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Convocation fights election apathy

Students question voting expert

By PAUL SPADAFORA
News Writer

Freshmen culminated a summer of study Thursday with the second annual First Year of Studies Academic Convocation — an event focused on the upcoming election and the effects of voter participation.

The Convocation, titled "Election 2004: A Watershed?", gave students the chance to explore and discuss the 2004 presidential and congressional elections through interaction with Thomas Patterson, author of the assigned summer reading "The Vanishing Voter: Public Involvement in an Age of Uncertainty".

Students were asked to consider the various factors that will influence the election in the coming months.

The program began with an

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Students raise their hands in a show of support for President Bush at the FYS Academic Convocation Thursday. A moment later, almost an equal number raised their hands for John Kerry.

TIMOTHY LUEBBERT/The Observer

Jenkins' father dies at 75

Former doctor is survived by wife and 12 children

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Harry Jenkins, Jr., father of University President-elect Father John Jenkins, died Wednesday in his hometown of Omaha, Neb. He was 75.

Harry Jenkins fell and suffered a brain hemorrhage within the past few days, University spokesman Matt Storin said. Jenkins' health had been on the decline in recent years.

Survived by his wife, Helen, and 12 children — six boys and six girls, with the president-elect falling as number three — Harry Jenkins had been a professor emeritus of medicine since 2001.

A retired gastroenterologist, he — like his own father, Harry Sr., before him — served on the faculty of his alma mater, the medical school of Creighton Jesuit University in Omaha. Harry and Helen wed during his first year at Creighton, when she had just finished nursing school.

Helen and all 12 children were present for her husband's death, Storin said.

University President Father Edward Malloy will travel to Omaha today to honor his successor's father, Storin said. Several other University officers will also attend the wake and viewing, which will be held this afternoon at 2 p.m., and the funeral service, which

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'Vanishing Voter' author Patterson offers political insight

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

Editor's Note: Before addressing those at the First Year of Studies Academic Convocation, 'Vanishing Voter' author Thomas Patterson sat down to answer questions about his take on Election 2004.



Patterson

Q: Judging by information

on VanishingVoter.org, it seems that the "vanishing voter" is making a reappearance. To what do you attribute the spike in public interest in this election?

A: I think there are three factors in particular that have led to increased election interest this year.

The first is the Iraq conflict, and its ties to the larger war on terrorism. We didn't see a jump in participation in the off-year or midterm elections after 9/11, but we've seen a real surge in interest since Iraq. Controversial war can lead to increased interest in election politics, because the

stakes are higher.

The second is the economy. It's always an important issue when it's somewhat weak. From 1960 to 2000, the only election when there was a clear jump in participation was '92. In '92, the economy was like today's. With a declining economy, you get increased participation.

The third is George Bush. He ran on being a uniter, and while that may still be his aim, that has not been the result. The Gallup Poll has been in place since 1935, and this year it has measured the biggest gap between Democrats' and Republicans'

respective disapproval or approval of the president. He certainly has a polarizing effect, and increased tension indicates that there's a lot at stake in this election. That intensity of feeling is part of the increase we're seeing in participation.

Q: Your project also reports increased youth participation. What about this election has inspired the younger demographic to get involved?

A: I'd say Iraq primarily has energized the youth vote. Last time there was a real surge in

Students optimistic about 2004 football season

Saturday's BYU game will give first look at the Irish

By KATE GALES
News Writer

The echoes of football seasons past will be reawakened this weekend as students, professors and fans everywhere eagerly await the verdict on the football team's visit to Brigham Young.

After the frenzied adoration and harsh criticisms of two years of highs and lows, coach Tyrone Willingham faces a third season heavy with the expectations of those gunning for victory.

Many, however, are just looking for the thrill of the game.

"The reason I came here was because of the experience I had at the BYU game [last year]," freshman Billy Sullivan said. "The game and the pep rally, that clinched it."

Sullivan is excited to experience his first football season in the student section.

"I don't know what to expect," he said. "You don't really know what [the team is] going to do."

His classmate Nick Zerbach is more excited yet.

"11-0, that's all I'm going to say," he said. "I'm getting excited. ... I'm hoping that Brady Quinn throws for about 6,000 yards this season and breaks

every NCAA record."

Zerbach speaks for many of the more die-hard — even rabid — Irish football aficionados.

"Notre Dame football is so [awesome]," he said. "I love Notre Dame football. I'm getting excited for the Michigan game — it's going to be a blowout, 50-0 by halftime. ... When I talk about Notre Dame football, I'm drunk with love and passion for the team."

Zerbach's sister, Angelina, is a senior who shares his love of the Irish.

"It's going to be amazing,"

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Observer File Photo

Fans celebrate during the Michigan State game last year. Both the team and the student body hope for more pushups in 2004.

INSIDE COLUMN

A major change

I am a film and television major. Again. I never wanted to be one of those people. Those flaky, fickle people who change majors like Jennifer Aniston changes her hair. But I was. Sort of.

I started out as an FTT major. I loved it.

Joanna Paxton

Photographer

I was fascinated by the material and excited by the prospect of working in such a dynamic, high-profile, high adrenaline industry. I was amazed by the combination of art, psychology, technology and marketing.

I could go on to create movies or TV shows that make complete strangers cry, or have nightmares, or laugh out loud when no one else is even in the room. I could make documentaries or work in television news and help inform people of events all over the world or within their single-stoplight communities.

I could touch people's lives.

But not a lot of other people saw the potential that I saw.

They saw an easy work load: "Labs" that are really just going to watch a movie, papers about TV shows, playing with cameras and computer programs.

That's not work. Engineering is work. Orgo is work. Finance is work. Even anthropology is work. Film and television is just a glorified study break.

My friends and my boyfriend made jabs at me about it all the time. What does Joanna say when she needs help with her homework? "Pass the popcorn."

My parents seemed unimpressed, too. They had always told me that college was not job training. It was about becoming an educated person. It was about studying what interested me.

I was also surprised because a lot of my family works in the industry. Sort of. I'm not a Barrymore or a Coppola; my father runs a family-owned media company. One portion of the company is the local NBC affiliate in my hometown.

But I decided sort of wasn't good enough. I wanted to impress people, not amuse or disappoint them.

I added an English major last fall as a kind of compromise. But by spring my doubts had taken over and I dropped FTT and picked up a history major. Only God knows why, but I swear it made sense at the time.

I still went ahead with the internship my dad had arranged for me at our local TV station. I really had no idea what to expect.

It turned out to be the most incredible summer job I could imagine. I worked in Creative Services writing, voicing, appearing in and helping to produce commercials. Sometimes I just carried lights and rolled a tripod around. But I got to hear my scripts or my own voice on TV. I got to see myself on TV. I was usually facing away from the camera pretending to buy cds, getting advice on a mortgage or tying my shoes. But that was me up there.

Anyway, my family and friends were excited for me and encouraging. I realized that my friends would make fun of me no matter what. My parents had never really disapproved. They were surprised at first, but my dad wouldn't have gotten me that internship if he wanted to discourage me. So, I got my confidence back.

And as of yesterday, I am a film and television major, again. Pass the popcorn.

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



Pat Kilbane

Law Student
Siegfried

"Dwight Ellick returns an interception for a touchdown. ND-BYU, 42-14."



Meg O'Farrell

Freshman
Cavanaugh

"I'm pretty confident that our team will go to the Michigan game 1-0."



Matt Schaefer

Sophomore
Zahm

"21-7, ND. Zahm House!"



Katy Mulvehill

Sophomore
Breen-Phillips

"I'm hoping we'll get the 'W'."



Josie Patane

Sophomore
Breen-Phillips

"Victory for ND."



Kevin Phipps

Senior
Siegfried

"It's gonna be another crusade. Catholic dominating the Mormons in this holy war."



MATTHEW SOLARSKI/The Observer

The auctioneer and his assistant acknowledge the high bidders during Thursday's NDSP-sponsored Bike and Lost Property Auction held at the Stepan Center. More than 120 bikes abandoned on campus were up for auction, along with miscellaneous personal items. The event was free and open to the public.

OFFBEAT

State orders controversial alteration to prison statue

ALBANY, N.Y. — Government cutbacks, sure, but is this going a bit too far?

The statue of a continental soldier that sits atop the state's Auburn Correctional Facility was removed earlier this summer for renovation.

Now, set to return to his perch this fall, the beloved figure known as Copper John will apparently be a little smaller than he was before.

It seems workers sprucing up the 156-year-old statue were told to reduce

the size of Copper John's crotch, according to a report Saturday in The Post-Standard of Syracuse.

Neither the prison's superintendent nor the state Department of Correctional Services would discuss the reason for the order, although department spokeswoman Linda Foglia confirmed the alteration took place.

Not everyone in the prison system is happy with the cosmetic alteration, though. Correction officers have had shirts printed, urging in a not so family friendly way that Copper John be saved.

Soldiers can't snag tiger

FORT POLK, La. — A Bengal tiger on the loose in the thick brush surrounding an Army base is winning a game of hide and seek.

A team of about 40 soldiers and sheriff's deputies searched the woods on Fort Polk Tuesday, but saw no sign of the tiger.

"So far we've seen neither hide nor hair of it," said Scott Heinrich, owner of a wild animal consultancy brought in to track the tiger.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The controversial Michael Moore 'provocative' "Fahrenheit 9/11" will be playing tonight at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The No. 2 ranked Irish women's soccer team takes on Stanford tonight at 7:30 p.m. and Santa Clara Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the Adidas Classic at Alumni Field.

SUB presents "Shrek 2" as their first movie of the year tonight and Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m. The screening is in 101 DeBartolo, and tickets cost \$3.

David Pearce Snyder of The Futurist Magazine will lecture on "Extra-Preneurship: Managing to Prosper in Revolutionary Times" from 12 to 1:15 p.m. today in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

Comedy hypnotist Dale K returns to campus tonight at 9:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. The show is free, presented by SUB.

The women's golf team will host the Notre Dame Invitational all day Saturday and Sunday on the Warren Golf Course.

Notre Dame will host an exhibit of large scale prints by Richard Serra in the Snite Museum of Art and the O'Shaughnessy Galleries West. The exhibit begins on Sunday.

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

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Documentary provokes controversy

"Fahrenheit 9/11" screenings encourage student debate

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

Sold-out crowds packed the new Performing Arts Center to see both showings of Michael Moore's controversial documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" Thursday night.

Running opposite to the Republican National Convention — in both timeslot and viewpoint — Moore's "provocative" made the same waves on campus as it has across the country.

In the film, Moore criticizes what he considers to be the failings of the Bush presidency, including the considerable number of vacation hours he clocked during his first term, his family's speculated friendship with the Bin Ladins and the administration's perceived negligence to stop the atrocities of Sept. 11.

Moore also accused Bush of stirring up fears of war for his own financial benefit.

The subject matter, defended by Moore's camp but just as staunchly attacked by Bush's, has sparked debate everywhere from kitchens and classrooms since its release on June 25.

Notre Dame is no exception.

"It made me feel Bush was not

in as much control as he portrayed himself to be. However, Michael Moore is also extremely biased. For the most part it made me feel sympathetic for the soldiers," said sophomore Meghan Hurt, a self-described independent Republican. "I still do not believe Bush could have done anything to stop 9/11. In the upcoming elections I will not change my Republican vote".

For senior Andrea Wolfe, the shock factor left the biggest impression.

"It is good to be aware of some of the things that occurred throughout 9/11 and the war, but it wasn't very delicately presented. It was harsh," she said. "Some comedy added relief to tension and took away from the serious-

ness of the matter."

The film politically resonated more for some, like junior Austin Buckley.

"It is entertaining, I agree with a lot of Moore's ideas, though I think he could have made his points a little more coherent," he said.

"Fahrenheit 9/11" will be shown again Friday at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema.

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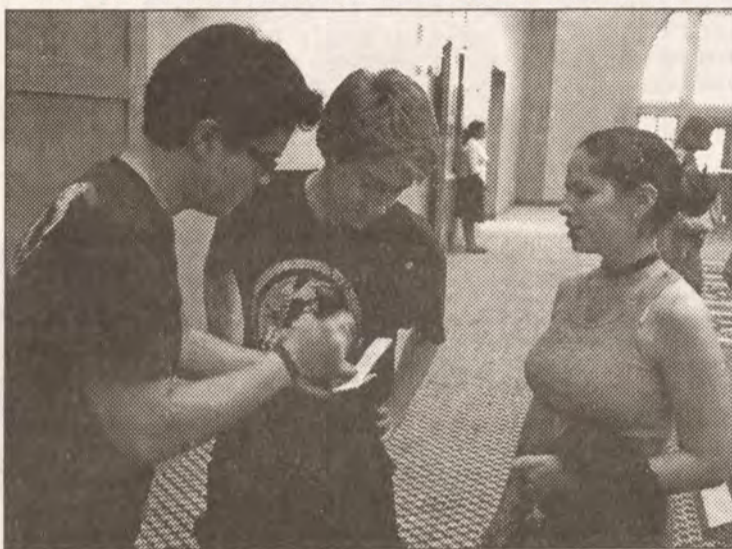
"It made me feel Bush was not in as much control as he portrayed himself to be. However, Michael Moore is also extremely biased."

Meghan Hurt
sophomore



MATTHEW SOLARSKI/The Observer

Above, a full house prepares for a screening of "Fahrenheit 9/11". Below, NDCinema usher Victor Wong checks tickets for moviegoers Tom Sutton and Meghann Tabor.



Editor to present lecture

Special to The Observer

David Pearce Snyder, lifestyles editor of The Futurist Magazine, will deliver a lecture titled "Extra-Preneurship: Managing to Prosper in Revolutionary Times," at noon Friday [Sept. 3] in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame. A part of the Donnelly Lecture Series on Employee Participation, the lecture is free and open to the public.

Snyder is a data-based forecaster whose thousands of seminars and workshops on strategic thinking have been attended by representatives of Fortune 500 companies, local and federal government agencies, educational institutions and trade associations.

Prior to entering private practice as a consulting futurist in 1981, Snyder served as chief of information systems and senior planning officer for the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, where he designed and managed the service's strategic planning system. He also served as a consultant to the Rand Corporation and as an instructor for the Federal Executive Institute, as well as for congressional and White House staff development programs.

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youth interest was Vietnam — though Iraq hasn't yet produced that kind of mobilization and response. The two issues cited as top voter priorities are the economy and Iraq, and Iraq comes out as the higher priority for younger people.

Young adults concerned with the Iraq War are more likely to become involved in the election, especially those in college or the college-educated. Concern with the economy mainly reflects the economic dislocation felt by those without college degrees.

There's just something about war — not a quick, precise war, but one with controversy — that gets young people motivated to involve themselves in politics.

Q: What has been the media's impact on this election, and have they been approaching this campaign any differently than in years past?

A: What we're basically seeing is a replay of past practices. The media is stuck in a mode in the reporting of campaigns, with more time spent on the horse race than the substance. Iraq is out there in the general news, but not in the campaign news, and the economy has been mostly absent from coverage. So far, the economy has received only one-fourth of the coverage devoted to Iraq.

The smaller issues that come out of nowhere are the ones that get the most play. We're already in the third flurry of stories about Kerry and Vietnam and the swift boat controversy. It's as if the campaign-type issues that are being focused on have little relevance with how the candidates will do in office. They're just red meat for the press.

In 2000, reports about Bush's drunk driving incident got more coverage than all the foreign policy stances of all the candidates during the entire campaign process combined. So these tendencies were there in the past.

Q: So has the media learned from their errors in Election Night coverage in 2000?

A: They learned the lessons, but have trouble keeping their promises ... the glass of wine goes to their lips, and they can't seem to stop drinking.

It's a lot of people contributing to this though, because once these stories get momentum it's hard for news organizations to resist the tide. Good intentions help, but larger forces are at work.

Q: Why doesn't the rise in convention interest seem to match the rise in general election interest? Does it have to do with cutbacks in convention coverage?

A: There is more interest in conventions in a relative sense, but it is reflective of the higher election interest in whole, and the audience is basically the same as in years past.

The broadcast networks like NBC, CBS and ABC have the capacity to deliver a larger audience, but they've been trimming convention coverage for years. It was cut in

half from '96 to 2000, and from 2000, it was basically halved. Now we have three hours. Every cut hurts the audience.

Q: Judging by general election interest and interest in the conventions so far, what would you predict interest in the October debates will be?

A: They're going to have pretty good audiences for the debates. The numbers of debate audiences have been shrinking on a steady downward trend, with '92 as the exception. With higher election interest, debates are going to do better. A 35 rating

would be quite good — which means that more than a third of households with a TV would have the debates switched on. And looking at numbers right now, that's a likely scenario.

Q: Assuming that this increased participation will show in the voting booths November 2, can you predict

whether or not it will be a continuing trend for future elections?

A: That's the unknown. The jump in '92 was followed in '96 by the lowest voter turnout in modern history. I think we'll have to see. There's been a lot of effort and activity mainly directed at getting young people to poll, and that demographic is where the drop has been.

9/11 might not have immediately affected voter turnout, but it could have affected young people in more permanent ways, made them more aware of the importance of public offices

and elections.

There's the possibility that interest and participation levels could be sustained, but we haven't seen that kind of growth since the '30s. Ask me in 2012 — then I can tell you where we stand.

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Thomas Patterson
author
Vanishing Voter

Football

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she said. "I would like it to be where in an ideal situation they'd be awesome, [and] we'd win every game."

She also had a uniquely senior concern.

"I'm hoping the marshmallow policy will change," she said. "I don't want to get kicked out of games."

Despite posting a losing record last year, sophomore Will McAuliffe remains optimistic.

"I'm not really disheartened," he said. "I think that, as a student, you have to look forward to every game and be optimistic — I think [the football team is] why a lot of people are here."

His classmate Katie Johnson agreed.

"I think that school spirit is important, and supporting the football team no matter what happens is part of that," she said.

Even faculty members are

waiting to see how the Irish fare this weekend — including Professor Jennifer Woertz in the civil engineering department.

"I'm guarded after [the team's] performance last year," she said. "I think Ty has probably got the troops in order this year."

Woertz also articulated the importance of the football team to the University.

"I think that sports here have such a big impact and make the University so well-known," she said.

However, not everyone is eagerly anticipating Willingham's first test.

"I didn't see any of the games last year and I'm not planning on seeing any this year," MBA student Dan Arlandson said. "I did notice the [falling] morale last season ... it's kind of humbling."

Regardless of the outcome, the third season under Willingham will surely impact student life at Notre Dame.

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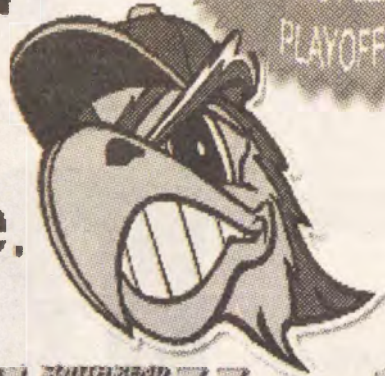
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Security council approves resolution

UNITED NATIONS — The Security Council narrowly approved a U.S.-backed resolution late Thursday aimed at pressuring Lebanon to reject a second term for its pro-Syrian president and calling for an immediate withdrawal of all foreign forces — an indirect reference to Syrian troops.

The resolution was adopted with the minimum nine "yes" votes, with the remain six countries on the council abstaining.

The Lebanese constitution now bans a president from serving two consecutive terms, but Parliament was expected to remove the restriction, with many seeing that as the desire of Syria, which wields the real power in Lebanon.

Men acquitted for 1994 bombing

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — A federal court acquitted five men Thursday of being accessories to the 1994 bombing of a Jewish community center that killed 85 people, the deadliest terrorist attack on Argentine soil.

In a nationally televised verdict, a three-judge panel cleared four former provincial police officers and a former used car salesman accused of supplying the van used in the attack, which also injured about 300 people.

The verdict concluded a three-year trial — the longest in Argentine history. The five were not accused of direct involvement in the bombing but were charged as accomplices for their parts in a stolen car ring responsible for the sale and delivery of the van.

NATIONAL NEWS

Voucher program funds restored

WASHINGTON — The government is restoring millions of dollars that were to be cut in the program that helps poor families pay the rent.

The Housing and Urban Development Department is putting back about \$156 million after reviewing public housing authorities' appeals of a decision in the spring restraining spending on Section 8 voucher financing.

The money will be distributed to 379 of the 398 housing authorities that appealed. The agency informed them late last week of the decision.

Soldier guilty of aiding al-Qaida

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — A soldier accused of trying to give al-Qaida information about U.S. troops, including methods for killing soldiers, was found guilty Thursday on all five counts of trying to help the terrorist network.

The verdict in Spc. Ryan G. Anderson's court-martial, which began Monday, was announced late Thursday afternoon.

Anderson, a tank crewman whose 81st Armor Brigade unit is now in Iraq, was accused of trying to give terrorists information about U.S. soldiers' strength and tactics. The terrorists he thought he was meeting with were actually undercover federal agents, prosecutors said.

LOCAL NEWS

Fatal truck crash closes toll road

NEW CARLISLE — A truck driver who ran out of fuel on the Indiana Toll Road was struck and killed by another semitrailer Thursday after he pulled to the side of the road and got out of his rig.

The second eastbound semi also hit the disabled vehicle and caught on fire, police said.

Frank J. Campfield, 44, of Chicago, was killed in the accident, police said. The driver of the second truck, Arthur L. Johnson, 58, of South Bend, suffered severe burns.

Militants release 26 hostages

Negotiations continue with gunmen holding hundreds inside Russian school

Associated Press

BESLAN, Russia — Camouflage-clad commandos carried crying babies away from a school where gunmen holding hundreds of hostages freed at least 26 women and children Thursday during a second day of high drama that kept crowds of distraught relatives on edge.

