900D, a 19-seater, the FAA said.

More pilots packing in-flight heat

WASHINGTON — After a slow start in training pilots to carry guns, the government said Tuesday that it has filled its weekly classes and expects to arm all qualified pilots who volunteer within a year.

An association of pilots says, however, that the government is discouraging volunteers by insisting on psychological testing, requiring lockboxes to carry weapons and holding training at a single remote site.

Fewer than 200 passenger airline pilots were trained and deputized to carry a weapon since Congress ordered the program in November.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana soldier killed in Iraq

DENVER — A soldier from Indiana has died of injuries suffered in an auto accident in Iraq, the military said Tuesday.

Spc. Ronald D. Allen Jr., 22, was serving with the 502nd Personnel Service Battalion, 43rd Area Support Group, supporting the 4th Infantry Division, the Pentagon said.

Allen was from Mitchell, Ind., about 30 miles south of Bloomington.

Shuttle report blasts NASA

Panel finds lax safety measures helped doom Columbia, seven crew members

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — NASA's overconfident management and inattention to safety doomed Columbia every bit as much as the chunk of foam that struck the shuttle with deadly force, investigators concluded Tuesday. Without drastic changes, they said, another disaster is likely.

In a scathing 248-page report coming almost seven months to the day after the spacecraft disintegrated over Texas, the Columbia Accident Investigation Board said the shuttle was not "inherently unsafe," but issued a series of recommendations for a safe return to flight.

"The board strongly believes that if these persistent, systemic flaws are not resolved, the scene is set for another accident," the investigators wrote.

They added: "NASA's blind spot is it believes it has a strong safety culture."

The board said the space agency lacks "effective checks and balances, does not have an independent safety program and has not demonstrated the characteristics of a learning organization."

Board member John Barry put it this way: "NASA had conflicting goals of cost, schedule and safety. Unfortunately, safety lost out."

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, prepared in advance for the sharp criticism, pledged to make the necessary changes.

"We are, all of us at NASA, a part of the solution," he told space agency employees.

And President Bush declared, "Our journey in space will go on."

The board concluded that safety engineers used "sleight of hand" tactics even before the Feb. 1 Columbia tragedy to play down the frequency of strikes by fuel-tank foam



The crew of the ill-fated shuttle Columbia departs their quarters for the launch at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., in this January file photo. An investigative panel found NASA management downplayed safety concerns.

insulation and managers pressed ahead because of intense pressure from high up to stay on schedule. Even shuttle managers said the rationale for continuing to launch in the face of foam strikes was "lousy."

In all, the Columbia investigators issued 29 recommendations to NASA, six focusing on organizational change.

Dr. Jonathan Clark, a NASA flight surgeon whose wife was Columbia astronaut Dr. Laurel Clark, said the report "hit right on the money" and noted that changing the space agency's culture will be the real challenge.

The board agreed. "The changes we recommend will be difficult to accom-

plish and will be internally resisted," the report said.

"We know how hard it is for big organizations to change," said retired Navy Adm. Harold Gehman, the board's chairman.

NASA's vigilance after the 1986 Challenger explosion lessened as the years went by, and the recommendations by those investigators were forgotten or overlooked. So the Columbia investigators sought a deeper, broader analysis.

Observed board member Sheila Widnall, a former Air Force secretary: "I wanted to make sure that we were not just the second report on a shelf to be joined by a third report."

Some of the changes urged by the Columbia board — eliminate as much fuel-tank foam shedding as possible, toughen the vulnerable thermal shielding on the wings, give astronauts inspection capabilities and repair kits — are needed before shuttle flights resume, Gehman said. The culture issues will take longer, he said.

Key members of Congress are promising close scrutiny; the first round of hearings begins next week.

The board has done its job, "now it's time for us to do ours," said Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., a member of the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee.

U.N. says Iranians have uranium

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — U.N. inspectors found traces of highly enriched, weapons-grade uranium at an Iranian nuclear facility, a report by the U.N. nuclear agency says.

Iran said Tuesday the traces came with equipment purchased abroad decades ago.

The find heightened concerns that Tehran may be running a secret nuclear weapons program.

Agency inspectors found "particles" of highly enriched uranium that could be used in a weapons program at the facility at Natanz, said the report prepared for a meeting of the U.N. agency's board Sept. 8 in Vienna. Contents of the report were made

known to The Associated Press by diplomats who requested anonymity.

The United States has accused Iran of developing a clandestine nuclear weapons program, violating the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty barring the spread of atomic weapons.

Iran has denied the allegations, insisting its programs are devoted only to generating electricity.

Ali-Akbar Salehi, Tehran's ambassador to the IAEA, said the equipment was "contaminated" with enriched uranium before it was purchased by Iran.

Salehi told AP the equipment in question was "brought many years ago from intermediaries" and so it was impossible to name the countries of origin.

Separately, Salehi also said Iran was ready to negotiate an IAEA request that it sign an additional agreement throwing open its nuclear programs to more intrusive inspections.

Salehi said the offer, made Monday, indicates "for the first time ... that the government of Iran is ready to enter negotiations into the additional protocol."

He said talks would likely begin after two IAEA meetings next month, one on Sept. 8 by the agency's board of governors on the Iran report and another the week after when the full IAEA assembly convenes.

IAEA spokesman Mark Gwozdecky called Iran's overture "a positive step."

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IN BRIEF

Justice Dept. blocks SBC move

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Justice Department told federal regulators Tuesday it could not support SBC Communications Inc.'s application to enter the long-distance market in four Midwestern states.

SBC, the second-largest of the nation's four regional Bell companies, asked federal regulators last month for permission to offer long-distance service in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. The move is opposed by potential competitors who say the local telephone giant is blocking competition for its services.

SBC has been trying for years to offer long-distance service in its service area, and approval from the Federal Communications Commission is the final hurdle. SBC already sells long distance in eight states, including California and Texas.

Two suitors remain for Universal

PARIS — Vivendi Universal on Tuesday narrowed the field of bidders for its entertainment assets to two — General Electric Co.'s NBC and an investor group led by former Seagram Co. chief executive Edgar Bronfman Jr.

After a four-hour board meeting, the French media and utilities conglomerate said it would enter separate, in-depth talks with the "two strongest" bidders. In either case, a deal would leave Vivendi a "substantial minority interest" in a U.S. media company, the company said in a statement.

The move excludes CBS and MTV owner Viacom Inc., which had expressed interest only in Vivendi's cable channels — USA, Sci-Fi and Trio. The other assets for sale include the Universal movie and TV studios and several theme parks.

Amazon launches anti-spoof suits

SEATTLE — Amazon.com Inc. has filed federal lawsuits against 11 e-mail marketers, contending they faked their e-mail addresses to appear as if the messages were sent by Amazon.com, the company said Tuesday.

The suits, filed Monday and Tuesday in several U.S. district courts and in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Canada, seek injunctions to stop the alleged e-mail forgeries as well as millions of dollars in punitive damages.

The lawsuits are part of a broader effort by Amazon.com to stop e-mail "spoofing" of the company's name, the Seattle-based Internet retailer said in a statement. Spoofing is a practice in which outsiders send e-mail to consumers that purports to be from another company or person.

H&R Block posts rare 1Q gain

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — H&R Block on Tuesday reported a first-quarter profit for only the second time in its history, largely due to strong performance in the company's financial services businesses.

The Kansas City-based tax preparer reported earnings of \$10.6 million, or 6 cents per share, in the quarter that ended July 31, beating the 1 cent per share consensus estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

U.S. economy gains strength

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Consumer confidence rebounded in August from a dip the previous month as thousands of households surveyed expressed a growing belief that better times were ahead, a private research group said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the government reported a surge in July for big-ticket items, and new-home sales dipped as rising mortgage rates turned off some house hunters, but still posted their second best month on record.

Taken together, the readings "reflect that people are beginning to think the problems we're having now are temporary," said Gary Thayer, chief economist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis.

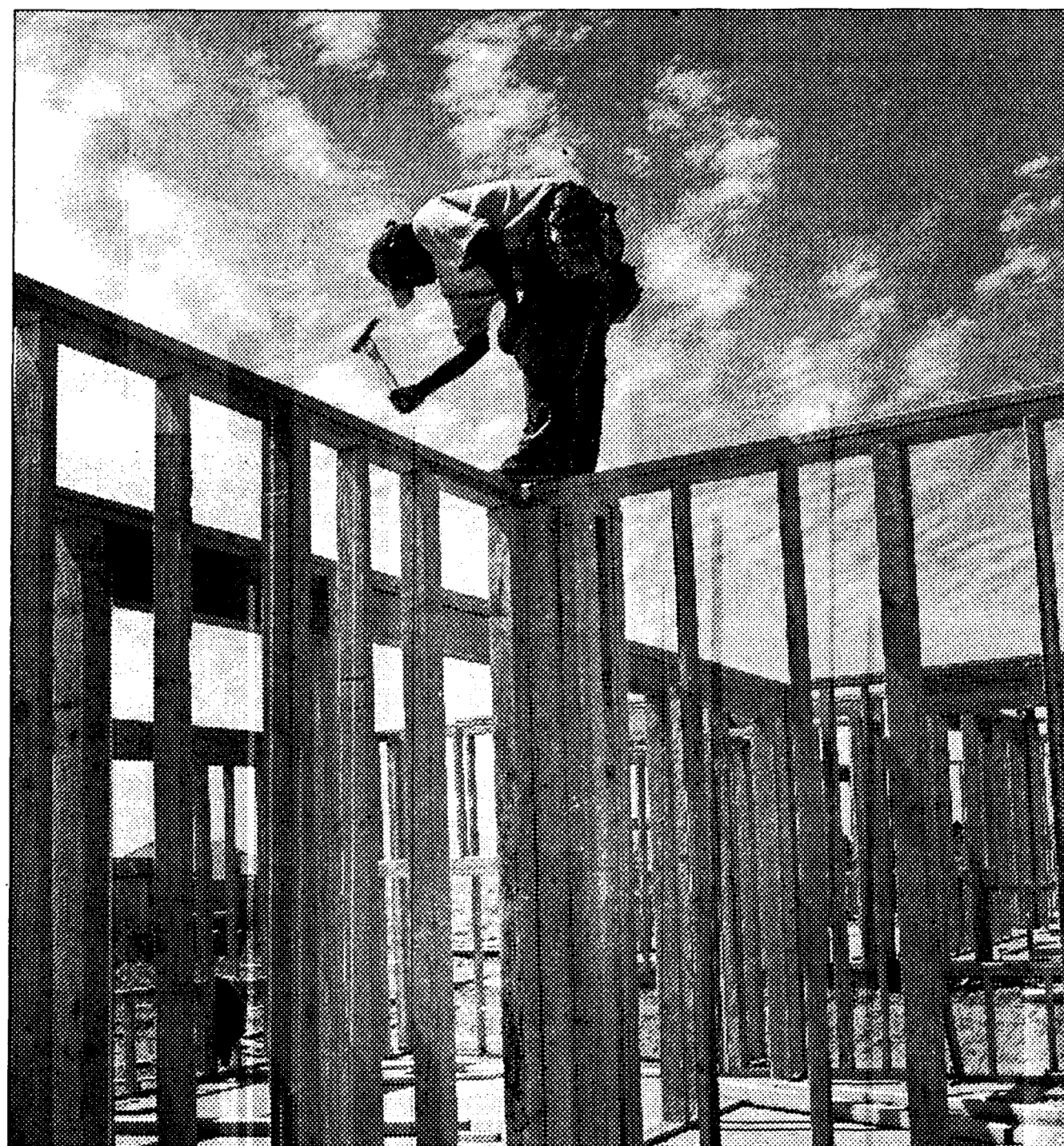
"People aren't feeling really good about the economy but that doesn't stop them from taking advantage of bargains when they're offered and spending the money they have," Thayer said.

The New York-based Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index rose to 81.3 in August, up 4.3 points from a revised 77.0 in July. Analysts had expected a reading of 79.6 this month.

Also Tuesday, the Commerce Department reported that manufacturers saw demand for "durable" goods — costly products expected to last at least three years — rose by a solid 1 percent in July. The figures, which were on target with analysts' expectations, reflected broad-based gains from cars and machinery to communications equipment and computers.

Separately, July sales of new homes fell 2.9 percent, the department said, but it remained the second-best month on record.

Historically low interest rates have boosted every-



Getty Images

A construction worker works on the frame of a house in Rodeo, Calif., in this August file photo. Sales of new homes and increased consumer confidence have propelled the U.S. economy's continued recovery.

thing from the housing market to car sales. Tuesday's economic reports came a day after the National Association of Realtors said sales of previously owned homes soared to an annual rate of 6.12 million units in July — the best month on record.

The generally positive reports failed to inspire investors on Wall Street. Major indexes spent most of the day in negative territory, but ended the day with gains analysts attributed to technical factors. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 23 points to 9,340. The broader market was also higher. The Nasdaq composite index rose 6 points to 1,771. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 3 points

at 997.

The Conference Board's gauge of consumer confidence has been on the rise since posting steep declines during the Iraq war in February and March. The index lurched from a low of 61.4 in March to readings between 81 to 83 from April to June, before dropping to 77 last month.

Consumers surveyed by the Conference Board in August were increasingly optimistic about the economy over the next six months, though their assessment of current conditions deteriorated for the fourth straight month. The group's expectations index rose to 94.4 in August from 86.3 in July, while the present situation index declined to

61.6 from 63.0.

Continued optimism hinges on developments in the labor market, said Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board's consumer research center.

Survey responses on employment were mixed, with the number of consumers reporting that jobs are "hard to get" rising to 34.1 percent, up from 32.7 percent in July. Those claiming jobs were "plentiful" also rose, to 11.1 percent from 10.7 percent. Looking ahead, 18 percent of consumers anticipate improvements in the job market, up from 16.6 percent last month. The number expecting to see their own income rise jumped to 20.1 percent, up from 15.9 percent in July.

CBO: Budget deficits to continue

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The federal government is in store for at least eight more years of budget deficits, including a record \$480 billion shortfall in 2004, congressional budget analysts said Tuesday.

The Congressional Budget Office also warned that the numbers will become more dire if the White House gets its way on tax cuts and Congress fails to rein in spending.

They said the budget outlook "has worsened substantially" since its last review in March, when it put next year's deficit at \$200 billion. Much of that is the result of subse-

quent acts of Congress to cut taxes and increase spending for defense and the war in Iraq, it said.

The CBO, a nonpartisan group, said the budget will edge back into the black in 2012 and 2013, but will record an accumulated deficit of almost \$1.4 trillion in the 2004-2013 period. In March, it predicted a surplus of \$891 billion in that period.

Democrats seized on the report as proof that the Bush administration policy of cutting taxes while demanding more for defense and homeland security was threatening the nation's economic viability.

"I think this is a moral problem more than an economic problem,"

said Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, top Democrat on the House Budget Committee.

He said the administration was draining the government's ability to pay for Social Security and Medicare at a time when 77 million baby boomers are approaching retirement, while saddling future generations with repayment of a national debt that could double to \$7 trillion by 2013.

The White House and GOP leaders, however, argued that the deficit was manageable, only a small percentage of an ever-larger national economy, and that they could reduce it by strengthening the economy and holding down spending.

Attorneys want less smoking in movies

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Attorneys general from 24 states are asking the film industry to reduce the amount of smoking in films to prevent teens from taking up the habit.

In a letter Tuesday, the attorneys cited a June study from Dartmouth Medical School that said children who watch movies in which actors smoke heavily are three times more likely to smoke themselves than those exposed to less smoking on-screen.

The letter to Motion Picture Association of America President Jack Valenti did not offer any specific steps.

"We're not saying any law has been broken," said Tom Dresslar, a spokesman for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, one of the officials who signed the letter. "We're just asking out of a concern for the health of our kids that the industry do what it can to ensure that kids don't start smoking."

MPAA spokesman Rich Taylor said Valenti had received the letter and would respond appropriately.

"Smoking is, if you'll recall, a legal activity," he said when asked what the MPAA was currently doing to reduce teen smoking. "That being said, he'll be reading carefully the letter and the study it references."

Brendan McCormick, a spokesman for Philip Morris USA, said the major tobacco companies agreed in the nationwide settlement signed in 1998 not to pay for product placement or to grant permission to films that want to feature their cigarettes. He declined to comment on the letter.

The Dartmouth study involved 2,603 children who were between 10 and 14 at the start of the study in 1999 and had never smoked when they were recruited. They were asked at the beginning of the study which movies they had seen from a list of 50 movies released between 1988 and 1999.

Investigators counted the number of times smoking was depicted and determined how many smoking incidents each of the adolescents had seen. Exposure was categorized into four groups, with the lowest level involving between zero and 531 occurrences of smoking and the highest involving between 1,665 and 5,308 incidents.

Twenty-two of those exposed to the least on-screen smoking took up the habit, compared with 107 in the highest exposure group, a fivefold difference. However, after taking into account factors known to be linked with starting smoking, such as rebelliousness, the effect was reduced to a threefold difference.

The letter was signed by the attorneys general of Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia, as well as the Northern Mariana Islands.

All chocolates do not provide health benefits

Associated Press

After a sweaty health club workout, don't kid yourself that the candy bar in your gym bag is health food. Despite the recent buzz over the confection's heart-protecting qualities, new research suggests that not all kinds of chocolate are beneficial.

European researchers say eating milk chocolate, which is most commonly used in candy bars, does not raise antioxidant levels in the bloodstream. They found the same discouraging result among patients who drank milk while eating dark chocolate.

The results suggest that milk and other dairy products somehow discourage the body's ability to absorb the protective compounds in chocolate. Only subjects who ate dark chocolate showed a temporary increase in their antioxidant levels.

Details of the study appear in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*.

"This puts in question the

possible protective effects of (chocolate) milk shakes or ice cream or other dairy products," said co-author Alan Crozier of the University of Glasgow.

Nor does Crozier endorse the idea that eating dark chocolate is healthier. It still contains plenty of fat and sugar.

"Don't think by eating five or six bars a day you're doing yourself any good," he said.

Cocoa beans contain plant chemicals called flavonoids, a kind of antioxidant polyphenol present in many fruits, vegetables, tea and red wine. Some studies indicate flavonoids protect the heart from damaging effects of unstable oxygen compounds called free radicals that, among other things, can damage blood vessels.

A German study published Wednesday in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* suggests that eating dark chocolate can lower blood pressure. Other experiments show cocoa flavonoids may reduce harmful blood clotting properties and decrease low-

density-lipoprotein (LDL), known as the "bad cholesterol."

The JAMA study involved adults with untreated mild hypertension who ate 3-ounce chocolate bars daily for two weeks. Half of the patients got white chocolate, half got dark chocolate.

Blood pressure remained pretty much unchanged in the group that ate white chocolate, which does not contain polyphenols. But after two weeks, systolic blood pressure — the top number — had dropped an average of five points in the dark-chocolate group. The lower, or diastolic, reading fell an average of almost two points.

In 1998, a Harvard study of nearly 8,000 of its male graduates determined that eating the equivalent of few bars of chocolate a month lowered the risk of death by 36 percent as compared to abstainers.

In the latest experiments, which were conducted without industry funding, Crozier and researchers in Italy first deter-

mined the antioxidant levels of dark chocolate and milk chocolate in the lab. Dark chocolate had twice as much, Crozier said, in part because milk chocolate contains only about half as much actual chocolate.

The researchers then gave chocolate bars to seven women and five men who were between 25 and 35 years old. All of the participants were nonsmokers, had normal blood lipid levels, took no prescription drugs or vitamins and were not overweight.

After they ate dark chocolate bars, the antioxidant potential measured in their blood increased an average of 18 percent and remained elevated for three hours.

Lead author Mauro Serafini said the subjects' antioxidant potential did not rise noticeably when they consumed a glass of whole milk with the dark chocolate, or when they ate milk chocolate. He said it's possible that antioxidants bind with milk proteins making absorption more difficult.

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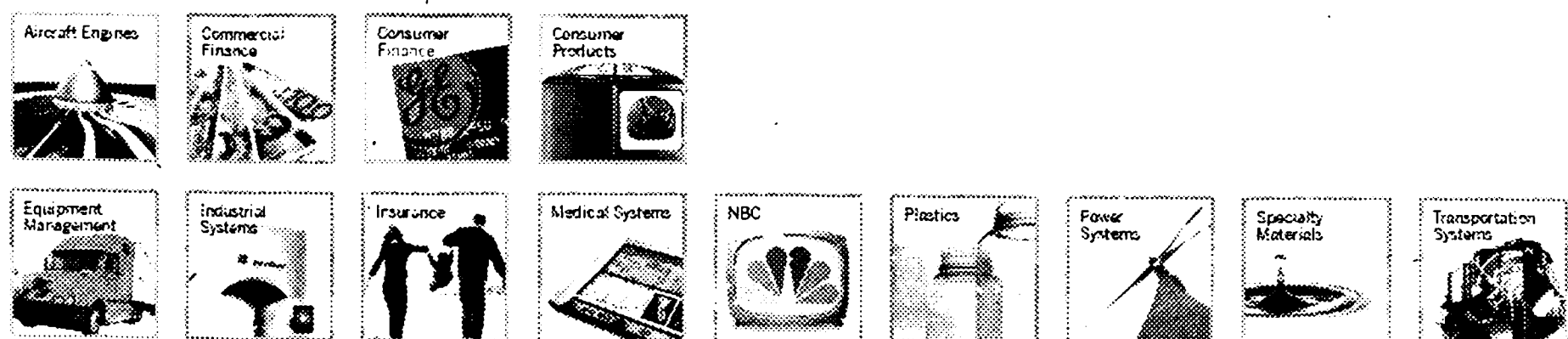
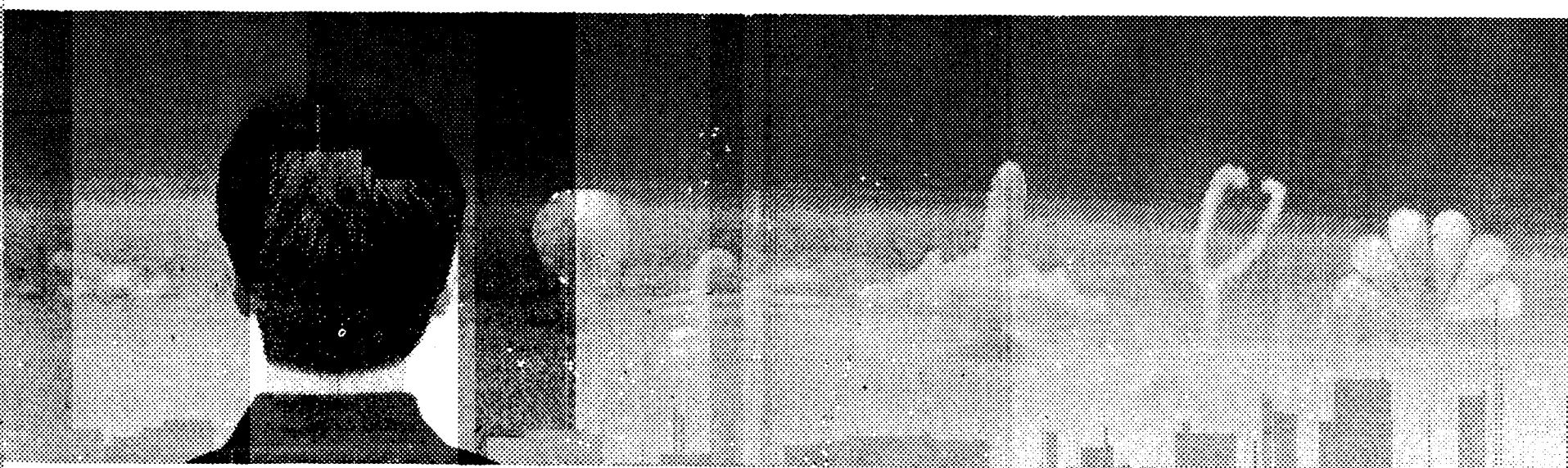
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Summer reading required for ND frosh

Editor's note: This story originally ran in Saturday's issue of The Observer. Due to a production error it was truncated. The complete story appears below.

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

In between internships and reality television, the Class of 2007 had another task to occupy their summer vacation: required reading.

For the first time, incoming Notre Dame freshmen completed assigned reading in preparation for an academic convocation titled "The United States and the Middle East: Do We Face a 'Clash of Civilizations?'" Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College did not require the assignment or a similar task for their freshman classes.

Scott Appleby, professor of history and director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, will moderate the Sept. 23 convocation discussing Seyyed Hossein Nasr's book "The Heart Of Islam: Enduring Values for Humanity" and four supplementary articles.

Appleby said the reading requirement and convocation will introduce incoming freshman to how scholars analyze issues such as the tension between the United States and the Middle East.

"The idea behind the summer reading requirement and academic convocation was not to provide even one percent of the knowledge of the Middle East that professors ... provide in their courses — that would be impossible in so short an assignment," Appleby said. "Rather, the goal was to demonstrate how scholars think about such issues."

First Year of Studies dean Eileen Kolman said the convocation marks a new academic tradition at Notre Dame. She and Appleby worked together to refine the idea, after which Joseph Amar, director of the program in Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, and fellow colleagues Asma Afsaruddin and Li Guo were invited to finalize the reading list.

"Although they [Amar, Afsaruddin and Guo] did not choose the topic, their input certainly helped to refine our approach," Appleby said. "Additional faculty from other departments are being invited to participate in the convocation."

Amar said that he learned of the convocation while viewing the First Year of Studies Web site and petitioned to include his department in the convocation.

"The faculty of the Program in Arabic and Middle East Studies are scholars in the cultures, histories, religions, and languages of the Middle East. We were anxious to make a contribution," Amar said.

Amar said his department had some initial concerns with the approach of the convocation, and some suggestions they made were later included. But he said his department has not received information regarding the convocation's format or its participants and were not consulted to help select the convocation's theme.

"Our single and most serious reservation had to do with the tone and approach. From our point of view, the tone was journalistic and provocative. We thought the topic deserved more serious thought than it had been given," Amar said.

Kolman said consultations with other departments were somewhat limited because of a time crunch. She said she is working with other departments to sponsor follow-up sessions and is encouraging first-year instructors to discuss topics relating to the reading and convocation in their classes if deemed appropriate.

