"The Shirt" makes a return to glory

By JUSTIN KRIVICKAS
Assistant News Editor

"The Shirt" has sold out. All 44,000 have been purchased by students, alumni and Irish fans. An extra 20,000 extra shirts will be produced in order to equal the demand for them the rest of the season.

"It's amazing seeing The Shirt and the design get such a huge following in such a short amount of time," said Shirt designer Carl Elkins. "I never thought it would sell out, much less this fast. We have to give most of the credit, though, to Courtney (Schuster) Shirt president] for the remarkable work she's done promoting the project and the design, and to the football team and Coach (Tyron) Willingham for the tremendous success they've had this season."

About 41,000 shirts were sold last year. This year, at the middle of the Irish season that figure has already been broken. Schuster, who is in charge of The Shirt Project on campus expressed strong support for the new campaign. The design of The Shirt is decided each year by a contest in which students submit their vision to unite the student body and fans behind the football team. Last year Elkins' design was chosen, and his slogan "Return to Glory" has become synonymous with the Irish season this football season as the Irish have jumped to a 4-0 start.

"I've seen 'Return to Glory' pop up all over the country in reference to Notre Dame football. It's been in the New York Times, Chicago Tribune, a number of other newspapers and the most recent, of course, was the cover of Sports Illustrated," said Elkins.

The T-shirt's Kelly green color has become very popular among students who want the school to adopt a unifying color much how Nebraska fans wear red to produce "a sea of red" in the stands to help support their team. On the back of "The Shirt" are images of a gold helmet, the Four Horsemen, Knute Rockne and the former coach's quote: "We're gonna go, go, go. And we aren't going to stop till the whistle blows." The Shirt has been one of the hot-ticket items in the bookstore this year. The first 44,000 sold out, prompting an additional order of 20,000 to meet demand for the Kelly green T-shirt emblazoned with 'Return to Glory.'

By JAMIE BELCHER
News Writer

About 100 people participated in Tuesday's Oktoberfest at Saint Mary's. The event included a walk and a run.

Traditionally, money raised from Oktoberfest has been used to support breast cancer awareness, but since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Saint Mary's community found new charities to support. This year, the money will go to the Suzanne Kondratenko Scholarship Fund. Kondratenko was a 1996 alumna who died in the terrorist attacks.

"They needed more money to get it off the ground so it just seemed to be very appropriate," said Lynn Kachmarik, Saint Mary's athletic director.

So far this year Oktoberfest has raised an estimated $1,600, some of which will be matched by the Lily Endowment.

The grand total should be announced mid-next week. Money was collected from the race, the walk, area businesses and faculty and staff. Some staff and students that were not able to run or walk Tuesday still donated money due to the cause.

Notre Dame Federal Credit Union made a $1,000 donation and money is still being counted as it flows in from area businesses.

Kachmarik said the highlight of the race was senior Caroline Kondratenko's participation in the race.

"What a great thing it was to have this senior participate in the event that was honoring the memory of her sister," said Kachmarik.

Each of the top 25 finishers from the walk and from the race received a T-shirt for completing the race. Kachmarik said it was a great day and the event was for a good cause.

"(Suzanne) seems to have been an incredible young woman who left her mark," said Kachmarik.

Last year, money was donated to the Firefighters Fund in New York.

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Waves of car thefts reported

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
News Writer

Four student vehicles were broken into and robbed in the past month while parked in the Angola parking lot at Saint Mary's, security officials said. Although the break-ins happened on separate dates and at different times of day, similarities linked the incidents, said Dan Woods, interim security director at the College.

In three of the four cases, the thief dislodged a door lock to gain entry to the vehicle. Woods said in the fourth incident, the vehicle was left unlocked.

Various items reported stolen in all four cases were an empty purse, a purse with contents and car stereos. Woods said security patrols have been monitoring all campus lots more frequently as a result of the recent occurrences.

"The security department is currently in the final stages of development of a new escort service for the Saint Mary's campus," said Woods. "This will provide additional visibility in the parking lots as well as another source for reporting suspicious behavior."

Simple precautions include removing money or other valuables, face plates and car stereos whenever possible, said Woods. Security reminds students and faculty to report all suspicious persons or activities sighted. The department can be reached by dialing x-5000 from any campus phone. An officer will then be dispatched to the area to investigate.

There have been instances of vehicle break-ins in the past at Saint Mary's, but most turned out to be isolated events, Woods said. Each case is examined by a security investigator who then reports it to local law enforcement agencies.

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This year's Oktoberfest to benefit scholarship

By JAMIE BELCHER
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Many Saint Mary's students participated in the walk and run held on Tuesday at Saint Mary's as part of Oktoberfest festivities. The money raised will benefit a scholarship established in memorial of Suzanne Kondratenko, a 1996 Saint Mary's alumna who died on Sept. 11.
INSIDE COLUMN

SYR brings life to weekend

This past weekend, for the first time this year, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students had to answer the question — what are we going to do without football?

Maybe a chariot race or an SYR would do the trick?

On Saturday, though held their usual chariot races, attracting a large crowd while offering competition in games such as mud wrestling and, of course, the actual races. All this was done during a time that many students would be sleeping in after a late Friday night, yet its reputation brought students from all over campus to witness or participate in the events. It only was a beginning.

Later that night, several dorms held their SYR's, attended the Dillon-Alumni Big Red Dawg Dance with my beautiful date Alison, and it was definitely the most fun night I have had this semester.

It was interesting to attend the SYR in its new "improved" form. For one, dates were not allowed to enter Dillon Hall until 9 p.m., but it wasn't a big deal. My date arrived just after 9, and we proceeded to watch "Van Wilder" with a few friends. Another one of the new rules was that everybody attending the dance must arrive by 10:45 p.m. until 1:45 a.m., obviously to curb stu-
dent's going over three hours without playing in the morning. After walking all over home and came back to Dillon, only to be glad to be escorted them in with my roommate.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- "Transnational Perspectives in American Catholic History," Deirdre Manlove, Cootha Center, Conference Room, 4:15 p.m.
- "Beyond Mind / Mishawaka Youth Leadership, Clubhouse, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- History Saint Mary's, HCG/Wealth Parlor, 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- Student senate: Current Status of Student Services and Learning to Talk About Race Retreat podiums, LaFortune, Notre Dame room, 6 p.m.
- Distinguished Lecture: Jo Lakenyi, McKenna Hall, Auditorium, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Graduate Student Christian Fellowship, Wilson Commons, 10 to 11 p.m.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Oct. 1 issue Notre’s William’s column, follow Pic should have ended. Thanks are you’ll get the experience of life and maybe earn a cup of hot tea.

The Observer regrets the error.
Notre Dame honors German history

By JESSICA DALSING
News/View

The Department of German and Russian Languages and Literatures hosted a bi-lingual program Tuesday to honor German-American Day.

The program's goal was to honor "all Americans and Americans of German descent for their invaluable contributions to the American way of life and culture," said John Liontas, assistant professor of German and chair of the program.

Topics as diverse as German engineering and German architecture were highlighted in the program. Musical presentations by Bach and other German composers were given. The visual arts were represented with a poster contest commerating German-American Day.

"The German culture has made so many contributions to America, but people do not realize that those contributing are of German descent," said Liontas.

Though many are not aware, one out of every five Americans declared that they were of German ancestry in the 1980 U.S. Census. Many Notre Dame students are interested in Germany because of its genealogical significance.

German student Angela Zawada started her studies of German because she wanted to get in touch with her heritage.

Yet the American connection to Germany may be far less personal. Throughout the generations, prominent Germans have entered politics, business and academia.

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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

Members amend constitution

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

The Graduate Student Union passed three constitutional amendments and began the approval process for a fourth Tuesday.

Five minutes into the meeting, the union unanimously approved a proposal to allow all members of the union to vote, in the absence of sufficient departmental representatives. Resolutions amended stipend changes to the budget and allowing the organization's president to appoint himself as the chairman of the meeting were also unanimously approved in the meeting.

Members also approved a proposal to amend the constitution to give all GSU members voting privileges except on constitutional changes, where only departmental representatives can vote. The proposal was approved at the group's November meeting, the constitution will be amended.

