By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

For the first time ever, Notre Dame fired its football coach before his original contract expired, as Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham's term ended Tuesday after three seasons at the helm of the Irish.

Willingham, who was not available for comment Tuesday, leaves Notre Dame with a 21-15 record, including this season's 6-5 regular season campaign, which concluded Saturday with a 41-10 loss at No. 1 USC.

Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White said Tuesday it was Willingham's on-the-field performance that led to the decision.

"We simply have not made the progress on the field that we need to make," White said in his initial statement. "Nor have we been able to create the positive momentum necessary in our efforts to return the Notre Dame program to the elite level of the college football world."

While said the decision to fire Willingham was made by the senior leadership, and in concert with the University senior leadership, White said, "I participated in a round of discussions and coach Willingham was aware of these conversations as we proceeded."

Sources said there was a Board of Trustees meeting Monday night, during which the decision to fire Willingham was made.

While said University President Father Edward Malloy and select leadership officers make most of the policy decisions at the University.

"I think it's fair to say, I report to the president and at the end of the day, I serve at the will of the president at the University of Notre Dame," White said. "Father Malloy and select officers tend to make most of the policy decisions relating to all the different entities at the University of Notre Dame. I had an opportunity to fully participate, as well as some participation with some participation of select leadership trustees, as well.

University spokesman Matt Storin said Tuesday that the collaboration between University President-elect Father John Jenkins and Malloy followed the decision-making pattern the two have used since Jenkins was named Malloy's successor in May. Jenkins told The Observer in October that in this process, he has input on long-term University decisions, but that Malloy still has the final say.

White said Willingham was notified of the University's decision Tuesday morning. Later that afternoon, the players were called in to a meeting to discuss the decision.

The University's decision to fire Willingham comes on the heels of another blowout loss for the Irish. During Willingham's three years, the Irish have lost by 31 points or more five times. Prior to Willingham, the Irish had just four such losses in 38 years.

White said although the blow-outs were a fact of the decision, it wasn't just one thing that led to the decision.

"I don't know that I can point to anything in particular. I think as we put it all together, as I said pretty carefully in this statement or this release, we just weren't, I don't think, manufacturing the momentum, the progress that we felt we needed to have to move this program back to the elite," he said. "That's not a negotiable position at Notre Dame. Football is very important to this institution. I think everybody in the room realizes that and understands that, and competing at the highest level is of the utmost importance."

Notre Dame has been inconsistent this season. After losing to unranked Brigham Young in the season-opener, the Irish defeated then-No. 8 Michigan. They won two straight games before getting blown out by then-No. 15 Purdue. After winning two more games, Notre Dame lost at home against Boston College only to defeat then-No. 9 Tennessee on the road. Notre Dame closed its season with a 41-38 loss to Pittsburgh at home and the loss to USC on the road.

"On Saturday, we struggled," White said. "We've been up and down and sideways a little bit, a little bit inconsistent. I think the program is closer than when he arrived, and I think we were making progress, by my view and view of the University, just doesn't make enough progress."

Although Willingham struggled on the field, White commended his efforts off the field as a representative of Notre Dame.

"All of us had great expectations when we sat here three years ago, and in a number of ways Tyrone has been an excellent fit and a great representative of our program," White said. "He personally has displayed impeccable integrity and tremendous character, and his players have represented themselves off the field in a first-class manner."

Notre Dame, who recently accepted an invitation to the Pac-12, has never decided if it will still participate, pending on a final decision.

White said a search for a new football coach will begin right away.

"We will immediately begin a national search for a new football coach," White said. "I don't have any particular parameters in mind, other than identifying an individual who can lead Notre Dame football back to the sustained level of excellence that everyone associated with the University and the program wants and desires."

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Average Wins in First 3 Seasons vs. Average Career Wins at Notre Dame

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Despite outside belief, Tuesday a sad day for Irish

Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham leads his team out of the tunnel this season. Willingham was fired Tuesday after compiling a 21-15 record in his three years at the University. The decision came with much support from alumni and fans.

My first conversation with Tyrone Willingham was brief. I nervously introduced myself, made small talk and quickly walked away. It was the shortest of conversations, but it was long enough to leave an impression — I liked this man. I liked him a lot. Maybe it was the firm handshake. Maybe it was the way he took time out of his busy day to speak with me. Maybe I was just astounded at meeting Notre Dame’s football coach. In any case, I’ve always rooted for Willingham to succeed.

That’s why I believe Tuesday was a sad day for the Notre Dame family. Not because I felt Willingham shouldn’t have been fired. He should have. The University. The decision came with much support from alumni and fans.

Willingham told a group of students when he was first hired. He recalled ordering a meal at a nearby fast food restaurant. Before he could finish ordering, the person taking the order asked, “Aren’t you Tyrone Willingham?” Willingham introduced himself, then spent the next 20 minutes standing outside and signing autographs for a number of people. That’s why I believe Tuesday was a sad day in Notre Dame’s rich football tradition.

Even if it was after only three seasons, Tuesday was a sad day because too many people rooted for this move. Too many people rejoiced in Willingham’s fall. Too many people think ridding the University of Willingham and bringing in a head coach from Utah will magically turn everything around for the fallen Irish. The truth is, it won’t. There is no quick fix to Notre Dame’s problems.

People blame Willingham for Notre Dame’s struggles the past several seasons. There is obvious reality to those criticisms. He didn’t produce — bottom line. But it wasn’t completely his fault. He was expected to implement a radically different offense and do so against one of the nation’s toughest schedules. To make matters worse, he won his first eight games, raising expectations to a level unfair to any coach. Former Irish head coach Lou Holtz once said, “Notre Dame’s struggles the past three years were a minor miracle every Saturday.”

Willingham indirectly set himself up to fall hard.

Aside from football, Willingham was fired Tuesday after compiling a 21-15 record in his three years at the University. The decision came with much support from alumni and fans.

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Willingham's assistant coaches currently wait in limbo

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Assistant Sports Editor

While Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham was removed of his duties as football coach Tuesday, the fate of his assistant coaching staff is up in the air.

"Everybody will be retained until we have a new head coach in place," Irish athletic director Kevin White said at a press conference Tuesday.

According to Ivan Maisel at ESPN.com, seven of Willingham's assistants were not expected to carry over to the new staff because they were traveling on business trips. It was not clear who those seven assistants were.

Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer and offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick are among those coaches whose jobs are currently in limbo. Offensive line coaches Mike Denbrock and John McDonnell, defensive line coach Greg Mattison, wide receivers coach Trent Miles, running backs/special teams coach Buzz Preston, linebackers coach Bob Simmons and defensive backs coach Steven Wilks are the other assistant coaches on staff.

At this point, it is unclear which coaches, if any, will be retained after the hiring of a new head football coach at Notre Dame. Of the current Irish assistant coaches, all but Mattison were either brought over from Stanford with Willingham in 2002, or have been hired during Willingham's tenure.

When there have been speculations that Baer might be a prime candidate for the vacant head coaching position at Utah State, Baer's alma mater. He began his Division-I coaching career with the Aggies, serving as Utah State's outside linebackers coach from 1977-82, and then as the team's defensive coordinator from 1983-85.

The members of the assistant coaching staff are not the only employees of the football program whose jobs are currently in limbo. Among one of the more important figures that might have to be replaced is Jiminy Gonzales, Notre Dame's director of player development.

Gonzales has worked directly with members of the coaching staff in recruiting, and is seen as one of the most important recruiting gurus under Willingham's program.

There have been several rumors surrounding the firing of Willingham that White might have first asked the coach to make changes to his coaching staff. While all but denied those rumors Tuesday, "We never really got to that conversation, and I think they have a business operation here," White said.

"And I don't think you can spend a whole lot of time spending a lot of associates athletic directors to hire and I haven't spent a whole lot of time telling our coaches who they need to hire to serve as their assistants."

"At the end of the day, the end game is not about who's in the Golden Dome. It was about quiet professionalism. And so no, we didn't spend a whole lot of time having those conversations."

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Dame record books decades from now, many people will see the 8-0 start followed by the numerous topseeded losses and 13 wins in 28 games.

But looking past that, there's a man who didn't see.

They won't see a coach who had the support of many of his players Tuesday, despite the sub-standard results of the past two years. They likely didn't see the players stayed silent in another period of turmoil in a program that has seen more than its fair share.

They won't see a coach who had only three seasons to take players recruited for an option offense and put them in a pro-style attack. Willingham never complained about not having his players in the system and neither did his players.

They won't see a coach who was as good a representative of the University as anyone in a leadership position at Notre Dame. Willingham was just as concerned with his players' academic and spiritual development as he was with their skill development. He led by example on the field and in the interview room. But he didn't do it in high-profile events or in front of the media — it was about quiet professionalism.

As surprising as Tuesday's firing was to almost everyone — players, media and students - Willingham didn't stoop to the level of spouting off about how unfairly he was treated and disagreed with the administration's decision.

He didn't hold his own hastily arranged press conference and went against his management. He didn't release a statement voicing displeasure.

Silent, professional and in the background, Willingham left the Notre Dame program Tuesday. If you didn't expect that, then you don't know Tyrone Willingham.

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Sports Writer

Tyrone Willingham stepped to the podium on Jan. 1, 2002, and took what perhaps was the most demanding coaching job in college football.

The way Willingham got there was quiet and not flashy — just like him personally.

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Silent reaction not unexpected

Quiet and calm, Willingham remains in control despite ups and downs

Tyronne Willingham was named the Savior of South Bend. Looking back at the Notre Dame football team, instead of focusing on coaching Stanford in 2001, Willingham was one of the mid-range candidates, according to the media and fans. When George O'Leary had to resign, Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White went back to the man he called first — Willingham.

But nobody knew about that initial phone call until Willingham was named the new head football coach at Notre Dame.

After not getting the job the first time, Willingham stayed focused on coaching Stanford in the Seattle Bowl.

Many people saw Willingham as a candidate White settled on at the end of the coaching search. Willingham won his own way in demanding the respect of his players, fans and students.

The well-known PowerPoint presentation with the team at the first players' meeting in January that ended with a side saying "Win" will only be repeated on Day 1.

When Willingham went to the dorms in spring 2002, he connected instantly with the Notre Dame students. He had the right answer to every question and saying he had one goal — winning. His speeches weren't rah-rah, but down to earth and honest with the students that came to respect him instantly.

In the 8-0 "Return to Glory" start when Sports Illustrated named him the Savior of South Bend and his players called him The Prophet, Willingham never stole the limelight. He stayed quiet on the sidelines, not letting his emotion overtake him even for a second.

He gained everyone's respect. Then the honeymoon ended.

Willingham left the Golden Dome. He didn't hold his own hastily arranged press conference and went against his management. He didn't release a statement voicing displeasure.

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Tyrone Willingham’s Tenure

Dec. 2, 2001
Notre Dame football coach Bob Davie was fired after the program had its second losing season in three years. Davie, whose 35-25 record gave him a .383 winning percentage, was head coach for five years.

Feb. 2002
Tyrone Willingham was chosen as the next Irish head coach. His introductory press conference in the Joyce Center was attended by more than 1,500 students and supporters.

Aug. 28, 2002
QB Matt LoVecchio decides to transfer from Notre Dame. LoVecchio, who ended up at Indiana, led the Irish to a berth in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl, but lost the starting job to Carlyle Holiday three games into the 2001 season.

Aug. 31, 2002
In Tyrone Willingham’s first game as Irish head coach, Notre Dame stormed into the Meadowlands and defeated Maryland 22-0 in the Kickoff Classic.

Sept. 6, 2002
The Irish, coming into the season at No. 19, defeated Washington State 29-26 in overtime on a game-winning field goal by Nick Setta. Down 19-6 in the fourth quarter, Notre Dame scored 20 fourth quarter points to force overtime.