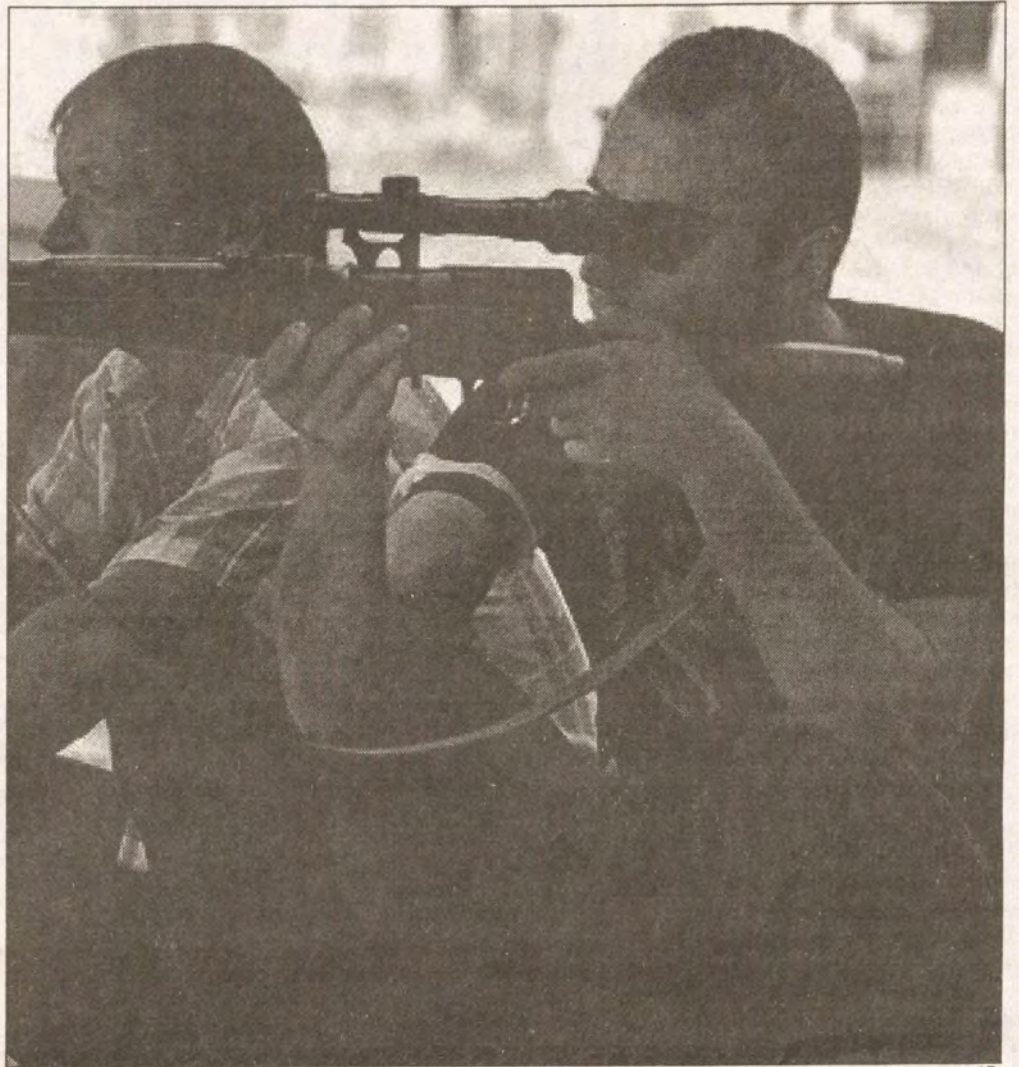
Men and women wept with disappointment or hugged each other with relief as a man read the names of the freed hostages over a loudspeaker. Some of the toddlers released were naked, apparently because of the stifling heat in the school, where the hostage-takers refused to allow authorities to deliver water, food and medicine for the captives.

Tensions had risen earlier when the militants fired grenades at two cars near the compound ringed by security forces, and hours later two blasts interrupted a nervous calm during the night. A policeman was reported injured by one of the explosions after midnight.

President Vladimir Putin said everything possible would be done to end the "horrible" crisis and save the lives of the children and adults being held at School No. 1 in Beslan, a town in the southern region of North Ossetia.

But it was uncertain how much either side was willing to give to avoid further bloodshed in the siege — the latest incident in a series of violent attacks believed linked to Russia's war in Chechnya. A dozen people were reported killed by the attackers when the school was captured Wednesday, but one official said Thursday that 16 died.

Reports after the stand-off began Wednesday said the attackers demanded the release of people jailed after attacks on police posts in June that killed more than 90 people in



Snipers have been set up in Beslan, North Ossetia, after attackers, who wore suicide-bomb belts, seized a Russian school, taking hostage nearly 400 citizens.

Ingushetia, a region between North Ossetia and Chechnya. But officials said Thursday that the hostage-takers had not clearly formulated their demands.

Late Thursday, Lev Dzugayev, a North Ossetia official, said his previous statement that 354 hostages were seized Wednesday might have been too low, and many in the anxious crowds said they believed the number was much higher. "Putin: at least 800 people are being held hostage," read a sign held up for television cameras.

Relatives, friends and neighbors who crowded outside barricades blocking access to the school gasped when the hostage

release was announced by Dzugayev, an aide to the president of North Ossetia.

Dzugayev and other officials said 26 women and children of various ages were released, but Russian media reported that one woman went back to be with her still captive children. An official at the crisis headquarters said another group of five hostages was let go separately.

An Associated Press Television News reporter saw two women and at least three infants being led away by soldiers. Some toddlers among those released were completely naked, apparently because of the stifling heat in the school, where the hostage-

takers refused to allow authorities to deliver water, food and medicine for the captives.

Dzugayev called the releases "the first success" of negotiations and said they came after mediation — including inside the school — by Ruslan Aushev, a former president of the Ingushetia republic who is a respected figure in the northern Caucasus.

The hostage release came after anxieties were sent soaring by two powerful explosions, followed by a plume of black smoke rising from the vicinity of the school. The crisis headquarters said the militants fired grenades at two cars that apparently drove too close to the building.

2.5 million warned to flee Florida

Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Residents and tourists in cars, trucks and campers clogged highways Thursday in the biggest evacuation ever ordered in Florida, fleeing inland as mighty Hurricane Frances threatened the state with its second battering in three weeks.

About 2.5 million residents were told to clear out ahead of what could be the most powerful storm to hit Florida in a decade. Other people in the 300-mile stretch covered by the hurricane warning rushed to fortify their homes with plywood and storm shutters, and buy water, gas and canned food.

Already a Category 4 storm with 140 mph winds and the potential to push ashore waves up to 15 feet high, Frances could make itself felt in the state by midmorning Friday.

At 5 p.m. EDT, the hurricane was centered 375 miles southeast of West Palm Beach and was moving northwest at close to 10 mph. Hurricane-force winds extended up to 80 miles from its center.

This could be the first time since 1950 that two major storms have hit Florida so close together. On Aug. 13, Hurricane Charley splintered billions of dollars worth of homes, knocked out power to hundreds of thousands and killed 27 people when it tore

across the state.

Charley's example — and Frances' tremendous size, at 1,000 miles across, or about as big as the state of Texas — rodded people like Linda Silvestri, 58, to get out of the way. Silvestri, who lives in Palm Bay on the central Florida coast, headed inland to Gainesville to be near a hospital because she just received a kidney transplant.

"I hope I have a house when I get back," she said.

The hurricane warning covered most of the state's eastern coast, from Florida City, near the state's southern tip, to Flagler Beach, north of Daytona Beach.

Bush says 'we will prevail'

Kerry calls incumbent president unfit to lead country

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Bush picked apart John Kerry's record on the Iraq war and tax cuts Thursday night and summoned the nation toward victory over terrorism and economic security at home. "Nothing will hold us back," he said in a Republican National Convention acceptance speech that launched his fall re-election campaign.

"We are staying on the offensive — striking terrorists abroad — so we do not have to face them here at home," Bush said in a prime-time address not far from Ground Zero of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

"And we will prevail."

"Four more years, four more years," the delegates chanted as Bush strode — alone — onto a podium in the middle of a heavily fortified convention hall. His introduction was a video that stirred memories of Sept. 11 — and credited him with "the heart of a president."

"I believe this nation wants steady, consistent, principled leadership, and that is why, with your help, we will win this election," he said.

First lady Laura Bush joined her husband on stage as he finished speaking, followed by Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife and extended families. On cue, thousands of red, white and blue balloons floated down from the ceiling, mixing with confetti and colored streamers in a made-for-television spectacle.

Bush's speech marked the beginning of a two-month campaign sprint to Election Day, and Kerry clearly couldn't wait. In a ferocious counterattack after a week of GOP convention-week criticism, he called the wartime commander in chief and Vice President Dick Cheney unfit to lead the nation.

"I'm not going to have my commitment to defend this country questioned by those who have refused to serve when they could have and by those who have misled the nation into Iraq," he said at a midnight rally in Ohio less than an hour after the president concluded his own remarks.

Kerry won five military medals in the Vietnam War; Bush was stateside in the National Guard and Cheney's five draft-era deferments kept him out of the service.

The Bush-Cheney campaign readied a new general election advertising campaign to build on elements in his convention speech. In it, Bush vows to "spread ownership and opportunity," "make our economy more job friendly" and help lower health care costs.

Locked in a tight race, the president underscored his differences with Kerry on issues of war, tax cuts, values and more. At the same time, he used terms less incendiary than those leveled by Cheney or Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., from the convention podium Wednesday night.

Bush said Kerry and Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards had both voted against \$87 billion



President Bush accepts the party nomination at the Republican National Convention Thursday night.

in aid for "troops doing battle in Afghanistan and Iraq." "When asked to explain his vote, the senator (Kerry) said, 'I actually did vote for the \$87 billion before I voted against it.' Then he said he was 'proud of that vote.'"

The president said Kerry has proposed "more than \$2 trillion in new federal spending so far, and that's a lot, even for a senator from Massachusetts."

Bush added: "To pay for that spending, he is running on a platform of increasing taxes — and that's the kind of a promise a politician usually keeps."

Jenkins

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will be held Saturday at 10 a.m.

John Jenkins is expected to preside over his father's funeral mass. The service will be in St. Leo's Church, located at 1920 North 102nd St., Omaha.

Memorials may be sent to Notre Dame's Harry and Helen Jenkins Scholarship Fund.

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interview with Patterson, a professor at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, conducted by Matthew Storin, associate vice president of news and information.

The interview provided a general outline of subjects brought up in "The Vanishing Voter", and also developed topics that would be explored in greater detail with student questions.

When the question and answer session began, the students had inquiries that spanned the range of issues brought up by Patterson in his book.

"The quality and intensity of the student's questions were impressive," said dean of the First Year of Studies, Eileen Kolman.

The topics of primary elections, voting tendencies and various party strategies were considered, among others.

The idea of media influence was also a substantial part of the conversation. When asked about the "dirty politics" of various media outlets, Patterson said "I like Michael Moore's contribution, and I like Rush Limbaugh's contribution, but I don't like it when they're the dominant contribution. ... We're not being well served by our primary sources of information."

Throughout the convocation, Patterson emphasized the significance of this election.

"I think we'll see a six to eight-point increase in ranks [of voter turnout]," he said. "I think this is one of the most important elections in decades."

Despite the interest expressed in the topic, however, many students had a mixed reaction to the convocation as a whole. At the end of the convocation, approximately a third of the students who originally attended were remaining.

Alexandra Persley, a freshman attendee of the convocation, said "It was really disrespectful that people got up and left [during the question and answer session]". Michael Redding, another student in attendance, said "The whole event reflected elections in general ... a lot of those who stayed might have been more set in their ways [politically]".

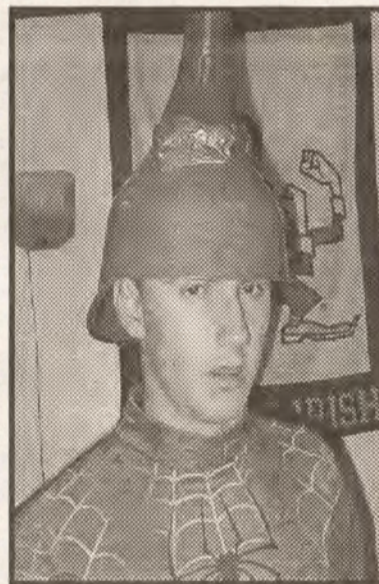
"People are at all different levels of engagement," explained Kolman. "For many, this was their first exposure to a topic like this, so their attention span might be understandably limited."

"The people who are into it will come away with a lot," said freshman Erin Mulholland.

Kolman said that the convocation was a useful introduction to the freshman about the value of their political participation.

"This convocation was important in itself, but it was even more important as a first step for these 18-year olds to take in preparation for the election," she said.

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S&P 500	1,118.31	+12.40
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MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.84	+0.23	27.62
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ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+2.39	+0.24	10.29
SUN MICROSYSTEMS (SUNW)	+2.58	+0.10	3.97

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5-YEAR NOTE	+2.00	+0.66	33.72
3-MONTH BILL	+1.03	+0.16	15.63

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IN BRIEF

Mexican oil director extradited

MEXICO CITY — The former director of Mexico's state oil company was extradited Thursday from the United States to Mexico, where he faces charges of diverting funds to a presidential campaign.

Rogelio Montemayor arrived at Mexico City's international airport aboard a commercial flight from Houston. Federal agents escorted him to a hangar controlled by the attorney general's office for processing.

Montemayor had gone to the United States in 2002 and had been fighting extradition. But he recently obtained an injunction to prevent him from being held in Mexican prison while awaiting trial.

Following a medical exam and official protocols that took about an hour, Montemayor was released. He left the hangar with his lawyer. He carried an envelope stuffed with files and refused to speak to reporters.

New deal reached for ATA Airlines

CHICAGO — ATA Airlines on Wednesday reached a tentative contract agreement with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers union.

Bob Haines, a spokesman for the union, said the members will vote on the contract on Sept. 8 and 9. The contract covers about 350 ground workers in Indianapolis and Chicago.

The negotiations were mediated by the National Mediation Board in Washington.

The cash-strapped airline is seeking financial concessions from all its union work groups, including pilots, flight attendants, mechanics and machinists.

Talks with the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, representing 600 mechanics, are also in mediation, but broke off last week on wage differences.

Negotiations with flight attendants are ongoing.

In August, the airline said that if it can't cut costs significantly by renegotiating aircraft leases, it will run out of money in the first quarter of 2005.

Market upbeat after slow week

Prices bounce back up after Republican National Convention hinders trading

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks strode higher in a late-session buying surge Thursday, as oil prices stepped back from their highs and investors shrugged off mixed economic data, focusing with renewed optimism on the government's upcoming jobs report. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped more than 120 points.

Trading has been muted all week due to the Republican National Convention in New York and the upcoming Labor Day holiday. Investors were also looking ahead to an after-the-bell outlook from chipmaker Intel Corp., which came in gloomy, as expected, and U.S. employment data scheduled to be announced Friday.

The markets grew increasingly more upbeat Thursday as rumors swirled among traders that President Bush would allude to bullish job growth numbers in his speech on the final night of the convention. Still, analysts were puzzled by the strength of the rally.

"Could it just be that there's no one in, volume is low, and there's nothing new negative?" asked Janna Sampson, director of Portfolio Management at Oakbrook Investments. "People might be thinking, 'You know, I want to be in for September, I want to do it today, and I'm taking a four-day weekend.'"

According to final results, the Dow soared 121.82, or 1.2 percent, to 10,290.28, its highest point in seven weeks.

The broader gauges also rose sharply. The Nasdaq composite index added 23.02, or 1.2 percent, to 1,873.43. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 12.40, or 1.1 percent, to 1,118.31. The sprint sent the S&P 500 back into positive range for the year, up 0.6 percent since the start of 2004.



Traders work at the New York Stock Exchange after a late-day buying rush sends stocks soaring. Crude prices climbed after Yukos warned of a possible production halt.

In economic news, worker productivity rose a disappointing 2.5 percent in the spring, the smallest gain since late 2002. The reading by the Labor Department, which measures the amount an employee produces for every hour on the job, missed economists' estimates for a rise of 2.8 percent, and was down sharply from the 3.7 percent pace posted in the first quarter.

In a second report, the department said the number of new people signing up for unemployment benefits rose for the second week in a row, reflecting the lingering impact of Hurricane Charley. Economists were expecting

claims to go down.

Separately, the Commerce Department said orders to U.S. factories grew by 1.3 percent in July, following a 1.2 percent advance in June. The increase was led by a big jump in demand for commercial aircraft and parts. Orders for nondurable goods, such as food products and chemicals, rose 1 percent for a second straight month.

Crude prices climbed after Russia's largest oil producer, Yukos, warned of a possible production halt following a Moscow court's decision to freeze its assets as part of an ongoing battle over back taxes. Light, sweet crude for October delivery was up 6 cents to

settle at \$44.06.

Investors were also holding their collective breath as Hurricane Frances took aim at Florida's eastern coast, less than three weeks after Hurricane Charley struck the state, pushing the nation's jobless claims higher and denting retail sales in the Southeast.

The fact that the market was up in spite of so many negative factors was cause for optimism, analysts said, and perhaps a sign that investors are setting aside some of the worries that kept them on the sidelines during the summer. It's almost as if the sellers are "getting a bit tired," said Bill Groenveld, head trader for vFinance Investments.

Russian oil company fears closing

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's largest oil producer, ensnared in a debilitating battle over a huge back-taxes bill, said Thursday it is unable to pay wages and that production is in imminent danger of stopping.

The statement by the Yukos oil company followed a court decision Tuesday that froze accounts in its subsidiary companies. "The account freeze paralyzes the production activities of Yukos," the company said.

Analysts doubted, however, that President Vladimir Putin would allow a fall in crude output in an industry that accounts for much of

Russia's budget intake and has spurred the country's recent economic growth.

A Yukos spokesman said prosecutors were seeking to seize \$2.6 billion from the accounts of Yukos subsidiaries as part of resolving a 2000 back taxes bill for \$3.4 billion.

A spokeswoman for core subsidiary Yuganskneftegaz said that so far operations at the company were continuing as normal, Dow Jones Newswires reported. Yukos accounts for about 2 percent of global oil production and previous concerns about supply interruptions have contributed to high world oil prices.

Light crude for October delivery

settled at \$44.06, a gain of 6 cents, after trading as high as \$45.37 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It was the second day in a row that oil prices rose.

The 2000 tax bill is part of a web of legal actions against Yukos and its jailed billionaire owner, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, that observers see as Kremlin-orchestrated punishment for his growing clout and forays into politics.

Observers expect the bill to eventually rise to some \$12 billion for the 2000-03 period. Putin has cast the cases as part of an effort to collect taxes and crack down on murky business practices dating to the 1990s.

RUSSIA

Officials estimate 1,000 held in hostage crisis

Associated Press

BESLAN — Heavily armed militants who seized a school three days ago are holding at least 1,000 students, teachers and parents hostage inside the building, far more than previously thought, a released hostage and a regional official said.

Russian officials had said that about 350 people were being held by raiders who seized the school in the North Ossetian city of Beslan on Wednesday. But a teacher who was among at least 26 women and children released on Thursday disputed that, according to a report published Friday.

"On television they say that there are 350 of us. That's not right. There's not less than 1,500 in the school," the respected newspaper Izvestia quoted the woman as saying on condition of anonymity.

In addition, local legislator Azamat Kadykov told a meeting packed with worried relatives and friends Friday that the number of hostages was "more or less 1,000."

The reports could not immediately be confirmed, but the woman who spoke with Izvestia said that some 1,000 children were enrolled at the school, and the militants had captured teachers and many parents as well when they invaded the building Tuesday during a ceremony to celebrate the start of the new school year.

The statements were a new blow to the morale of hostage relatives, who spent the night whipsawed by hope and dread — buoyed by the release of dozens of women and children but alarmed by grenades fired from the building.

Valery Andreyev, chief of the regional office of the Federal Security Service, meanwhile said that contacts with the hostage-takers had resumed in the morning, following an overnight suspension, but stopped again.

The release of at least 26 hostages on Thursday left some Beslan residents convulsed in joy, but many more wracked with disappointment. Men and women wept or hugged each other with relief as a man read the names of the freed hostages over a loudspeaker.

The released hostages included toddlers who were naked, apparently because of stifling heat in the school, where the hostage-takers have refused to allow authorities to deliver water, food and medicine for the captives. The refusal could indicate hostage-takers' suspicion of being poisoned.

Two explosions were heard from the cordoned-off school area during the night. Lev Dzugayev, an aide to the president of North Ossetia, where Beslan is located, said the raiders had fired two grenades, wounding a policeman, ITAR-Tass said.

Another explosion roared on Friday morning, as Kadykov and Leonid Rosahal, a pediatrician who has been involved in the negotiations, spoke to the crowd of worried residents.

President Vladimir Putin said everything possible would be done to end the "horrible" crisis and save the lives of the children and adults being held at School No. 1 in Beslan.

But it was uncertain how much either side was willing to give to avoid further bloodshed in the siege — the latest incident in a series of violent attacks believed linked to Russia's war in Chechnya, which borders North Ossetia.

A dozen people were reported killed by the attackers when the school was captured Wednesday, but one official said Thursday that 16 died.

Reports after the standoff began Wednesday said the attackers demanded the release of people jailed after attacks on police posts in June that killed more than 90 people in Ingushetia, a region between North Ossetia and Chechnya.

But officials said Thursday that the hostage-takers had not clearly formulated their demands.

Relatives, friends and neighbors who crowded outside barricades blocking access to the school gasped when the hostage release was announced by Dzugayev.

Dzugayev and other officials said 26 women and children of various ages were released, but Russian media reported that one woman went back to be with her still-captive children. An official at the crisis headquarters said another group of five hostages was let go separately.