"The Convocation will be a starting point from which I hope many faculty and departments will raise additional questions and provide additional perspectives," she said.

Appleby said he believes Kolman intends to repeat both the summer reading and convocation in the future, and that more departments and faculty members will be consulted. He also said the current theme incorporates numerous issues to which many departments



John Meiser, a freshman from Knott Hall, unpacks his summer reading assignment while moving into his dorm Thursday.

in the University could contribute.

"We think this year's program is a good start, but we surely will revise the consultative process if this is to become something of a Notre Dame tradition, as we hope," he said.

Lara Flynn, an advisor in the First Year of Studies Office, agreed that the summer assignment should be continued.

"It is my hope that, through this summer reading and convocation experience, students will become knowledgeable about the process of making an argument, forming an opinion and expressing themselves in an academic atmosphere — a process that will be repeated several times at Notre Dame," she said.

But at least one incoming freshman expressed mixed opinions about the summer reading requirement.

"Although I find the topic of the academic convocation both pertinent and interesting, I think the reading requirement was a bit stiff," Breen-Phillips freshman

Catherine Provenzale said. "I'm just not sure this particular book will hold the interest of a first-year student and/or adequately prepare them to intelligently discuss the dichotomies existing between our culture and that of Islam."

Provenzale also said that, after finishing the book, she does not feel as comfortable with the material as she expected to be, although she said she had not yet read the supplementary articles.

"I just hope I don't have to answer any questions and can just listen to what the speakers have to say since I don't feel as well-versed on the subject as I'd like to be," she said.

Still, Provenzale said she expects the assignment will be a worthwhile educational experience.

"I truly am looking forward to the convocation because the issues that will be discussed are so important at the present time," she said.

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Inmates terrified defrocked priest

Associated Press

BOSTON

When defrocked priest John Geoghan went to prison for molesting a boy, he worried that his notoriety as a pedophile would make him a target for other inmates.

He complained that inmates urinated and defecated on his pillow and tampered with his food. He told lawyers that guards called him Lucifer and Satan, and he did not go outside for more than a year for fear of being attacked.

Geoghan was finally transferred in April to a protective-custody unit, where he was locked in his cell for 21 hours a day.

"He felt safe. Too bad he wasn't," said Leslie Walker, executive director of Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services, which provides legal assistance to inmates.

"It's absolutely unconscionable and outrageous," Walker said.

Geoghan, 68, was strangled Saturday, allegedly by a fellow inmate. He was also beaten, his ribs were broken and a lung was punctured.

Joseph Druce and Geoghan had been let out of their separate cells to return their lunch trays. Druce followed Geoghan back into his cell and jammed the door to prevent guards from coming to Geoghan's rescue, investigators said.

Inmate rights groups, priests and public officials called for an investigation into how Druce — who was serving a life sentence for a gay-bashing murder — was allowed to get near Geoghan, whose alleged molestation of about 150 children case triggered the sex scandal that has rocked the nation's Roman Catholic Church.

Geoghan had served more than a year of his nine- to 10-year sentence.

"His case was just so notorious and kept alive for so long, and he knew he was very vulnerable," Walker said. "They failed to protect him, even though he was in protective custody."

Gov. Mitt Romney called Geoghan's slaying "a failure of government."

"Society and government has a primary responsibility to protect all of its citizens, whether they are in their homes or on the streets or even in jail," Romney said. "In jail, we have a particular responsibility because these people are under our direct care."

Prisoner rights lawyers on Tuesday quoted an inmate who was in the protective custody unit as saying he had warned prison officials twice that Geoghan was in danger, but was ignored.

Jim Pigeon, litigation director of Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services, said there seemed to be a "culture of indifference to the safety of prisoners" in the unit.

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GAZA STRIP

Man killed in botched strike

Associated Press

GAZA CITY
Israel's fierce campaign to eliminate Palestinian militants claimed a civilian victim when an elderly water-pipe vendor died in a botched missile strike in the Gaza Strip.

Israeli helicopters have killed seven Hamas militants in two precision raids in Gaza since one of its activists blew himself up on a Jerusalem bus last week, killing 21 people.

The violence has darkened the prospects for a U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan and highlighted the reluctance of Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas to confront the armed groups.

In Tuesday's operation, an Israeli helicopter fired three missiles at a car stuck in a traffic jam on a residential street just north of Gaza City. Three Hamas members were able to flee their car before missiles struck it, witnesses said. Doctors said the water-pipe vendor was killed and 26 other bystanders were injured, including five children.

Shadi Tayan, who owns a bookstore in the area, said "the people in the car jumped out and ran in two different directions" after one rocket hit near the front of the white car. After the men fled, two more missiles hit.

Hamas sources said the car was carrying three of its men, including Khaled Masoud, the brother of a Hamas military wing commander killed in an Israeli raid in Gaza three months ago.

The sources said Masoud was wounded in the shoulder and face and was recovering

after treatment in a private clinic.

An Israeli security official said Masoud was responsible for building crude rockets of the type regularly fired into Israel and Jewish settlements in Gaza — almost invariably missing their targets.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Israel would continue its drive against Hamas and other militant groups and expressed "sorrow" for the death of civilians.

The dead man, Hassan Hamlawi, had been sitting outside his water-pipe shop when the missiles hit nearby. Blood stained the sidewalk amid the scattered plastic chairs in front of the store.

Crowds gathered at the scene, including Hamas supporters, chanted "Revenge, revenge!"

Health Minister Kamal Sharafi said four of the wounded were in critical condition, including an 8-year-old girl.

The Gaza operation came hours after Israeli soldiers snatched two wounded Palestinians, one involved in a suicide bombing, from their hospital beds in the West Bank, where Israeli troops have stepped up their search for fugitives.

In the wake of the bus bombing, one of the worst suicide attacks in three years of fighting, Israel says it has no choice but to hunt down militants. Officials denounce Palestinian leaders for failing

to dismantle the armed groups — a key requirement of the peace plan supposed to lead to Palestinian statehood by 2005.

Abbas, frustrated by the unwillingness of Arafat to yield control of Palestinian security forces, has balked at confronting the militants for fear of civil war. He accused Israel of undermining limited Palestinian efforts to rein in the militants.

"This brutal Israeli government policy will only take us back to the vicious cycle of violence," Abbas said in a statement. "Israel must understand there is no military solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict."

The Bush administration, meanwhile, reiterated its call for Arafat to loosen his grip.

"The security forces need to be consolidated under Prime Minister Abbas and [Palestinian security chief Mohammed] Dahlan," White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said.

"Clearly, by blocking the consolidation ... Arafat undercuts the fight against terrorism and further undermines the hope of the Palestinian people for peace and a Palestinian state," she said.

The missile strikes have forced Hamas members into hiding.

Hamas leaders were conspicuously absent from funerals Monday for four men killed Sunday on Gaza's beach front.

Leaflets hung in mosques throughout the Gaza Strip instructed Hamas activists to take precautions — such as not traveling in groups, avoiding use of their telephones, using makeup to disguise themselves and staying off main streets.

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LIBERIA

Military: Rebels have initiated offensive

Associated Press

MONROVIA

Liberia's army said rebels have overrun two towns in an apparent attempt to clear government forces from the north despite a week-old peace deal, while streams of refugees reportedly fled the alleged advance.

Army Gen. Benjamin Yeaten said the government was "left with no options but to be on the offensive," and appeal to peacekeepers.

The alleged rebel offensive would come despite a peace deal meant to end 14 years of conflict in the country and would put the rebels within 65 miles of the capital from the north.

Rather than reopening any siege on Monrovia, it appeared insurgents might be trying to rout government forces from the north, securing territory, ahead of an African peace force's pending deployment into the interior.

While Monrovia has calmed since West African-led peace-keeping forces deployed in the capital nearly four weeks ago, skirmishes have persisted in the country's center, north and south.

Yeaten said rebels had captured the towns of Gbatata and Bong Mines, on a main, but dilapidated, road through the countryside.

"We don't understand why these attacks are still going on but we are left with no options but to be on the offensive" and appeal to peacekeepers, Yeaten said in Monrovia.

It is impossible to independently confirm the accounts or to determine the extent of any fighting.

Humanitarian workers returning to Monrovia from an early venture into the unsecured north said there were large

movements of people from the direction of the two towns.

James Kerkula, a 29-year-old peddler recently returned from north of Monrovia, described the now routine sight of refugees with mattresses and other goods bundled on their heads.

"People have bundles on their heads, but don't know where it's safe to go," he said. "The atmosphere in the entire region is confused — the rebels are in one town today, and in another the next day."

Rebel officials referred questions about fighting to their chairman, Sekou Conneh, who could not be reached for comment.

Liberia's interior remains largely off-limits for West African peacekeepers and aid groups alike, two weeks after warlord-president Charles Taylor resigned office and fled into exile.

Rebels lifted a bloody siege of the capital upon Taylor's departure. On Aug. 18, all sides signed a peace and power-sharing deal meant to end civil war and rebellion under Taylor.

Since 1989, the conflicts have killed more than 150,000 people, and damaged virtually every city and town in once prosperous Liberia, a nation founded by freed American slaves.

The West African peace force, now 1,500-strong, is believed to be waiting for arrival of troops from Ghana before starting to spread deeper into the countryside. It was not clear when the Ghana troops would arrive, or in what numbers.

Some of the offensives are believed aimed at securing territory before peacekeepers move in, or simply carried out for looting.

In Geneva, the World Health Organization expressed concern at the difficulty of coming to grips with epidemics raging amid the fighting.

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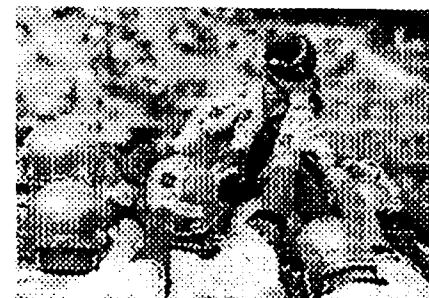
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reports of 65-mph gusts. Other gusts may have blown at higher speeds.

Most of the damage Hoffman said he saw were downed trees, though he did see one barn that was flattened and a business with its roof blown off.

Though officials at both schools said their campuses did not sustain serious damage, emergency sirens sounded at both, and administrators and students took cover in basements and inner hallways as a precaution.

When the first siren sounded people in buildings were evacuated to a safer location within the building and security officers at both campuses advised individuals not to leave buildings until the warning ended.

Kevin Cole, a sophomore from Dillon, was at a sophomore business orientation meeting in the Mendoza College of Business when the sirens sounded.

"We went to the basement and everyone seemed calm and there were a lot of people

down there," Cole said. "A large group of people were standing under a large glass window at the end of the spiral staircase which didn't seem too smart."

University spokesman Dennis Brown said the tornado warning interrupted but did not cancel classes and suspended operations at Notre Dame for approximately 45 minutes.

Brown said a second tornado siren at approximately 3:40 p.m. interrupted operations again for about 15 minutes.

Though operations at the University resumed as normal later in the afternoon, the annual beginning-of-the-year picnic was moved from DeBartolo Quad indoors to the Joyce Center.

"Many other areas of the county were hit far harder than we were," Brown said. "We were fortunate."

College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said Saint Mary's Security did not report any damages, injuries or power outages and said the warning did not cause not a major disruption on campus.

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Recent survey finds American teaching force lacks diversity

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Even as public school classrooms get more diverse, the teaching force remains overwhelmingly white and has its lowest share of men in 40 years, a survey by the nation's largest teacher union finds.

Only 10 percent of roughly 3 million teachers are minorities, and just 21 percent are men, the National Education Association report finds. Among students, almost 40 percent are minorities, and about half are male, according to government figures.

"It denies many young people the opportunity to have a minority or a male as a role model," said NEA President Reg Weaver. "Many young people come to school without having a father at home, and when they're able to have access to a male teacher as a father figure, it certainly bodes well for them — and the same thing with minorities."

Overall, students are most likely to be taught by a 15-year veteran with a growing workload and slightly eroding interest in staying with the profession, the survey finds.

The "Status of the American Public School Teacher," aims to help education groups shape their agen-

das and to give the public a glimpse inside the classroom. Updated every five years, the report draws its latest findings from the 2000-01 school year.

The NEA, the nation's largest union, represents 2.7 million teachers and other school employees. About 68 percent of teachers belong to the NEA, the group's survey found.

Low salaries relative to other professions have particularly turned off men and minorities, Weaver said. The average contract salary for teachers in 2001 was \$43,262.

The NEA and others are pursuing ways to improve teacher diversity, such as by improving college access for minorities and encouraging classroom aides to pursue teacher certifications.

Male teachers made up about one-third of the teaching force in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, but their numbers slid through the 1990s and hit the low of 21 percent in 2001.

Whites have accounted for about 90 percent of all teachers for the past three decades, including in 2001. Six percent of teachers were black and the rest were other races.

From the union's perspec-

tive, the findings show the effort teachers give to their jobs.

Teachers said they typically spent 50 hours a week on their duties and put up \$443 of their own money to help students during the school year. Fifty-seven percent hold at least a master's degree, and 77 percent took courses through their school districts during the year.

Those teachers face rising expectations. Federal law requires that every teacher of a core academic subject must be highly qualified by the end of the 2005-06 school year. That includes a provision that teachers must prove their competence in every subject they teach.

Six in 10 teachers said they would choose teaching again if they could go back to their college days and start over, but that number dipped in 2001 after rising steadily since 1981.

The trend reflects growing frustration among teachers over working conditions and pressures to gear teaching toward standardized tests, Weaver said.

The survey results, based on responses from a nationally representative sample of 1,467 teachers, have a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.



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The firm works closely with the College's Presidential Search committee, composed of members from both the Saint Mary's and South Bend communities.

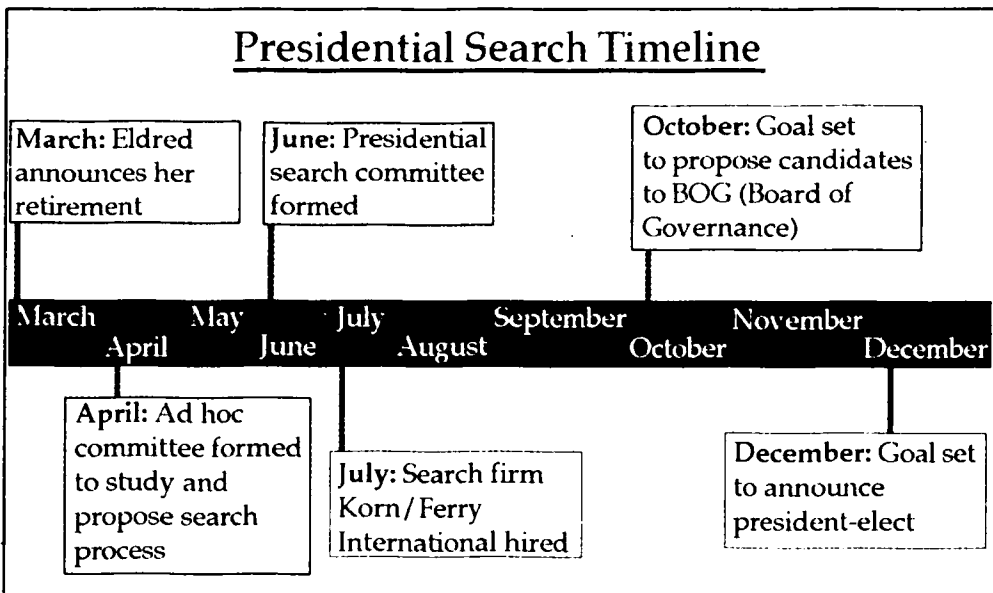
"This is an important transition in the life of any institution," said Nancy Cook, managing director of Korn/Ferry International's Philadelphia office in a July 7 press release. "At Saint Mary's, the next president will be in a position to build upon the momentum and successes begun under the leadership of President Eldred."

Cook, who specializes in the recruitment of senior executives for universities, health systems and other non-profit entities, is leading the Saint Mary's search until a president-elect is named.

"She's been very aggressive for us and we're pleased with her work," Ryan said. "She is the product of an all-women's college as well, so she knows what we're looking for."

Korn/Ferry International and the search committee posted a position advertisement in the Aug. 1 issue of "The Chronicle of Higher Education."

The advertisement lists qualities and attitudes an ideal candidate should possess, in addition to providing background information on the College and plans it holds for the future. The advertisement also states that "women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply."



Source: Presidential Search Committee

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"That's a very standard procedure," Ryan said. "It's an equal employment statement, so as a committee, we chose to put it at the bottom of our advertisement. It has in no way deterred men from applying for the job."

Ryan said the committee is pleased with the response generated from the Chronicle and will look into other publications if future advertising is needed, but said she is pleased with the response generated so far.

"The Chronicle was chosen because we get our best exposure from that magazine; it reaches a broader sector," she said.

Steady candidate nominations are also the result of a mailing sent to students, alumnae, Saint Mary's "friends" and peer institutions.

"The candidate pool looks good," Ryan said. "We're really encouraged."

The search committee will discuss a second round of candidates at its next meeting on Sept. 13. A goal is set to announce three presidential candidates to the Board of Trustees in October.

The latest development in the presidential search is a website designed both to

inform potential candidates and the college community as well as generate additional nominations.

"[The Web site] serves students, faculty and alums that are able to come and see what we're doing," Ryan said. "Candidates looking at the school can come on, see the position specifications, get an overview of what the school is. ... It's just a great way to get our name out there."

The site will be updated regularly and will reveal the three final presidential candidates once they are named, said Ryan.

For now, she is confident the search process will remain on schedule and is looking to the next step.

"Now that we have candidates and when we identify the three to bring forward, we'll invite them to campus to meet faculty, staff and students so people can get an idea of who they are."

The College's Board of Trustees retains its original goal to name a president-elect this December.

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Trial

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there. She said she was raped repeatedly on March 28, 2002.

Elam, receiver Lorenzo Crawford and safeties Donald Dykes and Justin Smith say they are innocent. Crawford, Dykes and Smith face rape charges. Like Elam, they also face charges of criminal deviate conduct and sexual battery.

The four were expelled from Notre Dame for sexual misconduct.

Elam is accused of holding the woman captive in a bedroom against her will and fondling her while another man raped her.

The victim admitted she slept in Smith's bed

the night of the alleged incident. She told the court Tuesday she did not go to the hospital or report the rape until six days later because she was afraid.

Her testimony was interrupted by the tornado warning Tuesday afternoon and is expected to continue today.

On Aug. 1, Judge Roland Chamblee Jr. ruled that statements made by the former players during ResLife hearings can be used as evidence during the trial. The players said they believed

these statements would remain confidential and said they felt they were forced to make statements in order to retain their scholarships at Notre Dame.

Chamblee rejected this argument.

"The question of the pressure these men may have felt in trying to opt between remaining silent and making a statement of any sort to try to save their opportunity at scholarship does not rise to the level of coercion requiring suppression of these statements," Chamblee wrote.

Bill Kirk, associate vice president for residence life and housing, was in the courtroom lobby today and could be called to testify in the trial. ResLife officials did not return calls requesting comment on how Chamblee's

ruling might change ResLife hearings in the future. Currently, ResLife hearings are conducted without attorneys and students are often not specifically advised beforehand why the hearing is being held.

Jury selection is scheduled to begin in Dykes' trial Sept. 8. Crawford's trial is scheduled to begin in October and Smith's in November.

The Associated Press and WNDU contributed to this report.

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Scully's successor has not yet been made.

"One anticipates that we'll learn more at the next trustees meeting, which is in October," he said.

At the Board of Trustees meeting May 2, a four-person committee was scheduled to present a report on Scully's behavior, including a Jan. 16 confrontation with a news crew from the University-owned television station WNDU-TV. However, Scully issued his resignation before the report, which cleared Scully, was issued.

WNDU cameraman Patrick Hartney said Scully grabbed reporter Bonnie Druker by the arm and angrily told them to move their van, which Scully said was parked in the wrong spot behind Fisher Hall. Hartney also said he smelled alcohol on Scully's breath. The news crew was on campus to cover a Mass

for missing freshman Chad Sharon, whose body was later discovered in the St. Joseph River.

Druker filed a report with Notre Dame Security Police but withdrew her complaint after Scully apologized.

A May 3 South Bend Tribune report said Scully's departure averted a possible crisis in the upper echelon of the University's leadership, quoting unnamed sources in the University's administration.

The article said a majority of high-level administrators — including University President Father Edward Malloy — wanted Scully to leave the position. The Tribune also reported that anonymous sources said Malloy was prepared to resign if Scully did not.

While he did leave his administrative post, Scully, a political science professor, will continue his work with the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies,

the Institute for Educational Initiatives and the Alliance for Catholic Education, which he founded. He is not teaching courses this semester.

"I'm just delighted to be refocusing my energies full-time on academic and pastoral pursuits,"

Tim Scully
former vice president

ic and pastoral pursuits," Scully said. "After a decade of service to the central administration, I was granted a sabbatical to re-engage my scholarship on political institutions in Latin America."

Scully said he was traveling this week but would return to campus within the next few days.

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Travel industry sees promising increase

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

A nation that largely stayed home between the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the war in Iraq got out of the house in July, a trend that's expected to continue this Labor Day weekend.

Independence Hall saw a 48 percent jump in attendance last month over July 2002, and hotel occupancy was up 2.4 percent across the nation, the first significant increase this year. New York City and San Francisco both saw July occupancy rise more than 6 percent over 2002. Chicago was up 5.7 percent, Philadelphia 4.4 percent.

AAA says it expects 33.4 million Americans to travel more than 50 miles from home this holiday weekend, the most since at least 1995.

"Travel definitely has picked up," said Jennifer Busey, manager of Franklin Travel in Champaign, Ill. "The stock market goes up, people have a little more money, and they take a trip. It all goes together."

Jan Freitag, an analyst at Smith Travel Research in Henderson, Tenn., said both leisure and business travelers are helping to fill hotels. Occupancy at resort locations was up 3.4 percent last month over July 2002, he said.

"This probably has something to do with the fact people aren't going over-

seas," Freitag said. "Urban locations are also up, which to us is an indicator that people are traveling more on business."

While room occupancy is up, room prices have been flat, Freitag said, meaning hotels are discounting prices to coax travelers to leave home.

Tourists around the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia on Tuesday said prices influenced their travel decision.

"The discounts," said Sherry Sherman, when asked why she, her two kids and husband chose to travel from New York City. The family bought discounted Amtrak tickets and got a free night at a hotel. "The whole package was very good," she said.

Gas prices, at near record highs nationwide, have been pushed up in part because of steep demand. From July 19 to Aug. 15, Americans used 9.4 million barrels per day, the highest four-week period on record, said Doug MacIntyre, an analyst for the federal Energy Information Administration.

"If gasoline demand is up, that would lead to the conclusion that either there's more cars or they're being driven more," he said. "The assumption is that maybe due to some of the poor weather people put off their vacations until the end of summer."

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to raise prices for everything, all the time," said senior Matt Bauers.

Fraleigh, however, said the athletic department does not receive any of the student activity fee paid by students, and it funds the maintenance of facilities such as Rockne

Memorial, Rolf's Aquatic Center and Rolf's Recreation Center, as well as all the fields and courts on campus.

"The athletic department is entirely self-funded," he said. "We do not get any of that activity fee money from the University, which is what many schools that have lower ticket prices do."

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Hurry up and wait

The start of school has always been associated with standing in long lines to fill out paperwork and perform other administrative chores. While this tedious culture has been improved by conducting enrollment and vehicle registration online, one major activity still does not harness the power of the Internet to perform administrative tasks: football ticket distribution.

Before the current seniors arrived on campus as freshmen, students camped out all night with their friends for football tickets. Because of problems such as abusive drinking, the administration halted this practice and is not likely to let it begin again.

Yet students must still go to the Stadium twice to obtain tickets. They must meet with the group of friends they want to sit with, or at least get their IDs, and stand in line twice — on one day to receive a lottery number and on another to purchase the tickets based on the results of the lottery.

Off-campus and Saint Mary's students also have to wait in line to obtain their ticket application, which is mailed to Notre Dame students living on campus.

Clearly, this process is not the fun, social event it used to be.

A Web-based system would nearly eliminate the need to stand in line and the confusion that accompanies it. Students

would still receive a ticket application (possibly through e-mail), but it would contain a unique passcode for their football tickets.

Then, on enrollment Monday, students could get together with their friends and one person in the group would enter all the passcodes into the Web site, thus indicating their request to sit together. The lottery for seats would be conducted automatically, a computer would assign seats and students could pick up their tickets over the course of the

next week at their convenience. Tickets could be paid for at that time or charged to a student's account just like parking fees and books.

The current process for obtaining tickets is highly inefficient and time-consuming, and only adds frustration to a day in which students

already must accomplish other tasks, such as changing classes and moving into dorms. The present system made sense when students enrolled at the Joyce Center and then went to the Stadium to purchase football tickets.

Now, many administrative tasks, such as enrollment and buying parking passes, can be accomplished online. The ticket office should recognize that football ticket distribution no longer holds the fun and excitement of past years. It should replace the present inefficient system in favor of an online one that would work better for students.

The Observer Editorial

The Notre Dame experience

Tom Petty is blaring from the speakers of my Toyota Camry as I drive along the flat Indiana landscape. Farms are everywhere but yet I don't see many farmers tending to their fields. The heat must have drove them indoors.

David Barrett

The heat of August is never more prevalent than it is right now. The sun is beating down on the countryside and I see waves of heat rising off the pavement in front of me. I give silent thanks for the quality air conditioner that Toyota has provided and turn up the radio as I begin to sing to "Free Falling."

It's not long before the fields of corn and tobacco turn into gray city buildings and busy intersections. The more I drive the taller the buildings get and the Mom and Pop shops give way to shopping malls and fast food restaurants. South Bend hasn't changed much in the three months that I've been away. It's still the same. But even if it had, I don't think I'd notice. It's not why I'm here. I have bigger fish to fry.