Sept. 13, 2003
A week after the overtime win against Washington State, the Irish were smoked by Michigan 38-0, the biggest shutout in series history.

Oct. 12, 2003
No. 6 ranking in the country, the Irish traveled to Tallahassee and defeated No. 11 Florida State 34-24. It was the team’s best start since 1993, and it was the fourth Irish victory over a ranked opponent in 2002.

Nov. 1, 2003
No. 5 Florida State blew out Notre Dame 37-0 at Notre Dame Stadium, and the Irish fell to 2-6 — the worst start since 1963. It was the fourth time in the last 10 games that the Irish lost by 31 or more points.

Nov. 30, 2002
Carson Palmer picked apart the Notre Dame secondary, throwing for 425 yards and four touchdowns, and virtually solidifying his Heisman trophy award in USC’s victory. After the game, Willingham defended his team, saying that their performance against USC was not a true indicator of Notre Dame’s capabilities.

Oct. 26, 2002
Going into the game with a No. 6 ranking in the country, the Irish traveled to Tallahassee and defeated No. 11 Florida State 34-24. It was the team’s best start since 1993, and it was the fourth Irish victory over a ranked opponent in 2002.

Oct. 18, 2003
The Irish were defeated by 31 points for the second consecutive year; this time losing 45-18 to the No. 3 Trojans. Matt Lettau picked up right where Carson Palmer left off, throwing for 351 yards and four touchdowns.

May 24, 2003
Four Notre Dame football players, Lorenzo Crawford, Donald Dykes, Abram Elum and Jurin Smith, were charged with offenses ranging from conspiracy to commit rape to rape from a March 28 incident.

Sept. 14, 2002
A week after Notre Dame won its home opener against Purdue, the Irish defeated No. 7 Michigan 23-22 at Notre Dame Stadium. The Irish improved to 3-0 with the victory.

Jan. 1, 2003
The No. 14 Irish were defeated by No. 17 NC State 28-6 in the Gator Bowl, as Carlyle Holiday came out with a separatd shoulder in the team’s second possession of the game.

Sept. 2, 2002
Boston College traveled to Notre Dame and upset the No. 4 Irish 14-7. Wearing green jerseys, Notre Dame played sloppy all day en route to the first loss in the Tyrone Willingham era.

Feb. 2003
Leif such outstanding prospects as Brady Quinn, Victor Aiavomi, John Sullivan and Tom Zbikowski, Tyrone Willingham’s recruiting class is ranked No. 5 in the nation by collegesports.com.

Dec. 9, 2001
George O’Leary of Georgia Tech is chosen as the next Irish head coach. His introductory press conference in the Joyce Center was attended by more than 1,500 students and supporters.

Dec. 31, 2001
Tyrone Willingham, formerly of Stanford, is named as the 28th football coach of Notre Dame, becoming the first black head coach at Notre Dame in any sport.

2001

Dec. 14, 2001
George O’Leary resigned less than a week after being named Notre Dame football coach after it was revealed he had lied about his academic and athletic background.

Oct. 13, 2003
With a 6-2 record, Notre Dame picked up right where Carson Palmer left off, throwing for 351 yards and four touchdowns.

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Notre Dame football coach Bob Davie was fired after the program had its second losing season in three years. Davie, whose 35-25 record gave him a .383 winning percentage, was head coach for five years.
Syracuse dismantled Notre Dame 38-12. as running back Walter Reyes scored five touchdowns and rushed for 189 yards. With the loss, the Irish moved to 5-7 and suffered their third losing season in five years.

Sept. 11, 2004
The Irish pulled off the upset over Michigan 28-20 and the student body rushed the field as Notre Dame revenged the 38-0 loss in 2003. Darius Walker burst onto the scene, rushing for 115 yards on 31 carries with two touchdowns.

Nov. 6, 2004
The Irish beat Tennessee 17-13, taking advantage of injuries to the top two Volunteer quarterbacks. Notre Dame linebacker Mike Goolsby returned an interception 26 yards for the game-winning touchdown.

Nov. 13, 2004
Tyler Palko threw five touchdown passes, the first player ever to do so in the history of Notre Dame stadium, as Pittsburgh stunned Notre Dame 41-16. The win was the Boilermakers first in Notre Dame Stadium since 1974.

Nov. 27, 2004
USC beat Notre Dame 41-10, the third straight season the Irish have lost to the Trojans by 31 points. After the Irish built a 10-3 lead, USC dominated the remainder of the contest in Willingham’s final game as Irish head coach.

Nov. 30, 2004
Tyrone Willingham is fired as head football coach at Notre Dame after three seasons in South Bend and a record of 21-15.

Winter 2004
A letter from several hundred alumni was sent to the Board of Trustees saying the University needed to change its focus with regards to the football program.

Spring 2004
Coach Willingham headed into spring practice hoping to rebound from his disappointing 2003 season and recapture the magic that he had upon beginning his tenure.

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BYU upsets Notre Dame 20-17 in the first game of the 2004 season. Cougar backup QB Matt Berry threw a 42-yard touchdown pass midway through the third quarter to seal the win for BYU.

Oct. 2, 2004
Kyle Orton torched the Irish secondary for four touchdown passes and 385 yards as Purdue beat Notre Dame 41-16. The win was the Boilermakers first in Notre Dame Stadium since 1974.

Oct. 23, 2004
Paul Peterson threw a 30-yard touchdown pass with 54 seconds left to lift Boston College to a 24-23 win over Notre Dame. The Irish lost to Boston College for the fourth straight season.
Majority of players remain in silent shock after firing

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

No comment. No comment. No comment.

In three sentences, those were the feelings of the majority of Notre Dame football players Tuesday night. While athletic director Kevin White and associate athletic director Tom Heisler spoke to media about firing Willingham during a 4 p.m. press conference, most players refused to comment about losing their head coach.

Players found out about Willingham’s firing during a team meeting in the early afternoon.

“I met with a core group of the seniors at two o’clock, and I know our seniors are meeting early this evening,” White said. “I’d like to converse with them again. But I did want their input for obvious reasons.”

Only one free safety Tom Zbikowski, a sophomore recruited by Willingham from Illinois, commented on his feelings concerning Willingham’s dismissal.

“As soon as we found out, heads dropped,” Zbikowski said. “It was rough. We’re still talking about it.”

Zbikowski said the players did not see Willingham’s firing coming.

“As a team we never thought about it, but we heard about it from outside sources,” he said. “We never put much thought into it.”

While not relay direct comments from players, but he did give his sentiments on player reaction as he broke the news at the two o’clock meeting.

“I really don’t want to speak for them,” White said. “I know you’ll find them, and they anticipate you finding them as a group. But I will say a word or two. I think they were stunned, and I think they have great respect and affection for Coach Willingham, and that was apparent to me as I spoke to them.”

Three years ago, when Notre Dame fired head coach Bob Davie after five seasons, players talked the day of the firing and looked to a more promising future.

“The seniors came here, had Davie, O’Leary and now coach Willingham’s firing. The seniors came here, had Davie, O’Leary and now coach Willingham,” Zbikowski said. “It’s going to be tough. We’re a little shocked, a little disappointed. We just have to stay focused. It’s not something you want to go through but it’s the way college football is going.”

As the players appear to unite during the time of their coach’s departure, Zbikowski said he feels most for the seniors of the group.

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Happenings

Sudan Correspondent Talk

Dr. Arno, former foreign correspondent for NBC and MSNBC news and current producer of a documentary on Sudan, will speak about his experiences in Sudan. He will reflect upon the realities of the Sudan crisis. Sponsored by Amnesty International, Peace Coalition, Korean Hall and Peacemakers East Coast.

When: Thursday, December 2 at 7:00 pm
Where: Center for Social Concerns Classroom

Global Issues Forum

Come hear students who have studied and worked in developing countries present their research on pressing international issues of our time. Poster presentations, interactional refreshments and a post-event reception will be held.

When: Monday, December 6 at 7:00 pm
Where: Hesburgh Center Auditorium

2005 COOL National Conference

The University of Notre Dame and the Center for Social Concerns are seeking to sponsor outstanding student leaders to attend a national conference focused on promoting civic engagement among college students. The COOL (Campus Outreach and Opportunity League) and Action without Borders – Idealist.org have teamed together to announce the 2005 COOL Idealist Network Conference, which will be held March 18-20, 2004 and will be hosted by the University of California Berkeley. For more information, visit http://www.idealist.org/coc.

Applications available at the CSC front desk.

Fund Raiser for Maryknoll Cambodia

A dinner and Concert sponsored by the Asian-American Association. Benefits the Maryknoll Cambodia outreach and Acrion Without Borders - Idealist.org have teamed together to announce the 2005 COOL Idealist Network Conference, which will be held March 18-20, 2004 and will be hosted by the University of California Berkeley. For more information, visit http://www.idealist.org/coc.

When: December 8 at 6:30-8:15 pm
Where: Coleman-Mone Lounge

Volunteer Opportunities

An elderly couple is looking for someone to help them do basic tasks such as shopping and washing dishes. Contact Idera Thompson at 234-6300, if interested.

Ironwood Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center

This nursing home needs volunteers to help with their gift shop and full calendar of activities. Contact Rick Colber or Susan Chapman at 291-6722.

Tutoring at Salvation Army

Salvation Army is looking for tutors to help out with their after-school program for 3rd through 8th graders on Mondays-Fridays from 4:00-5:00pm. Transportation can be made available. Contact Trudy Rodrigues at 386-7648.

On-Campus Tutors Needed

The number of individual tutor requests has increased recently. If interested in tutoring for about one hour per week, at an on-campus location, please call Felipe at 1-7874 or send an email to cscvol@nd.edu.

Registration Open for Spring Break Seminars

Apply online at http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu/academic/application.shtml

Appalachia Seminar (Theo 361). The Appalachia Seminar, 20+ years into its creation, continues to send approximately 350 students each year to five states in the Appalachia region. Students explore social, political, religious and environmental issues in the Central Appalachian Region.

Children and Poverty Seminar (Pye 310A/SCS 358). This seminar focuses on concerns that affect the youth of our nation, including poverty and violence, and examines efforts to foster positive youth development. Immersion takes place in New York City, with service opportunities and visits to organizations such as UNICEF, the United Nations, and the Child Advocacy Center.

L’Arche Seminar (Theo 357/PSY 310B). This seminar centers around a L’Arche community in Toronto, Canada, to share community life with people with developmental challenges. Students draw from the philosophy of Jean Vanier and various spiritual writings to augment this participatory learning experience.

Washington, D.C. Seminar (Theo 363/PSOC 3313W). The Spring offering of the Washington Seminar is planned in conjunction with the Science, Values, and Technology Program.

Migrant Experience Seminar (Theo 356). This seminar offers a unique opportunity for farm workers working in Florida during the spring harvest. Students pick tomatoes in the fields (donating their wages), live with migrant families, assist agencies that serve migrants, and work with community leaders, never again to take food for granted.

Holy Cross Mission in Hispanic Ministry Seminar (Theo366E). This seminar gives participants the opportunity to experience the world’s oldest organization for the poor during immersion into the spirituality, culture, and economy of the rural, southern California valley community of Coachella. Students work with the volunteers of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

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**ND unsure if team will go to bowl**

By JUSTIN SCHUVER  
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame associate athletic director John Heidler alerted the media Tuesday he has not yet made a decision on whether to still attend the Insight Bowl in the wake of head coach Tyrone Willingham’s firing.

In a press conference Tuesday evening at the Joyce Center, Notre Dame associate athletic director Kevin White stated that the university would meet to discuss the bowl situation in the coming days. The press conference was made after, but Heidler suggested a decision might be reached sometime today.

White said in the press conference Tuesday he still believes the players on this year’s team should have the ability to attend the Insight Bowl regardless of the outcome of Tuesday’s meeting, and he suggested a decision might be reached sometime today.