Tim Dale, GSU president, also proposed a resolution allowing the organization's office manager, Donna Frahn, to assume some of the duties of travel grant secretary. Dale proposed allowing Frahn to process conference reimbursement requests and to allocate the $500 stipend to her.

"Part of the reason why he (the previous travel grant secretary) resigned is that this is very labor-intensive," Dale said. "This (appointing Frahn) is actually going to be a more efficient system than having a graduate student do it.

Another resolution introduced by Dale called for Stephanie Arnett, Academic Affairs committee chairperson, to assume the remaining responsibility of the Travel Grant secretary, namely allocating $1,000 to a department to host an academic conference. Arnett would also receive the $100 stipend associated with that responsibility.

Both proposals unanimously passed.

In other GSU news:

» GSU representatives continued to voice concerns regarding graduate student healthcare. According to representative Firth Dame, healthcare is still overpriced and inadequate.

Health Care Committee chairperson Heather Edwards, however, urged a cautious approach. "The Graduate School has been completely helpful in our attempts to change the health-care system. We have not the time to antagonize people. There are so many things to get changed but we really can't do anything until we get subsidization."

» The GSU signed a formal agreement with the office of Residence Life and Housing after discussing the quality of life at graduate student housing. According to Stephanie Liu, University Village lacks sidewalks, forcing graduate students to play in parking lots and streets. Demir also added that a regular shuttle service does not exist between the residences, Notre Dame and nearby off-campus venues.

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U-WIRE

HIV vaccine may advance to human testing

By CARLA CORREA
The Donsbrough

As AIDS researchers race to find vaccines to prevent the disease, a potential vaccine is inching closer to human testing.

Scientists at the Institute of Human Virology and the Center for Vaccine Development, both associated with the University of Maryland School of Medicine, have developed the vaccine and tested it on animals, including monkeys and mice.

The first phase of clinical trials in humans is anticipated in the near future.

"We think scientifically it's a very substantial step forward," said Robert Gallo, discoverer of HIV, the virus which causes AIDS, and founder of the institute.

"Most of the vaccines fail in trials, meaning there is no positive response," Gallo said. "But these vaccines are different. They are very promising."

The major challenge in developing an HIV vaccine is that multiple strains of the virus exist, researchers said.

HIV consists of a protein "envelope" that surrounds the virus' genome. The outer surface of the envelope is studded with proteins, called CD4, which may be used to attach itself to the cells it infects. Gp120 has features that differ from strain to strain, making it difficult for scientists to combat all strains of HIV, Gallo said.

"The simple thing is that many people, particularly, live viruses are "modified" to create vaccines, he said. "We can't do that with HIV; it would be too dangerous."

Gp120 binds to the CD4 proteins on T cells, present in the immune system. The virus then destroys the T cells. AIDS occurs when a person's T cell count falls below 200.

The institute bound gp120 to CD4. Gallo said, creating a complex, which, when introduced to the body, triggers the production of antibodies that recognize gp120. If the individual is later exposed to HIV, the antibodies will recognize the HIV gp120 before it can infect healthy T cells.

A September report in U.S. proceedings in the National Academy of Sciences, authored by Drs. Timothy Flynn and Thomas Cech, among others, describes the findings in detail.

"It's a very interesting approach," said David Golden, director of treatment information services at the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

"Ultimately, it could prove to be an important factor for the immune system."

The Institute of Human Virology is the first in the United States to combine the disciplines of basic research, epidemiology and clinical research in an effort to speed the discovery of diagnostics and therapeutics for a wide variety of chronic and deadly viral and immune disorders, most notably HIV. The institute formed in 1996 as a partnership between the state of Maryland and the University of Maryland Medical System.

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Stop until we go over that goal line.

"Much like Coach Willingham's 'Why not?' motto, 'Return to Glory' perfectly sums up what we, as a community, need to make happen," Elkins said. "With a new coach and a new plan, it is our time to be the Notre Dame everyone expects and remembers. I just strongly believed that's possible, between students and fans together."

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"The Shirt program is so worthwhile because it not only funds all student activities, but it adds to and becomes a part of the incredible school spirit we have here," Elkins said. "Now addition this year's shirt to the tradition and creating the sea of green that has garnered attention nationwide, I think that there is an even stronger bond, if that is possible, between students during football games and higher spirits among alumni as well. Seeing that kind of unity here definitely feels great."

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U-WIRE

Stanford students conflicted on Iraq

By JENNIFER GRAHAM
The Stanford Daily

STANFORD, Calif. — As the nation engages in debate over whether the United States should take military action against Iraq, many Stanford University students are struggling to decide if they will support a U.S.-led war against Iraq.

While members of some political and religious campus organizations have clear-cut views on how the United States should act, student sentiment is characterized largely by skepticism and confusion, at times even putting members of groups which normally share similar opinions on opposite sides of the fence, in a departure from their normal views or alliances.

Even among the traditionally liberal undergraduate population at Stanford, it is not impossible to find people divided in support of war.

"I think we should do it very soon," Fairbanks said. "We should invade as soon as possible since the conditions are right in Iraq, and we should take him out since he's obviously a danger to us, to the region, to our allies and our own people."

In contrast, Stanford junior Ian Slattery, a member of the Stanford Coalition for Peace and Justice, said he felt taking action against Iraq would be a mistake.

"I think most people in the group are opposed to using the military force — especially right now," he said.

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See your friends and support Senior Bar's last semester on campus.
CUBA

Hurricane Lili gains strength and heads for Gulf

Associated Press

Havana

Hurricane Lili strengthened as it passed across western Cuba on Tuesday, forcing thou­ sands from hundreds of homes as emergency workers across the Caribbean grappled with the damage it left in its wake. The storm killed seven people in Jamaica and St. Vincent.

Lili was upgraded to a Category 2 hurricane when its winds increased to nearly 100 mph as it whipped across Cuba and began taking aim for Gulf of Mexico and the U.S. Gulf coast. Forecasters put it near the Texas or Louisiana coast by Thursday and said sustained winds were likely to strengthen.

Category 2 storms have winds above 96 mph and can rip boats from their moorings and prompt serious flooding and wind damage. Government tele­ vision showed images of high winds whipping the leaves of towering palms on the Isle of Youth, but authorities said there were no casualties and no immediate reports of major damage.

"Western Cuba will continue to feel heavy rains and strong storm surges until Wednesday," said NHC Director Bill Nelson, lead fore­ caster at the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

"But by the time the storm gets to the United States, it will be stronger and it will pack a bigger storm surge."

Cuban President Fidel Castro, who traveled to the western province of Pinar del Rio early Tuesday afternoon to check on civil defense plans as the hurri­ cane roared across the island's southern end.

At 7 p.m. EDT, the eye of the storm was crossing the south­ ernmost part of Cuba, about 135 miles southwest of Havana. Hurricane force winds extended 25 miles and tropical storm force winds another 140 miles. Lili, the fourth hurricane this year, was moving north­ west at about 14 mph.

In New Orleans, authorities were discussing possible evacu­ ation plans as the hurri­ cane roared across the island's western end.

"We've had a hurricane named Marilyn, but it was a joke, compared to this," said Cindy Bencivenga, a receptionist at a hospital in the heart of the city.

"This is definitely no joke."

In western Cuba, fishermen hurried to port to secure their vessels. Officials said nearly 30,000 people fled to govern­ ment shelters and more than 100,000 took refuge with friends and family members in safer areas. The entire seaside town of Santiago de Cuba, with 6,500 residents, was evacuated.

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AUSTRIA

U.S. and Iraq agree on return of weapons inspectors

Associated Press

Vienna

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National News Briefs

U.S. links al-Qaida to embassy plot: U.S. counterterrorism officials believe the opera­ tions chief of an al-Qaida affiliate in Southeast Asia played a key role in a failed plot to bomb at least one American embassy in the region to mark the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. Hambali, an Indonesian cleric whose real name is Riduan Isamuddin, is one of the top two leaders of Jemaah Islamiyah, a regional Islamic extremist network with cells in Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Myanmar and Thailand, according to U.S. officials, speaking on the condi­ tion of anonymity.

