Willingham fired

White: ‘We’ve got to find a way to get back to the elite’

Kevin White, Notre Dame athletic director, announces Willingham’s firing after the Irish’s third-year head coach compiled a 21-15 record at the University.

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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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.”

White said the decision to fire Willingham was made by the senior leadership at Notre Dame.

“The decision was made by the University 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 those conversations as we proceeded.”

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

White 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 Malloy 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 for 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 blowouts were a factor in 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 Dec. 28 Insight Bowl, has not decided if it will still participate, pending on a team 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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Kevin White
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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 awestruck 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 blowout defeats, the inconsistent performances, the poor recruiting, the terrible home record — all justified this firing. 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 riddling 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 fans expect a minor miracle every Saturday and a major one every now and then." This isn't far from the truth, and by winning early, Willingham indirectly set himself up to fail hard.

Aside from football, Willingham did much more for the University than many people realize. He pushed his players to succeed in the classroom, and the players responded with some of the highest GPAs this football program has ever seen. He indirectly increased minority enrollment at a school comprised of mostly white, upper-middle-class students. And he restored respect and character to a Notre Dame program that was reeling with embarrassment after the George O'Leary debacle.

As the losses mounted, Willingham was criticized for the smallest aspects of his character. He didn't show enough emotion, critics said. He didn't supply enough answers to the team's problems, they claimed. He didn't care about Notre Dame, people argued.

But what outsiders saw as shortcomings, I saw as qualities. Willingham always kept the same even-keel demeanor, never letting his emotions get the best of him. He joked with reporters and made us feel comfortable. Most importantly, he did care — not just about his players, but about people. I remember a story 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.

Situations like this show Willingham understood peoples' passion for this University. That's why he was reportedly distraught when athletic director Kevin White informed him of the firing. Willingham is a proud man. He wanted to succeed at Notre Dame, to show his doubters he was the right choice three years ago.

But sometimes things don't work out. Willingham couldn't stick around for another year or two because too many alumni, too many students and too many Notre Dame administrators and trustees felt he was the wrong man for the job. Another season that produced just seven or eight wins would not have been enough to keep the critics at bay.

So Willingham was fired Tuesday, near the end of a second disappointing season in three tries. He didn't expect the news — neither did his assistant coaches, who were on the road recruiting.

A man that stands for everything that is right about this University, a man that made this school better during his three years in South Bend, a man that did everything he could to return Notre Dame football to glory, is now a part of the past, joining the ranks of recently disappointing Irish coaches Gerry Faust and Bob Davie.

While many Notre Dame's fans celebrated Willingham's firing, the coach silently walked into the background, into a fraternity of failed Irish football coaches that no one wants to join.

But contrary to popular belief, Tuesday was a sad day in Notre Dame's rich football tradition. That's because Tuesday, Notre Dame abruptly said goodbye to one of its own.

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Silent reaction not unexpected

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

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Tyrone Willingham stepped to the podium on Jan. 1, 2002 and looked at the crowd demanding a coaching job in college football.

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

Growing up in Jacksonville, N.C., Willingham faced many problems because of his race.

The city was integrated when Willingham was 12. On his high school football team, instead of complaining or quitting about the lack of playing time, Willingham kept working hard and eventually got his chance at quarterback when the starter got hurt.

During the coaching search to replace Bob Davie in December 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 who he called first—Willingham.

But nobody knew about that initial phone call until Willingham was hired.

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 was 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 slide saying "WIN" set a precedent from Day 1.

When Willingham went to the dorms in spring 2002, he connected instantly with the Notre Dame student body by having 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. The Irish started losing—much more than is acceptable in South Bend.

Students, fans and alumni started to believe he couldn't win consistently under the Golden Dome. Throughout all of the comments about his coaching ability, Willingham never strayed from his true character.

Looking back at the Notre Dame record books decades from now, people will only see the 8-0 start followed by the numerous lopsided losses and 13 wins in 28 games.

But looking past that, there's a man people won't see.

They won't see a coach who had the support of many of his players Tuesday, despite the standard results of the past two years. They won't see a coach who had 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 football development. He led by example on 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 disagreeing 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 don't expect that, then you don't know Tyrone Willingham.

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Willingham's assistant coaches currently wait in limbo

Mike Denbrock and John McDonnell, defensive line coach Greg Mattison, wide receivers coach Trent Miles, running backs/special teams 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.

Mattison was the defensive coordinator under Willingham's predecessor Bob Davie, and was retained as a member of Willingham's staff.

There have been speculations that Baer might be a prime candidate for the vacant head coaching position at Utah State, Will'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 who jobs are currently in limbo. Among one of the more important figures that might have to be replaced is Jimmy 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 guru's 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 talked to that conversation, and I think I have a history of not being a micromanager," White said. "And I don't think I've ever spent a whole lot of time spending a whole lot of time combating some of the misperceptions about our coaches who need to hire to serve as assistants.

