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SMC hosts presidential candidate

First candidate to meet with students at noon today

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Saint Mary's took a step forward in its presidential search as the College welcomed the first of four presidential candidates to campus Thursday. In the culmination of the lengthy and meticulous search process, the candidate met with administrators and answered questions posed by faculty members on the first day of the two-day visit.

Today, the candidate is scheduled to meet with any students who are interested at noon.

In order to maintain a fair interviewing atmosphere for each of the candidates the presidential search committee asked that The Observer not publish the candidate's name or personal information. However, each candidate's name and biographical information was made available online for College students 24 hours prior to his or her visit.

"If you keep the candidates confidential you will draw a much stronger pool of candidates," said search committee consultant Nancy Cook. "That's why we hold many of our meetings off-campus."

The candidates, when they arrive at the College, start at the Welcome Center. In an hour-long PowerPoint presentation, candidates will be provided with a brief look at the heritage of Saint Mary's, including some of the notable accomplishments of past

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Applications remain high despite football woes

By KATHERINE GALES
News Writer

Although the football team has struggled to win games this fall, the admissions office has not had much trouble winning applicants for the Class of 2008.

An applicant pool of 12,100 last year — the largest number of applications Notre Dame ever received in a single year — led to 2,002 freshmen enrolling at the University this fall, the second-largest freshmen class in school history.

"We're still processing early action applications from the Nov. 1 deadline," said Bob Mundy, the University's director of admissions operations. "[The numbers] look very similar to last year's, and last year was an all-time high."

According to Mundy, the number of early action applications is around 3,000 — "not far off from last year's," he said.

In fact, according to an article in the spring edition of Notre

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SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

A tour guide leads several prospective students and their family members around campus. Such tours are a daily sight on campus for many students.

Housing crunch hits transfer students hard

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

When this year's transfer students received the news that they were admitted to Notre Dame, they were also told something more disheartening: there were no guarantees that they could live on-campus.

Due to the increased size of the freshman class, there were few remaining empty rooms available for transfer students. Many were left scrambling to find other options, a process that only added to the many adjustments of their first few weeks.

"It's been hard," said Jeffrey Shoup, director of the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

"Accommodating first year students has always been our priority ... In July, after we sent out everything to the freshmen, we realized that the housing situation would be especially tight this year."

In response, Shoup and the Office of Admissions co-authored a letter warning transfer students that it would be unlikely for them to receive on-campus housing during their first semester at Notre Dame. Transfers then had the option of adding their names to a waiting list, which entered them in a lottery for any dorm spots that opened up.

"We had a garbage bag with all the names in it in my office," Shoup said. "The advantage was, the earlier the student

[contacted Residence Life], the more chances they had and the more times their name went into the bag."

However, transfer students' housing problems did not just evaporate when their names were pulled. Several who had taken the precaution of making arrangements to live in off-campus apartment complexes such as Turtle Creek Apartments, College Park and Lafayette Square Townhomes found themselves locked into lease agreements for at least the entire semester.

Colleen McCotter, a sophomore who transferred from Bentley College, said that she felt discouraged about the possibility of on-campus housing after calling and e-mailing

Shoup's office several times over the summer.

"They told us that the likelihood was pretty slim for females, so I signed a six-month lease in Turtle Creek because I wanted to get on-campus in the spring," she said. However, along with the shorter lease came an extra payment of \$50 per month, and McCotter is no closer to living on-campus than she was in August.

"ResLife still hasn't let me know anything about being on-campus next semester," she said. "It's inconvenient because I have to let Turtle Creek know if I'll be renewing in the spring. I asked them for a 20-day extension, but if I don't hear

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Students use rallies, dorm events to bolster spirit



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Cheerleaders pump up the crowd at last week's pep rally preceding the Florida State game. This week's pep rally in the Joyce Center begins at 6 p.m.

By KATHERINE GALES
News Writer

Though many students are disheartened by this year's football season, pep rallies and dorm events try to revive student spirit.

"The football team is not performing," said David Guthrie, a Sorin freshman, "and our spirit is lagging because our team is struggling."

Justen Cheers, a Knott freshman, had a different perspective.

"I go to the pep rallies because they're fun," he said, "and even though the team is down I'm still behind them

one hundred percent."

Hall presidents are working diligently to keep students enthused and supportive of the Irish this season.

"The Cavanaugh girls go to the pep rally together for the one we host — this year is the first one," said Valerie Ralph, a sophomore and co-president of Cavanaugh Hall. "It's frustrating, as a president, to put together groups to go when spirit isn't high and large turnouts are rare. It's hard to plan to get spirit act together when people are so disappointed."

Matt Kinsella, a junior and co-president of Keenan Hall,

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INSIDE COLUMN

True fans stand out

Try listening to 80,000 people jeer as you struggle to get your game back on track. Try dealing with instant celebrity and crushing pressure when, as a freshman, you become quarterback of one of the most recognizable college football teams in the nation. Try playing hard-core, top-ranked teams in the middle of a season that has been far from the best, boasting nothing more than injured players, glaring mistakes and a coach still getting his feet wet at the University.



Sheila Flynn

Assistant Managing Editor

I've heard a lot of students say that they could do better on the field than the current Notre Dame football team. They claim the players aren't trying — one of their flimsy excuses for leaving the Stadium early in disgust.

So you try it, I say. I'd like to see you do better.

Yes, our football team has been disappointingly atrocious this season. They know it, we know it, and anyone who follows college sports knows it. But that doesn't mean they're not trying. The majority of these guys waited their whole lives to play Notre Dame football, and, for them, it hasn't lost its mystique, appeal or honor. They're trying their best for the school that they love — unfortunately, their best is not good enough at this point in time.

But that weakness motivates some fans — not the true ones — to lose faith in the legacy that is Notre Dame. One terrible season has separated, quite obviously, the fair-weather fans from real ones. The fair-weather fans leave. They boo their players. They shirk the Notre Dame sense of family and support that differentiates our University from all others.

They give reasons for this behavior, arguing that they, in actuality, are the true fans. They claim they're the ones who love Notre Dame football too much to watch it being disgraced. The current team is not fitting for a Notre Dame football program, they say, and it hurts them to see the Irish lose so embarrassingly.

The real fans feel the same way. But their respect for Notre Dame football — the historical pinnacle of college sports — is bigger than the game, bigger than the team and bigger than themselves. The real fans are the ones who stay and suffer, supporting the team despite the fact that every moment of the spectacle is almost physically painful. They stay until the end, when the players present their helmets and the band plays the alma mater, so the team — their friends, classmates and roommates — will not have to bear the additional blow of facing an empty section after a horrible game. They stay, knowing that thousands — millions — of people would give their right arms to see a game in Notre Dame stadium. They stay because they know that Notre Dame is a family — unconditionally supportive, through good times and bad.

The team has struggled before. It has overcome. It can again, and the true fans will be there when it happens. The fair-weather fans, though, may have sold

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



Agustin Gargalo

Senior O'Neil

"We're going to win."



Mark Bescher

Senior Sorin

"Navy is going to sink."



Peter Langer

Sophomore Alumni

"I think we are going to win two to nothing."



Rachel Endress

Senior Pangborn

"Our men in uniform are going to beat their men in uniform."



Zach Ortiz

Sophomore Carroll

"Cold with a slight chance of Carlyle."



SOPIA BALLON/The Observer

Ray Offenheiger, president of Oxfam America and a 1971 Notre Dame graduate, speaks to several students at a roundtable discussion Thursday in the Center for Social Concerns.

IN BRIEF

Watch the women's volleyball team take on Miami Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

Stop by the Clarke Memorial and watch ROTC members perform the Tri-Military 24-hour Vigil in honor of Veterans' Day. The vigil begins at 4:00 pm on Monday and ends on Tuesday at 4:00 pm. A Veterans' Day Ceremony will be held upon completion of the vigil, with University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh as the guest speaker.

Ralph Wood of Baylor University will give a lecture entitled "Why Jesus Throws Everything Off Balance: Flannery O'Connor and Catholic Culture." The lecture will be held Monday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in 138 DeBartolo and is part one of a series entitled "A Reason to Write: Two Catholic Novelists."

Part two of the "A Reason to Write" lecture series will be given by Benjamin Alexander of the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Alexander will give a lecture entitled "Just Another Wednesday Afternoon: Walker Percy and the Faith" on Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in 138 DeBartolo.

Legends will host a Monday Night Football Game Watch from 9 p.m. to midnight Monday. Come watch your favorite teams and enjoy the great Legends food and atmosphere.

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

OFFBEAT

Man pleads guilty to shipping self in box

FORT WORTH, Texas — A former shipping clerk pleaded guilty in federal court Thursday to shipping himself from New York to Dallas in a wooden cargo crate.

Charles McKinley, 25, pleaded guilty to stowing away on a cargo jet, a misdemeanor. Possible punishment ranges from probation to a year in prison and up to a \$100,000 fine when he is sentenced Feb. 4.

McKinley declined to comment after the 20-minute hearing. His attorney Bill Glaspy said he

advised McKinley to plead guilty because "he told what he did to every newspaper and television station in the country, I think."

Couple with combined age of 183 to marry

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A couple with a combined age of 183 will tie the knot in New Zealand.

Jim Gorringer, 99, and Dinah Leach, 84, plan to wed Sunday at the St. James Rest Home in the southern city of Christchurch where they both live.

St. James' nurse manager

Barbara Stanton said Thursday the home was trying to shield the couple from some of the intense public interest the wedding had generated.

"We're even fielding calls from the [United] States," asking whether they are 'robust enough to fly over to appear on television,'" she said.

Gorringer has been married once before, while it will be Leach's third wedding. Great great grandchildren will be among the guests.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 38 LOW 22	HIGH 28 LOW 19	HIGH 45 LOW 27	HIGH 50 LOW 39	HIGH 58 LOW 50	HIGH 65 LOW 40

Atlanta 70 / 49 Boston 54 / 35 Chicago 40 / 22 Denver 46 / 30 Houston 70 / 52 Los Angeles 70 / 54 Minneapolis 31 / 16 New York 59 / 43 Philadelphia 56 / 38 Phoenix 78 / 56 Seattle 52 / 38 St. Louis 47 / 29 Tampa 86 / 71 Washington 60 / 39

Lecture focuses on AIDS

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By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

The fight against HIV and AIDS does not appear as a key issue on the agendas of many black politicians, said lecturer Cathy Cohen.

Cohen talked Thursday about the topic of "HIV and AIDS in the 21st Century: Life, Death, and Black Politics."

Cohen spoke on the issue of AIDS and HIV in black communities with a special emphasis on the political response to it. She discussed the lack of political interest in the disease and what needs to be done to improve it.

"The effort in the U.S. is falling off the political radar," said Cohen.

Cohen first talked about statistics on AIDS among various groups in the United States. She explained that while the number of AIDS cases has declined over the years, the proportion of cases among African Americans has continued to increase.

"This is not a new story," said Cohen.

Cohen explained that 63 percent of AIDS cases among women are black, making the disease the third leading cause of death for these women. For black men ages 35 to 44, AIDS ranks as the leading cause of death.

Because of these statistics, Cohen questioned why African American community leaders



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Cathy Cohen spoke Thursday at the Hesburgh Library on the current status of the battle with HIV and AIDS.

are not speaking out on this issue. She answered this with her theory of marginalization. In response to this question, Cohen said the black community is marginalized because it is "isolated, segregated, lacking means of control ... that shape the quality of life, people are masked ... pushed to the outside."

Therefore, Cohen explained that efforts to communicate with such groups are needed so they can understand the issues. African-American

media sources should be used to discuss AIDS rather than mainstream media sources, she said.

"[The communities] has everything to do with a stigmatized view of HIV and AIDS," said Cohen.

"To increase awareness of the AIDS problem, black leaders must recognize AIDS as a major concern and emphasize it over more positive issues."

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The profile of incoming students also closely matches that of last year's — the University's strongest in academics and diversity.

"It's rare for students to cite a very specific item [such as the football team] on their application," said Mundy. "The most common is that they've had a great desire to come here 'ever since I was a kid.' They clearly note the spirit they feel when they visit and the special sense of community present here."

In other news, this summer Notre Dame Magazine reported that Notre Dame ranks in the top 10 of student's "dream schools" — a Princeton Review survey of over 1,000 students, asking where they would choose to attend if cost and admission weren't issues. The University ranked eighth, behind Stanford, NYU, Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Duke and Columbia and ahead of Brown and MIT.

Although the football team is an undeniable part of the life and spirit at Notre Dame, it is by no means the yardstick measuring the University's success.

A variety of other factors entice students to come here, and in turn mean that very few students choose to transfer.

"With the great academic challenge [here at Notre Dame], we get the gamut of things," said Mundy when asked why students choose Notre Dame. "It's the academic challenge, but challenge within a family-like atmosphere."

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10/18 – USC
John McGreevy, Department Chairperson,
John A. O'Brien Associate Professor of History
"Catholicism and American Freedom"



11/1 – Florida State
Carolyn Nordstrom, Associate Professor of Anthropology
"Living on the Front Lines: An Anthropologist Looks at the Realities of War"



11/8 – Navy
Jim McAdams, Professor of Political Science,
The Dr. William M. Scholl Chair in International Politics
"Big Browser: Are we being watched?"



11/15 – BYU
Alasdair MacIntyre, Professor of Philosophy
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Jim McAdams is a professor of international affairs and director of the Nanovic Institute for European Studies. A long-time student of authoritarian politics who lived in East Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall, McAdams is now conducting research on the topic of Internet surveillance in the U.S., Great Britain, and Germany.



For further information visit the Saturday Scholar website at <http://saturdayscholar.nd.edu>



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anything [from ResLife], I'll be stuck in Turtle Creek again."

McCotter added that her housing situation made her feel isolated from campus life.

"I would understand [the housing shortage] better if I wasn't a sophomore and a transfer," she said. "But I don't really know anyone on-campus or anything going on there ... I feel like after next spring it wouldn't even be worth it, because by junior year everyone has friends and a dorm life ... living off-campus me feel on the outside even more."

Other transfers who were lucky enough to be offered spots in residence halls expressed similar anxieties.

"They told us before the school year that only 12 spots were available," said Jennifer Caston, a sophomore transfer from Saint Mary's.

"I found out that I had a room only 10 days before school ... even at the welcome dinner at [transfer] orientation, they said that only one spot for a girl and one for a guy had opened up."

Marty Mooney, a sophomore who transferred from Yale, was originally offered a dorm room, but turned it down because he intended to return to Yale for another semester. When he changed his mind and called back, he was told that it was too late and he had to find his own housing.

"I knew someone in the admissions office who said I

could stay with him for a week or so," Mooney said.

A week later Mooney learned he could take departed quarter-back Chris Olsen's place in Morrissey Manor.

Shoup said that the quick turnaround in Mooney's situation was typical of his office's efforts during the first few weeks.

"We did a good job this year of quickly identifying no-shows," he said.

More than halfway through the semester, all of the men who requested on-campus housing were accommodated.

Shoup said. Fourteen women still seek on-campus housing and "would come on-campus tomorrow if they had the chance," he said.

Shoup attributed the disparity in the availability of rooms in men's and women's residence halls to a greater number of male upperclassmen moving off-campus at the end of last semester.

"There were actually more men [among transfers] who requested on-campus housing this year," he said. "But since more men had moved off after last year's room picks, they left more spaces open than the women."

Even with these successes, Shoup said that he wished the situation could be easier on transfers and their families.

"We converted all of the lounges, all of the study spaces," he said. "I wish everyone could get on campus ... I told parents, if I could build spaces, I would."

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Jeffrey Shoup
Office of Residence
Life and Housing
director

Rallies

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agreed with Ralph.

"One thing we do [to get spirited] is bike joust," he said. "It's pretty much what it sounds like — we use crutches and joust at each other while riding bikes."

ESPN's The ESPN taped the men of Keenan bike jousting last week.

"It's rough to get the guys to come out for the pep rallies," said Kinsella. "But if you get them out front, they get pretty pumped up."

Like most dorms, the Keenan men dressed up for

the first pep rally and last week's as well. Residents showed their spirit by wearing kilts, costumes and blue-and-white face paint.

Some students are enjoying the football season, despite the team's disappointing record.

"I'm having a great time with the football season," said McGlinn freshman Tiffney Gulick. "I'm with friends that I can have fun with and, as a wise woman told me once, the great thing about Notre Dame is that even if this present is unpleasant, we can still live in the past."

Although the season has been difficult, students still keep faith in their team at

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David Guthrie
student

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College presidents.

The candidates will then meet with the Administrative Council and current faculty members in two separate 90-minute question and answer sessions. Administrators and professors will ask candidates about everything from her past leadership experience to her visions for the future.

Despite the restrictions, however, the search for a new president has been defined by the open and inclusive attitude of the search committee. Assembled shortly after current President Marilou Eldred announced her retirement last March, the committee has wel-

comed input from all the constituencies of Saint Mary's.

"I anticipate that the campus will ask a lot of good questions to evaluate the candidate," said Trustee and search committee member Debbi Schwiebert. "I am hoping it will be a wonderful exchange."

A particularly warm hand has been extended to the student body. Board of Governance President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl sits on the committee as the student representative. Moreover, the committee is hosting student-candidate discussion sessions in order to introduce the candidates and students to one another.

The opportunity has created quite a buzz on campus.

Freshman Jill Blanchard said that the visits have been well publicized and she looks forward to participating.

pep rallies, and prove themselves lifelong fans.

"I'm from South Bend, and I've been going to [Notre Dame] games since I was six; first with my parents, and now as a student," said Sarah Cunningham, a McGlinn senior.

"I'm lucky in the sense that I've seen some awesome seasons and firsthand witnessed plays by Jerome Bettis and Rocket Ishmael. But it is sad that my last year as a student will not be remembered as a good one. I hoped we would win a national championship while I was a student. Still, some of my favorite memories are from football weekends. Now I hope my sister, who is a freshman, will get to see Ty lead the Irish to a national championship."

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"I'd like to see a president, who is outgoing enough to go out and meet the students on a personal level," said Blanchard, "and also someone who has a real desire to make the school a better place."

The selection process has even generated excitement among seniors, although they may never attend school under the new president.

"I realize that the new President won't affect much in just one year," said senior Molly Halm. "But you need to think about the women in the future."

The College will also sponsor a student discussion with the presidential candidate today at noon in the Noble Family Dining Hall's west wing.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Poland suffers first Iraqi casualty

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Poland suffered its first combat death since the aftermath of World War II when a Polish major was fatally wounded Thursday in an ambush south of Baghdad. Two American soldiers died in attacks near the capital and along the Syrian border.

In al-Assad, a windblown desert base 150 miles northwest of Baghdad, hundreds of soldiers, some wearing ceremonial spurs and black regimental hats, remembered the comrades killed last weekend when their helicopter was shot down in the deadliest single attack against U.S. forces since the Iraq war began March 20.

Aid package to benefit elderly

PARIS — France's prime minister announced Thursday a \$10.8 billion program for the aged — financed in part by eliminating a national holiday — to improve health care and guard against catastrophes like the summer heat wave that killed nearly 15,000 people, many of them elderly.

Rival politicians and health care professionals criticized the plan from Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin as too little, too late. Also, France's bishops complained about the loss of the holiday, which falls on the Monday after the Christian festival of Pentecost.

Spanish Prince selects his Queen

MADRID, Spain — Crown Prince Felipe formally proposed to his TV-anchorwoman girlfriend Thursday, riveting Spain as a thoroughly modern couple enacted a centuries-old tradition.

King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia greeted relatives of journalist Letizia Ortiz at the Zarzuela Palace in a ceremony known as the "petición de mano," in which the groom formally asks his beloved's parents for her hand in marriage.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ferry captain invokes the Fifth

NEW YORK — After avoiding interviews and ignoring a subpoena, the captain of the Staten Island ferry that killed 10 people when it slammed into a pier finally met with investigators Thursday — but refused to answer any questions about the deadly crash.

Capt. Michael Gansas provided his name and age, but repeatedly invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination when it came to questions about the Oct. 15 crash, National Transportation Safety Board Chairwoman Ellen Engelman said.

Anthrax scare closes mail service

WASHINGTON — The Postal Service closed its government mail facility Thursday night while authorities ran tests to determine whether anthrax was detected at the Navy site that handles mail for federal agencies.

Postal Service spokesman Azeezaly Jaffer said the V Street mail facility was closed as a precaution.

LOCAL NEWS

Opponents call bake sale racist

BLOOMINGTON. — A bake sale in Indiana University's Dunn Meadow drew a crowd — and a debate — when it offered cookies for sale at different prices depending on the buyer's race or gender.

The sale Wednesday was organized by a conservative student group called the Committee for Freedom, who said the event was intended as a protest of affirmative action.

White males were charged \$1 per cookie. The price was 75 cents for white women, Asians and Pacific Islanders; 50 cents for Hispanics and American Indians; and 25 cents for blacks. Conservative groups have held similar protests at several colleges across the country in recent months.

New deployments announced

85,000 active troops to be sent to Iraq early next year, 43,000 reservists put on alert

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon announced plans Thursday to send 85,000 Army and Marine combat forces to Iraq early next year to relieve troops completing one-year tours — a rotation that when combined with another switchout of troops in Afghanistan will be the Army's largest sequence of troop movements since World War II.

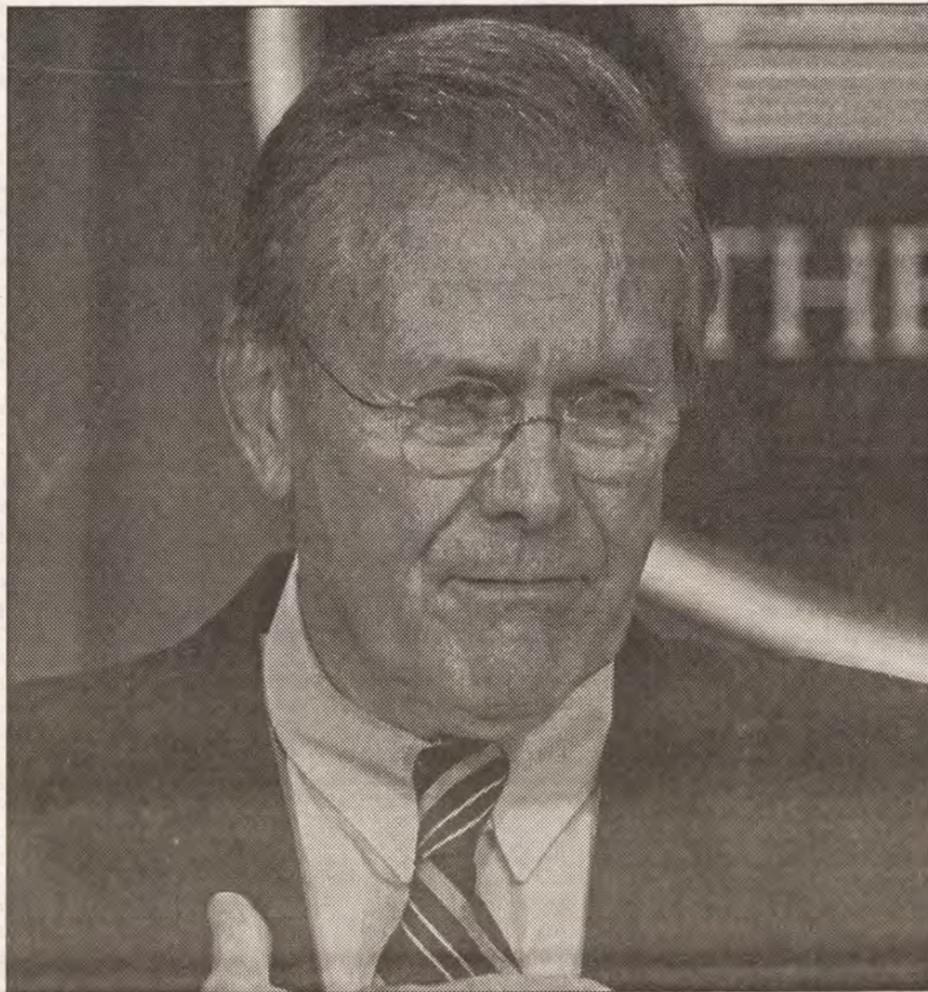
In addition, 43,000 National Guard and Reserve support troops have been alerted that they may be sent as well.

The moves are part of a rotation plan that assumes Iraqis will be capable of contributing enough to the battle against the anti-occupation insurgency that the number of American troops in Iraq can be reduced from 131,600 today to 105,000 by May, senior officials said.

In an added twist, the Army announced that soldiers in every unit designated for deployment to Iraq next year — whether active-duty or reserve — will be prohibited from leaving the service during a period beginning 90 days before they go to 90 days after they return.

That measure, known in the military as "stop-loss," does not apply to the Marine Corps, which said it will dispatch about 20,000 Marines to replace the Army's 82nd Airborne Division in western Iraq, including the Fallujah area where anti-occupation violence has been strongest.

Lt. Gen. Jan C. Huly, deputy commandant of the Marine Corps for plans and operations, told a news conference that the Marines would spend seven months in Iraq, then be replaced by another 20,000-Marine contingent for seven months. They will come from the 1st Marine Division, based at Camp Pendleton, Calif.,



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld speaks at a press conference Thursday at the Pentagon. Rumsfeld discussed the situation in Iraq and the deployment of new troops to the violence torn region.

which helped spearhead the invasion of Iraq last spring.

The Army will send the equivalent of three combat divisions to replace the four there now.

The rotation, combined with a switchout of troops in Afghanistan — the 25th Infantry Division replacing the 10th Mountain Division in April — is the largest sequence of troop movements for the Army since World War II, Lt. Gen. Richard Cody said in an interview. He is the Army's deputy chief of staff for operations.

The 1st Infantry Division will go from Germany, the 1st Cavalry Division from

Fort Hood, Texas, a brigade of the 2nd Infantry Division from Fort Lewis, Wash., and a brigade from the 25th Infantry Division. National Guard infantry brigades will be attached to both the 1st Infantry and 1st Cavalry.