I see St. Joseph High School in front of me on the left and begin to get excited. I'm almost there. Taking a right at the stoplight, I drive alongside the golf course and look ahead to see the Dome and the Basilica rise above the trees. The sky is vibrantly blue against the deep green of the trees. The sun has yet to let up its intensity giving the Golden Dome a brilliance that makes it seem as though two suns are in the sky. Everything that had been drab and gray is now green and lush. Past the smiling and warm secu-

rity guard, I pass through campus slowly, taking everything in as if it was all new to me. The grass is so healthy it could almost pass off as being blue and everyone that I see is smiling. Yes, I smile and think to myself, Notre Dame has never looked so good.

This is the beginning of my fourth year at Notre Dame. Four years is a lifetime to some, but nothing of the sort to me, especially here. I look back at myself and the kid that came here three years ago and I see a little sprout that had no clue about what he wanted or who he wanted to be. I knew Notre Dame was great, but when I walked on campus 40 pounds lighter and scared half to death, I had no idea that within a month or so, I would neglect to call Kentucky home and beg to get back to campus every time I was away.

Now, I look at myself and realize that besides the 40 pounds, nothing's changed much. I'm still scared but not because of the anxiety I had about making friends or because in a year I'll be thrown into a job market that has seen better days. I'm scared because I don't want to leave. I'm not ready to leave. I'm not ready for it to be over. Please don't make me leave.

You know, I envy you freshmen, not because of the science, math and foreign language requirements that I barely made it through, but I envy you because you have four whole years left in the greatest place I've ever known.

You have four and in some cases five years at Notre Dame, a place where you can break the mold that you've

been dying to get out of since freshman year of high school. You can invent or reinvent yourself under the Dome and the world you've always planned to conquer is at your fingertips. Here, the world is yours for the taking.

Notre Dame is a place where people say "God bless you" and mean it. It's a place where it doesn't matter if you've ever met a person before, but because you're a Domer you consider him or her family. It's a place where you can go to a foreign country and alumni will take it upon themselves to look

you up and take you out to a five-course dinner. It's a place where people who usually don't see the better part of anything before noon wake up early to get ready for football games. It's a place where people go out of their way to help

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you even if you've done nothing to warrant such kindness. So, in effect, why would I want to leave?

But for us seniors, all is not lost. If you think about it, we have a quarter of our entire Notre Dame experience left to do with as we please. So let's make it a good one because we're going to remember it for the rest of our lives.

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A reflection about teaching

You could be a professor of 20th century French literature interested in the psychological and emotional qualities of certain fictional characters and what these tell us about the human condition. Or you might be a historian of philosophy weighing the impact of Platonic and Aristotelian thought on the development of pre-classical science. Then again, you might be a professor of engineering on the verge of finding a novel way to develop light, nano-fiber enhanced materials of greater tensile strength than steel. Or you could be a physicist, gazing at the cosmos intent to find convincing evidence that the universe has been expanding much more rapidly than classical theory would predict.

Alexander Hahn

Guest Columnist

You've just sent two articles for submission to a prestigious journal in the field. Your summer is now over and the beginning of a new academic year stands before you. With it comes the task of teaching an elementary course in the general area of your scholarly expertise. One fine and sparkling autumn day you step into your classroom and — as on so many occasions before — you are ready to begin. Sitting before you are several dozen sophomores just back from the summer. Having settled into their dorms, they are excited about the upcoming football season and look forward to the weekend's concert by the Dave Matthews Band. Their passions are light years removed from yours.

You begin a conversation whose purpose is to draw your students in — draw them into an appropriately careful, but increasingly central way, into the fabric, the texture, the meaning and relevance of your subject. You need to build a bridge. You — architect and engineer — draw up the blueprints and set a timetable. You organize the materials, tools and machinery and get them hauled to the scene. You put in place plans to test components of the structure. The construction commences. Together you lay the foundations. Girders and trusses swing into place. The members of your team shape the planks, first tentatively and soon more confidently. They inspect the beams and begin to get an understanding of the tensions and compressions in the structure. Your goal at the end of the day is for your students to have an understanding of the nuts and bolts and the central themes of your subject and a sense of its beauty and its utility.

The specific strategies will depend on your course and its message. They are the details where the challenges reside. Which parts of your subject do you emphasize in your presentations and which texts and readings will you ask the students to absorb? How do you make sure that your students pursue these with energy? Are your students getting the message that you wish to convey? What are the key concepts? How well are they grasped? How will technical expertise in the narrower sense grow alongside an understanding of the larger fabric? Are you sensi-

tive to the increased sophistication of the unfolding story and the involvement of the students with it? Drifting attention is unavoidable, so how do you mix lecture, discussion and student presentation? How do you structure the students' activity outside of class? Some subjects require constant contact if they are to be captured effectively. For these, subject matter and student minds should rub against each other like the two rotating discs in the clutch of a car. How do you achieve this? Your conversation needs to mix the routine and the difficult. It needs to inspire confidence as well as wonderment. You want your students to grapple and grasp, to reflect and react and to think and rethink. You need to inject into the conversation an element of who you are and what you are about. How else can it connect and be engaging?

These questions present significant challenges, and your responses to them call for very careful reflection. Your starting point seems easy enough. You select appropriate and stimulating materials, you assess the backgrounds and abilities of your students and you articulate the goals and purposes of your journey together as convincingly as you possibly can. You pay attention to the various points that the Teacher Course Evaluations aim to gauge. A number of issues will require careful reflection and the insights of

those of your colleagues who have weighed them with engagement. Technology might assist you.

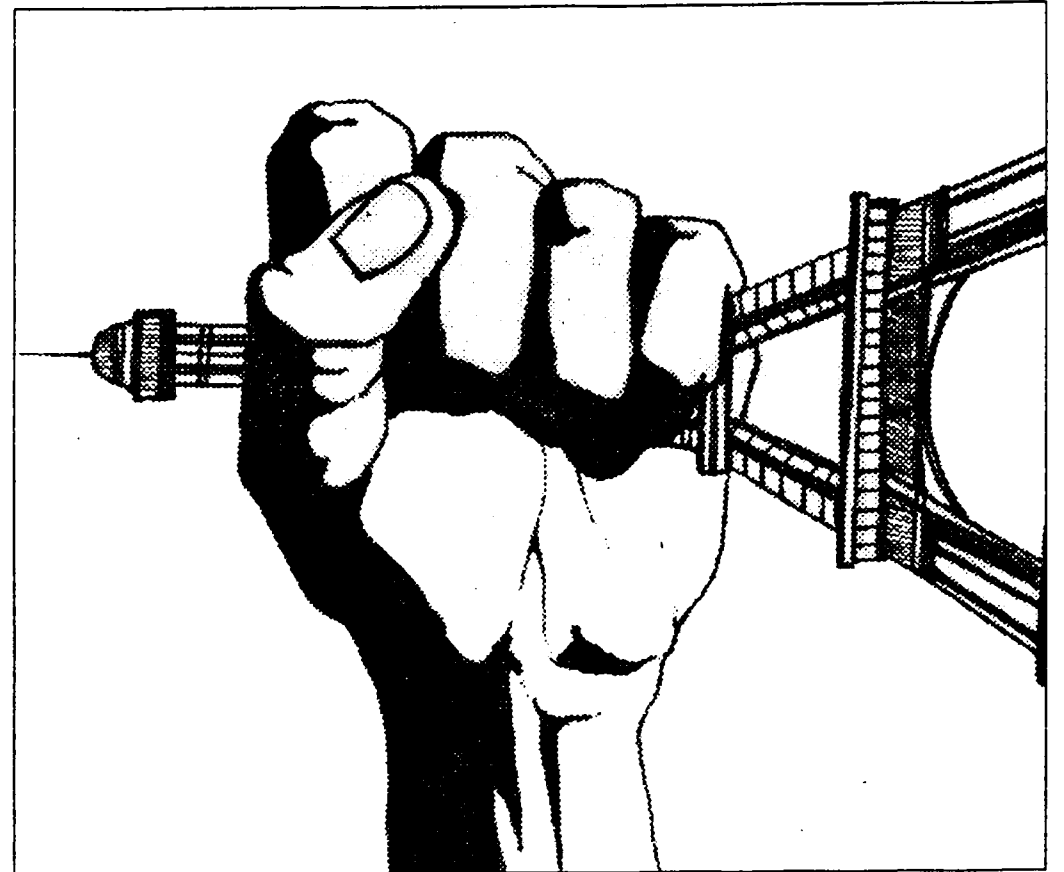
Wouldn't a discussion about the cardiovascular system profit from an animation of the expanding and contracting ventricles, the inhaling and exhaling lungs and the rushing fluids? If a picture is worth a thousand words, isn't a moving picture worth a million? Might a PowerPoint presentation help you to organize the flow and pace of the discussion? Or a pre-class WebCT quiz draw your students into the material of an upcoming class? On the other side of this technological coin, however, lies an obligation to limit "face to screen" and to nurture "face to

face."

If your interaction with your students conveys an ongoing sense that you care deeply about their learning, you will enhance their experience and yours. To paraphrase a recent reminiscence of Amar Bose of stereo speaker fame about his teaching at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology: "If they know that you care and if they can reach the solution of problem three after they have understood the approach to problem two, then your students will not only meet your expectations, they will exceed them." If your students rise to the challenge of being able to absorb sophisticated materials, analyze and organize these and if they rise again to present them articulately, confidently and effectively to the critical audience that they themselves will have become, then they and you will have succeeded.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Remember lessons learned abroad

I write to you as assistant provost for International Studies, as a professor of French here at Notre Dame and as former director of the study abroad program in Angers, France. I appeal to all students with an important message about being a citizen in our present international situation.

As most of you know from your own experience, living abroad from day to day can be exciting, liberating and tiring. It is difficult to live in a state of suspended identity. It is difficult to learn, let alone master, another country's complex and traditional rules of speech, conduct and manners. It is difficult to represent the United States in a world that has become increasingly polarized as of late-torn by competing political realities and an economy that is ever more dependent on international cooperation. It is difficult to be alone and far from home. Studying abroad forces you to react to cultural differences carefully and with cautious respect. It is a means to self-impose a certain kind of heightened awareness on your mind.

But what happens when you come home? I want to remind you of the responsibility you have to keep your eyes open to the international scene here in the United States. Our nation needs citizens who are aware of the complexities of international politics. We need a citizenry who makes the effort to understand other kinds of moral, social and economic realities. Our nation needs a citizenry who speaks more than one language, a people sensitive to difference and curious to learn how other people think. We need new leaders for the future, who will bring an active engagement in the world's changing reality. Continue your foreign language studies. Keep informed about what is going on in Europe, Asia, South America and Africa. Seek out opportunities to meet and talk to people from cultures other than your own. Compare, reflect and let their words sink in. Don't let what happened last year on this campus repeat itself.

What happened last year? We were some 43 Americans living in France, and despite all the ugly rhetoric of Anti-Americanism in France that was propagated by the American media, all of us who lived in Angers in 2002-03 felt an outstanding level of sympathy, friendship and support from our French hosts. On the other hand, one of our friends, a young French student, traveled from Angers to Notre Dame in January 2003 to do a linguistic internship as part of a new exchange agreement with the Universite Catholique de l'Ouest. But within weeks of her arrival on campus, she was verbally attacked by hostile Notre Dame students. Inflamed by their righteousness, these men threatened our friend, and made her fear for her safety on campus. Those of us in Angers were shocked, embarrassed and saddened to learn of this attack. It remains to be seen if any other French students will follow in her steps, given that bad experience.

Shame on you, the perpetrators of this attack, and on all those who witnessed it in silence. I exhort you all to end such boorish behavior on our campus, and in our country. Remember the lessons you learned while studying abroad. Offer our international guests a civil welcome, just as you were welcomed in their countries. You owe it to all of us, and to Notre Dame.

Julia Douthwaite

Assistant Provost for International Studies
Notre Dame French professor
Aug. 26, 2003

Viruses infect Windows

Viruses sweep across the Internet infecting personal computer networks as they continue to be passed along by users unfamiliar with the threat.

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Editor

Throughout the past few weeks, viruses new and old have continuously spread across the Internet all over the world. These viruses are bringing down entire networks at a time, including Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, causing frustration and anxiety for both the computer savvy and the not-so-computer savvy alike.

On Aug. 11, Microsoft began investigating a worm reported by Microsoft Product Support Services, a service developed to keep Microsoft and its programmers in touch with users and the problems that most commonly occur due to holes left in the programming of software. This worm became known as the Blaster Worm, and made headline news, scaring many Windows users. Later a variant of Blaster began to circulate through the Web in a similar way, becoming known as the Nachi Worm.

These two viruses exploit a security issue that was addressed by Microsoft in Security Bulletin MS03-026. This issue concerns a vulnerability in the Remote Procedure Call (RPC), a function in the script that makes Windows 2000, Windows XP Professional and Home editions. Microsoft announced the problem and released a patch for the hole so that users could beat the virus before it even began to spread.

However, this required people to update their computers using a Microsoft Web site called Windows Update, and not all users heard about the patch, or simply chose to ignore the download.

The Blaster Worm, or W32.Blaster.Worm, locates the IP address of a computer, or essentially the social security number of any computer that has ever surfed the web, and infects it. Whenever a computer logs onto an Internet Service Provider, or an ISP, it is issued an IP address that can be found from anywhere in the world to identify where the computer is located and where on the web it visits. By simply being logged onto a network, a computer can be located and infected. Blaster is not earned, and the only way to keep it from infecting a computer is to make sure the patch has been downloaded onto the computer, closing the hole in the code yielding the file worthless.

Symptoms of the virus include a warning message of having about thirty seconds to shut down all programs before the computer restarts, the computer simply restarting, or having a program called msblast.exe found running in the Processes tab of Windows Task Manager, a program opened by pressing the keys control/alt/delete simultaneously.

The viruses infect the following Microsoft products run on personal

computers, or PCs: Microsoft Windows NT 4.0, Microsoft Windows 2000, Microsoft Windows XP Professional and Home Editions, and Microsoft Windows Server 2003. Users of Windows Millennium (Windows Me), Windows 98, Windows 98 Second Edition (SE), and Windows 95 were not affected by the issue. However, these products are no longer supported. Users of these products are strongly encouraged to upgrade to later versions.

During scans on the evening of Aug. 25, the director of student computing at Saint Mary's, Kathy Hausmann, discovered about 30 computers belonging to students that had not been patched despite incessant efforts by Information Technology to download the free patch, and was able to positively identify the owners of 21 computers. ResNet downloaded a tool, which was recommended on the national ResNet listserv, to scan the subnets in ResNet for computers running Windows 2000 or Windows XP that had not been patched. Many schools and other organizations with large networks are doing much the same to track who can send the virus to other users.

In an e-mail to employees of IT, Hausmann said she would send the students an e-mail message she drafted explaining that their computer has not been patched, their computer needs to be patched for without

the patch their computer is most likely infected, and that if they are infected, they are contributing to the network problems Saint Mary's is having on campus. She is also including the instructions for cleaning the virus, while directing them to Fixit, a service of ResNet for students who are having computer problems, if they find it difficult to install the patch. The Web address for Fixit is fixit.saintmarys.edu. If deemed appropriate, a Residential Computer Consultant, or an RCC, will be dispatched to aid the student in fixing the problem. But before posting a problem report form, students should attempt to resolve the problem on their own with the directions provided in an email sent out last week and on a webpage made specifically to aid students in the removal of the worm found from the ResNet page at the Saint Mary's home page.

Microsoft provides the patch found on the front page of the Microsoft main site,

along with further information for users who are more interested in what exactly the virus targets. Along with a detailed, technical description, Microsoft published directions on how to scan a computer to find the virus, how to remove it if found, and how to prevent the computer from receiving viruses of the similar characteristics from making it into the file system of a PC.

These directions include installation of virus scanning software, implementing a firewall, or a way to prevent traffic that is for the most part unwanted and potentially harmful to the computer and/or network, ensuring that a computer remains updated on virus protection files to protect it in the future, and finally, removing the infected files from the computer.

To update the Windows operating system with all necessary files, visit the Microsoft Windows Update website via the main address: <http://v4.windowsupdate.microsoft.com/en/default.asp>.

Most viruses are sent through rouge emails, ones that users don't even realize are sent from their computers and email accounts to addresses of people found in address books and the cache of a computer's temporary Internet file folder.

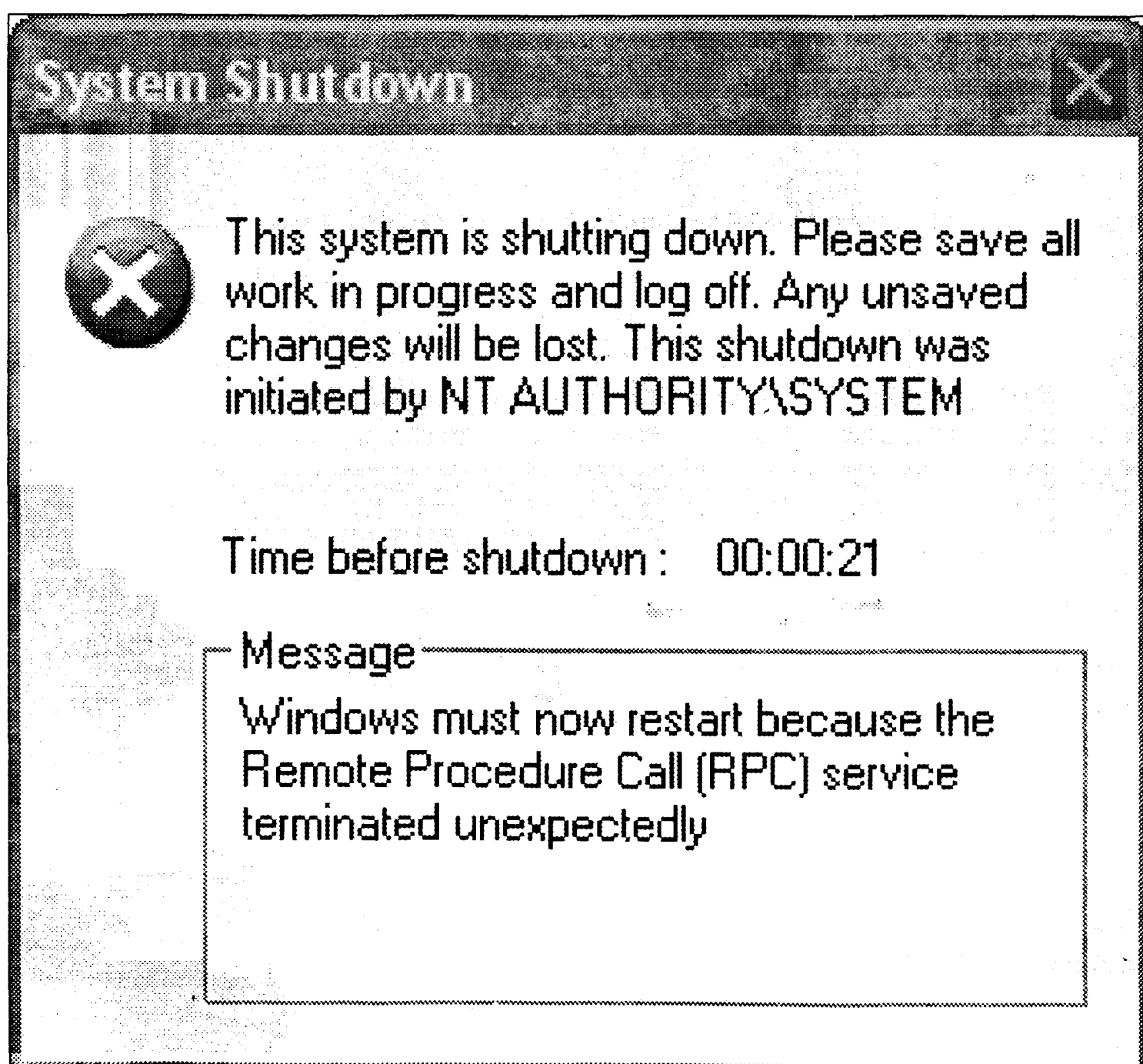
The latest of these type of emails is called SoBig.F, a virus designed to bring down the Internet as a whole with sending so many emails out at one time, that networks and servers crash all over the world. SoBig.F is part of a series of viruses known as SoBig; SoBig.G is expected to come out in the next few weeks, but computer programmers are already working to overcome the virus before its release in order to prevent a disastrous situation.

Much to the chagrin of Apple Corporation, there are no known viruses made for Macintosh's most recent operating system, Mac OS X. Each time a new virus is announced, Apple uses it as an advertising campaign for PC users to switch to Macs. Macs tend to have a more stable operating system, but despite this, more users choose to stick with PCs when purchasing new computers.

Viruses like Blaster, Nachi and SoBig are merely examples of viruses that make their way onto the Web on a daily basis, infecting millions, while even managing to puncture through new security features in the newest operating systems. With advances in technology, the race to design the best virus continues, as well as efforts to bring down large corporations merely for the amusement of the people who wrote the program.

Viruses are an everyday part of computing, but ways to cope and prevent viruses do exist. Users should become more responsible and knowledgeable in order to prevent the hassles that come along with owning an infected file on a network.

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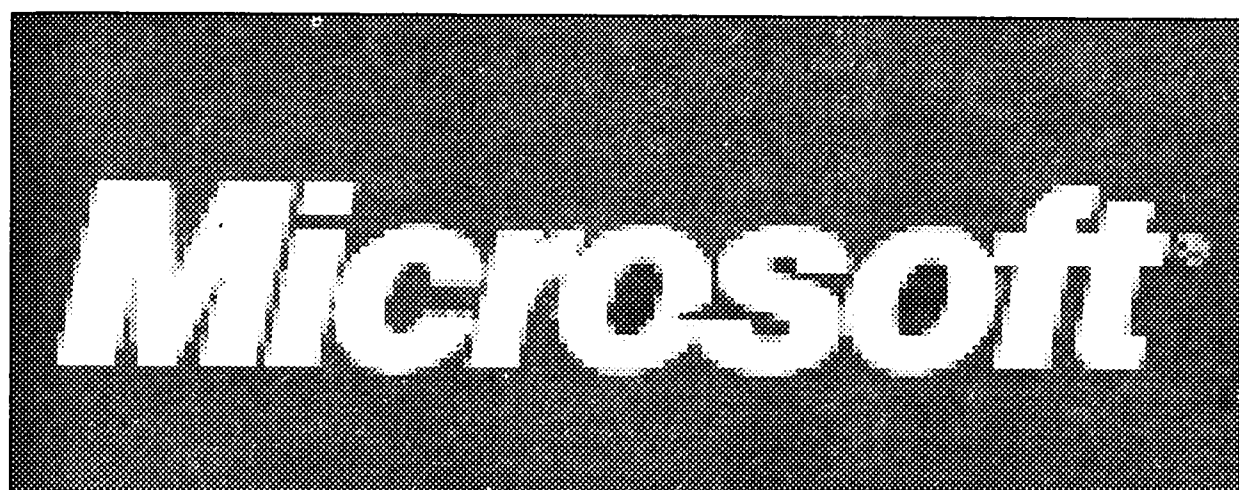


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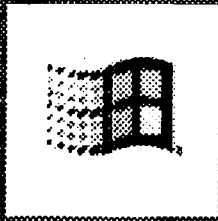
When this message appears on a computer screen, it is the main indication of the Blaster Worm infection, yielding the user unable to complete any tasks before the computer resets.

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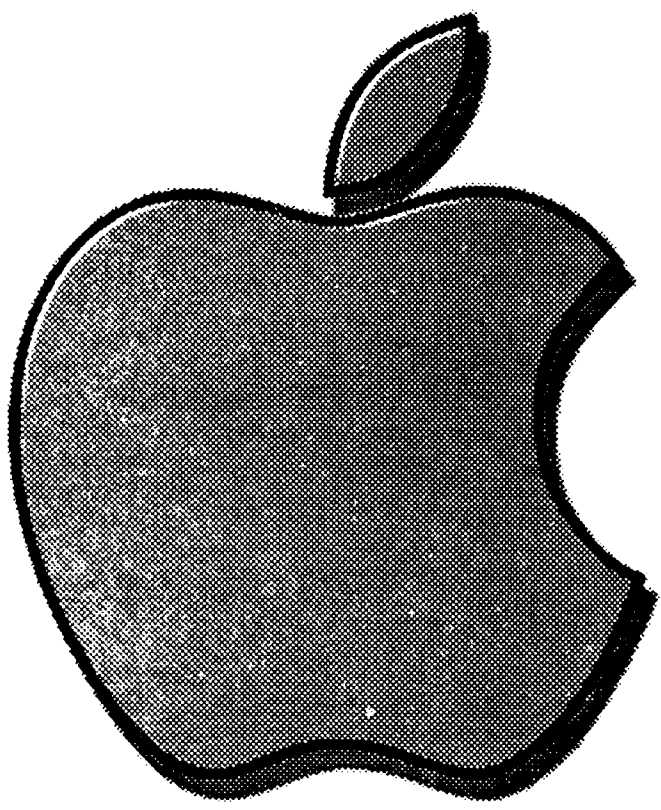


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Apple Corporation's advertising campaigns have always been creatively geared and about the performance differences from PC and Mac systems.

Apple's iTunes music store allows users to buy legal music

By TOSHA SMITH
Scene Writer

As college students began classes during past years, Morpheus, Kazaa, Napster, WinMX and other file-sharing software programs became a part of most students' computers. These programs provided a way for students to download numerous music, television and movie files onto their personal computers free of charge. Initially, it was a way to preview music; however, with the development of high speed connections and better computers, these programs became a common convenience, encouraging users to download songs instead of buying music.

Major record labels representing several genres of music began to protest the actions of these copyright violators. The Recording Industry Association of America has begun to target computer users who download or share copyrighted files.

In light of these actions, computer companies are now developing programs that provide the ability to legally download music files to a computer for a small fee. One such program that has boomed since it was introduced is iTunes Music Store, a creation of the Apple Corporation. This program allows a user to surf for high quality music files online, sample them and then download songs of their choice onto their computer. The cost of each song is \$.99. Music lovers can also download entire CDs, allowing them to view the CD lining online and giving them the rights to the song. This way, users can play the music on several personal computers without violating any copyright laws.