"At the end of the day, the end game is we really have to do a good job on Saturday, and we have to get back to the elite. Coach Willingham knows how to hire a staff that's going to serve as assistants and take us to the next level as a professional. And so no, we didn't spend a whole lot of time having those conversations.

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Tyrone Willingham’s Tenu

Dec. 2, 2001
Notre Dame football coach Bob Davie was fired after the program had its second losing season in as many years. Davie, whose 35-25 record gave him a .583 winning percentage, was head coach for five years.

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.

Nov. 1, 2003
No. 3 Florida State blew out Notre Dame 37-0 at Notre Dame Stadium, and the Irish fell to 6-3-1 — the worst start since 1963. It was the fourth time in the last 10 games that the Irish lost by 31 or more points.

Feb. 2002
Featuring such highly-touted prospects as Rhema McKnight and Maurice Stovall, Willingham manages to sign a strong recruiting class, ranked by Thelnsiders.com as the 11th best in the nation.

Nov. 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.

Sept. 6, 2003
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.

May 24, 2002
Four Notre Dame football players — Lorenzo Crawford, Donald Dykes, Abram Elam and Justin Smith — were charged with offenses ranging from conspiracy to commit rape to rape from a March 28 incident.

Oct. 19, 2003
The Irish were defeated by No. 17 N.C. State 28-6 in the Gator Bowl. As Carlyle Holiday came out with a separated shoulder in the team’s second possession of the game.

Nov. 2003
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.

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.

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.

Jan. 1, 2003
The No. 11 Irish were defeated by No. 17 N.C. State 28-6 in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville Stadium. The Irish improved to 3-0 with the victory.

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.

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

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.
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.

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.

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.

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.

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 41-38.

Notre Dame and NBC officials announce they signed a five-year extension, giving NBC the right to televise Irish football through 2010. The deal is reportedly worth $9 million annually.

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.

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.

Tyrone Willingham is fired as head football coach at Notre Dame after three seasons in South Bend and a record of 21-15....
Majority of players remain in silent shock after firing

By PAT LEONARD

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 John 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'll converse with them again. But I did want them in for obvious reasons.

Only 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 tough. 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." White would 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 they'll find them, and they anticipate you finding them as a group.

But I will say a word or two. I think they think the fire has 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.

"If you could continue to improve regardless of who the coach is," said a senior.

Carlyle Holiday said in the Dec. 3 issue of The Observer. "We have to get back to competing for the national championship.

This time, almost all is quiet.

Fifth-year senior Jared Clark graduates at the end of the year and will not have to stay for the changeover in coaches like Zbikowski. But Clark felt the effects of the Notre Dame administrative decision.

"I think it's a shock to everybody," Clark said.

"As a player, you think it's our fault. We didn't get the job done. I think coach Willingham was a great coach, and I enjoyed playing under him."

Players met late Tuesday night to discuss whether or not they wanted to participate in the Insight Bowl. Notre Dame has already accepted a bid to the bowl set for Dec. 28, but the team did not release a statement finalizing the decision.

"We're still trying to take this in," Zbikowski said. "It's going to take a little shock, a little disappointment. 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.

"The seniors came here, and I really hope they'll come through," Clark said. "There's a lot of the best bunch of guys I've ever known. They want to help out the younger guys and get this program back on track. We've had meetings too to help support each other."

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Volunteer Opportunities

An elderly couple is looking for someone to help them do basic household like filling papers and washing dishes. Contact Idera Thompson at 234-0300, 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.

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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 Tindy Rodriguez at 386-9648.

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Sudan Correspondent Talk

Dr. Arne, former foreign correspondent for NBC and MSNBC, will speak about his experiences in Sudan. He will reflect upon the realities of the Sudan crisis. Sponsored by Amnesty International, Peace Coalition, Keanan Hall and Pasquerella East Hall.

When: Thursday, December 2 at 8:00 pm

Where: Center for Social Concerns Classroom

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When: Monday, December 6 at 7:00 pm

Where: Hesburgh Center Auditorium

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A dinner and Concert sponsored by the Asian-American Association and the Center for Social Concerns.

When: December 8 at 6:30-8:15 pm

Where: Coleman-Morse Lounge

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Top, defensive end Justin Tuck leaves the JACC prior to athletic director Kevin White's announcement. Bottom, Willingham coaches defensive back Dwight Ellick at the Tennessee game.

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Appalachia Seminar (Theo 361). The Appalachia Seminar, 20+ plus years in creation, continues to send 30-35 students each year to five states in the Appalachian region.

Children and Poverty Seminar (Psy 310A/CSC 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/POL313W). 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/POLS333W). The Spring offering of the Washington Seminar is planned in conjunction with the Science, Values, and Technology Program.