Fla. Gov. Bush lifts one execution stay: Gov. Jeb Bush lifted a stay of execution Tuesday for a convicted murderer after a panel of psy­ chiatrists concluded the man is mentally compe­ tent. The execution of triple killer Rigo­ berto Sanchez-Velasco was again set for Wednesday.

Trials opens in 1969 race riot death: A former mayor and two other white men went on trial for murder Tuesday, with a prosecutor saying all three played a role in the ambush slaying of a young black woman during a 1969 race riot. Standing trial are Charlie Robertson, a policeman at the time of the riots who went on to become mayor, and two men who prosecutors say were members of white gangs that attacked the car carrying Lillie Belle Allen, a preacher's daughter visiting from Aiken, S.C.

Two farmers driving an ox cart are whipped by winds and rain caused by Hurricane Lili in the town of Ovas, Cuba. Hurricane Lili lashed southwestern Cuba early Tuesday, after the gov­ ernment evacuated more than half a million people from low-lying areas for their safety.

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15 die in Kashmir election attacks: Militants struck polling stations, set off explosions and fired on security forces in Indian Kashmir on Tuesday, killing at least 15 people in the third and most violent round of balloting for the state legisla­ ture. More than 135 political activists, candidates, soldiers and civilians have died since the election was announced in August. Nevertheless, 41 per­ cent of registered voters in the disputed Himalayan province braved the violence and ignored a sepa­ ratisit call for a boycott.

Subway workers strike in London: Subway workers began a 24-hour strike on the London Tube on Tuesday night, prompting rush hour night­ marish scenes as thousands of commuters followed the lockout. The strike, which follows a similar move last Wednesday, began at 8 p.m., when most of the mil­ lions of commuters who use the London Underground each day had already returned home.

News Briefs

U.S. links al-Qaida to embassy plot: U.S. counterterrorism officials believe the opera­ tions chief of an al-Qaida affiliate in Southeast Asia played a key role in a failed plot to bomb at least one American embassy in the region to mark the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. Hambali, an Indonesian cleric whose real name is Riduan Isamuddin, is one of the top two leaders of Jemaah Islamiyah, a regional Islamic extremist network with cells in Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Myanmar and Thailand, according to U.S. officials, speaking on the condi­ tion of anonymity.

Fla. Gov. Bush lifts one execution stay: Gov. Jeb Bush lifted a stay of execution Tuesday for a convicted murderer after a panel of psy­ chiatrists concluded the man is mentally compe­ tent. The execution of triple killer Rigo­ berto Sanchez-Velasco was again set for Wednesday.

Trials opens in 1969 race riot death: A former mayor and two other white men went on trial for murder Tuesday, with a prosecutor saying all three played a role in the ambush slaying of a young black woman during a 1969 race riot. Standing trial are Charlie Robertson, a policeman at the time of the riots who went on to become mayor, and two men who prosecutors say were members of white gangs that attacked the car carrying Lillie Belle Allen, a preacher's daughter visiting from Aiken, S.C.

Transient charged in Calif. bus attack: A transient was booked on suspicion of murder Tuesday for allegedly slashing the throat of a woman as she was riding the bus near Fresno. It was carrying 50 people from Los Angeles to San Francisco, flipped on its side when it landed as a hurricane, especially to agricultural crops. The lucrative tobacco crop, however, had already been har­ vested.

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Applebee’s: ‘Gay Weddings’ ad error

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Applebee’s restaurant group, which drew fire from a conservative Christian organization for advertising on the Bravo reality miniseries "Gay Weddings," said Tuesday that the ad ran by mistake.

As an advertiser, we — like most companies — prefer to stay with non-controversial shows," Laurie Ellison, spokesperson for Applebee’s International said the company specifically asked the cable television channel not to run the ad during "Gay Weddings.

"As an advertiser, we — like most companies — prefer to stay with non-controversial shows," Laurie Ellison said. The ad ran once during the first episode of "Gay Weddings" on Sept. 2. The show ran for four nights, each time profiling a gay or lesbian couple preparing to exchange vows.

On Sept. 4, Focus on the Family’s Web site criticized the show and named Applebee’s as one of the advertisers. Bravo acknowledged its mistake, and no Applebee’s ads ran during subsequent episodes, Ellison said. Bravo spokeswoman Caroline Bock confirmed that the cable channel erred.

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Cathy Renna, a spokeswoman for the national Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, said she was disappointed with Applebee’s.

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RECYCLE THE OBSERVER
**Global Crossing exec on trial**

**Winnick accused of insider trading**

Associated Press

Chairman of the Board of Directors Gary Winnick of Global Crossing Ltd., testifies as Chief Financial Officer Dan Cohrs looks on during a hearing before a House subcommittee on oversight and investigations on Capitol Hill yesterday.

Winnick promised to write his check to help reimburse employees for some of the money they lost "very soon." He challenged other corporate executives to follow his example.

Joseph Nacchio, the former Qwest chief executive who testified later Tuesday, firmly refused. Nacchio sold $235 million in Qwest stock but said the company is not bankrupt and maintains retirement plans.

Rep. Diana DeGette, Colo., whose district includes Qwest headquarters, had challenged Nacchio to match Winnick's pledge. When he refused, DeGette said: "I guess your answer is tough luck."

WorldCom to pay $36M severance

Associated Press

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In brief

AOL Time Warner chairman secure

AOL Time Warner chairman Steve Case expressed confidence about the troubled media conglomerate's future on Tuesday, and indicated that he sees his role at the company continuing.

At an Investment conference sponsored by Goldman Sachs, Case acknowledged that the past year has been difficult but said the company helped create had the right mix of businesses to succeed - despite accounting questions at its America Online division and a struggling stock price.

"I have tremendous confidence in AOL Time Warner and in my ability to be the leader," he said. "Unstoppable consumer trends are moving our way providing real opportunity for growth."

Expedia, NorthWest talks crumble

Online travel agents Expedia Inc. removed Northwest Airlines' flights from its search engine Tuesday after contract-extension talks between the companies broke down.

"We are disappointed that despite several months of negotiations, that we have been unable to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement," Al Lenza, Northwest's vice president of distribution, said in a letter sent to Expedia, dated Tuesday. A copy of the letter was provided to The Associated Press.

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Congressional investigators are looking into whether Global Crossing Ltd. and Qwest Communications International Inc. used misleading accounting to boost revenues artificially and thus give investors and financial analysts a false picture of the companies' financial health.

Qwest already has announced it is reversing $950 million in revenue from suspect transactions and probably will revise its revenues even more, Qwest chief financial officer Owen Shaffer said. Other Global Crossing executives who testified Tuesday joined Winnick in denying that they pushed for deals that had no purpose other than increasing revenues.

WorldCom will pay $36 million in severance to its laid-off workers, who have accused the company of artificially inflating its revenue. A federal judge yesterday approved a settlement in the case.

WorldCom, the nation’s No. 2 long distance carrier, filed for bankruptcy in July as a multi-billion-dollar-a-year shortfalls and issued warnings to other executives.

But Winnick said he did not learn of looming problems in the company he founded until June 2001, from Global Crossing’s top lawyer, James Gorton, who was advising the chairman that executives no longer would be able to sell company stock because of a changing financial picture. Winnick had sold $123 million in stock in late May.

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Tuesday for failing to use more descriptive parental advisory labels that specify whether a song contains sex, violence or strong language. The industry says the current labels give parents enough information without violating the right to free expression.

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In lieu of the lucrative settlements, the 19 will receive the same package as the rank-and-file workers: up to 26 weeks of salary and benefits.

The decision allows each of some 4,000 laid-off workers to receive an average of $9,000 a month to supplement the $4.650 WorldCom already paid.

In the four months before filing for bankruptcy on July 21, WorldCom laid off or said it would fire 12,800 people. The company, which owns the nation’s No. 2 long distance carrier, MCI, has since said it would raise the total to 17,000.

It is unclear whether WorldCom will offer — or the court will approve — identical severance payments to other current or former workers.

WorldCom attorney Marcia Goldstein urged U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez to approve the payments, which, she said, would allow WorldCom to "restore the confidence of its employees, whose cooperation and continued loyalty are essential."