Apple's marketing and design team enhanced the digital downloading

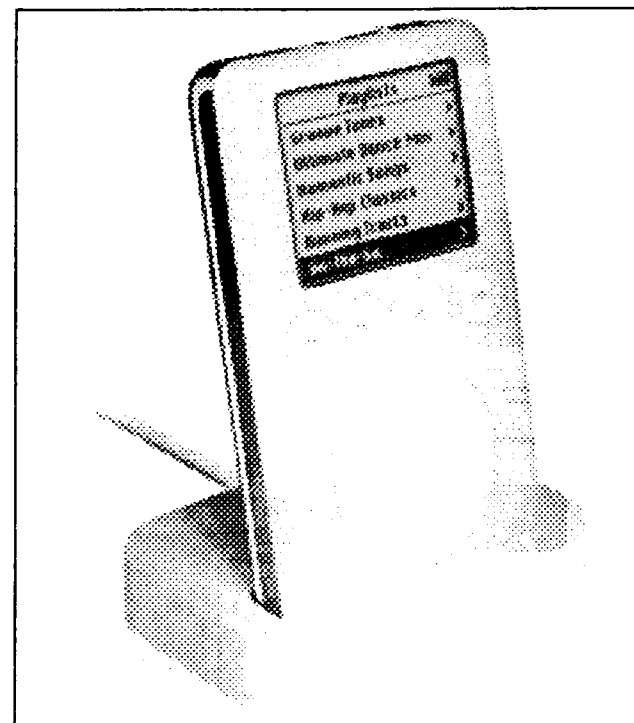


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The Apple iPod features the ability to hold up to 7500 digital music files.

music experience with the introduction of the iPod, an MP3 player and storage device. This device is lighter than two CD's and less than two inches thick. The iPod is available in 10 GB, 15 GB and 30 GB models. The highest model holds up to 7,500 songs, which would allow a user to play one new song a day for the next 20 years. In addition to providing organized play lists, the iPod can be synchronized with either an Apple or IBM personal computer and serve as a calendar, alarm clock and mini hard-drive to transport files to and from other computers.

Prices for iPods began \$299. Additionally, Apple offers student discounts of \$30 off any iPod and up to \$200 dollars off an iPod purchased with an Apple computer.

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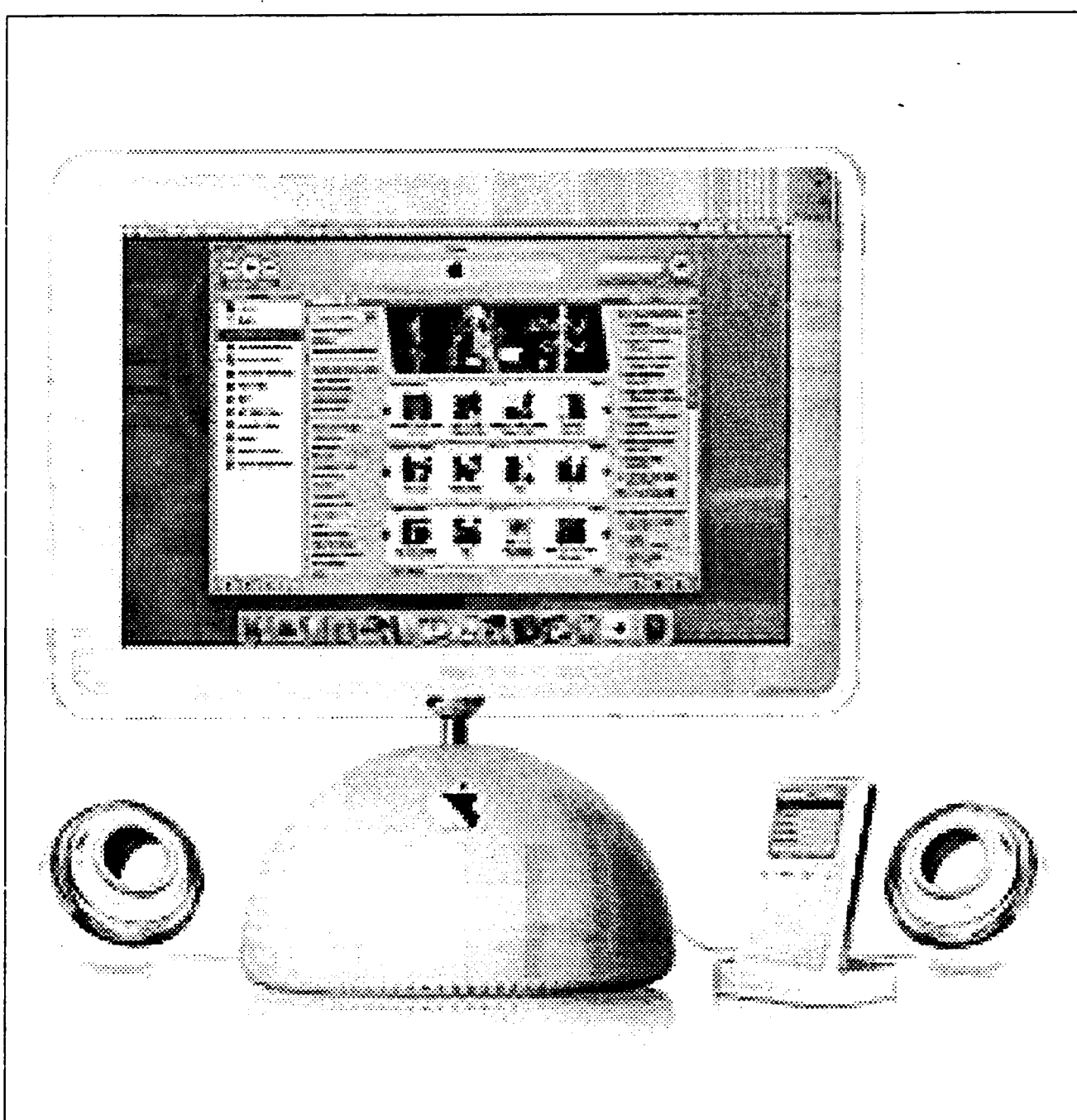
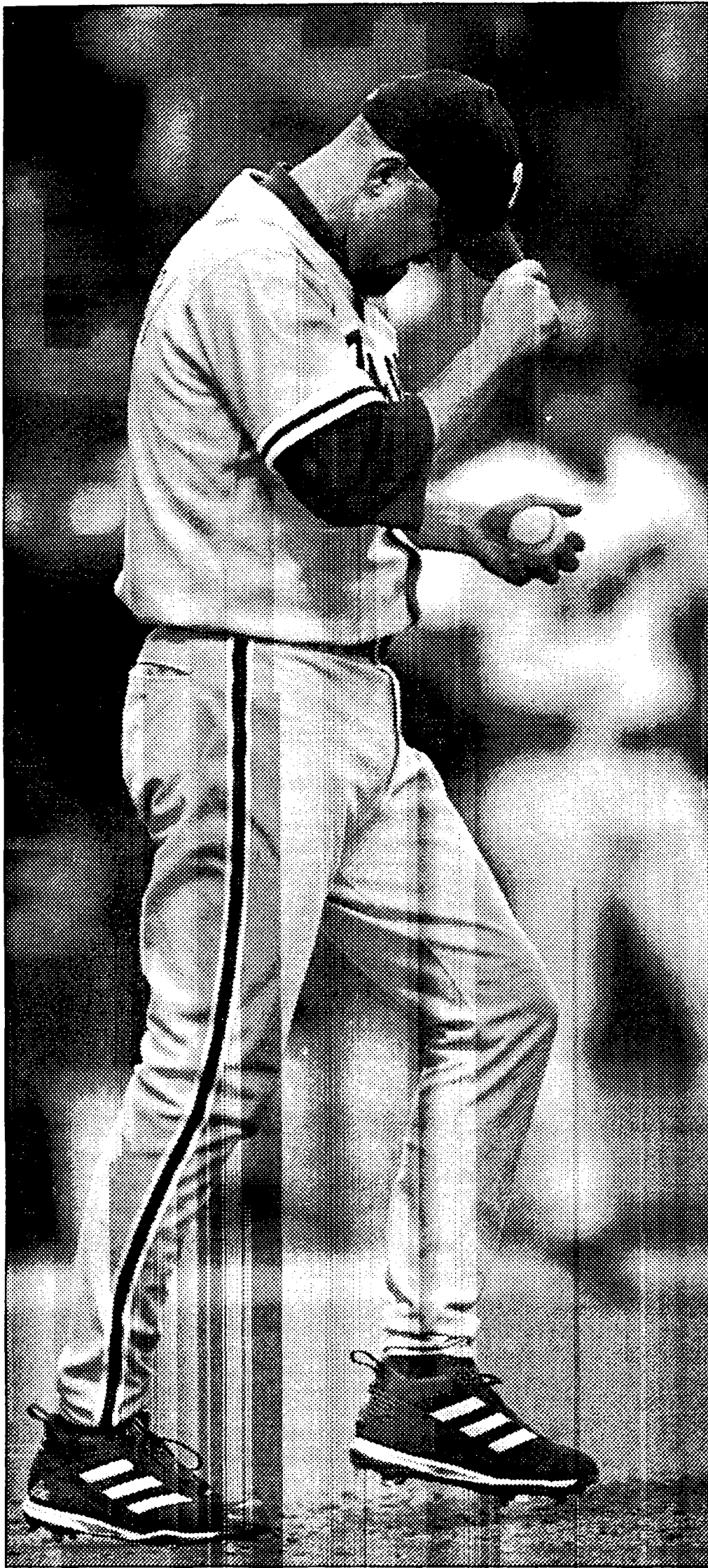


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Apple's iMac computer features the iTunes music store as a feature for emphasizing reasons behind purchasing a Mac running Mac's OS X operating system.

MLB

Cordero leads improbable comeback over Phillies



Phillies' relief pitcher Mike Williams walks back to the mound after giving up a game-tying double to the Expos' Wil Cordero.

Associated Press

MONTREAL
Wil Cordero and the Montreal Expos improved their wild-card hopes with an improbable victory.

Cordero hit a pair of two-run doubles as Montreal rallied from an eight-run deficit and beat the Philadelphia Phillies 14-10 Tuesday night.

"He's done a terrific job the last two weeks or so coming up with big, big, big hits," Expos manager Frank Robinson said.

Montreal fell behind 8-0 after five innings, and were trailing 10-4 before scoring seven runs in the seventh, highlighted by Cordero and Jose Vidro's two-run doubles.

"How exciting was that game?" Vidro said. "We came back — unbelievable, one of the most exciting games I've played since I've been in the big leagues."

The Expos won their third straight and moved within two games of Philadelphia and Florida for the NL wild card.

"It's unreal. You see it happening but you don't believe it," Robinson said. "That was a great win for this ballclub, this organization, and for the fans and for this city. It's just a great win and it's what we really need to do."

Ricky Ledee had his first two-homer game and drove in four runs, and Mike Lieberthal had three hits and two RBIs for the Phillies, who have lost four straight and are 1-7 on a season-high 13-game road trip.

"It's devastating, there's no question about it, but it's not like there's two games left," Phillies manager Larry Bowa said. "We just didn't get the job done tonight. There's no excuses."

Cubs 7, Cardinals 4

A six-run inning was overkill for the Chicago Cubs, considering Mark Prior was on the mound.

Prior allowed three hits in eight sharp innings, and Randall Simon and Aramis Ramirez hit back-to-back home runs in the pivotal third as the

Cubs defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 7-4 Tuesday night.

"I'm not trying to go out and strike out 10 guys, I'm not trying to put up a shutout every time," Prior said. "My job is to keep them from scoring as many runs as we do, and that's the bottom line."

The Cubs won for only the third time in 14 games at Busch Stadium the last two seasons, and moved a half-game ahead of the Cardinals for second in the tight NL Central and a half-game behind Houston. It was the first of eight games in 11 days between the rivals.

White Sox 13, Yankees 2

The long fly ball by Frank Thomas settled into the glove of left fielder Dave Dellucci — after it clanked high off the foul pole, way up near the upper deck.

It was a huge grand slam for Thomas off Roger Clemens, and a big win for the Chicago White Sox against the New York Yankees.

Magglio Ordonez followed with another long home run off the front of the center-field bleachers as the White Sox beat up the Yankees 13-2 Tuesday night in a matchup of division leaders.

"It's very big," Thomas said. "Everybody's harping on how bad we are on the road."

Ordenez and Paul Konerko homered twice, and Joe Crede also connected for Chicago, which hit six homers in a game for the second time this season.

Blue Jays 12, Red Sox 9

Vernon Wells kept the Toronto Blue Jays in it with his glove and put them ahead for good with his bat.

Wells made a sensational catch in the seventh inning, then hit an RBI double that keyed a five-run eighth inning as the Blue Jays ended Boston's five-game winning streak, beating the Red Sox 12-9 Tuesday night.

"He's one of the best players in the league," Toronto manager Carlos Tosca said. "And

it's going to be that way for a long, long time. The things he does offensively at his age are well above average and that play he made in the field was tremendous."

Down 12-7, the Red Sox rallied for one run in the eighth and loaded the bases with two outs. But Manny Ramirez struck out against rookie Aquilino Lopez.

"When Manny came up with a chance to tie it, you always think of the worst," Wells said. "Luckily, we were able to get out of it." Kevin Millar hit an inside-the-park homer in the ninth for Boston. The Red Sox missed a chance to move up on New York, which lost to Chicago 13-2 but held its five-game lead in the AL East.

"That was a tough way to lose," Red Sox manager Grady Little said. "It's admirable that we kept coming back, but it's a shame that it got away from us in the eighth inning."

Astros 18, Dodgers 4

Odalis Perez was puzzled by his performance. To the Houston Astros, however, the whole game made sense.

"It was our night, plain and simple, the stars were aligned," Brad Ausmus said. "I guess we were just supposed to win this game and score a lot of runs, but they still have a great pitching staff."

The Astros came within one run of matching the highest-scoring game in franchise history, roughing up Perez and routing the Los Angeles Dodgers 18-4 Tuesday night.

Houston last scored 19 runs in 1999. Its previous top run total this season was 13 on May 7 against Pittsburgh.

Jeff Kent homered and drove in five runs and Jeff Bagwell also homered.

Kent, who went 3-for-4, and pinch-hitter Jason Lane each delivered three-run doubles. Ausmus tripled and doubled, driving in four runs and scoring three.

"We did a lot of things right and got a lot of big hits. Everybody was swinging the bats really well," Craig Biggio said.

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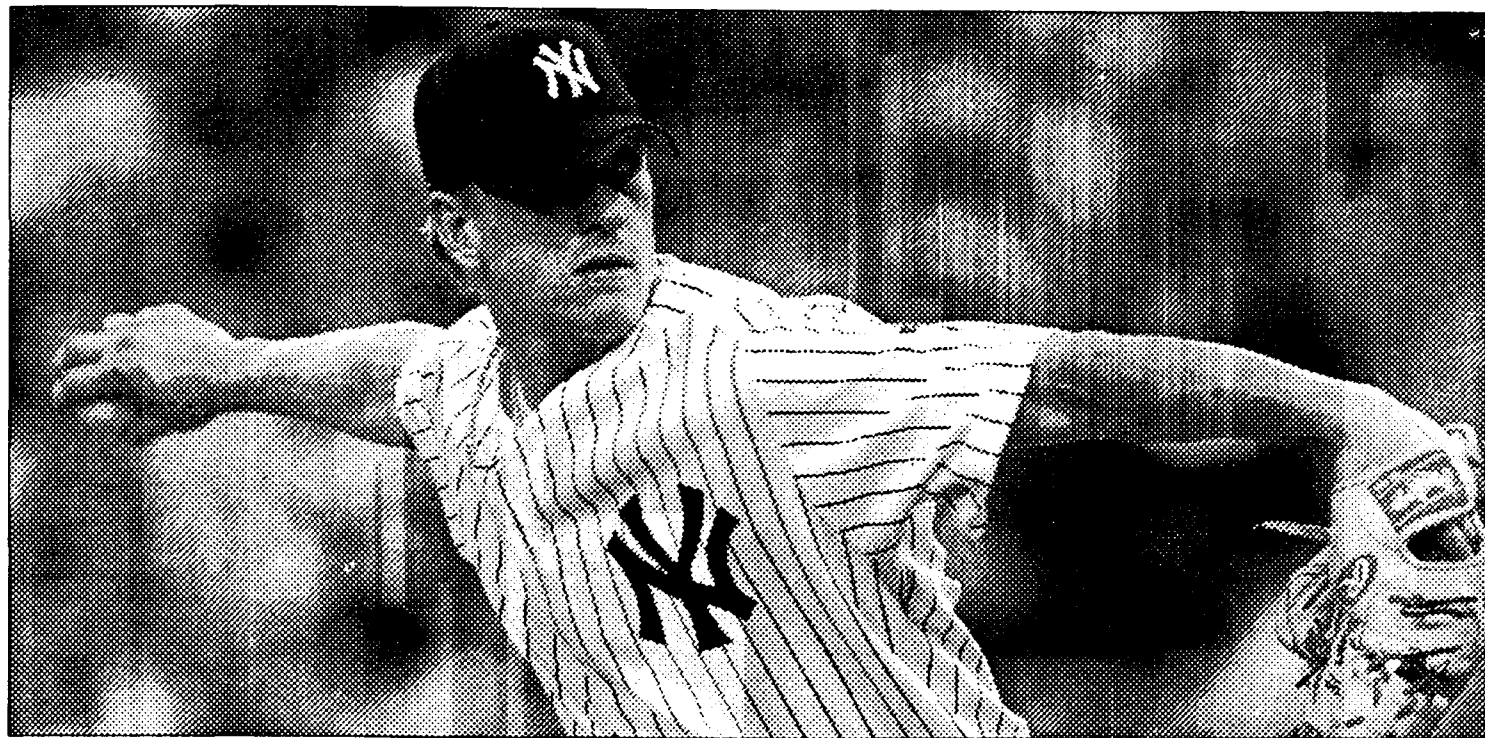
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MLB



Yankee pitcher Jeff Weaver fires a strike during his last start against Kansas City. Weaver was optioned to Class A Tampa Bay Tuesday. API photo

Weaver sent to low minors

Righty shipped to Class A, lefty Orosco designated for assignment

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jeff Weaver and Jesse Orosco, standing in adjacent lockers, packed up their equipment bags Tuesday. Weaver plans to return to the New York Yankees next week. Orosco does not.

Carefully manipulating their roster to get ready for the postseason, the Yankees optioned Weaver to Class A Tampa of the Florida State League and designated Orosco for assignment. The moves cleared space for left-handers Gabe White, activated from the disabled list, and Felix

Heredia, who reported one day after he was claimed on waivers from Cincinnati.

"It's hard for me to comprehend and understand," Weaver said. "Hopefully, this will be the change that I need."

New York plans to make at least one more change by Sunday, the deadline for postseason roster eligibility. Jose Contreras is likely to be optioned to the minors and infielder Erick Almonte recalled from Triple-A Columbus, moves that would allow the Yankees to carry just 10 pitchers on their postseason roster.

Contreras and Weaver would be recalled from the minors on Monday, when active rosters expand to 40, and both would be eligible for postseason play because New York has two pitchers on the disabled list.

Weaver has struggled since the Yankees acquired him from Detroit in July last year. He is 7-9 with a 5.85 ERA this season, lost his spot in the rotation last week when Contreras was activated and gave up a home run Monday night in relief against to Baltimore's Larry Bigbie.

"Maybe 10 years from now I'll say 2003 is the year that built me as a pitcher and a person," Weaver said.

Orosco, at 46 the oldest player in the major leagues, had a 10.38 ERA in 15 games since the Yankees acquired him from San Diego on July 22.

"The toughest one was Jesse," Yankees manager Joe Torre said of the moves.

Orosco has pitched in 1,244 games, the most in major league history. He made his big league debut in 1979 under Torre.

Giles traded to Padres for two players, cash

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Brian Giles, one of the NL's most productive players for five seasons, was dealt Tuesday to the San Diego Padres in a long-rumored trade that further depletes the talent-thin Pittsburgh Pirates.

In an uncommon late-season deal involving a name player going from one non-contender to another, the Pirates get promising left-handed starter Oliver Perez, minor league outfielder Jason Bay and a player to be named.

After acquiring Giles, the last-place Padres sent All-Star outfielder Rondell White to the Kansas City Royals for two minor league pitchers.

"Over our last 10 or 11 games, we've been pounded by left-handed pitchers late in the game," Kansas City general manager Allard Baird said. "This certainly gives us another option."

Giles, a San Diego native, has averaged 35 homers and 100-plus RBIs since being traded by Cleveland before the 1999 season. He is hitting .299 with 16 homers and 70 RBIs this season despite sitting out a month with a knee injury.

The Pirates, headed for an 11th consecutive losing season, are rebuilding from the ground up with younger and lower-priced players.

"There's a lot of disappointment — and satisfaction," the 32-year-old Giles said. "It's disappointing because when I signed here, I wanted to play for a championship club here, but it just didn't work out. ... But I'm excited to go back and play in my hometown."

The Pirates have dealt their top starting pitcher (Jeff Suppan), two best relievers (Mike Williams and Scott Sauerbeck), two most productive position players (Aramis Ramirez and Giles) and center fielder Kenny Lofton since mid-July. The trades came after owner Kevin McClatchy revealed losses of as much as

\$30 million since PNC Park opened in 2001.

That's why the Pirates initially tried to include catcher Jason Kendall in the Giles trade. Kendall has \$42 million remaining on his \$60 million, six-year contract, and the Padres wanted the Pirates to pay about half that.

"What was worrisome from our standpoint was taking on that salary," Padres general manager Kevin Towers said. "Once we were able to separate the two, we were able to agree."

Kendall, Giles' best friend with the Pirates, declined to comment on Giles' departure or his own status. He apparently was under the impression he would be included in the deal.

"Obviously, he wanted to come to San Diego with me," Giles said. "Unfortunately it didn't go through the way we thought it was going to go through. From my understanding, they are still interested in Jason."

White was hitting .278 with 18 homers and 66 RBIs, and now joins a team contending for the AL Central title.

White, scheduled to arrive in Kansas City on Wednesday, could spell either Ibanez or center fielder Carlos Beltran.

"I still haven't decided where I'm going to use him yet," manager Tony Pena said. "I've still got a game to worry about tonight."

The Padres got left-hander Chris Tierney and right-hander Brian Sanches for White. San Diego also will send some cash to Kansas City, but will save some money on White's salary that it can apply to Giles, who will earn a little more than \$1 million the rest of the season.

General manager Dave Littlefield said the Pirates didn't wait until the offseason to trade Giles because the offer was so attractive.

"We felt this was the trade that made the most sense and acquired the most talent," Littlefield said.

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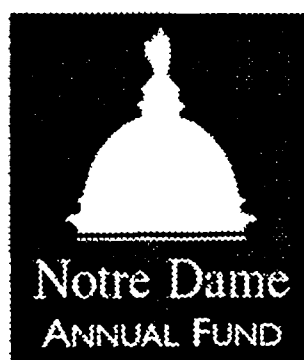
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Buckeyes hope to overcome loss of Claret

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State beginning the defense of its national title should have been the biggest story heading into Saturday night's game in Columbus.

Instead, it might rank as low as third.

After tumultuous offseasons, the second-ranked Buckeyes and No. 17 Washington should be looking forward to opening their 2003 campaigns at Ohio Stadium — even though both do so without key members of their teams.

Ohio State may have to survive half of its season without star running back Maurice Claret, who would have been a Heisman Trophy favorite after a dazzling freshman year.

But at least Claret figures to be back with the Buckeyes at some point. It seems doubtful that Rick Neuheisel ever will at Washington.

Neuheisel was fired by athletic director Barbara Hedges for breaking NCAA gambling rules by participating in neighborhood pools during the past two NCAA basketball tournaments.

Neuheisel, who maintained that he didn't know he was breaking rules, has not gone away quietly. He is suing the school and the NCAA, alleging breach of contract by the school and accusing NCAA officials of defamation, conspiracy and wrongfully interfering with his job.

Keith Gilbertson took over for Neuheisel and is in charge of a

team that went 7-6 last season.

"It was a tough situation on all of us," Gilbertson said. "It wasn't easy. I think our people have rallied around each other and I'm pleased with what I see."

Gilbertson inherits a team that has plenty of offensive talent, led by quarterback Cody Pickett and receiver Reggie Williams.

Offense was never the biggest strength for Ohio State last year. It certainly won't be this year, especially without Claret.

Claret rushed for 1,237 yards and 16 touchdowns last season despite missing all of three games and parts of two others with injuries. He set numerous school records, and seemed on his

way to becoming the first freshman to win the Heisman before missing significant time in the second half of the season with injuries.

This year, his time missed will come in the first half.

Ohio State suspended Claret for "multiple games" after holding him out of most of the pre-season workouts because of eligibility questions. His father told USA Today that the suspension will be six games, three for violating NCAA rules for driving a borrowed car from a dealership and three more for academic reasons.

A six-game suspension would bring Claret back for the final six games of the season.

Without Claret, the Buckeyes will have to lean on quarterback Craig Krenzel and their excellent defense. And they



Ohio State running back Maurice Claret carries the ball during the 2003 national championship game against Miami. Claret will not dress for the team's opener against Washington.

expect to be able to run the ball, even if Claret isn't doing the running.

"Our tailback position has to be able to do it all," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said. "And the thing that you have to understand is the quarterback's not going to check behind him to see who's in the game at tailback and not check to this play or that play. It's all built into your game plan. So, you know, whoever's at tailback's got to be able to do it all."

Krenzel improved to 15-1 as a starter following last season's 14-0 campaign. Krenzel, who scored two touchdowns in the

Buckeyes' upset of Miami in the national championship game, will look to Michael Jenkins, who had 1,076 receiving yards last season.

Defensively, the Buckeyes must replace five starters who moved on to the NFL from a unit that allowed just 12.2 points during the regular season before shutting down the high-powered Hurricanes in the Fiesta Bowl.

That defense will be tested by a Washington offense that averaged more than 420 yards of offense last season, including 346.2 passing.

The keys are Pickett and Williams, who should be one of the most potent tandems in the Pac-10 this year. Pickett threw for 4,458 yards and 28 touchdowns last season, while Williams caught 94 passes for 1,454 yards and 11 TDs.