Migrant Experiences Seminar (Theo 356). This seminar offers a unique immersion into the lives of migrant farm workers 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 now work, never again to take food for granted.

Holy Cross Mission in Hispanic Ministry Seminar (Theo368E). This seminar gives participants the opportunity to experience the Church's option for the poor through an immersive into the spirituality, culture, and economy of the rural, southern California valley community of Coachella. Students work with the members of the Congregation of Holy Cross.
ND unsure if team will go to bowl

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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Notre Dame associate athletic director John Heisler addressed the media Tuesday, but he has not yet made a decision on whether to side with the Insight Bowl in the wake of head coach Tyrone Willingham's firing.

At a press conference Tuesday afternoon at the Joyce Center, Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White stated the players would have to meet to discuss the bowl situation in the near future. This decision was made after the meeting, but Heisler suggested a decision might be reached sometime today.

White said in the press conference Tuesday that it is the players on this year's team who should have the ability to attend the Insight Bowl, not Notre Dame athletic officials.

"The young people in our program have earned the right to play in a bowl," White said. "If they want to go to bowl games and they want the support they need to do that desire.

"I'd like to say that all of the noise around the program has no impact," Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White said. "But I'm not sure I can say that objectively."

White said the firing of Willingham as head football coach at a 4 p.m. press conference Tuesday, just one day and a half before a scheduled rally to protest Willingham's tenure as coach.

In the rally, publicized and organized by the Irish fan website NDNation.com, called for participants to lay "Return to Glory" shirts on the steps of the administration building.

White did not cite any specific reason for his firing in relieving Willingham of his coaching duties, but he made it clear that alumni dissent is difficult to ignore.

"I think what makes Notre Dame Notre Dame is the fact that people care about it and are so passionate about it and so emotional about it," White said. "That's what makes Notre Dame football what it is, and something very special."
ND has plenty to choose from in coaching search

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

By JOE HETTLER
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The University administration and athletic director Kevin White will have plenty of top-tier candidates to choose from in 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.

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

"But we have a chance in our contact that allows him to opt out if three teams come calling: Michigan, Ohio State and Notre Dame as well," White said.

"If he were to come out of the coaching search at this point, " We haven't done a thing in terms of the search at this point," White said. "And I think that's what [the reporter is] referring to. No, we haven't begun, haven't lifted the phone up at this point. I've been really focused on our team and our coaches, and obviously conversations with Coach Willingham. So that will happen here short¬ly.

White stated several times throughout the press conference that Notre Dame had no contact with any possible 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." Despite actually having a bunch of possible candidates to choose from, "it's hard to find the 29th coach in Notre Dame's history, saying the school will "consider all possibilities, when it comes to a conclusion."

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TOP CHOICE

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 and equals or exceed their total ticket sales from 2002. More importantly for the Irish, Meyer has a clause in his contract that allows him to leave if he gets a better job.

Butch Davis

The offensive coordinator is a Notre Dame graduate and one of the most successful assistant coaches in the league. ESPN reported Weiss is interested in the job, and he could help the Irish improve their offense. His pro football experience and success in three Super Bowls should help bring in top recruits. Weiss has 26 years of coaching experience, including 15 in the NFL. He also coached at South Carolina.

SECOND TIER

Jeff Tedford

Tefford has turned California into a mainstay in the top-25, after leading the Golden Bears to a the most wins (12) of any coach in California history during his first two seasons. He was named the PAC-10 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.

Butch Davis

Resigning from the Cleveland Browns as the same day Willingham was fired, Davis has 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.

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 may appeal 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.

Dan Hawkins

Boise State's head coach has an impressive 44-6 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 its onetime struggling offense.

FOURTH 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 with one regular season game remaining this year.

Bob Stoops

A longshot, Stoops turned around a struggling Oklahoma program when he took over in 1999. He showed a lot of interest during Notre Dame's coaching search in 2001, but has been rumored to be listening to Florida offers. This could be mean Notre Dame has a chance, albeit a small one, at landing one of the top coaches in all of college football.

Lou Holtz

As ESPN said, "He's available, and he knows how to beat USC." One of Oklahoma's coaching assistants in Norman, 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.
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.

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. Officials such as assistant to the president Chandra Johnson and associate dean of graduate studies Donald Pope-Davis are known internally at Notre Dame, Outlaw said, but lack the external recognition of an Irish football head coach.

"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 the University.

Ebersol tragedy continues to touch community

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. Sobs punctuated the silence as Poorman himself choked back tears. Poorman himself choked back

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

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, welcomes those gathered to celebrate Mass in honor of the Ebersol family Tuesday in the Keough Hall chapel.

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

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

The CL-601 Challenger plane's cockpit voice recorder contains a 31-minute tape of the accident sequence, National Transportation Board investigator Arne Haralson told the Associated Press Tuesday.

"There surely has been an investigation into crash ongoing

By CLAIRE HEININGER
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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 "S cost 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.