Those units will replace the 82nd Airborne, the 1st Armored Division, the 4th Infantry Division and the 101st Airborne Division. First to depart Iraq will be the 101st Airborne, which is the only one of the four divisions there now that participated in the drive to Baghdad last spring.

The net result: 20 percent fewer U.S. troops will be in Iraq by May. Defense

Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told the news conference he is assuming the two multinational divisions in Iraq now — led by Britain and Poland and totaling about 24,000 troops — will remain through next year.

The Pentagon had been counting on a third multinational division, possibly led by Turkey, but that has not materialized.

The Bush administration has set no timetable for withdrawing American forces from Iraq. President Bush delivered a message to the troops on Thursday via the American Forces Radio and Television Service.

WEST BANK

Negotiations stall, violence continues

Associated Press

RAMALLAH — The Palestinian leadership crisis intensified Thursday, with the internationally respected finance minister staying away from his office in protest over political maneuvering that has delayed formation of a new Cabinet.

The deadlock between Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia is also holding up renewal of high-level contacts with Israel, and it might derail a conference of international donors who have been supporting the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority.

In violence Thursday, three Palestinians were killed, two in the

West Bank and one in Gaza.

Early Friday, people in the central Gaza village of Almusader said Israeli special forces entered a house and exchanged fire with gunmen. There were no reports of casualties.

Israeli military officials said the soldiers were attempting to prevent attacks on a nearby Jewish settlement and fired at two armed Palestinians. The officials denied that soldiers entered a village.

At issue in the Palestinian Cabinet dispute is the appointment of an interior minister who would consolidate the security forces — some of which are under the command of Arafat — and play a key role in pos-

sible action against violent groups.

Arafat has blocked Qureia's choice for the job, Gen. Nasser Yousef, in part because he does not want to relinquish control over the security services. Qureia's successor, Mahmoud Abbas, was pushed out by Arafat over the same issue.

Arafat and Qureia met Thursday along with leaders of the ruling Fatah movement, but failed to resolve the dispute.

The United States has been pushing for consolidation of the security forces under control of the prime minister as a precursor for action against militants. Qureia has said he prefers a negotiated end to violence, not a crackdown.

Canada-U.S. drug firm shut down

Associated Press

TULSA — A federal judge granted the government's request Thursday to shut down a U.S. company that helps customers buy cheaper prescription drugs from Canada.

The decision is a blow to customers who use Rx Depot's 85 storefronts nationwide to buy less expensive medicine. It also could affect cities and states that are considering allowing employees to import drugs to cut prescription costs.

U.S. District Judge Claire Eagan wrote that the Tulsa-based company, also known as Rx Canada, offers lower prices only because it facilitates "illegal activity determined by Congress to harm the public interest."

Only manufacturers are allowed to bring medicines into the country. The judge found that Rx Depot "openly and notoriously" violated the law.

Americans have long flocked to Canada to fill prescriptions that can cost less than half the drugs' U.S. price because of currency exchange rates and government price controls. But what began with patients crossing the border to buy their own drugs has developed in the past year into a booming Internet and mail-order business.

The FDA and U.S. drug companies have criticized the practice, saying they can't guarantee the safety of Canadian drugs.

"This ruling sends a clear signal that those who would put profit before safety will not be allowed to threaten the public health," the Food and Drug Administration said in a statement Thursday.

Carl Moore, Rx Depot's founder, said he had not seen the ruling Thursday but would

comply in shutting down the stores immediately. He also pledged to appeal.

"I'm going to do my part to see drug prices lowered in this country," Moore said. "If I have to change my way of thinking to comply with the judge's ruling, I'll do so."

Also Thursday, the FDA accused Ontario-based CanaRx of shipping illegal drugs into the United States, misleading consumers about safety and putting people at risk.

In a letter to the company, the FDA acknowledged that it has limited enforcement jurisdiction, but said it will review its options and forward the information to Canadian authorities.

Canada Rx President G. Anthony Howard said his company is "not breaking any laws in Canada or in the United States."

The mayor of Springfield, Mass., the first city to allow its employees to buy drugs from Canada through CanaRx, said the city won't be deterred by the FDA.

"We are not intimidated in Springfield, Mass., and we are not going to be intimidated," said Mayor Michael Albano. He dismissed the idea that drugs bought by his city's employees from Canadian pharmacies were unsafe.

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Food and Drug Administration statement

Cowardice charges dismissed

Army interrogator now charged with dereliction of duty

Associated Press

FORT CARSON, Colo. — The Army dismissed a cowardice charge and filed a lesser count against an Army interrogator who sought counseling after he saw the body of an Iraqi man cut in half by American fire.

Staff Sgt. Georg-Andreas Pogany was charged with dereliction of duty, according to a statement released Thursday afternoon by Fort Carson officials. A military court hearing set Friday for Pogany was canceled.

The new charge was filed by the company commander after military judges dismissed the cowardice charge, officials said. "He believes that this charge is most appropriate to address the alleged misconduct based upon the evidence that is currently available," an Army statement said.

Army officials did not immediately return phone calls for comment. Neither did Pogany nor his attorney.

Attorney Frank Spinner, a retired Air Force colonel who handles military cases, said dereliction of duty is a minor offense that, if disposed of without a court-martial, usually is penalized by loss of pay or reduction in rank.

With a court-martial, the maximum penalty is several months confinement, said Spinner, of Colorado Springs. Whether a court-martial is held depends on the military judiciary.

After seeing the mangled

corpse, Pogany says he began shaking and vomiting and feared for his life. Soon, Pogany says, he had trouble sleeping and started suffering what he thought were panic attacks.

Six weeks later, Pogany, 32, was charged with cowardice, a count that he said was filed after he sought counseling. Pogany denies that he acted in a cowardly way.

"What is tragic about this is the message being sent to other soldiers," Pogany said recently. "It's not about me."

Cowardice violations can be punished by death. Military code does not include a minimum sentence.

Army officials have declined to discuss the case.

Cowardice charges are rare. The last such conviction in the Army occurred during the Vietnam War. Charges were filed against a married couple during the Gulf War, but reduced to mistreatment of public property, said Eugene Fidell, president of the National Institute of Military Justice.

"You have to look pretty hard to find any of these cases," Fidell said. "We have a well-trained army that is a motivated one."

Pogany's case and others that are similar suggest Iraqi deployments are wearing thin, said military analyst Dan Goure of the Lexington Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank.

"I think what you are seeing

here is a consequence of the changed character of an all-volunteer force," Goure said. "The strain gets worse when you have longer deployments or multiple deployments or changing deployments."

Assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group, Pogany was attached to a team of Green Berets on Sept. 26 when he departed for Iraq. He declined to discuss his responsibilities, citing security issues.

Three days later, he was standing in a U.S. compound near Samarra north of Baghdad when soldiers brought in the Iraqi man's bloody body. The soldiers told Pogany the man was killed after he was seen shooting a rocket-propelled grenade.

Pogany said he was shaken, couldn't focus and kept vomiting. He told his commanders he believed he was suffering from panic attacks or a nervous breakdown and requested counseling.

At least one officer suggested he consider what such a request would do to his career, Pogany said. When he sought help, "I was told that I was wasting their time," Pogany said.

Pogany was examined by psychologist Capt. Marc Houck, who concluded he had signs consistent with normal combat stress reaction. Houck recommended Pogany be given a brief rest before returning to duty, but he was sent home to Fort Carson in mid-October and charged with "cowardly conduct as a result of fear."

"What is tragic about this is the message being sent to other soldiers."

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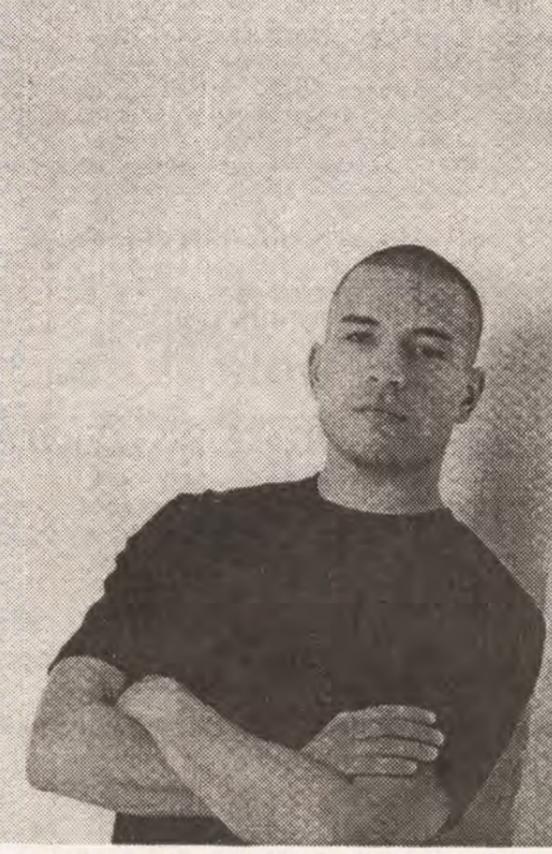
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IN BRIEF

Sony, Bertelsmann to merge

FRANKFURT, Germany — Bertelsmann AG and Sony Corp. announced a preliminary plan to merge their music businesses Thursday, setting the stage for a music company that would vie for world primacy with Universal Music Group.

A merger of Sony Music Entertainment and Bertelsmann's BMG, if it comes to pass, would bring together the world's No. 2 and No. 5 music companies as the industry struggles with losses blamed on music piracy.

The new company, to be called Sony BMG, would be equally owned by Sony and Bertelsmann and run by Andrew Lack, chairman and chief executive of Sony Music Entertainment. Rolf Schmidt-Holtz, the chairman and chief executive of BMG, would serve as chairman of the board.

Bertelsmann didn't say whether the two companies had agreed on financial terms in their letter of intent or what issues remained to be worked out before a final agreement could be struck. Patrick Reilly, a spokesman for BMG, said the two companies had agreed to hold exclusive talks, but he did not say for how long.

Kroger to negotiate with union

INDIANAPOLIS — Kroger Co. and the union representing workers at 58 of the chain's central Indiana supermarkets resumed negotiations Thursday, two days after agreeing to a seven-day contract extension amid threats of a strike.

Kroger spokesman Jeff Golc declined to discuss whether negotiators were making progress toward a settlement and would not say whether the parties had made concessions.

The two sides signed the contract extension Tuesday night — hours before the contract had been set to expire — after a federal mediator persuaded them to give negotiations another chance.

Golc said he did not know whether the mediator was directly participating in Thursday's talks, which involve the Cincinnati-based chain's 4,000 central Indiana employees represented by United Food and Commercial Workers Local 700.

Big deficits burden economy

Greenspan calls for deficit reduction, but notes improvements in job market

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Soaring government budget deficits threaten the economy in the long term and must be brought under control, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Thursday. But in an upbeat assessment of current conditions, Greenspan said the odds "increasingly favor" the creation of new jobs.

In a speech to the Securities Industry Association, Greenspan delivered his most detailed assessment of the state of the economy since testimony before Congress last July.

He struck an optimistic tone, noting a growing number of signs of strength in recent months and said that even the weak job market should soon start to show improvement.

"The odds ... do increasingly favor a revival in job creation," Greenspan said.

However, in his remarks delivered by satellite to the gathering in Boca Raton, Fla., Greenspan also gave his most blunt warnings to date about the federal budget deficit, which hit a record \$374 billion in the just completed 2003 budget year and is projected to top \$500 billion in 2004.

If the red ink is not brought under control by the time baby boomers start retiring, Greenspan said it could have "notable, destabilizing effects" on future growth prospects as increased payouts for Social Security and Medicare collide with rising interest payments on the national debt.

Greenspan, a lifelong Republican first appointed Fed chairman by Ronald Reagan, came down squarely on the side of cutting government spending to deal with the



Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan reports to the congressional Joint Economic Committee on Nov. 13.

deficits rather than raising taxes.

"Tax rate increases of sufficient dimension to deal with our looming fiscal problems arguably pose significant risks to economic growth and the revenue base," Greenspan said.

Democrats have blamed the deficit explosion in large part on President Bush's three rounds of tax cuts, while Republicans contend the tax cuts made the recession less severe.

Greenspan once again urged the reinstatement of budget rules that require any future tax cuts to be offset by either spending

cuts or increases in other taxes, a rule that would make it hard for Bush to achieve one of his top economic goals, making the tax cuts permanent.

The Fed chairman also urged reinstatement of limits on the amount that discretionary government spending could rise in any year.

Greenspan said the nation's budget problems would become more acute in just five years, when the first wave of baby boomers hits the age of 62, the time when about half of prospective Social Security beneficiaries choose to retire even though it

means taking reduced benefits.

Asked about Greenspan's concerns, White House press secretary Scott McClelland said, "The president believes that the deficit, where we are right now, is manageable, and that's why he has a plan in place to address it and bring it down."

Analysts said they believed that Greenspan decided to step up his criticism of Congress and the administration for failing to deal with the budget deficits now that the economy appeared to be mounting a sustained recovery.

ITALY

Putin reassures EU amid charges

Associated Press

ROME — Russian President Vladimir Putin sought to reassure the European Union on Thursday that the legal case against his country's largest oil company was fair and would not threaten the economy — a grave concern for nations with strong financial ties to Moscow.

Putin tried to strengthen ties to the EU before the bloc's eastward expansion next year, but his talks at the 15-nation summit revolved around last month's jailing of Yukos oil giant founder and chief Mikhail Khodorkovsky on fraud, forgery, embezzlement and tax evasion charges.

A large chunk of the company's shares also were frozen.

Putin pledged that Russian law was not being applied in a discriminatory way.

"Nobody is beyond the law," Putin said after the summit in a Renaissance villa in Rome. "No matter how complicated and contradictory laws can be, they still have to be respected."

Putin has taken a hard line in the \$1 billion case against Khodorkovsky, insisting that the allegations be investigated thoroughly. Critics at home and abroad have seen the probe as an attempt to curb Khodorkovsky's financial and political clout and to retaliate for his funding of opposition parties.

Putin said Russia's actions regarding Yukos would not affect Russian policy or its economy.

"Our activities are guided by the fact that we want to put our house in order," Putin said.

Putin criticized illegal actions during post-communist privatizations but indicated that Russia would not void such deals because "the consequences would be even worse."

EU Commission President Romano Prodi said, "We have been reassured that the law will not be applied in a discriminatory manner. We wanted this assurance because this is key for further cooperation in the economic field."

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Bush pushes for democracy

President wants to spread democracy in the Middle East

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Repudiating decades of U.S. policy, President Bush said Thursday the United States and its allies have been wrong in “excusing and accommodating” a lack of freedom in the Middle East. He prodded Saudi Arabia and Egypt to lead Arab nations toward democracy.

Mindful of widespread anger and mistrust in the Muslim world toward the United States, Bush also said that as democratic governments emerge in the Middle East, they should reflect their own cultures and “will not and should not look like us.”

He said it would take time for democracy to spread and the United States would be “patient and understanding.”

Bush’s speech appeared aimed at complaints in the Arab world that the United States has long tolerated corrupt, undemocratic regimes in return for stability and a reliable supply of oil. Washington began to rethink its policy after the terrorist attacks of Sept 11, 2001, and the emergence of deep hostility in the Mideast toward the United States. Fifteen of the Sept. 11 hijackers came from Saudi Arabia.

“Sixty years of Western nations excusing and accommodating the lack of freedom in the Middle East did nothing to make us safe — and in the long run, stability cannot be purchased at the expense of liberty,” the president said in a groundbreaking conclusion.

“As long as the Middle East remains a place where free-

dom does not flourish,” he said, “it will remain a place of stagnation, resentment and violence ready for export. And with the spread of weapons that can bring catastrophic harm to our country and to our friends, it would be reckless to accept the status quo.”

Bush spoke before the National Endowment for Democracy, an organization formed during the Reagan administration to promote global freedom. In another step crucial to his policy in the Middle East, Bush later signed into law an \$87.5 billion package for military and reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“With this act of Congress, no enemy or friend can doubt that

America has the resources and the will to see this war through to victory,” Bush said.

Middle East scholars said Bush’s appeal for democracy lacked any followup programs.

“No new programs announced, no new money for promoting democracy — just rhetoric,” said Martin Indyk, who had been assistant secretary of state for the Middle East in the Clinton administration.

“The rhetoric isn’t going to move the hardliners in Iran, Yasser Arafat or the governments in Saudi Arabia and Egypt who are now scared of the consequences of the kind of political liberalization that the president is preaching to them,” Indyk said.

Bush put Iraq at the center of hopes for democracy.

“The failure of Iraqi democracy would embolden terrorists around the world,

increase dangers to the American people and extinguish the hopes of millions in the region,” he said.

While a few governments have made moves toward democracy, most countries in the region are ruled by authoritarian regimes and royal families. “Basically every Arab country has an autocratic regime,” said Judith Kipper of the Council on Foreign Relations. “Some are more benign than others but there’s no real democracy in the Arab world.”

Bush said some skeptics assert the traditions of Islam are incompatible with representative government.

“It should be clear to all that Islam — the faith of one-fifth of humanity — is consistent with democratic rule,” the president

said. He said democratic progress has been found in predominantly Muslim countries including Turkey, Indonesia, Senegal, Albania, Niger and Sierra Leone.

There was mixed reaction to his speech in the region.

In Amman, Jordan, businessman Khalid Salim said: “I support completely President Bush’s speech concerning democracy in the Middle East and hope that his words will be in effect soon.”

However, worker Samer Hussein said angrily: “With the justification of democracy, Bush and the Americans plan to occupy Arab and Muslim lands. We tell him, we do not want his democracy.”

Bush said the absence of freedom in the Mideast has had terrible consequences, including widespread poverty and denial of school and rights for women.

“It should be clear to all that Islam ... is consistent with democratic rule.”

**George W. Bush
U.S. president**

Regulators seeking pop-up ad changes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Regulators disclosed a new legal campaign Thursday against an annoying method for delivering unwanted “pop-up” Internet advertisements, accusing a California company of “high-tech extortion” in its offers for software to block the very ads it was sending.

The courtroom effort by the Federal Trade Commission could dampen some of the most irritating practices by Internet marketers, who have learned ways to display intrusive messages on computer screens using a technology built into most versions of Microsoft Corp.’s Windows software.

“This is a shot across the bow,” said Mark Rasch, an expert on technology law and former head of the Justice Department cyber-crimes division.

The FTC obtained a temporary restraining order against D-Squared Solutions LLC of San Diego from a U.S. District Court in Baltimore. The FTC’s legal papers accuse D-Squared of unlawfully exploiting Microsoft’s “Windows Messenger Service” feature by sending unwanted ads to Internet users as frequently as once every 10 minutes.

The director for the FTC’s bureau of consumer protection, Howard Beales, said company executives were “creating a problem and trying to charge customers for the solution.” He called that “high-tech extortion” and “a fundamentally unfair business

model.”

The FTC asked the judge to block D-Squared from sending any more advertisements or selling its ad-blocking software. It also wants D-Squared to repay consumers who bought its software, which Beales said represents “hundreds of thousands” of dollars.

The head of D-Squared Solutions, Anish Dhingra, declined to comment on the government’s accusations. His lawyer, Jacob C. Reinbolt, did not return repeated telephone calls to his office from The Associated Press.

Windows Messenger Service — unrelated to Microsoft’s instant-messaging software that uses the same name — commonly allows network administrators to display messages on a user’s computer screen, such as

a warning that a company’s Internet connection might be having problems.

But some Internet marketers have seized upon the technology to display ads for software and pornography, unless computer users manually turn it off or use firewall software to block out unwanted messages.

It takes seven mouse clicks to disable the messenger service; the FTC said typical consumers don’t know how to do this.

The FTC’s legal papers allege the advertisements caused “substantial injury” to consumers, citing lost data, crashed computers, frustration, annoyance and harassment.

“This is a shot across the bow.”

**Mark Rasch
technology law expert**

Righteous Brothers singer found dead

Associated Press

DETROIT — The most-played song in U.S. radio history, "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling," pulsed anew over the airwaves Thursday as fans mourned the death of the Righteous Brothers' Bobby Hatfield.

Hatfield, who with partner Bill Medley were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame earlier this year, died Wednesday in a hotel room in Kalamazoo. He was 63.

Hatfield's body was discovered 45 minutes before the duo was to perform at Miller Auditorium on the Western Michigan University campus, manager David Cohen said. He was pronounced dead at 7:02 p.m. EST.

Preliminary results of an autopsy conducted Thursday at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing indicated Hatfield died of a heart attack, the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety said in a statement.

Hatfield was a smoker, but Cohen said he was not aware of any chronic health problems afflicting the singer.

"It's a shock, a real shock," Cohen said, adding that Medley was "broken up. He's not even coherent."

The Righteous Brothers, whose other hits included "Unchained Melody," "(You're My) Soul and Inspiration" and "Rock and Roll Heaven," were in Kalamazoo to kick off four days of performances in Michigan and Ohio.

The duo's signature 1965 single, "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling," was found frequently cited as the most-programmed song in American radio history. The inclusion of their songs in films such as "Top Gun," "Ghost" and "Dirty Dancing" repeatedly re-established the Righteous brand.

Hatfield's soaring tenor and Medley's polished baritone were

wrapped around pop tunes during the ascendancy of guitar rock. Their style was dubbed "blue-eyed soul."

"Sometimes people with blue eyes transcended the limitations of what their color and culture can actually be," singer Billy Joel said during the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony for the duo. "Sometimes white people can actually be soulful. It changed my life."

Speaking to reporters in March, Hatfield recalled that the "blue-eyed soul" label came from disc jockeys, not him or Medley.

"It's kind of goofy," Hatfield said.

Robert Lee Hatfield was born Aug. 10, 1940, in Beaver Dam,

Wis. His family moved to Anaheim, Calif., when he was 4. Hatfield organized singing and instrumental groups in high school while helping his parents with their dry cleaning business.

An avid athlete, Hatfield considered a career in professional baseball, but found his true calling in music — a love he pursued while attending Long Beach State University, where he formed a band and performed at bars and proms.

Hatfield teamed up with Medley in 1962 as part of a five-piece group called The Paramours. According to the Righteous Brothers Web site, a black Marine called out during one of their performances, "That was righteous, brothers!"

They renamed themselves the Righteous Brothers before the release of their first album in 1963.

"You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling," the lost that lovin' producer Phil Spector's "wall of sound" technique, was released just as British rock 'n' roll was beginning to dominate U.S. record charts and airwaves.

"It's a shock, a real shock."

David Cohen
manager

Judge blocks abortion ban

Ruling puts hold on law to block certain late-term abortions

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In a ruling with potentially coast-to-coast effect, a federal judge blocked the government's new ban on certain late-term abortions Thursday in a rapidly escalating legal battle that began even before President Bush signed the measure.

The ruling was the second such setback for the Bush administration in 24 hours.

U.S. District Judge Richard Casey granted a request by the National Abortion Federation and seven doctors to prevent enforcement of the ban until a challenge to the law's constitutionality can be heard.

While the ruling applies only to the plaintiffs, it is expected to have broad application: The federation — a professional association of abortion providers in the United States and Canada — says that its members perform half of abortions nationwide.

The new law outlaws a procedure generally performed in the second or third trimester in which a fetus is partially delivered before being killed, usually by puncturing its skull. Anti-abortion activists call the procedure "partial-birth abortion." President Clinton twice vetoed similar bills.

The ruling follows a separate decision Wednesday by a federal judge in Nebraska who also blocked the ban, less than an hour after Bush signed it. Opponents of the ban had sued even before the measure became law. The Nebraska rul-

ing covered four doctors, who together are licensed in 13 states across the Midwest and East, and their staffs.

A San Francisco judge has also scheduled arguments in a similar challenge.

Abortion-rights advocates expect a showdown over the law with the Bush administration at the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Justice Department said in a statement that it "will continue to strongly defend the law prohibiting partial birth abortions using every resource necessary."

Douglas Johnson, a spokesman for the National Right to Life Committee, said the New York judge's ruling was "not surprising but it is distressing."

"It means that partly born babies will continue to die at the point of 7-inch scissors," he said. "Certainly these judicial orders severely impede the government's ability to protect these premature infants."

Opponents of the law said it is overly broad, lacks any exemption for the health of a woman seeking an abortion and could outlaw several safe and common procedures. They also contended it is the first step in a larger campaign to ban all abortions and undo Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court's 1973 landmark decision establishing a woman's right to an abortion.

The federal judge in New York said it is clear that some doctors believe the outlawed procedure

is necessary to protect some women's health. He said there is a good chance that those challenging the law will succeed.

The ruling should have an effect nationwide, said Donna Lieberman, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

"It's hard to imagine the federal government would try to enforce the law against anyone who might be providing abortions but is not a member of the protected group," Lieberman said.

American Civil Liberties Union attorney Talcott Camp said it "would be quite troubling indeed if the Justice Department attempted to enforce" the ban while the challenges are pending. "Many physicians were indeed panicked at the prospect of having

to face criminal prosecution for providing the absolute best medical care they can," she said.

In addition, legal observers said the Nebraska ruling might be more sweeping than first thought.

They said the ruling is worded in such a way that it could allow abortion doctors across the country to skirt the law.

While the judge stopped short of saying his order was to be enforced nationwide, he said it applied to the four doctors who filed the suit and their "colleagues, employees and entities ... with whom plaintiffs work, teach, supervise or refer" patients.