Dzugayev called the releases "the first success" of negotiations and said they came after mediation — including inside the school — by Ruslan Aushev, a former president of neighboring Ingushetia, who is a respected figure in the northern Caucasus region.

The hostage release came after anxieties were sent soaring by two powerful explosions, followed by a plume of black smoke rising from the vicinity of the school Thursday afternoon.

The crisis headquarters said militants fired grenades at two cars that apparently drove too close to the building. Officials said neither car was hit, but a gutted car was visible not far from the school.

On Thursday evening, a series of heavy thuds that sounded like artillery could be heard for several minutes, apparently coming from an area northwest of town. There was no information on what caused the sounds.

After midnight, two more grenade blasts roared. Dzugayev said that the hostage-takers told Russian authorities they fired because they saw suspicious movement and that officials told them there was no such movement.

Any hint of violence put people on edge. After seizing the school, the militants reportedly threatened to blow it up if troops tried to rescue the hostages and warned they would kill prisoners if any of their gang was hurt. Authorities estimated 15 to 24 militants held the school.

IRAN

Report points to nuclear plans

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Iran acknowledged Thursday that it plans to process tons of raw uranium, but said the U.N. nuclear watchdog was informed long ago and accused Washington of sensationalizing the matter.

The International Atomic Energy Agency said in a report obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press that Iran plans to process more than 40 tons of uranium into uranium hexafluoride gas. Experts said the amount was enough for four or five warheads.

The U.N. report did not specify what plans Iran had for the material, which is spun in centrifuges to produce enriched uranium. This can then be used to generate electricity or make nuclear warheads, depending on the degree of enrichment.

Ali Akbar Salehi, a senior adviser to Iran's Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi, said Thursday that Iran's plans were not a secret. "This is the information Iran provided to the IAEA a long time ago," he told the AP.

In response to what he called Iran's concerted effort to make

nuclear weapons, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday that Washington would urge the U.N. nuclear agency at its board meeting this month to refer the Iranian case to the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions.

Iran denies the allegation and insists its nuclear program is geared only toward producing electricity, not a nuclear bomb.

Salehi, Iran's former envoy to the Vienna, Austria-based IAEA, said Iran's uranium conversion facility in Isfahan, in central Iran, has a capacity of converting 300 tons of uranium ore into hexafluoride gas annually.

"The agency knew the capacity of the facility before it was built. The facility is under IAEA safeguards," he said.

He said the capacity of Iran's uranium enrichment plant in Natanz was 30 tons per year. The facility in Natanz uses centrifuges to enrich uranium hexafluoride gas and turn it

into pellets that are then used as fuel in nuclear reactors.

The Isfahan facility was inaugurated in March, but last year Iran suspended uranium enrichment in Natanz as a confidence-building gesture toward the international community.

A senior diplomat in Vienna, speaking on condition of anonymity Wednesday, said any uranium hexafluoride Iran produces "could be the feed stock for Natanz."

Iran says it wants to control the whole nuclear fuel cycle, from extracting uranium ore to enriching it to be used as fuel in nuclear reactors, to avoid dependence on international suppliers.

Iran plans to produce 7,000 megawatts of electricity by 2021 through nuclear energy. Salehi said Natanz will be able to meet the fuel needs of only one reactor, meaning Iran will have to buy fuel for the rest of its reactors from the international market.

"The agency knew the capacity of the facility before it was built."

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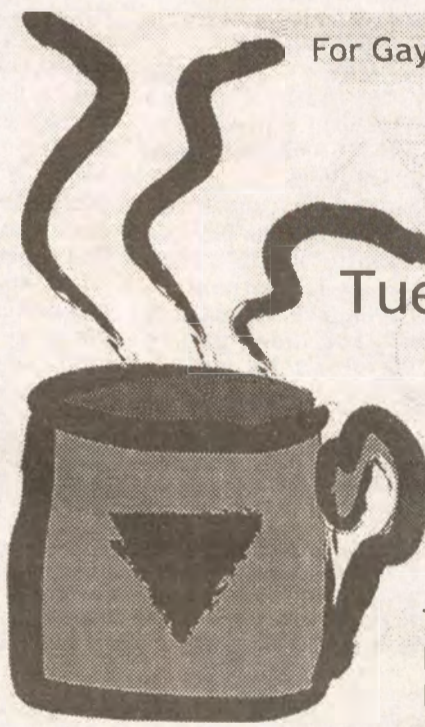
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Hurricane Frances looming, tourism grinds to a halt

Businesses could lose millions

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Casey Pavlacka planned to be in Walt Disney World on Thursday for a Labor Day weekend trip with her best friend.

Instead, she stayed home in Michigan after her mother-in-law sent photographs of damage from Hurricane

Charley three weeks ago, and warned that the approaching Hurricane Frances would be much worse.

"We wanted to be in Florida right now, but we would rather be safe than in a hurricane," said

Pavlacka, 23, by telephone from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Florida's \$50 billion tourism industry ground to a halt as Frances and its 140 mph wind neared the state. Florida officials issued the biggest evacuation request in state history, urging 2.5 million residents to clear out.

"This is the worst time of the year to have this hurricane," said Abe Pizam, a professor of

hospitality management at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. "Labor Day weekend is very busy."

He said the lost revenue likely will run into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

The 300-room beachfront Holiday Inn Beach Resort in Melbourne, about 70 miles southeast of Orlando, was fully booked for the holiday weekend until guests — and employees — began evacuating Thursday.

General manager Tim Michaud said he expected at least \$100,000 in lost revenue.

"That's just rooms," Michaud said. "We're also losing functions for the weekend."

Further north along the coast, almost every business in Cocoa Beach was closed, including Ron Jon's Surf Shop, a tourist attraction that normally stays open 24 hours a day.

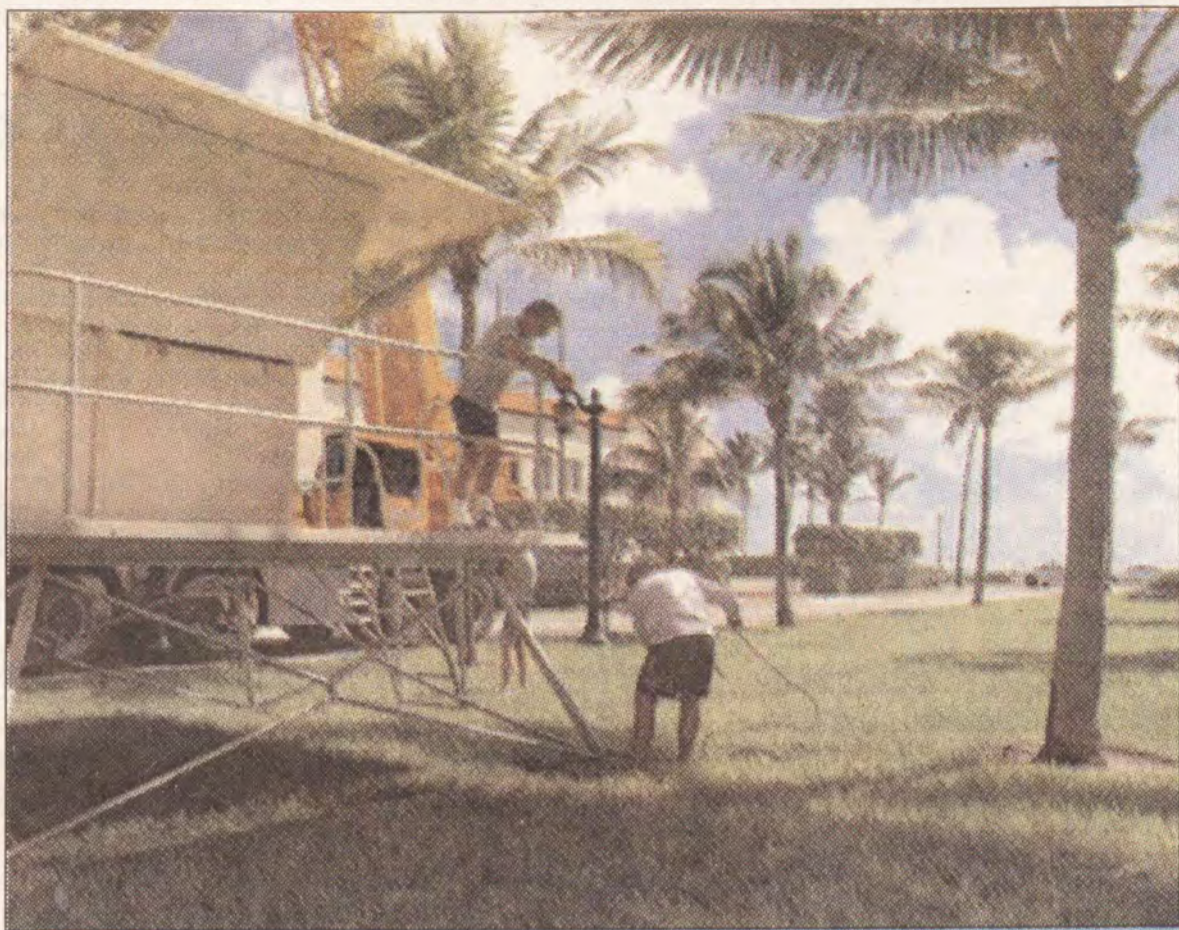
The weekend wasn't a total loss for hotels.

Most of the 120,000 hotel rooms in metro Orlando, which has the second-largest hotel market in the nation behind Las Vegas, were occupied — by evacuees. Just over 1,000 rooms were available for Friday.

Sea World Orlando and Discovery Cove, and Universal Orlando's two theme parks and Citywalk entertainment complex, planned to close Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. Walt Disney World planned to close its four theme parks an hour or two early on Friday. No decision had been made on whether they would be open Saturday.

Disney's crowds were unusually light Thursday. At the Magic Kingdom, people waited only about 10 minutes for rides like Space Mountain that can take up to two hours to get on. The short waits were a boon for visitors like Barb Delaney and her children, of Springfield, Va.

"We're going to look at it as one more adventure," said Delaney, a civilian Department of Defense worker whose 13-year-old daughter and 11-year-old son saved three years worth of pocket change totaling \$600 for the trip. "We saved up three years to come



Above, lifeguards ready towers in Palm Beach. At right, Violet Faust waits at a special needs center.

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here and a hurricane isn't going to stop us."

South Beach's main artery, Ocean Drive, usually a bustling thoroughfare of outdoor cafes and posh pink hotels, was nearly empty Thursday afternoon, with the last few remaining tourists

still trying to leave.

Lion Country Safari, west of West Palm Beach, closed Thursday afternoon. Its lions, chimps, rhinos and elephants were going to ride out the storm in their night shelters, built of steel and concrete.

Gov. Jeb Bush on Wednesday

warned visitors to stay out of Florida for the next few days, but then asked them to come back after the hurricane had passed — real soon.

"If you decide to spend Labor Day somewhere else," Bush said, "We ask that you reschedule your vacations."

Students are invited to take part in "A Conversation with Tom Mendoza" on Thursday, September 9, 2004 from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Giovanini Commons A (lower level Mendoza, across from the BIC).

This is the first event in the Mendoza College of Business' Vocation & Ambition conversation series for 2004-2005. The series will offer students a unique opportunity to consider the role of vocation in business and the meaning of ambition within the world of work. This series provides a forum to ask: What does it mean to be a success? Must one choose between the material and the moral? What does it mean to be called to vocation in business? How will my career expectations, and those of others, shape my life decisions? Sessions are designed to allow extended time for questions and personal reflection.

Tom Mendoza and colleague Mike Riley are the kick off speakers. Tom Mendoza (ND '73) is President of Network Appliance, a leader in the growing network-attached storage market. To support higher education and the University of Notre Dame, Tom Mendoza and his wife Kathy endowed the College in March 2000. Mike Riley, a top systems engineer at Network Appliance, and a 1986 graduate of Notre Dame, will join him.

To facilitate maximum dialog, the event will be limited to 40 students. We will accept reservations on a first come, first serve basis by email to jcalder2@nd.edu.

4 killed in mobile home

Associated Press

LIVINGSTON, Texas — Four people were found shot to death inside a burning mobile home Thursday, and a relative in his 70s admitted to the shooting and surrendered, police said.

Sheriff Billy Ray Nelson identified the victims as the man's wife, daughter, son-in-law and teenage grandson. The deaths may be related to the older couple's marital problems, the sheriff said.

"When he turned himself in he showed no signs of remorse," Nelson said. "He was very calm. He just wanted to report it."

The names of the victims and the man were withheld pending notification of relatives.

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Every vote counts

After the debacle of democracy that was Election 2000, one message remained long past the butterfly ballots and hanging chads: Every Vote Counts.

Four years later, with the country once again split evenly down a bitter partisan divide, the same words, cliché or not, hold true. Just as cliché — and sadly, just as true — is the consensus that young Americans don't vote, and in recent years, Notre Dame has been no exception.

Now is the time to make it one.

There is absolutely no excuse not to pay attention to this election. National news coverage blares constantly. The candidates adjust their platforms and amplify their attacks almost hourly. Across campus this fall, student political groups such as the College Democrats, College Republicans and Rock the Vote will do their best to eliminate the option of Notre Dame bubble-induced ignorance.

Yet ignorance, however disappointing, pales next to cynicism. And, feeling alternately dismissed and patronized by political campaigns, cynical young voters and their argu-

ments are in no short supply.

Both candidates are the same, the cynics say.

But the next president could select up to three new Supreme Court justices, setting a decades-long tone for issues like abortion, the death penalty and the military draft. All are points on which neutrality is hard to find. All are points on which President Bush and John Kerry disagree.

I'm not from Florida or Ohio, the cynics say.

But so-called swing states are powerless without 40-plus others falling — or not falling — into place. Even the reddest state could bleed blue if taken for granted.

Notre Dame isn't exactly the most politically-charged campus, the cynics say.

But who's to say it can't be? And what better chance than a presidential election to blast the apathetic stereotype?

Youth gives license to many things. Throwing away a precious American right — due to ignorance or cynicism or both — should not be one of them.

The Observer Editorial

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dialogue, not accusations, will help Ramadan

Does the Sept. 1 letter by Peter Walshe contribute to the advancement of interfaith dialogue in the public discourse of our University? His call for the University to press for a reversal of the decision by the U.S.

State Department is grounded in the claim that "Notre Dame has no more important

task than to facilitate an ecumenical process, an initiative called for in the documents of Vatican II, but not vigorously pursued in its aftermath."

Dialogue with Buddhism, Judaism and Islam falls into the category of "interfaith" rather than "ecumenical."

The document Nostra Aetate

passed in the final session of the Council in 1965

indeed called for such dialogues. These dialogues

have been pursued episodically but steadily by

Christians, Jews and

Muslims over the past 40

years. Some members of

our faculty, including our

University President-

Emeritus Father Theodore

Hesburgh, made major

contributions to these dialogues.

The Tantur Ecumenical

Institute in Jerusalem is a

place of prayer, discussion and

dialogue for the international

community as well as those who

live in that troubled area.

Walshe moves from the State

Department to an accusation that "this

bears the imprint of a maneuver by those

influential supporters of Israel's right-wing gov-

ernment now ensconced in the Pentagon." His letter

focuses the proximate cause for Tariq Ramadan's prob-

lems exclusively on neo-cons and "Likudniks" like Daniel

Pipes. Is our Notre Dame community to infer that the only

reason for Ramadan's problems come from a group of

Jews? The letter by Kathleen Sappey (also published Sept. 1) would seem to indicate that concerns have been raised about Ramadan's activities by European security experts.

Even if their concerns are not valid, one could

hardly call them "neo-Cons" or "Likudniks."

Ramadan did far more than "scold"

Bernard Henri Lévy and Alain

Finkelkraut. He accused them of

abandoning "France's noble tradi-

tions of universalism and personal

freedom because of their

anxiety over Muslim immigration

and support for Israel."

The accusation of Jews for

their "ethnicity" over

"humanity" is a long-standing

canard. With the growing

number of desecra-

tions of cemeteries and

violence against Jews in

France, Ramadan's choice

of words — even while

denying anti-Semitism —

was hardly judicious.

Our concern at Notre

Dame should be to create

a community where inter-

faith and ecumenical dia-

logues constitute daily dis-

course. Ramadan entered his

own public plea in the New

York Times. Members of this

University are actively pursuing

avenues to re-instate his visa. The

ultimate decision lies in the hands

of the Departments of State and U.S.

Homeland Security. I do not believe that

his case will be advanced by creating a dis-

course of accusation rather than dialogue.

Rabbi Michael Signer

Director

Notre Dame Holocaust Project

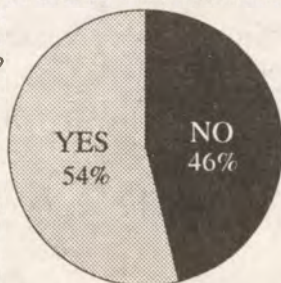
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OBSERVER POLL

Should Tariq Ramadan be allowed to teach at Notre Dame?

Yes 54%
No 46%



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and is based on 387 responses.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A camel is a horse designed by committee."

Sir Alec Issigonis
author

Who divided America?

A number of Democrats allege that during the past four years, President Bush has polarized the country through his rhetoric, his policies and even his personality. In turbulent times when America faces foes bent on its destruction, the argument goes, Bush has managed to shift the post-Sept. 11 wave of patriotism and unity into a state of bitter ideological battle.

Bill Rinner

A Voice of Reason

On a superficial level, this argument has merit. Bush indeed oversaw a wave of national unity through his leadership after radical Islamists bombed the World Trade Center, healing the rifts that were already forming as Democrats, still bitter about the 2000 Election outcome, displayed their true patriotism.

Only a marginalized portion of the "blame America first" fringe resisted the tide, cringing at the sight of flags proudly waving in windows across the country. Barring these few exceptions, the country was largely united as the War on Terror dwarfed partisan bickering about whether the most productive Americans were being adequately punished by the tax code.

Bush's responsibility for re-polarizing the country lay in his uncanny ability to pursue an ideological basis for foreign policy that was not motivated by opinion polls, the New York Times or Washington bureaucrats whose social utopia is the status quo.

Indeed, Bush's rhetoric intoned that "those who aren't with us are against us," sending his opponents into fits of rage. Worse yet, the implication by his polarizing speech was that those who are "against" him would still owe him for his wartime leadership.

The complaints of American liberals mirrored those of effete European Cold War allies who benefit from the American security umbrella, yet still squirm when America flexes its muscle.

Bush merely revealed that America can no longer stand to be the "feel-good" hegemonic power.

Bush has earned many detractors via a preemptive foreign policy, his "compassionate conservatism" experiment and various misspeaks have embraced a pathological hatred, attempting to legitimize their self-righteous indignation.

For all intents and purposes, hatred is the product of a purely irrational mind.

Objectifying a conscious effort to reject any form of understanding hate breeds the same bed of intolerance so many liberals claim the exclusive property of modern-day conservatives. As Allan Bloom's words ring true, the self-appointed prophets of compassion and understanding have unwittingly closed their own minds.

During the Clinton administration, those with the biggest axe to grind against the hapless president often bordered on or even crossed into the territory of hate, yet their partisan anger never spread the ranks like it has across countless American circles in the past three years.

The mainstream media was dubiously

quick to brand supporters of Clinton's impeachment hearings "far-right-wingers" and successfully marginalized those holding him accountable for perjury. Today, on the other hand, the media only sparingly calls Bush's strongest critics "liberal" and coddles every Bush-bashing screed with a "60 Minutes" feature story.

Less influential news sources that still serve to shape party politics carry the torch for those who know in their hearts that Bush lied, even when appeals to the mind successfully disarm their only arguments. Jonathan Chait, editor of The New Republic, a moderate-liberal magazine, helped bring Bush-hatred out of the closet with his column "Mad About You," which vibrantly depicts his own intellectual shortcomings as he explains that "just hearing his face or seeing his voice causes a physical reaction."

Should one visit the local bookstore and browse the current events section, one will find the modern liberal's self-help section for coping with those smirking Bush-supporters with enough references to "lies" that one can barely sort the Riefenstahl-esque propaganda from

the substantive arguments.

Most interesting about the literary armada against Bush is how many otherwise respectable liberal figures have descended into furiously unintelligent rants. Professor and columnist Paul Krugman now trumpets the vast right-wing conspiracy claim, billionaire George Soros makes an egregiously spotty parallel between Bush's quest to exert American power and financial bubbles — both subverting their intellectual gifts to the pressing ideology of hatred.

Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11," an ingenious and disturbing glance at how semi-truths, distortions and outright falsifications can vilify anyone constantly followed by camera, is best described by Andrew Sullivan as "beneath contempt." Despite the preponderance of factual evidence that tears his documentary to shreds, the true wonder lies in how strongly viewers want to believe his half-witted conclusions for verbatim.

While the readers of the Bush-bashing book blitz and viewers of Moore's documentary are relatively few, the ideas contained within seep into the mainstream with barely a fraction of the skepticism reserved for such groups as, say, the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth.

Fueled and coddled by those who believe that Bush should be removed from office is paramount and reasoned analysis of facts is secondary, a sizable portion of the electorate has descended into socially acceptable hatred. If Bush deserves flak for creating partisan rifts amongst Americans, the punditry boom must bear responsibility for widening them into gaping holes.

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Waiting hours in line for President Reagan

This liberal Democratic writer stood with thousands of Americans for nearly seven hours to view former President Reagan's casket lying in state at the Capitol rotunda. Anyone in Washington during the 1980s knows that Reagan never had a mean bone in his body, nor stooped to personal attacks on his political opponents. So in June, for both professional as well as personal reasons, I participated in a unique historical event by standing in line on the Mall and the Capitol lawn from midnight until 6:30 a.m.