Protesters demand explanation, others applaud decision

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

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Investigation into crash ongoing
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 headed for Rome, Italy, which will be my home for the next four months. I have been aware of the fact I would be going to Rome since late in 1999 when I was informed last week that Saint Mary’s in Rome only gets one inch of snow every lifetime, and I will learn things there that I will come back next year, perhaps as a flight data recorder. The Observer regrets the errors.

Due to a reporting error, an article in the Nov. 23 Observer and making midnight runs to class, eating chicken sandwiches because he

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and traveling throughout Europe. 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 where my true home lies — even if the tunnels are closed.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kelly Meehan at kmeehan@SaintMarys.edu

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, an article in the Nov. 23 issue of The Observer mislabeled the cockpit windows of the chartered plane that carried the men, women and children of the Ebersol family as having blonde hair. The woman on the shirt has brown hair.

The Observer apologizes for the error.

In Brief

UNICEF will sell Christmas cards and other materials from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Library concourse. Proceeds will benefit needy children throughout the world.

Theology professor Bob Krieg will lead a seminar on “Catholic Theologians and Nazi Germany,” today from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in C-104 Hesburgh Center.

Kelly Meehan

News Production Editor

OFFBEAT

Woman performs C-section to save puppies

CEDAR CITY, Utah — A quick-thinking EMT performed a Cesarean section on her dead Chihuahua to save the lives of three puppies. Carolyn Shaw was at work two weeks ago when she received a call from her husband, saying their long-haired Chihuahua, Annie, was in labor and whimpering under the bed.

Shaw asked her ambulance partner Kori Baker, who also is her daughter-in-law, and a student intern riding along if they could stop by the house and check on the dog. "After I did a quick check I realized she was dead," Barker said. Shaw’s instincts as an EMT and nurse kicked in. She pulled out her stethoscope and listened to Annie’s heart to search for some sign of life. There was no heartbeat but there was movement. "I felt the babies moving inside of her," Shaw said.

Men arrested for dumping dirt in a forest

COEUR D’ALENE, Idaho — Two men have been arrested for dumping dirt in a national forest. The Kootenai County Sheriff’s Department said the men, who have not been publicly identified, were arrested at a garage in Coeur d’Alene where the dirt had been removed and the base apparently prepared for paving.

Deputy Robert Gomez said the U.S. Forest Service confirmed that it was illegal to dump anything, including dirt, on the federal land.

Gomez said he asked the two men about dumping dirt in the national forest “and they went off on a tirade about Mother Earth.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

The Observer regrets the errors.

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Acosstic Cafe and the Student Union Board will sponsor "Acoustic Christmas" Thursday from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the basement of the LaFortune Student Center.

The sophomore class will sponsor a dinner and ‘The O.C.’ watch Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center ballroom.

To submit information to be included in this section of the Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to onews@SaintMarys.edu.
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 as 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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Notre Dame senior Charlie Ebersol, 21, and NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol, 57, told the Associated Press Monday night that "it was really, really unfair," said Teddy's father, senior John Hamburger. "It was really, really unfair," he added.

Ebersol family statement

"In the wake of this tragedy, we are touched by the overwhelming outpouring of love from people all over the world." 

The family said. "While our grief is unfathomable, we are so proud of our Charlie, who pulled his father from the flames. That anyone was able to survive this horrific accident is a miracle, and all of us will forever be inspired by Charlie's courage and bravery."

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between the protesters.

"We are standing in solidarity with Ty because we feel that his termination was unjust," junior Ukash Okoronkwo said in a news conference Monday broadcast nationally by CNN.

Similar protocol is followed at the school, and Charlie Ebersol was in stable condition at a Denver hospital. The family said. "While our grief is unfathomable, we are so proud of our Charlie, who pulled his father from the flames. That anyone was able to survive this horrific 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. "I'm very sympathetic to what the black students are doing. I'm going to support the students protesting the administration's actions. I'm very sympathetic to what the black students are doing. I'm going to support the students protesting the administration's actions."

"I think their voices should be heard," Hotchkiss said.

While the protest was not predominantly related to race or even football, but derived from broader issues. "I think about members of this community feeling like they don't belong. And that's a problem, and that's our job to make them feel like they belong."
Netherlands euthanizes babies

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — A hospital in the Netherlands — the first nation to permit euthanasia — recently proposed guidelines for mercy killings of terminally ill newborns, and then made a startling revelation. It has already begun carrying out such procedures, which include administering a lethal sedative to the baby.

The announcement by the Groningen Academic Hospital came amid a growing discussion in Holland on whether to legalize euthanasia on people incapable of deciding for themselves: whether to end one's own life — a prospect viewed with horror by euthanasia opponents and as a natural evolution by advocates.