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Douglas Johnson
National Right to Life
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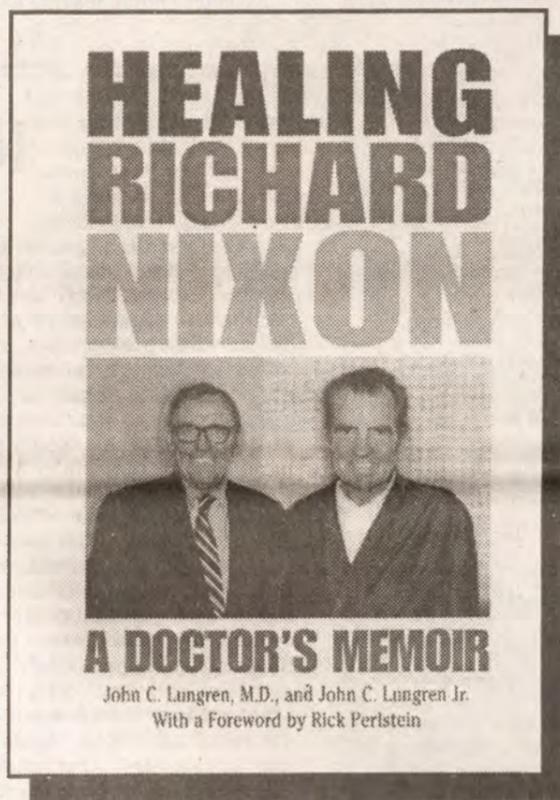
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Fans shouldn't be criticized

Last Saturday, Notre Dame welcomed Florida State to South Bend for what fans knew would be one of the season's toughest games. Though the Irish have struggled much of the year, students and fans hoped to see their team make a valiant effort against the No. 5 Seminoles. They gathered at Notre Dame Stadium to cheer on their team just like at any other game.

Only this wasn't like any other game. No matter how hard the student section cheered, the Irish seemed bamboozled by the Seminoles. Notre Dame players looked helpless, and many students wondered what happened to the "Fight" in Fighting Irish. For the first time in 25 years, a team shut out the Irish at home. Students were dying to find anything to cheer for, even doing the traditional scoring pushups for first downs and punts. But the Irish only earned their second first down in the third quarter of the game and ultimately failed to score in seven consecutive quarters at home. As the clock ticked down in the fourth quarter and the team continued to make devastating mistakes, distraught Irish fans and students began to find it too painful to remain and watch their beloved team get mauled. As a result, a considerable amount of students headed for the exits.

At Notre Dame, leaving early is considered sacrilegious. But

this game was not just any loss. Coming into the game, Notre Dame had little left to play for but pride. Few students seriously believed that the Irish would end up with a victory. Still, they flocked to the game to support the Irish and see them put up a valiant fight against a premier football team.

Instead, students witnessed Notre Dame's worst defeat in almost 50 years — or for some students, the first 50 minutes of it. As a result of Saturday's loss, Michigan replaced Notre Dame as the team with the all time highest winning percentage.

Thousands grow up loving Notre Dame, and this University is based on the level of excellence the Irish exemplify both on and off the field. This is what created the Notre Dame mystique. It didn't always bring victory to the Irish, but there was always the feeling that those boys in the blue and gold were playing with all their might. It is a feeling that some considered nonexistent last Saturday.

It's shameful that Notre Dame fans left Saturday's game early, but the level of performance at which the football team is playing is as equally upsetting. While it's easy to argue that fans should support their team through good times and bad, those that don't want to watch a sub-par Notre Dame team flounder this year shouldn't be criticized when they leave

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Revise ticket procedures

In the last three years, the Notre Dame men's basketball team has won at least 20 or more games three times, reached the NCAA tournament three times, made the second round twice and earned a Sweet Sixteen berth once. The Irish consistently enjoy success at the Joyce Center, losing only two home games last year.

This remarkable success, after years of struggling, has elicited a positive response from the student body. Last season, the 2,800 student tickets booklets sold out by noon of the second day of sales, which was in record time — until this year. Due to last season's success, even more students want tickets, and all student booklets sold in a mere four-and-a-half hours. This swift sell-out, combined with confusion over the distribution procedures, caused problems for students at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's for various reasons. This included class conflicts or other commitments.

Saint Mary's students who attempted to purchase tickets faced additional confusion. Many students waited in line at the Joyce Center, only to be told they were not eligible to purchase tickets. Additionally, only 125 booklets were available for St. Mary's students to purchase.

Though it was unlikely the University could have predicted how quickly the booklets would sell out, it must

now change future distributions so all students receive a fair shot at purchasing tickets.

There are several options the University could adopt. There could be a lottery for tickets, which would give all those interested in buying tickets a fair chance to purchase them. The ticket distribution time could also be changed to later in the day or to the weekend, so students could purchase tickets without missing class. The final option could be to sell a limited number of student tickets for individual games a day prior to the game, and then release any remaining tickets for purchase by the general public. Students would then control whether they received tickets based on who chose to wait in line the longest.

In light of the strong interest at Saint Mary's, the University must also allot more tickets to those students and provide clear instructions on how to obtain them.

As the men's team continues to achieve high success and generate increased enthusiasm among fans, the University must understand that more than 2,800 students will want to watch the team at home. It must adopt an improved distribution plan that will make the ticket allocation fair for every student who wishes to attend the games.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't limit business majors

I was disturbed to read that Notre Dame is considering limiting the number of students who can enroll in the undergraduate business school because the proportion of business majors at Notre Dame is "extremely high relative to the average percentage of undergraduate business majors at Notre Dame's top 20 peer institutions," according to a Nov. 6 article.

We have an outstanding business program. It's very popular among students, and it's producing successful people. How is this a problem beyond assuring that there's enough classroom space and professors?

Well, it's a problem at Notre Dame because the universities we want to emulate, our "aspirational peers," don't have the same enrollment mix. We don't have the pride and self-respect

to acknowledge that we have something great, a business program that our very own students are telling us is better than other schools' programs by choosing the major in record numbers.

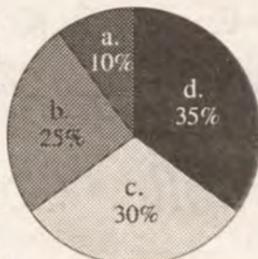
Are we so self-conscious about acceptance among the alleged best universities that we assume it's a problem to be different from them? When will we stop trying to emulate the Ivy League schools, Stanford and Duke and appreciate that we already have a great university on its own merits?

Kevin O'Neill
class of '76
Nov. 6

OBSERVER POLL

How often do you meet with a professor outside of class?

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| a. At least once per week | 10% |
| b. At least once per month | 25% |
| c. At least once per semester | 30% |
| d. Never | 35% |



*Poll is based on 77 responses.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"When I tell the truth, it is not for the sake of convincing those who do not know it, but for the sake of defending those that do."

William Blake
poet

Israel, the bane of Europe

The European Commission recently conducted a poll asking citizens in its member states which country poses the greatest threat to world peace. Any guesses who took first prize? The United States? North Korea? China? Luxembourg? No, no, no and no. The most dangerous country, hell-bent on world domination is in fact Israel.

Bill Rinner

A Voice of Reason

Polls should usually be taken with a grain of salt, particularly ones that only gauge opinions and sentiments instead of potential voting habits, but this one is quite astounding. Who would have thought that Israel, a small country virtually surrounded by nations who resent its very existence, could strike such fear into the hearts of men and women alike?

Unfortunately, this does not seem to be an aberration, as reports of this nature simply echo the rise of a new European anti-Semitism. Personally, I figured that post-modern Europe had moved beyond such antipathy after its last bad experience which started out as a whole "let's gang up on the Jews" movement, but recent incidents prove otherwise.

A swarm of anti-Semitic crimes is on the rise, ranging from verbal abuse and monument defamation to the firebombing of temples and synagogues. Normally, one must remain skeptical about the popularity of such movements that could represent only a fringe of the population, but incidents on a national level raise eyebrows as well. At least five countries have banned kosher food production, central to the orthodox spiritual lifestyle. Germany decided to halt all arms sales to Israel, despite being a steadfast supporter for decades. An international conference on sanctions and divestment in London last year endorsed a boycott of Israel "not dissimilar to the campaign which contributed to the end of apartheid in South Africa."

After Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad boldly proclaimed that "the Europeans killed six million Jews out of 12 million, but today the Jews rule the world by proxy," the European Union considered but ultimately decided against condemning his ignorant, hateful remarks. After instances of this nature, much of the world's Jewish population justifiably fears that the most powerful European officials are turning a blind eye towards blatant anti-Semitism.

Admittedly, these decisions stem from a variety of political factors with non-bigoted rationales. The issues of Israeli sovereignty and Palestinian statehood are hotly debated throughout the world, as anyone who hears an argument against radical Islamic suicide bombers could counter with a list of alleged

Israeli human rights violations and vice versa. But come on, my European friends. Almost 60 percent of you have filled your nightmare-void left vacant when the "evil" Soviet Union fell with Israel? There must be something in the water.

No level of political enmity towards Israel can validate this alarming statistic, so one must consider anti-Semitism as a potential explanation. When one carefully scrutinizes our national news sources, from The New York Times to MSNBC, Europe comes off as the most enlightened continent in the world with moral authority so high that many a peacenik object to America's foreign policy because European sentiments are not in our favor. While seriously considering our allies' positions on global affairs is an important goal, questioning the Old World's rational and intellectual integrity should be as well.

The poll is heavily skewed against Israel, but anti-Americanism is almost equally rampant throughout Europe. Correlation between the two is not unreasonable by any stretch of the mind, which could partially explain why Europeans now hit the streets in droves to protest attacks in Afghanistan and Iraq. These two countries, one a theocracy and the other a secular dictatorship, both opposed Israel for their own respective reasons, and American action in the region aims to discourage the rise of military power in Syria, Iran and other countries with an anti-Israeli agenda.

On the other hand, these poll results may simply reflect overwhelming anti-Americanism, with Israel as the temporary scapegoat. A European might consider challenges to world peace from the United States and its enemies to be rooted in America's strong support of Israel, and this relationship leads to crisis after crisis in the Middle East. This argument has some merit, as hating the big bad guy America seems marginally more rational but fails to account for such the strong Israel-fearing majority that the poll suggests.

The European Commission knows that the poll results make the continent look terrible, and early press reports thwarted an attempted suppression of their findings. Whether this portion of Europeans is resoundingly anti-Semitic or just plain anti-American, the most obvious conclusion to draw is that their opinions on international affairs may be more rooted in xenophobia or naive hatred than we previously believed.

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How many more body bags, President Bush?

President Bush contends that the number of dead American soldiers has no connection to how well the Iraqi campaign is progressing. Yet the number of killings in Iraq lies in the hands of the man who ordered American soldiers into harm's way. Regardless of the reasons given to persuade the

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

American public or the world to support the U.S. invasion, our troops are on Iraqi soil. More reservists are scheduled to serve long terms in Iraq, and American soldiers will remain as walking targets. It is so because they are there.

It is also laughable to watch the president's new public relations blitz against the "bad news" coming from Iraq. Where is Fox News, the same network the president proclaimed as his favorite news outlet? Could its "fair and balanced" reporting be dependent on television ratings? Surely had Al Gore been president on Sept. 11, Fox would today be running a banner at the bottom of its screen screaming, "Day 788 of bin Laden still at large" and "Day 191 since the president declared major hostilities ended in Iraq and Hussein still at large."

Not showing those banners each day should be good news for Bush. Or maybe, even Fox cannot ignore the average 10 injuries per day and more U.S. soldiers killed since their favorite viewer landed G.I. George style on an aircraft carrier than during the war.

When the United States invaded Iraq, the White House sought "good news." Bush never corrected false reports of Jessica Lynch's capture because he wanted a hero. A 69-year-old Korean War Navy veteran wondered why her capture qualified her as a hero. He said, "Now Audie Murphy was a hero."

Did the White House correct U.S. reports that an Iraqi general and his 3,000 troops surrendered early in the conflict? The British BBC reported that the general had turned himself in but nobody knew if any of his 3,000 troops would surrender since many of his officers were loyal to Saddam Hussein. The White House used the American media for false good news then but criticizes the media for true bad news now.

At the war's height, many anti-war protesters relied on foreign reporting. Conservative commentators scoffed at the notion of the foreign press being more truthful than the American press. Today those conservatives seem to have reversed themselves since they complain about the negative truth aired by American outlets.

Some have chastised Democrats and President Clinton for their past assertions that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction.

Others contend that Clinton could have done more against Osama bin Laden. Clinton did believe that Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and did threaten to use military force against Iraq. Clinton also fired missiles at bin Laden's training camps.

Where Clinton differs from Bush is that Clinton knew how to engage the international community. Yet Clinton could not adequately address foreign terror threats while he lost more than a year defending himself against impeachment. At the time, Republicans were portraying his actions as diversions or "wagging the dog" stunts.

Bush's bullying of the United Nations and unilateral invasion with a small coalition with few troops and little money for Iraq is Bush's own undoing. The president's actions cannot be undone by any public relations effort. To many foreign observers, Bush's parsing of words to scare Americans to support an immediate invasion of Iraq was as masterful as Clinton's definition of "is."

Bush should have contended that it was his personal judgment for the timing and urgency of the invasion. The American public would not have doubted him as much as they are today for his assertions that Hussein would soon attack or give his weapons to terrorists. Bush also molded a blurry connection between Sept. 11 and Hussein, for which he has since had to deny.

One year from this week Americans will judge Bush at the ballot box for what he has done, not for what is said about him.

Angry rhetoric spewed forth by today's Democrats after years of believing in the existence of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction is not blatantly misleading the nation. Nor do they reek of partisan political hypocrisy. Democrats are holding this president accountable for the billions of dollars of foreign aid going to Iraq and to buy our small coalition. They are also holding this president accountable for the number of American soldiers dying in Iraq by asking when the body bags will cease from Iraq.

Democrats know the answer. When a new president enters the White House in 2005 and engages the international community unlike Bush will or can, only then will the United States be respected in the Middle East. Only then will help be on the way for U.S. troops in Iraq.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support tradition of winning

This is in response to Kathleen Tallmadge's Nov. 4 letter. While I understand her love for the team and wish to cheer them on through the darkest times, I think she fails to see the most important point.

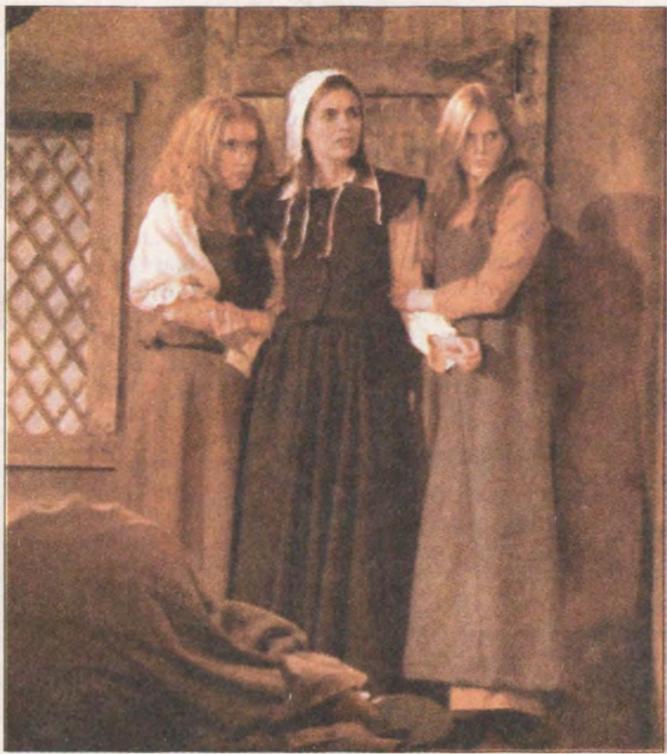
At Notre Dame, the most important tradition is winning. Not at all costs, but winning the right way. That is how Notre Dame football became as popular and as traditioned as it is today — they win, and they win the right way.

Does anyone really think that the Notre Dame football tradition would be the same if we had 0 national championships, 0 Heisman winners, but we just tried our best each and every year? Of course not. All our traditions, from the gold helmets to the band to Touchdown Jesus and so on, stem from the fact that we are historically the winningest team in college football, ever.

If, as Tallmadge says, "The achievement is in the journey — whether or not we ever reach the pinnacle of success is irrelevant," then the football tradition is endangered. If seasons continue the way this one has, then all Notre Dame will become is a past glory who can't keep up anymore.

Banking on past traditions is important and expected, but it must be complemented by continued success on the field. If you don't believe me, ask the former greats of the college football world: Navy, Army, Princeton and the University of Chicago.

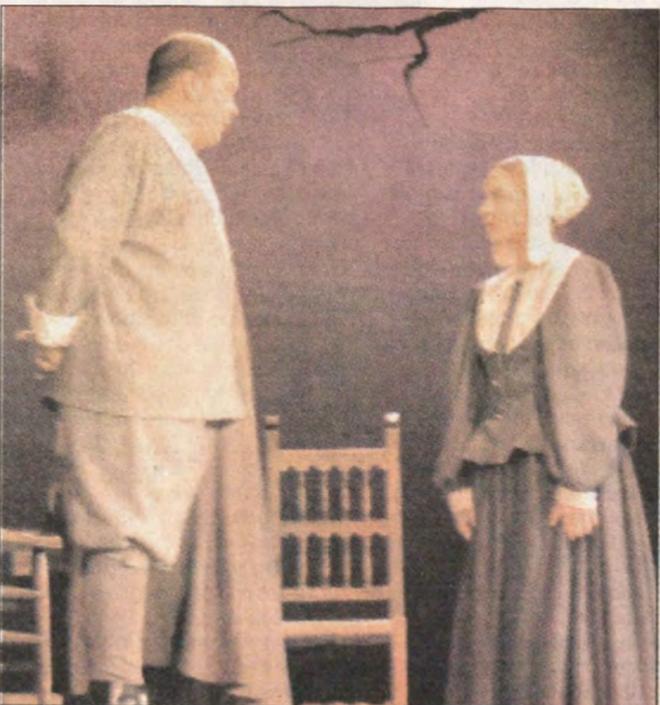
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Above, Ashley Peltier as Mercy Lewis, Liesl Yost as Abigail Williams and Johnnie Quigley as Susanna Wollcott. At left, Jeff Simms as Ezekiel Cheever. Below, Daniel Lehner as Reverend Samuel Parris and Linda Janke as Ann Putnam.



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'The Crucible' brings to

Unique design and strong acting highlights

By JONATHAN RETARTHA and SARAH VABULAS
Scene Writers

Even though a week has passed since Halloween, tales of witchcraft are still filling the halls of Little Theater at Saint Mary's College this weekend where Saint Mary's students and professors, along with professional actors are staging their production of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible." The play is set during the Salem witch trials of 1692, where hundreds of women were accused and 20 eventually were hanged after being found guilty of practicing witchcraft.

At the beginning of the play, a minister in Salem, Rev. Samuel Parris (Daniel R. Lehner) stumbles upon his daughter and her friends dancing in the woods at night while his slave, Tituba (Dana Shelton), recites incantations over a cauldron. The girls are frightened off, and in the calamity, Parris's daughter, Betty (Victoria Abram-Copenhaver) faints, and will not wake up. Once word spreads around the town of these mysterious acts, rumors of witchcraft begin to surface.

In order to calm these fears, Parris calls in witchcraft expert Rev. John Hale (Terry Farren) to prove that the devil does not inhabit his daughter. Hale convinces Tituba to confess having interacted with Satan, and calls upon her to name the others involved with these demonic practices. Parris's niece, Abigail Williams (Liesl Yost), who was involved with the incident and originally tries to cover it up, also saves her own life by confessing and "naming names."

While many in the town are quick to point the finger and have the girls hanged, several skeptics exist among them. One of these men, a farmer named John Proctor (Greg Melton), refuses to be involved in the controversy until he discovers that his servant Mary Warren (Maria Corso) was present at the alleged incident, and that his wife, Elizabeth (Marianne Rutz) is one of the accused.

Proctor realizes that the only reason his devout wife is accused is because Abigail Williams was her accuser. Abigail used to be the Proctor family's servant, but Elizabeth dismissed her after a love affair between Abigail and Proctor was uncovered. Proctor and Elizabeth reconciled to a degree, but Abigail confesses her undying love to Proctor and celebrates the fact that after Elizabeth is hanged, the two of them will be together. This revelation disgusts Proctor, who has already repented for his lechery, and he goes on a quest to save his wife and uncover Abigail as a fraud, even if it means revealing his sins in public.

"The Crucible" is one of the most well known plays of the 20th century. Performed on countless high school, college and professional stages across the world, it sometimes becomes difficult to stage it in a new and unique way. In the Saint Mary's production, director Mark Abram-Copenhaver has added his own unique touch in the set design of the play.

Aside from the usual horizontal stage, the stage has an extension attached on the left side, covering a section of seats, which adds much more room for movement and action for the actors.

Because of this unique setup, the actors often have their backs turned to one part of the audience or another, though Little Theatre allows for all of the voices to be heard clearly.

Painstaking effort was put into the production of the set, which incorporates an inside setting (for Proctor's house, Parris's house, and the court) and an outside setting (for the nighttime sequences). The indoor setting reflects 17th-century colonial Massachusetts, with aged walls and wood scaffolds. The stage addition also allows for another entrance along stage right. The outdoor setting, taking up most of stage left, has as its centerpiece a giant tree, reaching from the ground to the top of the theater, surrounded by various rocks and logs, providing seating for a couple scenes.

Stage lighting also provides a unique addition to the setting of "The Crucible." Because there are both daytime and nighttime scenes, the backdrop is lit accordingly with blue or purple shades. During the climax, when the accused are to be hanged at sunrise, the backdrop lighting is accented by white lights along the floor, which slowly brighten as the scene progresses. In the outdoor scenes, lights strategically placed filter through the tree and cast shadows that mimic real moonlight.

The costumes are the most impressive element of the design of "The Crucible." The characters have beautiful costumes that reflect the dress of the colonial period, without falling into the stereotypical and often silly Thanksgiving pilgrim. Many productions also choose to dress the characters very much alike, but the Saint Mary's production gives

each character their own style.

Proctor exemplifies the role of a farmer in a shirt and cloak that is a mix between the characters of Robin Hood and the ranger, Strider. Hale has a beautiful black suit that recalls many traditional pilgrim images, with the hat to match, but he fits very well into it, and it does not stand out among the other characters. The dress of the women is also very reserved, with whites and tans dominating the blouses, along with lightly colored aprons and bonnets.

The final design element that adds a unique perspective to this staging of the play is sound. The scenes begin and end with drums that mimic heartbeats, which grow and intensify as the plot thickens. Outdoor scenes are full of the sounds of crickets and owls, along with a whistling wind that fills the theater before the play starts.

All of these elements, however, are crowned with the exceptional performances of the actors involved. Melton, in the role of Proctor, is the dominant and commanding presence in every scene with which he is involved. Melton is incredibly multifaceted as an actor. The audience sees him as a scolding cynic at the onset of the play and a forceful patriarch in the household. His character undergoes the greatest transfor-

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Witchcraft to the stage

Highlights this weekend's performances

mation in the play, turning from a headstrong farmer into an introspective, philosophically tormented man searching for his redemption and purpose in the world. The anger Melton displays when Proctor's wife is taken from him is enough to create chills. His emotional outcries reflect the passionate performances of Sean Bean. His inner torment to save his own life or his soul is deeply invocative of the character of Sir Thomas Moore in "A Man for All Seasons." His performance demands dominance because he is one of the only characters not blinded by lies or stifled by the religious culture of the period.

Another character that changes dramatically in the play is that of Hale. Farren literally puts on two performances in the role. In the first part, Hale is still the devout minister who knows witchcraft when he sees it. Because of this knowledge, he is very good at convincing the girls to confess. Many of the ministers of the period

were known for having passionate sermons predicting fire, brimstone, and eternal suffering when God inflicts his vengeful wrath on the wicked. Farren chooses to connect that character with a contemporary audience by using televangelists as his inspiration. A mix between Ned Flanders and those Sunday morning preachers, Farren successfully draws a comparison that helps the audience to understand the religious atmosphere of the time. The second part of the play shows a man who realizes the goodness in Proctor as well as the mistakes he has made in preaching condemnation of evil deeds over positive reinforcement as a catalyst for change. All of the hangings have filled his soul with guilt and he wants to purge that guilt through saving the lives of the condemned. He turns into a passionate, desperate man who wants Proctor and the others to confess, if only to save their lives. He provides a sharp contrast with the "holier than thou" figurehead of the first part of the play and now places himself on the level of the prisoners.

Yost perfectly incorporates the two-sided nature of Abigail in her performance. When she is alone with the girls, she is a cocky, wicked leader of the incident, who is out to save her own skin. In front of authority, she plays the innocent girl, who is repentant for her transgressions. When Abigail is with John Proctor, she is a seductress who will stop at nothing to get her man. Yost clearly defines and beautifully balances these personas.

Rutz, in the role of Proctor's wife Elizabeth, uses traditional views of colonial women as her motivation. She is quiet, firm, and devout with her faith. She is very reserved around her husband, as anyone would be around an adulterous spouse. One of their early scenes alone at the dinner table is reminiscent of the distant relationship of Charles and Emily at the end of the dinner table scene in "Citizen Kane." Her role slowly transforms, and Rutz becomes a wife desperate to save her husband, but resolved to the fact that confessing would

be worse than dying.

Another commanding male performance is turned in by Louis MacKenzie, who plays Deputy Governor Danforth. He is responsible for trying and convicting the accused girls. He has a stern demeanor, yet not overly powerful, and is fair without being merciful, as the role demands. He is very controlling in the courtroom, as any judge would be, and is very contemplative, yet shows no emotion. MacKenzie plays the role with a controlling presence but also as a character that possesses a lot of self-control. His role as the Deputy Governor contrasts very well with that of Vini DeDario, who plays Judge Hathorne. DeDario plays the role with a brash outspokenness that highlights the controlled demeanor of MacKenzie as Danforth.

Perhaps the most vocally demanding role is that of Mary Warren, played by Maria Corso, the servant to the Proctor family who is caught in the middle of the conflict between Abigail and Proctor. She spends some of the first part, and much of the second whimpering, crying, or wailing—three things not easily done for long periods of time in the acting world. She is very convincing though, in her suffering, and adds depth to what could simply be played as a superficial character that screams all the time.

Other strong supporting roles include Proctor's friend Giles Corey, an honest, elderly man played by Terry Dawson. Linda Janke plays the role of Ann Putnam along with William Svelmoe as her husband, Thomas. Janke and Svelmoe add much to the opening scene of the play, providing support for the rumors of witchcraft among the girls.