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Heidler said that if fans react to a Notre Dame touchdown at a home game earlier this season. The Irish alumni base is influential within the Notre Dame football community and many take an active role in voicing both praises and criticisms.

**White acknowledges vocal alumni influence**

By PAT LEONARD  
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame is considering the financial impact of a bowl appearance even without a backup plan if its 10 opponent in the Insight Bowl at Arizona State, the Bank of America Bowl package and the Big Ten’s nonconference contract.

"Our perspective is that we need to make sure we get what we can from the bowl contractual arrangement," Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White said. "But I’m not sure I can say that objectively."

"We’re excited to put on a good show," White said. "We’re not even considered a backup plan."

"The young people in our program have earned the right to play in a bowl," White said. "If they were to make a decision to play in a bowl, I think it’s reasonable to assume that they would support it.

Notre Dame officially signed the contract for the bowl Tuesday. White said Notre Dame agreed to the deal because it would bring in outside revenue.

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Only two black head coaches left in Div. I-A

Three black coaches out after season

By HEATHER VAN HOGERDAN  
Sports Editor

When Irish football coach Tyrone Willingham was hired in 2002, he was the first black head coach in any sport at Notre Dame.

Willingham was fired Tuesday, he became the third black football coach who had either been fired or resigned from his job this year. Last week, San Jose State’s Fitz Hill resigned, as did Arkansas State’s Tony Samuel Wednesday. 

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"I’m definitely going to reconsider my commitment," Wilson told Mike Frank of ESPN’s “Outside The Lines.” "That was incredibly hurtful. I really liked coach Willingham, I liked all the coaching staff, I really wanted to play for them.

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"I’m definitely going to reorganize my recruiting," Wilson reiterated.

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ND has plenty to choose from in coaching search

Utah’s Meyer looks to be early contender for Notre Dame job

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

The University administration and athletic director Kevin White will have plenty of top-tier candidates when they interview the next coach of the Fighting Irish.

Following Tuesday’s firing of third-year coach Tyrone Willingham, a group of 10-12 possible replacements have surfaced as early contenders for one of the country’s most prestigious — and most scrutinized — head coaching positions.

The early frontrunner, according to numerous news sources, is former Notre Dame wide receivers coach and current Utah head coach Urban Meyer. The 40-year-old Ashiabula, Ohio native has turned around two programs as head coach — Bowling Green and Utah. The Utes are ranked No. 5 in the nation this season with an 11-0 record and likely will play in a Bowl Championship Series game. However, White said at Tuesday’s press conference that the University has not looked into any replacements yet.

“We haven’t done a thing in terms of the search at this point,” Kevin White, Notre Dame athletic director said.

Willingham, a group of top candidates

In an interview with ESPN.com, “Notre Dame” is one of the top candidates. He said the coaching search would begin this morning.

“We will immediately begin a national search for a new football coach,” White said. “I don’t have any specific parameters in mind, other than identifying an individual who can lead Notre Dame football back to the sustained level of excellence that everyone associated with the University and the program wants and deserves.”

Utah head coach

Urban Meyer

The second-year Utah coach has already turned the Utes into a national contender. After a 10-2 finish in 2003, Meyer has Utah at 11-0 and No. 5 in the AP poll this season. He coached wide receivers at Notre Dame for five years, from 1996-2000, before taking over at Bowling Green where he was 17-6 including a 5-0 mark against BCS teams and two wins over ranked opponents. Meyer’s signed a one-year contract extension in June, giving him a $40,000 raise. His contract is good through 2009 and he can automatically receive one-year deals if Utah finishes with a winning record or equals or exceeds their tickets sales from 2002. More importantly for the Irish, Meyer has a clause in his contract that allows him to opt out if three teams come calling: Michigan, Ohio State and Notre Dame. Meyer is reportedly a top suitor for Davis. Resigning from the Cleveland Browns the same day Willingham was fired, Davis had an outstanding record with the Miami Hurricanes from 1995-2000 where he was 51-29, including 4-0 in bowl games. He took over the Browns in 2001 and posted a 24-36 record in four seasons, making the playoffs in 2002. Davis is a defensive-minded coach, who helped continue the Hurricanes success in the 90s. Florida is also reportedly a top suitor for Davis.

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Jeff Tedford

Tedford has turned California into a mainstay in the top-25, after leading the Golden Bears to a most wins (15) of any coach in California history during his first two seasons. He was named the 1994-95 coach of the year in 2002 after helping the Bears record their first winning season in nine years. However, Tedford has expressed displeasure with the universities’ inability to improve football facilities. Tedford has a knack for producing high-power offenses.

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Jon Gruden

Gruden grew up in South Bend and his dad coached for the Fighting Irish. He’s always had Notre Dame as a dream job, but he makes $4 million a year with Tampa Bay. Gruden led the Bucs to the 2002 Super Bowl, winning the crown in his first year as coach. He has a career record of 66-48. Gruden’s fiery demeanor on the sidelines is well with Notre Dame’s administration, but his coaching accomplishments speak for themselves. If he’s willing to take a pay cut, Gruden could be a top candidate for the Irish.

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Iowa’s sixth-year head coach recently signed a contract extension, but that doesn’t necessarily count him out as a candidate for Notre Dame’s coaching vacancy. Ferentz and Irish athletic director Kevin White are longtime friends, going back to when White hired Ferentz to coach the University of Maine in 1994. Ferentz could help Notre Dame, which has only one win in the NCAA this season, change the program into a bowl team. White also said that Ferentz would help Notre Dame get to the Rose Bowl. Ferentz is a defensive-minded coach, who helped continue the Hurricanes success in the 90s.

Dan Hawkins

Boise State’s head coach has an impressive record during his almost four seasons with the Broncos. A Catholic, Hawkins said in an interview with ESPN.com in late October that he could see the Notre Dame coaching position as a dream job. An offensive-minded coach, Hawkins could help Notre Dame with their often-times struggling offense.

Lou Holtz

As ESPN said, “He’s available, and he knows how to beat USC.” One of the greatest coaches in NCAA history, Holtz won a national title in 1988 with Notre Dame — in just his third year with the school. He retired from South Carolina last week, but is as dark a dark horse as anyone available.

FORTH TIER

Norm Chow

The mastermind behind USC’s almost unstoppable offense during the past four seasons, Chow has his pick of head coaching positions every year. He is considered one of the top offensive coordinators in the nation. It might be tough to pull Chow away from USC’s dynasty, but if Chow decides to leave, Notre Dame could be on the top of his list.

Bobby Petrino

Louisville’s head coach is also an offensive-oriented coach, helping the Cardinals move up and down the field at will against most opponents. His nine wins during the 2003 season were the most ever by a first-year Louisville head coach. He led the team to a 9-4 record and a GMAC Bowl appearance. Petrino has led the Cardinals to a 9-1 record on average every year during the regular season.

Bob Stoops

A longshot, Stoops turned around a struggling Oklahoma program when he took over five years ago. He showed little interest during Notre Dame’s coaching search in 2001, but has been rumored to be listening to Florida offers. This could mean Notre Dame has a chance, albeit a small one, at landing one of the top coaches in all of college football.

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Willingham firing stirs emotions at ND

Protesters demand explanation, others applaud decision

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

Students both protesting and supporting the firing of Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham clashed in a heated gathering outside the Main Building Tuesday.

About 30-40 ethnic minority students gathered on the building's steps to contest the University's decision and carried posters reading "I cant ND its integrity." "Never before, never again" and "We want Ty back."

The demonstration coincided with a cancelled student rally planned to call for Willingham's removal. However, some students involved with the original protest still showed up at the Main Building, which led to arguments

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Coach made his mark off the field, inspired minorities at the University

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Unlike his wins and losses on the football field, Tyrone Willingham's impact on the Notre Dame community can't be spelled out in statistics.

As the University's first black head coaching hire in any sport, Willingham inspired a sense of pride in many people, said Mel Tardy, assistant professional specialist in the First Year of Studies program.

"I sensed a hope when he was hired," said Tardy, whose personal connection with the coach runs deep.

"It's difficult to be African-American and male at Notre Dame, and you never see anybody who is like you," he said. "To see someone of his stature, one of the biggest symbols of Notre Dame, to be somebody like you, there's no way to put it into words — that's what I think will be a big loss to the Notre Dame community."

Many minority faculty members and students likely felt a similar bond with the coach, said University spokesman Matt Storin.

"It was very encouraging to them to see him leading the Notre Dame football team, very reassuring," Storin said. "I think internally he was a champion for diversity at the University."

The national visibility of the football program elevated Willingham's stature above that of other minorities in prominent University positions, said Iris Outlaw, director of multicultural student programs and services.

"I think he did provide a lot of visibility and exposure for the institution," she said.

Willingham's tenure at Notre Dame coincided with an increase in minority students, contributing indirectly to the success of long-term diversity programs already in place at Notre Dame, director of admissions Dan Saracino said.

In 2003, after Willingham's first season as coach, ethnic minority students composed 21 percent of the incoming freshman class, compared to 17 percent in 2002. The level remained fairly consistent in 2004, at 22 percent.

"There surely has been an

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Ebersol tragedy continues to touch community

Crowd fills memorial Mass for family

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

At the close of the Mass held in the Keough Hall chapel Tuesday night in honor of the Ebersol family and the soul of its youngest son, Teddy, a letter of gratitude and grief from Charlie Ebersol brought the room to tears.

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs and Keough's priest-in-residence, read the letter aloud to the crowd of more than 150 students, staff and faculty that filled the chapel of Charlie Ebersol's former dorm. Soils punctuated the silence as Poorman himself choked back

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Investigation into crash ongoing

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

As the Ebersol family grieved Tuesday over the loss of Teddy Ebersol, federal officials investigating possible causes of the charter plane crash that killed the 14-year-old and two crewmembers in Montrose, Colo. Sunday.

The Lear jet Challenger plane's cockpit voice recorder contains a 31-minute tape of the incident sequence, National Transportation Board investigator Arnold Scott told the Associated Press Tuesday.

The transcript of the recording could shed light on the circumstances that caused the private jet to crash at Montrose Regional Airport at 10 a.m. Sunday. Injuring

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Students display signs protesting the firing of football coach Tyrone Willingham Tuesday. Opposing demonstrations coincided at the Main Building after the announcement was made at a 4 p.m. press conference.
INSIDE COLUMN

Going ... home?

Like most students, in just 18 short days I will be finishing my last final, packing up my dorm room and going home. The only difference is that I will not be coming back next semester. On Jan. 15, I will board a plane heading for Rome, Italy, which will be my home for the next four months. I have been aware of this fact for a while, but it has just recently hit me that I am not going to see so many of my friends and family for a good amount of time. To help me make the transition from South Bend to Rome, I recently have been thinking of the things I will not miss when I am abroad.

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I will come back next year, perhaps as a changed person. I will know the culture of another land, but I will also be aware of my where my true home lies — even if the tunnels are closed.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, an article in the Nov. 30 issue of The Observer misidentified the suspect voter recorder of the chenier phase that caused carrying members of the Eternal family as a flight data recorder. The plane did not have a data recorder. Due to a reporting error, an article in the Nov. 25 issue of The Observer incorrectly described the illustration on the Saint Mary's Pride Week shirt as having blonde hair. The woman on the shirt has brown hair.

The Observer regrets the errors.
Seniors reflect on loss of yet another coach

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

Notre Dame was abuzz Tuesday afternoon with the news of Irish football coach Tyrone Willingham's firing, but for some students that excitement was all too familiar.

"I was excited when Ty was hired," Morrissey senior Andy DeVoto said. "That excitement wore away pretty quickly. He wasn't able to perform as well as we'd expected."