In August, the main Dutch doctors' association KNMG urged the Health Ministry to create an independent board to review euthanasia cases for terminally ill people "with no free will," including children, the severely mentally retarded and people left in an irreversibly comatose state.

Ukrainian compromise talks end

KIEV, Ukraine — Opposition supporters on Tuesday abruptly broke off compromise talks over Ukraine's disputed presidential election after pro-government lawmakers blocked a no-confidence motion seeking to topple the prime minister, who was declared the victor in last week's vote despite allegations of massive fraud.

The parliamentary rejection of the talks raises pressure on Ukrainian authorities, while Russian President Vladimir Putin said the crisis in the former Soviet republic must be resolved without foreign meddling.

The Supreme Court said on Tuesday it was wrapping up a second day of hearings with no sign of a decision on an opposition appeal to annul the results from the Nov. 21 runoff election, which put Prime Minister Viktor Yankovych ahead by 57,402 votes.

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Bush makes official visit to Canada

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 aggravat­ed by the U.S.-led military adventure in Iraq. "I made some decisions that some in Canada obviously didn't agree with," Bush said.

"But I'm the kind of fellow who wants to do what I think 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 imported Canadian beef.

While they disagreed on Iraq, the two leaders voiced common ground on their 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.

On another international issue, Bush welcomed Iran's assertion that it was moving away from uranium enrichment that could be used in assembling nuclear weapons, but expressed disappointment that Iran had not only agreed to suspend their program, but also to terminate it as the United States wants. He called it "a positive step, but it is certainly not the final step." Iran said it would suspend pro­cessing, at least for several months.

The two leaders said they had failed to resolve the impasse over a U.S. ban on imported Canadian beef because of mad cow disease that infected some Canadian cattle.

In an era of declining newspaper readership, contributors to keeping America safe and free. "He contributes to keeping our country better able 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 Homeland Security chief; former Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Joe Allbaugh and White House homeland security adviser Fran 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 State Colin Powell and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham. Bush has chosen national security adviser Condoleezza Rice for the Justice Department, White House counsel Alberto Gonzales for the Justice Department and Carlos Gutierrez for Commerce.

In October 2001, Ridge became the nation's first White House domestic secu­rity adviser, leading a massive undertaking to rethink all aspects of security within the U.S. borders in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

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 national "orange alerts" when the government boost­ed security out of concern an attack may be com­ing, an attack in the United States never happened on his watch.

Bush 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 criticisms 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."

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.
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emotion at the sermon's sim­ple yet powerful words.

"Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and phone calls over the past few days — they helped me get through the past couple of nights. I wonder if you'll ever know how much they mean to me and me fami­ly," Poorman read. "I believe in God and God's goodness, and I believe my son has made a better place than all of us.

"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 mohi-faced but did not 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 Ebersol's tragedy) reminds us how fragile life is, and that what matters most is the bonds we have with each other," Jarret said.

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"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."

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Associated Press

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

The correct reply: "What is HR Block?" But Jennings guessed Federal Express, ending his remarkable run as the biggest winner in TV game show history with a haul of $2,520,700.

Having an accountant­friend who's nearly impossi­ble to reach at tax time paid off big-time for his opponent, 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 $14,400 to Jennings' $8,799.

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"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.

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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 U.S. trade officials 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 imported into the U.S. 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 warmth-water shrimp at levels ranging from 37.9 percent to 112.8 percent. Vietnamese shrimp exports will be hit with duties ranging from 41.1 percent to 25.8 percent.

The tariffs were imposed because a government investigation found the shrimp from these 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 prices for shrimp since 2001. It alleged that the U.S. industry was on the brink of destruction because of cheap foreign shrimp.

"Dumping is cheating, and we thank the Department of Commerce for offsetting this unfair 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 producers 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 upheld its preliminary finding of harm, the anti-dumping tariffs will remain in effect for five years before they are reviewed again under "sunset" provisions of the U.S. dumping law.

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 I find it ridiculous that there is such a negative reaction to the new Pride Week shirts on campus. One of the former shirts depicted the generic "girl" that is posted on bathroom doors nationwide. Does that girl represent me? Were they trying to "insult" me, or were they trying to wear a shirt that could be considered a woman? I want to point out that, if I could have sought out an apology from Student Activities as well as those who made the shirts, I would have. 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. I thought it was a cute idea that would make a nice shirt at a women's basketball game. And that is all that they did. The T-shirt is gender neutral as well.

Elizabeth Quinn

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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

As the snow begins to fall and we adorn campus with colorful, lighted hearts, many hearts and minds turn to the baby in the manger, a symbol of the hope and peace in these dark days of December. We are inclined to beautifully this birth narrative, but if things were a bit hit different, imagine a baby born in Bethlehem, in a manger, his arms swaddled with rags, his stomach bloated and his legs covered in his uncontainable diarrhoea. 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. 