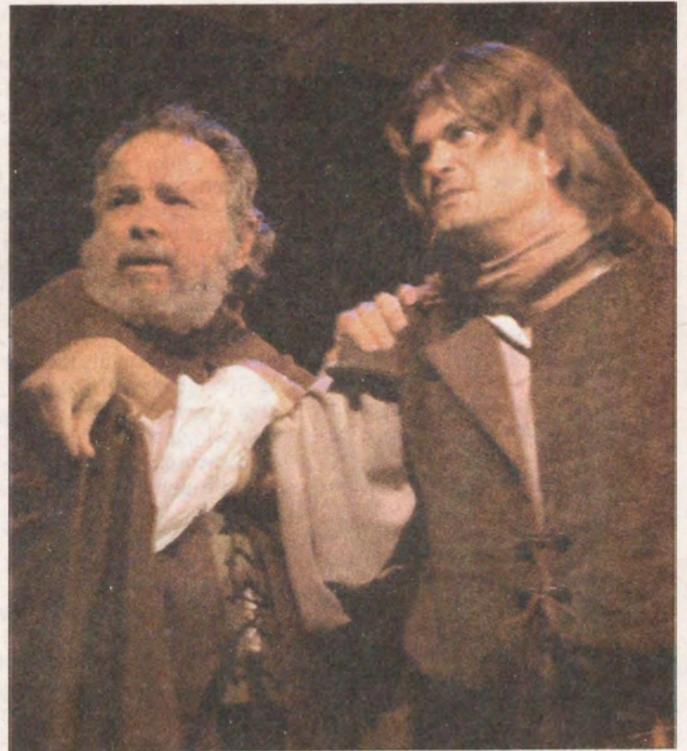
Lehner, as the somewhat jaded preacher Parris, who is also Abigail's uncle, plays his role in a manner unique from the rest of the cast. He tries to be firm, yet somehow struggles to convince the audience of his role in the play.

"The Crucible" is a unique theater experience highlighted even more by powerful performances. In the end, the story is less about a historical perspective of the events of 1692, and more about the place of authority in religion, the means by which to gain redemption and salvation and the search to find goodness in a world of evil and lies.

Arthur Miller wrote the play during the Red Scare of communism to mock what was very similar to the Salem Witch Hunts of early America. His work proves to show both the silliness and frustration behind accusing people for belonging to groups without proper evidence along with the skewed roles that authority, particularly the courts, have in society.

"The Crucible" plays at the Moreau Center for the Performing Arts at Saint Mary's College Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 for general admission, \$7.50 for senior citizens, \$6.50 for faculty and staff and \$5.50 for students. Tickets can be purchased from the Saint Mary's Box Office at (574) 284-4626.

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Above, Greg Melton as John Proctor and Terry Dawson as Giles Corey. At right, Ashley Peltier as Mercy Lewis. Below, Shannon Wojcik as Rebecca Nurse and Victoria Abram-Copenhaver as Betty Paris.

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NHL

Palffy's last second goal gives Kings overtime victory

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Ziggy Palffy had the last chance and made it count.

Palffy scored with 7.7 seconds left in overtime to lead the Los Angeles Kings to a 1-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Palffy beat Lightning goalie John Grahame from the slot while being pulled down.

"I was a little bit lucky," Palffy said. "I just took a shot. I knew there were a couple seconds left, so I just put it on the net. It was under his pad and went in."

Los Angeles' Roman Cechmanek made 30 saves for his second shutout of the season and 22nd overall.

"We try to play hard every game," Cechmanek said. "This is our job, and we did it."

Grahame had 19 saves. The backup has allowed just two goals in 156 minutes this season.

"Both goalies played super," Tampa Bay's Brad Richards said. "It was one of those games that was going to be a battle and the slightest mistake might be the difference."

The Lightning lost their second straight game after opening the season with an eight-game unbeaten streak. Tampa Bay 7-1-1 has earned standings points in nine of 10 games.

Los Angeles has won four straight road games. The Kings also snapped a six-game winless streak (0-4-2) against the Lightning.

After a lackluster first period that had a combined eight shots, the teams picked up the tempo in the second.

Grahame kept it scoreless by making an arm save at the 3-minute mark during a breakaway by Palffy.

Cechmanek made a glove save soon after on Andre Roy's left-circle shot and stopped an in-close chance by Dmitry Afanasev.

Grahame also made a strong save on Luc Robitaille's shot from the low slot with six minutes left in the second.

Robitaille had a shot from the left circle turned aside by Grahame with 3:40 left in over-

time. Palffy hit the crossbar one minute later.

"We went for the win in overtime," Kings coach Andy Murray said. "We played three forwards and one defenseman in one out of every three shifts. It's a non-conference opponent, so you try to go for it a little bit more."

Hurricanes 6, Rangers 3

Light-scoring Craig Adams had two goals for Carolina, enabling the Hurricanes to snap a three-game losing streak with a 6-3 victory over the New York Rangers.

Carolina beat the Rangers for the first time in six games in earned just its third win with a season-high goal total.

The two goals by Adams were his ninth and 10th in 170 career games.

Erik Cole finished off the Rangers with an empty-net goal with 49 seconds left.

The Hurricanes, with the worst power play in the NHL, had four straight man-advantage opportunities in a nine-minute span in the second only to come up empty.

But Adams pounced on a rebound off Sean Hill's shot with 4:16 left in the period to give the Hurricanes a 3-2 lead and momentum heading to the third.

Ryan Bayda handed the Hurricanes some breathing room 3:09 into the third when Aaron Ward's shot from the point deflected off his shin pad and past Jussi Markkanen, who shut out Dallas on Tuesday but wasn't sharp in this one.

The Rangers closed to 4-3 midway through the third when former Carolina forward Jan Hlavac was awarded a questionable penalty shot and beat Kevin Weekes between the legs.

But a minute later, a wide-open Adams took a feed from Rod Brind'Amour and gave Carolina its second two-goal lead of the game.

Again, Carolina got off to a miserable start at home when Bayda and Bob Boughner took penalties less than six minutes in as the Rangers dominated early.

The shot total favored New York 9-1 before Alex Kovalev

beat Weekes halfway through the first.

The Hurricanes rebounded with Josef Vasicek's team-leading seventh less than two minutes after the Kovalev goal. Rookie Eric Staal scored on a rebound 18 seconds into Bobby Holik's roughing penalty.

Flyers 4, Capitals 2

Tony Amonte and Jeremy Roenick each had a goal and assist, leading the Philadelphia Flyers to a 4-2 victory over the Washington Capitals.

Robert Esche stopped 20 shots for his fourth straight win, and the Flyers remained unbeaten at home (4-0-2) with their fourth win in five games. Vancouver (6-0-1) is the only other NHL team unbeaten at home this season.

Justin Williams and Keith Primeau also scored for Philadelphia. Joel Kwiatkowski and Brian Sutherby had Washington's goals.

The last-place Capitals, coming off a 5-1 win over previously unbeaten Tampa Bay on Tuesday night, are 3-9-1.

Roenick set up Amonte's goal with a sensational play midway through the first period. He took a pass in stride from Eric Weinrich, skated through two defenders and broke in against Capitals goaltender Olaf Kolzig. After drawing Kolzig over, Roenick threaded a pass to Amonte, who fended off a defender for an easy shot into an open net. It was Amonte's fifth goal in nine games, and gave the Flyers a 1-0 lead.

Williams made it 2-0 with a power-play goal early in the second. Marcus Ragnarsson took a shot from the point that was knocked down by Flyers forward John LeClair in front of the net. In the scramble, Williams whacked at Kwiatkowski's stick, pushing the puck past Kolzig.

Kwiatkowski spoiled Esche's shutout bid with his first goal this season and second of his career midway through the third period.

Blues 3, Canucks 2

Keith Tkachuk scored his second consecutive game-winning goal, leading the St. Louis Blues



Jason Doig of the Capitals fights with Todd Fedoruk of the Flyers in the first period of a 4-2 Flyers win.

to a 3-2 victory over the Vancouver Canucks in a match between first-place teams.

Tkachuk, who scored in overtime on Tuesday when St. Louis beat Anaheim, leads the Blues with seven goals this season. In 47 games against the Canucks, Tkachuk has 46 points.

The Blues, in first place in the Central Division at 8-3-0-1, have won seven of nine. Vancouver, the Northwest Division leaders at 9-3-2, had its five-game winning streak snapped. The loss also broke the Canucks' nine-game unbeaten streak.

St. Louis improved to 2-3-1 in its last six meetings with the Canucks overall. At home, the Blues are 5-1 in the last six games against Vancouver.

The Blues allowed the Canucks one power-play goal in seven chances. St. Louis has killed 25 of 27 penalties at home this season.

St. Louis earned the win despite failing to score on an early penalty shot. Vancouver's Ed Jovanovski tripped right

winger Eric Nickulas at 3:57 of the first period as Nickulas darted from his blue line on a breakaway. Jovanovski dived and used his stick to upend Nickulas.

Nickulas shot high on the penalty shot, putting the puck over goalie Dan Cloutier, who has stopped four of the six attempts he has faced.

Vancouver rookie Jason King scored a power-play goal at 13:26 of the first period. From behind the net, Daniel Sedin fed King, who used his backhand to beat Blues goalie Chris Osgood. It was King's seventh goal in 13 games.

It was the 13th time in 14 games that Vancouver scored first.

However, St. Louis tied it 50 seconds later at 14:16 when Pavol Demitra scored in a scramble in front of the net.

St. Louis took a 2-1 lead as Steve Martins scored an unassisted short-handed goal at 17:48 when he ripped a shot from the top of the right circle over Cloutier's glove hand.

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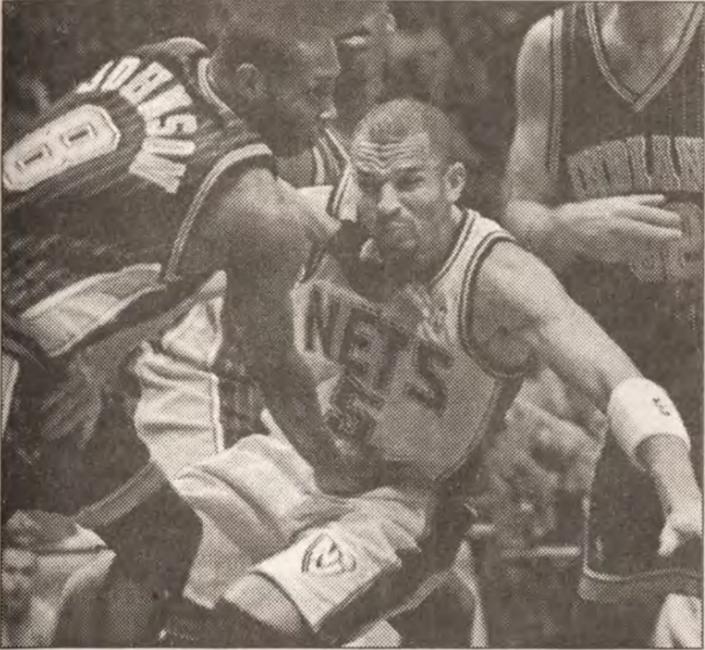
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NBA

Johnson leads Pacers to win over former team



New Jersey's Jason Kidd gets run over by former teammate Anthony Johnson in the first period of Indiana's 87-81 win.

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Instead of backing up Jason Kidd, Anthony Johnson got the best of him.

Johnson hit two straight three pointers to hold off a late rally by his former New Jersey teammates and the Indiana Pacers won their third straight game, 87-81 Thursday night.

"It's not personal," said Johnson, who had 17 points in 22 minutes off the bench. "You always want to show a team what they had and what they let get away."

Johnson spent the last two seasons as Kidd's backup, helping New Jersey win consecutive Eastern Conference titles.

While the Nets re-signed Kidd, they let Johnson go and he signed with the Pacers.

"A situation came up over the summer and they decided to go in a different direction," Johnson said. "You pick up and go and

move on."

Kidd wasn't surprised to see Johnson win the game.

"A.J. is very confident," Kidd said after the Nets wiped out all but two points of a 19-point deficit. "He loves to hit the big basket or find the open guy. That's the A.J. I know."

Ron Artest had 21 points and Jermaine O'Neal 15 for the Pacers who built their big lead by holding the Nets to 12 second-quarter points.

"I am stunned," Nets coach Byron Scott said. "I do not understand why we are not playing with the type of energy that we are accustomed to seeing."

Kerry Kittles had 23 points and nine rebounds to lead the Nets, who struggled with their shooting for the second straight game. Richard Jefferson added 18, and Aaron Williams had 15 points and 11 rebounds. Kidd finished with 10 points and eight assists after a 4-for-13 shooting night.

Johnson took over after Jason Collins hit two free throws with 3:48 to play to get New Jersey within 76-74.

With Kidd leaving him open in an attempt to double the ball, Johnson stood deep in the left corner and nailed a 3-pointer to put the Pacers ahead 79-74.

After Kidd turned the ball over at the other end of the floor, Johnson went back to the same corner and waited. O'Neal found him open with a cross-court pass and Johnson hit nothing but net again.

Kidd said he was hoping to get a steal or pick up an offensive foul.

"We have to live with A.J. making those shots," Kidd said. "He hit them at the wrong time for our case, but the right time for them. I'm happy for A.J. Indiana picked up a good basketball player."

Raptors 77, Mavericks 71

Vince Carter had 19 points and the Toronto Raptors held Dallas to its lowest-scoring game in nearly six years, beating the Mavericks 77-71.

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 27 points, but had just four in the second half. It was the fewest points the Mavericks have scored in a game since they were held to 67 in a loss to the New York Knicks on Dec. 22, 1997.

Antonio Davis had 13 points and 12 rebounds, and Morris Peterson added 12 points for the Raptors, who rebounded from the lowest-scoring game in franchise history. Minnesota beat Toronto 73-56 last Saturday.

Antoine Walker had 14 points and 17 rebounds for the Mavericks, but also committed nine turnovers. Michael Finley went 4-for-13 from the field for 11 points.

Dallas was without point guard Steve Nash, who sat out with a strained left shoulder.

Carter's put-back dunk gave Toronto a 70-67 lead with 4:25 left, but Nowitzki followed with two free throws.

Toronto's Milt Palacio then had a fast-break layup, but Finley made two free throws to cut the lead to one with 1:02 left.

Carter fed Peterson for a layup to give Toronto a 74-71 lead.

After Walker missed a 3-pointer, Carter missed two free throws with 21 seconds left.

Tony Delk's inbounds pass to deflect off Nowitzki's hands, and Carter picked it up. He was fouled before making one of two free throw attempts for a 75-71 lead.

After Walker missed a long jumper, Peterson made two free throws with 12 seconds left to seal the win.

Nowitzki scored eight points in the last two minutes of the first half when the Mavericks cut an early Toronto lead to two. Rookie Chris Bosh guarded Nowitzki during his scoring spurt.



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Return to UNC is not all smiles for Williams

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — He was giving a big speech that day, so he wore a Carolina Blue necktie, and yes, the color really did look good on Roy Williams.

The fairy tale version of the story is that Williams was destined to be here — dressed in a Carolina Blue, heading to a luncheon, getting ready to chat with folks about the Tar Heels team he cheered for, then worked for, and now leads.

But while Williams is happy to be back, the 53-year-old coach concedes the return to his alma mater has been something short of a fairy tale.

In fact, had he known what he was going to go through to make it here from his comfortable spot in Kansas, he might not have come.

"Some people misinterpret this, but they can handle it any way they want," Williams told The Associated Press, his friendly Southern drawl belying the much more intense man behind it. "But had I known what I was going to feel like telling my players I was leaving, there's no way I could have done it. It's the first time in my life I've ever felt dirty."

The coach says leaving Kansas was not easy. And he insists that rebuilding North

Carolina won't be, either, although many of the faithful don't want to believe it.

Williams takes over a team that lost 36 games in the last two seasons, missed the NCAA tournament both years and fell to the middle of the pack in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Since Dean Smith retired in 1997 from a program that was a model of stability, the Tar Heels have shown what can happen to a team when coaches

turn over too quickly, boosters get impatient and players rebel.

By many accounts, Williams' predecessor, Matt Doherty, essentially got run out of town by unhappy

players who threatened to leave.

Under Williams, many Tar Heels talk as if it's guaranteed that Carolina Blue will dominate again soon.

"He's going to get the guys playing together and playing hard every night and playing unselfishly and good things will happen if you play that way," former star Walter Davis said.

Current junior guard Melvin Scott said: "He just gives you confidence right away, just listening to him."

As soon as he arrived as North Carolina's coach, Williams realized how much had changed at the school he

has always adored.

"I had some North Carolina people criticize my actions at the press conference because I wasn't standing on the table doing cartwheels," Williams said. "But I told them it was because, six hours before, I'd just had the most difficult meeting of my life."

That was the meeting where he said goodbye to Kansas, the school he nurtured for 15 seasons. He took the Jayhawks to 14 NCAA tournaments, four Final Fours and two title games, including a 81-78 loss to Syracuse last season.

Three years ago, when Bill Guthridge left as Smith's replacement — he didn't quite live up to standards despite two Final Four trips — Williams was the top choice to replace him. He almost took the job, but ultimately declined.

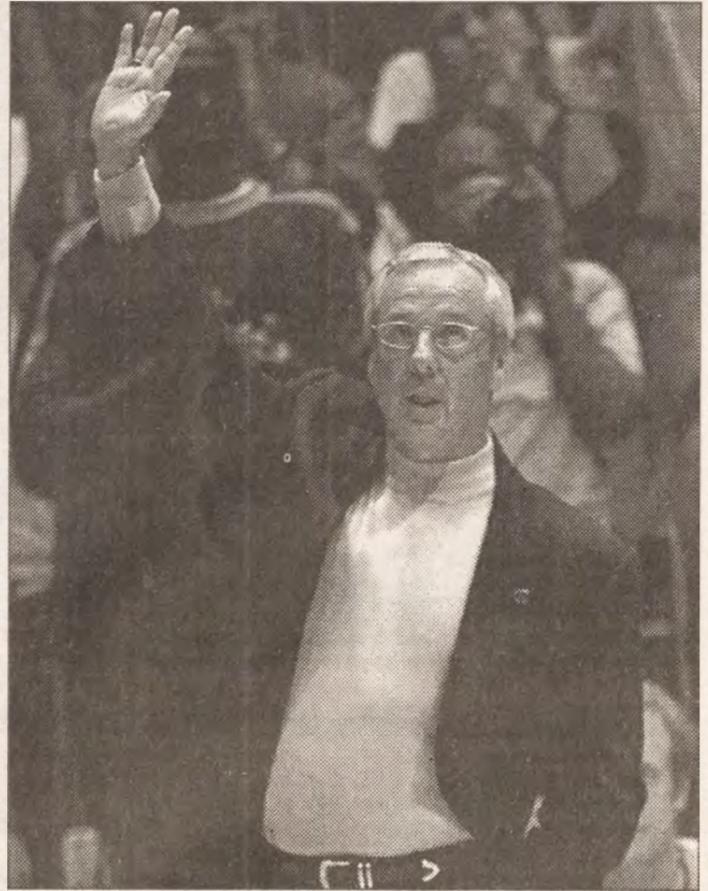
It was a gut-wrenching decision, and the one thing he regrets is what he told Kansas fans when he announced he was staying.

"I told them if I ever had another press conference like this, it'd be because I was either retiring or dying," Williams said.

Instead, three years later, he had one to announce that, yes, this time, he really was leaving.

Why this time?

"There was the feeling that I'd been very unhappy off the court the last year and a half," Williams said. The coach was in a well-documented spat with former athletic director Al Bohl, who was fired after the Final Four in what many viewed as Kansas' final



Tarheel coach Roy Williams waves to the crowd in the Dean E. Smith Center during Late Night with Roy Williams on Oct. 17.

"I had some North Carolina people criticize my actions at the press conference because I wasn't standing on the table doing cartwheels."

Roy Williams
Tarheels coach

attempt to make Williams happy.

Another reason was Smith, who Williams claims never put overt pressure on him to return. But, after Doherty was asked to resign, Smith called his protege.

"He said, 'We need you more

this time,'" Williams said.

So, he ended up back at his old stomping grounds, where he played freshman ball, then worked as an assistant.

"I was a Tar Heel born. When I die, I'll be a Tar Heel dead," he said the day he became the North Carolina coach.

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NFL

Brown implores team to stop inner fighting

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — As the longest-tenured member of the Oakland Raiders, Tim Brown decided it was about time he talked to his frustrated teammates.

The message: Shut up and play.

Brown addressed the Raiders (2-6) this week in an effort to get them back on track after the franchise's worst start in 39 years and the public criticism cornerback Charles Woodson had of second-year coach Bill Callahan.

Callahan initiated a meeting with Woodson on Wednesday, saying they worked things out. Woodson called Callahan stubborn and said he had lost control of his team and that the Raiders were falling apart. He last went off after Oakland's 23-13 loss at Detroit last Sunday.

"There will be no more comments about all this stuff that has been happening," said the 37-year-old Brown, who's been with the Raiders since they drafted him in the first round in 1988. "I think that was the right thing to do, the smart thing to do, and the best thing to do for this team, which is more important."

"Talk about football, talk about the Jets, talk about football games, but all this other stuff is not going to get us anywhere at this particular point."

The Raiders have been looking for leadership at a time they seem so vulnerable. Quarterback Rich Gannon is injured, and so is

backup Marques Tuiasosopo, leaving third-stringer Rick Mirer to start Sunday's game against the New York Jets. Many vocal members of Oakland's offensive line — Mo Collins, Frank Middleton and Lincoln Kennedy — have been battling injuries. So have several defensive stars, such as John Parrella and Dana Stubblefield.

"You can say whatever you want to say in this locker room, there's freedom of speech," Middleton said. "Nobody is mad at C-Wood and nobody is mad at Bill Callahan. They're two guys who have different feelings about each other. I'll leave it at that."

Brown believes the Raiders were approaching "a very divisive situation" only eight games removed from their Super Bowl loss to Tampa Bay. The Raiders are off to their worst start since beginning 1-6-1 in 1964.

"I have seen some divisive situations around here," Brown said. "And at this point in my career, I do not want to be going through that kind of stuff. It wasn't just me. There were other guys speaking, too. I think at some point you have got to trust a veteran's judgment in that kind of a situation. It's not like you've got people who want to run to the microphone and say things. We don't have that going on."

Brown even offered to let his teammates blame him for all the problems instead of their coaches or other players. About 10 of the Raiders watched the Patriots-Broncos Monday night game at Brown's house.

PGA

Howell, Perry sit atop tourney

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ten minutes after he watched his par putt spin out of the hole to end an aggravating day, Tiger Woods changed into shorts and a sleeveless shirt, then strapped on his fingerless gloves to go lift weights.

"It might be a little heavier this time," Woods said of his workout.

If anything, he needed to work off some steam Thursday.

In a pressure-packed finale of the PGA Tour season, Woods had no trouble distancing himself from chief rival Vijay Singh in the first round of the Tour Championship.

It's the other dozen guys ahead of him that present the problem.

Charles Howell III and Kenny Perry led the way Thursday, each with a 4-under 67 in the tricky breezes at Champions Golf Club to tie for the lead.

Woods was tied for the lead at one point after a brilliant start in which he put five strokes between him and Singh after the first five holes.

But he let a good round get away with three straight bogeys on the back nine, including a three-putt on the par-5 13th, for a 1-under 70 that left him tied for 13th.

"I hit two bad shots, and that was it," Woods said. "The rest were mostly putting mistakes."

Singh was even worse, using his putter 36 times in a round of 73 that kept him at the bottom of the leaderboard throughout the day.

"I let the putts get away from me," Singh said. "And I got

very tentative after that."

At stake in the final tournament of the PGA Tour season are the money title — advantage Singh — and player of the year, with Woods, Singh, Mike Weir and Davis Love III in the hunt. All of them likely could win the award with a victory at Champions.

Love finished with a double bogey and a bogey for a 73. Weir, the Masters champion, was 1 over on the par 5s, made four bogeys in his last 10 holes and shot 72.

This week means just as much to Howell, who is desperate not to end the season without a victory.

"Am I frustrated for not winning this year? Yeah, a little bit," Howell said. "I don't think you can ever give yourself an 'A' for the season without a win."

Perry, who had eight consecutive finishes in the top 10 this summer, had the only bogey-free round at Champions.

"Hopefully, that ball will keep flying at the flag and I keep making putts," Perry said.

Fred Funk, Jerry Kelly and Chris DiMarco all had a 3-under 68.

Only 16 players in the 31-man field of top money-winners managed to break par.

Most of the focus was on Singh and Woods, a final pairing that figured to set the tone for the week at Champions.

Singh has a \$768,494 lead

over Woods and knows what he has to do this week.

With an enormous gallery lining both sides of the fairway from tee to green, it had the atmosphere of match play. He is not one to be intimidated, although he looked nervous over the first few holes and never got it going.

"I hit two bad shots and that was it. The rest were mostly putting mistakes."

Tiger Woods golfer

He three-putted from 35 feet on the second hole, and took another three-putt bogey on the par-3 fourth, both times leaving himself about 8 feet for the par putt.

Woods, meantime, looked more determined than he has all year.

He hit a 4-iron over a canyon into 10 feet on No. 4, then moved to the top of the leaderboard with a 5-iron from 225 yards that landed softly on the flat part of the green and stopped 2 feet from the cup at the par-5 fifth for a tap-in eagle.

Woods appeared to be making a statement: Hold onto those PGA Tour player of the year ballots, and don't take his name off the money title trophy just yet.

But it all fell apart on three holes.

With one swing — a drive that sailed to the right and into the trees on No. 11 — all the momentum was gone. Woods whipped his body around and slammed his club into the ground, and bogeys started appearing on his card with alarming regularity.

He had to chip out and missed a 20-footer for par.