After four football seasons as Notre Dame students, seniors must now bid farewell to the third head football coach in four years. Willingham's termination follows the University's decision to fire former head coach Bob Davie in December 2001.

Several seniors they said they felt the firing was justified, based on Willingham's performance.

"I definitely think that within the past three years, he's had time to make quality wins," senior Kathryn Kinner said. "He's on his own recruiting class and still he's been unable to make good decisions in key games."

"I'm glad to see him gone," added senior Terry Brown of Farley Hall. "The man was given three years and all he did was take [former head coach Bob] Davie's team and then make it progressively worse."

Kinner said that, while Willingham had a good character, he didn't fulfill his responsibilities.

"I feel badly because he is a respectable guy with very high moral and social integrity, which is good for the University," she said. "But they had specific goals and expectations, like in any other job, which weren't met."

But other seniors, including Steve Salwierak and Bill Kern, disagreed completely with these views.

"I think he was a success," said Salwierak. "He was hired to change our offense from a power-style to a West Coast style, and he accomplished that. He changed our offensive philosophy."

Kern credited Willingham with solid improvements to Notre Dame's offense.

"Watching games a freshman, compared to now, our offense has come a long way," Kern said. "When we were so good in 2001, our defense was scoring two touchdowns a game. Now the offense is actually putting some points on the board."

Salwierak said Willingham did not have enough time to establish a solid football program.

"I think it was too soon," he said. "I don't think you can expect anybody to turn a program around in three years."

Kern also supported the team's playing in a bowl game this season, regardless of who ended up coaching the team.

"I think they should play in the bowl game," he said. "It strengthens the program and rewards the guys. It gives them more practice time, and ultimately, more exposure."

Senior Terry Brown said she supported Tuesday's announcement, but expressed frustration about the multiple coaching changes.

"It's sad because Notre Dame has so many traditions, and football has always been a big one," she said. "The University's bureaucracy has taken over our school, and it no longer produces the image that Notre Dame once had."

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Teresa Godwin Phelps
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Notre Dame senior Charlie Ebersol, 21, and NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol, 57, Thursday night, was released after an NTSB examination in Washington, D.C., Scott said. No potential causes have been ruled out, he said, adding that investigators were looking into possible malfunctions of the jackstands that caused the plane's wing flaps. Speculation after the accident centered on whether or not the plane's wings had been de-iced before it attempted takeoff in a light snowstorm Monday morning. Scott confirmed the plane was de-iced, according to the Associated Press.

The decision to de-ice is in the pilot's, Notre Dame airport manager Scott Brown said in a news conference Monday broadcast nationally by CNN.

Similar protocol is followed at the South Bend Regional Airport, said director of operations Marczy Greenberger.

"We de-ice each individual aircraft operator," she said. The Ebersol family remained in the Grand Junction, Colo., where Dick and Charlie Ebersol were in stable condition at St. Mary's Hospital, according to hospital public relations director Kim Williams.

"We will miss Teddy, our sweet boy, forever," the family said in a statement. "Teddy was a warm, loving, energetic young man. He had developed a wonderfully quirky sense of humor way beyond his years that kept the whole family laughing." He "loved his wonderful spirit lives on in our family, and in all who knew and loved him. Of course, everyone who knew Teddy was moved by his passion for the Boston Red Sox, and a highlight of his short life was the Red Sox winning their first championship in 96 years. Like his dad, Teddy never lost hope.

Susan Graham, head of The Gunnery boarding school that Teddy Ebersol attended in Washington, Conn., remembered him as "a very spirited and enthusiastic young freshman."

"He was a strong presence on campus...everyone knew Teddy," she said, adding that the 14-year-old was particularly talkative when it came to politics and sports.

The Gunnery held an all-school meeting to discuss the tragedy after students returned from Thanksgiving break Monday. Graham said. Grief counselors were available for the community's support and pride in their son's memory. In the wake of this tragedy, we are touched by the overwhelming outpouring of love from people all over the world," the family statement said. "While our grief is unfulfilled, we are so proud of our Charlie, who pulled his father from the flames. That anyone was able to survive this horrible accident is a miracle, and all of us will forever be inspired by Charlie's courage and bravery."

As the first officer to arrive at the scene of the crash, Montrose County sheriff's deputy Shane Schmalz was too late to see Dick Ebersol rescued from the plane. He feared the worst.

"I did not [anticipate survivors] due to the low altitude of the plane," which was leaking jet fuel, "but as it disintegrated in the flames," Schmalz said. "I've been working for 12 hours and I've seen some crashes, but that one was amazing to see people walk away from."

Schmalz said he helped Dick Ebersol walk to safety, supporting the NBC executive on his shoulders until the two reached medical personnel.

While Dick Ebersol told Schmalz his back hurt, Charlie Ebersol instead he was fine, Schmalz said. The senior's shorts and wearing jeans and a short-sleeved shirt in the cold, was looking for a cell phone as he pleaded with rescuers, Schmalz said.

"He kept saying 'my brother is in the plane,'" Schmalz said.

Schmalz tried to stick his head inside the back end of the plane to look for Teddy Ebersol, but was overwhelmed by the heat and could not see any survivors.

"At that point it was so hot and so intense of a fire that it wasn't possible," he said.

Teddy Ebersol was thrown from the plane and crushed by wreckage, Montrose County Coroner Mark Young told the Associated Press.

Pilot Luis Alberto Petronio, 50, of the Dominican Republic, and flight attendant Warren T. Richardson III, 26, of Coral Gables, Fla., were killed on impact, the coroner's office said in a press release. Co-pilot Eric S. Wicksell remained in critical condition at a Denver Trauma Center Tuesday, according to the Associated Press.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of Luis (Petronio) and Warren Richardson, who perished along with our son, and to the third crewmember, who remains critically injured," the Ebersol family statement said. "Again, we are so grateful for your prayers and support."

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between the protesters.

"We are standing in solidarity with the black community as a whole," junior Ukachi Okonkwo said. Students said further explanations for Williamson's removal would be necessary. "There are a lot of issues here that make his termination questionable," he said.

Sophomore Kristal Hardy said the University didn't give Williamson an adequate chance.

"It was really, really unfair," Hardy said. "Nothing about 'Notre Dame has had a series of losing seasons before.'"

She also emphasized Williamson's role as a positive figure on campus. "He contributes to the African-American clubs on campus as well as other clubs and is really a great loss to the Notre Dame community as a whole," Hardy said.

The student protest on the steps of the main building was organized in a last-minute effort to "capture the emotion," according to Hardy.

While only around 40 students were actively protesting after the press conference announcing Williamson's removal, Okonkwo said she believed most students on campus would support their actions.

"This is bigger than a race issue...this is about a man with a family, a son, a third child, a wife," he said. "We de-ice each individual aircraft operator," she said. The Ebersol family remained in the Grand Junction, Colo., where Dick and Charlie Ebersol were in stable condition at St. Mary's Hospital, according to hospital public relations director Kim Williams.

"We will miss Teddy, our sweet boy, forever," the family said in a statement. "Teddy was a warm, loving, energetic young man. He had developed a wonderfully quirky sense of humor way beyond his years that kept the whole family laughing." He "loved his wonderful spirit lives on in our family, and in all who knew and loved him. Of course, everyone who knew Teddy was moved by his passion for the Boston Red Sox, and a highlight of his short life was the Red Sox winning their first championship in 96 years. Like his dad, Teddy never lost hope.

Susan Graham, head of The Gunnery boarding school that Teddy Ebersol attended in Washington, Conn., remembered him as "a very spirited and enthusiastic young freshman."

"He was a strong presence on campus...everyone knew Teddy," she said, adding that the 14-year-old was particularly talkative when it came to politics and sports.

The Gunnery held an all-school meeting to discuss the tragedy after students returned from Thanksgiving break Monday. Graham said. Grief counselors were available for the community's support and pride in their son's memory. In the wake of this tragedy, we are touched by the overwhelming outpouring of love from people all over the world," the family statement said. "While our grief is unfulfilled, we are so proud of our Charlie, who pulled his father from the flames. That anyone was able to survive this horrible accident is a miracle, and all of us will forever be inspired by Charlie's courage and bravery."

As the first officer to arrive at the scene of the crash, Montrose County sheriff's deputy Shane Schmalz was too late to see Dick Ebersol rescued from the plane. He feared the worst.

"I did not [anticipate survivors] due to the low altitude of the plane," which was leaking jet fuel, "but as it disintegrated in the flames," Schmalz said. "I've been working for 12 hours and I've seen some crashes, but that one was amazing to see people walk away from."

Schmalz said he helped Dick Ebersol walk to safety, supporting the NBC executive on his shoulders until the two reached medical personnel.

While Dick Ebersol told Schmalz his back hurt, Charlie Ebersol instead he was fine, Schmalz said. The senior's shorts and wearing jeans and a short-sleeved shirt in the cold, was looking for a cell phone as he pleaded with rescuers, Schmalz said.

"He kept saying 'my brother is in the plane,'" Schmalz said.

Schmalz tried to stick his head inside the back end of the plane to look for Teddy Ebersol, but was overwhelmed by the heat and could not see any survivors.

"At that point it was so hot and so intense of a fire that it wasn't possible," he said.

Teddy Ebersol was thrown from the plane and crushed by wreckage, Montrose County Coroner Mark Young told the Associated Press.

Pilot Luis Alberto Petronio, 50, of the Dominican Republic, and flight attendant Warren T. Richardson III, 26, of Coral Gables, Fla., were killed on impact, the coroner's office said in a press release. Co-pilot Eric S. Wicksell remained in critical condition at a Denver Trauma Center Tuesday, according to the Associated Press.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of Luis (Petronio) and Warren Richardson, who perished along with our son, and to the third crewmember, who remains critically injured," the Ebersol family statement said. "Again, we are so grateful for your prayers and support."

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Cabinet member resigns position
Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge stepped down from his duties

Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announces his resignation during a news conference Tuesday in Washington. He informed President Bush in writing earlier in the morning.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge resigned Tuesday amid an expanding investigation into his treatment of classified terror alerts and tutorials about how to prepare for possible attacks.

Ridge submitted his resignation in writing to President Bush on Tuesday morning but indicated he would continue to serve until Feb. 1. "I will always be grateful for his call to service," Ridge said.

Ridge said that for the future he intends to "raise some family and personal matters to a higher priority, including attending his son's rugby games."

In an email circulated to Homeland Security officials, Ridge praised the department as "an extraordinary organization that each day contributes to keeping America safe and free." He also said he was privileged to work with the department's 180,000 employees "who go to work every day dedicated to making our country better and more secure."

Among those mentioned as possible candidates for Ridge's replacement are Bernard Kerik, interim Minister of the Interior for Iraq and former New York City police commissioner, former Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Joe Allbaugh and Homeland security adviser Frank Townsend. Others are also believed to be interested in the job, including Asa Hutchinson, undersecretary for border and transportation security in the Homeland Security Department.

Six other Bush Cabinet figures are leaving, including Attorney General John Ashcroft, Secretary Donald Evans, Education Secretary Rod Paige, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman, Secretary of the Treasury Paul O'Neill and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham.

Bush has chosen national security adviser Condoleezza Rice for the State Department, White House counselor Alberto Gonzales for the Justice Department and Carlos Gutierrez for Commerce.

In October 2001, Ridge became the nation's first White House homeland security adviser, leading a massive undertaking to rethink all aspects of security within the U.S. borders in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 2001.

Congress subsequently passed legislation establishing the Homeland Security Department, merging 180,000 employees from 22 government agencies. Ridge became the department's first secretary in January 2003.

He has presided over six "orange alerts" since the government boosted security out of concern that an attack may be coming, an attack in the United States never happened on his watch.