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

It may be out of character for such a Democrat to mingle with the loyal legions of Reagan followers. Certainly, I will no time soon attend another Republican's funeral. The contrast of Reagan with today's politicians is striking, especially after watching the Republican convention this week. Senator Zell Miller and Vice President Dick Cheney spoke in vicious, personal, ascorbic, visceral untrue straw man issues against Democratic presidential nominee Senator John Kerry.

Two decades ago, I opposed almost every Reagan policy. Reagan, like President Kennedy, has been idolized far beyond the man's public accomplishments. In hindsight, I believe that today's terrorists first perceived our nation as militarily weak when Reagan responded to the deaths of more than 250 U.S. troops in Lebanon by withdrawing the remaining soldiers. Many forget how Reagan turned inward and almost retreated from his engaging self after the Iran-Contra arms for hostages affair became public. Even Reagan's son, Ron, acknowledges the change in his father.

Nobody should fault human frailties, but they should serve as a reminder that Reagan was at times not larger than life. Those who advocate renaming buildings and airports or stamping his image on currency should pause to face the facts. Yet despite all of my disagreements with Reagan, I joined a friend, a glossy-

eyed Reagan worshiper in his late twenties, and stood until my legs ached to pay my respects in the procession past his casket.

In 1980, Congress and the executive branch played a cat and mouse game. It was a time when political parties left dissent at the office door as Democrats and Republicans treated each other as the loyal opposition during office hours but socialized as friends during the evenings. I worked as a legislative director at the U.S. House of Representatives for a committee.

Reagan appointees blatantly disregarded the law by refusing to fund certain programs in favor of lumping the moneys into block grants. If the committee requested documents for a hearing, seven boxes of documents arrived at close of business on the evening before the hearing. On several occasions I would scour through the papers until 7 a.m., go home to shower and return for the 9 a.m. hearing. It was frustrating, but not rancorous.

Reagan championed tax cuts, but also recognized that deficits were ballooning beyond comprehension. Many forget that during Reagan's eight-year term, he signed into law 13 "revenue enhancements," better known as tax increases. He explained that he needed to fine-tune the cuts. To his credit, Reagan foresaw the enormous harm deficits would wreak on the economy and tried to manage them.

Granted, Reagan bankrupted the Soviet Union leading to the collapse of communism. I salute his optimism and uplifting personality that elevated our national spirit in a time of trouble. Yet, I resent that his supporters tried to question the patriotism of Democrats, but that has little to do with why I inched through the night with thousands of others along seven blocks to the Capitol.

Reagan was a true professional and one of the last Republican presidents who held no personal grudges but tried to work with his adversaries. For example, during his first month in office, Reagan met in the morning with labor unions who supported him and

then with unions who opposed him in the afternoon. He reached out to work with others as much as possible. Unlike the current president who steamrolls his policies, Reagan actually tried to garner consensus.

On a personal level, I found closure for my own father's passing through the similarities of the Reagan funeral. My father was mayor of our city when he passed suddenly in 2000. My mother is Nancy Reagan's age and build. With Reagan's funeral, I finally stepped away from my ordeal by watching the Reagans run on pure adrenaline through a grueling public ceremony like my family had done four years earlier. When Ron eulogized his father, I could finally release my eulogy of my father into the echoes of the past. I only hope that someday soon Ron and his family can experience the same peace that eventually overtakes survivors of high-profile funeral ceremonies.

In retrospect, my nearly seven-hour physical ordeal with my conservative Republican friend was well worth the effort. On several occasions during the overnight hours I told him and a retired Marine in front of us that they both were full of "it," but our bond in line was always friendly.

While I may have had personal ghosts to exorcise that long night, I was paying tribute to a decent man with no capacity to hate his political enemies. That is the difference between today and 20 years ago. For once upon a time, Democrats and Republicans were friends after work ... and the goodwill emanated from the White House. From this liberal Democrat to conservative Reagan, "I disagreed with your policies, but thank you for being my friend one last time from midnight to sunrise in early June."

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Umphrey's McGee rocks out with fans on a boat tour in New York. The group formed in December 1997 at Notre Dame.

Claire Kelly/The Observer



Notre Dame alumni return to the scene, making their mark on the jam-band

By JACQUELINE PALLARDY and
MARIA SMITH
Scene Writer and Scene Editor

Imagine this: you are standing on an 80-acre farm on a starry, midsummer night. Around you are 20,000 bodies rocking to a steady beat. The cause? It's Umphrey's McGee, and the stellar band from Chicago is coming tonight to a town near you.

Your watch hits three in the morning, and the music isn't showing a sign of slowing down. Lights still spin on the roof and, when the lights go out, a shower of glow sticks flies through the tent in time to the seemingly endless jam.

That such superhuman harmony actually happened should speak for the band's popularity. It should tell you that the men composing this band have the kind of natural talent that moves people together, and that they are very impressive.

In fact, adequate praise of their talents not resting on the authority of the very experience of their artistic genius would lack what makes them truly great artists. But not many Notre Dame students participated in the Bonnaroo experience of Umphrey's McGee, or worse, have never even seen Umphrey's McGee perform live at all.

So here's some advice — see them live. But keep in mind that seeing the band live once still doesn't do the music justice.

In the tradition of bands like the Grateful Dead, Umphrey's McGee has developed a following of fans that travel miles to hear as many shows as they can. Following on the heels of Phish from Vermont, Widespread Panic from the South, moe. from New York and the String Cheese Incident from Boulder, Co., Umphrey's McGee has emerged as the Midwest's own neo-hippie jam band.

In the 1960s there were Deadheads. Nowadays Phishheads, Spreadheads or in this case Umphreheads and McGeeks will go to incredible lengths to see the bands they love perform. Fans paid upwards of \$350 and walked through miles of mud when traffic was stopped for the Coventry Phish festival in mid-August. Umphrey's McGee's following may not be this devoted yet, but it's on its way.

The bands thrive on their live

Recent Albums by
Umphrey's McGee

Local Band Does O.K. — 2002

Anchor Drops 2004

performances to disseminate their sound as much or more than on their studio albums. True to form, Umphrey's McGee encourages fans to record their shows, albeit only for personal use and not for sale. Internet, club and concert swapping of live tapes feeds the fan base and spreads the group's fame every day.

Seeing Umphrey's McGee live is an experience for anyone, but for Notre Dame students, the show might evoke particular loyalty. The jam band lifestyle may be a far cry from anything around campus, but Umphrey's McGee did indeed first meet and form their band at the

University of Notre Dame. At a school with little in the way of campus bands, Umphrey's McGee is without a doubt the biggest claim to musical fame.

The band released their first album, "Greatest Hits Volume III," in 1998, a year after the band got together. Umphrey's McGee released "Songs for Older Women" the same year with the addition of percussionist Andy Farag. "One Fat Sucka," a collection of live performances from 2000, introduced new sounds from guitarist Jake Cinner. The band began to gain wider fame with the release of "Local Band Does OK" in 2002.



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All photos courtesy of www.umphreys.com
Umphrey's McGee plays at the 2004 Bonnaroo Music Festival in Manchester, Tenn. Fans of the band are known as "Umphreaks" or "McGeeks", and often follow the band to shows.



"Anchor Drops," released on June 29, marks the highest point of musical sophistication the band has reached.

The only way to really understand a band like Umphrey's McGee is to go to the show. But until then, a few more words should give an idea of what they are like.

Where some bands compose a hit and end there, Umphrey's McGee is always improving. Guitarist Brendan Bayliss, keyboard player Joel Cummins, bassist Ryan Stasik, percussionist Farag, guitarist Cinninger and drummer Kris Myers work off of eight bar building blocks to create songs that evolve on their own with the help of all the musicians. The music evolves constantly, becoming more sophisticated with every performance. The group's musical rapport and understanding of each other's musical styles allows them to transition seamlessly from one song to the next. Songs blend into a single unresolved jam that constantly keeps listeners on edge.

They exhibit their skill through all the elements of style, and especially in their thick textures and heavily syncopated rhythms. Their mathematical rigor is characteristic of the art that is at the same time completely unpredictable. To use the popular lingo, "it's heady-headly stuff, man."

Umphrey's McGee taps into every kind of music. They have played melodies from Beethoven, Grieg's "In the Hall of the Mountain King" and the Allman Brothers' "Jessica" in their own funk-rock style.

Their music seems at times to be as comprehensive as verbal language. Further, that is, if this last quality of their work is not enough to blow your mind away, the lyrics are also exceptional. They contain everything from inside jokes to profound philosophy that makes the musical experience all the more intriguing, suggestive and enjoyable.

In order to do them justice, take it upon yourself to slap some interpretation or label on their perform tonight at The Mishawaka Brewing Company. Enjoy the show.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

White Sox suffer a tough 4-2 loss to Athletics

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mark Redman joined Oakland's double-digit victory club by throwing seven strong innings.

He wanted more.

"Guys were shaking my hand. I didn't want to shake anyone's hand," Redman said Thursday after pitching the Athletics to a 4-2 win over the Chicago White Sox.

"I went straight to [manager] Ken Macha and said I want 120 pitches."

Redman settled for 102 pitches and a victory — the 14th in 16 games for the AL West-leading A's. He left after retiring his final 13 batters.

"It's a tough decision. I hadn't given up a hit since the third inning. It's always nice to bounce back after a shaky start," Redman said.

Redman (10-10) became the fourth Oakland pitcher to reach double digits in wins — joining Tim Hudson, Barry Zito and Mark Mulder — and allowed just four hits and two runs.

The left-hander's solid outing came on the heels of his shortest of the season — he was roughed up for nine hits and six runs in just two innings last Friday against Tampa Bay.

To make sure he was well-rested Thursday, he left Wednesday night's game a little early.

Orioles 13, Devil Rays 2

After another one-sided loss, Tampa Bay slugger Aubrey Huff was fed up.

Miguel Tejada drove in three more runs and Erik Bedard pitched seven impressive innings, leading the Baltimore Orioles to a victory over the Devil Rays.

Tampa Bay lost its sixth straight game before an announced crowd of 9,019. The Devil Rays (59-74), who have never won more than 69 games since joining the AL in 1998, have a payroll around \$23 million.

"For this organization to turn the corner, you're going to have to spend and go out to

get players in the offseason ... be aggressive and go out there and get them," Huff said. "Regardless of what happens or who we put on the field, I go out there and prepare to play. It's tough to get up for a game when you come out here and there's nobody in the stands. You get the same music playing all the time. It's feeling like it's groundhog here every day and nothing ever changes. You really want some changes here and it's just not happening."

Twins 2, Rangers 0

Brad Radke had a season-high nine strikeouts in eight shutout innings to give the Minnesota Twins a three-game sweep of the Texas Rangers with a victory.

Radke (10-7) had the Rangers off balance all night, striking out the side in the fourth and retiring eight straight during one stretch. He allowed five hits and walked one in Minnesota's seventh shutout.

Joe Nathan threw a perfect ninth for his 37th save, completing the combined five-hitter as the Twins extended their lead in the AL Central to a season-high nine games.

Kenny Rogers (15-7) allowed just one run in six-plus innings, but Texas tied a season high with its fourth straight loss and fell 5 1/2 games behind Oakland in the West.

Red Sox 4, Angels 3

Derek Lowe pitched effectively into the eighth inning, and the Boston Red Sox took control of the AL wild-card race by beating the Anaheim Angels for their season-high ninth straight victory.

Bill Mueller homered off Bartolo Colon and Johnny Damon had three hits to help the charging Red Sox complete a three-game sweep and win for the 15th time in 16 games. They moved 4 1/2 games ahead of Anaheim in the wild-card chase and remained only 3 1/2 behind the AL East-leading New York Yankees.

Boston has won 10 straight games at Fenway Park and is



Angels catcher Jose Molina, left, starts to make a sweeping late tag as Red Sox' Orlando Cabrera scores on a sacrifice fly by Bill Mueller in the third inning Thursday night.

7-0 on its 10-game homestand. The Red Sox have swept each of their last three series at home. The last time that happened was April 19-May 4, 1994.

The Texas Rangers, third in the wild-card standings, come to Boston for a three-game series beginning Friday night.

The Angels fell four games behind AL West-leading Oakland.

Yankees 9, Indians 1

That record-setting defeat appears to have stirred up the Yankees.

Gary Sheffield had three RBIs to reach 100 for the seventh time, Alex Rodriguez hit a three-run homer and Jon Lieber pitched seven shutout innings to lead New York to its second straight win, over the Cleveland Indians on Thursday night.

With its AL East lead over second-place Boston cut to 3 1/2 games from 10 1/2 on Aug. 16, the Yankees have faced a torrent of questions this week, especially following Tuesday night's 22-0 loss to the Indians. The Yankees rebound-

ed with a 5-3 victory Wednesday, then quickly broke on top Thursday when Jorge Posada hit an RBI single in the first and Rodriguez hit his 33rd homer to cap a five-run second against Cliff Lee (10-7).

Sheffield hit an RBI single off third baseman Casey Blake in the second, had a run-scoring double in the fourth against Kazuhito Tadano, doubled again in the sixth and added a sacrifice fly in the eighth to raise his RBIs total to 101. Sheffield, who has had 100-RBI seasons with five teams, was periodically serenaded with chants of "M-V-P! M-V-P!" Lieber (10-8) followed Orlando Hernandez's seven innings of one-run ball Wednesday with a stellar effort of his own. He didn't allow any runs for the first time in 22 starts this year, and let just one runner get past first base.

Blue Jays 8, Mariners 6

Ichiro Suzuki got three more hits, but Orlando Hudson and Vernon Wells homered to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to an victory over the Seattle Mariners on.

Suzuki, chasing George Sisler's major league record for hits in a season, went 3-for-5 and has 217 hits. He has 29 games left to break Sisler's mark of 257 hits set in 1920 with the St. Louis Browns.

Suzuki, the AL player of the month for August, leads the majors with a .374 average.

Hudson and Gabe Gross drove in three runs, and Wells ended an 0-for-24 slump with a two-run homer for the Blue Jays, who won for just the third time in nine games.

Bob File (1-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings for the win, and Justin Speier got three outs for his third save.

The Blue Jays got off to a quick start against Cha Seung Baek (1-1), who allowed eight runs and eight hits in just 2 2-3 innings in his first major league start.

Hudson hit a solo shot in the first, and Toronto scored six runs in the second on Hudson's two-run double, Wells' homer and Gross' two-run single.

Gross chased Baek with an RBI single in the third, which gave Toronto an 8-3 lead.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Marlins defeat Mets for seventh-straight win

Florida's Pavano ties for NL lead with his 16th victory

Associated Press

The way the Florida Marlins are playing, only a force of nature could slow them down.

That's exactly what happened. Carl Pavano and the Marlins beat the New York Mets 9-6 Thursday for their seventh win in a row before packing up and flying back to South Florida to prepare for Hurricane Frances. The storm has already forced the postponement of Friday night's game against the Chicago Cubs — but the Marlins aren't fazed.

"The good news is, I saved \$159 on my car insurance," manager Jack McKeon said, spoofing the ubiquitous commercials in his own way. "Hopefully, we'll start up again Saturday and keep going the way we've been going."

Players showered and dressed quickly so they could return to a state bracing for its worst storm in at least a decade. Frances, packing 145 mph winds and the potential to push ashore waves up to 15 feet high, could be felt in Florida by midmorning Friday.

"A lot of us have houses and family down there, so obviously we're worried about it," Pavano said.

The Marlins said no decision had been made on whether to call off games Saturday or Sunday, or when Friday's postponement will be made up.

Pavano, who tied for the NL lead with his 16th win, allowed four runs and eight hits in six-plus innings. Damion Easley and Juan Encarnacion each drove in three runs for the Marlins, who swept the four-game series.

Rookie third baseman David Wright homered twice for the free-falling Mets, who have lost six straight and 11 of 12, ending their homestand at 1-10. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it was the Mets' worst homestand of 10 or more games since their first season in 1962.

Pavano (16-5) struck out six and left after allowing Jeff Keppinger's leadoff single in the seventh. Guillermo Mota pitched two hitless innings of relief, and Josias Manzanillo finished up.

Wright hit a three-run homer off Pavano with two outs in the fourth and a solo shot off Manzanillo in the ninth for his first career multihomer game.

"Obviously, it's bittersweet," Wright said. "It's exciting that I do get the multi-home run game. But I'd much rather have the win. Definitely one of my best games. I fixed a few things in my swing, and I feel really good."

Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 1

All Ben Sheets needed to revert to his first-half form was a little breathing room.

Sheets threw a four-hitter for his first win since the All-Star break, Bill Hall drove in four runs and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates to salvage a split of their four-game series.

Hall's three-run homer in the second gave Sheets a 5-0 cushion.

"When you get that lead you can relax a little bit," Sheets said. "Everybody can relax, the hitters, the pitcher, the fielders, everything. That was a big momentum shift for us."

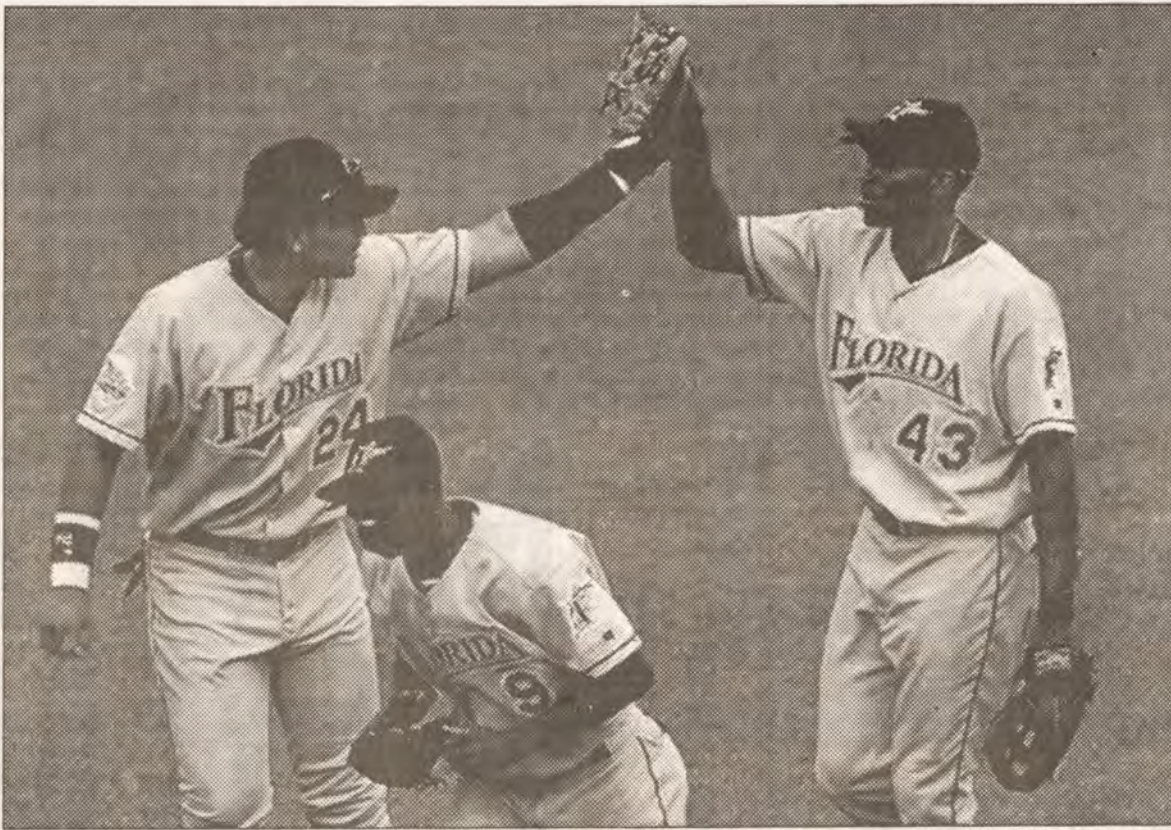
Sheets (10-10), the first Brewers starter to earn a win since Victor Santos on Aug. 17, snapped a personal five-game losing streak. He last won on July 10 against Cincinnati, a span of 10 starts.

Sheets walked one and struck out 10. He allowed a double to the second batter he faced, Jack Wilson, but didn't allow another hit until Tike Redman's single in the sixth.

"That's Ben. Get him a lead and it's over with," Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon said. "He was pretty dominant. I thought he had his fastball early. His curveball came on later."

Sheets was so efficient — he threw 103 pitches, 72 for strikes — that nobody ever even warmed up in the Brewers' bullpen.

"I've never seen a game where a reliever didn't get up," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost



The Florida Marlins' Miguel Cabrera, left, Juan Pierre, center, and Juan Encarnacion celebrate their 9-6 victory over the New York Mets Thursday in New York.

said.

"And we didn't make one phone call down there today. Not one time did we get a reliever up. And you never see that. I mean, it's taken me 14 years [as a coach or manager] to see it. So that shows you the type of game that he pitched."

St. Louis 7, San Diego 2

An extra out in the first inning spurred the St. Louis Cardinals to their sixth straight victory.

Albert Pujols and Jim Edmonds homered in the first and Jeff Suppan won his fifth straight start, leading the Cardinals to a three-game sweep of the San Diego Padres with a victory.

It was a major blow to the Padres, who are in contention for the wild-card spot. San Diego is two games behind the Cubs heading into a six-game homestand.

"We knew coming in here we had to play our best ball, and we didn't do it," manager Bruce Bochy said. "We need to regroup

and head home."

Pujols and Edmonds each homered three times in the series for the Cardinals, who have the majors' best record at 89-44. Pujols was 4-for-4 with two RBIs, 8-for-12 with six RBIs in the series and has homered in four straight games.

"He is incredible," manager Tony La Russa.

Pujols' 43rd homer matched his career best set last season, and Edmonds gave the Cardinals three 100-RBI men for the second time in franchise history — the second time in two years. Scott Rolen leads the NL with 116 RBIs, Pujols has 106 and Edmonds 100 after Pujols, Rolen and Edgar Renteria reached triple-digits last year.