On the par-3 12th, he barely got his bunker shot out of the trap, and beat the rake handle with his wedge. Woods had to make a 6-footer just to save bogey.

The real shocker was on his final par 5, No. 13, which was playing downwind. He drove into the left rough, hit into a bunker and then three-putted for bogey from 35 feet.



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NCAA FOOTBALL

Carroll, Chow have USC winning with game plan

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The lights on the second floor of Heritage Hall burn late into the night while they plot and scheme, map out moves and consider contingencies.

USC coach Pete Carroll, offensive coordinator Norm Chow and the Trojans' staff have shown a knack for hatching winning strategies.

A lot of x-ing and o-ing? "Always," Carroll said, smiling and nodding.

The players take note of the midnight oil-burning in the coaches' room — and its results.

"You don't win by accident," said wide receiver Keary Colbert, one of only four seniors on the Trojans' high-powered offense. "I'm impressed with their ability to call plays for certain situations. It's kind of like they know what the other people are going to do.

"They're here all day, all night. I tip my hat to them, fully respect them for what they do."

The Trojans (8-1, 4-1 and tied atop the Pac-10) are second behind Oklahoma in both The Associated Press poll and the Bowl Championship Series

standings. It's their highest ranking in the poll since they were No. 2 for a while in 1988, and their highest ranking yet in the BCS standings.

USC moved up one slot in the poll and two in the BCS by beating then-No. 6 Washington State 43-16 last weekend, a victory that came in seemingly typical fashion. Ahead 15-10 at half-time, USC stuck to its game plan, made a few small halftime adjustments and outscored the Cougars 28-6 in the second half.

The Trojans are off this weekend, their second of three byes this year. They play at Arizona on Nov. 15.

Carroll, who enjoys relating to the players and enjoys that part of his job, obviously also likes the strategy end of it.

"We do a great deal of self-scouting and we go about it as our opponents would," he said. "You always want to know what the other guys know. So we hopefully know what they know — and more, if we're fortunate."

The game itself then becomes a bit of a chess match.

"When you know what you've got and what you're doing, then you know what other people have to do to attack you. When

you know that, you can see it coming, or at least respond quickly," Carroll explained.

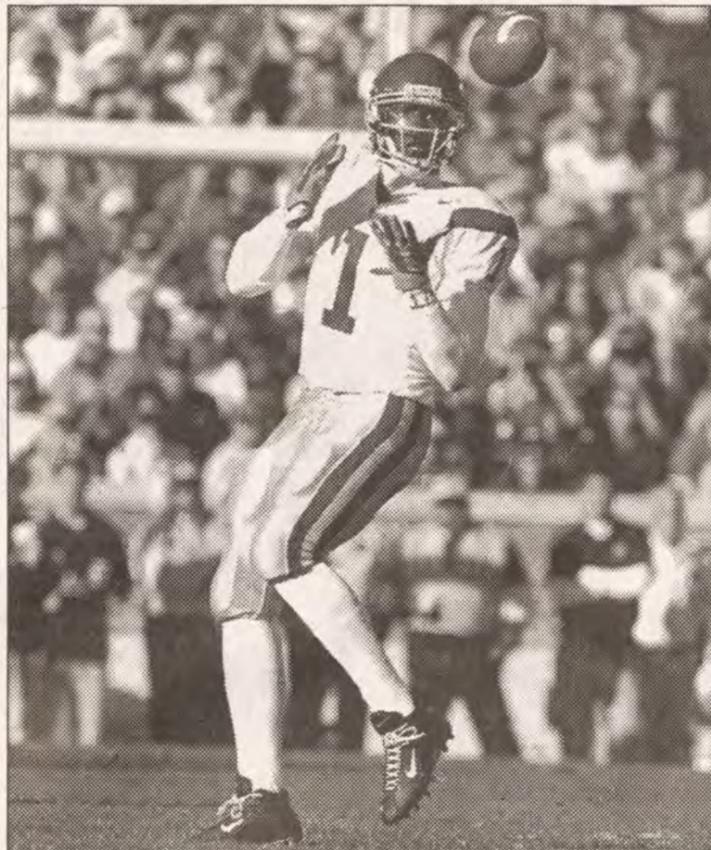
"A lot of it is waiting for them to do the things they should do, then adjusting as they go through it."

Carroll, 51, brought a rich coaching background to USC when he arrived in 2000, including 16 years as either a defensive coach or head coach in the NFL.

Trojans athletic director Mike Garrett has called Carroll a "defensive genius, one of the few around."

Chow, 57, is considered an offensive guru, particularly in developing quarterbacks. He spent 27 years on the staff at Brigham Young where he tutored Steve Young, Jim McMahon, Marc Wilson, Ty Detmer, Gifford Nielsen and Robbie Bosco. Chow then spent the 2000 season at North Carolina State, where he helped develop Philip Rivers as a freshman.

Last year, Chow's third at USC, Trojans' quarterback Carson Palmer won the Heisman Trophy. This season, redshirt sophomore Matt Leinart has become one of the nation's best passers.



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Trojan wide receiver Mike Williams hauls in a pass during Southern Cal's 45-14 victory over Notre Dame.

Hall's suspension could leave Hokies vulnerable

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — If he had his choice, Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer probably wouldn't bench cornerback DeAngelo Hall for a single play against Pittsburgh receiver Larry Fitzgerald.

One misread coverage, one false step, one missed tackle is all Fitzgerald needs to transform a routine play into a touchdown, as the Hokies know from experience.

No wonder Beamer can't help but feel nervous knowing Hall must sit out the first half of Saturday's game against the No.

25 Panthers for fighting with Miami's Antrel Rolle last week.

Fitzgerald's three touchdown catches led Pitt to a 28-21 upset victory over then-No. 3 Virginia Tech last season, a breakout performance against a previously undefeated team that signaled his arrival as a major star.

Before that, Fitzgerald had four touchdown catches in eight college games. Since then, the sophomore has caught 24 touchdown passes in 13 games — 16 in eight games this season — and has emerged as a top contender for the Heisman Trophy.

Hall's 30-minute suspension follows the recent loss of corner-

back Garnell Wilds to a knee injury and leaves No. 5 Virginia Tech (7-1, 3-1 in Big East) with only two experienced cornerbacks, Vinnie Fuller and Eric Green. The lack of depth may cause Beamer to move free safety Jimmy Williams to cornerback and play backup Mike Daniels at safety.

Count on Pitt quarterback Rod Rutherford (25 touchdown passes, five interceptions) to throw frequently to the side where Hall normally plays, at least during the first half.

"I expect we'll see a few balls in the air," Beamer said.

Pitt coach Walt Harris is more

concerned with what his players do than who is defending them, saying, "When the ball is in the air, it's [Fitzgerald's]. We just have to get him the ball."

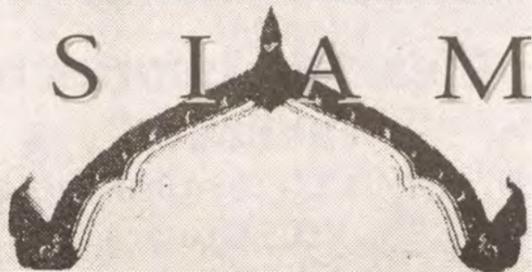
In other matchups between ranked teams this weekend: No. 6 Miami hosts No. 18 Tennessee; No. 14 Michigan State visits No. 7 Ohio State; No. 10 Iowa plays at No. 16 Purdue; and No. 11 Texas plays at No. 21 Oklahoma State.

Also Saturday, No. 1 Oklahoma hosts Texas A&M, No. 3 Florida State plays at Clemson, No. 12 Washington State hosts UCLA, No. 17 Florida hosts Vanderbilt, No. 19 Nebraska plays at Kansas, No. 20 Mississippi visits

Auburn, No. 22 Missouri travels to Colorado, No. 23 Northern Illinois plays at Buffalo, and No. 24 Minnesota hosts Wisconsin.

Pitt's problem heading into its first game against a ranked opponent this season isn't who can catch the ball, but who can run it.

Last season, Brandon Miree's 161-yard night helped Pitt rush for 275 yards, allowing the Panthers to secure the lead. Fitzgerald's scoring catches gave them. But Miree has a stress fracture in his foot and hasn't played in six weeks, and Pitt (6-2, 3-0) hasn't found a suitable replacement.



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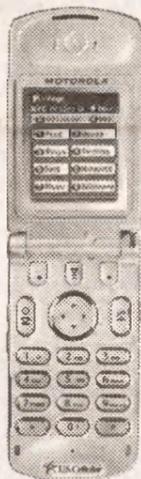
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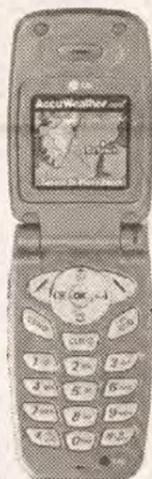
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USA TODAY/AVCA Women's Volleyball Poll

	team	record	points
1	USC	22-0	1,625
2	Hawaii	24-1	1,550
3	Florida	24-1	1,583
4	Pepperdine	19-2	1,421
5	Kansas State	22-3	1,289
6	UCLA	19-4	1,263
7	Georgia Tech	23-1	1,238
8	Stanford	17-5	1,173
9	California	19-3	1,169
10	Nebraska	20-3	996
11	Washington	15-7	964
12	NOTRE DAME	19-2	831
13	Northern Iowa	20-4	715
14	Santa Clara	16-8	713
15	Colorado State	20-4	634
16	Penn State	20-4	608
17	Loyola Marymount	22-4	605
18	San Diego	17-6	457
19	UC Santa Barbara	15-6	446
19	Minnesota	17-7	443
21	Texas A&M	17-5	393
22	Wisconsin	17-6	282
23	Louisville	15-4	247
24	Cincinnati	23-2	130
25	Missouri	16-6	73

NCAA/Coaches Women's Soccer Poll

	team	record	points
1	North Carolina	18-0-0	400
2	UCLA	14-1-3	382
3	NOTRE DAME	19-1-1	360
4	Penn State	16-2-2	335
5	Portland	16-3-0	328
6	Santa Clara	11-3-5	318
7	Colorado	15-2-1	293
8	Virginia	12-4-2	289
9	West Virginia	15-3-1	286
10	Florida	14-3-1	273
11	Texas A&M	12-4-2	226
12	Duke	12-5-1	203
13	Illinois	13-3-2	180
14	Washington	10-5-3	149
15	Utah	15-2-0	140
16	Florida State	11-6-1	138
17	Ohio State	12-3-3	132
18	Connecticut	10-5-3	127
19	Tennessee	13-4-1	115
20	Clemson	11-5-2	90
21	Kansas	15-4-1	92
22	Nebraska	11-6-1	86
23	Texas	12-7-0	70
24	Auburn	13-2-3	62
25	California Poly	16-1-2	20

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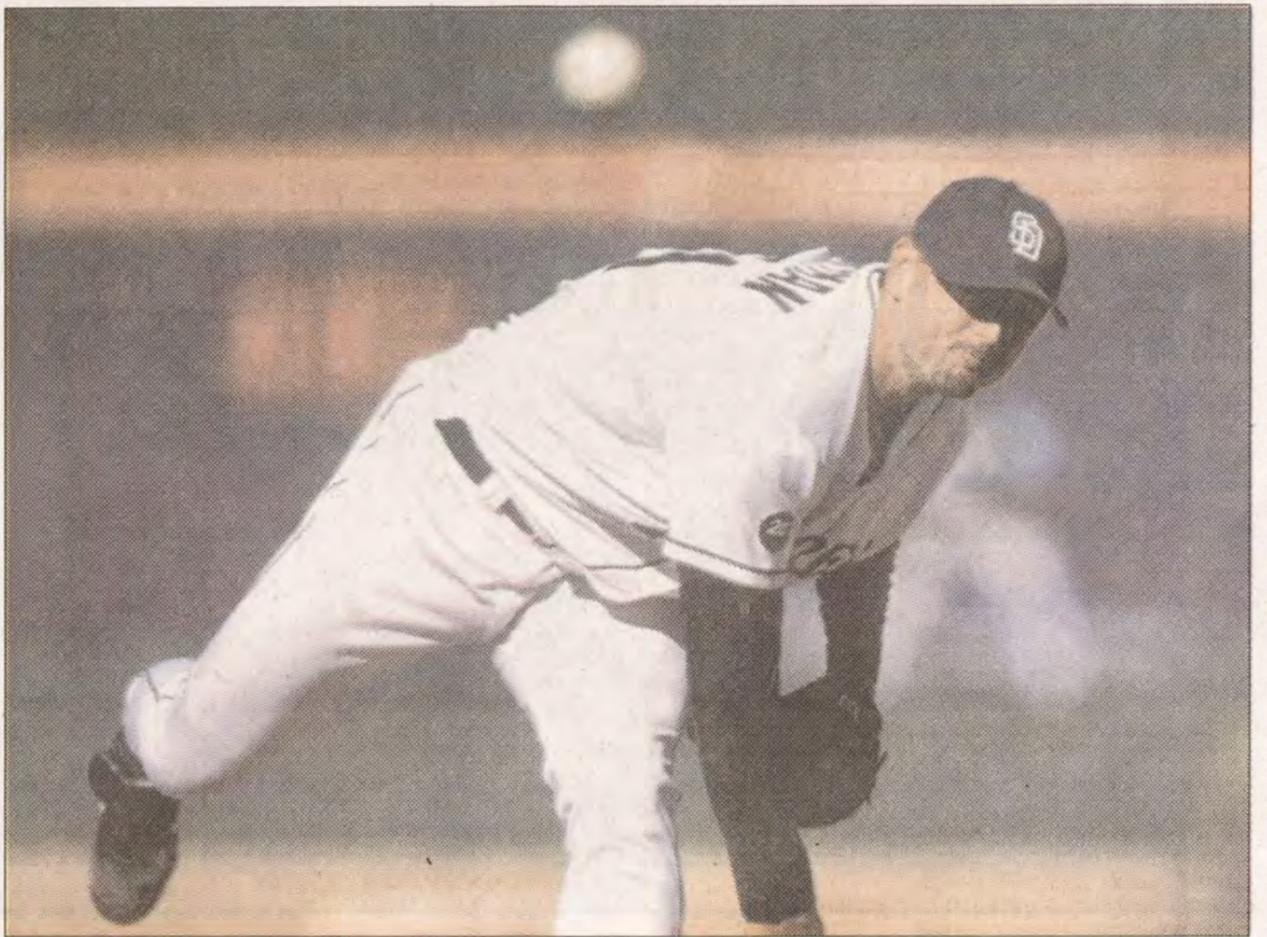
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NAVY (6-3) at NOTRE DAME (2-6)
 UCLA at WASHINGTON STATE (7-2)
 MICHIGAN STATE (7-2) at Ohio State
 Iowa at PURDUE (7-2)
 Virginia Tech at PITTSBURGH (6-2)
 West Virginia at BOSTON COLLEGE (5-4)
 FLORIDA STATE (8-1) at Clemson
 Arizona State at STANFORD (3-4)
 Temple at SYRACUSE (4-3)

Off

MICHIGAN (8-2)
 USC (8-1)
 BRIGHAM YOUNG (4-6)

MLB



San Diego Padres player Trevor Hoffman pitches during a home game against the Cincinnati Reds. Hoffman agreed to take a pay cut in order to continue to play for the team.

Padres' Hoffman agrees to new deal

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Closer Trevor Hoffman was so intent on staying with the San Diego Padres that he was willing to take a big pay cut.

The Padres had a \$10 million option on Hoffman for next season but had no intention of picking it up after he missed the first five months of last season while recovering from two off-season shoulder operations.

Instead, they bought him out for \$2 million and agreed to a new deal with a \$2.5 million salary next year and a chance to make

another \$500,000 in incentives.

"It's an opportunity to show the team that I am going to be healthy and that I plan on pitching a few more years beyond this contract," Hoffman said Wednesday night. "This is home."

Hoffman, fifth on the career saves list with 352, said he didn't consider testing the free-agent market.

"I just consider myself a Padre," he said. "The thought of going someplace else was real disturbing, to be real honest."

The new deal also has an option for 2005 that

Hoffman can guarantee by reaching certain performance levels. General manager Kevin Towers would not be specific, but said the numbers should be easily attained if the reliever has a good season.

"I'm not going to say this was easy. It was complicated because of his injury," Towers said. "But it was pretty clear that Trevor wanted to wear only one uniform, the Padres' uniform, and we wanted him to stay in a Padres' uniform."

Hoffman made \$9 million in 2003, the last year of a \$32 million, four-year contract.

"He knew he'd have to take a much smaller base and prove to us and prove to the rest of baseball that he can perform at the level he did before the injury," Towers said.

The 36-year-old right-hander is known for his intense stare, high leg kick and wicked changeup. All but two of his saves have come with the Padres.

Hoffman didn't have any saves last season. Stuck in last place in the NL West, the Padres didn't want to rush Hoffman after he returned in September. His nine appearances were all in non-save situations and spaced out by three days.

IN BRIEF

UN officer runs NYC course twice in one day

NEW YORK — A United Nations officer thought running the New York City Marathon was so nice he did it twice.

Kevin Shelton-Smith ran 26.2 miles in the morning before the official race started, then covered another 26.2 miles along with the rest of the field in the actual marathon.

"I'm always looking for a new challenge to find the limits of my body — to be all you can be," said the 43-year-old Englishman, a peacekeeping air operations officer for the UN and an accomplished marathoner.

Shelton-Smith started in Central Park at 5 a.m. ET and ran the course from the finish line to the start, stopping along the way to talk with race volunteers. He reached the race staging area at Fort Wadsworth on the Staten Island

side of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in 3 hours, 45 minutes.

That gave Shelton-Smith about 90 minutes to rest before taking off with the rest of the 35,286 entrants at the official start of 10:10 a.m.

Running conservatively at the start to feel stronger in the later stages of the race, Shelton-Smith finished the official marathon in 3:35:45. Last year, he finished the marathon in 2:47.

Man charged with theft of Stenson's SUV

PHOENIX — A man found driving a vehicle that belonged to slain Cincinnati Reds outfielder Darnell Stenson was booked on a charge of possession of stolen property, police said Thursday.

The man, Kevin Riddle, was arrested and jailed Wednesday night about two hours after Stenson was found dead in the Phoenix suburb of Chandler, police said.

No other charges were filed against Riddle, whom police called an "investigative lead." Police said they didn't know if the two men knew each other.

Stenson's body was found Wednesday by police responding to a report of shots fired. He appeared to have been shot and run over by the SUV, authorities said.

Stenson, 25, made his major league debut this season and played 37 games for the Reds. He hit .247 with three home runs and 13 RBIs — his homer accounted for Cincinnati's final run of the season.

Stenson was playing this month for the Scottsdale Scorpions of the Arizona Fall League. He was hitting .394, third-best in the league, in 18 games.

Stenson was a third-round draft pick of the Boston Red Sox in 1996. He stayed in their system until this year, when the Reds claimed him off waivers during spring training.

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 Trail Blazers at Supersonics 10:30 p.m., ESPN

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PGA Tour Championship 1 p.m., ESPN

WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Badin, Cavanaugh face off for right to go to Stadium

By KATIE WAGNER and RACHEL SCHIROS
Sports Writers

For Cavanaugh and Badin, there truly is no "I" in team. Both play a game incorporating their whole squad, and the lack of individual superstars on these teams should make for an extremely close semifinals match.

"Both defenses have been stingy over the season, so there probably won't be a ton of points put on the board, which makes execution on offense critical," Badin captain Jenn Carter said. "This game could easily be decided by a dropped pass or a failed extra point".

Cavanaugh's impressive 5-1 regular season record placed them as the Blue League's top team. This gave them a bye into the semi-finals.

Badin's having a lower seed than Cavanaugh forced them to play a semifinals qualifying game. Last Sunday, they shut out McGlinn 28-0. Carter thinks that playing this game has given Badin an advantage over the Chaos.

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Cavanaugh captain Jessica Leibowitz is not bothered by the break, since her squad has certainly still been playing a lot of football.

"We've been practicing a lot," Leibowitz said, "We've definitely gotten better [since the regular season]".

Contrary to what Badin might expect, Cavanaugh's regular season-ending loss to Pasquerilla West has actually been very helpful for Cavanaugh. This only loss for Cavanaugh has taught the team to become more aware of its weaknesses.

"We learned a lot from that game," Leibowitz said.

Even with the lack of a stand-out player, both teams are still optimistic with their chances on the field.

Cavanaugh sophomore Lisa Ruffer is a first year starting quarterback.

"She's stepped up a lot this year, everyone has noticed that. She's just been outstanding," Leibowitz said. "Overall we've been playing really well. We just have to be ready for anything".

Cavanaugh and Badin will fight to play in Notre Dame Stadium at the West Quad field at 4 p.m. Sunday.

Welsh vs. Lewis

Welsh Family plans on taking the Chicks by storm in the playoff match up this Sunday, but

the Lewis Hall team has no intention of being blown down from its perch at the top of the standings.

Lewis has the best record in the women's division, winning all six of its games this season. This is a notable amount of progress since last season when they went 3-3, missing the playoffs by one game.

"It is the excellent coaching that has truly separated this year from last," senior defensive lineman Chantal DeAlcuaz said

Welsh Family, with the fifth-place and lowest ranking of teams still in final round contention, finished the regular season at 4-2. The Whirlwinds are a force to contend with, however, as they proved in last Sunday's 19-0 shutout against Breen-Phillips.

"Everything was working against Breen-Phillips," senior Jamie McEldowney said. "We just came together like we've been trying to all season. People made the pull and connected on passes. It came down to the fundamentals."

The win was especially significant because in their opening game against the same team the Whirlwinds had been shutout 13-0.

"It was important to prove to ourselves we were better than that," McEldowney said. "It really boosted our self confi-

dence as individuals and as a team."

While the Chicks haven't had a game in several weeks, they have still been hard at work.

"I can't say enough about the enthusiasm, even just in making every practice," senior captain Erin Nasrallah said.

Welsh's Whirlwinds find their strength this season coming not necessarily from specific team members, as has been the case in years past, but from the efforts of the entire team all working together.

"Our coaches have done such an excellent job — newcomers are fit well into the team while at the same time older players are also improving," McEldowney said.

Heading into the final games, the team looks to continue its work on executing passes on offense and making the pulls on defense.

The Lewis team knows it will be tough to beat, as promised by a defense against whom a touchdown hasn't been scored since the first game. At the same time, they appreciate what a privilege it is to play this far into the season.

"We are strong as a team and we have really great competitors as well," DeAlcuaz said.

Welsh is equally anticipating the weekend's game.

"It has definitely been a fun time. We are all very excited to



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Badin will face Cavanaugh in the semifinals Sunday.

play and to make it, game by game, as far as we can go," McEldowney said, "I can't wait to get out on the field."

The teams compete for a spot on the stadium at 3 p.m. Sunday on the West Quad.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Salas falls in opening round of Indoor Championships

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior co-captain Alicia Salas ranked 63rd nationally in singles, fell 6-3, 6-3 to No. 8 Alexis Gordon of Florida Thursday afternoon in

the Miami Varsity Tennis Center in the opening round of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships, the second leg of the collegiate grand slam.

Following her loss to the tournament's No. 4 seed, Salas will compete in consolation action beginning today.

The match marked the second time this fall that Gordon topped Salas, with the Gator

also prevailing 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 in the quarterfinals of the "adi" flight in September's adidas Invitational.

Salas is 11-5 this fall, with her defeats coming against the Nos. 4, 7, 8, 8 and 27 players

in the nation. She has eight victories against ranked foes.

She is the first Irish player to gain entrance to the National Indoor Championships in three seasons. Current Notre Dame assistant coach Michelle Dasso reached the semifinals of the event in 2000-01.

The All-American Championships, the National Indoors and the year-end NCAA Championships are college tennis' three national championship events during the season. From 1986 until 2001, there were four national events, but the ITA National Clay Court Championships is no longer played. The National Indoor Championships date back to 1978 and were played in February of each season until 2001-02.

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ND SWIMMING

Irish look to overcome early season struggles

By MATT PULGLISI
Sports Writer

While it's still early in the season, the Irish are already looking to get back on track.

The women's swimming and diving team hopes to improve upon its 1-1 mark in dual meets when the Irish host the Panthers at 4:30 p.m. this afternoon.

"In the past, [Pittsburgh] has always been a strong team," senior diver Meghan Perry-Eaton said. "They're one of our toughest competitors in conference, which means a lot to us."

The Irish enter the meet after falling to the Hoosiers 176-124 last Thursday. Despite individual victories by Ann Barton (200-yard backstroke), Katie Carroll (100-yard butterfly), Brooke Taylor (200-yard butterfly) and Perry-Eaton (one- and three-meter diving),

Notre Dame was unable to top Indiana and earn its second dual meet victory.

"In general, the team swam well, but we just got touched out," Perry-Eaton said. "There were a lot of events with close finishes, and when it's the same team that keeps getting it, it adds up."

On Oct. 23, the Irish triumphed over the University of Tampa, 158-114.

Perry-Eaton believes that a strong sense of team unity will be key to the Irish claiming the Big East title for the eighth consecutive year.

"We're really close as a team," Perry-Eaton said.

"When you have the support of your teammates and you're all working for a common goal, it keeps your adrenaline up and gives you that extra drive you might need."

Ultimately, the Irish realize that resolve will go a long way over the course of the season.

"It's a long year, and we just need to be stay consistent and positive," Perry-Eaton said. "It helps to know that the team and coaches are behind you. It really has an unbelievable benefit."

The men's swimming and diving team looks to record its first dual meet victory when

the Irish (0-2 in dual meets) challenge the Spartans tonight at 5 p.m.

"Michigan State improved dramatically last year," Irish men's coach Tim Welsh said. "We expect a very competitive meet, and there will be a lot of close races that we need to win."

On Oct. 21, the Irish fell to North Carolina 183.5-111.5 in the first of a two-meet fall break road trip to the East Coast. Four swimmers recorded first place finishes against North Carolina, including Ted Brown (200-yard individual medley), Tim Randolph (100-yard breaststroke), Frank Krakowski (50-yard freestyle) and Tim Kegelman (100-yard butterfly).