Ridge has said, however, that he believes an assault by the al-Qaeda terrorist network was averted last summer during the Fourth of July holiday period, when intelligence reports indicated terrorists might be targeting international flights to attack the United States. Passenger manifests were scrutinized and flights were canceled.

Yet Ridge, a politician by nature, fought criticism leading up to the election from those who said he was using terror warnings to boost support for Bush. Ridge repeatedly said: "We don't do politics in the Department of Homeland Security."

Ridge, 59, has privately expressed his interest in moving out of the time-consuming, stressful post. However, those who know him said his loyalty to Bush was always a factor to consider.

Ridge, who has spent most of his adult life in public service, came home from Vietnam, earned a law degree and went into private practice in Pennsylvania. He later served as an assistant district attorney and ran for Congress in 1982.

Bush makes official visit to Canada

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Associated Press

OTTAWA — President Bush and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin sought on Tuesday to mend fences after four years of strained relations between the two neighbors aggravat ed by the Sept. 11 terror attacks. "I made some decisions that some in Canada obviously didn't agree with," Bush said.

"But I'm the kind of fellow who does what he thinks is right and will continue to do what I think is right," Bush said in the Canadian capital, with Martin by his side at a joint news conference.

For his part, Martin said, "There are obviously disagreements on questions of foreign policy," as well as differences on trade, including such issues as softwood lumber and the U.S. ban on Canadian beef.

While they disagreed on Iraq, the two leaders vowed common ground on their shared hope for a peaceful resolution to the political turmoil in Ukraine from last week's disputed national election. They called mutually for dialogue between the two sides there.

"Hopefully this issue will be solved quickly and the will of the people will be known," Bush said.

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emotion at the service's simple yet powerful words. "Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and phone calls over the past few days — they help me get through the pain. I know if you'll ever know how much they mean to me and my family," Poorman read. "I believe in God and God's goodness, and I believe my father Teddy is in a better place than all of us here. I ask that you pray with me that he is in the peace of God's presence until we can join him there. ... I appreciate all the expressions of support, and feel your great love. Thank you so much, Charlie.'"

During the homily, Keough rector Father Peter Jarret reflected on the mystery of suffering and the God who allows pain to touch our lives. "We have a God who healed manywhose hands didn't take all pain and suffering away. Our God is a God who suffers with us," Jarret said. "God is right with us. God is suffering with Charlie and his dad and his family, and it is God who has taken Teddy into new life."

Jarret spoke to the hope the season of Advent offers even in the midst of the community's grief, and emphasized the importance of family. "(The Ebersols' tragedy) reminds us how fragile life is, and that what matters most is the bonds we have with each other," Jarret said.

University President-elect Father John Jenkins joined Poorman and Jarret at the altar, and Charlie Ebersoll's friends offered up readings and intentions during the service. Afterwards, all in attendance were invited to sign a card of condolence to be sent to the Ebersols.

Looking out amongst the sea of somber faces, Jarret stressed the importance of their gathering. "The fact that we have come together to pray is so important," Jarret said. "Our prayers for Charlie and his family are translated by God into grace and strength, and any prayer we say, God prays with us."

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increase across the board ... and having someone in a key position like the head football coach at Notre Dame surely helped," Saracino said. "He surely made himself available in our efforts."

Jill Bedensteiner, associate vice president and counsel for the University, said Willingham's hire likely also made Notre Dame more attractive in the eyes of potential minority faculty members. "I cannot measure (a positive effect on recruitment) objectively, but would speculate that his arrival at Notre Dame certainly had nothing but a positive impact on the minority community at Notre Dame and on prospective minority faculty and administrators," she said.

Despite the time constraints his job imposed, the coach seemed to genuinely enjoy interacting with students and faculty, Storin said.

"He certainly didn't hold himself aloof from the University as some coaches do, and I think the Notre Dame family appreciated that," Storin said.

Willingham spoke to black students during welcoming events and end-of-year recognition ceremonies. Outlaw said. "What was most telling, she said, "was that Willingham seemed to be just as interested in the students as they were in him."

"He saw them as individuals," she said. "To me that was key."

These interactions made it clear to Outlaw that the coach remained humble despite the headlines. On a visit to her church, he introduced himself as just "Tyrone Willingham" — he didn't say "Coach," she said. "Of course everybody just pounced on him and he didn't like being in the spotlight," she said. "But he was very gracious."

The "intelligence, discipline and integrity" Willingham brought to the coaching position helped him leave his mark on Notre Dame, Storin said. But in Tardy's view, that poise — and sense of pride — will be difficult to replace. "It's disappointing to a lot of people," Tardy said. "It's going to be hard to restore that hope."

Meghanne Downes contributed to this report.

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NEW YORK — "Jeopardy!" whiz Ken Jennings finally met his match after a 74-game run as a pop culture icon who prepared his own tax returns, having an accountant-friend who's nearly impossible to reach at tax time paid for Big-Name Television. Jennings was within striking range at that point, with $10,000 to Jennings' $14,400. Her correct reply gave Zerg $14,000 to Jennings $8,799.

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Jeopardy!'! whiz meets his match
 Associated Press

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As someone who always has prepared his own tax returns, Jennings was tripped up in Flip Out Wednesday by the answer: Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal white-collar employees work only four months a year.

The correct reply: "What is H&R Block?"

But Jennings gussied Federal Express, ending his remarkable run as the biggest winner in TV game shows by his tally of $2,520,700.

Having an accountant-friend who's nearly impossible to reach at tax time paid off for Jennings, his conqueror, California real estate agent Nancy Zerg, who ousted the baby-faced killer competitor in the episode airing Tuesday.

During his streak that began June 2, Jennings usually had opponents so thoroughly beaten that the final Jeopardy question was meaningless to the outcome. But Zerg was within striking range at that point, with $10,000 to Jennings' $14,400. Her correct reply gave Zerg $14,000 to Jennings $8,799.

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AMEX | 1,407.85 | -0.93 |
NASDAQ | 2,101.03 | 0.00 |
NYSE | 7,001.42 | -30.81 |
S&P 500 | 1,174.02 | -4.55 |
FTSE (London) | 4,703.90 | -45.90 |

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BRUSSELS RAFA (SW) | Luxembourg | $10.75 | 0.07
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT) | NASDAQ | $32.63 | 0.26
INTEL CORP (INTC) | NASDAQ | $20.19 | 0.22
SUN MICROS (SUNW) | NASDAQ | $5.04 | 0.03
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO) | NASDAQ | $4.87 | 0.20

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Tariffs on shrimp imports upheld

The Bush administration set duties on shrimp arriving from China and Vietnam

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration on Tuesday upheld the imposition of penalty tariffs on shrimp imports from China and Vietnam, handing a victory to beleaguered U.S. shrimp producers.

The action affirmed with slight modifications a preliminary ruling by the Commerce Department's International Trade Administration last summer. The penalty tariffs have been collected by border agents since July.

The department is scheduled to make a final decision on shrimp imports from four other countries — Brazil, Ecuador, India and Thailand — in late December.

Together, the six countries provide about 75 percent of the shrimp eaten in the United States. U.S. food distributors contend that the penalty tariffs will drive up shrimp prices at restaurants and grocery stores.

In the decision Tuesday, the government set duties on Chinese exports of frozen and canned warm-water shrimp at levels ranging from 27.9 percent to 112.8 percent. Vietnamese shrimp exports will be hit with duties ranging from 4.1 percent to 25.8 percent.

The tariffs were imposed because a government investigation found the shrimp from those countries was being sold in the U.S. market at unfairly low prices, a practice known as dumping.

The ruling came in a case brought by the Southern Shrimp Alliance, which has been dealing with rock-bottom shrimp prices since 2001. It alleged that the U.S. industry was on the brink of destruction because of the flood of cheap foreign shrimp.

"It's been a long, drawn-out battle and we thank the Department of Commerce for sorting out this illegal practice and leveling the playing field for U.S. shrimp fishermen, farmers, processors and all fairly trading countries," said Eddie Gordon, president of the Southern Shrimp Alliance.

But the Shrimp Task Force, composed of the Consuming Industries Trade Action Coalition and the American Seafood Distributors Association, complained that the penalty tariffs will mean higher prices for consumers and will not help the domestic industry.

"Thousands of family-owned restaurants and businesses will now be forced to pay these duties," said Wally Stevens, chairman of the Shrimp Task Force and president of the seafood distributor Slade Gorton Co. "The U.S. businesses that rely on access to imported shrimp ... together employ thousands of U.S. workers, 20 times those employed in the domestic shrimp industry.

Foreign shrimp processors have denied they are selling shrimp at artificially low prices as a way to win a larger share of the U.S. market.

They contend the United States needs foreign imports because the domestic supply is not large enough to meet demand for shrimp, the country's No. 1 seafood.

Officials from Brazil have said they are studying whether to bring a case against the United States before the World Trade Organization, contending that the penalty duties violate international trade rules.

The eight states represented in the Southern Shrimp Alliance are Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas.

The cases against all six countries will go back to the U.S. International Trade Commission for a final ruling early next year on the issue of whether shrimp imports are harming the domestic industry.

If, as expected, the commission upholds its preliminary finding of harm, the anti-dumping tariffs will become final and will remain in effect for five years before they are reviewed again under "sunset" provisions of the U.S. dumping law.

BlueCross BlueShield of Georgia.

Officials at Anthem did not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment Tuesday on the referral inquiries to Anthem.

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"What we're trying to do is equalize the quality of health care available to citizens," Oxendine said. "People should not be required to have lesser health care available to them just because they happen to live in a rural area.

The insurer also agreed to help rural Georgia health centers expand, renovate and upgrade equipment by purchasing their bonds and other debt instruments over the next 20 years, Oxendine said.

Anthem also promised that the merger would not lead to higher insurance premiums for Georgia BlueCross policyholders, Oxendine added.

Earlier this year, California's insurance regulator dropped his objections to the planned merger after the companies agreed to pay $600 million to help cover the cost of treating that state's uninsured residents.

Georgia gives corporate merger approval

Associated Press

ATLANTA — After biding a $126.5 million valuation war in rural health care in Georgia, the state gave its approval Tuesday to a corporate merger that will create the nation's largest health insurance company.

With Georgia's approval, the last state to sign off on the deal between Carolina-based WellPoint Health Networks, Inc. and Indiana-based Anthem, Inc. are expected to soon close the merger.

Georgia Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine said he secured the money, which will be spent on a rural health initiative in the state over 20 years. Oxendine had reached negotiations with both companies. WellPoint owns BlueCross BlueShield of Georgia.

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In Brief

AIG accepted independent monitor

WASHINGTON — Insurance giant American International Group Inc., which is paying $126 million to settle federal authorities' allegations of aiding accounting fraud by other companies, has accepted an independent monitor but will avoid criminal prosecution.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and the Justice Department announced Tuesday that they had reached formal settlements with AIG, which disclosed last week it had agreed to make the payments. The insurer agreed to pay $46 million in an accord with the SEC to settle allegations of civil securities fraud over three 2001 transactions it made with PNC Financial Services Group Inc. that allegedly helped the regional bank artificially inflate its earnings. The money will go to shareholders injured by the alleged fraud.

AIG also agreed to pay $80 million in an accord with the Justice Department that allows it to avoid prosecution and resolve an investigation into the PNC merger, one involving an

One in three vehicles gets repaired

WASHINGTON — Timothy Michaud died last May after falling from the tailgate of a Chevrolet pickup and suffering severe head injuries.

The 19-year-old from Maine never knew that General Motors Corp. had recalled the pickup two months earlier because the tailgate cables could corrode and snap. At the time of the accident, Michaud's employer — who owned the used 2000 Chevrolet — hadn't received the recall notice, said Stephen Schwarz, an attorney for the family.

The pickup was one of the millions of recalled vehicles that go unrepaired each year.