"Washington has great team speed. They have outstanding athletes," Tressel said. "Everyone likes to start by talking about their offensive side, because you have the marquee guys in the quarterback and the great receiver."

Williams will probably be defended by Chris Gamble, Ohio State's two-way star.

Ohio State leads the all-time series 6-3. The Buckeyes, whose 14-game winning streak is the longest in the nation, have won 24 straight home openers.

Buffalos looks to end streak

Colorado hopes to end a streak of four consecutive season-opening losses when it kicks off the campaign against Colorado State at Invesco Field.

There was a time when the Rams, ranked 23rd in the AP preseason poll, would get intimidated playing their more famous in-state rivals. However, four wins over Colorado in the last five years is evidence that they no longer feel like the state's second team.

Three of Colorado's opening game defeats since 1999 have come at the hands of the Rams, including last year's 19-14 setback at Invesco on Aug. 31, when Colorado State quarter-

back Bradlee Van Pelt led a decisive 84-yard scoring drive that was capped by his 23-yard run.

Entering his senior season, Van Pelt poses many problems for any defense, according to Colorado junior defensive lineman Matt McChesney.

"He's a good player and he's going to make plays," McChesney said. "You just can't hold everybody to nothing, but we definitely need to contain him. He keeps it most of the time on the option. We've got to stop him."

The Buffaloes didn't do that last season, and Van Pelt wound up accounting for 242 of the Rams' 320 total yards, passing for 168 and rushing for 74.

"That's the kind of guy he is. He took it over and ran right down our throats," said Colorado defensive coordinator Vince Okruch. "That's a tribute to him, not only as a physical player, but the mental toughness he possesses."

Colorado coach Gary Barnett isn't sounding confident that his team's opening-day losing streak will end Saturday.

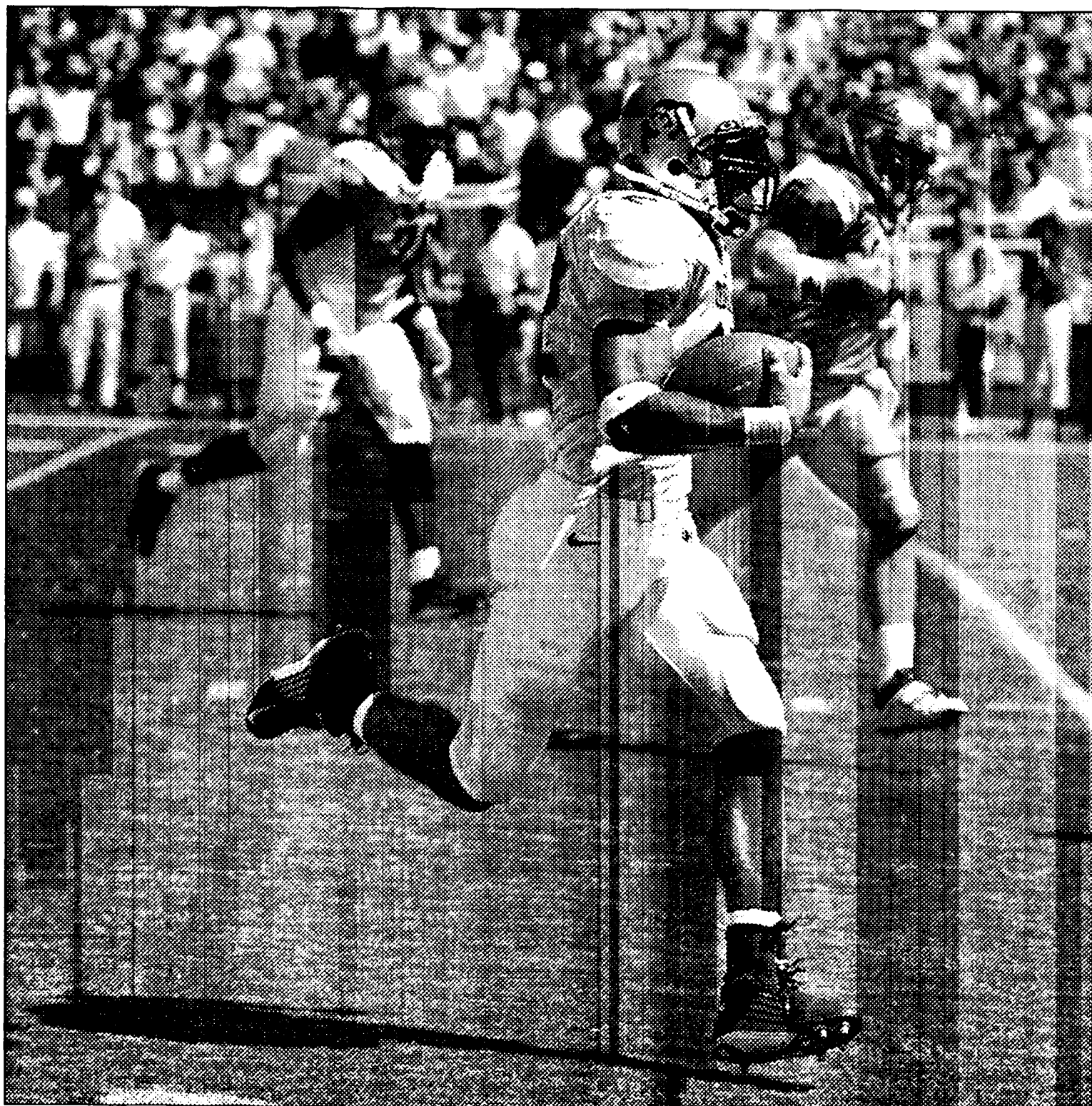
"We've got a lot of work to do," Barnett said following last week's scrimmage. "The kids know it, the coaches know it. Right now, we're not a very sharp team."

Joel Klatt, a 21-year-old sophomore walk-on, will be Barnett's starting quarterback, and has already established himself as the team's unquestioned leader, according to the coach.

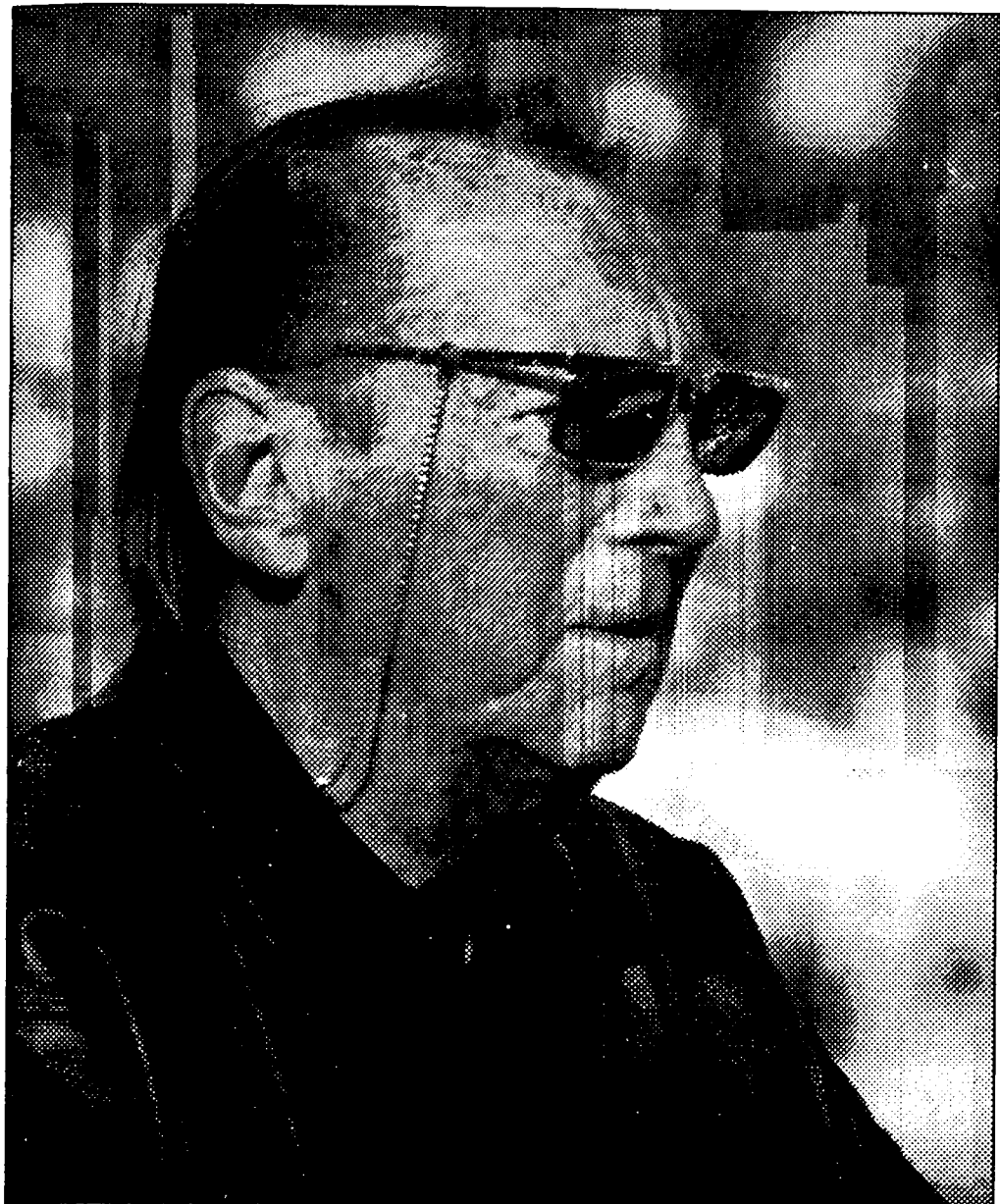
"I have a great deal of confidence in Klatt being the guy," Barnett said. "[He] just exudes confidence and he exudes leadership."

That intangible may prove crucial for the Buffs, who rely more on their running game, which has been ranked among the nation's top 10 the last two years.

"We want Joel to run our offense and be effective with it," Barnett said. "Don't turn the ball over and let the offense do their thing. As he matures and gets better he can become the center of the offense."



Chris Brown of the Colorado Buffaloes runs the ball during the team's 31-17 victory over the UCLA Bruins at the 2002 Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.



A jury determined Oakland coliseum officials lied to general manager Al Davis and the Oakland Raiders.

NFL

Raiders awarded \$34.2 million

Oakland receives compensation, while much less than anticipated

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Al Davis and his Oakland Raiders were awarded \$34.2 million Tuesday by a jury that found Oakland coliseum officials failed to deliver on promises of sold-out stadiums in luring the team back from Los Angeles.

The verdict in the lawsuit was far less than the \$570 million to \$833 million the Raiders sought to compensate for weak ticket sales and the declining value of the franchise.

Jurors said they calculated the award based on the team's losses on ticket sales, interest on that money and local TV rights.

Both sides promised to appeal the verdict — reached

after more than 10 days of deliberations.

The jury heard nearly four months of testimony from 45 witnesses and had more than 600 pieces of evidence to consider.

After the verdict was read, Raiders lawyer Roger Dreyer said he was disappointed with the award, but hours later he said the decision was a vindication for the team.

"The jury has determined that the Raiders were lied to, that the public was lied to, and that they were deceived," Dreyer said.

It was not immediately clear where the coliseum would get the money to pay the award because the coliseum commission, a nonprofit corporation,

has no assets, said defense lawyer James Brosnahan.

"The Raiders have known that all along," Brosnahan said. "It's really a hollow victory."

The case dates to 1995 when Davis, the legendary Raiders owner, maneuvered to get his team out of Southern California after revenues waned, the team's stadium was shaken by an earthquake and a deal collapsed to build a new stadium.

Roger Dreyer
Raiders lawyer

"The jury has determined that the Raiders were lied to, that the public was lied to, and that they were deceived."

The deal gave the Raiders a \$53 million loan, \$10 million

for a training complex and \$100 million to renovate the coliseum, which is shared with the Oakland Athletics.

Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, its chief negotiator Ed DeSilva and the now-defunct Arthur Andersen accounting firm were accused of intentionally misleading the team with its promises of sold-out games.

The jury ruled the coliseum acted negligently, but said none of the defendants intentionally misrepresented ticket sales.

The coliseum's lawyer said any box office flop should be partly blamed on high ticket prices and the Raiders' poor performance on the field upon their return to Oakland.

The Raiders are one of the most storied franchises in the NFL, from their days as an AFL power in the 1960s to their return to dominance in the last three years.

During that time, Davis' lengthy career has been marked by a bruising style of play on the field and an aggressive business approach that has made the organization the most litigious in the NFL.

The coliseum suit was similar to one the Raiders lost two years ago in Los Angeles. Davis claimed the NFL owed him \$1.2 billion for spiking the deal to build a new stadium at the Hollywood Park race track.

A judge ordered a new trial because of juror misconduct, but the NFL is appealing.



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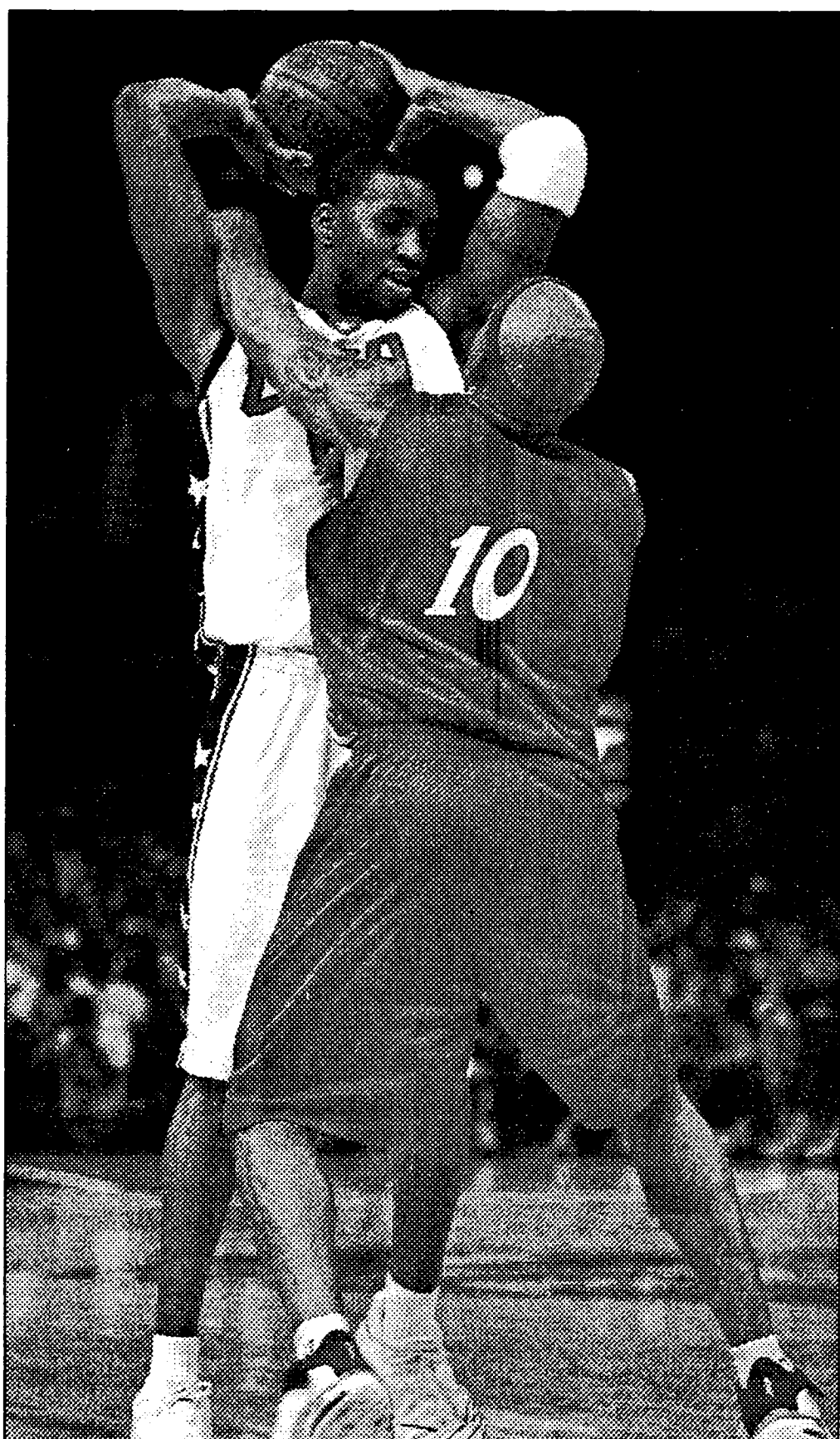
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USA BASKETBALL

Americans avenge loss in 94-86 win over Argentina



USA team leading scorer Tracy McGrady shields the ball from a defender during a 94-86 victory over Argentina Tuesday.

O'Neal scores 22 points, plays solid defense

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico
Argentina couldn't do it again, not with Jermaine O'Neal taking a huge first step on the road to redemption.

With an improved United States team showing greater degrees of poise and talent down the stretch, the Americans avenged a groundbreaking defeat of a year ago by defeating Argentina 94-86 Tuesday in the second round of the Tournament of the Americas.

Fittingly for the U.S. team, the star was O'Neal — one of only two U.S. players held over from last summer's team that finished a disappointing sixth at the World Championships.

O'Neal scored 22 points and made one of the biggest plays of the game at the defensive end, blocking a shot by Fabricio Oberto with 1:13 left — a play that led to a fast-break dunk by Vince Carter off a pass from Allen Iverson for an 89-83 lead. It was the only missed shot for Oberto, who finished 8-for-9.

"Regardless of what happens, I'm always going to be marked in the record books as being on the first [U.S.] team to lose using NBA players," O'Neal said. "That doesn't matter to me anymore. My goal now, and I think the only way I can see redemption, is to win the gold medal in the Olympics."

The United States remained undefeated in this Olympic qualifying tournament and improved to 22-0 in qualifiers. The Americans are 64-3 when using

professional players in international tournaments, all three of the losses coming last summer.

With a contingent of Argentinian fans singing "Don't forget what happened last time," the teams played an intense four quarters.

The score was tied 74-74 with 6 1/2 minutes left before the U.S. team closed the game by scoring 20 of the final 32 points.

"The thrill comes from watching this group continue to mature," said U.S. assistant coach Gregg Popovich, who also was an assistant on last summer's U.S. team. "I still think about that once or twice a week. We just won an NBA championship [in San Antonio], and I probably think about [losing to Argentina, Yugoslavia and Spain] as much or more than I do about the NBA championship because I'm a sick coach and I think about those things."

"It's not about redemption or anything else. They won that thing, you can't take that away. That hurt will be there forever. This is a new deal," Popovich said.

Tim Duncan scored 19 points, playing most of the fourth quarter with four fouls, Iverson had 13, and Carter and Mike Bibby scored 11 apiece. O'Neal had a team-high 10 rebounds.

Oberto had 17 points, and Manu Ginobili and Andres Nocioni added 16 each for Argentina.

"We played great. We almost beat them, so we have to be very optimistic for the rest of the tournament," Ginobili said.

Following O'Neal's block and Carter's dunk, Andres Nocioni

missed a 3-pointer, and Iverson went to the line with 1:07 left and made one of two. Another missed 3 by Nocioni from the same spot was followed by two made free throws by Tim Duncan to make it 92-83, and Argentina got no closer than six the rest of the way.

The second round continues Wednesday and Thursday before the semifinals are held Saturday. Three berths in the Athens Olympics are at stake.

"If we have to play them again, it'll be a great game," U.S. coach Larry Brown said. "We were very fortunate to win, that's obvious."

Duncan picked up his fourth foul with 8:54 left and went to the bench for the next two minutes, nearly picking up his fifth shortly after he returned. But no call was made after Duncan defended a shot by Luis Scola, and he raced downcourt and fed O'Neal for an alley-oop dunk and a 78-74 lead.

It was 81-77 when Iverson stole the ball and raced in uncontested. But he missed a layup, which Ginobili then reciprocated at the other end by missing a reverse.

A 3-pointer by Iverson late in the shot clock gave the Americans an 85-79 lead, and a missed 3 by Ginobili was followed by two foul shots from O'Neal with 3:11 left.

There were 12 lead changes in the first quarter, which ended with the Americans ahead 27-23. The U.S. team had a 7-0 run to open the second quarter, holding Argentina scoreless for the first 4 1/2 minutes to take a 34-23 lead.

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NFL

Romanowski apologizes for fight with teammate

Raider could face serious charges for incident

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Two days after Bill Romanowski seriously injured teammate Marcus Williams during a fight in practice, the Oakland Raiders' controversial linebacker was remorseful and apologetic.

"I hold myself accountable," Romanowski said of his latest episode of bad behavior. "It was a classless move by me."

An apology might not be enough for Williams, whose eye socket was broken in the fight. The reserve tight end was placed on injured reserve Tuesday — and he hasn't ruled out legal action, according to his agent, Lee Kolligian.

"Is there any excuse for potentially ending a player's football career?" Kolligian asked. "He's kind of waiting to see the extent of the damage. ... We'd rather not [sue], but if it comes down that this man has lost his football career as a result of this incident, then I would hope we can get some compensation."

Romanowski ripped off Williams' helmet and punched the reserve tight end in the face, breaking his left orbital bone and chipping his tooth. The fight came at the end of a running play during a 9-on-7 drill Sunday.

Williams, a second-year pro who played mostly on special teams last season, was taken to a local hospital for a series of tests. He saw an eye specialist Monday and was told to rest at home for a week until the swelling goes down, but Williams still has double vision.

While trimming their roster Tuesday, the Raiders placed Williams on injured reserve, ending his season.

"He's a little scared, if anything," Kolligian said. "Essentially he's going to have no film, no playing time to show to market himself to another team next year, if that's necessary."

Romanowski was suspended from Monday's practice and fined an undisclosed amount by the team; but he was back in Alameda on Tuesday.

Romanowski said he had spoken with Williams since the incident.

"I made my apologies," Romanowski said. "I said what I had to say to him. I pretty much told everybody what I had to say. You can try to make excuses, but there's no excuses. It just won't happen again."

Romanowski also apologized to the rest of the team prior to Tuesday's practice. Afterward, some Raiders players seemed almost indifferent toward the matter.

"I don't see it as a big problem," linebacker Eric Johnson said. "It's just something that happened. Bill is a part of the family, and so is Marcus. Brothers fight all the time."

NFL spokeswoman Leslie Hammond said the league won't get involved in what it considers a team matter, leaving any discipline to the Raiders.

Romanowski has a history of on-field altercations during his 16-year NFL career — most notably for spitting on 49ers receiver J.J. Stokes. He has been fined several times by the league.

He has had off-field troubles as well. Romanowski was acquitted in July 2001 on charges of illegally obtaining a prescription diet drug in 1998, and related charges against his wife, Julie, also were dropped.

He signed with Oakland before last season, and he finished second on the team in tackles while helping the Raiders to their first Super Bowl appearance since 1983. His influence on Oakland's defense has been praised, and he hadn't been in any trouble with the Raiders until this incident.

"Everybody knew what they were getting when he (Romanowski) came here," guard Frank Middleton said. "As long as it doesn't happen again, it'll be fine."

Romanowski, who spoke with coach Bill Callahan on Monday night, denied having an anger problem.

"I've never really had problems controlling my temper," Romanowski said. "I am an intense guy on the football field, and sometimes I get carried away. I got carried away two

days ago. I'm just going to make the situation right from this point forward. Can I move forward? I have no choice.

"The punishment is not about a fine or about missing practice. It's about what you learn as a person. You've got to look at yourself in the mirror and say, 'I screwed up.' There's two reasons I play this game: One is my love and respect I have for the game, two is to win the Super Bowl, and I can't do it without (teammates). I let my teammates down, and I apologized to them."

Callahan didn't speak to reporters on Tuesday, even though the Raiders made several cuts and roster moves.

McGahee to miss time

Willis McGahee will miss at least the first six weeks of the season after the Buffalo Bills placed the first-round draft pick on the reserve non-football injury list Tuesday.

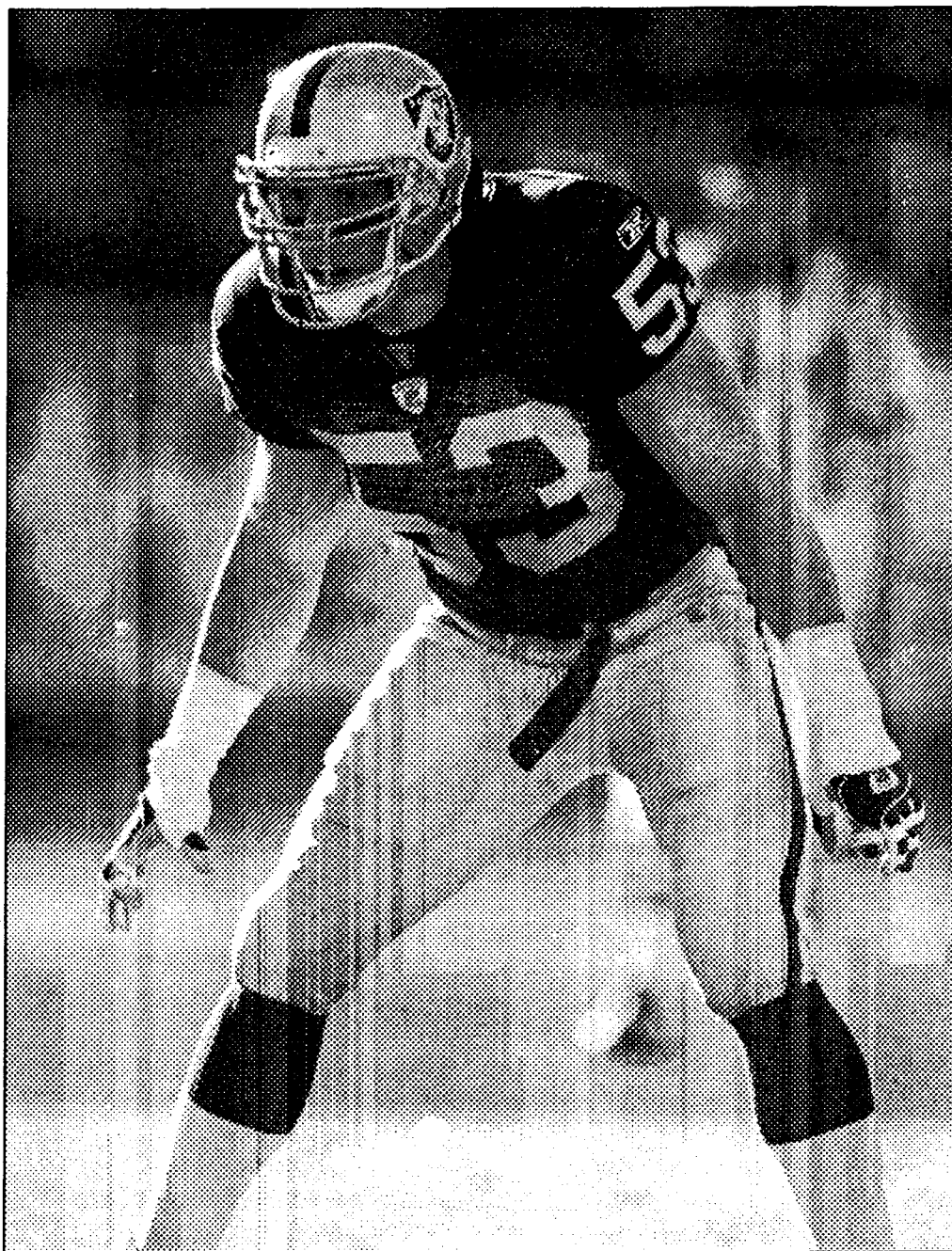
The move was expected. The former Miami star running back continues to recover after tearing three ligaments in his left knee the Hurricanes loss to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl last January.