Two days later, Notre Dame dropped a second decision against North Carolina State, 139-98. Patrick Heffernan (200-yard butterfly) and Brown (500-yard freestyle) turned in

event victories in the loss.

While the two losses would imply otherwise, according to Welsh, the meets were anything but a negative experience. "They really challenged us, and we raced at a higher level than ever before in October," Welsh said. "As a young team, the trip was very profitable, and we learned a ton."

With a 29-man squad that includes 21 freshmen and sophomores, gaining experience and continuing to develop will be instrumental for the Irish this season.

"Our key to success this year will be improvement," Welsh said. "If we do the right things, the scoreboard will take care of itself. We're not where we want to be right now, but I'm already seeing signs that it's on the way."

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HOCKEY

Irish travel to face offensive-minded Spartans

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

What happens when an unstoppable force meets an immovable object? That question will be answered this weekend as the Irish travel to East Lansing to take on Michigan State in a two-game CCHA road series.

The Irish (5-2-0, 4-2-0 in the CCHA) play the part of the object, ranking first in the CCHA in team defense with a miniscule 1.71 goals per game average. By contrast, the Spartans (5-3-0, 4-2-0) lead the CCHA in offense with 4.00 goals per game.

"Our goaltending has been really good so far, but there's also four seniors who play on defense," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "It anchors things and makes things much better there. I think it's kind of an interesting fact being that we'd go into this series being the best defensive team and them the best offensive team."

"I think if you turn the clock back it's usually very different. They're usually the best defensive team in the league."

Both teams come into this weekend's series on a four-game winning streak. The Spartans faced last year's CCHA regular season champion Ferris State in a home-and-home series last weekend, outscoring the Bulldogs 12-2 in the sweep.

Part of the reason for Notre Dame's early defensive success has been the play of freshman goaltender David Brown. Brown comes into the series holding a shutout streak of 186 minutes, 15 seconds — an Irish record.

Brown's last shutout occurred this past Friday when Notre Dame defeated Nebraska-Omaha at home by the score of 2-0.

The freshman was named CCHA Rookie of the Week for his efforts, the second time this year Brown has received the honor. He currently leads the CCHA in overall GAA (1.15) and save percentage (.964).

Junior Morgan Cey, who was

the team's No. 1 goaltender last season, also played well in his first game since returning from offseason surgery. Against Nebraska-Omaha last Thursday, Cey stopped 29 of 31 shots in Notre Dame's 4-2 victory.

Poulin said that he plans to start Cey in the first game of the Michigan State series and Brown in the second. In his career, Cey has a 1-2-1 record against the Spartans with a .943 save percentage and a 2.06 goals against average.

While Brown receives most of the accolades, this year's Irish rookie class has quietly put together an impressive start to the season.

Among the freshmen class' contributions — forward Michael Bartlett has collected three points (two goals and an assist), defenseman Wes O'Neill has two points (a goal and an assist), forwards Matt Williams-Kovacs and Jason Paige each have two assists and left wing Josh Sciba leads the team with a 68.8 percent faceoff win rate.

"All the guys I'm very pleased with," Poulin said. "You look at the potential of this class and the depth of this class, and it's

great.

"It's something where every single guy has contributed in some way this year. They're adding a really nice dimension now — some of it's role-oriented and situation-oriented — but they're doing a really nice job."

The Spartans have their own share of young talent as well, however. Freshman forward Tommy Goebel and junior forward Jim Slater lead the team with seven goals each. Slater also sits atop the CCHA leaderboard with 15 points.

"They're a team-based offense," Poulin said. "I think even when you have a young man like Slater putting up a ton of points, I think their offense is still a balanced offense."

Freshman goaltender Dominic Vicari has done a good job in net so far, filling in occasionally for Matt Migliaccio — the team's No. 1 goaltender a year ago.

Vicari is seventh in the CCHA with a 2.33 goals against average and has a 2-1-0 record with one shutout. The junior Migliaccio has allowed three goals a game with a 2-1-0 record as well. Migliaccio has a slightly better save percentage,

however — .898 to Vicari's .866.

One reason for Michigan State's average defensive stats may be a relatively-green back line. Joe Markusen is the only senior on a Spartan defense that includes five freshmen and two sophomores.

By contrast, the Irish feature a defense that includes four seniors, two juniors, and one sophomore and one freshman.

"Our defense has really done a

great job stopping things like second shots and shots from the deep slot," Poulin said. "We're taking a lot of pride in our defense right now and we have to keep it going."

The Irish face the Spartans Friday and Saturday at 7:05 p.m.

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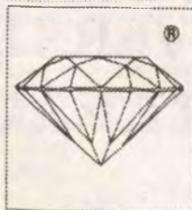
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish wrap exhibition season Sunday at home

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame will play in its final exhibition game of the season when its faces off against Team Concept Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Irish are 19-1 in exhibition games since the 1993-94 season and won the first of their two preseason games Nov. 3 against Northwest Sports 85-65.

Sophomores Courtney LaVere and Megan Duffy led Notre Dame, which led by 10 points at halftime. LaVere scored 21 points on 10-for-14 shooting and added seven rebounds, while Duffy had 13 assists and 14 points. The Irish also got 20 points from junior Jacqueline Batteast, and classmate Katy Flecky had 12 points, seven

rebounds, six assists and four steals.

Notre Dame started the game against Northwest sloppy but shot well to close out the half with a 45-35 lead.

Freshmen Crystal Erwin, Breona Gray and Susie Powers all got their first collegiate action and could see more minutes this weekend against Team Concept. Erwin, who Irish coach Muffet McGraw anticipates getting in foul trouble this season, picked up five fouls in 12 minutes and also added six points. Gray made her only shot, and Powers went 0-for-3 from the field.

Notre Dame moved the ball well in its first exhibition game and ran well in the open court. McGraw said doing both those things would be key this year for the Irish. The team also played

solid defense, especially in the second half when they held Northwest Sports to a mere 29.7 percent shooting.

Notre Dame opens its season Nov. 14 against defending NIT Champion Auburn before facing the winner of Colorado or Old Dominion in Boulder, Colo.

The Irish will not have Teresa Borton or Jeneka Joyce for Sunday's contest because both are out with injuries. Borton had offseason heel surgery and is out until early December, while Joyce should begin practice soon and could play in roughly two weeks. She is out with an undisclosed injury.

Notre Dame's first home game is Nov. 21 against Valparaiso.

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Observer Staff Photo

Megan Duffy passes the ball in an exhibition game against Northwest Sports. The Irish cap off exhibition play Sunday.

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offense," Big Red captain J.T. Arseniadis said. "The hangover from fall break set in, and we need to get [the offense] back in form."

Keenan, on the other hand, is coming off a dramatic 10-7 victory over fourth-seeded Knott. Falling behind 7-0 on a second quarter touchdown, the Knights drew even on a Reed Langton touchdown run in the third and advanced to the semifinals on a 25-yard field goal by Andrew Warner with only 28 seconds remaining in the game.

"We didn't come out in the first half like we wanted to and kind of sleep-walked through it," Downey said. "However, I really liked the character we showed

in coming back, which gives us some momentum this week."

Dillon rallied from an 8-0 deficit to defeat Keenan 14-8 in the regular season's final week. The victory not only preserved the Big Red's flawless record, but also secured Dillon the first seed in the playoffs.

"We came out flat and Keenan took it to us," Arseniadis said. "We need to play stronger defense, execute on offense, and eliminate the stupid penalties to win again."

Downey points to the ground game as the key to the Knights' success this year.

"We're a running team on both sides of the ball," Downey said. "We try to pound teams by just lining up and beating our guys off the ball."

Similarly, Dillon also boasts an impressive combination of both run defense and offense.

"Defensively, we shut down the run pretty well and just grind it out," Arseniadis said. "If you can control the line of scrimmage, you can be successful, and we've done that."

The winner of Sunday's contest will challenge either Siegfried or Morrissey in Notre Dame Stadium for the men's interhall football championship.

Siegfried vs. Morrissey

Last year, Morrissey fell to Siegfried in the first round of the playoffs. This year, the two teams square off again, but now the stakes are higher and the victor goes to Notre Dame Stadium.

And if last year's game was any indication, the sequel should be a classic.

Siegfried coach John Torgensen feels the same way.

"I think these are the two best teams in the league," he said. "I know Dillon is undefeated and the No. 1 seed, but they didn't have to play Morrissey."

A renowned passing offense is part of what puts Siegfried in the

upper echelon of interhall teams. Though stifled for most of last week's game against Alumni, Siegfried's explosive aerial attack showed up when needed most. Quarterback Bill Bingle authored a late fourth quarter touchdown drive, spreading the ball around the field to his favorite target John Kaup, new addition Marques Bolden, and finally hitting tight end Mike Wahl for the game-winning touchdown.

Torgensen attributed the 10-6 win to the Bingle's poise.

"Having been to the stadium twice, Bill Bingle has seen it all," he said. "We all feel confident with him running the show."

But what the Morrissey defense faces through the air, the Ramblers defense will face on the ground. The Manoriges feature a consistent and punishing ground assault led by the tandem of tailback Nick Klein and quarterback Marty Mooney.

Last week, Zahm had little success in stopping the Morrissey duo. Klein amassed 75 total rushing yards while

Mooney chipped in with a 60-yard scramble of his own. Both players rushed for a touchdown.

As for facing the Rambler defense, Klein plans on taking what the defense gives them. "We're planning to mix it up on offense and see what works well that day," he said.

However, touchdowns will be at a premium for both sides. Though their offenses run opposing schemes, both defenses put up similar stingy numbers week in and week out. The Rambler defense has recorded two shutouts and is holding opponents to 4.6 points per game. Rambler cornerback John Lira feels that the Siegfried defense has a distinct advantage in its practices.

"Playing against the top offense in practice makes [the defense] better as a whole," Lira said. "As good as their offense is, I can't say that it's as good as ours."

However, Morrissey's defense has also been up to the task, beginning the year with three straight shutouts and allowing only 3.8 points per game.

But on Sunday, the focus for both teams is on the present, specifically on a trip to the stadium.

"That's the goal of the entire endeavor — to make it to the stadium," Klein said. "That's obviously one of our major drives of the season."

Siegfried will be seeking its third consecutive stadium appearance, and Lira remains confident in his team.

"The road to the championship still goes through Siegfried. As far as we're concerned, we're still driving the bus," Lira said.

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the year and took the Irish to overtime at Alumni Field last month.

Boston College advanced by beating Rutgers 2-1 in the quarterfinals and is led by sophomore Katie McGregor and senior Sarah Rahko. The Eagles started the season 8-0 and have currently hit their stride, winning five consecutive games.

"We've played them before, although not this season," Waldrum said. "They're pretty similar though personnel-wise. They are good defensively and don't give up many goals. They're a team that will give you a difficult game and is capable of beating you."

While the Irish and Eagles have not played this season, they are familiar with each other. The Irish defeated Boston College 3-0 in that semifinal two years ago, and then beat the Eagles 1-0 last year on a golden goal from Amanda Guertin in overtime. Guertin, Amy Warner and Melissa Tancredi all scored in the 3-0

win two seasons ago.

This time around, however, the Irish will have to go without Warner, who suffered a severely sprained ankle in the game against Miami and is listed as week-to-week. Junior Mary Boland also remains questionable for this weekend's game, which means the Irish could be without their two leading scorers.

The Irish did get a boost against Miami from the return of defender Tancredi, who is still slowed somewhat by an ankle injury.

The Irish depth up front will come into play, as sophomore Maggie Manning and freshman Lizzie Reed are very capable of stepping in alongside Guertin and sophomore Katie Thorlakson as the Irish forwards.

"I don't think we'll change things too much," Waldrum said. "Amy and Mary give us the opportunity to press more, so we won't do that quite as often, but we'll have the same mindset. Lizzie and Maggie can give us some of the same pressing mindset, but we lose a little without Amy's pace and athleticism."



Amy Warner steals the ball from a Miami player Oct. 12. The Irish will be without Warner and Mary Boland, the team's leading scorers, who are both injured.

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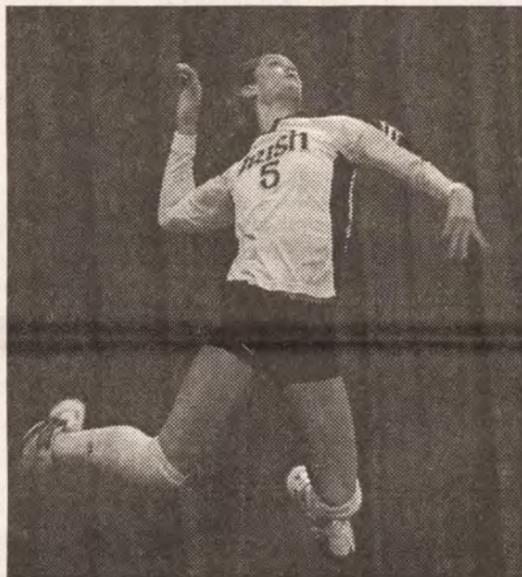
◆ If the Irish get past Boston College, they will face a team seeking revenge. Notre Dame beat then No. 5 West Virginia 2-0 and Villanova 1-0 on the same

weekend in early October.

◆ Three of the four teams remaining in the tournament come from the Mid-Atlantic Division, with Boston College being the lone representative

from the Northeast side.

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Senior Jessica Kinder jump serves in a recent match for the Irish.

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off a big win over second place Pittsburgh last week, and they know that Virginia Tech is a more than worthy opponent.

"I think it will be really easy [not to look past Friday] because we lost to Virginia Tech last year," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "It's not about revenge, it's just about playing the way we know how to play, and I know [the team] won't look past them."

This weekend is the last homestand for the Irish until the Big East Tournament, and they look to make the most of playing good teams at home.

"[Virginia Tech] is playing well, and that is good for us," Brown said. "We want to play a team that is on fire and playing well."

The Irish have been playing well of late as well, winning their last 12

matches. They are the No. 1 blocking squad in the country, averaging 3.84 blocks per game — nearly a half block more than their closest competition.

Sophomore middle blocker Lauren Brewster is a large part of that statistic, as she leads the nation in individual blocking with 1.82 blocks per game. Brewster also leads the Irish in hitting percentage, as she hits .359.

Sophomore middle blocker Lauren Kelbley is second on the team in blocking (1.33 per game), and is another large part of the balanced Irish attack. Junior Emily Loomis leads the Irish hitters with 3.67 kills per game.

Running the offense is senior setter Kristen Kinder. Kinder has been steady for the Irish ever since they switched to a 5-1 offense from the 6-2 they started the season with.

However, Sunday's match will prove to be a challenge for Notre Dame. Miami is led by last year's Big East Player of the Year, Valeria Tipiana, who averages 4.03 kills and 2.48 digs while

hitting .324 this season. Last year, the Hurricanes ended a 43-game Big East winning streak for the Irish and made it to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in only the program's second year. The Hurricanes are two games behind the Irish in the Big East standings.

"We're definitely ready to play good teams," Herndon said. "That is always a more fun game."

The Irish find themselves prepared for what they deem just another weekend of conference play.

"It's a big weekend just because we have two conference games, and our goal is to win our conference," Herndon said. "We're very excited, very pumped-up and we're ready to have a good match all the way through."

Today's game is set to start at 4 p.m. and Sunday's game is scheduled for 6 p.m., at the Joyce Center.

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and it would be nice not to have to travel as much.

"Plus it's always nicer to play at home in front of your own fans. I think that if a team wins the Big East, then they have a pretty good argument for one of those top four seeds."

Even if the Irish are unable to win the conference tournament, a good performance could still help them collect one of the top 16 seeds in the NCAA's pool of 48 teams. Those top 16 teams all receive first-round byes.

"The better we do over these next few games, the more we'll help our seed," Clark said. "We'd like to get a first-round bye because that's like an automatic first-round win."

One reason for Notre Dame's success this year has been a stalwart defensive backfield. Through 18 regular season games, the Irish only allowed 14 goals, including 10 shutouts. Take the five goals the team allowed in a hiccup against Rutgers and the number drops even further. Irish goaltender Chris Sawyer has been a wall, with a 0.76 goals against average.

"We defend as a team right

from the start of the game," Clark said. "Good defensive teams can win you championships. A lot of defense is just being organized and working together as a unit."

"It's also nice to have a good goalkeeper at the back of it all."

The Huskies (8-7-3, 5-3-2) don't figure to be a pushover opponent, however. Connecticut is this year's host for the Big East semifinals and finals, and the Huskies would love to upset the Irish and return home for the remainder of the tournament.

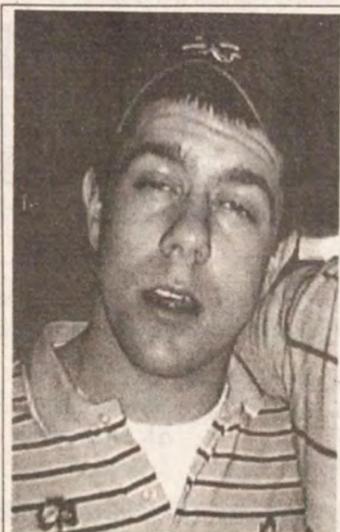
Connecticut is led by freshman forward Steve Sealy, who has

scored five goals and three assists for 13 points, including three game-winners. Together with forward Cesar Cuellar, who has notched four goals and three assists for 11 points, they compose the bulk of the Huskies' attack.

Adam Schuerman holds a 1.01 goals against average and a 8-5-2 record overall as Connecticut's number-one netminder.

This quarterfinal battle begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Alumni Field.

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Tourney time

No. 3 Irish hungry for their eighth Big East Tournament Championship this weekend

By **ANDY TROEGER**
Sports Writer

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Two years ago, the Irish won their seventh consecutive Big East Championship in Piscataway, N.J., by defeating Boston College in the semifinals and then West Virginia in the championship game.

Joined by Villanova, those same teams return to Piscataway this weekend as the Irish again match up with the Eagles in Big East semifinal action Friday, while West Virginia will take on Villanova in the other bracket.

The Irish would love nothing better than to regain the championship, whether or not they follow the same form as in 2001. By not even qualifying for the Big East Tournament in 2002, the Irish are hungry to regain the championship in a tournament in which they have never lost.

"I think that was one of the goals all along this season," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum of regaining the Big East Championship. "Not even making it last year after winning so much, we've wanted this since the beginning of the season."

The Irish, ranked No. 3 by the NSCAA and No. 4 by Soccer America this week after falling to Michigan in their regular season finale, hardly have an easy task awaiting them if they want to win their eighth Big East title. Boston College (No. 22 NSCAA/No. 18 SA) comes in at 14-2-2 and as the second seed from the Northeast Division.

In the other game, West Virginia (No. 10 NSCAA/No. 7 SA) comes in having been ranked in the top 10 most of the year and having amassed a record of 15-3-1.

Villanova, fresh off an upset of Northeast Division Champion Connecticut, is 14-5-1 on

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Top, Amanda Guertin slide tackles a Michigan player in the Irish's only loss. Bottom, Kevin Goldthweite goes for the ball against a Georgetown player Aug. 28. Both teams hope to win the Big East Tournament this weekend.

TIM KACMAR/CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Irish hope strong finish in Big East Tournament will propel them into a top NCAA seed

By **JUSTIN SCHUVER**
Associate Sports Editor

Losing was an uncommon thing for this year's Irish, but this weekend they'll have a chance to get back at one of the few teams that beat them during the regular season.

No. 3 seed Notre Dame faces No. 6 seed Connecticut in a quarterfinal Big East Tournament matchup Sunday at Alumni Field. During the regular season, the Huskies defeated the Irish 1-0 in Storrs, Conn.

"I think that you always just want to get out there and win," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "I'm not sure I'd put it as strongly as saying that we want revenge, although it would be nice to get one of those losses back."

"We'd just like to go out there and win the conference. That would really help make this a very special year."

Notre Dame comes into the Big East Tournament with a 12-3-3 record, including 6-3-1 in conference. The Irish are currently ranked No. 5 nationally and are in the running for a high seeding in the NCAA Tournament if they perform well at the Big East Championship.

Clark said that he doesn't want his team to think about at-large bids and instead work towards receiving the automatic bid that would be included in winning the Big East Tournament.

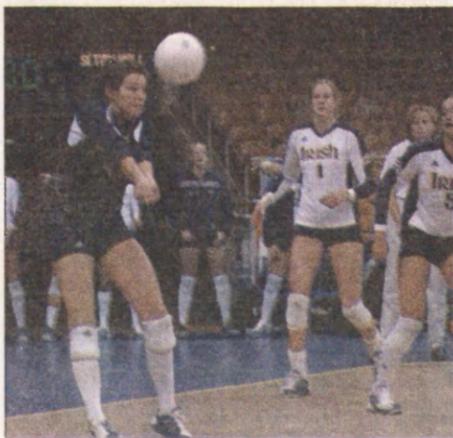
Each of the top four seeds nationally receive home-field advantage all the way up to the NCAA Final Four, and Clark added that is a bit of incentive for the team to do well in the Big East Tournament.

"We're playing for home field advantage," he said. "I think that's especially important at a school where academics is so important. Finals will be around the same time as the Final Four."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Big (East) weekend awaits Irish



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Irish libero Meg Henican passes in an Oct. 10 match against Seton Hall.

By **HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN**
Sports Writer

It is the biggest weekend of the season thus far, but the Irish are confident.

This afternoon, the No. 12 Irish (19-2, 8-0) face Virginia Tech (12-12, 6-3), when they try to avenge last season's loss. Sunday night will see Miami (19-7, 7-2) come into town hungry for a victory after the Irish knocked them out of the Big East Tournament last year.

Which game is bigger? "I think we try and look at the Miami game as another

game, because we are trying to focus on Virginia Tech as of right now," freshman defensive specialist Danielle Herndon said. "Of course it's a big game, because it's a conference game, and we want to win all of them."

The Hokies will hope to upset the Irish as they did last year. However, Sunday's game is the American Volleyball Coaches' Association game of the week, and will be televised nationally on CSTV's Sunday Night Spikers.

The Irish refuse to look past the Hokies, who come

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Top-seeded Dillon looks to earn trip to the Stadium

By **MATT PUGLISI** and **MATT MOONEY**
Sports Writers

A trip to the stadium is on the line when first-seeded and undefeated Dillon (5-0) locks horns with fifth-seeded Keenan (3-1-1) Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. on Riehle South.

"This game will be won in the trenches," Keenan captain and quarterback Patrick Downey said, alluding to the run-based offense featured by both squads. "We played them earlier this year and both

teams know what the other is about."

Dillon enters the semifinal contest hoping to build on the strength of a 7-0 shutout of eighth-seeded Sorin last Sunday. After a penalty negated an early Big Red touchdown, both teams were held scoreless until Dillon quarterback A.J. Cedeno found the endzone on a second-and-goal touchdown scamper in the fourth quarter.

"Our defense really held up and compensated for the

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Notre Dame vs. Team Concept

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The Irish close out the preseason with their last exhibition game.

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Notre Dame vs. Pittsburgh

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The Irish look to improve on a slow start thus far.

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Notre Dame at Michigan State

Today, 7:05 p.m.

The defensive-minded Irish look to stop the high-powered Spartans.

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Alicia Salas loses in the opening round of the Indoor Championships.

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Welsh vs. Lewis**

Teams fight for the chance to play in the Stadium.

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Navy at Notre Dame

Notre Dame look to extend its 39-game winning streak against Navy.

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Irish keep rolling, maul Midshipmen

Irish struggle to beat Navy

Irish shut out Navy, tie consecutive win record

Notre Dame downs feisty Midshipmen in 52-31 win

Irish passing offense unloads against Navy, 38-0

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Midshipmen no match for a revived Irish offense

Midshipmen set adrift

Irish overcome early scare to beat Navy in home finale

Dodging torpedoes

IS THIS THE YEAR?

After 39 straight victories over Navy, a susceptible Irish team looks to extend its streak.

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Last four games vital for Willingham

Tyrone Willingham won't be judged by what Notre Dame has accomplished during the first eight games of the 2003 season.

It is instead the manner in which he leads his team through its final four games of the year that will leave a lasting impact on Irish fans.

Despite what Willingham accomplished last season — taking a 5-7 team and turning it into one that started the season 8-0 — the odds were certainly against him in 2003. He faced a schedule that would make any program in the nation weak in the knees. Recruiting gaps left him woefully thin at key positions. The offense didn't seem quite ready to generate touchdowns by the bunches.

Those factors gave Willingham every opportunity to blame a 2-6 start, the worst in 40 years, on a series of enormous challenges.

But he didn't. "Excuses aren't solutions," the Irish head coach said earlier in the week.

So Willingham, in lieu of passing the buck, unfairly shouldered the blame himself. And by doing so, he helped draw the ire of Notre Dame fans with itchy trigger fingers.

When Willingham arrived at Notre Dame, he promised his focus was to win immediately, not fall into a rebuilding plan that would take four or five years. That meshed nicely with the expectations of Irish fans who believe the head coach, the athletic director and the University president should be fired if Notre Dame doesn't win a national title.

Willingham, with his 8-0 start, had Irish fans convinced he was the real thing. He won with players he didn't recruit. He won with a tough schedule. He won despite players' struggles grasping game plans.

So when Willingham started to lose despite facing similar conditions, trigger-happy fans assumed it was his fault.

Notre Dame's head coach entered this season in such an unenviable position he might have wanted to bolt back to Stanford and the land of low expectations. His subsequent

refusal to point fingers left room for people to point fingers at the coaches.

To some extent, criticism of the coaching staff is justified. In his 21-game tenure at Notre Dame, Willingham-coached teams have lost four games by 30 or more points.

Bob Davie only lost one game by 30-plus in five years. To put that in perspective, Willingham-coached Notre Dame teams have roughly a 20 percent chance of getting beaten by 30 points when they take the field.