Sometimes, vehicle owners are at fault for not getting repairs, but some safety experts say manufacturers also have a responsibility to share the blame because they haven't developed a better system to track whether a vehicle has in fact been repaired.

"California requires that whenever you go in for registration, they check what emissions recalls have been done," said Clarence Dillon of the Center for Auto Safety, an advocacy group. "If you can do it for emissions recalls, you can do it for safety recalls."
By Peter Quanotto

As the snow begins to fall and we adorn campuses with colorful lights, many hearts and minds turn to the babe in the manger, a source of comfort in these few dark days of December. We are inclined to beautifully this birth narrative, but imagine if things were a bit different. Imagine a baby born in Bethlehem, in a manger, his swaddles with swails, his stomach exploded and his legs covered in his uncontrollable diarrhea. Imagine an underweight child, crying because he cannot eat, can barely breathe and feels pain throughout his entire body. Yes, imagine a baby Jesus. With AIDS. It is not too difficult to imagine in our day, where more than 39 million people, including more than 2 million children, live with HIV/AIDS. Today the world commemorates World AIDS Day, a fitting day to reflect upon the inadequacy of our action in the face of the devastating pandemic. Just this year, AIDS killed 3.1 million people, while 4.9 million people became infected with HIV. Worse yet, there are no signs of the pandemic abating. Prevention efforts have been meager at best. Ander-fumbled, throughout the world, especially in sub-Saharan Africa and pockets of Asia, HIV/AIDS is growing, tearing apart families, communities, economies and whole nations. The United States, which has suffered the most, has driven many to defeat, but there is much that can be done to effectively fight the pandemic and save lives. A successful fight against global AIDS requires not only political and effective policy—two things to which the United States, the world’s major superpower, must commit. During the last decade, AIDS awareness and attention have increased significantly thanks to the activism of conservative political and religious groups. Pictures of abominant women and children dying have sparked the conscience of millions. In this spirit of “compassionate conservation,” the Bush administration has given increasing priority to foreign aid for AIDS in its budget. In 2003, the United States government passed the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act, which set a funding goal of $15 billion over the next five years. President Bush deserves praise for this initiative. Yet, as intensely as he pushed for the initiative, Bush has sought to undercut it. By his 2004 budget, Bush asked for only $2 billion for global AIDS, $1 billion less than authorized. On a larger scale, United States foreign aid has decreased significantly over recent years. The United Nations asks that each of the Security Council members gives 0.7 percent of their GNP in non-military foreign aid. The United States now gives about 0.1 percent, even this is decreasing. Finally, the United States refuses to cancel massive debts owed to it from many poor nations throughout the world. These nations, most of them in Africa, are so burdened by these debts that they cannot put any of their resources towards combating poverty or HIV/AIDS. While much credit is due to social conservatives for their activism on this issue, the involvement of such groups in shaping AIDS policy has been problematic in developing AIDS-prevention strategies. The largest shift in United States AIDS policy has been a shift away from prevention towards screening for those currently living with HIV/AIDS. The 2003 global AIDS law, diverging massively from past United States policy, ensures that more than 20 percent of prevention activities be devoted to treatment activities, while only about 20 percent be spent on prevention activities. Further, conservatives, inspired by the “ABC” (Abstinence, Be Faithful and Use Condoms) program used in Uganda, have called for more emphasis on abstinence and less on condoms. Recently, the House adopted an amendment, ensuring that at least one-third of prevention funds would go only to “abstinence-until-marriage” programs. These policy shifts may be ideologically pleasing, but they run against the existing scientific and medical data that shows condom distribution and education to be the most effective way to combat the spread of HIV. Even in the area of treatment strategies, the current policymakers have fallen short. While some conservatives have fought valiantly to increase availability of anti-retroviral drugs, the same policy-makers have pushed trade policy that exacerbates the pandemic by hindering the ability of poor nations to purchase cheap generic AIDS medications. The White House has put the profits of pharmaceutical companies before the lives of millions suffering from AIDS. The clearest example of this was when, last year, the president nominated Randall Tobias, a former pharmaceutical company CEO, to be the global AIDS coordinator. Without the political will, the good will of AIDS activists rings hollow. As we commemorate World AIDS Day today, we must demand a global action. First, the United States and other major powers must pledge to fund the newly-established Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Second, major powers, along with the WTO, must work with pharmaceutical companies to loosen intellectual property rights in order to decrease drug prices and improve the availability of ARV medicine. Third, world leaders must utilize the available scientific data to employ the most effective prevention strategies, even if those strategies face ideological opposition. Finally, it is up to all of us must use our own power, whether writing a letter to the editor, letter writing to representatives, education campaigns or donations, to contribute to the fight against HIV/AIDS. Let us all take a stand in these urgent times to be in the deaths of millions. Let us be silent no more.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let the Pride Week t-shirt go!

Though I am simply a former member of the Saint Mary’s community, and some may perhaps write me off in my opinion on this matter for that reason, I would just like to say that if I find ridiculous that there is such a negative reaction to the new Pride Week shirts on campus. One thing that all former shirts depicted the generic “girl” that is posted on bathroom doors nationwide. Does that girl represent me? Were they only having to wear a shirt to be considered a woman? If I wanted to, I probably could have sought out an apology from Student Activities as well, since the shirt was so offensive in its lack of representing me as a person. But I did not do so. Why? Because I know in that common-sense part of my brain that the creators of the shirt were not trying to say that this symbol is how women really should look. It was thought to be a cute idea that would make a nice shirt at a women’s college. And that is all that year as well. That southern belle on the shirt, which is the actual mascot of Saint Mary’s College, is not meant to be a picture of every woman on campus, is the photograph of a woman on the hill for Saint Mary’s College along the Indiana toll road also offensive then? I happen to be Irish, and I do not believe the girl on the tshirt shares my ethnicity. In the line of reason put forth by the people leading this campaign against the shirt, I should have been highly offended as a Saint Mary’s student. However, I was not. The type of argument taking place on Saint Mary’s campus is looking for a problem where there is no problem. The Pride Week shirt is simply depicting a pretty painting that looks nice on a tshirt at a women’s college. If anyone needs a cause to fight for, there’s a war in Iraq you might have heard about. Let this one go.

Elisabeth Quinn

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Leadership is a combination of strategy and character. If you must be one, be without the strategy."  
Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf

United States military
The 'coming of the kingdom' in the media

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saying goodbye to Ty

A winning attitude

The firing of Tyrone Willingham, unless there was something behind it that we don't know about, was simply ridiculous. Let us remember the sorry situation of this football team was burnt, in all its losses, last season, this team was burnt, in all its losses, by teams that took advantage of the terrible recruiting of Bob Davie several years ago in the secondary. Despite having one of the best front sevens in the nation, this team was burnt, in all its losses, by teams that took advantage of that loose, yet glaring, weakness. Should Ty have been fired for the reasons of this weakness? No, something for which he was not responsible? Of course not.

Jesus spoke often of the "Kingdom of God" and its eminent coming. This refers not to heaven, but of what the Earth would look like if God were on Caesar's throne. Through Jesus' parables, that world was a stark contrast to the Roman Empire - one in which we could have what they needed. Jesus was a political treat to the aristocracy and power structure of his time. His passion for God's desire for economic and social justice on Earth made him a threat and caused his death. Further, the early church was a contagion to Roman Empire since its leaders, Paul, Peter and James, were also executed.

So, Gibson misses the mark in capturing the reality of Jesus, yet Hollywood on the whole does poor job in this regard. Popular films dealing with fate and spirituality, like "Saved" or "Dogma", entertainingly critique empty and hypocritical Christian ideologies, yet offer to replace them with an empty and unchallenging spirituality. In these depictions, Jesus is not the advocate for the poor and disenfranchised we find in the Bible, but a tamer person merely concerned with moral squabbles and relationship locks. These three films differ in theme, making us laugh or cry in anguish or in horror, but in their effect on American view of spirituality, they are similar. All three divorces Jesus from what He was passionate about: a new social order of justice.

In the current American Christian context, such depictions hardly surprise me. Christians today are a forefront, mainly represent morally conservative views and largely neglect the economic implications of following Christ. Additionally, Christians - particularly Catholics - find themselves in the higher social classes and in positions of power and influence over many. The culture wars and financial interests have re-shaped the image of Jesus to serve their own self-interest. This warm and fuzzy Jesus of personal salvation lacks the communal justice aspect found in the Gospels and early Church.

People of faith must re-connect with the Jesus of Gospels and continue the social movement he began two millennia ago. God's passion for economic and social justice calls us to action. We must be proactive in ending poverty, economic exploitation and injustice.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Agapologia to offended community

On Friday, Nov. 19, we, the members of the Student Activities Board, issued a campus-wide apology for a SAB program, events and/or published materials that students who were not at the Feedback Session might have taken issue with these programs, events and/or published materials. These programs, events and/or published materials, there are students on this campus who were not offended and who respectfully disagree with those or we were.

As such, the decision was made to issue a non-specific apology, as we did not wish to disenfranchise our student community.

We recognize that the Pride Shirt week was a catalyst that has since brought forward larger issues on our campus. It has also created an opportunity where respectful dialogue of divergent views, thoughts and opinions held on campus can be voiced and shared.

We feel that awareness and understanding of these opposing views, regarding these issues are vital in order to advance the educational enrichment of our student body.

As student leaders, we know that students can best take advantage of this opportunity by participating in the Identify Forums, sponsored by the Board of Governance, where we as a community can share our opinions and express our concerns and endearments.

In conclusion, SAB would like to assure our student body that we are currently reviewing all SAB programs, events and/or published materials that might be seen as offensive or insensitive on campus, and to that end we are making necessary changes to prevent further offense. We again encourage students to attend the weekly SAB meetings which are open to the entire student body and to share your rights as we continue to provide the best programs possible.

Charlie Camony

graduate student

Nov. 30

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

What's cooler than being cool? Cold Stone Ice Cream

By MEGAN McFADDEN and JESSICA STOLLER
Scene Writers

After watching hot man after hot man smashed against the Plexiglas at the Notre Dame hockey game, we needed something to cool ourselves down. Following a brief incident we'd like to call dodging traffic in the Joyce Center parking lot to find the Red Rocket (Jessica's car), we emerged unscathed.

"Those photos are racist, classist, sexist, and those skinny-arsed so's couldn't possibly eat all that creamy goodness and still remain a size two," Cold Stone customer Erica Valdez said as she boasted on her peanut butter flavored extravaganza. For all these reasons, the atmosphere at Cold Stone only receives 2.75 sporks.

The most yummilicious part of Cold Stone is, in fact, the ice cream. Jessica ordered the "Cookie Dough'n't You Want Some" with French vanilla ice cream, caramel, fudge and cookie dough pieces. She proclaimed it was an out of body experience. Megan ordered the "Birthday Cake Remix." The ice cream comes in very generous sizes entitled "like it," "love it" and "gotta have it." "Like it" is more than enough for the average bear, but if you're having a rough day or have an appetite like Megan's you might be able to eat it.

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Zambonie brings Midwestern power pop to Notre Dame

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Assistant Scene Editor

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Photo courtesy of Erik Widman
Sparta rocks out at Chicago’s Metro theatre

El Paso, Texas band’s recent performance gave Windy City audiences an opportunity to experience its unique sound and interesting new album

**By CHUY BENITEZ**

Sparta's Jim Ward has always talked highly of playing to great crowds in Chicago, so the Nov. 23 show at the Metro came as no surprise to Sparta fans and Chicago music-hipsters alike. The show marked Sparta's third trip to the music-hungry city of Chicago, and it almost seemed like a long awaited reunion for Sparta and its Chicago listeners.