The homer came after catcher Ramon Hernandez dropped his foul pop near the screen behind the plate on the first pitch. Pujols homered on an 0-2 belt-high fastball to start the two-out rally.

"It's a new life," Pujols said. "Things are going to happen like

that, errors are going to happen, big hits are going to happen after the errors. We just take advantage."

Hernandez had no excuses.

"It was just slicing off to my left, but you know, I should have caught the ball," Hernandez said. "It's one of those errors you can't make."

"If we are going to make the playoffs, we have to make those plays."

Los Angeles 8, Arizona 4

Adrian Beltre hit his 43rd homer and Milton Bradley doubled twice and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Bradley, who'll leave the team briefly Friday following the death of his grandfather, doubled in the go-ahead run off Shane Nance (1-1) in the eighth inning, bringing Cesar Izturis home from first to put the Dodgers up 4-3.

Errors by second baseman Scott Hairston and shortstop Jerry Gill led to three more Los Angeles runs in the eighth — all unearned. Steve Finley homered in the ninth to make it 8-4.

Yhency Brazoban (1-0) gave up a run in two innings — on Hairston's eighth-inning homer — and got his first major league victory. Eric Gagne came in with runners on first and second and one out in the ninth, and got two outs for his 37th save in 39 chances.

Beltre, tied with Albert Pujols for most homers in the majors, hit a 418-foot shot to right-center leading off the second. Beltre moved into a tie for second with Duke Snyder and Gary Sheffield on the Dodgers' list for most homers in a season. Shawn Green set the club record with 49 in 2001.

Gil's bases-loaded single with two outs in the first put Arizona up 2-0. Andy Green reached on a bunt single, Shea Hillenbrand singled with two outs, then Hairston walked to load the bases for Gil.

Los Angeles tied it in the second. Beltre's homer cut the lead to 2-1, then Shawn Green walked. Jayson Werth singled to put runners on first and third. Jose Hernandez's run-scoring double play tied it.



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NCAA FOOTBALL

Utah defeats Texas A&M 41-21

Quarterback Alex Smith finished with 435 yards of offense

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Alex Smith made sure Utah justified its first preseason ranking.

Smith overcame some early accuracy problems and threw for three touchdowns, ran for two more and finished with 435 yards of offense to lead the No. 20 Utes past Texas A&M 41-21 Thursday night.

Smith and the Utes backed up their ranking with 582 yards of offense and avenged their only non-conference loss of last season. Local officials dubbed Thursday "Utah Day" and there were hours of pregame festivities before the Utes took the field. Then, the fun really started.

"If we spread you out like that, it's going to be tough to stop us," said Smith, who passed for a personal-best 359 yards. "It was nice, very nice."

Utah led 7-0 barely a minute into the game and scored the first four touchdowns, despite some early incompletions from Smith.

"That first half could've been scary if we take advantage of all those," Smith said of a handful of overthrown passes and several others that were dropped. "I was a little hyped up. I've been waiting for this game for so long."

Smith, who completed 21 of 29 passes, topped his 340-yard passing performance against Oregon last year. He

also ran 13 times for 76 yards.

The Aggies, who last season lost their last three games and five of their last six, continued to struggle on defense. Utah scored five times on defensive blunders in which the Utes were all but untouched on their way into the end zone.

Texas A&M quarterback Reggie McNeal ran for two touchdowns, including a 59-yarder late in the second quarter, but he struggled with his passing.

"Too many drops and too many miscues here and there. They just never let us get going," A&M coach Dennis Franchione said. "The Utes played like they deserved to be in the Top 20."

A&M used 14 freshmen in its first season-opening loss in four years. The last time the Aggies opened with a loss was also the last time they started the season on the road, a 24-10 loss at Notre Dame in 2000.

Utah was not an ideal opponent for a team that went 0-5 last season away from Kyle Field. The Utes lost to the Aggies 28-26 a year ago when a two-point conversion attempt failed in the final seconds. There wasn't talk of revenge as the game approached, but the Utes certainly felt vindicated after winning in front of a sellout crowd of 45,419 at Rice-Eccles Stadium.

"I love to see that on national television, with Rice-Eccles packed to the walls and our student section going crazy,"

Utah coach Urban Meyer said. "It was a great night for Utah football."

Smith appeared a little anxious at the start. He overthrew three receivers who had a stride or two on their defenders on plays that could have resulted in touchdowns in the first half. Utah receivers dropped at least three passes that were in their hands.

Smith also made an errant option pitch behind Marty Johnson, who recovered the ball for a 20-yard loss. But with the way A&M's defense

was struggling, the Utes could afford some mistakes.

Steve Savoy caught a short pass over the middle and turned it into a 78-yard touchdown just 1:13

into the first quarter, then scored easily on an end-around from 9 yards out to start the second quarter.

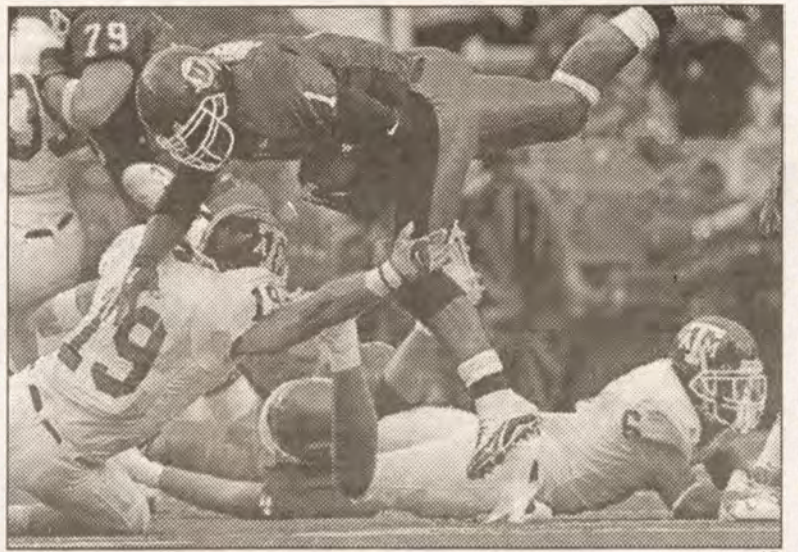
"That was our game plan — To come up and go no-huddle and get them while they were getting used to the elevation," Savoy said.

Smith ran through a wide hole for a 7-yard TD and had a 38-yard scoring pass to John Madsen, who didn't have an A&M player within 10 yards when he pulled down the pass and trotted down the sideline. Smith also scored on a 37-yard run.

Johnson, playing for the first time in two years because of injuries and a one-year suspension for drunken driving, gained 77 yards on 20 carries for the Utes.

"[Utah] just never let us going."

Dennis Franchione
Texas A&M coach



Utah running back Marty Johnson gains seven yards before being tripped up by Texas A&M, Jaxson Appel Thursday night.

NCAA

Greenspan named IU athletic director

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Rick Greenspan will have a full slate as he takes over Indiana's athletics department, becoming the school's fourth athletic director in little more than three years.

Greenspan, who has been Army's AD since 1999, was named Thursday to the IU job, where he will oversee a department mired in a \$2 million deficit as it struggles to end years of being ranked near the bottom of the Big Ten in football attendance.

He'll also be faced with completing a project \$65 million plan to upgrade facilities for eight sports.

Greenspan wasted no time in laying out his game plan — or making a \$10,000 donation to the Varsity Club — after IU President Adam Herbert introduced him at a Memorial Stadium news conference.

"I need to get a determination of the size and scope of the modernization that needs to take place. That's job 1," he said. "Job 2 becomes an assessment of the form and shape of the department, and from there, we'll need to have a well-conceived, well-enunciated vision."

In Herbert's mind, Greenspan was the perfect fit.

Greenspan faced similar challenges at Army and Illinois State, where he developed a reputation as a strong fundraiser and innovative marketer. Herbert expects those experiences to help him rebuild the Hoosiers' image and financial stability.

"He has had tremendous success in generating outside revenue, especially for a military institution to raise \$100 million," Herbert said. "I think his personality and vision are contagious."

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	83-50	.624	6-4	-
Boston	79-53	.598	9-1	3.5
Baltimore	61-71	.462	3-7	21.5
Tampa Bay	59-74	.444	4-6	24
Toronto	56-78	.418	4-6	27.5

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	75-58	.564	6-4	-
Cleveland	67-68	.496	4-6	9
Chicago	65-67	.492	5-5	9.5
Detroit	61-72	.459	3-7	14
Kansas City	47-85	.356	3-7	27.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	79-54	.594	8-2	-
Anaheim	75-58	.564	7-3	4
Texas	73-59	.553	4-6	5.5
Seattle	51-82	.383	5-5	28

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	78-54	.591	9-1	-
Florida	70-62	.530	8-2	8
Philadelphia	65-68	.489	4-6	13.5
New York	60-73	.451	1-9	18.5
Montreal	56-77	.421	4-6	22.5

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	89-44	.669	8-2	-
Chicago	73-60	.549	6-4	16
Houston	70-63	.526	9-1	19
Cincinnati	62-70	.470	4-6	26.5
Pittsburgh	62-71	.466	4-6	27
Milwaukee	57-75	.432	1-9	31.5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	78-55	.583	5-5	-
San Fran.	73-63	.537	5-5	6.5
San Diego	71-62	.534	6-4	7
Colorado	57-76	.429	2-8	21
Arizona	42-92	.313	5-5	36.5

College Football Polls

AP

team	team
1 USC (48)	USC (43) 1
2 Oklahoma (11)	Oklahoma (12) 2
3 Georgia (5)	LSU (6) 3
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5 Florida State	Miami 5
6 Miami	Florida State 6
7 Texas	Michigan 7
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9 Ohio State	Ohio State 9
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11 Florida	West Virginia 11
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13 California	Iowa 13
14 Tennessee	California 14
15 Clemson	Tennessee 15
16 Virginia	Clemson 16
17 Auburn	Missouri 17
18 Missouri	Auburn 18
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20 Utah	Virginia 20
21 Wisconsin	Maryland 21
22 Maryland	Wisconsin 22
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25 Minnesota	Purdue 25

Coaches

NCAA FOOTBALL



Former Miami tight end Kellen Winslow rushes down the field in a game last season against Florida State. This year's meeting between the teams has been rescheduled due to Hurricane Frances.

Florida's teams cope with hurricane

Associated Press

MIAMI — Florida State and Miami will still play in prime time, just four days later than planned.

The nationally televised game, originally scheduled for Monday night, was postponed Thursday as Hurricane Frances moved closer to Florida's east coast. No. 11 Florida's opener against Middle Tennessee State on Saturday also was rescheduled.

The game between the No. 5 Seminoles and the No. 6 Hurricanes will be played next Friday night at the Orange Bowl.

"Our biggest concern is for the safety of anyone who is in the path of Hurricane Frances, and we felt the appropriate thing to do is to reschedule the game," Miami athletic director Paul Dee said.

Florida's home game will be played Oct. 16, athletic director Jeremy Foley said.

In baseball, the Florida Marlins postponed Friday's series opener against the Chicago Cubs. The team said no decision has been made on whether to call Saturday or Sunday games off, or when Friday's postponement will be made up.

"The Florida Marlins organization has been closely monitoring the progression of Hurricane Frances in relation to our weekend of baseball against the Chicago Cubs," Marlins president David Samson said in a statement. "We are first and foremost concerned about the safety of all residents in the state of Florida and will return to baseball-related activities at Pro Player Stadium when the storm has passed and it is safe for our fans to attend."

Marlins players were anxious to get back home

before the hurricane hits. "A lot of us have houses and family down there, so obviously we're worried about it," pitcher Carl Pavano said. "It's tough with what's going on in Florida right now."

Added outfielder Juan Pierre: "I know I'm getting home and I'm getting out of Dodge. It looks like it's going to hit us; let's hope it's not too bad."

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays have been in contact with league officials about their possibilities. Tampa Bay is scheduled to play Detroit, Friday through Sunday at Tropicana Field.

IN BRIEF

Woods tries to put worries about his father's health aside going into tournament

NORTON, Mass. — Tiger Woods has more than the No. 1 ranking on his mind as he prepares for the Deutsche Bank Championship: His father had a relapse of prostate cancer.

"It's been tough," Woods said after a pre-tournament Pro-Am on Thursday. "It's just like it was back in '96 and '97, when he had a heart attack and had complications with heart surgery."

No one has been more influential in making Woods the golfer he is than his father, Earl, who taught his toddler to swing a club and then, when Tiger was a junior golfer, would jangle coins or shout during his backswing to toughen the kid up.

Earl Woods said the tumor has been eradicated by radiation and he's feeling better.

Neither Woods had spoken about his relapse illness until Wednesday. Tiger was less talkative on the subject of his father's health; asked about how much

it was weighing on his mind as he played, he said only: "A lot."

Colorado's Barnett ready focus on football again after much controversy

BOULDER, Colo. — The rape and recruiting scandal that enveloped the Colorado football program and nearly cost coach Gary Barnett his job is far from over.

But at least it's settled down enough to let the players focus on football again. And that's about all Barnett could ask for at this point.

"We're now just totally into football," Barnett said this week as the Buffaloes prepared for the season opener against Colorado State on Saturday. "I don't think you walk out of here going 'whew, I'm glad I don't have to deal with all that other stuff' or it's not flying around. We're just glad we're on the field."

The troubles began earlier this year with a scandal that painted Colorado as an out-of-control campus where

women get raped by football players and sex and alcohol are part of the recruiting process.

Nine women since 1997 have accused football players of rape — no charges have been filed — including three who sued the school in federal court. An independent commission found players arranged sex, drugs and alcohol for recruits but said there was no evidence school officials sanctioned the activities.

Kim ties tournament record

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Christina Kim made 11 birdies and tied the tournament record of 10-under-par 62 Thursday for a two-shot lead after the opening round of the LPGA State Farm Classic.

Kim, a 20-year-old Californian in her second pro season, birdied four of her first six holes and finished with four straight birdies at the Rail Golf Course, matching the record shared by Laura Davies (1991) and Kathryn Marshall (1997).

around the dial

MLB

Chicago Cubs at Florida Marlins 7:35 p.m., WGN

Seattle Mariners at Chicago White Sox 8:05 p.m., FOX

TENNIS

U.S. Open Coverage 11:00 a.m., USA

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles lose opening match

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team faced a difficult challenge Thursday when they opened up their season against Alma.

The Scots have won the conference title the last three years in a row. A year ago, the team lost in four to Alma. Unfortunately, the Belles came out on the wrong end once again as they lost in straight sets.

Prior to the home opener, captain Elise Rupright talked about the importance of the contest.

"I believe the team is looking forward to beginning competition and ready to begin the season with a win," said Rupright.

However, the Belles were unable to find their rhythm against the defending conference champions. In the first two games they lost 15-30, and fell in the third and final match 21-30.

The Belles allowed too many kills in their losses. The Scots compiled 25 kills in the first game, 13 in the second and 18 in the next two sets. The Belles were unable to overcome this deficit and finished the match with just 30 kills.

Michelle Turley and Shelly Bender provided Saint Mary's with a few bright spots. Turley collected 12 digs, while Bender collected 23 total attacks. Rupright also played well by adding 15 attacks of her own.

Alma is probably one of the



Junior Shelly Bender prepares to serve the ball last season. The Belles have begun the season with a 0-1 record.

toughest opponents that the Belles will face this year. Now Saint Mary's must regroup and prepare for their next game on the road against the University of Saint Francis at 2 p.m.

The Cougars are 2-3 on the season and didn't face the Belles during the 2003 cam-

paign.

On Monday, the Belles will attempt to win their first conference match, as they take on Albion in a second straight away game. Play begins at 7 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish begin season at ND invitational

Washington State,
16 others will
compete in tourney

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

As the 2004-05 campaign begins, the Notre Dame women's golf team is poised to make last season — the best in Irish history — a distant memory.

On the heels of 2003's record success, which saw the team compete in their first-ever NCAA regionals, the Irish have lofty goals.

Last year the Irish finished ranked No. 50 in the nation, their highest placement ever. This year, they aim to finish in the top 35.

The team will get its first opportunity to reach that milestone this weekend, playing host to the fifth annual Notre Dame Invitational.

Based on history, the Irish are in a great position to take long strides this weekend, having won this event the last two seasons and going unbeaten at all other events at the Warren Golf Course over that time.

The event will consist of 54 rounds over Saturday and Sunday. Each team will be represented by five golfers, with the lowest four scores counting towards the overall score.

Leading the charge to dethrone the Irish will be Washington State, the highest ranked team in the 17-team field.

The 56th-ranked Cougars are rated one spot ahead of the Irish, who start the season at 57th, and are captained by Kim Welsh, the 23rd-best golfer in the country.

Despite the competition, Irish coach Debby King feels optimistic about the team's chances to win again this weekend.

"Washington State is ranked ahead of us, but we should still be favored with home course advantage," King said.

King is especially pleased considering the progress the team made over the summer. Juniors Katie Brophy and Lauren Gebauer both qualified for the U.S. Women's Amateur. Sophomore Noriko Nakazaki played well in qualifying, but missed the cut by three strokes.

Brophy, a team co-captain, has shown great improvement from an already very successful effort last season, and King has high expectations for her this season.

"Katie has really proven herself over the summer, as well as 2003," King said. "Her

qualifying rounds have been exceptional."

However, King is not the only person looking for good things out of Brophy this season.

"Not only do I expect a lot out of her, but she expects a lot out of herself," King said about her co-captain.

Along with co-captain Suzy Hayes, Brophy will work to guide Notre Dame to a third straight tournament title this weekend.

Joining them will be Gebauer and talented freshman Jane Lee, who qualified as the No. 4 golfer.

"Jane is disappointed to qualify in the No. 4 spot," King said. "Freshmen year can be a little overwhelming, but look for her to get better each time."

Because of close competition, King will decide the fifth golfer

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish face toughest challenge of season, No. 2 Santa Clara

Team also competes against Stanford at home this weekend

It would be unfair to say, in a season just two games old, that this is a defining weekend for No. 2 Notre Dame.

So I won't.

But I will say that the upcoming contests against No. 13 Stanford and No. 4 Santa Clara represent a golden opportunity for the Irish to take a step closer towards the one ingredient the team is missing — greatness.

Greatness is achieved by winning the big games, the games that count. The last time Notre Dame saw greatness in its women's soccer was in 2000 when the Irish gave the legendary (synonymous with 'historically great') North Carolina Tar Heels all they could handle in the NCAA semifinals.

This year, the Irish are a talented team, but to transform into a great team, they will have to learn from 2003.

Last year, the Irish were a good team, a very good team. They were talented and ranked second in the country for most of the year. But they were not great.

The first sign of trouble happened when geographical (and unranked) rival Michigan beat them at Alumni Field to put the sole blemish on what would have been an undefeated regular season.

That game could have been a fluke, and the Irish could have moved on and cruised through the postseason.

But disappointing losses in the Big East Tournament semifinals and then in the second round of the NCAA Tournament (as the No. 2 seed and, once again, to Michigan) left the Irish with a nice record but without greatness.



Matt Mooney

Sports Writer

The 2004 Irish have the talent. They just need to win the big ones.

Granted, very few teams are perfect.

Perfection is the goal, but almost inevitably there will be some losses along the way.

However, what separates the good from the great teams is that, despite a loss here or there, great teams don't beat themselves when the stakes are high.

If you're having trouble following my painfully abstract logic, allow me to clarify.

For you visual/athletically-inclined learners, last year's college football season provides a perfect example.

Southern Cal — great team.

Louisiana State — great team.

Oklahoma — very good (but not great) team.

Notre Dame — don't get me started, I'm still in therapy.

Great teams have talent, but, unlike the above Oklahoma Sooners, they are not afraid to perform in crucial games.

The North Carolina women's soccer program solidified its dynasty, not when gifted players signed on to play at Chapel Hill, but when they all embraced their talent, their destiny as champions and refused to let anything stand in their way.

Programs like North Carolina's women's soccer and USC football have an intimidating presence whenever they compete, one that does not waver under duress or shrink in fear from an opponent's rally.

The 2004 Irish have the talent. They just need to win the big ones.

This weekend's games will not provide a definitive answer as to the greatness of this year's Irish squad.

That will have to wait until the postseason.

But high profile match-ups like Stanford and Santa Clara are the next best thing to playoff soccer.

Two wins would certainly be a step in the right direction.

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Sophomore midfielder Kim Lorenzen dribbles the ball up the field during a match against Eastern Illinois Aug. 29. The Irish compete against No. 2 Santa Clara and No. 13 Stanford this weekend.

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more than intimidating. However, the Irish take comfort in the challenge ahead of them.

"We see it as an opportunity to put up a good match," Loomis said. "We have a great chance. If we come out on the top of our game with enthusiasm and toughness, I think we'll give them a good match."

It seems as if the Irish even thrive on the idea of being underdogs.

"We're really fired up for the match, and I think we'll put up a big fight," Loomis said. "We know we can stand up to them."