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The coming of the kingdom in the media

Kamaria Porter
Breaking the Habit

This past fall has been exciting for all involved in the program. The offense was a secondary that had nowhere to go but up to dominate, a front seven largely intact and fired for the results of this weakness — no excuses. And with an offense ready to go, a nation, this team was burnt, in all its losses, was set to dominate next year.

Of course, this team’s problem all year would look like if God were on Caesar’s throne. Through Jesus’ parables, that was a stark contrast to the Roman Empire — one in which all 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 zeal of Jesus, yet Hollywood on the whole does poor job in this regard. Popular films dealing with faith 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 lacks. These three films differ in theme, making us laugh or cry in anguish or in horror, but in their effect on American spirituality, they are similar. All divorce Jesus from what He was passionate about: a new social order of justice.

In the current American Christian context, such depictions hardly surprise me. Christian voices in the 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, economically exploiting and injustice.

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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 program when Ty took over. It was in complete chaos. He molded this team, in his very first year, to play with a new and winning attitude. He was also in the process of molding this team’s philosophy as well as its heart — and in order to do this he had to revitalize his kind of player, have time to mold this player and get that player needed experience.

Tyrone Willingham was fired just as this molding process, which was mainly taking place on the offensive side of the ball, was coming to fruition. Next year his quarterback would have been an experienced junior throwing to very experienced wide-receivers and tight-ends. The offensive line showed dramatic improvement over last year and would have been even better next year. He finally has a west-coast type tail-back and played now has a full-year under his belt. The truth is that the offense was a machine the last part of this season — and was set to dominate next year.

All year, the team was going to be a secondary that had nowhere to go but up to dominate, a front seven largely intact and fired for the results of this weakness — no excuses. And with an offense ready to go, a nation, this team was burnt, in all its losses, was set to dominate next year.

Of course, this team’s problem all year

Aeryll Camoey

On Friday, Nov. 19, we, the members of the Student Activities Board, issued a campus-wide apology for any SAB programs, events and/or published materials this past semester that a member of our student community may have found offensive in any way.

The apology was written in order to address concerns that were brought to our attention during the SAB Feedback Session the previous evening. While there were specific examples of programs, events and/or published materials that were directly addressed during the Feedback Session by those in attendance, we recognize that there might have been other programs, events and/or published materials that students who were not at the Feedback Session might have taken exception to. We also recognize that while same students might have taken issue with these programs, events and/or published materials, there are students on our campus who were not offended and who respectfully disagree with those who were.

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

We recognize that the Pride Week shirt 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 is 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, express our concerns and support one another.

In conclusion, SAB would like to assure our student body that we are currently reviewing all programming materials to select the highest quality programs onto campus. We are also taking steps to better identify programs, events and/or published materials that might be seen as offensive or insensitive on campus in an attempt to move forward as an offensive community.

We again encourage students to attend the weekly SAB meetings which are open to the entire student body and to share your thoughts as we continue to provide the best programs possible.

Charlie Camoey

Saint Mary’s College Student Activities Board

Nov. 30
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 exhausted and ready for a mellowic dairy treat. Cold Stone Creamery— or as Jessica’s Dad likes to call it “STONE COLD” Creamery— is located just off of Grape Road near Movies 14. It could be called the Taj Mahal of ice cream parlors.

Instead of generic flavors stuffed into cardboard tubs, Cold Stone, as the name implies, pops your ice cream onto a cold marble stone, and will mix in a myriad of delectable toppings. If you’re really brave you can choose your own toppings, but if you want to play it safe you can choose one of their pre-designed palate pleasers.

Unfortunately, because of Cold Stone’s popularity, the service was slow and impersonal making it worthy of merely 2.5 sporks. These ice cream artists should learn a lesson from good ol’ Henry Ford and develop a more efficient assembly line. Word on the street was that Cold Stone employees would sing at the drop of a coin in the tip jar, but this legend is false. We generously gave them fifty cents, only to receive bitter disappointment and heartache but not hearburn.

The atmosphere of Cold Stone provides a family-oriented, but commercially induced, environment. Enormous photos of ice cream temproments did not settle well on our stomachs.

Cold Stone Ice Cream

Those photos are racist, classist, sexist, and those skinny so-and-so’s couldn’t possibly eat all that creamy goodness and still remain a size two.” Cold Stone customer Erica Valdez said as she fantasized 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 But You Want Some” with French vanilla ice cream, caramel, fudge and cookie dough pieces. She claimed 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 a “love it.” The “gotta have it” is reserved for sumo wrestlers, a family of four, or that guy that ate 100 hot dogs in under an hour. The ice cream is so super splendiferous that we give it five sporks, our highest rating.

Even though the average of our rating categories is 3.4166666,... by including the imaginary number i for ice cream, Cold Stone most definitely deserves a total of four sporks, a toothpick and some pocket lint. So, if you are dependent on dairy to make your day a delight, skedaddlin’ on down to Cold Stone Creamery and tell them Jessica and Megan sent you. We’re sure they’ll be like “WTF?” to which you can reply “exactly.”