With WorldCom in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings — in the biggest such case in U.S. history — the court must approve virtually every dollar the company spends and hear objections from creditors.

Attorneys for all creditors but one — carrier Broadwing Inc. — agreed to WorldCom’s severance proposal.
No bail for terror suspect

Associated Press

A federal magistrate Tuesday ordered an American Muslim held without bail on charges of trying to establish a terrorist training camp in Oregon.

The magistrate was quoted as saying it was the only way to ensure his appearance at trial.

U.S. Magistrate John Weinberg added that the government had presented persuasive evidence that James Ujaama, who grew up in Seattle, had been helping terrorism.

Ujaama was arrested July 22 in Denver.

He was held as a material witness until Aug. 29, when a grand jury indicted him on one count of conspiracy to provide material support and resources for the al-Qaeda terrorist network. Another count was also included of using, carrying, possessing and discharging firearms during a crime.

Weinberg noted Ujaama's previous work as a community activist in Seattle. "He was a fine citizen over those years," the magistrate said, "but people change."

Although Ujaama's mother and aunt had offered to put up their houses as collateral, that would not ensure Ujaama would stay in this country to face trial, Weinberg said.

The trial is set to begin this November.

Prosecutors say Ujaama, 36, tried to set up a terrorist training camp in Bly, Ore., in 1999. He denies the charges.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Hamilton argued that since Ujaama converted to Islam and traveled to London in 1997, he has become a close associate of Abu Hamza al-Masri.

The government froze al-Masri's funds for his alleged membership in the Islamic Army of Aden, the organization that claimed responsibility for the bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen in October 2000.

Al-Masri provided Ujaama with a letter of introduction that enabled him to attend a terrorist camp in Afghanistan, Hamilton said.

Prosecutors say they aren't sure when he attended.

Ujaama's lawyers argued that the government had provided no evidence he is a flight risk.

Attorney Robert Mahler also questioned the source of the government's allegations.

"Where does all this information come from?" he asked. "They haven't provided a stitch of evidence."

Prosecutors have declined to identify their source, except as a "cooperating witness" referred to in the indictment.

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Blair: World must set Iraq ultimatum

Associated Press

BLACKPOOL

The world must send Saddam Hussein an ultimatum about weapons of mass destruction and be ready to back up tough talk with force, Prime Minister Tony Blair said Tuesday.

Bolstered by a vote of support from his war-wary Labor Party, Blair delivered an impassioned, hour-long speech that left him sweating from exertion, saying Britain must be ready to face the danger Iraq poses.

"There are times when caution is retreat and retreat is dangerous," he told the party's annual gathering in the northern English resort of Blackpool.

"I know the worry over Iraq. People accept Saddam is bad. But they fear it's being done for the wrong motives. They fear us acting alone," he said. "Let us lay down the ultimatum. Let Saddam comply with the will of the U.N."

If he doesn't comply, Blair said, "Here is the hard part. If ... we lose our collective will to deal with it, we will lose the authority not of the United States, or of Britain, but of the United Nations."

In a wide-ranging speech that dealt largely with domestic issues, Blair linked the show­down with Saddam to efforts to renew Britain and_modernize his party.

The address echoed what Blair has been saying in speeches in the United States since September 11, that the United States and Britain must work together with other countries to face the threat of terrorism.

The prime minister said that when dealing with dictators, sometimes "the only hope for peace is the readiness for war."

Blair has been President Bush's strongest ally in the campaign to build international support for action against Saddam, but talk of war with Iraq has stirred up opposition in Parliament, his party and the general public.

The United States and Britain have put forward a draft reso­lution to the U.N. Security Council that includes an autho­rization for use of military force if Iraq does not comply on weapons inspections. The coun­cil's five permanent members discussed the draft Tuesday, and France is seeking two resolu­tion, with the second allowing force if the first on inspections is not obeyed.

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Don't panic: Combating the senior anxiety attack

Senior year: It's been called a year to remember. The last hurrah. A time to let the good times roll with great friends and cheap drinks. A year to finish a four-year stint in academia. But lately, senior year has most often been referred to as a time to panic. Maybe it's the dismal economy or the unwritten senior thesis.

Maybe it's the disturbing thought of entering something other than "student" on tax forms. Maybe it's the idea of graduation. Suddenly, shrugging and saying that we have no idea what we're going to do after college provokes less of a carefree "carpe diem" moment than one of wide-eyed alarm.

Whether it's the dismal market or the thought of the looming LSAT, from Cavanaugh Hall to Castle Point, senior anxiety has begun.

It starts small. We think about jobs, graduate school applications, where love might lead us and what on earth we're going to do with that ancient, slain riddled futen we bought during freshman orientation. We have classes to take, applications to finish, bills to pay and section meetings to run.

And we begin to focus our attention on "the last time." The last time we'll get up at 6 a.m. to tailgate. The last time we'll pull an all-nighter to get that paper written. The last fall break. The last time we'll all be together. More and more, senior year is beginning to look like a terminal illness. This is where the panic begins.

We realize that soon, on a seemingly ordinary Sunday in May, our lives will change forever. Amid congratulations from family and tears from fellow graduates, we'll cross the bridge from student to alumni. Alums! Suddenly, visions of elderly men in high-water-plaid pants and green cardigans fill our minds, and we wonder what happened to our youth and how anyone could actually wear plaid pants with a straight face.

We've begun to look at Notre Dame with nostalgia before we've even left it. Suddenly, we've painted a picture of the future as bleak as a South Bend day in February. It's as if we've found a perfect world and we're afraid to leave it. We're comfortable in our surroundings. Nothing is new, and yet, we're encouraged by it. We've found our place and we understand our place in it. Life at 22 has become our finest hour.

But didn't we feel like this our senior year in high school? We were familiar with our schools, our teams and our friends. We wanted to hold on to 18 as long as we could, and we did. We came to college with yearbooks and hometown relationships and produced long distance bills that broke our bank accounts. We felt like we had made the biggest decision of our lives. For most of us, it was.

And now, we're there again. Senior year is certainly a time for decision making. The options we choose will certainly affect our lives. But how different are we than we were four years ago?

We made a huge decision in something unpredictable, but in the end, we made it. We grow up. We become who we are now. We start a life together.

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Another working world is possible

Last weekend, thousands of people came together to speak up against more than a hundred years of corporate greed. They raised lists, banners and signs to show resistance to corporate power. The concentration was in opposition to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, but the protest was more than a confrontation with these institutions. It was more a challenge to the power and economy so that we can have a future where we live without a struggle. We need to organize and have solidarity across the general population.

This mobilization was about fighting back — fighting the corporate control of our economy, fighting the corporate control of our lives and fighting the corporate control of our lives. This hegemony can be seen in any workplace from Wal-Mart to the fields of southwest Florida. An old struggle, building, and that is a resistance against the greed that has dominated the lives of millions of people across the globe.

In the United States, the top (richest) five percent own more than 20 percent of the wealth, and more than 90 percent of our country lives in poverty. If you tally up all the gaps, the top five percent will do everything they can to keep profits up. At organizations tuition to show a profit, CEOs and their cohorts earn millions of dollars, giving themselves bonuses at the end of the year. Their bonuses come at the expense of our poor and workers whose wages are cut, better ones lost or, worse, their jobs are lost.

Our system of economy is prosperous at the workers that built that the riches and capital do not earn much of the wealth. As a result, the rich treat their workers and suffer, schools suffer and the struggle to live day by day for many people becomes more and more difficult. The poor, the homeless and workers who have lost their power through disenfranchisement.

Many people who suffer economically have lost hope that our economy will become less focused on profits and more on people. Workers, both white and blue collar, are afraid to speak up in fear that their factories or jobs will be exported or that they themselves will be fired and replaced by more compliant workers who are more willing to work for less, especially with the increased unemployment is being more and more difficult to find. This is not an economic agency, but rather a wage-slavery.

The wealthy will not willingly relinquish the power they have over the general population. Rights that are so cherished basic today were not handed over without a struggle. We need to organize to reclaim our power and to transform our communities and the world that we live in a more just system.