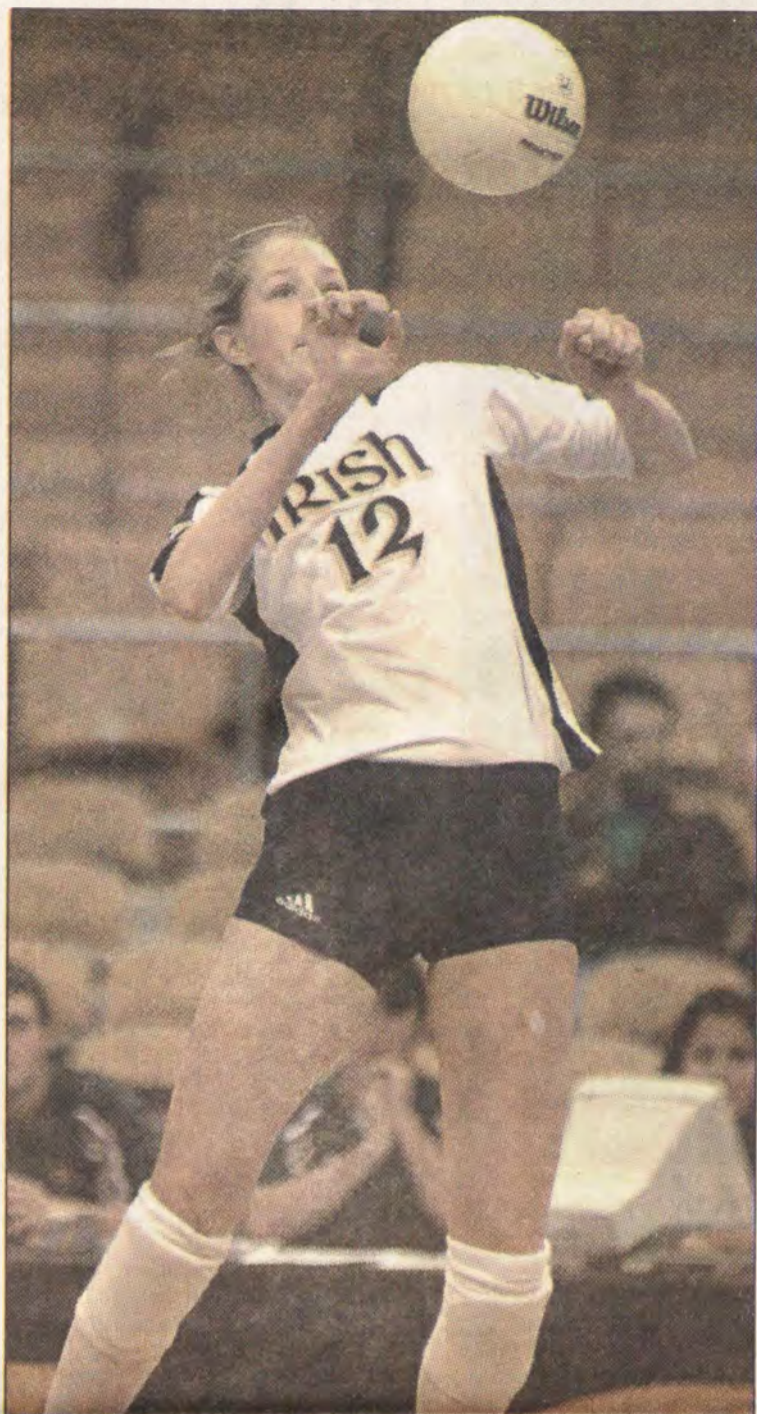
Wednesday night, the Irish showcased their potential as a team, defeating Loyola Chicago three games to one.

Notre Dame cruised to victories in the first two games, registering 30-24 and 30-19 wins respectively. Although Loyola defeated the Irish in the third game 30-17, Notre Dame bounced back, edging out the Ramblers 30-28 in game four.

Loomis described the Loyola match as an opportunity to gauge their progress as a team.

"I think we learned a lot not only about where we are now, but where we can go. [Thursday] in practice, we really focused on learning from our mistakes and doing as much as we can on our side of the net," Loomis said. "I think if we can apply what we worked on at practice against Nebraska, we'll have a good showing."

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Lauren Brewster sets the ball in a game against Virginia Tech last year. Brewster and the rest of the Irish take on No. 2 Nebraska this weekend in a two-game series.



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Irish midfielder Jen Buczkowski chases after the ball during Notre Dame's 3-0 victory over Eastern Illinois Sunday.

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are going to be complete teams and it's going to be a challenge for us," he said. "They expose your weaknesses. These are the kind of teams that can test your players and test your system."

Despite the steep caliber of competition, Waldrum likes the idea of testing his team so early in the season.

"Whether you win the early games or lose the early games, they're played more for finding out the areas we need to improve before the end of the season gets here," he said. "It's a great way for us to measure where we are."

Notre Dame met a similarly difficult challenge last year traveling to California to face off against the same two teams in SCU's Adidas Classic. Stanford, behind star goalkeeper Nicole Barnhart, kept the Irish out of the net, but Irish netminder Erika Bohn was equal to the task, resulting in a 0-0 stalemate. Both goalkeepers return this year for a rematch.

Meanwhile, Santa Clara gave the Irish all they could handle before eventually falling to Notre Dame by a narrow 2-1 margin.

"Santa Clara has got one of the top programs of the country year in and year out," Waldrum said. "It's turned into a good

rivalry with us over the last few years."

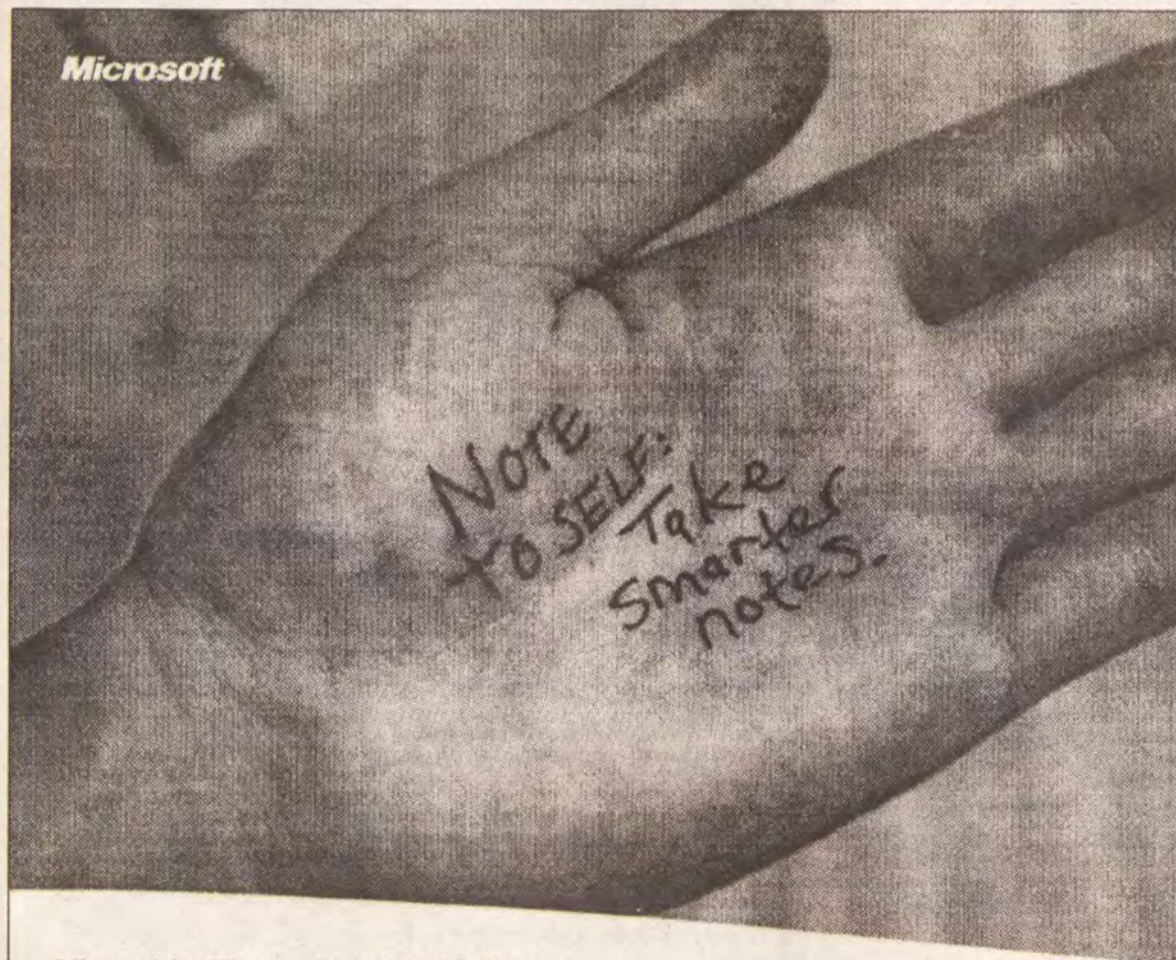
This year, the Irish hope to add more offensive firepower to the mix, and their leading candidate is Big East Player of the Week Katie Thorlakson. The Irish forward surged out of the gate this season, having a hand (or a foot) in eight of the 10 Irish goals scored in the first two games. She totaled seven points (two goals, three assists) in the first half of a 7-2 blowout of Baylor to tie a school record and then assisted on all three goals scored against Eastern Illinois.

"[I'm] just looking to create chances and hopefully our team will finish a lot better [with our] goal scoring," Thorlakson said. "Mentally I'm pretty strong so I just try and go out and perform."

As pleased as Waldrum is with Thorlakson's statistical success, he is even happier that one of his stars is finally gaining some national recognition.

"I'm so happy that the Big East finally recognized her. Last year she had a great year for us and she was so underappreciated by people outside of our program," he said. "It was a travesty for her not to be on the all-Big East Team last year. I really look for her to break through and finally get the recognition she deserves."

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the academic year curtailed preseason workouts, Clark feels the Irish are ready for a real game situation.

"It's good to get games because a game is probably the best learning situation," he said. In preseason competition, the Irish defeated Northwestern 2-0 and tied Massachusetts 0-0.

"I don't think in either game we've quite got it right yet," Clark said. "There have been some very good bits and pieces, there's been a lot of positives. There's been a lot more positives than there are negatives."

The vaunted Irish defense took a blow when senior stalwart Kevin Goldthwaite went down with an injury in practice. Junior Ben Crouse filled in for the left back in last weekend's scrimmage against Massachusetts.

"Benny played last weekend at UMass and did very well," Clark said. "It's good to get some valuable experience. Obviously we hope to get Kevin back before too long, but it's one of the important things that you have good depth in the squad."

This squad features a number of sophomores in attacking positions, including forward Justin McGeeney and midfielders Greg Dalby, Nate Norman and Ian Etherington. Clark is still waiting for someone to step into the top-scoring position.

"Obviously nothing has happened yet, but this weekend would be an excellent time for it to begin," Clark said.

The Irish will need the offensive firepower to start the season off with a win tonight.

Oregon State finished second in the Pac-10 last year, but



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer
Irish midfielder John Stephens readies to head the ball in Notre Dame's 2-0 exhibition win over Northwestern Monday.

returns only four starters. This will be the first time in school history they have faced Notre Dame.

Boston University posted a 9-8-3 record last year, taking fourth in the America East Conference. They return eight of their starters and will challenge No. 1 Indiana today.

Clark is confident that the weekend will be a good one.

"I think the potential's there but we've obviously got to realize this potential," he said. "This will be a good opportunity."

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sophomores Sara Otto, Erin Nolan and Katie White.

Otto finished first for the team at both the conference championships and at the NCAA Division III Regionals at Hanover College by placing 22nd and 84th. Co-captain Elizabeth Commers had only words of praise for Otto.

"She's already a leader for the team," Commers said. "It was a natural role for her."

Although Otto's importance to the team as a leader is evident, she does not view herself as the only individual the team looks upon for inspiration and support.

"We all lead together," Otto said. "Together we are preparing mentally and physically for the championships at the end of the season."

Leading the team throughout the season will be co-captains Risa Zander and Commers. Otto described the two as perfect for the role of captain.

"They both lead by example," Otto said. "Risa is very goal-oriented, and Elizabeth has always been encouraging."

In a sport that can easily become individual-oriented, Barstis says he expects the two captains to assume the

role of assistant coaches on the course, guiding each runner towards the team's season goals.

"They know my plan so I look for them to lead," Barstis said. "We just need to work on our confidence."

The team has plenty to be confident about, as sophomore transfer Meghan Murphy and freshman Megan Gray have already shown great potential. Barstis said they have been a great addition to the team.

"We have been able to replace the loss of last year's seniors with excellent runners," Barstis said.

The Belles are hoping to showcase their excellence at today's season-opening

race, the Heidelberg Invitational in Ohio. However, Saint Mary's primary goal in regards to the meet is to view the race as a workout. For the Belles, this is an opportunity to build team unity and to gain experience working together while racing.

"We are viewing the races this season as workouts and looking to learn from them," Barstis said. "They have to learn how to run together, and this will hopefully motivate the runners to improve their times by working together."

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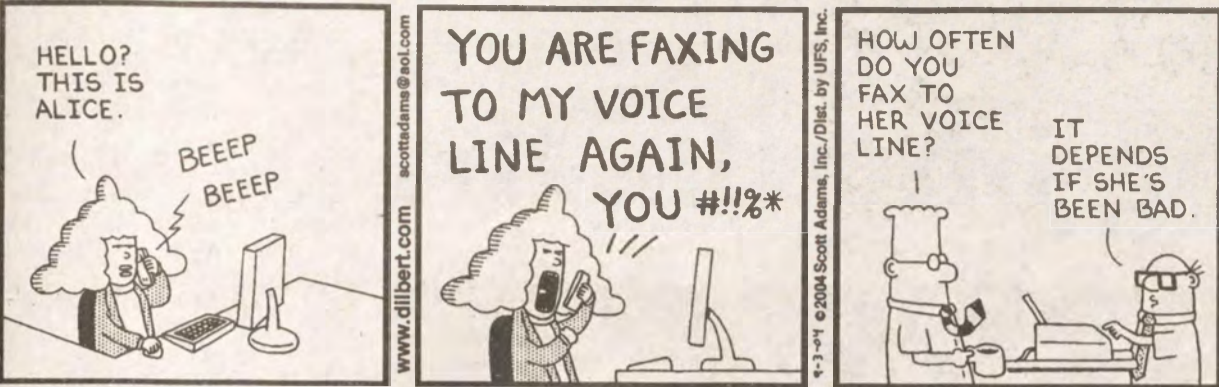
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15 Reply put in by Putin?

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Jumping into the fire

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish take on No. 2 Nebraska in a key two-game series at home this weekend

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

In this case, adjectives and accolades are unnecessary.

The No. 25 Irish know exactly what they're in for when they meet No. 2 Nebraska this weekend — its ranking says it all.

"They're definitely ranked No. 2 for a reason," senior Emily Loomis said. "They have a lot of offensive threats. We'll have to play a good all-around game and be ready to fight."

Notre Dame is set to meet Nebraska both tonight and Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Nebraska is used to starting off its season with a win, posting a 26-3 all-time season opener record — including a victory the last four years.

Last season, the two teams vied for the No. 1 slot in the national blocking rankings. The Irish were ranked first nationally with 3.72 blocks per game, interrupting Nebraska's three-year hold on the record. Nebraska finished the season sixth as a team with 3.17 blocks per game.

For most teams, the Huskers' record and rankings can be

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DAVE ROONEY/The Observer

The Irish front line of Carolyn Cooper, Lauren Kelbley, Adrianna Stasiuk and Lauren Brewster wait for a serve against Loyola-Chicago Wednesday night. Notre Dame faces No. 2 Nebraska in two games at the Joyce Center this weekend.



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Notre Dame's Kim Lorenzen tries to take the ball away from an Eastern Illinois' player in a 3-0 Irish victory Sunday. Lorenzen and her teammates face No. 4 Santa Clara and No. 13 Stanford this weekend at Alumni Field.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame faces No. 4 Santa Clara and No. 13 Stanford in adidas Classic

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

So much for getting their feet wet.

With only two games under its collective belt, Notre Dame will face perhaps its biggest challenge of the regular season when the Adidas Classic begins at Alumni Field today. Santa Clara, ranked No. 4 in both the Soccer America and Soccer Buzz polls, will headline the teams visiting South Bend, followed by Stanford (No. 13, No. 19) and Southern Methodist.

The No. 2 Irish (2-0-0) will face the two toughest visitors when they host Stanford (1-0-0) tonight at 7:30 p.m. and cap off the weekend with a 1:30 p.m. match against growing rival Santa Clara (0-0-1).

Coach Randy Waldrum admits the two games this weekend could have vital importance to the Irish season.

"[Stanford and Santa Clara]

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Runners hope to continue progress

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The Belles are hoping to establish themselves as one of the conference's top programs.

Coming off their best finish at last year's MIAA Championships, the team is only expecting top performances this season to reach that level.

Already off to a promising start, Saint Mary's is returning

four of its top five runners. In addition to the team's veterans, a transfer student and a freshman will also be joining the Belles. Coach Dave Barstis said the team's newcomers add a sense of enthusiasm to the talent-laden roster.

"We feel confident as a team because we've got great first-year runners that will make our team deeper," Barstis said.

Returning veterans include

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MEN'S SOCCER

Team opens regular season today

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

There's a first time for everything, but Bobby Clark does not expect the Irish to lose their season-opening match for the first time since he's been here.

At the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic, the No. 9 Irish take on Oregon State today at 5 p.m., and face Boston University Sunday at noon. The event is hosted by Indiana University, the nation's top-ranked team heading into the season.

Although the early start to

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Kevin Goldthwaite has his jersey tugged by a Northwestern player in a game Monday. Goldthwaite is injured and will not be with the team when their season opens today.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC VOLLEYBALL

The Belles suffered a season-opening loss in straight sets to Alma.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

The Irish open their season this weekend with the Notre Dame Invitational.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Utah quarterback Alex Smith finished with 435 yards of offense as the Utes defeated Texas A&M 41-21.

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HOCKEY

The United States suffered its second defeat at the World Cup of Hockey, losing 3-1 to Russia.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

The Florida Marlins beat the New York Mets 9-6 for their seventh win in a row.

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Pitcher Mark Redman picked up the win as the Oakland Athletics won 4-2 over the Chicago White Sox.

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One Year Later

Bob Morton and the **Notre Dame offensive line** look to protect the Irish backfield after a shaky 2003 campaign. Morton's switch to left guard is one of several position changes in the line this season.



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Call it confidence, call it essential

The 2002 team had it. The 2003 team lost it. It's called confidence.

Tyrone Willingham more appropriately called it swag-ger on Tuesday. It led to the Return to Glory of 2002, and its absence led to a forgettable 2003.

Willingham had the national stage in the season-opening Kickoff Classic in 2002.

Questions floated about how quickly Willingham could turn the program around and if this game against the defending ACC champions was too big of a test too early.

An answer of a dominating 22-0 victory over Maryland, 24-17 win over Purdue and 25-23 statement over Michigan, gave the Irish a confidence and swagger they rode to an 8-0 start.

But the ugly end to 2002 led to more questions starting the 2003 season. A miraculous overtime win over Washington State staved them off for a week.

But then came 38-0 at Michigan.

The swagger was gone.

Add in a 45-14 loss to USC, a 37-0 pounding from Florida

State — both at home — and a 38-12 defeat to close the season at mediocre Syracuse, and the impact of early-season results become apparent in Willingham's short two years in South Bend.

Go back to the Bob Davie era [just for a few seconds] and see the importance in recent Notre Dame history of early-season confidence leading to a successful season.

Remember the three-game losing skid in the beginning of 1999 that led to a 5-7 campaign.

Remember the near-upset of No. 1 Nebraska in 2000 that

came a week after an unranked Irish team handily beat No. 23 Texas A & M, leading to an eventual BCS appearance. Remember the 0-3 start in 2001 that all but sealed Davie's fate in South Bend.

College athletes, more so than pro athletes, ride on a cumulative effect of confidence and emotion throughout the season.

Why? They are younger and are not playing for a paycheck like the pros.

The fan support in college is more apparent from day-to-day as athletes can feel the spirit on campus from the din-

ing hall to the classroom.

The significance of every college regular season game carries so much importance with national championship or major bowl aspirations faltering because of one bad day in between the lines.

That's why Saturday night is so critical for the Irish.

On paper, it looks like a game the Irish should win easily.

Dominating an inferior opponent [which the Irish didn't do until the BYU game in week 10 last year] will have this team riding high into next week's rivalry game against Michigan.

But factor in a nationally-televised season opener — at night, on the road, in the first game of the year, with the Irish possibly focusing on next week's long-awaited revenge for the Wolverines — and it's easy to see why the Cougars have the all-important confidence to make this one closer than it should be, or even pull an upset.

So the next question naturally to ask is where does a team coming off a 5-7 season, having lost nine of its last 14 games — four by at least 31 points — and not ranked in the top 25 have any business in believing it can return to its

early-season form of 2002?

Willingham says it's happened during the past nine months.

"We get it with experience. We get it with improved physical skills that come through the winter conditioning, training," he said. "All of those things add to make you a better football player the next season."

That's the only place this team can get confidence from since 2003 was so disappointing.

Maybe someone established himself in winter conditioning to be the next Shane Walton and become the source of that much-needed swagger.

But it works both ways. Maybe this team struggles in Provo and escapes with a win, leading to questions heading into the Michigan game.

Willingham feels the team is headed back to its 2002 form.

"They all believe and stand for the right things in this program, and that, to me, puts us on the verge of doing something big," he said.

Saturday, the Irish have a chance to begin getting that confidence back.

It'll go a long way to determining their success, or lack, in 2004.

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Sports
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"They all believe and stand for the right things in this program."

Tyrone Willingham
head coach



Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

"We're excited. We're a football team that needs a game."



Bill Diedrick
Irish offensive coordinator

"We're ready ... Coming off a 5-7 season the first thing you want to do is get that bad taste out of your mouth."



Justin Tuck
Irish defensive end

"We'll be working for field position because I feel that will be a key for this game."



Gary Crowton
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Big men on campus

The more experienced offensive line shuffles positions to improve overall play

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

If you look up statistics for a football team, you'll find the usual suspects — "touchdowns," "receiving yards," "tackles."

What you usually won't find are the statistics for the offensive linemen, unless you dig rather deep. Stats like "grading percentage" and "pancake blocks" just don't quite give that same exciting buzz that comes from reading about a flashy wide receiver with three touchdowns on the day, or a barreling running back who amassed 200 yards.

At the same time, linemen are among the first to be blamed when things go wrong and the ones who almost never receive the credit when things go right.