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Zambonie brings Midwestern power pop to Notre Dame

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Zambonie was founded in Michigan, but with one of the band members in graduate school at Notre Dame, the campus has become its new adopted home. The band will perform a concert Thursday at Legends at 10 p.m.

The current line-up of Zambonie includes Erik Widman on guitar and vocals, Kent Widman on bass, Chris Snoquist on keyboards and John Wert on drums. The band has a web site where fans can go to download music, find out concert dates, read band member biographies and find the latest news about the band.

Brothers Kent and Erik Widman moved to the United States from Sweden in 2000, and while enrolled at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, they started the band with drummer John Haldane. Zambonie released its first full length CD in 2002, and the band played performed shows throughout Michigan and Indiana. In 2004, Haldane decided to leave the band, and percussion major John Wert filled in for him on drums. With one change already in the band’s lineup, the group decided to add a synthesizer to the standard mix of bass, guitar and drums. That decision led to Chris Snoquist becoming a member of Zambonie.

Zambonie has opened for such bands as OK GO, out of Chicago and has played at a number of festivals. Erik Widman enrolled at Notre Dame this fall as a grad student, and the band came with him to the South Bend area.

The band’s sound is described by Erik Widman as “power pop, kind of like rock and roll and alternative, but it’s hard to compare it to stuff out there.” While the band’s use of keyboards could bring back memories of the 1980s, it is different from the power ballads of yesteryear.

“It’s guitar driven and it uses synthesizers, but it’s not 80’s rock,” Erik Widman said. “It’s fun stuff.”

The name “Zambonie” is in itself unusual, since a zamboni (with no ‘i’) is the machine that smooths the ice at a skating rink, but the misspelling has a story behind it.

“When I first got started I recorded myself and one of my songs was going to be on a compilation called “Michigan Mania 2000,”” Erik Widman said, “I didn’t have a band name and ‘zamboni’ was one of the names I had been thinking of, but it was just by pure stupidity that I spelled it wrong. I was born in Sweden, so I have an excuse.”

Thursday’s concert at Legends will be Notre Dame’s first exposure to Zambonie, and Erik Widman has high hopes.

“I hope that it will change their life and that they’ll never be the same after the show,” he said.

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Zambonie adds a synthesizer to the typical band formula of guitar, bass and drums in order to create its own unique brand of “power pop.” The band was founded at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, and it will play its first show on the Notre Dame campus at Legends Thursday night at 10 p.m.

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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
Scene Writer

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 Incubus and Pearl Jam. With Ward's new position in life as a married man. Several of their songs reference both El Paso and the drive-in, 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-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.

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.

THREE BANDS, ONE NIGHT

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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.
Duke darts past Michigan State in matchup of top teams

Georgia Tech destroys Michigan in Atlanta

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — J.J. Redick added 15 points and 10 rebounds as the Yellow Jackets routed No. 13 Michigan State 81-74 on Tuesday night in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

Redick had 21 points in the first half, and Ewing took up the slack after the break, scoring 15. Duke (4-0) improved to 6-0 in the made-for-TV challenge and beat the Spartans (3-1) for the second straight season.

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"Before the game, we put up a banner at Alexander Memorial Coliseum, honoring last season's Final Four team. The Yellow Jackets lost to Connecticut in the national championship game at San Antonio.

"I think that's what we did last season," said Duke's Sean Dockery, left, drives past Michigan State's Shannon Brown during Duke's 81-74 win Wednesday night.

"We're trying to focus on the next one, not the post," he said. "Still, going so deep in the tournament last year, that gave us a confidence that you can't coach.

"We didn't feel like the fourth time it's been that way.

Keena anxiety emerged after the first 7 1/2 minutes, but spent long stretches on the bench after picking up his second and third fouls.

"We needed to get him off the glass and off the line, and we didn't do either," Krzyzewski said. "He has what great about college basketball.

"They came off the glass and off the line, and they didn't do either," Krzyzewski said. "They came off the glass and off the line, and they didn't do either," Krzyzewski said.

"We didn't feel like the fourth team was going to win it. We were a little-known team that caught the Spartans off guard.

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"We're trying to focus on the next post," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski. "Tonight, we came out and established ourselves in the first time it's been that way.

The Yellow Jackets lost to Connecticut in the national championship game at San Antonio, but the junior swingman had 21 points in the first half, and Ewing took up the slack after the break, scoring 15. Duke (4-0) improved to 6-0 in the made-for-TV challenge and beat the Spartans (3-1) for the second straight season.

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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. The offer contains an option for a fourth season that could make the deal worth $50 million over four years, the agent said.

Boston has offered a two-year deal to retain Martinez and must decide by Dec. 7 whether to offer salary arbitration, which would extend the window for the World Series champion Red Sox to re-sign him until Jan. 8.