Corporations are always looking for cheap labor. When one worker speaks up to the boss about his or her working conditions, pay or benefits, the worker faces the risk of being fired and replaced by cheaper labor. When the workers speak up with a unified, organized voice, the corporation or employer is confronted with a powerful force and forced to listen. This does not stop the global "race to the bottom" for cheap labor.

Companies everywhere must organize with the poor and the workers to help in the struggle against corporate greed. We have to fight back with organized power against the system that prevents many from being able to have a good home, a good job or good health care. These are the basics of life, and they should be guaranteed for all.

Our government, for the most part, is not on the side of working people. Right now, President Bush is threatening to use the military to force the longshoremen’s union to work on the Pacific coast, just so that the companies that use their labor can have higher profits off of their work. He wants to spend billions for war, but hardly any on solving poverty or improving education. Bush wants to make trade easier between the United States and Latin America and South America to allow the corporations in the United States to use the cheaper labor of the South and raise profits for corporations here — putting at risk domestic jobs and the environment.

It is possible to change our current system, but change starts on the local level, whether it is in the classroom, the workplace or the community. We need to organize and mobilize to improve our communities. We must pressure our employers and corporations to recognize the dignity and value of each of their workers.

This is a long struggle, a struggle that takes time, effort and people. Those who oppose the IMF and World Bank are already taking to the streets in opposition to corporate globalization. Workers across the country are organizing for better working conditions and democracy in the workplace, and community organizations are taking off in every city fighting for better schools, public housing and holding politicians accountable.

This is a national and global movement on the local level that is challenging the current power structures. Together, we can make a change and put a stop to the greedy machine that dominates our lives.

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Some opportunities to grow in faith

I am writing in response to Mary Beth Ellis’ letter to the editor. Ellis, a Saint Mary’s alumna, wrote that she “never found an opportunity to foster...” Here is Catholic faith on campus.

Ellis, wonder if you were on the same campus that I am on. Just to clarify, are you talking about the campus that has chapels in every residence hall, daily masses and a convent full of passionately faithful sisters attached to Holy Cross Hall? Were you on the campus that offers four to six Circle K events per week and dozens of Bible studies, prayer groups, retreats and religious education groups daily, weekly, monthly and annually? Saint Mary’s takes it a step further by providing students who have demon who offer daily Bible study and spiritual guidance at Belles in the Rome Program.

Ellis, you might remember Jesus Christ as a hallmark of Catholicism, which is why the College offers many opportunities to follow in his footsteps. Many students have served and continue to serve those in need at Hannah’s House, The Casa de Amistad, the Logan Center, community hospitals and many more. These activities are done every day through Saint Mary’s organizations such as the SURV Center, Circle K, Right to Life and Campus Ministry.

I am writing in response to Mike Marchand’s Sept. 30 column. Marchand’s claims that America’s intelligence systems failed to “put together all the pieces” that bin Laden’s forces were planning a strike against the United States is a little misleading.

First of all, America’s intelligence agencies had information regarding bin Laden and had been informing government officials of the challenges that many from being able to have a good home, a good job or good health care. These are the basics of life, and they should be guaranteed for all.

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There was no way to prevent the attacks. All we can do is try to learn from them, which is why a preemptive strike against America is ridiculous, but it would also make us no better than the terrorists who attacked our country.

As Marchand points out, we could defeat Sadaam Hussein, but the costs to our country both politically and economically could be a crippling blow. As Marchand points out, we could defeat Sadaam Hussein now because he is a “vicious and evil tyrant” and “he possesses weapons that can cause unimaginable horrors.” But if I’m not mistaken, the terrorists attacked us because they felt that we Americans were also “vicious and evil tyrants.”

If we attack Iraq now, while trying to fight world terrorism, we could dig ourselves a hole we might not soon get out of.

Nate Johnson
supervisor
St. Edward’s Hall
Sept. 30
Suspect you might be a Simpson? If you exhibit two or more of these traits you may be a Simpson

**Homer**
Do you:
- **Drink excessively**
- **Not work more than will keep you alive**
- **Love donuts more than your soul**
- **Pay little attention to personal hygiene/family members**

**Margaret**
Do you:
- **Never hold a job for more than a week**
- **Instinctively pretend to know the moral thing to do**
- **Have gigantic blue hair (beehive style)**
- **Think gigantic blue hair is cool**

**Lisa**
Do you:
- **Own only one piece of clothing**
- **Find constant conflict between family and morals**
- **Know it all**
- **Have shrill violence-inducing voice**
- **Love trees more than life itself**
- **Choo-choo choose Ralphie**

**Bart**
Do you:
- **Have inability to age for 13 straight years**
- **Communicate only through pacifier noises**
- **Incite madcap adventures by getting lost**
- **Have uncanny ability to be ironic**

By JUlie Bender
Assistant Scene Editor

The familiar music sets in, the clouds part revealing an average town complete with a grocery store, a school, suburban neighborhoods and a bar. Strange-looking people with large, buggy eyes, yellow skin of the jaundiced variety, overbites and untamable coifs bustle about. No, this isn’t a typical episode of Days of Our Lives or even Passions. This television program can’t be characterized as a sitcom, a documentary or even a cartoon. It defies genre, yet it has become a staple of American culture. As the choir suggests in its angelic voice at the beginning of the show, there is only possible explanation... "The Simpsons."

For nearly 15 years, the Simpson family, their friends, enemies and neighbors have been transfixed audiences with their laugh-inducing, often thought-provoking shenanigans. They have become some of the most recognizable faces on television, perhaps even in the country. When little children are asked who the most recognizable cartoon characters are, their responses are no longer just Mickey Mouse and Joe Camel... Bart Simpson has become just as much of a cultural icon as the rest of them.

"The Simpsons" didn’t start out showing the promise of the phenomenon they’d soon become. In fact they have roots as a bunch of scratchy cartoons in the elementary school notebooks of creator Matt Groening (rhymes with "rain—ing"). Before following his life’s calling as an ingenious cartoonist, Groening...
first worked as a sewage treatment plant employee and as a chauffeur. Soon realizing these careers weren't for him, Groening sought out a newspaper willing to publish his pen and ink comedic antics. Stemming from his elementary days, Groening reacquainted himself with drawing and creating cartoons, eventually landing himself a job in 1957 with a weekly comic strip for a newspaper. The strip was called "Life in Hell," and was a sarcastic look into the lives of three rabbits and a pair of love-сяichoping devo­

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sion to this day. After their 1989 debut, the faces of the Simpson characters became ubiquitous throughout the nation. T-shirts, posters, lunch boxes, advertisements, CB's - the Simpsons were and still are inseparable. Even phrases from the show became part of the Oxford English Dictionary because of its common usage in the English language. Just think of what Homer's reaction would be to finding out he invented a word in the dictionary!
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Twins beat A's 7-4 after rallying from deficit

• Yankees come from behind to beat Angels; Cardinals crush Big Unit and Diamondbacks

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. - In the first two seasons intermingled in their lives, the young Minnesota Twins made three errors, allowed four unruly runs and reached their boiling point.

A year wasn't the way October was supposed to be for the Twins, particularly the ones who've been dreaming of the playoffs since their days together in the lower minors.

There was an emotional dugout scene — and the jitters evaporated, replaced by hard-nosed play and growing confidence.

Jason Giambi had four hits, and Corey Koskie homered and drove in three runs as the Twins overcame an early deficit and a series of fielding blunders to win Game 1 of the American League Division Series. Minnesota prevailed 5-4 in the first game of the AL Division Series.

Jason Giambi started the inning and hit the first two before Alfonso Soriano. Soriano hit a sacrifice fly to right field to go out with a 5-4 win in the season for the Twins.

Giambi hit a hard one-boper that deflected off first baseman Scott Spiezio's glove into right field. It was a comforting 2-0 run in the season for the Twins.

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Jets, Steelers spending big bucks; Packers play cheaply

Associated Press

The New York Jets, who spent lavishly in the last six weeks to re-sign three key players, have the NFL’s highest payroll at $87,343,231. Pittsburgh, once criticized as unwilling to pay the big money necessary to retain star players, began the season with the NFL’s second-highest payroll, according to figures compiled by the NFL Players Association.