Under NFL rules, McGahee could begin practicing between the end of week six and the end of week nine of the season. The Bills would then have a three-week window to determine whether to activate McGahee or sit him out for the rest of the season.

"This was totally expected and par for the course," said McGahee's agent, Drew Rosenhaus. "And it's essentially on schedule with what the Bills said right along, that Willis can come back for the second half of the season."

Rosenhaus added that he's confident McGahee will be ready to play at midseason. Under the terms of the contract, Rosenhaus said that McGahee will also continue to be paid by the Bills while on the reserve list, and that the move will not affect his client's bonus and incentive clauses.

McGahee had not yet begun practicing with the Bills since joining the team two weeks ago after signing a heavily incentive



API photo

Bill Romanowski eyes an opponent during a game. Romanowski apologized Tuesday for injuring a teammate in practice.

laden five-year contract potentially worth \$15.3 million.

Upon arrival, McGahee was immediately placed on the active non-football injury list. He has since been limited to individual running drills and catching passes in a stationary position on the sideline.

In other moves, the Bills released third-year linebacker Brandon Spoon, second-year receiver Andre Rone and running back De'Mond Parker.

Seahawks DT out for season

Seattle Seahawks defensive tackle Chad Eaton, who has had two operations on his right knee since May, was placed on injured reserve Tuesday, suggesting his season is over.

Coach Mike Holmgren, though, said he couldn't rule out Eaton's return.

"There are options we have at the club's disposal, if Chad's willing to do some things," Holmgren said. "We just have to see. It would be premature to talk about any right now. Let's just see how it goes."

The Seahawks apparently are considering reaching an injury settlement with Eaton, which would make him a free agent. He could re-sign with Seattle when he is healthy and return to the lineup this season.

The risk, of course, is having another team sign Eaton after the injury settlement.

Eaton is a proven run-stopper who started every game the past two years after joining the Seahawks as a free agent. He had spent the previous five seasons with New England after one year on the practice squad in Cleveland.

Eaton, who played college football at Washington State, was entering his eighth NFL season. He wasn't at team headquarters Tuesday.

He had surgery in May to remove bone chips from his knee, an operation a team spokesman said wasn't performed by Seahawks doctors.

His second surgery, on Aug. 10, was done by team doctors during training camp. At the time, it was characterized as an effort to reduce continued swelling. Eaton was expected to miss one month.

Last season, the 6-foot-5, 303-pound Eaton recovered three fumbles and recorded a sack while leading Seattle's defensive linemen with 73 tackles. He was an emotional leader on the line.

"It's my 11th year. I'm no longer shocked by anything," linebacker Chad Brown said. "Players will see things from a player's perspective. The coach's job is to detach from the emotion and try to get the best players on the team. So apparently, he made that decision."

The position is expected to be filled by Norman Hand, obtained from New Orleans in a draft-day trade this year, and fourth-year veteran Cedric Woodard.

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NFL

Pace ends holdout, rejoins Rams line

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams' offensive line got a big boost Tuesday when left tackle Orlando Pace ended his holdout, signing a one-year contract as the team's franchise player.

The 6-foot-7, 320-pound Pace signed for the franchise tender offer of \$5.73 million.

"I'm just glad to have him in here," coach Mike Martz said. "I know that for players that business aspect is very

difficult, and as a coach you can't draw any conclusions.

"He's got to do what he's got to do, but once he's here he's ours, and that stuff is all aside now."

Pace, the top pick in the 1997 draft, has been voted to the Pro Bowl in four of his six seasons. Injuries last season limited him to 10 games, but he still made the Pro Bowl.

Pace practiced with the Rams on Tuesday. Martz said he reported in good condition and would play Thursday when St. Louis hosts Kansas City in the preseason finale.

"I think it's important to get in a little bit and mix it up," Martz said. "I say just a little

bit. I don't know how much."

The Rams open the season Sept. 7 against the Giants in New York. Pace doesn't know what type of shape he'll be in then.

"We'll have to wait until we get there," Pace said. "I'm going to work through it. It's really just getting myself in shape and ready to play."

The Rams believe with Pace in the lineup, they have the makings of one of the NFL's best offensive lines. Pace is

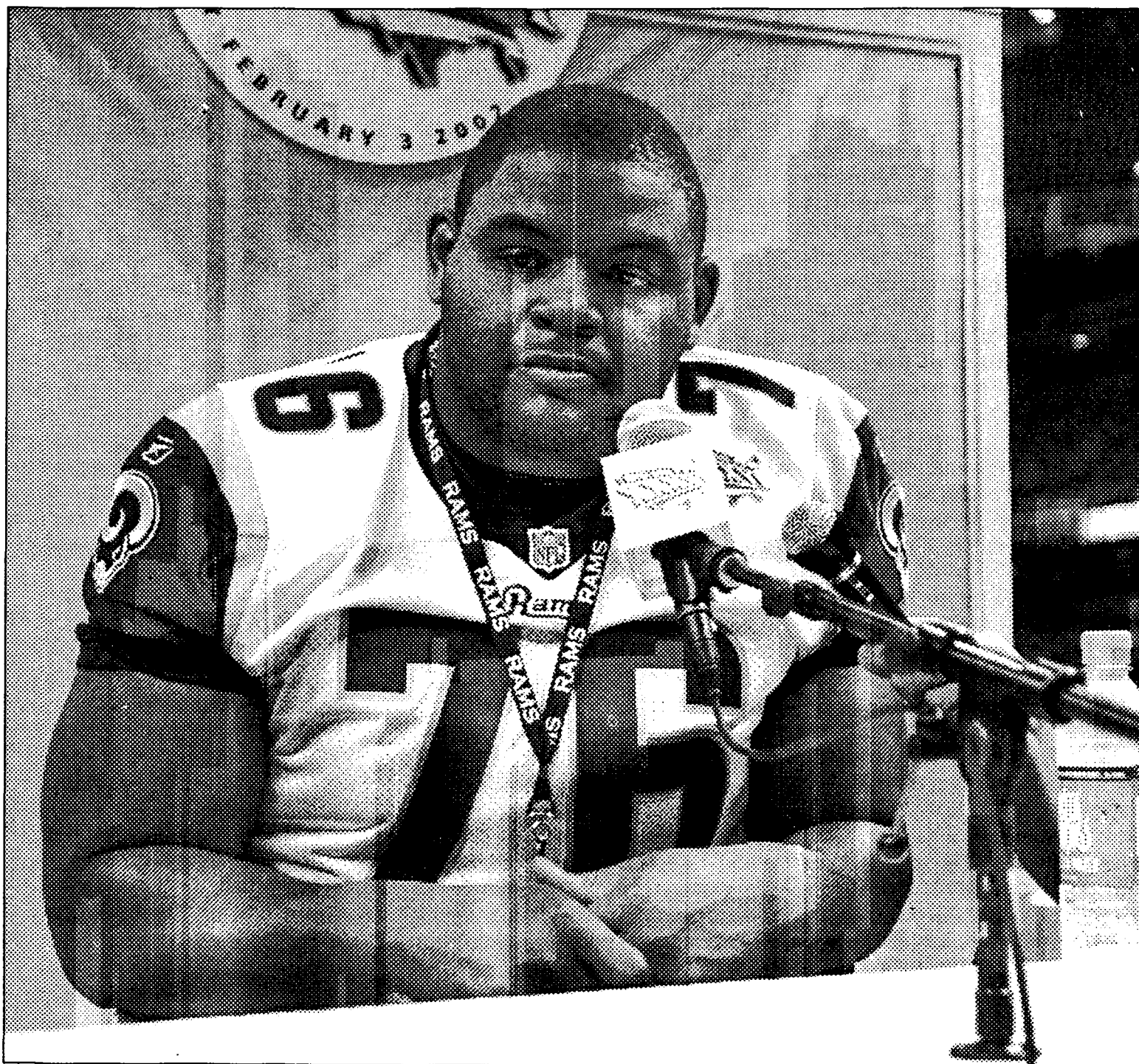
joined by offseason acquisitions Dave Wohlabaugh at center and Kyle Turley at right tackle, along with guards Adam Timmerman and Andy McCollum.

Last season, the line took much of the blame as the Rams started 0-5 on their way to a disappointing 7-9 season. Quarterbacks Kurt Warner, Jamie Martin and Marc Bulger all were injured last season, in part because of the line's inability to stop the pass rush.

The Rams and Pace had been at a contract stalemate since February, when the team designated Pace its franchise player.

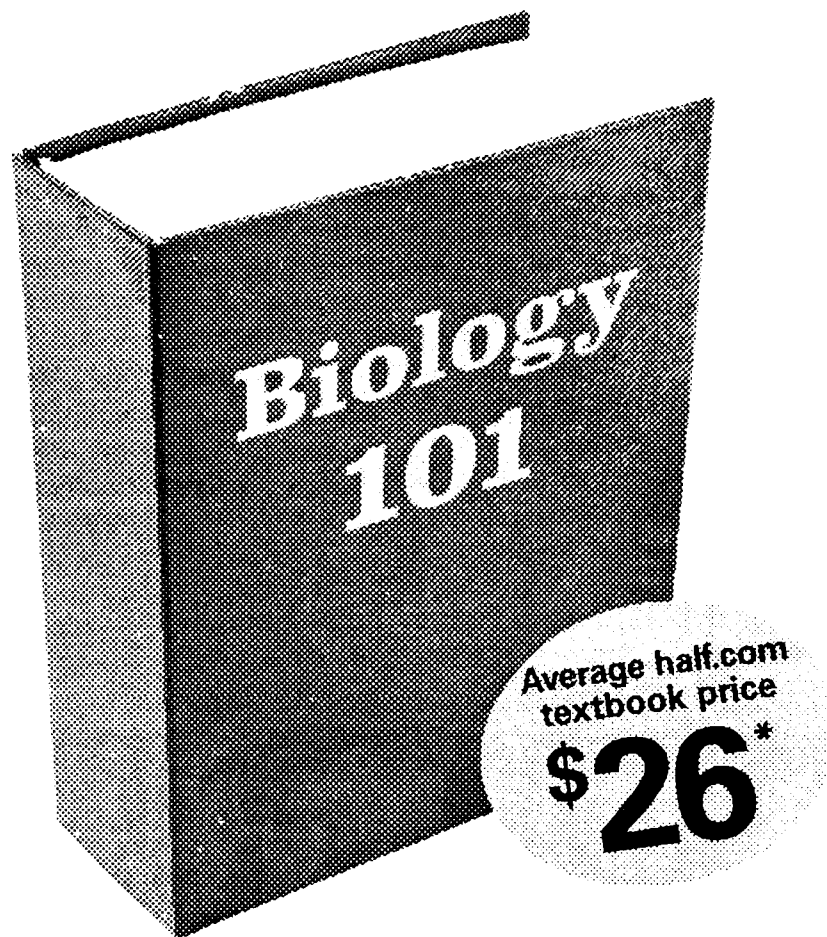
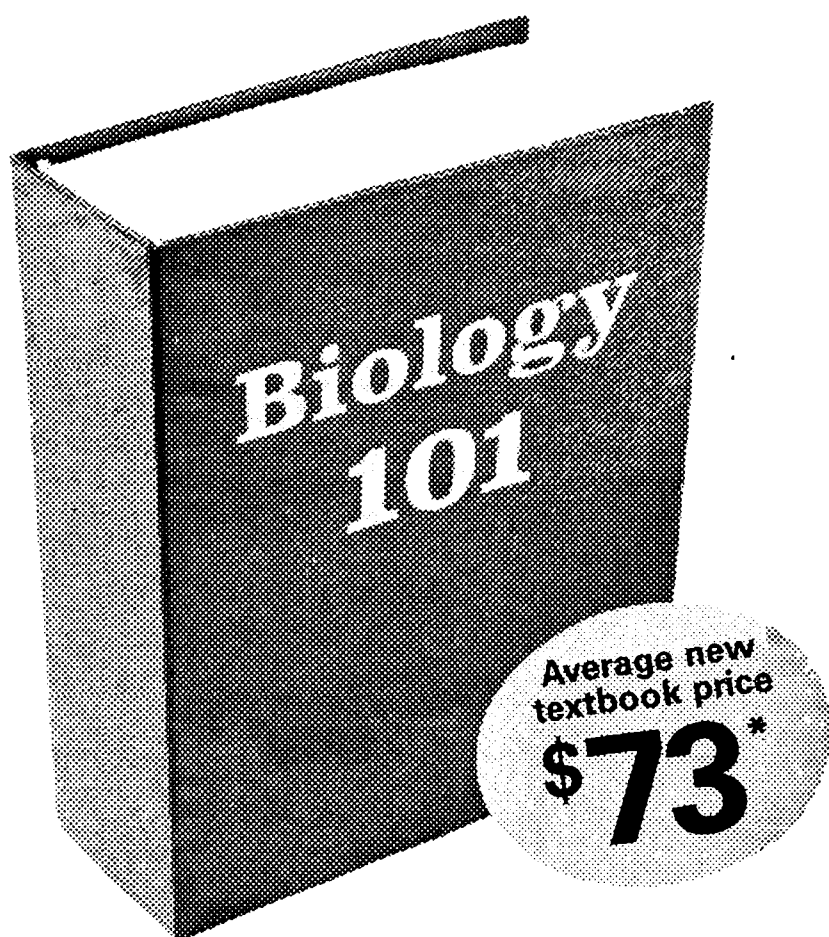
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Rams' left offensive tackle Orlando Pace speaks with the press Tuesday. Pace ended a holdout and signed a one-year deal for the franchise tender offer of \$5.73 million.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Southern Cal faces first test without Heisman passer

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Southern California finds out this weekend just how much Heisman Trophy winning-quarterback Carson Palmer will be missed.

The eighth-ranked Trojans open the season Saturday at No. 6 Auburn with a quarterback who has yet to throw a college pass — redshirt sophomore Jeff Leinart.

The change "is about as drastic as you can get," USC coach Pete Carroll said Tuesday. "Hopefully we are able to transition with a young guy."

Leinart watched Palmer lead the Trojans to an 11-2 record last season, and a No. 4 final ranking in the AP poll. Carroll hopes Leinart's a quick learner.

"He's a bright kid who knows our system very well," the coach said. "He's been around the whole evolution of it and has shown that he knows what's going on. Now he has to settle into a game and carry that out."

Leinart, among the nation's top high school quarterbacks

out of Mater Dei H.S. in Santa Ana, is eager to play.

"Oh man, it's going to be fun," the 6-foot-5, 220-pounder said. "It's going to be a tough game, a tough crowd."

Leinart played briefly last year, getting into three games but not throwing a pass. throw a pass. His last pass was during a California-Florida high school all-star contest in more than two years.

"I feel like I haven't played for forever," he said.

Like Carroll, Leinart is beginning his third year at USC.

"What we want to have happen is to have our starting quarterback again benefit from the system and the players around him," Carroll said.

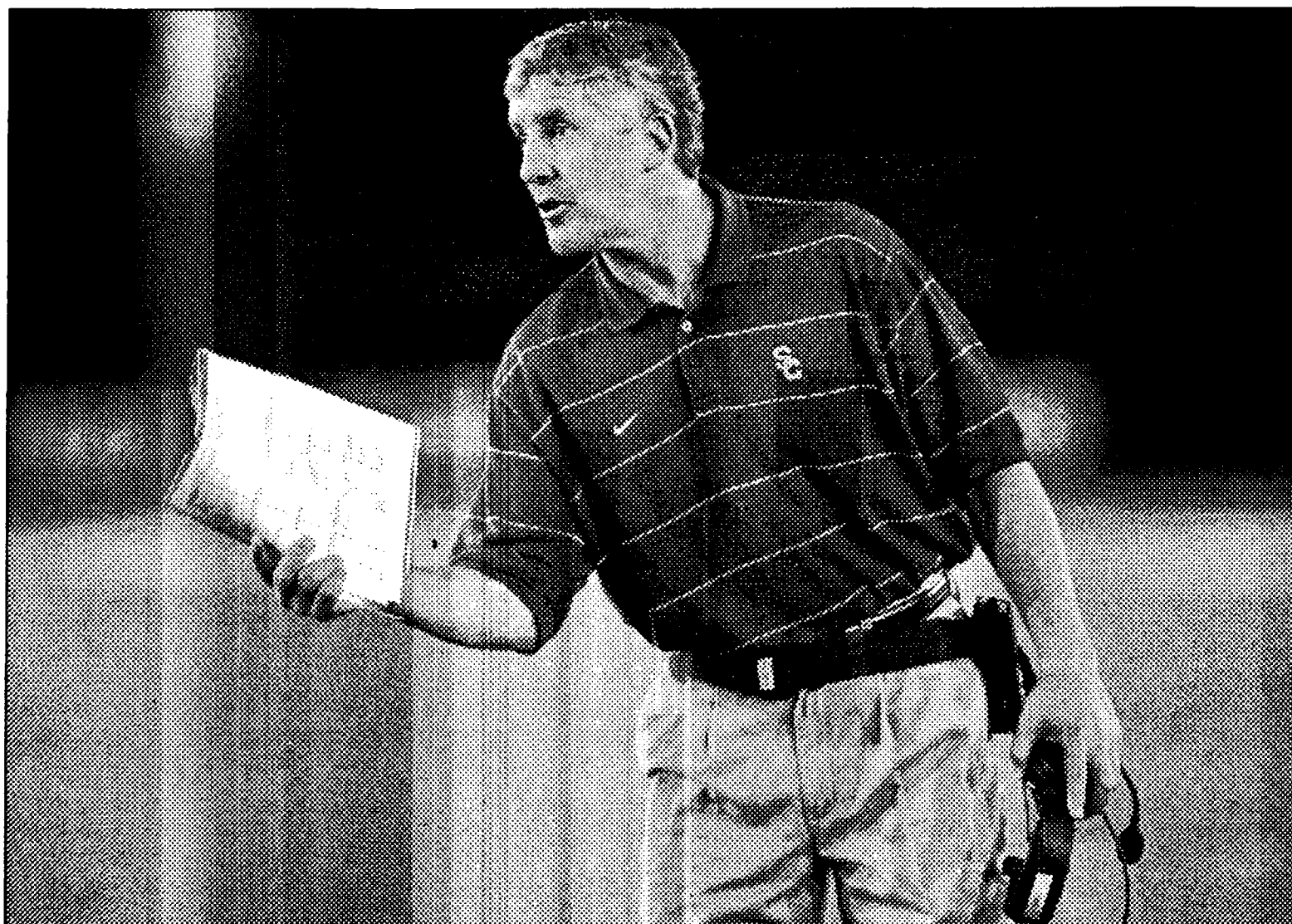
Carroll had a marvelous year and really benefited from the system and the players around him."

Tackle Shaun Cody said USC's defense hopes it can take some pressure off Leinart.

"We have to take a leadership role. We have a young quarterback filling some big shoes," said Cody, who missed the second half of last season

"[Jeff Leinart] is a bright kid who knows our system very well ... He's been around the whole evolution of it and has shown that he knows what's going on. Now he has to settle into a game and carry that out."

Pete Carroll
coach



UPI Photo

USC coach Pete Carroll waves his playbook during a game versus Stanford last season. Carroll returns 14 starters but will be without the services of Heisman quarterback Carson Palmer.

with a knee injury.

The Trojans return 14 starters from a team that won its final eight games, including a 38-17 rout of Iowa in the Orange Bowl.

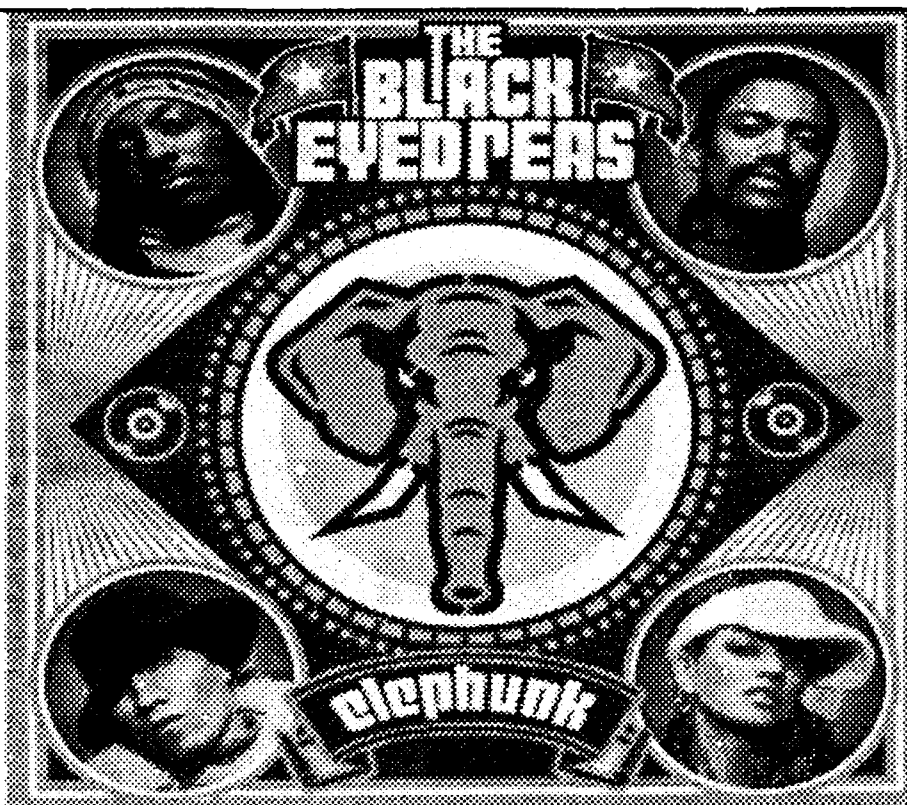
Palmer is the only missing star, though. The Trojans also lost tailbacks Justin Fargas, Sultan McCullough and

Malaefou MacKenzie, along with two-time All-American safety Troy Polamalu.

Hershel Dennis, who rushed for 198 yards on 49 carries last fall, will start at tailback, with freshmen Reggie Bush, LenDale White and Chauncey Washington the backups.

"The freshman class has

really given us great depth and we have an opportunity to prepare them for the future," Carroll said. "And the same aspects we're hopeful for, we're also concerned with — the young guys. It's different playing on your home field, as opposed to going to Auburn for the first game."



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6 Stanford	6 St. John's
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11 West Virginia	11 Virginia
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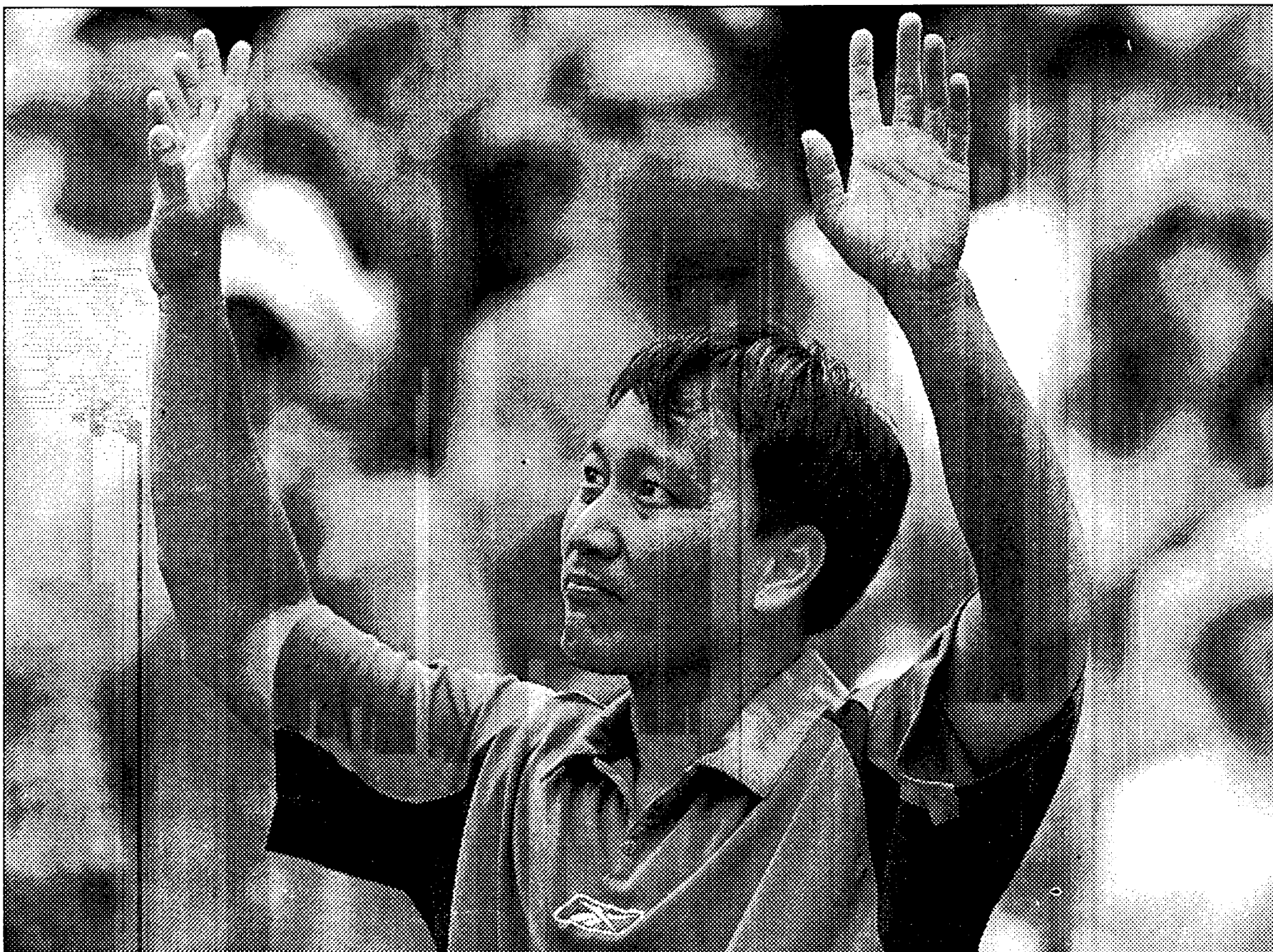
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PRO TENNIS



EPA PHOTO

Michael Chang acknowledges the crowd at the U.S. Open Tuesday in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. Chang lost to Fernando Gonzalez in the first round of the U.S. Open in his last match as a professional.