There's also consistent mistakes that crop up game after game — mistakes that should be corrected early in the season, but continue to plague Notre Dame in critical situations. Twelve men on the field after a time out. An offensive line that holds opponents so much its members should switch to defense. Receivers who play hot potato with passes. Cornerbacks who are out of position.

It's easy to point fingers at Willingham for Notre Dame's dismal start. It's also ridiculous.

Willingham needs more than a year and a half before

fans can decide if he is another Lou Holtz or a Bob Davie. He needs to be given the opportunity to recruit his players. He needs time to show that his inconsistency as a head coach — he only had four winning seasons in seven years at Stanford — is the result of a lack of talent at Stanford, not an inherent coaching flaw.

That's why Willingham's personal string of Judgement Days starts against Navy. He may say that Notre Dame is heading in the right direction, but blowout losses to top-10 competition aren't what fans define as returning to the nation's elite.

In order to show that Willingham does indeed have Notre Dame "pointed in the right direction," as he said last week, the success of Notre Dame over its last four games of the season — when Notre Dame has nothing to play for but a good start for next year — will show how much of an effect Willingham can have on Notre Dame's future success.

Because if hell freezes over and Navy beats Notre Dame for the first time since the Hugh DeVore era, all bets will be off.

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Sports Writer

game hype



Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

"I think for our team it's just trying to get a win."

"I didn't realize it had been 39 years until I read some article the other day."



Kent Baer
Irish defensive coordinator



Trent Walters
Irish secondary coach

"I told the guys today I won't sleep a wink all this week just thinking about the game."

"For us to beat them, we have to play close to perfect, and they have to help us some."



Paul Johnson
Navy head coach



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At the top of the hill

In the 40th year, will 6-3 Navy finally end its losing streak to 2-6 Notre Dame?

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

There's a reason Navy hasn't beaten Notre Dame since 1963, and Midshipmen head coach Paul Johnson knows why.

"They probably have 35 Parade All-Americans, and we have 35 guys that have marched in a parade," Johnson said. "It's not apples and apples."

Does that mean Navy doesn't have a chance to beat Notre Dame this weekend in South Bend?

"I hope not, but I don't think anybody will have us favored," Johnson said.

The last time the Midshipmen won against the Irish was the same year President John F. Kennedy was shot and killed, Martin Luther King gave his "I Have a Dream Speech" and Navy quarterback Roger Staubach won the Heisman Trophy.

The Midshipmen won 35-14 at Notre Dame Stadium that year.

Since then, the Irish have claimed an NCAA record 39 straight victories over the Midshipmen, with 2003 marking the 40th year since Navy last won in the series.

Notre Dame has won as impressively as 56-7 in 1970 and as narrowly as 18-17 in 1984. They lead Navy in the all-time series 66-9-1. Usually, when the two teams meet, Notre Dame is 7-1, 5-2 or 8-0, and Navy is 1-7, 2-5 or 0-8.

But this season, the teams enter the game with reversed records — the Midshipmen are 6-3, while the Irish are a struggling 2-6.

Navy nearly pulled off one of the biggest upsets in college football history last season when it lead by eight points in the fourth quarter at Baltimore's Ravens Stadium. Irish quarterback Carlyle Holiday had to find Omar Jenkins on catches of 29 and 67 yards in the final minutes to help 8-1 Notre Dame escape 30-23 against a Midshipmen team that had a lowly 1-7 record entering the game.

With the 2002 game in mind, many feel this could be the year Navy pulls off the incredible upset.

Looking back

Had Navy not been there for Notre Dame during World War II, the University might not be standing today.

Notre Dame was in dire financial straits during the war and looked to Navy for a helping hand. The Midshipmen kept the school afloat by putting a half-dozen programs on the Notre Dame campus. After this gesture by the Academy, the schools decided to play annually on the football field for as long as Navy wanted.

The two teams had met for the first time in 1927, with the Irish winning 19-6. Notre Dame won the first six meetings before losing three of the next four decisions, then won 17 of

the next 19. Navy won five of the next eight games between 1956 and 1963 before losing the last 39 games against the Irish.

But the last few meetings between the teams have been especially interesting. Besides the 2002 game, Navy nearly upset Notre Dame in 1997 and again in 1999.

In the '97 game, the Midshipmen out gained the Irish 399 to 283 and had 117 more rushing yards, but still lost 21-17 when Autry Denson scored with 5 minutes, 48 seconds remaining in the game. Navy quarterback Chris McCoy threw three interceptions that day in South Bend but completed a Hail Mary on the last play of the game to receiver Pat McGrew, who raced to the Irish 2-yard line before being knocked out of bounds by Allen Rossum.

But the loss that hurts Navy fans the most was in 1999.

Notre Dame trailed 24-21 with 1:30 remaining and had the ball at the Midshipmen 37. On fourth-and-10, with no timeouts left, Notre Dame quarterback Jarious Jackson hit receiver Bobby Brown for a 9-yard gain. The Navy sideline celebrated what they thought was a victory, only to see the referee give Notre Dame a very generous spot. The Irish got the first down by a few inches, then scored six plays later to win 28-24.

As much as Johnson won't admit it, the 2003 Navy team feels this could be the year they finally get to the Irish.

"I think, in all honesty, for us to beat them we have to play close to perfect, and they have to help us some," Johnson said. "I don't think we're going to be afraid. I think our guys will go in and play. Now, we may just be way out-manned, and if they bring their 'A' game it's going to be tough. I don't think we're going to be in awe or afraid. Maybe we're not smart enough to be afraid."

The Midshipmen are led by quarterback Craig Candeto, who has rushed for 767 yards and 11 touchdowns, and running back Kyle Eckel, who leads the team in rushing yards with 806.

Navy also averages 309.6 yards on the ground per game — good enough to lead the country in that category.

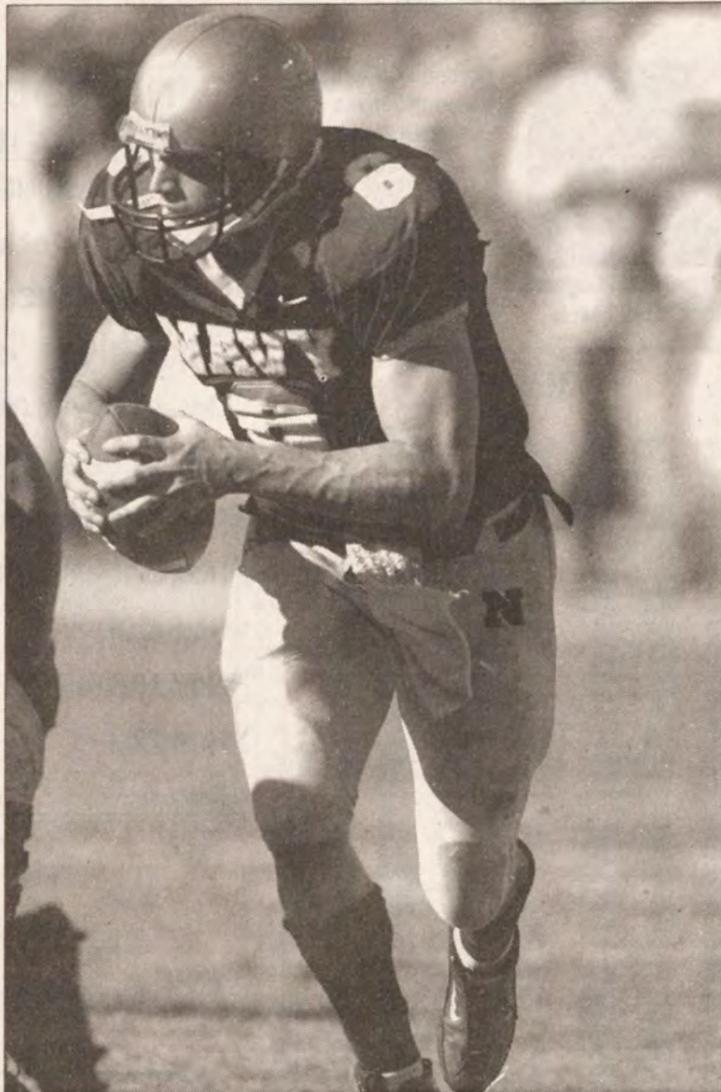
Johnson said even though Notre Dame is 2-6, they will be a huge challenge for the Academy.

"They've lost to the No. 2 team in the country, the No. 3 team in the country, the No. 7 team in the country, so I think their record might be a tad deceiving," he said. "I doubt it seriously if you asked [the Notre Dame coaches] if they wanted to come swap anybody they would swap any of theirs for any of ours."

Meanwhile, Navy's schedule is one of the easiest in the country, with several Division 1-AA teams on it.

Avoiding history

When Notre Dame lost to Navy in 1963, the Irish finished



Quarterback Aaron Polanco (top) filled in for Craig Candeto last year and almost led the Midshipmen to the upset.

BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

the season 2-7. This year's 2-6 team knows that the 2003 Navy team isn't the same as in past years.

"[And] there's pressure on us to win every game. We have to win every game."

Julius Jones
Irish running back

going to want to take from us what we don't want them to take."

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham has the same mindset as Grant.

"Navy is a very good football team," Willingham said. "They lead the country in rushing and to do that you have to do something right — and they've done things right," Willingham said. "Our football team has to be ready to play a darn good football team and probably face the best Navy football team in the last 20 years."

For the Irish to be successful Saturday and win its 40th straight game over Navy, they will have to play better than they have throughout the last few weeks. Against Michigan, USC and Florida State, Notre Dame has been outscored 120-14. The team hasn't scored a point in its last seven quarters at home and hasn't had a start this poor since that 1963 team.

Add all that up, and many feel a Notre Dame win could even be an upset.

"We're trying to stay positive

right now," Irish running back Julius Jones said. "This week with Navy, they're an excellent team, and they're going to play us tough no matter what the situation."

Jones denied any additional pressure in losing to Navy and breaking the streak.

"That streak really doesn't mean anything with Navy, because they come in here and play their best game of the year," he said. "[And] there's pressure on us to win every game. We have to win every game."

Willingham agreed that this game and the streak do not add any more pressure to the coaches and team in preparing and playing Saturday's game.

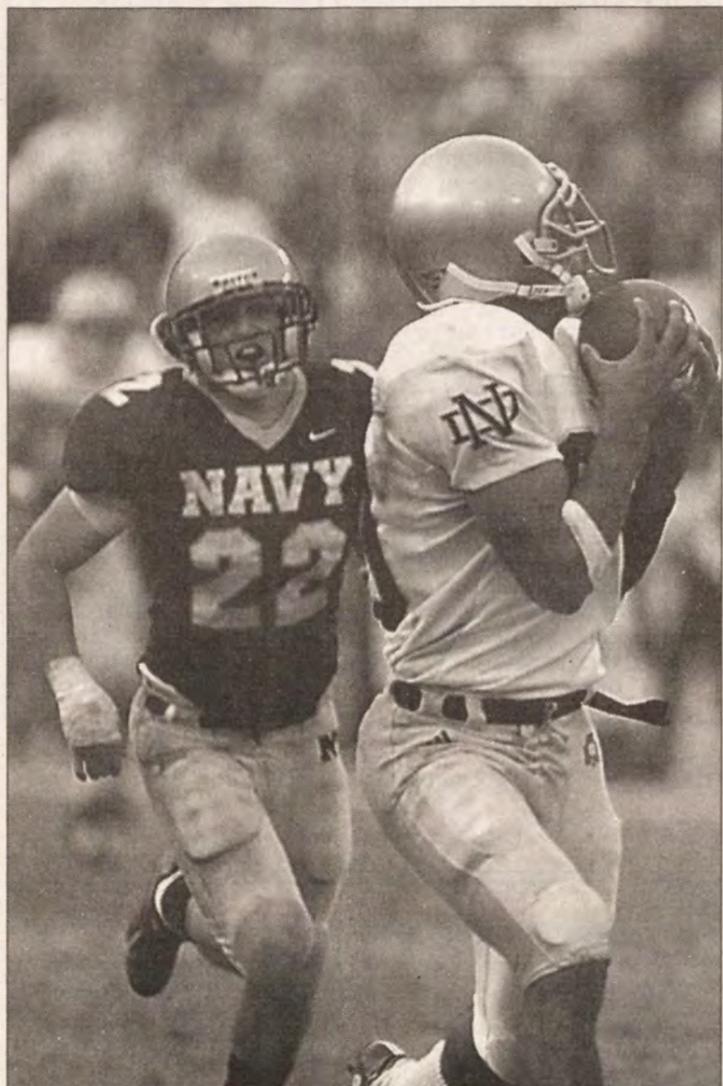
"It is simply this game that counts and this game that is most important, and I think as a competitor, you recognize that," Willingham said. "You recognize that the past is great, especially when it's very successful from your viewpoint, but at the same time you have to play the game today and that's the only thing that counts."

The bookies seem to think the Irish will prevail. Notre Dame enters the game between an eight- and nine-point favorite.

The streak and the team's records aside, Willingham said it doesn't matter who the Irish are playing — the team will have one objective this weekend.

"I think for our team it's just trying to get a win, and we have not done that in a couple of weeks," Willingham said.

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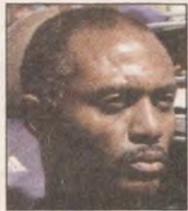
An 8-1 Irish team in 2002 needed a late rally to defeat Navy 30-23, including a game-winning 67-yard touchdown from Omar

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 2-6

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Coaches: NR



Tyrone Willingham head coach

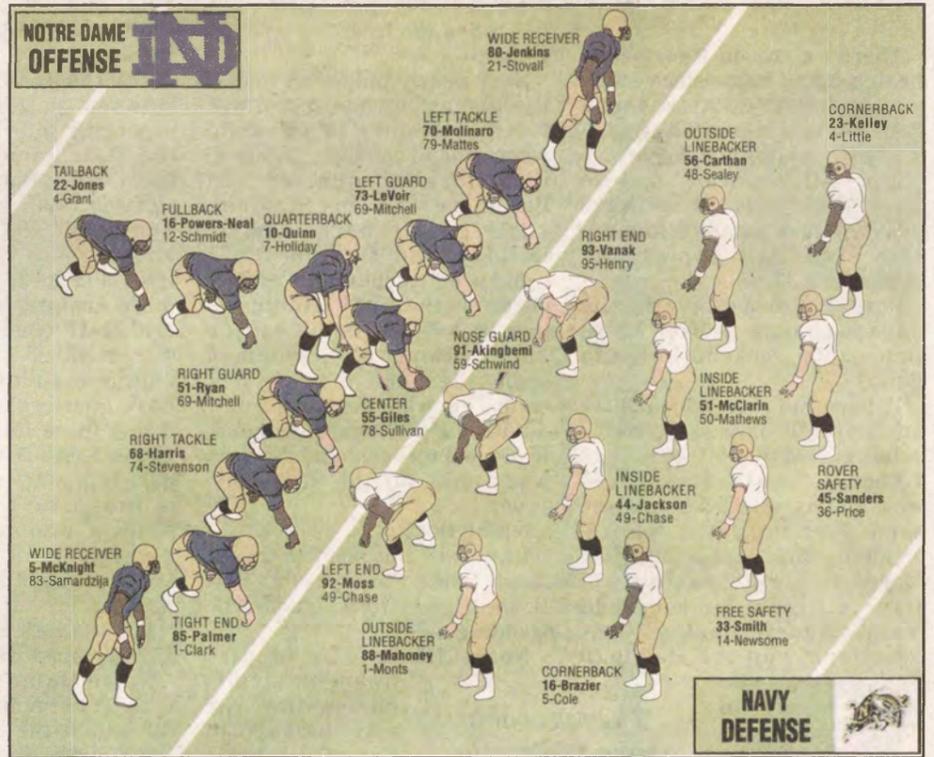
Tyrone Willingham
second season at
Notre Dame
career record:
56-45-1
at Notre Dame:
12-9
against
Navy: 1-0

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Jared Clark	TE	6-4	230	SR
2	Freddie Parrish	DB	6-1	195	FR
4	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	211	JR
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-2	207	SO
6	Carlos Campbell	CB	5-11	194	JR
7	Carlyle Holiday	QB	6-3	214	SR
8	Matt Krueger	QB	5-10	180	SR
8	Quentin Burrell	FS	6-0	180	JR
9	Jason Beckstrom	CB	5-10	186	SR
9	Pat Dillingham	QB	6-1	209	JR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	210	FR
11	Marcus Wilson	RB	5-11	199	JR
12	Josh Schmidt	FB	6-1	220	JR
13	Nicholas Setta	K/P	5-11	184	SR
14	Gary Godsey	TE	6-5	259	SR
15	Preston Jackson	CB	5-9	177	JR
16	Rashon Powers-Neal	FB	6-2	227	JR
16	Stan Revelle	P	5-11	183	JR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	180	FR
18	Ronnie Rodamer	WR	6-4	211	SR
19	Glenn Earl	FS	6-1	205	SR
19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	6-1	192	JR
20	Travis Thomas	RB	6-1	200	FR
21	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	221	SO
22	Julius Jones	RB	5-10	210	SR
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	190	FR
24	Dwight Ellick	CB	5-10	177	JR
25	Nate Schiccatano	RB	6-3	224	SO
26	Gatron Bible	FS	5-10	197	SR
27	Lionel Bolen	SS	6-0	206	JR
27	Mike Profeta	TB	5-11	208	SR
28	Cole Laux	FB	5-10	229	SR
28	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	185	FR
29	LaBrose Hedgemon	DB	5-10	180	FR
30	Mike Richardson	DB	6-1	188	SO
31	Jake Carney	DB	6-0	180	SO
32	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	211	SO
33	Courtney Watson	ILB	6-1	234	SR
34	Vontez Duff	CB	5-11	194	SR
35	Ashley McConnell	FB	6-0	240	FR
36	Isaiah Gardner	DB/RB	5-10	190	FR
37	Matt Mitchell	DB	5-9	184	SO
39	Brandon Hoyte	ILB	6-0	226	JR
39	David Bemenderfer	SS	5-11	195	SR
40	Nate Schomas	WR	5-10	165	SR
41	Mike Goolsby	LB	6-3	243	SR
42	Ambrose Wooden	WR	6-1	190	FR
43	Anthony Salvador	LB	6-2	226	SO
44	Justin Tuck	DE	6-5	246	JR
45	Carl Gioia	P	5-11	165	FR
46	Corey Mays	ILB	6-1	238	JR
47	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-2	210	FR
48	Jerome Collins	OLB	6-4	250	SR
49	Derek Curry	ILB	6-3	228	SR
50	Cedric Hilliard	NG	6-2	295	SR
51	Jamie Ryan	OT	6-5	290	SO
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	215	FR
54	David Fitzgerald	OL	6-4	271	JR
55	Zachary Giles	C	6-3	281	SO
56	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-1	205	FR
57	Dwight Stephenson	LB	6-3	237	FR
58	Paul Jancha	LS	6-1	245	SO
59	James Bent	OL	6-2	253	SO
60	Darrell Campbell	OT	6-4	288	SR
62	Scott Raridon	OT	6-7	300	SO
64	Casey Dunn	OT/OG	6-4	255	JR
65	Sean Milligan	OG	6-4	291	SR
66	Derek Landri	NG	6-2	265	SO
68	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	270	FR
69	Darin Mitchell	OL	6-4	280	JR
70	Jim Molinaro	OT	6-6	301	SR
71	David Kowalski	OG	6-2	249	SR
71	James Bonelli	OG/OT	6-6	282	SO
72	Jeff Thompson	C/OG	6-4	287	JR
73	Mark LeVoi	TE	6-7	309	JR
74	Dan Stevenson	OG	6-5	297	JR
75	Chris Frome	DE	6-5	264	SO
76	Bob Morton	C	6-4	299	SO
77	Greg Pauly	DT	6-6	291	SR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	280	FR
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80	Omar Jenkins	WR	6-2	204	SR
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88	Patrick Nally	TE	6-3	243	SR
88	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-4	253	SO
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90	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-4	283	JR
91	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	165	SO
92	Kyle Budinscak	DE	6-4	270	SR
93	Dan Santucci	DE	6-5	270	SO
95	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-5	245	FR
97	Travis Leitko	DE	6-6	264	SO
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-2	290	FR
99	Jason Sapp	DE	6-3	256	SR

NOTRE DAME 2003 Schedule

Sept. 6	WASHINGTON ST. - W
Sept. 13	at Michigan - L
Sept. 20	MICHIGAN ST. - L
Sept. 27	at Purdue - L
Oct. 11	at Pittsburgh - W
Oct. 18	USC - L
Oct. 25	at Boston College - L
Nov. 1	FLORIDA STATE - L
Nov. 8	NAVY
Nov. 15	BYU
Nov. 29	at Stanford
Dec. 6	at Syracuse



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NOTRE DAME

Just a year after their 8-0 start, the Irish are just 2-6 at the same point in the year in 2003. Lack of discipline has started to show through in the team in the form of penalties, turnovers and other costly mistakes. The Irish were 0-for-4 in the red zone last week.

Quinn continued to baffle critics with a poor performance against the Seminoles. The freshman was 20-for-52 with three interceptions. The Irish ranked 117th — dead last — in the country in team passing efficiency with a combined 82.52 team passing efficiency.

The Irish have not demonstrated an overpowering rushing attack since their 20-14 win against Pittsburgh when they racked up 352 yards on the ground. Jones has carried the brunt of the load with 649 yards and all four Irish rushing touchdowns.

If the Irish can move the ball on the ground first, Quinn may have a break out game using the play action. His receivers have not helped him too much this year with dropped passes. The offensive line protection for the Irish this year.

NAVY

It seems ironic that the Navy coach is the only one in this game with a national title to his claim, but Johnson won two Division 1-AA championships as head coach at Georgia Southern before heading to Navy.

Candeto likely won't light up the skies with his passing ability, but he has proven a knowledgeable, consistent leader in the Navy option attack. He runs for 85 yards a game and has 11 of Navy's 27 rushing touchdowns on the year.

The Midshipmen have displayed some weaknesses in stopping the run this season. They rank 78th in the nation in run defense, yielding 170 yards a game and four yards per carry. They have also allowed 16 rushing touchdowns on the season.

Navy has been successful against this pass this season. They rank fourth in the nation with 151 yards per game. The Midshipmen have allowed five passing touchdowns and have 12 interceptions on the season. Carthan leads the team with four interceptions.

ANALYSIS

Johnson has shown that he can win with his time at Georgia Southern. This year, he turned around a 2-10 Navy squad and has the Midshipmen off to a 6-3 start and looking to break a 39-year losing streak to the Irish.

Candeto isn't necessarily the best passer, but he is the better quarterback in this matchup. He has led the Midshipmen to an impressive 6-3 record this season. The senior quarterback also has the edge in experience over the freshman Quinn.

The Irish should be able to control the line of scrimmage against the under-sized Midshipmen. In some years, the Irish blow Navy defenders off the line of scrimmage, but in others they struggle to gain any ground. If the Irish play to their ability, they should have success.

Navy's impressive numbers against the pass may be deceiving as it does not play some of the most dynamic passing attacks in the nation. Quinn has shown considerable talent at times this year and could be very effective with help from the running game.