Martinez's agent, Fernando Cuza, would not comment on the Mets' proposal, which was first reported Tuesday in several New York and Boston newspapers. New Mets general manager Omar Minaya didn't return a telephone message.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner met with Martinez in Tampa, Fla., on Nov. 18, and Martinez also met in Florida with New York third baseman Alex Rodriguez.

But the Yankees' primary interest in recent days appears to be Johnson, the 41-year-old left-hander who would prefer to leave the rebuilding Diamondbacks and play for a contender. The Yankees and Diamondbacks have been discussing a trade involving the five-time Cy Young Award winner for several weeks, but talks haven't gained any momentum, several baseball officials said.

Steinbrenner met in Tampa with top aides Mark Newman and Billy Conners on Tuesday.

Benitez bounced back from a subpar 2003 season to save an NL-leading 47 games in 51 chances for Florida last season and lead major league relievers with a 1.29 ERA.

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

"He has 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 with a serious shoulder 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 struggling 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.

"I'm excited he's on our side," 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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(Individual counseling)
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Notre Dame – January 26th

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NFC

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 miserable 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, to try to get the most out of this team this year. You don't necessarily set things up in the future by altering that. You might do things that act as a deterrent for the future.'

By beating the Bears, the Cowboys snapped a three-game losing streak and became one of 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.

"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 3-8 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 hasn'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."

Parcells benches Henson, Testaverde given starting nod

Dallas quarterback Drew Henson scrambles past lineman Larry Allen, left, during a game against Baltimore Nov. 21. Vinny Testaverde will start over Henson next Monday against Seattle.
The ultimate club's 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 Hegdes and Rachel McCloud, the youthful Irish edged the Spartans, 11-10.

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year tenure with Notre Dame, after leaving the head coaching position at Moeller High School in Ohio. During his 18 years at Moeller, Faust talked a career mark of 295-177-2, including five state titles and four national championships.

"To win every year consistently, playing 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 a few, whose 1981 schedule included five top 25 teams and four in the top 15 — 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 them.”

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. Yes I can understand that these things do occur and it’s tough on everyone.”

Davie empathizes with Willingham, saying 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 to 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 Willingham.

And at the beginning of the 2001 season, Davie was told by White that the season was in jeopardy. White said this year, that wasn’t the case.

“I would say that Coach Willingham and I had not had those specific conversations and really waited 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 success 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 graduating 100 percent of its football players, the first time that number had reached 100 percent since 1988.

"We have of all our coaches in all of our sports," White echoed the same sentiment.

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 all 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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White praised Davie in 2001. "He has supported and honored, all while his teams had exceeded all expectations, competitive expectations relative to Notre Dame football.”

Kevin White
Irish athletic director
FOOTBALL

Similar, but different

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

By HEATHER VAN HOREGARDEN
Sport Editor

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 Bob 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 and university president Father John Jenkins fired Willingham Tuesday, after three years as Notre Dame's head football coach, following a rigorous search following the 2001 season. Willingham was fired Tuesday after three seasons with the Irish.

Davie calmly addressed reporters for nearly a half-hour in a press conference announcing his firing. It was similar but also different from 2001, the year Bob Davie was fired after five years, with the Irish at 7-0 and Bob the team's best shooter showing. 'Megan especially down the stretch, and Jackie faced really critical situations,' Charell Allen and Teresa Horton each pulled down nine rebounds and scored six apiece in the team's second road victory.

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Firing of Tyrone Willingham after a rigorous search following the 2001 season.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Batteast, Duffy combine for 45 points in win

By KATE GALES
Sport 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 showing ... Megan especially down the stretch, and Jackie faced really critical situations."

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By JOE HETTLER
Sport Writer

If anybody understands what Tyrone Willingham is going through one day after being fired as Notre Dame's head football coach, it's Gerry Faust and Bob Davie.

Faust coached the Irish from 1981-85, compiling a 30-26-1 record before resigning after his five-year contract expired. Davie took over the program after Lou Holtz resigned in 1996, leading the Irish to a 33-25-1 record from 1997-2001. Both coaches didn't expect Willingham's firing Tuesday, after three years as Irish coach.

"I was surprised just like everybody else," Faust said. "When they accepted the hook, I figured he'd keep his job because there's always talk. You lose a game there's talk, you win a game there's no talk and you're doing a great job. But he was wrong. There's nothing wrong with that. It's worth it at Notre Dame to go through that because of what Notre Dame is." Davie agreed.

"To be honest, I'm surprised," Davie said in an interview with ESPN's Dan Patrick Tuesday evening. "I'm surprised that Tyrone did not get the opportunity to finish his five years at Notre Dame. Willingham became the first Notre Dame coach to lose his job following the terms of his initial contract." Faust endured a rocky five-year

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