The Jets, who made the plays-off last season but are 1-3 this year, spent considerable money on signing bonuses because they re-signed three of their best players. The Jets paid $49,349,330 to just 26 players, including running back Curtis Martin, wide receiver Wayne Chrebet and center Kevin Mawae, all of whom got huge contracts this year.

After finishing 13-3 last season, the Steelers moved to keep their team together by signing most of their top players to long-term contracts. Their payroll is $85,069,621. By contrast, the Philadelphia Eagles, 3-1 compared to the Steelers’ 1-2, paid only $7,569,550 in signing bonuses to 12 players before signing quarterback Donovan McNabb to a new contract last week. The deal included a $20.5 million signing bonus.

NFL payrolls can change during the season because of deals such as McNabb’s, and often differ greatly from the salary cap, which this season is $71.1 million per team. The payroll includes all player expenditures, while the salary cap covers player costs charged against a team that season.

Under the cap, signing bonuses are prorated over the life of the player’s contract. For example, the Steelers paid freebacker Jason Gildon a $6.5 million signing bonus; only $1.3 million counts against this season’s cap because the deal is for five years. The Steelers’ expenditures include $44,775,634 in signing bonuses to 23 players, including key starters such as Gildon, Alan Faneca, Joey Porter and Aaron Smith.

The Jets and Steelers’ payrolls are well above those of the No. 3 team, the San Francisco 49ers ($10,918,200). The Packers paid $10 million in signing bonuses to 19 players.

The 13-year-old league salary cap, including signing bonuses, is $100 million for each team coming in at a league-high $1,605,087, a figure inflated by long-term commitments to many players this year. The Packers had the lowest average salary, $752,185.

Dele considered cutting brother off financially

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Former NFL center Bison Dele considered finically cutting off his brother before the ex-player and two companions disappeared while boating in the South Pacific, according to a police report.

Dele was tired of bailing out his brother, Miles Dabord, out of his problems and wanted him to take a more "self-reliant" approach to life, according to the Phoenix Police Department report.

In the report, Phoenix police allege Dabord used his brother’s identity to try to buy $152,000 in gold in Arizona in early September.

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Mets dump Valentine after quirky 2002 season

Ex-manager became 5th post-season casualty in baseball Tuesday

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Manager Bobby Valentine was fired by the New York Mets, two days after they finished last in the National League East and two seasons after the team reached the World Series.

The team put together a $95 million payroll last winter, bringing in Roberto Alomar, Mark Johnson, Roger Clemens and others, but it struggled all year and was embarrassed by accusations last month that at least seven players were smoking marijuana this season.

Mets owner Fred Wilpon decided in the past few days to fire Valentine. Grady had said he planned to keep his job if he fired general manager Steve Phillips.

"We put very good players in place who didn't play very well," Wilpon said. "I believe the guys are as good as we all thought, a very competitive team. I still believe it's a very competitive team, a very good team, far better next year.

Wilpon said he met with Valentine — who sensed he was in trouble during a 12-game losing streak and a National League-record 15-game home losing skid — Tuesday and was trying to inform him of the decision.

"For me, this is a painful decision," Valentine said. "I'm a very painful season," he said in a statement. "I understand there will be questions about why I changed my mind after I previously stated that Bobby would be the manager for 2003. The performance of the team, especially in the last two months of the season, was extremely disappointing and I concluded that a change was necessary."  

Wilpon said he fired Valentine's successor will begin immediately.

Valentine just finished the second year of a three-year contract, and the Mets will be responsible for his 2003 salary of about $2.7 million.

The Mets finished 75-86, in last place in the NL East for the first time since 1993 and below .500 for the first time in six years.

In his six-plus seasons with the Mets, Valentine was 536-492, missing the playoffs in 1999 and 2000.

Valentine is the fifth manager to be fired since Sunday, the last day of the regular season.

The Chicago Cubs dismissed Bruce Kimm on Sunday, while Hal Macfie of Tampa Bay and Lus Pupils of Detroit lost their jobs Monday.

Tuesday, Jerry Narron was fired by the New York Yankees. There were eight other managerial changes during the season.

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Narron axed for Rangers' 3rd straight last-place finish

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas

Jerry Narron was fired as manager of the Texas Rangers immediately after the team's third straight last-place finish in the AL West.

Narron was 162-162 after taking over in May 2001, including 22-45 in May, and the Rangers scored just 147 runs in the 22 games he managed.

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"He was in a tough situation," Rangers manager Doug Melvin said Wednesday. "He didn't get to that part of the problem was a public feud and the team quit.

Narron came to Texas as a third-base coach in 1995, then became manager when Johnny Oates resigned after an 11-17 start in 2001.

He was promoted by then-general manager Doug Melvin, who was fired following the 2001 season.

Melvin recently became the GM in Milwaukee.

His departure cuts one of the final five coaches into the Texas teams that won division titles in 1996, 1998 and 1999. Those are the only playoffs appearances in franchise history.

"There's a certain level of comfort that's there, a certain part of that is the end of a terrific era that we tried to extend. At the same time, we knew we had to do it."

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Texas lost 13 of its last 16 games, including a closing 1-9 run and being traded. "OAKLAND and Anaheim, and Seattle.

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"He was in a tough situation, a very difficult situation," Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers said before the season ended.

"He's done very well at it, but they give you what you do on the field, and we weren't a very good team on the field. Without a doubt, no one person is to blame for what went wrong here.

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Payton finally arrives at camp

Associated Press

SEATTLE

It took a while, but Gary Payton finally made an appearance as the Seattle SuperSonics opened training camp.

Payton did not attend the morning workout, and he was not on hand for the start of another night practice. But about 30 minutes after the start of the evening practice, Payton drove through a gate into the Sonics' training facility. He did not immediately speak with reporters.

Payton had skipped the media day Monday, and coach Nate McMillan said Payton would be fined for missing that and the morning practice.

"It's an unexcused absence," McMillan said. "To miss practice, really, there's no excuse for that. I was out that day. Gary had to be here today."

Payton's agent, Aaron Goodwin, said his client met with McMillan on Monday night to discuss a summer-long disagreement between Payton and Sonics owner Howard Schultz.

"They talked about his importance to the team and how Gary shouldn't allow whatever discontent he's feeling with Howard to be reflected on the team," Goodwin said. "Howard owns the team and he's free to say and do what he wants. Unfortunately, Gary has to deal with that."

Goodwin said Payton wasn't concerned about missing workouts.

"He's a 12-year veteran," Goodwin said. "How much did he miss in a day?"

Schultz, chairman of Starbucks Coffee Co., wasn't happy about Payton's media day absence and did numerous interviews Monday to say so.

Schultz pointed out that with one year at close to $13 million remaining on a seven-year contract, Payton is the NBA's highest-paid guard. The 34-year-old Payton asked for the extension after he was re-elected as the team president, and didn't speak with reporters.

Goodwin said the extension is no longer an issue for Payton.

"Not at all. Howard keeps perpetuating that talk," Goodwin said. "Gary is not upset. He's trying to get his head ready to come in and play ball, simple as that. Things didn't go the way he expected."

Without Payton on the court, Brent Barry and former Arizona All-America Miles Simon directed the first-team offense.

McMillan said he thinks Payton will be ready to play when he reports, and he predicted the flap would go away shortly after that. Before the first workout, he called his young team together.

"Nate said, 'Obviously, Gary's not here, but practice will go on,'" third-year swingman Desmond Mason said. "That's Nate's approach, that's my approach and I think it should be everyone's approach."

NCAA BASKETBALL

Huggins to be released soon

Associated Press

CINCINNATI

Cincinnati basketball coach Bob Huggins is making progress in his recovery from a heart attack and is expected to be released from the hospital by the end of the week.

The 49-year-old coach was in stable condition in the Medical Center in Beaver, Pa., hospital spokesman Scott Mont said Monday. Huggins was in serious but stable condition on Sunday.

Cincinnati sports information director Tom Hitzawy said Huggins probably will spend another 4-6 days in the hospital before coming home.

Huggins had the heart attack at the Pittsburgh airport on Saturday. He was there to catch a flight to Milwaukee for a coaching clinic.