With Chang retiring, Agassi's alone

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's getting a bit lonely out there for Andre Agassi.

One by one, the generation of American stars who grew up playing junior tennis against each other in the 1980s and collected the Grand Slam singles titles together for more than a decade is calling it quits.

Michael Chang lost his final match as a pro Tuesday at the U.S. Open in a far more muted farewell than Pete Sampras' retirement announcement the night before. Jim Courier, the first of the ol' gang to stop, called Chang's match from

the TV booth.

And Agassi? He isn't done yet, not by a long shot.

Still calibrating points perfectly, lacing lines with hit-it-as-soon-as-possible groundstrokes, the 33-year-old Agassi began his run as the oldest top-seeded player in the Open era by beating Alex Corretja 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 in the first round.

"It's a weird feeling. You just sort of expect to leave the dance with the ones you came with. When they decide that it's time for them, it's a sad feeling," Agassi said.

"I'm certainly proud to

still be doing this, this long and at this level."

While Sampras waited a year after his last match — beating Agassi in the 2002 U.S. Open final — to tell the world he was finished, Chang has been on a farewell tour since the beginning of the season and made clear the Open would be it for him.

And unlike the half-hour tribute to Sampras replete with a choir and speeches, there was no big celebration of Chang's career Tuesday, although the U.S. Tennis Association has talked with him about doing something next week.

Only a few thousand fans were on hand for the start of his match against No. 15-seeded Fernando Gonzalez, but, as always, Chang gave it his all.

"On court, it would be nice to be able to be remembered as a person that gave his best — win, lose or draw," said Chang, whose career highlight was winning the 1989 French Open at age 17. "It's going to be tough leaving tennis."

He had his chances against Gonzalez, and produced a few top-notch shots, but in the end succumbed to the Chilean's all-out power game 6-3, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4.

IN BRIEF

Colbrunn out for season

SEATTLE — Mariners reserve infielder Greg Colbrunn needs a second surgery on his injured right wrist and will miss the rest of the season.

Colbrunn had surgery July 15 to repair torn cartilage in his wrist. With the next operation, doctors will try to repair an injured tendon. No date was scheduled for the surgery.

Colbrunn was injured in June when he dived into a base while on a minor league rehabilitation assignment. At the time, he was on the disabled list because of a strained muscle on his right side.

In 22 games for the Mariners, he hit .278 with three homers and seven RBIs. He signed a two-year contract in January after hitting .333 with 10 homers and 27 RBIs in 72 games last season at Arizona.

"The second half of the year is where you might use him more, but we can't look back," manager Bob Melvin said. "I feel bad for him. He wants to be here and he wants to

help. He's just had an unfortunate injury that's cost him most of the season."

Vizquel returns to diamond

CLEVELAND — Omar Vizquel is not sure if his surgically repaired right knee will hold up, but he wants to find out.

The Cleveland Indians' nine-time Gold Glove shortstop was activated from the 15-day disabled list Tuesday and immediately went into the starting lineup against the Detroit Tigers.

"We don't know biologically how it is going to react," Vizquel said. "I don't feel 100 percent right now, but I feel good enough to play with a brace on the knee."

Vizquel got hurt sliding into home plate June 6 at Arizona. He had surgery June 12 and while he was recovering from that operation, doctors found another tear in his knee.

He decided against having more surgery — for now.

"A lot depends on how it reacts this month," Vizquel said. "If it keeps swelling up, then we have to think about what needs to be done to make it better. I hope everything will be OK and I'm ready to play all the way next year."

Vizquel was batting .255 with two homers and 18 RBIs in 59 games before getting hurt. The 36-year-old is signed through next season and has a mutual option on his contract with the Indians for 2005.

"The injury is there," he said. "The doctors said I can't do any more damage by playing and now it is about seeing how much pain I have when I do. And to see how much it swells up."

Vizquel said he will wear a brace during games as a precaution and hopefully discard it after two weeks.

"Omar says he feels good, but has moments of soreness," manager Eric Wedge said. "We'll take it day by day."

around the dial

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ND SOFTBALL

Offense quieted late in backbreaking loss to Michigan

Wolverines' Marissa Young strikes out 14 batters in victory

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

It was a real Jekyll-and-Hyde game — an offensive explosion for two innings, and then a pitcher's duel for the last five. Unfortunately, it was the Irish who came up short in the final score.

On May 17, Notre Dame's 2002-03 season came to an end with a 5-3 loss to Michigan in the NCAA Region VII Tournament. The Irish ended the season with a final record of 38-17.

Michigan continued on in the tournament to face California in the regional championship, losing 1-0 to the Bears. California would advance to the national championship game, losing 1-0 to UCLA.

"I think we've been on the bubble of the College World Series for three straight years now," said coach Deanna Gumpf.

"We want to maybe go in a new direction next year and do what we can to reach that next step."

It was the Wolverines who

leapt out to the lead early in the game. The bottom of the first inning began with two Notre Dame errors before Melinda Moulden hit a three-run home run to give Michigan a 3-0 lead.

The lead was short-lived, however, as the Irish came right back to tie it up in the top of the second with a three-run home run from left fielder Liz Hartmann.

"That's how we were all year," Gumpf said. "We got ourselves out of tough jams

all year. Our girls really fought, but they just didn't have enough to get it done this time."

Notre Dame got its leadoff runner on base in the inning when first baseman Lisa Mattison hit a single up the middle and was replaced by pinch runner Sara Schoonaert. Designated hitter Megan Ruthrauff struck out on four pitches for the first out of the inning, but catcher Malorie Lenn drew a four-pitch walk to put run-

ners on first and second.

Hartmann came to the plate to face Michigan pitcher Marissa Young, who threw the first pitch out of the at-bat zone before the coaching staff came out to settle her down.

Young settled down a bit too much, as Hartmann took the very next pitch and connected with a bomb to left field to tie the game at three runs apiece.

Right fielder Nicole deFau continued the rally by lacing a double to left-center with one out.

Young came back to strike out centerfielder Megan Ciolli, and forced second baseman Alexis Madrid to ground out to the pitcher to end the Irish threat.

The Wolverines continued the offensive barrage in the bottom of the second, scoring two runs off Irish starter Heather Booth.

Those were all the runs Michigan would need, as the game suddenly evolved into a pitching duel.

Booth would only give up one hit in the final five innings, and Young would give up zero. Young pitched an incredible game for the Wolverines, striking out 14 batters in seven innings of work, including striking out the side in the top of the seventh inning.

"We were hitting pretty well off her in the early innings," Gumpf said of Young's pitching.

"I felt that she did a good job of finding the girls' weaknesses and keeping our hitters off balance. She seemed to get better the longer she pitched," she said.

At the same time, the Irish head coach was proud of her own starting pitcher, not just for the game but also for the whole season.

"I was impressed with Heather the entire season," Gumpf said. "She was forced into a difficult situation but showed some real maturity. I think she'll get better and better over the years."

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ND BASEBALL

Irish unable to re-create miracle CWS finish of 2002

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

After Notre Dame's first College World Series appearance in nearly 50 years in the summer of 2002, the bar of expectations for future Irish baseball teams was set remarkably high for a northern school.

Even though the Irish were unable to attain their goal of returning to Omaha, Neb., for the College World Series, they made an impressive showing in the NCAA Tournament in 2003 before being eliminated in the NCAA Regionals by Cal-State Fullerton.

The Irish began the NCAA post season on a winning note by capturing the Big East Tournament title in Bridgewater, N. J., after finishing only third during the regular season. The feat marked the first time a team repeated as Big East Tournament champion since St. John's did it in 1986.

To capture the title, the Irish knocked off Big East rival Rutgers 11-3 in the championship game. Senior pitcher Matt Laird — starting his first game in over three years — worked a complete game, allowing only two earned runs for the victory.

Catcher Javi Lopez capped

off his 8-for-11 tournament, for which he was named Big East Tournament MVP, with a 2-for-3 performance against the Scarlet Knights.

Third baseman Matt Edwards was also dominant at the plate, going 3-for-4 with three RBIs and a run scored. First baseman Joe Thaman, who experienced an offensive explosion in the post season, added his own 3-for-4, three RBI, one run performance in the victory.

But earning the conference title was not enough to convince the NCAA selection committee to grant Notre Dame a host site for the tournament. In fact, the Irish were sent all the way to California to take on No. 7 Cal-State Fullerton.

In the opening game of the regional, Notre Dame belted out 17 hits to knock off Arizona 13-5. Again, Edwards, Sanchez and Thaman combined for most of the offensive firepower, as the trio went a collective 7-for-11 with six RBI and six runs scored.

The Irish also used a solid pitching performance from Ryan Kalita, who worked eight innings and allowed four earned runs in the winning effort to improve to 7-1 on the season.

In their second game, the Irish ran into trouble with Regional host and No. 1 seed

Cal-State Fullerton. With the score tied 3-3 in the top of the ninth, the Titans used a two-out double to score the go-ahead run and hold on for the victory.

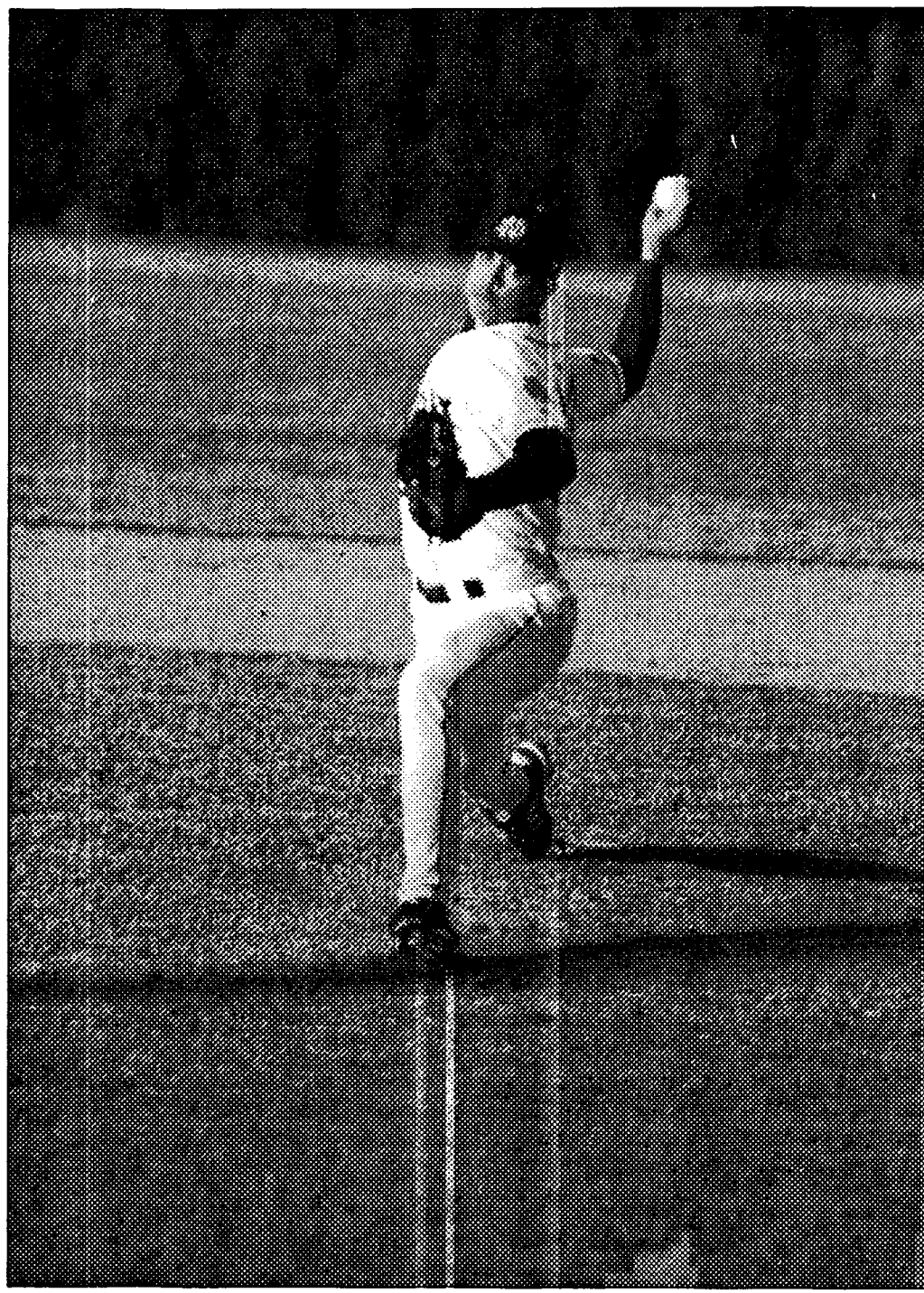
Then trying to play catch-up with the Titans, the Irish staved off elimination with a 6-3 victory to knock out San Diego. The surprising Laird again pitched a strong game for Notre Dame, working 8.2 innings and allowing only one earned run.

But the victory would be the last of the season for the Irish, who finished the year 45-18, as they were eliminated from the tournament in an 8-1 loss at the hands of the Titans.

Second baseman Steve Sollmann finished the year as the leading hitter for the Irish with a .384 batting average. He also paced the team in runs scored for the year, with 67. Edwards was just behind Sollmann at .376, but led Notre Dame in RBIs and homeruns with 69 and 8, respectively.

Right-handed pitcher Chris Niesel was named Big East Pitcher of the Year, as he finished the season 9-1 with a 2.65 ERA and 87 strikeouts in 98.1 innings pitched.

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Irish pitcher Martin Vergara throws a pitch during a game last season. Notre Dame won the Big East tourney in the spring.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Preseason list honors Batteast

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame junior forward Jacqueline Batteast is one of 35 players who were named to the 2003-04 State Farm Wade Trophy Preseason Watch List, which was unveiled recently by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Based on a vote of committee members which include leading coaches, journalists and basketball administrators, these 35 players are considered the top candidates for the State Farm Wade Trophy, which will be presented to the most outstanding female collegiate basketball player at the conclusion of the 2003-04 season.

It marks the second time in the last two weeks that Batteast has been named a preseason candidate for national player-of-the-year honors. Back on Aug. 13, she was one of 30 players selected to the 2003-04 John R. Wooden Women's Award Preseason All-America Team.

Batteast is a two-time all-Big East Conference selection who started all 32 games for the Irish last season, leading the team in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots. She also ranked among the top 15 in the Big East in those categories, as well as steals and double-doubles. She has 800 points by the end of her sophomore season.

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*Practices are held on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on the 14th of each month.

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he wouldn't see the light of day standing behind center. Abram Elam, another member of the 2000 class, switched positions even earlier, becoming a safety a few days after he arrived at Notre Dame before he got expelled in 2002 as an alleged participant in a gang rape incident.

Saturday, Chris Olsen joined the ranks of quarterbacks to leave Notre Dame. The cause? A relationship with Notre Dame coaches that Tyrone Willingham described tersely with a "no comment." Two days later, Olsen's younger brother Greg — regarded by one recruiting analyst as the best tight end recruit in two years and a much bigger asset to the Irish than Chris — also opted to leave Notre Dame, saying one of the big reasons he initially came to Notre Dame was because his brother also attended the University.

For those of you keeping score at home, that's four position changes and three transfers.

So what the Irish have left are Holiday, the clear-cut starter who was knocked out of three games last year and didn't play another, Quinn, a top freshman prospect who attended his first college class yesterday, and Pat Dillingham, who threw one touchdown and seven interceptions as a backup last year.

And because Dillingham wasn't initially offered a scholarship when he arrived at Notre Dame two years ago, Holiday and Quinn are the only two Irish quarterbacks to arrive in the past seven years who haven't changed positions or transfer. Yet.

Why have so few stuck around?

To understand the spotlight that shines on a Notre Dame quarterback, stand with the media on a day a new starting quarterback is named and watch reporters flock to the new anointed savior like teenage boys to Anna Kournikova pictures. Then watch the old starter walk past unchallenged by the media, less popular than an ex-girlfriend.

To see the pressure a Notre Dame quarterback is under, check Internet message boards that double as ion microscopes when it comes to magnifying weaknesses. Holiday's e-mail box was flooded with well-wishers

when he was first named starter two years ago, but now he hears people doubt his passing ability.

To hear why so few have lasted as a Notre Dame quarterback, listen to the praise that surrounds Quinn even though he has yet to play a down. At one time, Holiday was the quarterback who received all that praise. Then he snapped on his chinstrap.

But there are other aspects to the quarterback position — aspects that make 8-year-olds dream of becoming the fifth Irish quarterback to win a Heisman Trophy. Joe Montana and Tony Rice earned their places in Irish lore by leading their team to legendary comebacks and national championships, and countless other quarterbacks dream of accomplishing the same things.

So when coaches couldn't guarantee LoVecchio last spring he would start, he bolted for Indiana and a chance to start over. It's not hard to wonder if Chris Olsen left Notre Dame in favor of Virginia for a similar reason.

No spotlight, no glory. But the flip side of the equation is this: no spotlight, no blame.

When you're the Irish quarterback — as Holiday can attest — your every move becomes analyzed. If an offense struggles, like Notre Dame's 108th-ranked unit last year did, the quarterback gets blamed. Never mind the receivers who forget to adjust their route to take advantage of a blitz, or the offensive linemen whose blown assignment knocks a quarterback out of the game.

It's why some think, with untested yet highly-touted freshmen Brady Quinn waiting in the wings, that Holiday might be destined for a position change soon. Forget the fact that the option-turned-passing quarterback showed dramatic improvement throwing the ball in spring practice. If the offense stinks, so must the quarterback.

But by the same token, if the offense excels, the quarterback gets most of the credit.

That black-and-white judgment process is far from fair. It's not for everyone.

And maybe that's why so few can stay.

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Champ

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ing golfer and softball player. But before her junior seasons, Simmerman decided to focus on just golf and finished her high school career as a four-year letterwinner in the sport.

Few schools recruited Simmerman as much as Saint Mary's, who called her nearly every week. When the decision came for colleges, the choice was easy for Simmerman.

"Other coaches weren't so into me, but I really didn't mind because I knew Saint Mary's was where I wanted to be," Simmerman said.

Realistic goals

Simmerman shot an opening round 76 to stay within two shots of the leader on the first day of the tournament. She tied for the lead heading into the third round after firing a 82 on a windy day that caused most players' scores to soar upwards. On day three, Simmerman took control of the leaderboard by shooting a 77 and held on to win the title with a final round 80 at the Golf Courses at Lawsonia.

The amazing aspect of Simmerman's victory was the way she played leading up to the tournament. Throughout her entire spring season, Simmerman said she hadn't played up to her standards and felt a top 20 finish at the championship would be a successful weekend.

"I had kind of struggled through the spring a little bit, so I wasn't expecting great things at nationals," Simmerman said. "I was just hoping to play my game and then see what would happen."

Simmerman worked with her coach, Mark Hamilton, in the weeks before the tournament. She practiced whenever she could, staying on the course before and after class. So when the tournament arrived, Simmerman's game was well tuned and the better competition made her concentrate more and step up her play.

"The quality of the competition was part of [the improvement]," Simmerman said. "It helped me focus more on what I needed to get done. If someone had a good shot, it made me want to make my better and get closer to the hole."

After shooting the first round 76, Simmerman's goal of just shooting well turned to winning the entire tournament.

"I couldn't have been more



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Stefanie Simmerman attempts a putt a practice. Simmerman won the national title for Saint Mary's in the spring.

satisfied with that first round," Simmerman said. "It was the best round of my college career. Everything was working ... After the first day I was thinking, 'Alright, you have a chance at this.'"

The shot

Simmerman entered the final round leading by two strokes. But throughout the entire fourth day, Simmerman had no clue how her closest competition was performing. Several times, Simmerman asked her coach what the scores were for the other competitors. But Hamilton never told her what the scores were. He just told her to stay focused on her game and that she was doing just fine.

"I called my coach on 13 or 14 and asked him, 'How I'm doing [against everyone else]?' He just said 'Just keep going, you're doing fine' and then he'd drive off," Simmerman said.

When she stepped to the tee-box on No. 18, Simmerman knew her lead couldn't be more than two or three strokes and that her nearest competitors still had several holes to play.

"At this point, I'm nervous about other people's scores and where I'm at," Simmerman said.

Her drive went straight down the fairway, but the second shot was put in a bunker about 90 yards from the green. With the tournament possibly on the line, Simmerman turned to her coach for advice.

"[The third] shot was all [Hamilton]. Coach told me to do this and do this and I just went through the motion and did it," Simmerman said. "I remember looking up and seeing my dad across the green and he put his arms up in the air and yelled,

"Yeah!"

The shot had landed within 18 feet of the hole.

Hamilton couldn't say enough about Simmerman's clutch shot.

"It really sewed it up for her because anything could have happened on that (third) shot," said Hamilton. "It was a shot Tiger Woods himself would have been proud to hit."

Simmerman putted for par and finished her tournament. A little while later she clinched her national championship by four strokes.

"That was my shot of the tournament," Simmerman said.

Repeat champion

With one national title under her belt, the Saint Mary's junior knows there will be more pressure this year. But she's ready for the challenge and remains humble despite all her success.

"Hopefully, we can win the conference championship again as a team," Simmerman said. "I haven't set that many goals because I don't want to put that pressure on me. Coach said he could see me as Div. III Player of the Year and he asked me what I thought about that. I said, 'Yeah, we'll see what happens.'"

Simmerman and the Belles will begin their quest for another conference championship this weekend at the Ferris State Invitational.

They'll aim for another team title in the fall and then again in the spring at the national level. And they'll do so led by their own national champion — for the first time in school history.

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Chris told the Associated Press he left because, "I felt like I was possibly not the guy they were looking for in the future and I respect that."

Neither Chris nor Greg could be reached for comment.

Chris Olsen Sr. also said that the relationship between Chris and the coaching staff was not an issue in the decision to transfer. However, Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said he would not comment on the relationship between Chris and Greg and the Notre Dame coaching staff. He did say that the team would move forward without the two players.

Notre Dame offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said he was "extremely disappointed" that

Chris and Greg were transferring, but the situation was in the past now. He also said that he was comfortable with Chris as the No. 2 quarterback and that Greg may have played this season.

"I think [Greg] could have made some contributions, but that's past history now," Diedrick said.

Chris Olsen Sr. said that Greg has shown strong interest in the University of Miami (Fla.), but had not enrolled at the school as of Monday. Miami recruited Greg out of high school and even offered him a place on the team during Greg's sophomore year of high school when the Hurricanes were coached by Butch Davis.

The loss of Chris gives Notre Dame three quarterbacks — starter Carlyle Holiday, junior Pat Dillingham and freshman Brady Quinn. Diedrick said that he has

not selected a backup for Holiday yet.

At tight end, fifth-year senior Gary Godsey is battling a leg injury. Jared Clark and Billy Palmer are the most likely to see action this season at tight end, with a number of players backing them up, including sophomores Anthony Fasano and Marcus Freeman.

Chris was a first-team all-state quarterback in New Jersey, throwing for 1,824 yards and 24 touchdowns as a senior. He also lead his team to a 31-4 record as a starter and participated in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

Greg was a USA Today first team All-American selection and caught 38 passes for 703 yards and 14 touchdowns.

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MENS SOCCER

Exhibition matches showcase Irish offense and fitness

Irish emerge with a win and a tie from preseason schedule

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The games might not count, but that doesn't mean they're insignificant.

The 12th-ranked Irish competed in a pair of exhibition matches recently, defeating No. 11 Saint Louis 2-0 Saturday on the road and tying Michigan 1-1 Monday night at home.

In Saturday's game, the Irish were led by forward Justin Detter, who had three points and was a factor in both goals for his team. He got Notre Dame on the board in the 49th minute with a 12-yard shot that beat Saint Louis goalkeeper Martin Hutton.

Detter would later assist on the second goal of the game, as forward Devon Prescod picked a free ball out of a scramble in front of the net and shot it into the goal.

Prescod and Detter were the offensive forces for the Irish in that game, accounting for seven of Notre Dame's 10 shots on goal. Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer needed to make only two saves to preserve the shutout.

The game was played before a crowd of 5,008 at Saint Louis' Robert R. Hermann Stadium, the second-largest men's soccer crowd in the stadium's history.

Monday, the Irish hoped to use their momentum to take care of an unranked Michigan and impress the crowd of over 1,500 who came out to watch the exhibition at Alumni Field.

Early in the first period, it looked like it might be another easy win for the Irish, with the home team putting pressure on the Michigan defense with a series of great runs and a few shots which just missed the target.