When a running back has a career day, it's because he has "superior talent." When that same running back has a letdown the next weekend, it's because of "shoddy blocking."

Playing the line is a thankless job at times, but someone has to do it.

Scrutinized and criticized

After a 5-7 season in 2003, many of the Irish faithful placed the brunt of the blame on the offensive line.

At the start of the year, only then-senior Sean Milligan came into the season as a returning starter. That experience went out the window pretty quickly, after Milligan was injured against Michigan and did not play the rest of the season.

The injury to the line's only senior and leader took its toll on the Irish, who were forced to field players who had very little previous playing experience. That situation, combined with a freshman quarterback in Brady Quinn who was still learning the offense, resulted in a season ripe for disaster.

Senior Dan Stevenson — also injured for two games during the 2003 season — felt a lot of the criticism was unfairly placed on the offensive front.

"As far as the criticism last year, that just comes with the territory," Stevenson said. "I've played offensive line my whole life and even in high school, I've experienced that when anything goes wrong it's the offensive line's fault, and whenever anything goes good it's somebody else who gets the credit."

Those same growing pains and disappointment from last year might just be a real positive for the team this season. The Irish return four of their five starters from last season's final game against Syracuse — Stevenson, Bob Morton, Mark LeVoi and Ryan Harris.

"I think last year there was great fear because there was absolutely zero experience," offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "I think with this group, you have a veteran group up there, they've been through the wars together, you've been with them, you know how they respond to different situations, to stress levels. I think they are much more poised, they're probably a lot more physical and they're much more confident."

Experience meets potential

The one member of the 2004 offensive line who is not a returning starter might have the most important job of all. As the center, sophomore John Sullivan's job is to snap the ball to the Irish quarterback.

Then, he has just a split-second to get back in blocking position. The idea of a rookie coming into such an important role might seem like a recipe for trouble, but the Irish coaches don't think of Sullivan as just any rookie.

"I'm hopeful that at some point there will be some very favorable comparisons to John Sullivan and [former Irish center and current Cleveland Browns center] Jeff Faine," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "Hopefully we can research that point by the time



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Mark LeVoi, center, speaks with Brady Quinn, left, during a 37-0 loss to Florida State last season. Graduated lineman Jim Molinaro looks on. LeVoi moves from right guard to right tackle this season, and Dan Stevenson replaces LeVoi at guard.

John is a senior; that he will look very much like Jeff in terms of aggressive play that he brings to the game."

Sullivan is a physical specimen at 6-foot-3, 295 pounds, who came to the Irish with a lot of hype and now has the opportunity to try and prove some of that hype.

A Parade All-American, Sullivan was ranked in the top 100 players in the country by several lists, including ESPN.com and CBSSportsline.com. The winner of the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Connecticut, Sullivan signed with the Irish in 2003 and did not play his freshman season.

After watching Sullivan in spring practice and fall camp, his teammates say he is ready to step on the field right now.

"He steps in just as well as any other offensive lineman," Quinn said.

With Sullivan and up-and-coming players like Harris — who saw playing time as a true freshman last year — the Irish have several young linemen with the potential to become eventual superstars.

Mixing and matching

While the offensive line comes into 2004 with much more experience than last year, most of the starters will find themselves in different positions than they played last year.

Mark LeVoi moves from left guard in 2003 to starting right tackle in 2004, and Bob Morton makes room for Sullivan at center by moving over to play left guard. Ryan Harris, who started right tackle last season, will move over to left tackle this year.

The shuffling of the line is just a normal part of an evolving football team,

according to the Irish coaching staff.

"First of all, having Mark [LeVoi] be able to make that move has allowed us to get better players on the field and position him so that he is now a very worldly football player in terms of the entire offensive line," Willingham said. "Now he understands the experience at guard, he understands how that relates to Dan Stevenson, who will be playing next to him."

"So, you have a better player based on having two positions under his belt, as compared to having just one."

The linemen don't seem to mind the changes too much, either.

"[Changing positions] is really just a comfort thing," Stevenson said of Harris' move the other line shuffling this season. "Once you get used to it, it's not such a big problem. I'm confident that we'll all be able to do good things this year because we're all on the same page now."

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by the numbers

15 number of interceptions Brady Quinn threw as a freshman last season

number of returning Irish linebackers with game experience 4

3 number of starting linebackers BYU loses from 2003

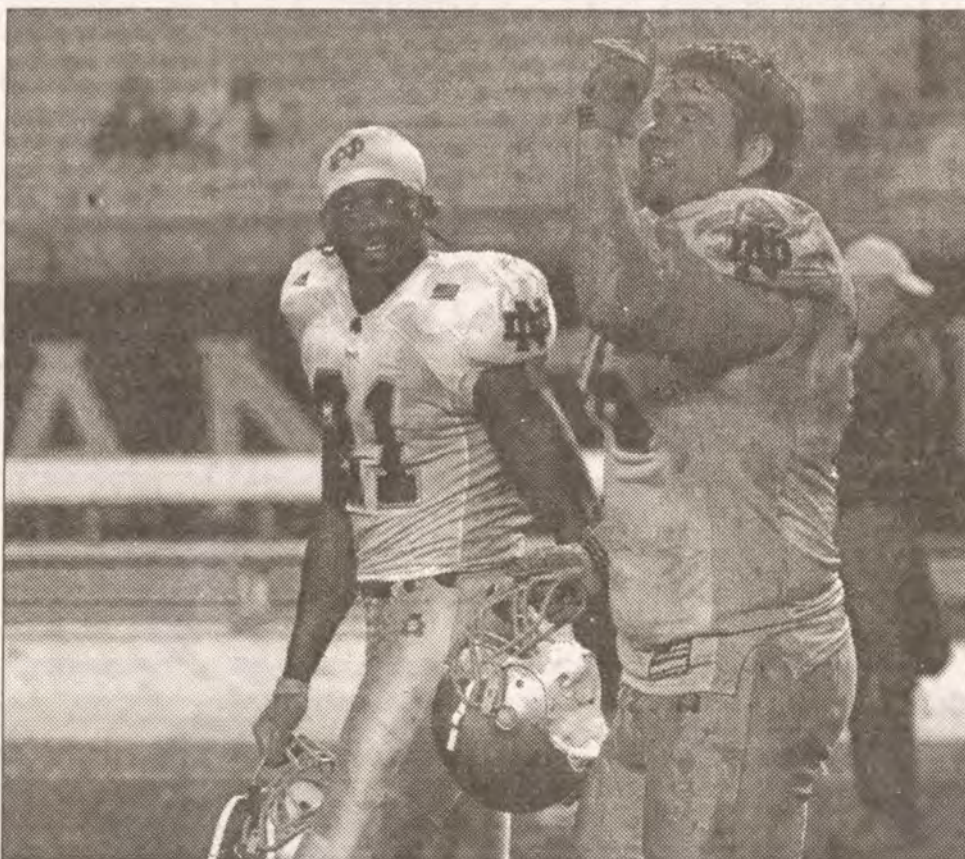
national ranking of Irish defense last season 33

14 national ranking of BYU defense last season

number of "payback" games BYU has won out of seven since 1999 6

4 number of BYU wins last season

number of Notre Dame wins last season 5



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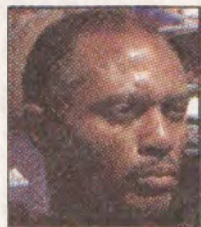
Bob Morton, right, and Maurice Stovall celebrate a 2003 win over Pittsburgh. The junior will shift from center to left guard to start the season.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 0-0

AP: NR

Coaches: NR



Tyrone Willingham head coach

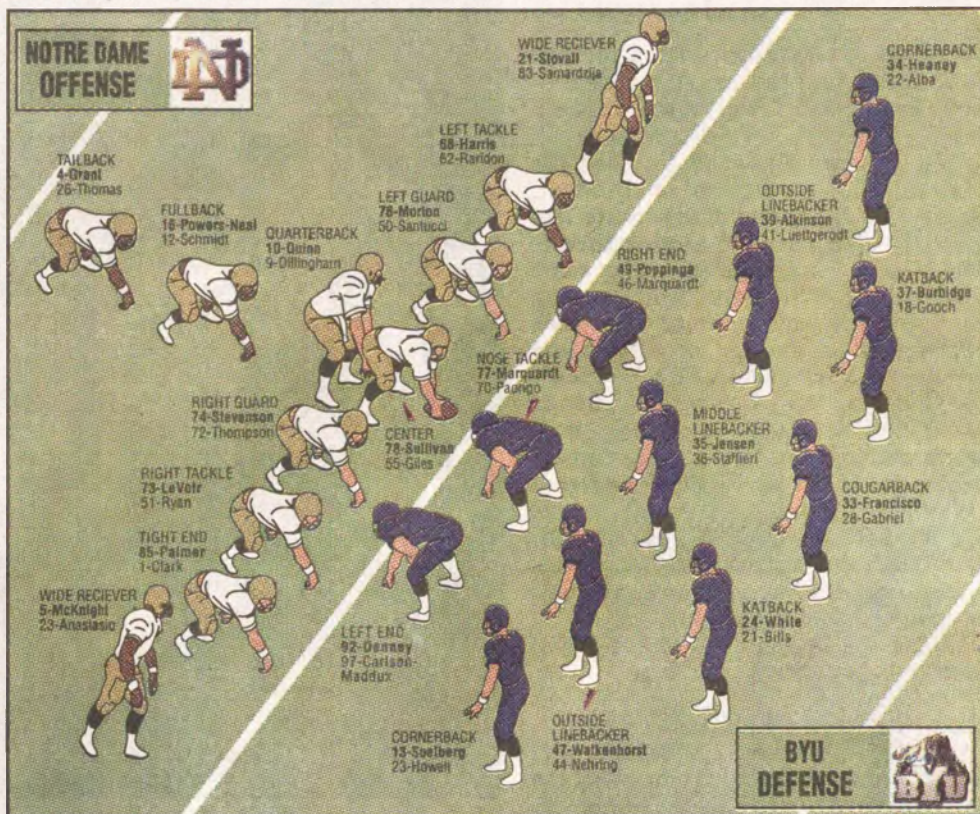
Tyrone Willingham third season at Notre Dame career record: 59-46-1 at Notre Dame: 15-10 against BYU: 1-0

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Jared Clark	TE	6-4	250	SR
2	Freddie Parish IV	DB	6-0	202	SO
3	Darius Walker	RB	5-11	200	FR
4	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	218	SR
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-1	215	JR
6	Carlos Campbell	CB	5-11	195	SR
7	Carlyle Holiday	WR/QB	6-3	215	SR
8	Marty Mooney	QB	6-2	210	JR
9	Quentin Burrell	FS	6-0	195	SR
10	Tom Zbikowski	DB	5-11	203	SO
11	Pat Dillingham	QB	6-2	205	SR
12	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	224	SO
13	Marcus Wilson	RB	5-11	202	SR
14	Josh Schmidt	FB	6-1	232	SR
15	David Wolke	QB	6-4	205	FR
16	Preston Jackson	CB	5-9	180	SR
17	Rashon Powers-Neal	FB	6-2	243	SR
18	Stan Revelle	QB	5-11	195	SR
19	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	190	SO
20	J.J. Warren	QB	6-1	184	SO
21	Darrin Bragg	QB	6-2	185	FR
22	Chinedum Ndukwe	DB	6-2	223	SO
23	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	6-1	200	SR
24	Isaiah Gardner	DB	5-11	195	SO
25	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	227	JR
26	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	186	SO
27	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-1	202	SO
28	Dwight Ellick	CB	5-10	185	SR
29	Nate Schuicatano	RB	6-2	242	JR
30	Wade Iams	DB	5-8	170	FR
31	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	212	SO
32	Lionel Bolen	SS	6-0	210	SR
33	John Lyons	RB	6-1	192	SO
34	Tregg Duerson	DB	5-10	170	FR
35	Cole Laux	FB	5-10	240	SR
36	Mike Richardson	DB	5-11	190	JR
37	Jake Carney	FS	6-0	192	JR
38	A.J. Cedeno	DB	6-0	191	SO
39	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	216	JR
40	Justin Hoskins	RB	6-0	195	FR
41	Terrill Lambert	DB	5-10	190	FR
42	Junior Jabbe	DB	5-11	190	FR
43	Matt Mitchell	CB	5-9	190	JR
44	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	180	FR
45	Brandon Hoyte	ILB	5-11	231	SR
46	Maurice Crum Jr.	LB	6-1	215	FR
47	Mike Goolsby	ILB	6-4	242	SR
48	Anthony Vernaglia	LB	6-4	220	FR
49	Anthony Salvador	LB	6-2	232	JR
50	Justin Tuck	DE	6-5	261	SR
51	Carl Gioia	K/P	5-10	185	SO
52	Rich Whitney III	DB	6-3	205	JR
53	Corey Mays	ILB	6-1	243	SR
54	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-3	230	SO
55	Jerome Collins	TE	6-4	258	SR
56	Derek Curry	OLB	6-3	235	SR
57	Dan Santucci	OL	6-4	292	JR
58	Jamie Ryan	OL	6-5	310	JR
59	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	225	SO
60	Dan Hickey	LS	6-3	224	JR
61	David Fitzgerald	OL	6-4	285	JR
62	Zachary Giles	C	6-3	285	SR
63	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-4	238	SO
64	Abdel Banda	LB	6-2	215	FR
65	James Bent	OL	6-1	271	JR
66	Dan Chervanick	DT/NG	6-2	265	JR
67	Casey Cullen	LB	6-2	212	SO
68	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	215	FR
69	Scott Raridon	OT/LS	6-6	310	JR
70	Casey Dunn	OL	6-4	256	SR
71	Tim Gritzman	DE	6-3	210	FR
72	Derek Landri	NG	6-2	278	JR
73	John Kadous	OL	6-7	310	FR
74	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	289	SO
75	Darin Mitchell	OG	6-3	290	SR
76	Chauncey Incarnato	OL	6-6	280	FR
77	James Bonelli	OL	6-4	290	JR
78	Jeff Thompson	OL	6-4	285	SR
79	Mark LeVoi	OT	6-7	310	SR
80	Dan Stevenson	OG	6-5	293	SR
81	Chris Frome	DE	6-5	271	JR
82	Bob Morton	OG/C	6-4	300	JR
83	Greg Pauly	DT	6-6	295	SR
84	John Sullivan	C	6-3	295	SO
85	Brian Mattes	OL	6-5	292	JR
86	Chris Vaughn	WR	6-4	205	FR
87	Brandon Harris	WR	6-1	190	JR
88	Matt Shelton	WR	6-0	175	SR
89	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-5	215	SO
90	Mike O'Hara	WR	5-9	175	JR
91	Rob Woods	WR	6-2	205	JR
92	Billy Palmer	TE	6-3	256	SR
93	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-2	248	JR
94	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-4	256	JR
95	John Carlson	TE	6-5	248	SO
96	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-2	295	SR
97	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	169	JR
98	Kyle Budinscak	DE	6-4	275	FR
99	Brandon Nicolas	DL	6-5	275	FR
	Justin Brown	DE/LB	6-4	225	FR
	Victor Abiamiri	DE	6-4	269	SO
	Bobby Renkes	K/P	6-0	190	SO
	Matt Hasbrook	DL	6-2	275	JR
	Travis Leitko	DE	6-6	275	JR
	Trevor Laws	DL	6-0	285	SO
	Ronald Talley	DL	6-4	245	FR

NOTRE DAME 2004 Schedule

Sept. 4	at BYU
Sept. 11	MICHIGAN
Sept. 18	at Michigan State
Sept. 25	WASHINGTON
Oct. 2	PURDUE
Oct. 9	STANFORD
Oct. 16	at NAVY
Oct. 23	BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 6	at Tennessee
Nov. 13	PITTSBURGH
Nov. 27	at USC



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NOTRE DAME

Willingham enters his third season as Irish head coach, a season which has determined the career direction of many past Irish coaches. He needs to motivate the team to defeat the Cougars as much for himself as he does for the team on Saturday night.

Quinn looked impressive in last week's scrimmage. The sophomore has a year of experience in the offense, and coaches say he has been studying tape and even adding his own ideas to the game-plan. In addition, Quinn will be working with a deeper receiving corps.

Ryan Grant gets the call at tailback with Rashon Powers-Neal at fullback. The backfield loses almost instant production in the graduation of Julius Jones, but a backfield that could become a committee including Travis Thomas and Josh Schmidt has potential.

Notre Dame struggled in the air last season, averaging almost 35 yards less per game passing than its opponents. But if the offensive line can help running backs establish a strong ground game, expect a spread out field and great things from Quinn and the receivers.

BYU

Crowton enters his fourth season unsatisfied with his team's offensive production a year ago. He now helps more with quarterback coaching, and he has recruited personell to fill specific skill positions on the offensive side of the ball.

Mobile sophomore John Beck will get the start, though BYU has junior Matt Berry back from injury to possibly rotate with the starter. Both quarterbacks played in eight games last season with ratings of 104.88 and 112.12, respectively, and 12 total touchdowns.

The Cougars defense ranked 14th nationally last season, allowing only 4.51 yards per play and just 3.2 yards per rushing play. However, they also have lost their three starting linebackers and surrendered 580 yards to the Cougar offense in a scrimmage.

The Cougars defense ranked 8th nationally in pass defense last season, giving up only 176.17 yards per game. Nine players had at least one interception, but the team loses half of those picks to player missions or graduation. Safety Aaron Francisco will be a threat.

ANALYSIS

Both coaches are coming off disappointing losing seasons, and each has a fan base seeking the revitalization of the program, especially Willingham. With nothing to go on but preseason talk and recruiting, Willingham gets the nod for beating BYU by a good margin last season.

BYU will throw the ball early and often, but Crowton has not found a definite starter to guide the passing attack. Quinn is the man for the Irish, and even though Notre Dame will struggle at times this season, his experience and maturity will be the difference.

The Cougars lose many of their top run defenders but return Brady Poppinga and Aaron Francisco, two game-changers. Losing Julius Jones and shuffling the offensive line means the Notre Dame running game will have a new, and presently unknown, face.

Rhema McKnight, Maurice Stovall, Jeff Samardzija, Carlyle Holiday and Chase Anastasio are not only names, they are the heartbeat of the Notre Dame offense this season. If the running game gets going, look for Quinn to find these men often.

Irish experts



Matt Lozar Editor in Chief

The Irish offense will be improved over 2003 because of Quinn's and the offensive line's experience, and Grant regains his 2002 form. The defensive front seven will get enough pressure on Beck to keep the Cougars' offense in check. The Irish get the confidence needed for next week's showdown with the Wolverines.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31
BYU 17



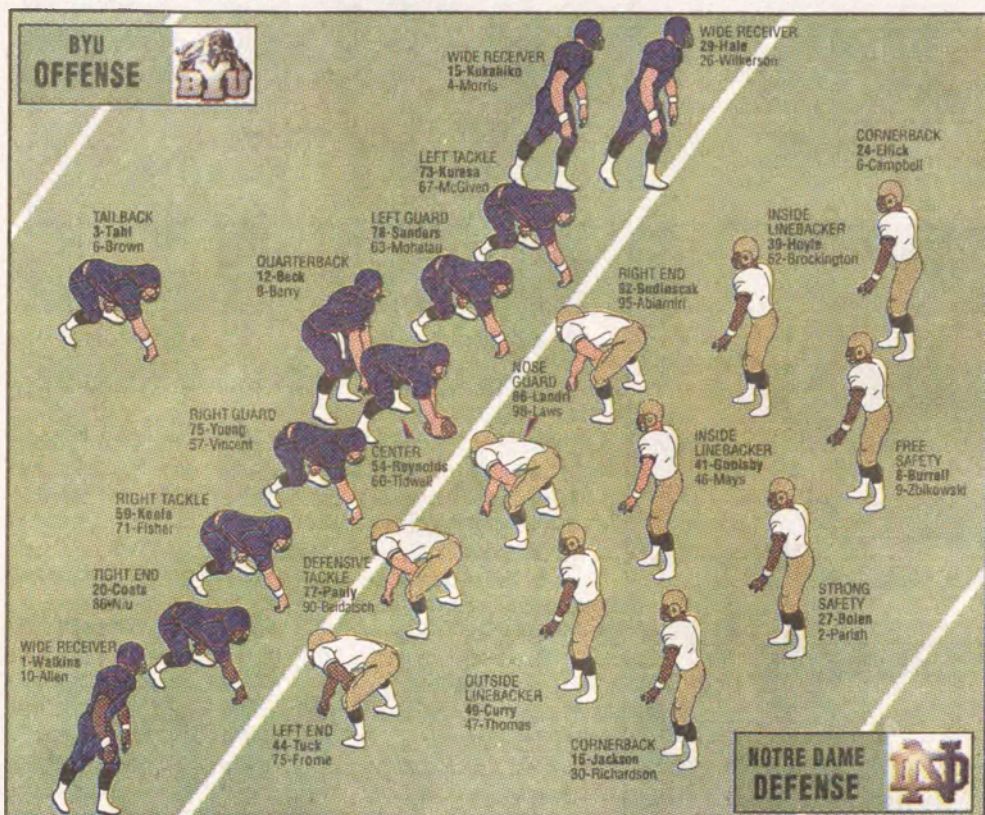
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Notre Dame is the more talented and explosive team in this matchup. The improved Irish offense should be able to move the ball consistently against the Cougar defense. Notre Dame's defense must contain BYU's passing attack to shut down the Cougars. It won't be an easy opener but the Irish will prevail.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24
BYU 13

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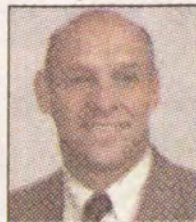
Coaches: NR