"It came on quick. He was sweating profusely. It was very painful," Cincinnati athletic director Bob Coit said.

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After being rushed to the hospital, Huggins had surgery to implant a metal mesh stent to keep a clogged artery open.

Doctors don't know when he might be able to resume coaching. He will need at least a month to recover, but it might take much longer if his heart sustained permanent damage, said Dr. Lynne Wagener, director of cardiac services at University Hospital in Cincinnati.

"In many cases, it can be completely treated," Wagener said. "I don't think this is all bad news."

Huggins turned the Bearcats into a perennial winner during his 13 seasons, but he also is known for his temper.

His father Charlie, a high school coach in northern Ohio, had a heart attack before he was 40, and Huggins was worried about being stricken himself.

Before Cincinnati's annual postseason banquet in 1998, Huggins had tests done on his heart as a precaution.

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"We all know his work ethic and his intensity," Goin said. "But when he's away from it, he's also a guy who can relax."

Huggins was the third-youngest coach to get 500 wins in Division I. His career record is 500-172, including a 332-100 record at Cincinnati. The Bearcats have been ranked No. 1 several times during Huggins' tenure, with one Final Four appearance.

The team went 31-4 last season and lost to UCLA 105-101 in double overtime in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Cincinnati opens practice for the new season on Oct. 21, but Goin wasn't thinking that far ahead.

"Maybe that is a little insensible right now," he said. "Basketball is down the road a little ways."
League defends its minority hiring policy

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The NFL, threatened with a lawsuit over its lack of black head coaches, defended the steps it has taken in minority hiring, but acknowledged there is room for improvement.

"Progress has been made and we expect that progress to continue," league spokesman Greg Aiello said.

"We do take the issue very seriously and have initiated several programs in recent years under commission (Paul) Tagliabue to ensure that our hiring practices are fair, and that all coaches have opportunities to advance," Aiello said.

Aiello was responding to a report released Monday by a group headed by attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. Using statistics compiled over the past 15 years, the report noted that black head coaches had been more successful than their white counterparts, but that they weren't hired commensurate with that success.

"Black coaches are being held to a higher standard," said Cochran, who suggested that the NFL might be sued if progress isn't made. "Now is the time for the NFL to step up and make a change."

To stimulate the hiring of blacks as head coaches, Cochran proposed that Tagliabue should at least pull together one summit each year for developing a diverse front office with a draft pick.

He also asked the NFL to remove the "color line" from their rules, which include "diverse racial groups" when interviewing candidates for coaching positions. According to the proposals, blacks can choose to opt out of this requirement, but to do so they must forfeit a draft pick.

There currently are two black head coaches in the NFL: Tony Dungy of Indianapolis and Herman Edwards of the New York Jets.

But Aiello pointed out that in the last five years, 23 blacks have been in NFL coaching positions and three were hired as head coaches—Edwards and Ray Rhodes, by Green Bay in 1997, and Tony Williams in, currently the coach of Notre Dame, also among those three.

Since Art Shell became the first black head coach of the modern era with the Raiders in 1989, there have been five: Dungy, Edwards, Shell, Dennis Green and Rhodes. Terry Bowser served as interim coach of the Washington Redskins for three games at the end of the 2000 season.

There have never been more than three black head coaches in a season.

Last year, Green was fired by Minnesota. He was hired by the Colts. Rhodes also had two jobs, with Philadelphia from 1994-98 and Green Bay in 1999. Overall, eight teams have had black coaches; the Raiders, Eagles, Packers, Bills, Colts, Vikings, Raiders and Redskins.

Most of the progress is at the assistant level, the starting ground for head coaching job.

By 1997, there were 103 black assistants. Now, 154 of the 547 assistants (28 percent) are black. Twelve of those are coordinators (12 percent) with five coordinators in 1997.

There are more black coaches in the pipeline," Aiello said.

The NFL also has given black coaches leadership roles.

Green was co-chairman of the competition committee in 2000-01, and Dungy is head of the coaches' subcommittee of that group, which presents a coach's view of potential rule changes.

Also, Aiello noted the NFL has a number of programs aimed at developing minority coaches.

Cowher delays announcement

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Steelers coach Bill Cowher did something surprising by not doing anything — namely, by not choosing to fire Todd Haley or Tommy Maddox as his starting quarterback for Sunday's game in New Orleans.

Maddox came off the bench in the fourth quarter last Sunday to lead two scoring drives in the Steelers' 16-13 comeback victory over the Cleveland Browns. Cowher all but said after the game that Stewart would remain the starter.

By pushing back the announcement until at least Wednesday, Cowher either wants to create some extra work for the Saints by forcing them to work up game plans for both quarterbacks, or he is genuinely undecided as to what to do.

If it could be a sign that Maddox, who hadn't played a meaningful role in an NFL game since 1997, might be on his mind.

Cowher said several times during his weekly news conference he wouldn't hesitate to yank any starter at any time, as he did Sunday by pulling Stewart and running back Jeremy Betts — the last two team MVPs — in the fourth quarter.

"We're not playing up to expectations," Cowher said. "The expectation levels here are high. Are we playing to that level? No way. Sunday was a step in the right direction, but we're far from a finished product and we have a ways to go.

But Cowher wouldn't single out Stewart for blame. "It's really not a Betts' slow start, only 100 yards in three games. His strong running ability has been aimed at some others who have shown success. The running back position is a focal point, especially in the offense."

It's likely to be benched Sunday, only if backup running back Chris Harris is ready with separated rib cartilage.

Running back Amos Zereoue also backs up Betts, but he is used mostly as a change-up back and a receiving threat rather than as a runner who will get 20-25 carries.

"As told to the team, I'm going to play who I think is playing the best game and that's determined by how you practice, how you perform in games and what's best for the team ... it's something that needs to understand that I don't have a preconceived notion or what position they play, we've got to regroup our edge.

Jets bench Testaverde due to slump

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — In the midst of their worst slump in 40 seasons — yes, even worse than the Kotite years — the New York Jets are looking for quarterback Vinny Testaverde.

The move was made as a "harsh message from coach Herman Edwards, who said he wanted Chad Pennington to spark the team's mistake-riddled offense.

Pennington, who played most of Sunday's 28-3 loss at Jacksonville, is expected to start against Kansas City. Pennington, a first-round draft pick in 2000, replaced Testaverde early in the loss to the Jaguars after the 38-year-old Testaverde bruised his shoulder.

While Edwards insisted nearly every other starter on the spiraling team should feel uncertain about his job, Testaverde was the first to lose.

"It is not all on Vinny, we are all held accountable," Edwards said. "Quarterback is always the guy who takes the blame. We've performed, judging the performances by the first four games, it is not where we are supposed to be."

"I thought about it all last night and this morning and that is the direction we need to head in. Chad is the starting quarterback."

The Jets have been outscored 102-13 in the last three games. Testaverde, in his 16th pro season, has completed 33 of 52 passes for a mere 485 yards, with three touchdowns and three interceptions.

"I'm not going to sit here and tell you I am going to win a real deal," said Testaverde, who met for a half-hour with Edwards. "But I think anybody in my position isn't happy about it."

I think we are on a team that don't want to be a distraction to this team. We understand how the process works."

The process of shaking up a team that was a 3-1 promise this season after the fourth quarter last Sunday.

Testaverde is familiar with coach Bill Belichick in Cleveland. In September 1995, he was the AFC player of the month. He threw 15 touchdowns and led the Browns to an 11-5 record.

"I remember asking Bill Belichick in Cleveland, 'Why are you making me a scapegoat? I've been here too long. We've got a spark, I've got to change the quarterback.'"

The Browns are of the same mind.

He said other lineup changes and roster moves were considered before he would be more specific on Wednesday when he has finalized the moves.

The one move he made was the biggest.

"I just think at this point, where we are offensively, we need to do something different," Edwards said.

Testaverde, who signed a restructuring five-year contract in April, and Pennington have had a good relationship and both were well in the undefeated preseason.

But that relationship paradox was built on the clear pecking order — an order reversed with Pennington's preseason.