For the past month Sparta has been on its latest tour promoting its sophomore album, Porcelain, which was released July 2004. For Sparta, both the album and the tour symbolize a progression and a sense of stability in their careers and personal lives. Although the tour includes two other up-and-coming bands, Further Seems Forever and Copeland, which also have excellent musical creativity, Sparta is the clear headliner and driving force of the tour. In the past it was Sparta who would either co-headline tours and festivals like Coachella with great bands like the Pixies, or open for largely established bands like Incubus and Pearl Jam. With their new stability as Texas rock frontrunners, the spotlight on Sparta is something they've been wanting and working for since they started the band.

Sparta's formation came from the untimely divorce of at the drive-in, which was El Paso, Texas' pride-and-joy rock band of the 1990's. The breakup of at the drive-in split the band down the middle, with guitarist and vocalist Jim Ward, guitarist/bassist Paul Hinojos and drummer Tony Hajjar moving on to their band, the Mars Volta. The breakup left at the drive-in fans wanting to hate no one and support both bands. Hinojos and Hajjar also asked El Paso bassist Matt Miller to join Sparta and create a complete sound by being able to have two guitarists. Both bands have been critically acclaimed since they have gone their separate paths, and El Pasoans have been glad to realize that they now have two great hometown bands to support instead of just one.

With Sparta's newest album, Porcelain, Ward took a big step in writing the vocals for the album, but the payoff has been wholly positive for Ward and the rest of the band. The other band members agree that Ward's lyrics for the album exemplify the maturity level that both Ward and Sparta as a whole have reached in the past few years. The concept for Porcelain came largely from the revisiting of their hometown of El Paso, Texas and from Ward's new position in life as a married man. Several of their songs reference both El Paso ("Guns of Memorial Park," "La Cera") and Ward's growing relationship with his new wife ("Hiss the Villain," "Breaking the Broken," "Lines in the Sand"). All of the lyrics to these songs are written openly and cleanly enough for them to be seen as personal expressions of Ward and as having relevant content fans can relate with.

Sparta's musical sound has also taken a walk back to their musical past in El Paso, which was largely refined and represented by the now classic emo sound of at the drive-in. Sparta's opening song, "Guns of Memorial Park," starts with a techno-stat-ic-guitar intro much like they did in their ATDI days. Many of their songs also rock on at a constant feverish but changing pace that never lets the listener feel settled. It is a pace and structure that can largely be heard and found in the local El Paso music scene.

The final thought on the Porcelain album as a whole is that it resonates on the fundamentals of holding onto your roots and your relationships because in the end they will be the things you can always count on, and Sparta must be applauded for pulling off such a solid sophomore album that exemplifies the fundamentals that rock-listeners everywhere should think about.

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Sparta's latest album, Porcelain, as well as all of its music, is heavily influenced by living in El Paso, Texas.

Sparta was formed after another band, at the drive-in, broke up due to differing musical styles within the group. Some of the other members from the band went on to form the Mars Volta.

The band performed at Chicago's Metro Theatre, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with a series of twenty performances, including Sparta.

Sparta creates its unique style of rock and roll with Jim Ward on vocals and guitar, Matt Miller on bass, Paul Hinojos on guitar and Tony Hajjar on drums.
Michigan 0-H-S-E, Tuesday night in the first half, everybody played their hearts out. Redick played the entire 40 minutes, and the wear and tear of his effort clearly played a role in the second half. His final shot - a 2 1/2 minutes left, a 3-pointer that gave Duke a 58-49 lead. Later, he barely hit the rim with a couple of shots.

"I remember playing another 40 minutes right now," Redick quipped. "Seriously, I'll probably wake up and need ice down my entire body, but I felt good, that wasn't it. Fowle was too big to bail him out. In a 3-minute span late in the second half, he made a 3, drove down the lane for a pull-up jumper and added a layup off a fancy screen from Shavlik Randolph.

There were a lot of good players out on that court, but he was the most mature player out there," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said of Ewing. "He had the look of a champion out on the court. J.J. was great, don't get me wrong, but Daniel was handled and he was absolutely great.

There was enough to keep the inspired Spartans at bay. Davis scored 11 points in the first half, and Michigan State entered Tuesday's game average 8.9 points per game last season and was expected to fill a larger role in Kentucky's offense this season. But the senior swingman entered Tuesday's game averaging 9.3 points and shooting 39.4 percent for the season. He shot 5-of-10 in the first half.

"We know we're a good team, but we've just got to do what we do," said Fowle. "That was our main concern today,...""
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**MLB**

**Martinez weighs numerous offers**

Yankees, Mets among suitors aiming to take pitcher from Boston

Associated Press

NEW YORK — While Mets fans discussed whether their team has a chance to land Pedro Martinez, former New York closer Armando Benitez found a new club, agreeing Tuesday to a $21.5 million, three-year contract with the San Francisco Giants.

Cincinnati, meanwhile, retained a key part of its rotation, agreeing to re-sign ex-Met Paul Wilson for $8.2 million over two years.

Martinez isn’t close to making a decision on where to sign, a person close to the free-agent ace said on condition of anonymity, and is likely to wait until the New York Yankees determine their level of interest.

That could hinge on whether they acquire Randy Johnson from Arizona in a trade that could send Javier Vazquez to the Diamondbacks. The Mets, trying to make a splash in the free-agent market, offered a $37.5 million, three-year contract last weekend, an agent with knowledge of the proposal said, also on condition of anonymity.

"He’s the prototype," general manager Brian Sabean said.

"He’s been and will be a dominant force at the end of the game ... he’s a guy we had our eye on."

Since Robb Nen was sidelined by an injury following the 2002 World Series, the Giants have pieced together their bullpen. Tim Worrell closed in 2003 before leaving for Philadelphia as a free agent and San Francisco struggled at the end of games last season.

Matt Herges started the year as closer before being replaced by Dustin Hermanson in August. Hermanson saved 17 games but couldn’t hold a three-run lead on the final Saturday of the season against Los Angeles, helping cost San Francisco a playoff berth.

"He’s a guy we had our eye on," manager Felipe Alou said. "We had to make a change in the middle of the season and it was not easy."

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**University Resources for Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Students**

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs

(Confidential information, education, and resources)

Contact: Sr. M. L. Gude, CSC, 1-5530, or student members (see web site for student contact info.)

Office of Campus Ministry

(Arrual retreat for gay/lesbian/questioning students and their friends; pertinent library resources in 304 Cr-Mo; confidential discussion and support)

Contact: Tami Schmitz: 1-3106; schmitz.8@nd.edu

University Counseling Center

(Individual counseling)

Contact: Dr. Maureen Lafferty at Lafferty.3@nd.edu

For more information, check out our web site: http://www.nd.edu/~seglens/
Temperatures may be cooling, but The Career

Upcoming Career Fairs

Career and Internship Connection

New York – January 5th
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Winter Career & Internship Fair and Diversity Reception

Notre Dame – January 26th

Diversity Reception 12:00 Noon - 2:30 p.m. Joyce Center Monogram Room
All employers and students are invited to the Diversity Reception, an event dedicated to networking for employers, students, faculty, and staff who recognize the importance of a diverse workplace.

Career Fair 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Joyce Center Field House
Notre Dame students from all majors can meet, talk and interview with employers who are recruiting interns and full-time hires across a broad array of positions and industries – advertising, biotechnology, public relations, social services, information technology, marketing, research, public policy, publishing, law, government, journalism, media, financial services, engineering and consulting.

Non-Profit Career Fair: Seeking Careers with Social Impact

Notre Dame, LaFortune Ballroom – March 22nd, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

The Nonprofit Career Fair brings 45-70 nonprofit organizations to campus to promote full-time and internship opportunities with social impact to ND students. All nonprofit organizations and all students interested in an opportunity to make a positive difference among communities and individuals are invited!

Hire Big Ten Plus Fair

Virtual Fair – February 21st-March 4th
Live Event - University of Chicago, April 8th

Two career fairs - one online and one live fair in Chicago featuring a diverse array of employers who are seeking candidates graduating in May of 2005, and undergraduate students pursuing internships for the summer. These companies and organizations will be recruiting through the Hire Big Ten Plus consortia. For more information, contact The Career Center.

Big East Job Fair

Virtual Fair – March/April 2005

A career fair focused on East Coast employers who are seeking candidates graduating in May of 2005 and other students pursuing internships for the summer. Mark your calendars now and check back with The Career Center in early March for detailed information.

Visit https://careercenter.nd.edu/undergrad.php for information on these and other career fairs, including:
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Job Club

Notre Dame Job Club

Information Session Feb. 1st 5:00-6:00pm

Why search for a job by yourself when you could have thirty people helping you? Join other Notre Dame students and combine strategies, best practices, resources, and contacts in a powerful forum as, you learn techniques that will jump start your job or internship search. Attend the information session on February 1st to discover the details of the club.
Center is heating up for second semester!!!

Career Exploration

Don’t know what you want to do when after graduation or where to start? Why not come schedule a meeting with a career counselor (1-5200) or check out one or the following offerings.

Career Development Seminar

Mondays from 4:00-5:30 pm, January 17 - February 28. Enroll in AL 495V, 1 credit.

This introductory and experiential seminar is designed to meet the career development needs of first-year, sophomore, and junior students interested in self-assessment, career exploration, career decision-making, and conducting an effective internship search.

Topics include:

- Self-assessment inventories
- Career trends
- Developing an action plan
- Internship search
- Alumni networking
- Interviewing skills
- Resume & cover letter writing
- Informational interviewing
- Career research

Professional Development Seminar

Tuesday & Thursdays from 3:30-4:45 pm, January 11 - March 3. Enroll in AL 495Q, 1 credit.

Career development is a lifelong process involving self-assessment, exploration, and career management techniques. Designed for seniors, the seminar allows students to explore self and develop skills they will use as they transition from the undergraduate experience.

Topics include:

- Assessing your preferences, values, and skills
- The art of being new
- Managing ambiguity
- Professional etiquette
- Career exploration
- Managing expectations in the workplace
- Ethics in the workplace
- Business communication

Big Ten Plus Diversity on LaSalle

Chicago – February 4

Sophomores and juniors from Big Ten universities including University of Notre Dame, DePaul University, and University of Illinois at Chicago have the chance to learn more about business related opportunities in Chicago. Students wishing to be considered for this opportunity should apply now using the Go IRISH system via keyword search "Big 10 Plus". If you have questions, please contact Jonika Moore: jmoore5@nd.edu or 1-9193.

GET CONNECTED: Notre Dame’s Shadowing Program

Spring Break - Application Deadline is February 4

GET CONNECTED is a program offered through The Notre Dame Career Center and Student Alumni Relations Group (SARG) that allows students to spend a day on the job with an alumnus. The student will select the city and career field he/she would like to explore and The Career Center will attempt to find an alumnus who matches the student’s criteria. This connection will allow undergraduates to explore various career fields, make contacts within companies, and begin their career search process. For more information, stop by The Career Center - 2nd floor, Flanner Hall.

Important Event Update

Second Half Jump Start

December 8, 5:00-5:30 in 114 Flanner Hall

An action-packed half hour that will give attendees the necessary basics in order to be successful in their second semester job and internship searches. These thirty minutes will provide the game plan to enter the second half of the school year poised to conduct a thorough search process. The eighteen hundred seconds of this session may prove to be the most valuable time you spend in preparation for your job or internship search. It is a must attend event you won’t regret.

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Parcells benches Henson, Testaverde given starting nod

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Bill Parcells isn’t worried about the long-term future and the Dallas Cowboys are still in playoff contention in the mediocre NFC. So the coach’s decision was easy and expected.

Rookie Drew Henson, whose starting debut lasted only a half, is going back into watch-and-learn mode. And 41-year-old Vinny Testaverde is the starting quarterback again for the Cowboys (4-7).

"He gives us the best chance to win," Parcells said Tuesday. "That’s what I’m interested in doing, if we can."