Notre Dame finally took advantage of their offensive dominance in the 20th minute of the first half when Prescod

scored his second goal in as many games.

Midfielder Greg Martin dribbled the ball up the left side of the field, and then made a nice pass to Prescod in traffic, who then lobbed a shot past Michigan goalkeeper Peter Dzubay. Midfielder Jack Stewart was also awarded an assist on the play.

Michigan's best chance in the first half came with about ten minutes to play when Wolverine forward Kevin Robinson got off a hard shot which was blocked by Irish defenseman Ben Crouse. Sawyer came diving out to collect the rebound, which set off a loud cheer by the student section as the Irish were able to maintain their slim 1-0 lead going into halftime.

The lead didn't last long. Just two minutes into the second half, Michigan scored the equalizer as speedy forward Jeff Mirmelstein dribbled around two Irish defensemen and then shot the ball through another Irish player's legs and past a diving Sawyer.

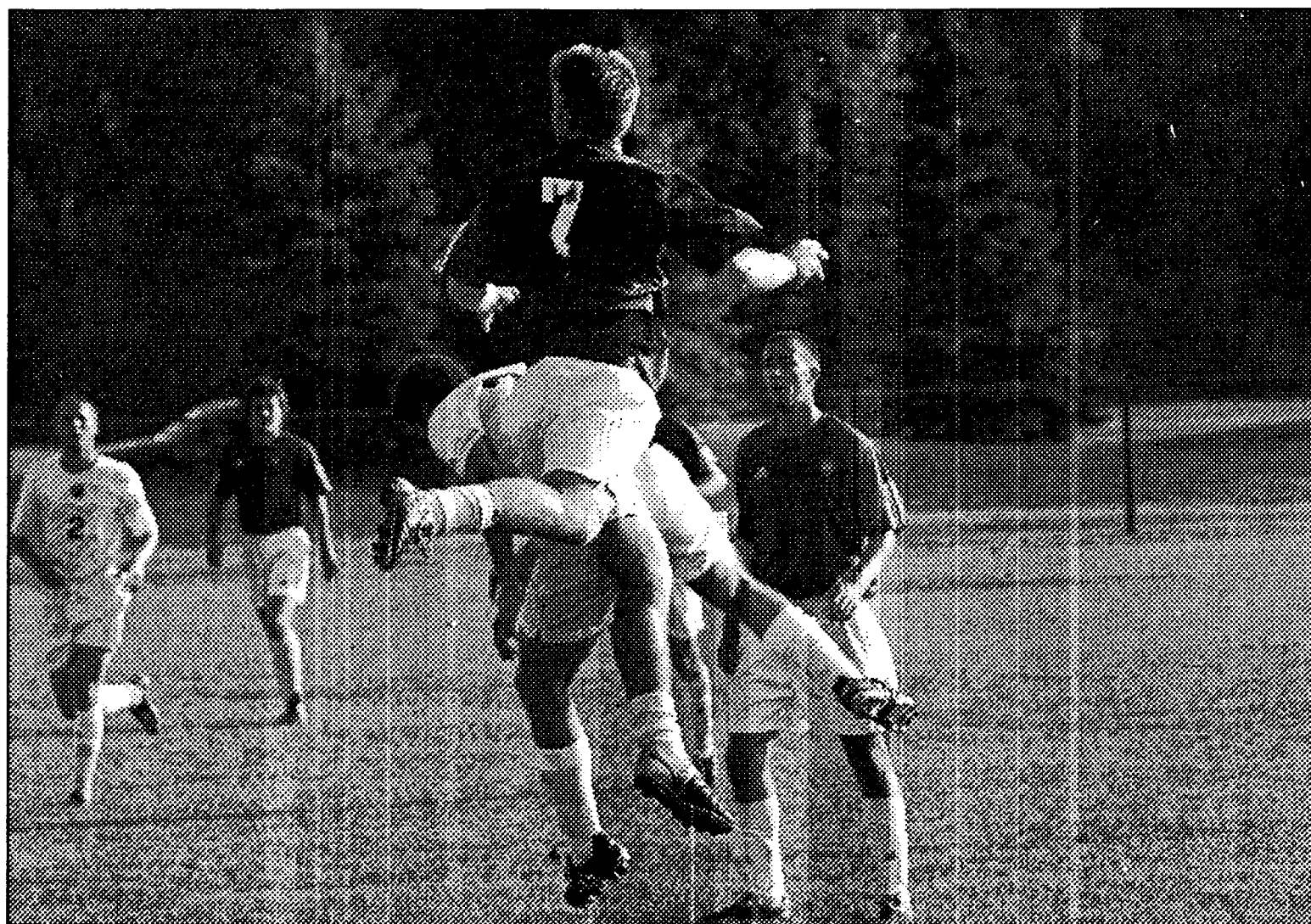
It was Michigan who had most of the pressure early in the second half, playing with a much more physical edge and seemingly catching the Irish off guard with play from quick forwards like Mirmelstein.

"I think [Michigan's physical play] might have caught us at the start of the half," said coach Bobby Clark. "I thought we were trying to push the game later in the half, though, and they were only playing for the tie."

Rough play resulted in several yellow cards for both Michigan and Notre Dame players, but no ejections or serious injuries. Irish midfielder Martin Goldthwaite went down in the 24th minute after a collision.

Each team had one last chance to score the go-ahead goal late in the half. In the 38th minute, Michigan goalkeeper Joe Zawacki dropped a save, but was able to pounce on the rebound before two Notre Dame forwards could get to the ball.

In the 44th minute, Michigan midfielder Mike White came in



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Senior midfielder Justin Detter leaps for a headball in a preseason competition. Detter had three points in the Irish victory over St. Louis Saturday.

from the right side and took advantage of a tired Irish defense to face Sawyer one-on-one. White got off a hard shot, but Sawyer was able to dive to block the shot, and White sent the rebound attempt just wide of the net.

"[Sawyer] comes out with a lot of big saves," Clark said. "That was a real opportunity [for Michigan]."

Despite outshooting the Wolverines 15-9, the Irish were unable to come up with another goal and the game ended in a

tie. Sawyer made three saves for the Irish, and Prescod was the leading scorer with two points.

"I really thought our guys looked the fitter team," Clark said. "It's nice to win them all, but at the end of the day they really don't count. We got a few of our freshmen in this game, and I think a few more players got a bit more confident tonight."

"The crowd was terrific," he added. "I wish we'd been able to give them more goals. Maybe

they'll come back and we can give them some more next time."

The Irish open up the regular season Friday against Alabama-Birmingham in opening round action of the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington, Ind. Notre Dame opens regular season play at home Saturday, Sept. 9, against Big East rival St. John's.

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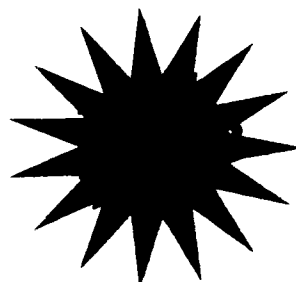
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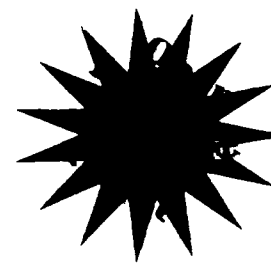
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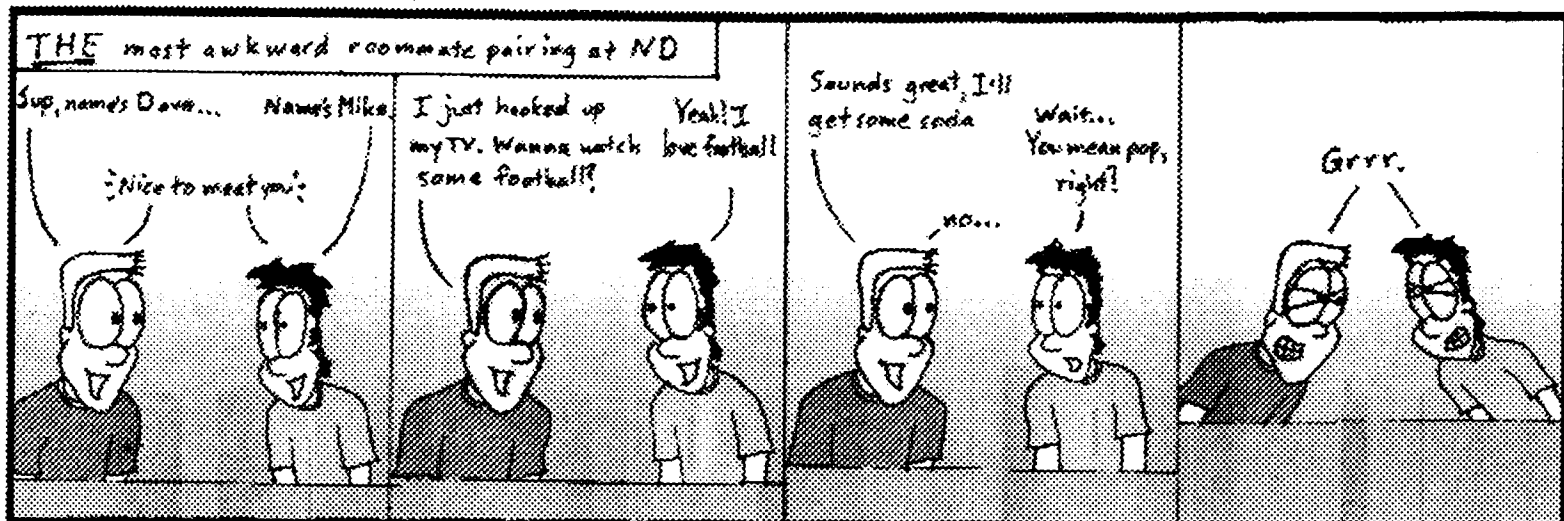
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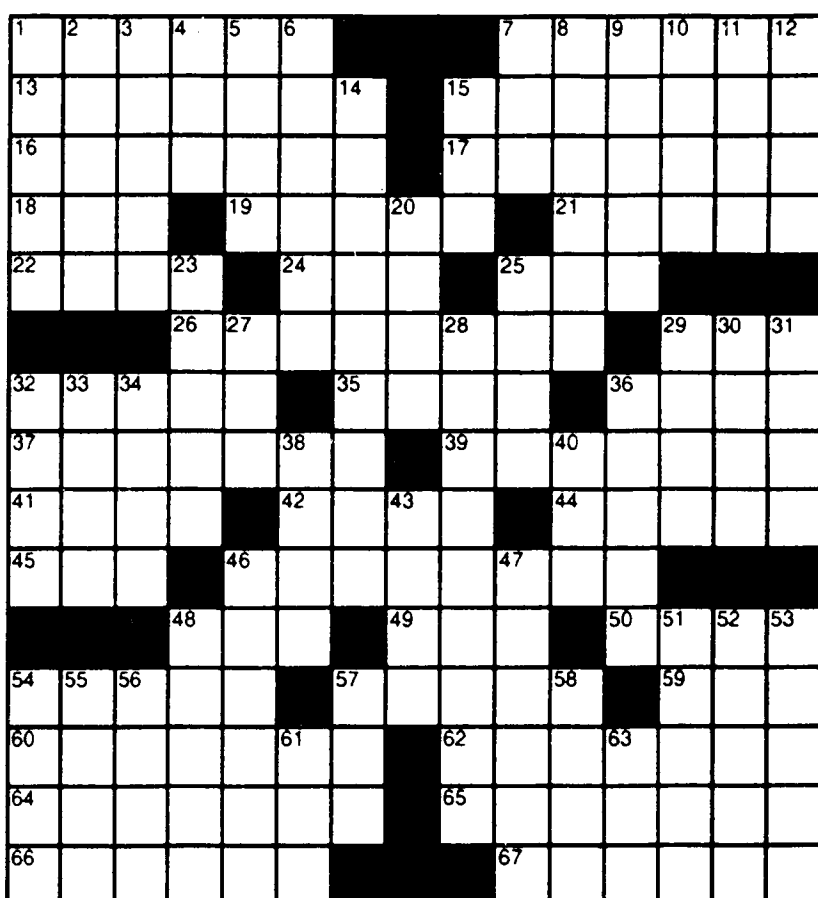
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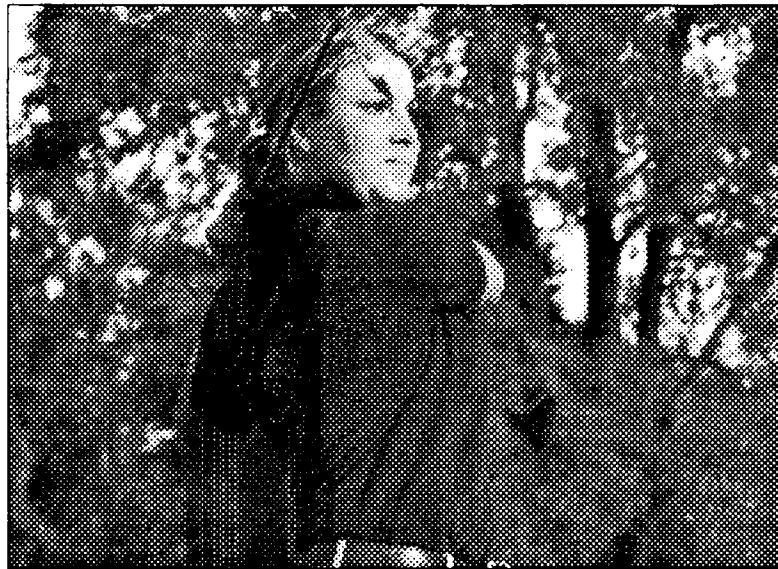
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SMC GOLF

Rewriting history

Simmerman wins Saint Mary's first national title



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Stefanie Simmerman fires a shot during practice. She won the D-III individual national title.

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

The license plate on the back of Saint Mary's golfer Stefanie Simmerman's 2003 Toyota Four Runner says SMC GOLF — a mini promotion of sorts for a school that hasn't seen much athletic success in its 160-year history.

After the four-day D-III national golf championship tournament in Wisconsin last May, Simmerman did more to promote Saint Mary's athletics than any person ever before. The then sophomore shot a 23-over 315 to win the D-III national title by four strokes and give the Belles their first

national championship — individual or team — in school history.

"It was very exciting. I'm glad I got Saint Mary's name out there. Hopefully it'll bring some recruits in and help us become better in the future," Simmerman said.

Simmerman's championship was news across the country. She was quoted in numerous papers, from her hometown in Arizona to USA Today, and she also became a finalist for the D-III Female Athlete of Year. She was easily the most known athlete in Saint Mary's history and put the Belles on the map nationally in Div. II sports.

And all this from a girl who didn't focus solely on golf until her junior

year of high school.

Growing up

Simmerman grew up with three loves — golf, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Her mother was a Belles graduate and her father attended Notre Dame. She remembers watching Irish football games at home with her parents and even traveling to see games in person with her family.

Her father introduced her to the game of golf, often taking her to the course when he played with his buddies. By the time Simmerman attended high school, she was an outstand-

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FOOTBALL

Olsen brothers leave team within days of each other

Chris enrolls at Virginia, Greg may land at Miami

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Greg Olsen, a freshman tight end on the football team, asked for his release from the Monday morning and will transfer to another school, two days after older brother Chris left the Irish to enroll at the University of Virginia, father Chris Olsen Sr. confirmed Monday afternoon.

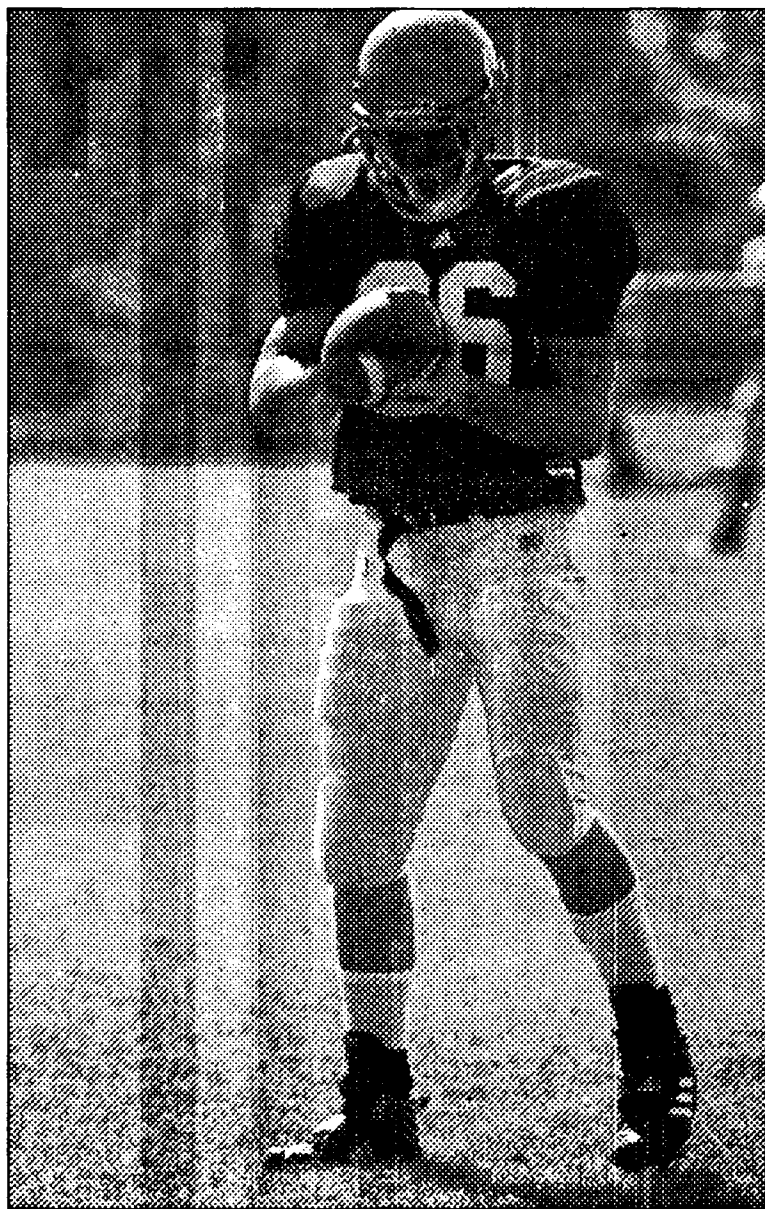
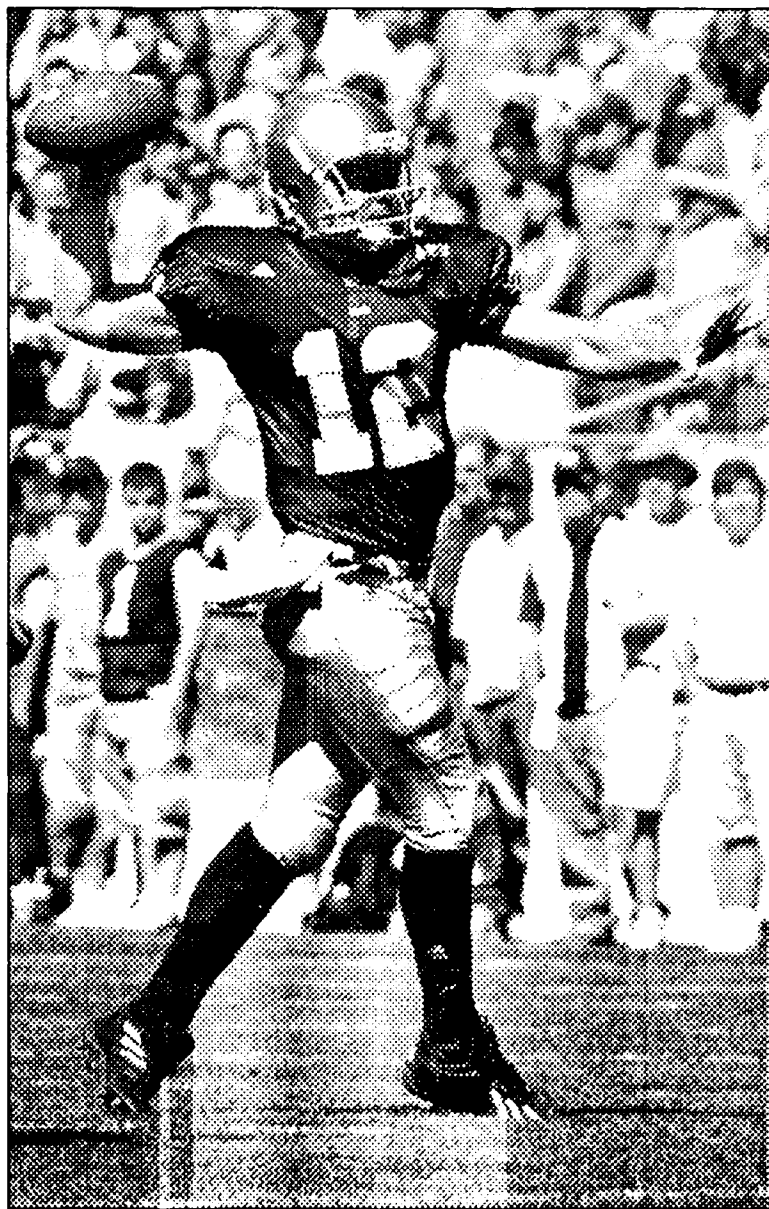
Both brothers were highly-recruited out of high school, with Chris Olsen being a top 15 quarterback recruit and Greg being the top tight end recruit in the nation, according to many publications.

Chris Olsen Sr. said that Chris called him last week and told his dad that he had four years left to play football and Notre Dame may not be the place for him. After debating for another day, Chris decided to transfer to Virginia, a school that had recruited him heavily out of high school. Under NCAA rules, the sophomore must sit out one year, and then he will have three years of eligibility remaining.

Chris Olsen Sr. said that Greg, a freshman who had yet to take one class at Notre Dame, then made his decision to change schools in part because his older brother had left.

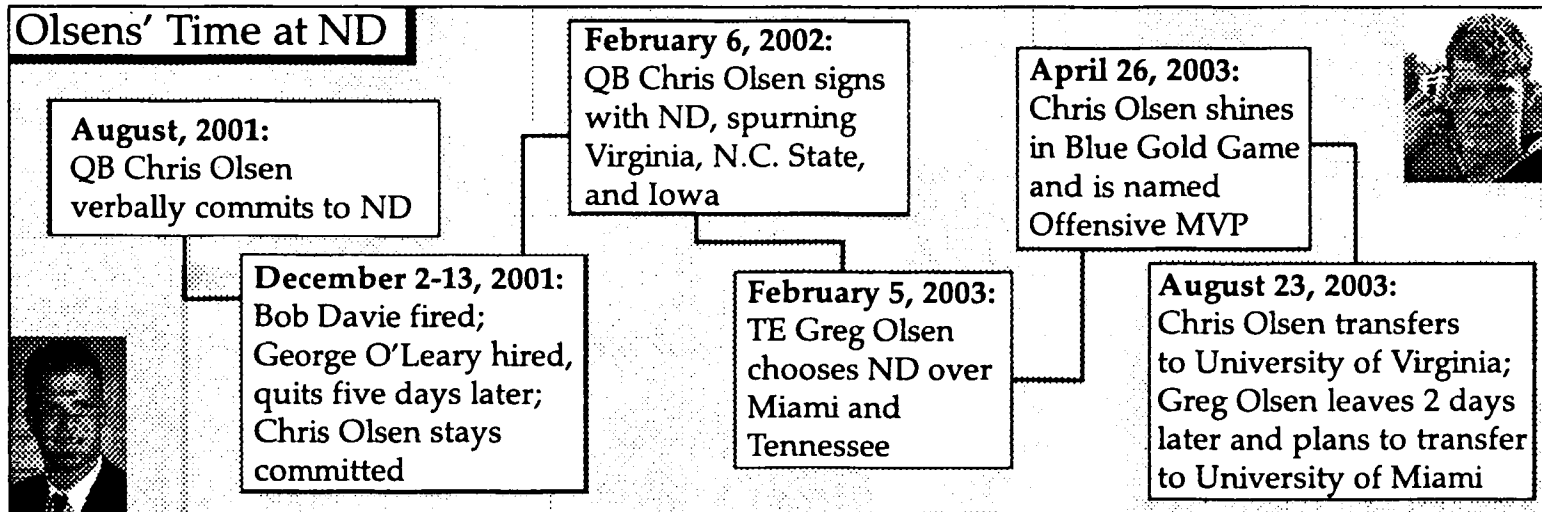
"One of the reasons [for Greg transferring] was the fact that Chris left. [Notre Dame] wasn't the right place," Chris Olsen Sr. said.

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Chris Olsen, left, and brother Greg transferred away from Notre Dame within two days. Chris enrolled at Virginia, while Greg is likely headed to Miami.



MIKE HARKINS/The Observer

Irish lose another QB, have kept only two in past 7 years

To understand what makes the Notre Dame quarterback position so unique, go find Carlyle Holiday and Brady Quinn, the only two scholarship quarterback recruits on the team.

Their presence in Notre Dame, Ind. alone is enough testament to the difficulty of wearing a red jersey and a gold helmet in practice. Holiday and Quinn are the only players since 1997

who entered Notre Dame as quarterback and haven't changes positions or transferred.

Zak Kustok transferred to Northwestern. Arnaz Battle played quarterback for two seasons before a broken wrist prompted a switch to receiver. Battle's broken wrist gave Gary Godsey two games at quarterback, but his ineffectiveness paved the way for a position change to tight end. Matt LoVecchio — Holiday's classmate — took over as a freshman for Godsey, but transferred two and a half years later to Indiana. Jared Clark, one of the other members of the 2000 freshman class, switched to tight end last spring when it became apparent



Andrew Soukup

Sports Writer

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BASEBALL

The Irish won the Big East Tournament last spring, but lost in the NCAA regional. The team battled Cal State Fullerton, but lost two to the eventual regional champs.

SOFTBALL

Another successful season ends for the Irish a step away from the College World Series as Michigan ended the team's season.

MENS SOCCER

The Irish defeated St. Louis in an exhibition 2-0, then tied Michigan 1-1. The team starts its regular season next week.