Irish experts



Andrew Soukup Editor in Chief

Picking Navy to beat Notre Dame this year is like picking the Cubs to win the World Series — as tempting as it may sound, there's no chance it's going to happen. Notre Dame has looked terrible, but it has yet to play a team with a losing record. Assuming Notre Dame's young defenders stay disciplined enough against the option and assuming the Irish offense finally reaches the end zone, the Irish should have no problem beating the Midshipmen.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27 Navy 17



Joe Hettler Sports Editor

Navy is better than usual this year and Notre Dame is much worse. The Irish will be looking to beat up on someone, while the Midshipmen want to make history on the 40th anniversary of the last time a Navy team defeated Notre Dame. The Academy will hang tough, but Notre Dame should pull away late.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27 Navy 21

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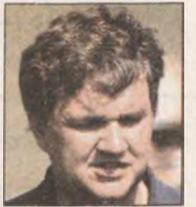
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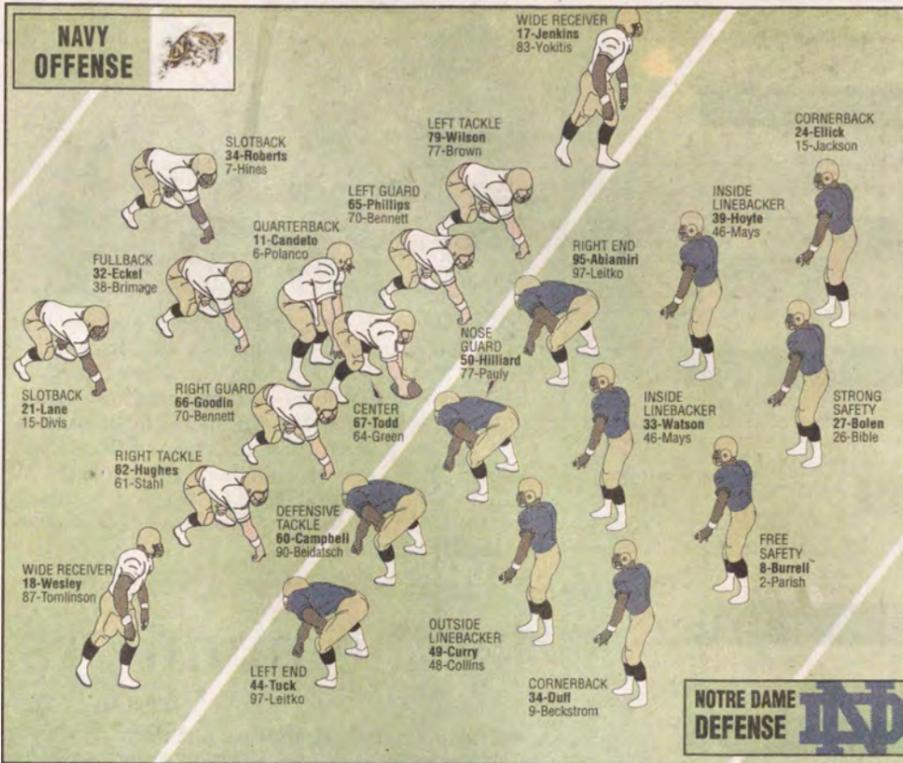
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Paul Johnson
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at Navy:
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against Notre
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Paul Johnson
head coach



NAVY 2003 Schedule

Aug. 30	VMI - W
Sept. 6	at TCU - L
Sept. 20	E. MICHIGAN - W
Sept. 27	at Rutgers - L
Oct. 4	AIR FORCE - W
Oct. 11	at Vanderbilt - W
Oct. 18	at Rice - W
Oct. 25	DELAWARE - L
Nov. 1	TULANE - W
Nov. 8	at Notre Dame
Nov. 22	C. MICHIGAN
Dec. 6	vs. Army

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2	Lamar Owens	QB	5-9	176	SO
3	Ken Barkovich	LB	5-11	204	JR
3	Marc Lawson	WR	6-1	185	FR
3	Eddie Martin	QB	6-0	170	FR
3	Ian Townsend	QB	6-0	173	FR
4	Keenan Little	DB	6-0	185	FR
4	James Olsen	QB	6-2	213	SO
5	Lord Cole	CB	5-10	191	JR
6	Aaron Polanco	QB	6-0	205	JR
7	Trey Hines	SB	5-9	195	FR
8	Andrew Holmes	CB	5-9	181	SO
8	Hunter Reddick	WR	6-5	202	SO
9	Roman Rodriguez	CB	6-2	180	FR
9	Jontavious Singleton	S	6-0	203	SO
10	Craig Candeto	S	5-10	170	JR
11	Billy Meraz	QB	5-11	195	SR
13	James Polanco	QB	5-10	199	JR
13	Tyler Tidwell	S	6-1	200	SO
13	Kevin Newsome	DB	5-10	170	FR
14	Frank Divis	SB	6-0	224	JR
15	Shalimar Brazier	CB	5-10	185	SR
16	Amir Jenkins	WR	6-1	203	JR
18	Lionel Wesley	WR	5-10	185	JR
19	Andy Michalowicz	WR	6-0	223	SR
20	Paul Clarkson	S	6-2	203	SR
21	Tony Lane	SB	5-9	199	SR
22	Luke Penrose	SB	5-10	187	SO
22	A.J. Walker	CB	5-10	172	JR
23	Vaughn Kelley	CB	6-1	176	JR
24	Wayne Irons	S	5-9	186	JR
25	Matt Hall	FB	5-9	194	FR
26	Jason Robinson	S	6-1	199	SO
28	Chase Hobby	K	5-11	165	FR
29	Marco Nelson	SB	5-8	172	SO
31	Marcus Sanders	CB	5-9	175	SR
32	Kyle Eckel	FB	5-11	235	JR
33	Josh Smith	S	6-2	205	JR
34	Eric Roberts	SB	5-10	193	JR
35	Byron McCoy	SB	5-9	185	FR
36	Djuan Price	DB	6-0	195	FR
37	Tye Adams	LB	6-2	200	FR
37	Sina Ekundayo	CB	5-11	180	SR
38	Michael Brimage	FB	5-7	220	JR
39	Marvin Dingle	FB	5-11	213	SO
40	Brian Hampton	SB	6-0	195	FR
41	Cory Colistra	S	5-11	186	SO
42	Bronston Carroll	SB	5-9	198	SR
43	Chris Wade	DE	5-11	232	SR
44	Lane Jackson	LB	5-11	213	JR
45	Eli Sanders	S	5-11	192	SR
46	Ryan Barry	SB	6-0	210	JR
47	Evan Beard	LB	6-0	227	SO
48	Reggie Sealey	LB	6-0	225	JR
49	Jeremy Chase	LB	6-2	234	SO
50	Ben Mathews	LB	6-1	218	SR
51	Bobby McClarin	LB	5-11	225	JR
52	Jacob Biles	LB	6-0	222	SO
53	T.J. Costello	LB	5-10	222	JR
54	Adam Horne	DE	5-11	232	JR
55	Dustin Elliott	LB	6-0	232	JR
56	Eddie Carthan	LB	5-11	218	SR
57	Matt Williams	LS	6-0	210	SO
58	Dan Peters	C	6-0	260	SR
59	Kevin Schwind	NG	6-1	286	SR
60	Zach Gallion	OL	6-3	315	FR
60	Michael Scott	OT	6-1	253	SO
61	Tyson Stahl	OT	6-4	256	JR
62	Casey Hughes	OT	6-4	250	JR
63	Matt Dowler	OLB	6-3	225	JR
63	Sean Magee	OG	6-5	291	SR
64	Marshall Green	C	6-1	233	SO
65	Dennis Ray Phillips	OG	6-4	273	JR
66	Josh Goodin	OT	6-0	284	SR
67	Shane Todd	OG	6-4	297	SR
68	Ed Kotuiski	DE	6-4	217	SO
69	James Rossi	OL	6-1	230	FR
70	Tucker Bennett	OT	6-3	268	SR
71	Matt McLaughlin	OG	6-6	285	JR
72	Eric Frey	NG	6-2	259	SR
73	Josh Pridham	NG	6-4	253	JR
74	August Roitsch	C	6-1	274	JR
75	Andrew Bazzle	LS	6-0	222	JR
76	Scott Szurovy	NG	6-0	285	JR
77	Sam Brown	OT	6-3	241	JR
78	Brett Nungesser	OG	6-4	243	SO
79	Nick Wilson	OT	6-5	264	JR
80	Eric Rolfs	K	6-1	169	SR
81	Geoff Blumenfeld	K	6-0	170	JR
82	John Skaggs	P	6-2	209	SR
83	Mick Yokitis	WR	6-2	215	SO
84	Dan Gibbon	WR	6-1	204	SO
85	Brandon Diggs	LB	6-1	205	FR
86	Mike Brammer	WR	6-0	175	SO
87	Jason Tomlinson	WR	6-2	177	FR
88	David Mahoney	LB	5-10	216	FR
89	Corey Dryden	WR	6-3	238	JR
90	Dan Wendolowski	NG	6-2	254	SO
91	Babatunde Akingbemi	NG	6-0	273	JR
92	Pierre Moss	DE	6-0	249	JR
93	Jeff Vanak	DE	6-1	241	JR
94	Steve Adair	DE	6-2	266	SR
95	Ralph Henry	DE	6-1	270	SR
97	Jared Clifford	K	6-1	174	SO
97	Anthony Piccioni	LB	5-8	195	FR
98	David Wright	DL	6-3	214	FR
99	Sean McElhannon	DE	6-1	252	JR

MIDSHIPMEN RUSHING MIDSHIPMEN PASSING SPECIAL TEAMS INTANGIBLES

<p>Notre Dame has been impressive against the run this year and has played some of the nation's better runners in guys like Michigan's Chris Perry and Boston College's Derrick Knight. The Irish rank 32nd in rush defense with 121 yards allowed per game.</p>	<p>The only truly established player in the Irish secondary at this time is Duff. Bolen should fill in for the injured Earl, and Ellick, Beckstrom and Jackson should see plenty of playing time at the other corner position. The Irish have allowed 227 passing yards a game.</p>	<p>The Irish punting game has struggled since Setta's injury. Notre Dame has allowed several big returns on kickoffs and punts this season, partially due to poor kick placement. Duff has had some solid returns on punts.</p>	<p>While there is not much left to play for this year, the Irish can maintain and extend its current 39-year winning streak over Navy. The game is at home, but that not may prove such an advantage as Irish crowds seem a little subdued of late.</p>
<p>The Midshipmen have the nation's top rushing attack. They have 27 touchdowns on the ground this season, which is nearly seven times the Irish total. Candeto and Eckel both average over 85 yards a game on the ground.</p>	<p>Navy is not a team that is going to beat you with the pass, and they don't disguise that fact. What they will due is use the run to set up a play action passing situation. Candeto has completed just under 50 percent of his passes with four interceptions and six touchdowns.</p>	<p>Rolfs is 5-for-6 on field goal attempts this year. The Midshipmen average nearly eight yards a per punt return with no touchdowns. Hampton gets nearly 22 yards per kickoff return. Navy has no touchdown returns so far this year.</p>	<p>If there is any year for Navy to break its losing streak to the Irish, it's now. Notre Dame is certainly down after a 2-6 start, and the Midshipmen could land the knockout punch. Navy always seems to play better in Notre Dame Stadium.</p>
<p>The Midshipmen run the triple option, and they run it very well. With only a week to prepare for this different style of play, and with several young players starting on defense due to injuries, the Irish could have a big challenge on their hands.</p>	<p>The inexperienced Irish secondary, plagued by injury, may be so concerned with stopping the Navy option that it could open some holes in the passing game. If the run is working for the Midshipmen, the play action pass could be very effective.</p>	<p>Neither side has done much to distinguish itself with special teams this year. The Irish got a block for a touchdown against Boston College, but that was largely due to the Eagle snapper. If Setta were in the game, the Irish would have the edge.</p>	<p>The Midshipmen believe this could be their year to break the losing streak to Notre Dame. They have been playing well and have some confidence entering the game. An possibly indifferent Irish squad could mean trouble for Notre Dame.</p>

NOTRE DAME
NAVY
ANALYSIS



Matt Lozar
Associate Sports Editor

The best thing Notre Dame has going for them this week is a 6-3 Navy team that everyone is talking about finally ending the streak. Usually the Midshipmen are some two or three-win cupcake that shouldn't pose a serious threat to the Irish. Notre Dame goes back to old-school football and pounds the ball down Navy's throats en route to making this year the big 4-0.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24
Navy 13



Chris Federico
Sports Writer

In a season where just about everything has gone wrong for the Irish, it would only be fitting that they see their 39-year winning streak over Navy broken as well. An unspirited Irish team will meet a determined — and talented — Midshipmen squad in its biggest game of the season thus far. The injuries to the defense will prove the straw that breaks the camel's back.

FINAL SCORE: Navy 24
Notre Dame 20

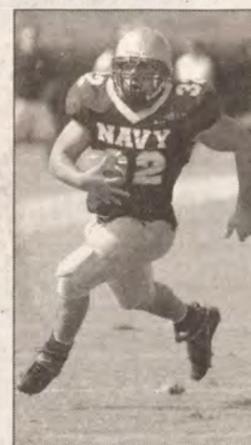
Sizing up the Irish and the Midshipmen

AVERAGE PER GAME	NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE VS NAVY DEFENSE		NAVY'S OFFENSE VS NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE	
	NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE	NAVY DEFENSE	NAVY'S OFFENSE	NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE
total yards gained	310.8		426.1	
total yards allowed		321.6		348.5
rushing yards gained	127.6		309.6	
rushing yards allowed		170.3	121	
passing yards gained	183.1		116.6	
passing yards allowed		151.2		227.5
kick return yards gained	73.9		46.3	
kick return yards allowed		54.8		43.8
punt return yards gained	32.3		16.6	
punt return yards allowed		13.8		35.8
yards per punt	39.0		41.5	
punts blocked	0		1	
turnovers lost	21		17	
turnovers recovered		22		16
yards penalized	58.4		39.4	
yards penalized		56.0		41.2
points scored	14.2		29.0	
points allowed		19.8		29.0

KEY MATCHUP

NOTRE DAME
DEFENSE

NAVY OPTION
ATTACK



Navy's rushing game will force the entire Notre Dame defense to be disciplined with its assignments. The Midshipmen don't have the top rushing offense in the NCAA without being very good.

Having starting defensive end Kyle Budinscak and safety Glenn Earl on the sidelines for Saturday's game will not help the Irish. Solid play by their backups will be integral in containing Navy's Craig Candeto, Kyle Eckel and the rest of the Midshipmen.

by the numbers

consecutive wins by Notre Dame over Navy. The last win by Navy came in 1963 when Roger Staubach led the Midshipmen to victory. **39**

117 Notre Dame's rank in team passing efficiency with Brady Quinn and Carlyle Holiday combining for a rating of 82.52.

rushing touchdowns for Navy this season. The Irish have four. **27**

IRISH STUDIES COURSES — SPRING 2004

IRISH LANGUAGE

- 4542/IRST 101:01 Beginning Irish I: Ó Ríordáin
- 4162/IRST 101:02 Beginning Irish I: Ó Ríordáin
- 4494/IRST 102:01 Beginning Irish II: Ó Ríordáin
- 4164/IRST 102:02 Beginning Irish II: McQuillan
- 4572/IRST 103:01 Intermediate Irish: McKibben

Three different levels of modern spoken and written Irish are offered. In the lower levels, students learn the basic principles of grammar and sentence structure, as well as core vocabulary; emphasis is placed on the application of these principles in every-day situations. In the more advanced levels students read twentieth literary works in the original Irish.

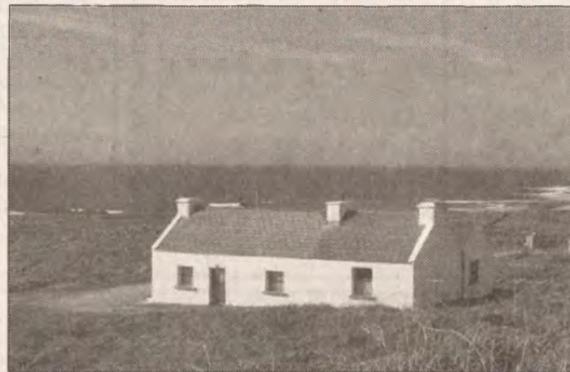
LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

- 4138/IRST 302:01 Progress in 19th Century Novel: O'Brien
Using nineteenth century concepts of crime and progress as a frame for analysis, this course focuses on issues such as poverty, women's suffrage, colonization, and the nascent idea of human rights.
- 482/IRST 371A:01 Introduction to Irish Writers: Fox
This class introduces students to Irish writing in English from Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels to the novels of Maria Edgeworth, the poetry of W. B. Yeats and the plays of Brian Friel. Key issues include representations of "national character" and the relationships between religion and national identity, gender and nationalism, and "Irishness" and "Englishness."
- 5155/IRST 382 20th Century Irish Literature: Wallace
Ireland has produced four Nobel Prize-winners for Literature, not to mention James Joyce. This course examines the cultural and political factors that have shaped Ireland's extraordinary literary achievement. In addition to readings, students view John Huston's The Dead and Neil Jordan's The Crying Game.
- 6498/IRST 474C:01 Passing and the Fictions of Race: Ellmann
"Race" is a fiction, with no basis in biological fact. This course examines how "fictions" in the artistic sense (novels, stories, movies) have both fostered and challenged "fictions" in the ideological sense; that is, the lies and mystifications about race that pervade American cultural life.

- 4993/IRST 478E:01 Contemporary Irish Drama: Harris
This course looks at drama produced by Irish playwrights during the latter half of the 20th century. Major themes include the legacy of Ireland's literary and historical past, partition, the Northern Irish conflict, and gender and sexuality. Authors include Brendan Behan, Frank McGuinness, Marina Carr, Martin McDonagh and Paula Meehan.

LITERATURE IN IRISH

- 4167/IRST 301:01 The Irish in Their Own Words: McQuillan
Irish responses to conquest and colonization; students engage with texts composed by the natives rather than that of their colonizers. These texts are read in translation so no previous knowledge of Irish is necessary.



FILM, TELEVISION AND THEATRE

- 6499/IRST 476:01 Irish Film and Culture: Gibbons
This course examines images of Ireland in film and literature, and places their development in a wider cultural and historical context. Comparisons between film, literature and other cultural forms feature throughout the course, and key stereotypes relating to gender, class and nation are analyzed, particularly as they bear on images of romantic Ireland and modernity, landscape, the city, religion, violence, family and community. Students are also required to register for IRST 476L Lab: Irish Film and Culture.

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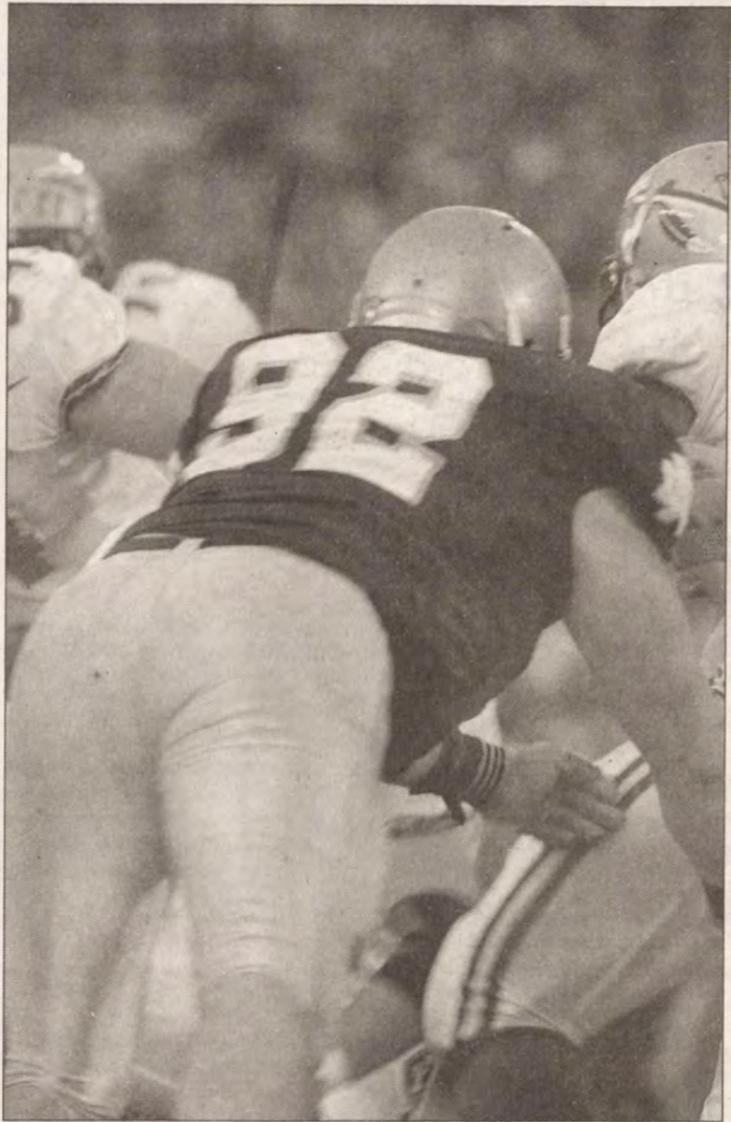
- 4672/IRST 435:01 Medieval Ireland: O'Leary
The pre-Christian era to approximately A.D. 800 is the focus of this course. Students discuss what Saint Patrick really achieved, the nature of monastic life in Ireland, and whether the Vikings were the brutal savages they are often said to be; they engage with a range of issues including the uses and limitations of archaeology, the historical value of Celtic mythology, how the Irish related to the outside world, and Ireland's place in medieval European history.
- 4604/IRST 327B:01 Irish History II: Mac Suibhne
Drawing on monographs and general studies, students consider how different social groups experienced the profound changes that produced modern Ireland. Although the course traces political developments, it pays equal attention to socioeconomic and cultural issues, including the shift from high fertility to sexual restraint; patterns of emigration, consumption and social unrest; linguistic change and changing devotional practices.

- 4770/IRST 329:01 Northern Ireland Since 1920: Mac Suibhne
This course concerns society and politics in Northern Ireland from the partition of Ireland to the current peace process. Students examine the changing structure of the Catholic and Protestant communities and their ideologies and the Anglo-Irish dimension of the conflict; they also assess the analyses and interpretations advanced by both participants and academic observers.

ANTHROPOLOGY

- 4920/IRST 228:01 Irish and American Tap Dance: McKenna
Students will learn a range of Irish and American tap pieces and dances, enabling them to expand on them to fit a wide diversity of music types and rhythms.

Injury bug leaving its mark on the Irish



Notre Dame defensive end Kyle Budinscak makes a tackle against Florida State before suffering an injury later in the game.

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Last Saturday's game against Florida State took Notre Dame's injury problems to a whole new level.

Coming into that contest, the Irish already had a number of players out for lengthy periods of time due to injuries. Tight end Gary Godsey and linebacker Mike Goolsby haven't played a down in the 2003 season. Godsey suffered a knee injury at the Gator Bowl and then endured a more serious knee injury during the first week of summer practice.

Goolsby injured his shoulder during the Gator Bowl and reinjured it during the spring. He has been participating in some of the team drills at practice, but not seeing any game time. One theory being thrown around is for Goolsby to be a red-shirt in 2003 and return in 2004 to use his fourth year of eligibility.

During the season, the Irish lost two fifth-year senior starters to what could be season-ending injuries. Safety Glenn Earl injured his knee against USC and went home last week to have surgery. Kicker and punter Nicholas Setta suffered a leg injury early in the game against Pittsburgh.

Neither Earl nor Setta has played or practiced since those injuries. While Earl's knee surgery makes it appear he won't return this season, thus ending his Notre Dame career, Setta hopes to return in the next few weeks.

Defensive end Kyle Budinscak appeared to severely injure his

right leg against Florida State and slowly made his way from the bench to the locker room during the game. Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham addressed his situation at Tuesday's press conference.

"Kyle Budinscak will be out for this ballgame and maybe out for the next two ballgames," Willingham said. "We'll get some final word on that as we progress through the week."

Budinscak has been a steady force on the Notre Dame defensive line for the past two seasons. But Willingham doesn't think losing him the week before facing the top rushing attack in college football is any worse than losing Budinscak at any other time.

"He's been a vital player for us in every game that we play. I think almost every team that we face has had very good running attacks," Willingham said. "So that has been a priority to make sure we shut those down and hopefully force them to be a one-dimensional team."

"His loss will be important to us."

Meanwhile, the already young and inexperienced offensive line has been hurt by injuries this entire season. Fifth-year guard Sean Milligan hasn't started since the Michigan game and hasn't played since the Michigan State game. The coaching staff started Darin Mitchell against the Spartans and Jamie Ryan against the Boilermakers before making a major change to the line.

True freshman Ryan Harris was a surprise start at right tackle against Pittsburgh. Then-right tackle Dan Stevenson moved into

a more natural right guard position, thus ultimately replacing Milligan.

But against Florida State, Stevenson injured his left leg and was in a walking cast up to his knee at practice Tuesday. Ryan filled in for Stevenson during the second half against the Seminoles. Center Bob Morton also left the Florida State game due to injury but was back at practice this week.

All of these injuries have offensive line coach Mike Denbrock hoping the training staff can get his players ready for the Midshipmen.

"We are nicked up as of right now. We are just going to have to see how it plays out as the week goes along," Denbrock said. "[Trainer] Jim Russ seems to do a great job in getting those guys ready by game time. We are going to put it in his hands and hope for the very best because we need to be as close to full strength as we possibly can."

One of the players who is healthy on the offensive line is Harris, and he's just thankful the injury bug hasn't hit him yet.

"Injuries are just weird because in high school you don't experience as many injuries, but here it's just like another part of the game," Harris said. "Everybody's hurt, everybody's bumped and bruised and it's just part of the season and part of Division I football."

"[I am] very lucky, and it's just a part of the game."

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Irish concerned about Navy's option attack

Only one week to prepare leaves coaching staff with a major challenge

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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The dreaded triple option — the Irish face it every year at least once from teams like Navy and Air Force, and every year, they fear the problems it could cause.

"Preparation for the option really just changes everything that we do from a defensive standpoint and really affects how we even practice," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "So their scheme creates a lot of problems."

The players study assignments all week and wonder if they'll pick up their reads.

The coaches and coordinators run rep after rep in practice at the defense and wonder how their players will react in the game.

"It's a little concern just because it's a different offense," Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "It's like learning a whole new language in one week. It may sound funny, but it's true, and it's so different from what you're used to. It's like saying, 'OK, let's stop what we've been learning, and now we've got to go learn this for one week.'"

Navy coach Paul Johnson knows his scheme can be confusing to opposing defenses because of its rarity. So few teams run a conventional option in modern football that it can be very tough for teams to prepare for it in only one week of practice. Johnson hopes this can make up for other areas where his Midshipmen may

be lacking.

"Our philosophy has always been if you can get better at stopping something in a week than we can in 26 weeks of running it, you were going to beat us anyways," he said. "That's what we do. We're going to do it, and we will try and hit you with play-action if you put a lot of guys up there."

This year, the Midshipmen are running their vaunted triple option to perfection, leading the nation in rushing with 309 yards per game. They have two players, running back Kyle Eckel and quarterback Craig Candeto, who each average over 85 yards of rushing a game. The senior Candeto has nearly three times as many rushing touchdowns (11) as the entire Irish team (4).

"I think Craig's experienced, he's tough, he's mentally tough and he's physically tough," Johnson said. "He's a good leader on the field. I think it's like anything else, if you rep something a million times hopefully you get good at it."

Another thing that could make things difficult for Notre Dame this week against Navy is the injury bug that has hit them all of a sudden. When preparing for a scheme like Navy's triple option — where so much relies on defenders being disciplined and holding their assignments — having to use young and inexperienced players can prove extremely costly.

"You have to break it down and give [the young guys] tip sheets," Irish secondary coach Trent



Navy quarterback Craig Candeto (middle) runs the triple option against Air Force earlier this season. Candeto has rushed for 767 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2003.

Walters said. "You have to talk to them, you have to write things down for them, you have to give them every avenue. Then you have to get reps in practice."

"The biggest thing is discipline, and that's what we're trying to get now."

The Irish will have to rely on players like freshman defensive end Victor Abiamiri and junior safety Lionel Bolen to replace

experienced starters Kyle Budinscak and Glenn Earl, who were injured over the past three weeks.

The Irish will have to count on their senior players still in the lineup — such as defensive lineman Darrell Campbell and linebackers Courtney Watson and Derek Curry — that have seen the option a few times before and understand the discipline neces-

sary to stop it.

"You've got a couple of guys that have been in this before linebacker-wise and with some linemen," Baer said. "So you count on those guys to step up and hopefully get us lined up. That's one of my concerns and one of the biggest factors."

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