Henson got his long-awaited first start against Chicago last Thursday after a sore Testaverde was limited in practice. But Testaverde returned after halftime in a tie game, and the Cowboys won 21-7.

While Henson is the quarterback of the future, Parcells remains focused on winning now.

"My mind only works basically this week, this season," he said. "That is what my responsibility is."

That was how the coach saw the situation in the miserable seven 4-7 teams in the NFC. Even while trying to avoid playoff talk, Parcells made it clear he’s aware of his team’s standing, even though the Cowboys have already lost more games than in his 10-6 debut last season.

Take out the four division leaders, and there are just three other teams with more wins than Dallas in the chase for two wild-card spots. The Cowboys play Monday night at NFC West leader Seattle (10-5).

"I’ve been around long enough to have seen teams recover," Parcells said. "I think someone in this NFC, and I could be wrong, could make a run at this that doesn’t appear to have had a chance."

A .500 record may just be enough to get into the NFC playoffs this season. So Parcells figures why not the Cowboys?

"We have an opportunity," he said. "If we play well Monday, a lot of things will have changed probably in our favor."

Henson hadn’t played quarterback, not even in three blowout losses before then, until the fourth quarter Nov. 21 at Baltimore when Testaverde took a hard hit that left him with a sore shoulder and back. That also limited Testaverde during the shortened week before the Bears.

With the Bears committed to pressuring Henson (4-of-12 for 31 yards and an interception returned for a touchdown) into bad plays and doing things the rookie didn’t recognize, Parcells went to Testaverde.

Owner Jerry Jones expressed disappointment after the game that Henson didn’t finish. He insisted, however, that he wasn’t second-guessing Parcells and that he left in-game decisions to the coach.

"I just viewed it as him saying what his opinion was. That’s fine. No problem," Parcells said. "The players return to practice Wednesday after having four straight days off. The extra time should be beneficial for Testaverde. And Henson, finally with some game experience, will go back to getting limited snaps."

"Hey, I’m rooting for the guy. I really am," Parcells said. "He just needs more experience. You say, ‘How’s he going to get that?’ I can’t forsake everything to do that. I couldn’t do it."

Dallas quarterback Drew Henson scrambles past lineman Larry Allen, left, during a game against Baltimore Nov. 23. Vinny Testaverde will start over Henson next Monday against Seattle.
Ultimate team wins second place

Women win five of six to claim runner-up at Invitational

Special to The Observer

The ultimate club women's squad enjoyed a very successful weekend, winning five of six games to place second at the Chattanooga Invitational. Behind the stellar play of Christina Hegedus and Rachel Meeks, the youthful Irish opened by dominating Tennessee Chattanooga, 13-2, and College of Charleston, 13-4. The third-round match-up with Michigan State provided many highlights as the Irish edged the Spartans, 11-10. Nancy Powaga controlled the long field and endzone with many catches. Saint Mary's many highlights as the Irish with Michigan State provided 4. The third-round match-up opened by dominating and Christina Meeks, the youthful Irish squad enjoyed a very successful weekend, winning five of six to claim runner-up ship.

Behind the stellar play of Ultimate team wins second place Streaking Belles

Women's Ice Hockey

The Irish women's hockey team suffered two tough losses this weekend at Lindenwood University in St. Louis.

The rookie-filled Notre Dame team struggled against the veteran Lindenwood players, falling 15-0 on Friday night and 14-0 on Saturday night.

The Irish women played with great effort until the end of each game, with the third period being the strongest for the Irish each night. Coach Dave Olson was satisfied with the hard work of the young team and expects better results as the season progresses.

SMC BASKETBALL

Streaking Belles will face Albion

By Chris Khorey

The Saint Mary's basketball team faced off against three games. Last game was against Albion, Mich. tonight to play the Britons. Albion brings a 3-1 record into its home opener at Kresge Gymnasium. The Britons have defeated Washington & Jefferson, Rochester and Wooster this season. But Albion fell to Goshen 49-47 in overtime on Nov. 27. Over the past week, the Belles tallied blowout victories over Knox, Manchester and Monmouth. But the Britons should prove a tough opponent, especially on the road. Albion finished last season with a 23-6 record. Despite returning only two starters, the Britons have been dismaying opponents, averaging 70.5 points per game. Point guard Sarah Caskey leads the team in scoring with double figure points in every contest this season. Coach Suzanne Bellina remains confident. "They are very similar to what they were last year, but they lost a few players from last year," Bellina said. "We've always played well against them. We feel like we're on a roll, and they're coming off a loss."

As expected, the Belles have followed the lead of senior forward Emily Creachta, who scored just four points against Monmouth. Bellina is not worried about the off night. "Emily is a player that gets a lot of attention from other teams," she said. "There are times when she's not going to have a lot of production and other players are going to have to step up."

Those players have materialized in the form of forward Bridget Boyce and point guard Bridget Lipke, who combined for 36 points against the Hawks. "Bridget Boyce has just really found a comfort level, finding a lot of different ways to score and working hard on defense," Bellina said. "Bridget Lipke has really come on as our point guard, leading the show out there. She's working well within our offense and getting a lot of good looks.

Forward Alison Kessler also played well against the Hawks, scoring 10 points off the bench.

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year tenure with Notre Dame, after leaving the head coaching position at Cincinnati Moeller High School in Ohio. During his 18 years at Moeller, Faust tallied a career 247-72 record, including five state titles and four national championships. Faust’s dream was to coach at Notre Dame, but he had hard-ship on the field.

Faust said Tuesday he believes Willingham knew the expectations of coaching at Notre Dame when taking the job before the 2002 season.

"I don’t think anybody likes to be a part of something like this,” said Faust, who resigned in November 1985. “But it’s the reality of the sports world. That’s how the sports world operates. You get to understand that as a coach. That doesn’t mean you’re not a good coach, that doesn’t mean you’re not a great coach, it just means you know the circumstances that prevailed. Once you have to go along with that.

Davie had an up-and-down career at Notre Dame, taking the Irish to two winning bowl games, including the BCS Florida Bowl at the conclusion of the 2000 season. But Davie also struggled in leading Notre Dame to two losing records, which eventually led to his firing in 2001.

Davie said Notre Dame coaches must win despite playing in a rigorous schedule year in and year out. This puts any coach at Notre Dame at a sig-nificant disadvantage, Davie said.

"To win every year consistently, playing the kind of schedule they play with the academic requirements they have with their players, I think it’s unrealistic to be a nine, 10 or 11-win football team every year," Davie said. “You’re going to have some good teams, you’re going to have some average teams and you’re going to have some below average teams. Bottom line, you’re going to play a lot of close games and when you play close games, you’re going to lose some of those close games.”

For instance, those 1981 schedules included five top 25 teams — and four in the top 10 — said the schedule, along with Notre Dame’s prestige in the college football world, makes each game difficult.

"Scheduling is tough and it should be like that,” Faust said. “Everybody gets up for Notre Dame. Other schools, they only have two big games on their schedule every year. Notre Dame ends up with 11 because everybody’s ready for the Irish.”

Faust also said he understood the disappointment Willingham is likely experiencing after being let go.

"I feel for Ty, for coach Willingham, " Faust said. "I feel for his family. Yet I can understand that these things do occur and it’s tough for both parties." Davie emphasized with Willingham, say-ing he believes the former Stanford coach did a good job, despite being fired after posting a 21-15 record during his three years with Notre Dame.

"He was an excellent football coach," Davie said. "I can’t imagine he was that good of a coach his first year and that bad of a coach his third year. The reality is somewhere in between.”

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"I felt we were in a place that I could no longer say that we could actually stand up and say that we were putting together a program in place that could contend, if not win, a national championship," White said in a Nov. 2, 2001 press conference. "I really believe we need to restart this thing.

In 2001, it was White who recommended University President Father Edward Malloy that Davie not be reinstated in his sixth year, shortly after signing him to a five-year extension. Malloy agreed with him, and Davie was notified that day, as was the public.

This year, it happened differently. A source said the Board of Trustees held a meeting Monday night, during which they decided to fire Willing-ham.

And at the beginning of the 2001 sea-son, Davie was told by White that his contract was not going to be extended. Davie said this year, that wasn’t the case in 2001.

"I would say that Coach Willingham and I had not had those specific conversations and really wasn’t till the end of the season to sit down and have kind of a program evaluation conversation," White said. "We began that conversation on Sunday.

Both Davie and Willingham had suffered losses off the field but were unable to translate to success on the field, as well. Davie’s teams were academically accomplished. Notre Dame won the AFCA Academic Achievement Award for gradu-at ing 100 percent of its players, the first time that number had reached 100 percent since 1988. White praised Davie in 2001 for his off-field actions.

"Bob Davie has brought good students and good people to Notre Dame," White said in 2001. "He has supported and had taken an active interest in the academic progress of the players. He has encouraged good citizenship. I am proud to be associated with our football team. These are expecta­tions that we have of all of our coaches in all of our sports.

White echoed the same sentiments about Willingham Tuesday. Willingham has had one player earn Academic All-America honors and two players earn academic all-district honors, all while his teams have maintained a solid grade-point-average.

"From Sunday through Friday, our football program has exceeded all expectations in every way," White said. "As I just indicated in the statement, the academic performance is at a fever pitch; it’s never been better. Tyrone has done some wonderful things."

But, for both coaches, it came down to his on-field perform­ ance. Although both coaches went to a bowl game, neither came out with desir­ able results. Davie took the Irish to the Fiesta Bowl in 2000, where they were blown out by Oregon State, 41-9. Willingham took the Irish to the Orange Bowl in 2002, where they were also blown out by North Carolina State, 28-6.

In both firings, White emphasized the need for both on and off-the-field performance. His sentiments were expressed again Tuesday.

"And I do feel we’ve made some progress, as I’ve tried to articulate that in a statement," White said. "Just haven’t made enough on game day. Have made great progress everywhere else around this program. In a lot of ways, this program has not been — has not been as healthy in a long time. We’ve got to find a way to get back to the elite, and that needs to happen on game day.”

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FOOTBALL

Similar, but different

Willingham firing compares, contrasts with Davie's; former coaches give opinions

By HEATHER VAN HOREGARDEN
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Reporters waited outside the interview room at the Joyce Center, hoping to get a glimpse of Tyrone Willingham after a press conference announced his firing.

But he was nowhere to be found.

It was quite the opposite of the scene in 2001, when Rob Davie calmly addressed reporters for nearly a half-hour in a press conference announcing his firing.

Willingham, who was not available for comment, was the first Irish football coach to be fired without finishing his first contract, as he coached just three of the six years of his initial contract and finished with a 21-15 record.

Athletic director Kevin White attributed Willingham's short tenure at Notre Dame.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Batteast, Duffy combine for 45 points in win

By KATE GALE
Sports Writer

Another close road game ended in another victory for the No. 3 Irish, improving the team to 2-0 away from the Joyce Center and 7-0 on the season.

Notre Dame beat Valparaiso 69-59 Tuesday night as Jacqueline Batteast scored 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Megan Duffy added 20 points and four assists for the Irish.

The team went 18-18 from the free throw line to seal the lead as the Crusaders pulled to within a field goal with two minutes remaining.

"We had to make our free throws down the stretch," coach Muffet McGraw said. "We had our best shooters shooting ... Megan especially down the stretch, and Jackie faced really critical shots."

Charel Allen and Teresa Horton each pulled down nine rebounds and scored six apiece in the team's second road victory.

The Irish were off to a quick start as Batteast scored 11 of the team's first 13 points.

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Duffy connected on four free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Last year, Notre Dame started 0-4 on the road. This year, the team has yet to register a loss.

"I think it's better leader-<ref>ship," McGraw said. "Megan and Jackie are playing so well right now, they're carrying the team. They made all the big plays and we're still looking for some other people to step up and help us."

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