BYU 2004 Schedule

Sept. 4	NOTRE DAME
Sept. 11	at Stanford
Sept. 18	USC
Sept. 24	at Boise State
Oct. 2	at Colorado State
Oct. 8	UNLV
Oct. 16	WYOMING
Oct. 23	at Air Force
Nov. 6	SAN DIEGO STATE
Nov. 13	NEW MEXICO
Nov. 20	at Utah

against Notre Dame: 0-1



Gary Crowton
head coach

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Todd Watkins	WR	6-3	185	JR
2	Bryce Mahuika	RB	5-10	185	FR
3	Naufahu Tahi	RB	6-0	230	JR
4	B.J. Mathis	KR	5-7	170	FR
5	Brett Cooper	DB	5-11	186	SO
6	Curtis Brown	RB	6-0	205	SO
7	Jason Beck	QB	6-2	205	JR
8	Matt Berry	QB	6-5	227	JR
9	Austin Collie	WR	6-1	185	FR
9	Kayle Buchanan	DB	6-1	194	FR
10	Matt Allen	WR	6-0	180	FR
10	Craig North	DB	5-10	185	FR
11	Ryan Beck	CB	5-10	180	JR
11	Eric Watterson	RB	5-10	180	JR
12	John Beck	QB	6-2	205	SO
13	Nathan Soelberg	DB	6-0	172	JR
14	Antwaun Harris	WR	6-0	195	FR
14	Adam Nelson	DB	6-2	180	FR
15	Jason Kukahiko	WR	6-1	190	SR
16	Greg Lovely	DB	6-0	180	SO
17	Jackson Brown	QB	6-5	220	JR
17	David Tafuna	DB	6-1	202	FR
18	Quinn Gooch	DB	6-1	190	FR
18	Ray Hudson	RB	5-10	185	FR
19	Karlend Bennett	DB	6-1	205	FR
20	Daniel Coats	TE	6-3	250	SO
22	Micah Alba	CB	5-8	170	SR
23	O'Neil Howell	CB	5-11	175	JR
24	Spencer White	DB	6-1	185	JR
25	Gary Lovely	LB	6-3	195	SO
26	Rodney Wilkerson	WR	6-2	190	SR
27	Ibrahim Rashada	DB	5-10	190	FR
28	Dustin Gabriel	DB	6-1	190	FR
28	David Gooch	WR	6-3	210	JR
29	Chris Hale	WR	5-9	175	JR
30	Billy Skinner	DB	6-0	195	FR
31	Jared McLaughlin	P	6-5	195	SO
31	Nathan Meikle	RB	5-9	195	JR
32	Grant Nelson	LB	6-2	215	LB
33	Aaron Francisco	S	6-2	215	SR
34	Brandon Heaney	CB	5-11	185	SR
35	Cameron Jensen	LB	6-2	230	SO
36	Markell Saffierli	LB	6-3	230	FR
37	Jon Burbridge	S	6-0	205	SR
38	Matt Payne	P/K	6-4	234	SR
41	Justin Luettigerodt	LB	6-4	240	JR
42	Lawrence Cowan	LB	6-3	235	SO
43	Trent Williams	K	6-1	193	FR
44	Moa Peaua	FB	6-0	265	SR
44	Richard Nehring	LB	6-1	215	FR
46	Michael Marquardt	DL	6-4	260	SO
48	T.J. Sitake	DL	6-4	255	JR
49	Brady Poppinga	DL	6-3	257	SR
50	Kyle Tew	LB	6-2	240	JR
51	Justin Williams	LB	6-2	240	SO
52	Aaron Wagner	LB	6-3	245	SO
53	E.J. Caffaro	LB	6-4	205	FR
54	Lance Reynolds	OL	6-3	293	JR
55	Brian Crain	LB	6-3	220	JR
55	Dan Bates	LB	6-0	240	SO
56	Shaun Nua	DL	6-5	270	SR
57	Hanale Vincent	OL	6-5	321	SR
57	Matt Bauman	LB	6-1	220	FR
58	William Turner	LB	5-11	215	FR
59	Eddie Keele	OL	6-5	283	SO
60	Scott Tidwell	OL	6-2	290	JR
61	Junior Kato	OL	6-3	290	FR
63	Ofa Mohetau	OL	6-3	355	SO
64	Ray Feinga	OL	6-5	285	FR
65	R.J. Willing	OL	6-4	300	FR
66	Nate Hall	OL	6-3	305	JR
67	Gary McGiven	OL	6-4	302	JR
68	Jo Cozzens	OL	6-5	251	SO
70	Hala Paongo	DE	6-2	280	SO
71	Paul Fisher	OL	6-7	315	SO
72	Nick Alletto	OL	6-5	290	FR
73	Jake Kuresa	OL	6-4	340	SO
74	Nick Longshore	OL	6-5	297	JR
75	Scott Young	OL	6-5	312	SR
76	Travis Bright	OL	6-5	315	FR
77	Daniel Marquardt	DL	6-2	315	JR
78	Brian Sanders	OL	6-3	316	JR
79	David Sollami	OL	6-3	305	SO
80	Riley Weber	WR	6-1	190	JR
83	Saia Hafoka	WR	5-9	165	FR
84	Michael Reed	WR	6-2	190	FR
85	Zac Collie	WR	6-0	185	SO
87	Matthew Smith	WR	6-2	185	SO
89	Joel Theler	WR	6-2	195	FR
90	Jonny Harline	TE	6-4	235	SO
91	Dennis Pitta	WR	6-5	230	FR
92	John Denney	DL	6-6	275	SR
94	Vince Feula	DL	6-1	300	JR
95	Isley Filiaga	DE	6-0	285	FR
96	Jeremey Gillespie	TE	6-5	230	SO
97	Justin Carlson-Maddux	DL	6-3	253	SO
98	Sosia Sekona	LB	6-1	240	JR
99	Manaia Brown	DL	6-3	315	JR

INTANGIBLES

As Tuck has said, there is a lot of anxiety surrounding the team as the season opener approaches. Each player on this team knows the Irish need a win, because it would be a lot more fun to come back to Notre Dame Stadium 1-0 to face Michigan.

BYU is 3-0 in its three openers under Crowton, with all three games at home. The Cougars perform better in front of their home crowd at Edwards Stadium, and the team is 6-1 in its payback games since 1999, getting revenge more often than not.

The Irish need to win this game, and they will play like it. But the Cougars have less on the line and will play looser in front of a loud and large home crowd. BYU will turn the ball over a couple of times, but the crowd and atmosphere will keep them in the game longer.



Heather
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BYU will throw the ball well against a questionable Irish secondary. The Irish offense will rise to the challenge behind an improved offensive line and experienced quarterback.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27, BYU 17



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BYU will run four and five wide receiver sets and throw over 40 passes Saturday. The Irish secondary will struggle, but Quinn and a deep receiving corps will bail Notre Dame out of this Provo shootout.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31, BYU 28



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The secondary is probably BYU's biggest weak link of defense. The Irish secondary is also the biggest question mark on their defense. Look for a high-scoring game, with the Irish coming away with a win.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34, BYU 24

Sizing up the Irish and the Cougars

2003 AVERAGE PER GAME	NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE VS BYU'S DEFENSE	BYU'S OFFENSE VS NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE
total yards gained	336.3	313.1
total yards allowed	306.2	340.2
rushing yards gained	157.2	98.1
rushing yards allowed	131.6	127.2
passing yards gained	179.1	215
passing yards allowed	174.7	213
kick return yards gained	74.4	70.7
kick return yards allowed	49	65
punt return yards gained	31.8	23.3
punt return yards allowed	41	28.8
yards per punt	37.9	42.4
punts blocked	1	2
turnovers lost	26	39
turnovers recovered	25	28
yards penalized	51	63.8
yards penalized	46.6	46.9
points scored	20.2	16.3
points allowed	25.8	26.2

KEY MATCHUP



NOTRE DAME
SECONDARY

Dwight Ellick [above] and Preston Jackson will start at the cornerback spots, with Quentin Burrell and Freddie Parish named the tentative starters at safety.

The uncertainty of this defensive backfield is frightening, especially against a team that loves to throw the ball.

This group's performance will tell two things — they will determine how close the game gets this Saturday, and they will also show Michigan receivers like Braylon Edwards how vulnerable they are.



BYU
PASSING OFFENSE

John Beck and Matt Berry lost top receiver Toby Christensen, but Chris Hale, Daniel Coats and Rod Wilkerson all return as the second through fourth receivers from last season.

Junior college transfer Todd Watkins [above] runs a 4.28 second 40 and led the Foothill Valley Conference last year with 134 points as a kicker and receiver. He also averaged 22.9 yards per catch.

Ellick, a former track star at Notre Dame, should draw covering Watkins in man-to-man to match speed with speed.

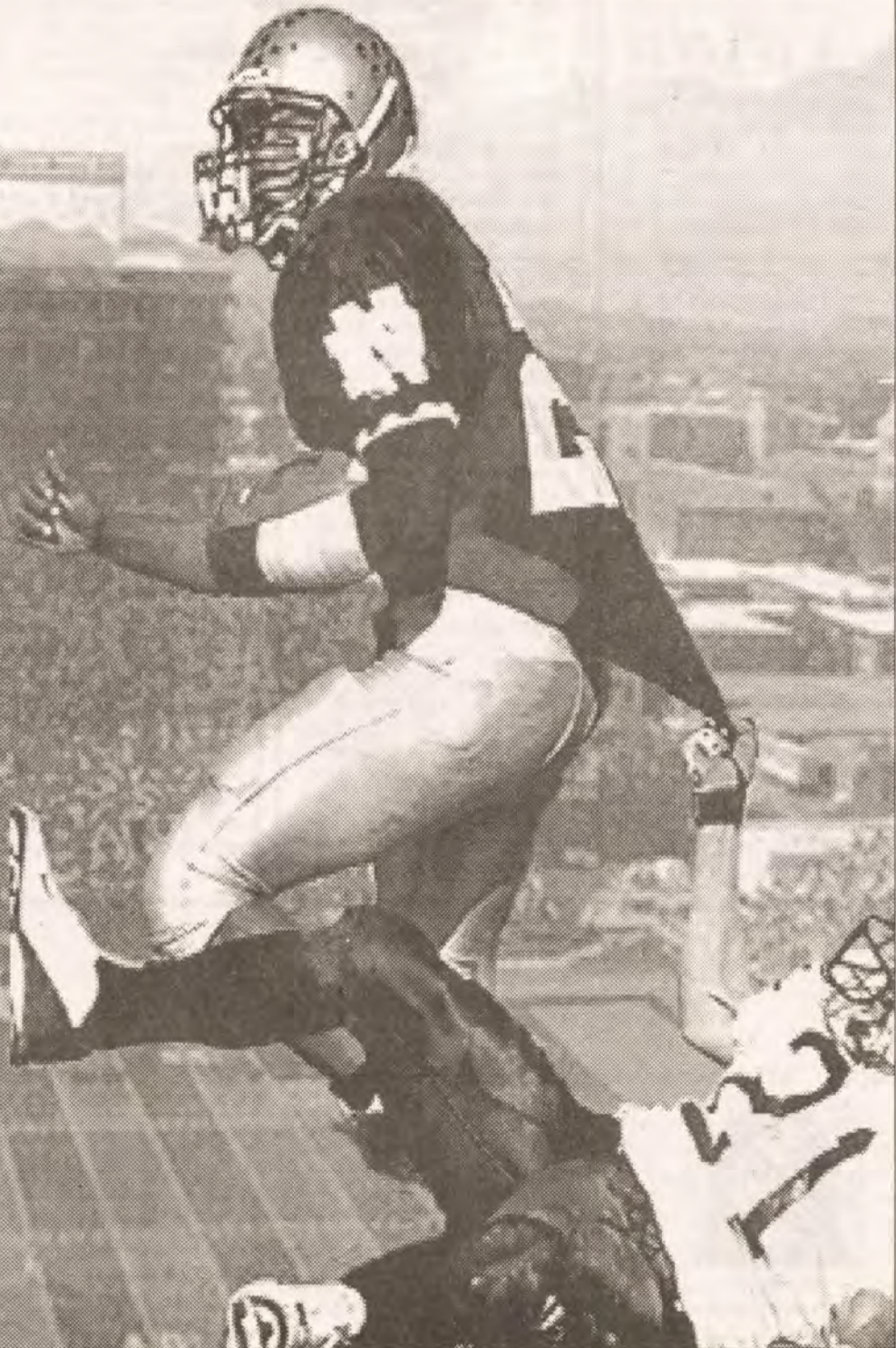
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6 Irish tight ends compete for playing time

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They are deep, talented and athletic, but it has yet to be determined which ones will play.

The Irish have a group of six tight ends, Billy Palmer, Jared Clark, Anthony Fasano, Jerome Collins, John Carlson and Marcus Freeman, and it is still unclear as to who will get the majority of the minutes. As of now, the fifth-year senior Palmer is listed as the starter, but offensive line/tight ends coach Mike Denbrock said nothing is set in stone.

"All those guys are going to play a lot of football for us, so I wouldn't necessarily put a lot of stock in who's listed first or second on there," he said of the depth chart. "The important thing for us is to make sure that we're incorporating the best players that we have available to us in our offense, and those guys all fit into that."

Joining the experienced Palmer is fellow fifth-year senior and converted quarterback Clark. The 6-foot-4 Clark had 15 catches for 142 yards last season, an average of 9.5 yards per catch, while Palmer caught one ball for 13 yards. This duo provides the experience of the group, along with Collins, who is also a fifth-year senior, but is in his first year at tight end, after playing linebacker in 2003.

"Experience is a pretty powerful thing as far as knowing what to do, how to do it, what

it's gonna be like when the lights come on and it's time to play for real," Denbrock said. "So those guys are invaluable to the younger guys. But I think everybody's kinda picked up their game. It's funny how competition will help you do that."

The younger guys Denbrock referred to are Carlson, Fasano and Freeman. Carlson is a 6-foot-5 redshirt freshman who also played on the Irish basketball team last season. Carlson also played in the U.S. Army All-American game in high school.

Fasano is the most experienced of the younger guys. Last year, he had 18 catches for 169 yards, good for fourth on the team. The redshirt sophomore sat out of spring drills with an injury after playing in 11 games with three starts in 2003. He also scored two touchdowns last year.

Freeman, a 6-foot-2 redshirt junior, saw action in 11 games last season.

Quarterback Brady Quinn said he feels fine throwing to any of the tight ends.

"I'm pretty comfortable with all the guys," Quinn said. "They're a good group of guys, and they're going to definitely help us have a huge impact on our offensive scheme this year. Some guys have stepped up. Marcus Freeman has done a great job, really worked hard in the offseason and done a lot for us. I think Anthony Fasano has come back, been working hard this summer, and put in some good work."

Denbrock said his group hopes to be an important part

of the pro-style offense.

"If practice bears out the same way in a game as it has while we've been working on the things, they're gonna be a major part of our offense, both catching the ball and blocking for us," he said. "I hope that's the case, and I know they feel the same way."

The Irish coach said the competition for playing time will depend on a number of things.

"There's a good deal of talent here," Denbrock said. "I think that each one in their own right is a little bit different, both physically, mentally and talent-wise, and that's why it's most important that you get guys that can be a total tight end and be consistent. I think that's really what we're really striving for. So I think whichever group in that top level that does that is probably going to be the three that play."

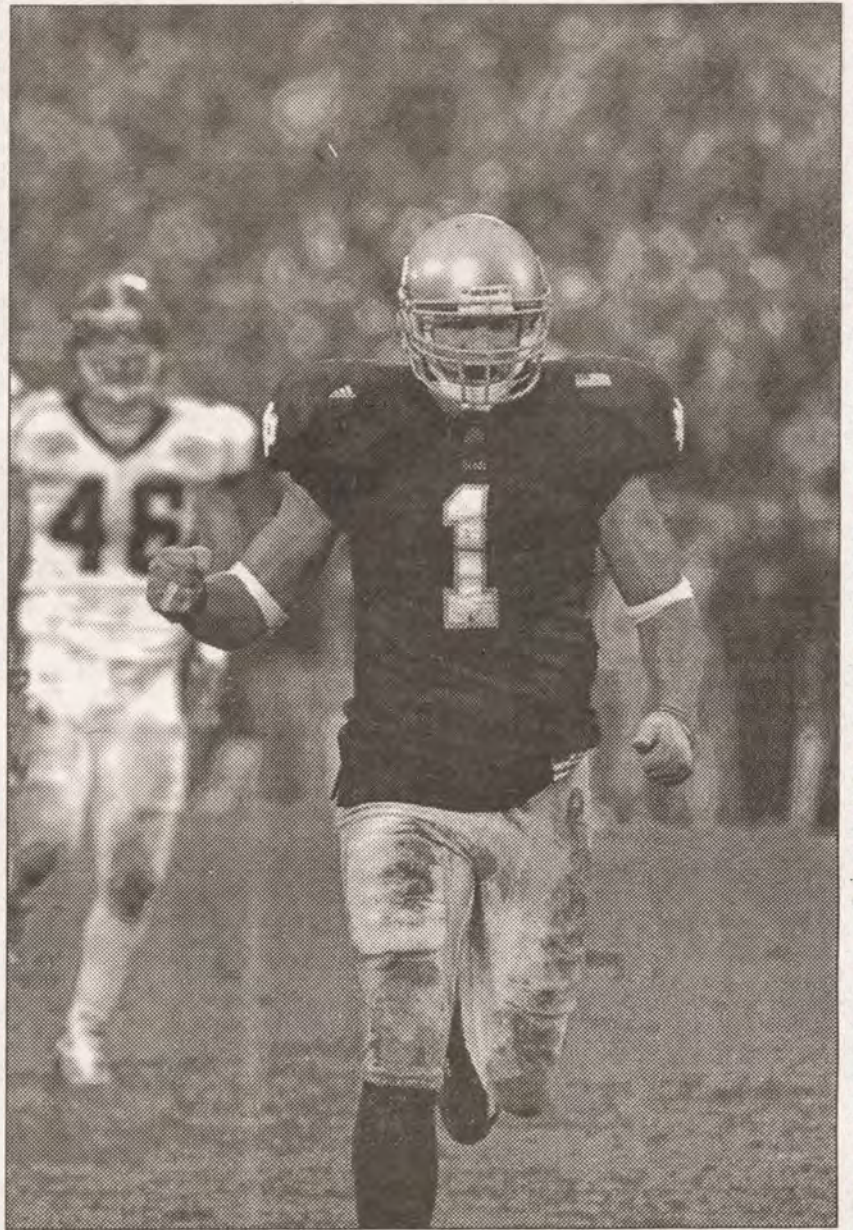
Offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said there is not enough playing time for all six tight ends.

"It is definitely a deep group — it's about six deep, and there's not a lot of playing time for six," he said. "You've gotta weed it out a little bit, and probably the one thing you do by weeding it out, is the guys that are consistent and making plays are probably going to play."

When asked if he had sorted through the group this week, Diedrick said to wait and see.

"On Saturday night, you will find out," he said.

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Irish tight end Jared Clark pumps his fist after a first-down catch against BYU last season.

Cougar offense regroups for rebound year

BYU return 2 quarterbacks and Thorpe candidate safety



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Cougars receiver Brett Cooper and the BYU kick returning squads averaged 20.2 yards per return in 2003.

By JOE HETTLER
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Brigham Young's major weakness in 2003 appears to be another problem in 2004.

The Cougars, who averaged just 16 points and barely over 300 yards per game a season ago, enter 2004 with hopes that their offense emerges as a help, not a hindrance. Last season, BYU went a dismal 4-8 and were shutout for the first time since 1975.

"We're trying to get everybody ready offensively," BYU coach Gary Crowton said. "We were not happy with the production of what we did last year. We really looked at it, we have worked hard on it and we have a little more experience at the quarterback spot this year. We recruited specifically for certain positions to help us in our skill spots and we are just going to be ready to go."

Earlier this week, Crowton — who is 3-0 in season openers at BYU — named John Beck the starting quarterback but said backup Matt Berry could see playing time. As a true freshman last season, Beck threw for 864 yards, five touchdowns and five interceptions. Berry missed four games with a hand injury but still managed to rack up 1,445 passing yards, 14 interceptions and seven touchdowns.

The Cougars tend to throw

the ball more, but Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said stopping BYU's running attack will be one of the keys for the Irish defense.

"We cannot allow them to have what I call a two-way go, when they have got their running game and their passing game going full speed," Willingham said. "We know and recognize that over the years that their preference has been to throw the football. But at the same time, if we let them have a run game, then they become that kind of double-edged sword; that you can't stop it no matter what you're doing."

The Cougars, who lost 16 players from last year's team, have zero of their top three rushers from the 2003 team returning. Naufahu Tahi had 77 yards on 34 carries as a junior last season and will be one of several backs competing for the starting tailback job.

Despite the lack of an established rusher, Crowton feels comfortable with the offense BYU will pit against Notre Dame this weekend.

"Now we have some playmakers, and I am curious how they are going to do on game day," he said. "Some of them are freshmen and some are junior-college transfers to go along with the guys we had last year. My feeling is we have a little bit more depth on offense."

On defense, BYU has several

outstanding senior playmakers, including safety Aaron Francisco and defensive end/linebacker Brady Poppinga. Francisco has been named to the Thorpe Award "watch list" which goes to the country's best defensive back and Poppinga is on the Bronko Nagurski "watch list" for the nation's top defensive player.

Willingham said having sophomore quarterback Brady Quinn play as a freshman should benefit him against BYU defense.

"The biggest difference is the word experience," Willingham said. "Once you've done it, you seem to have a larger base of knowledge, a larger base of confidence, and that's where Brady is."

Quinn and his teammates will be facing a BYU team that feels confident about themselves, according to Crowton. With over 60,000 fans mostly cheering for the Cougars, BYU's fourth-year head coach is cautiously optimistic about his team's chances.

"I think they've prepared like they can, but you just have to wait and see," he said. "I see potential like I've mentioned before. I'm optimistic because I see that potential but at the same time it hasn't happened yet in a game so you just have to wait and see."

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