Pennington was 21-34 for 281 yards at Jacksonville in the longest regular-season stint of his career. He moved the team, but didn't get the Jets into the end zone on either of the moves.

"I've got to step in and be a consistent quarterback and leader," Pennington said. "You can't have bad habits show up and be inconsistent on the field.

"I think we have an opportunity to turn this around when no one expects it at 1-3. I am part of the cause of the slide.

The lack of blocking up front has been especially significant, especially the tackling defense. The play calling hasn't been very productive, either.

In general, the slide has been a total team effort, and Edwards feels the worst message to the Jets.
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Associated Press

**MINNEAPOLIS**

Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss was charged Tuesday with possession of marijuana. Police found a marijuana cigarette in his car after he was arrested on Sept. 24th. He will enter a substance abuse program.

**Additional charges for Vikings’ Moss**

**In Brief**

**Warner has surgery**

St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner had surgery on the broken pinky of his throwing hand Tuesday and will be sidelined for at least two months.

During the 55-minute operation, surgeons inserted four pins to stabilize the finger, injured in the first quarter of Sunday’s 13-10 loss to the Dallas Cowboys.

The pins will be removed in about six weeks and Warner will wear a splint on his right hand for most of that time.

"We anticipate that with rehabilitation he will recover function over eight to 10 weeks," said Dr. Matthew Mataza, the Rams’ head team physician who assisted in the surgery.

The injury to the two-time league MVP was the latest blow for the defending NFC champions, who are 0-4, their worst start since 1963.

Also Tuesday, the Rams signed Scott Covington as the team’s No. 3 quarterback, backing up Warner replacement Jamie Martin and reserve Marc Bulger.

Covington, a former Miami Hurricanes quarterback drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in 1999, will remain with the team until Warner returns.

**Canadiens owner dies**

Hartland de Montarville Molson, 95, owner of the Montreal Canadiens, has died at his home in Montreal.

Beliveau, who in 1953 was a 22-year-old player with the Canadiens, has been a part of the organization ever since.

"There’s no doubt this was instrumental," said Beliveau Tuesday.

"I reached my professional hockey dreams with Molson on a deal to work for the brewery — a relationship that continues to this day.

"The Canadiens were inducted in the Hall of Fame in 1973.

"I can’t speak highly enough of the knowledge that he’d have, his personal touch on the team. He had the whole team, both on the ice and off the ice.

"There is no doubt his knowledge was instrumental in the team’s success."
INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Pyros, Shamrocks dominate, 24-0

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN and ERIK POWERS in the Pyros.
Spurs Writers

Pasquerilla East lineman Lindsay Terityfay looked like a wide receiver Tuesday night, catching three passes that all set up the Pyros (4-1) for scores in their 24-0 win over Howard (1-3).

However Terityfay wasn't too impressed with her exceptional performance as a lineman. “We just thought that the defense was overwhelming the left side, so I played on the right today,” Terityfay said. “In the plays where I caught the passes, (quarterback) Abby [Coons] swings out and looks for me. She really reads the field well, so it makes it easy.”

Terityfay was right about quarterback Coons reading the field well, as she threw for 148 yards and two touchdowns while also running for two scores. The Shamrock defense was overloading the right side, so it makes it easier for me, “I thought it was a little unpredictable,” said Kremer, referring to the Phoxes’ fourth-and-one stand with three minutes, getting the ball on PE’s 3-yard line, but their offense was stopped cold to end the half.

“Just before our defense really shut them down completely,” Coons said, “They played extremely well.”

The Pyros now go into their next game this week high with confidence. Their passing offense is clicking and the defense proved themselves Tuesday night with a shutout against the Ducks. Terityfay is confident as well, as the fire of the Pyros shines going into the playoffs.

“We are really working well as a team, and that is the most important thing,” Terityfay said. “We don’t have any stars, and that is good, because I think we are a true team.”

McGlinn 24, Pangborn 0

The Shamrocks dominated both sides of the ball in an inter­hall Tuesday, steam­rolling the Pyros 24-0.

McGlinn ran the ball spark­lingly while adhering to a pass-happy game and shut down the offense. Ironically, its first touchdown came on a 21-yard scamper off an unexpected quarterback option. The Shamrocks carried the ball four times for 52 yards, yet the majority of their plays relied on the arm of quarterback Julie Kremer.

Pangborn rushed eight times for only eight yards, but found itself running back­ward more often than forward, as six of those carries resulted in a tackle for a loss.

The Phoxes (0-4) remain winless in conference play Sunday against Cavanaugh and has been virtually elimi­nated from playoff con­testion. A trip to Notre Dame Saturday remains a possibility for McGlinn (2-1), however, as they can clinch a playoff berth with a win over Howard Sunday.

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Alumni unleashes against O’Neill, 22-6

By TREY WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

It was the Angry Mob who wore a leash Sunday as they took a beating from the Dawgs, losing 22-6 in both teams’ second round of Gold League inter­hall this season.

The game opened with the speed of molasses, going scoreless for the first five minutes.

Alumni (2-0) began their day with an inef­fective and go conservative offen­sive tactic on its first pos­sion. Quarterback Chris Cottrell was limited to one completion for 23 yards that moved the Dawgs near­ scoring position.

Cottrell was intercepted once, then sacked, however, moving Alumni back six yards and snuffing their scoring drive.

The Mob (0-2) fared just as poorly on the ground posses­sion, becoming the current­ly skillful Dawg defense. Alumni’s stronghold on offense was allowed O’Neill quarterback Troy Montgomery to connect on one pass for a mere 15 yards.

“We have a strong offensive line,” said Montgomery. “It’s just a matter of opening up and finding time to execute.”

Alumni picked up the pace midway through the first half using a strong rushing game. This strength quickly boosts Alumni’s weak offensive line as they mounted 95 rushing yards by the end of the first half, 30 of those belonging to junior tailback Alex Castle.

“Our plan is always to start with rushing,” said Montgomery. “It’s a fundamental of the game. We just rush until we can rush anymore; then we switch to passing.”

That plan rewarded the Dawgs after scoring its first two scores of the game.

Midway through the first half, Alumni unleashed against O’Neill’s 35-yard line, leaving the home open for a 55-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver James Allen.

“I think our diversity is one thing we use as a team,” co­captain Steve Keppel. “We feel comfortable with both passing and rushing. Today, just the off­ensive line did especially well against O’Neill, though defeated, would not be embarrassed. They dodged a shutout by scoring a touchdown late in the second half as Montgomery pass after passing up the field with two key fourth down conversions.

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with a 0.98 per game average.

Brezewski’s average of 1.58 leads the Irish, with Senior East and Puts the freshman in the top 15 nationally. Loomis is averaging 1.21 blocks and is currently sixth in the Big East.

Head coach Debbie Brown usually starts Brezewski, Loomis and Kelhotel, and each of them is at least 6-foot-1. Brown can then go to her bench and substitute 6-4 Neff and 6-0 junior middle blocker Kim Fletcher. In addition, Brown can move up starting outside hitter Jessica Kinder who is 5-10 and 5-11 freshman Megan Kyes, who is being worked into the regular rotation.

Those six players put the Irish at the national forefront when it comes to front court defense. “I think if you are talking top­ 25 schools, we might be a little taller than some of them. I think half of them are the same height as us,” Davis said. “I think in the Big East we are the tallest team.”

Stuffing a kill back in the opponent’s face not only sends the rival a message, but it speaks volumes to the rest of the Irish team as well.

“The right block at the right time just instills a little momentum,” Loomis said. “When we are down, it can really get us going. Especially when you get a stuff block against a great hitter, it’s a great feeling.”

“Blocks fire us up the most,” setter Kristin Kinder said. “When our blocking is there, our defense is there. Having tall girls is great.”

Note Loomis was named the co-Big East Player of the Week on Monday. Against Connecticut and St. John’s, Loomis collected 20 kills in each match. Loomis had 10 digs, six blocks and recorded a .442 hitting percent­ age in Sunday’s match against the Red Storm.

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FOOTBALL

Coaches avoid personal ties in crafting strategy

By ANDREW SOUKUP

Although seven of the nine coaches on Notre Dame's current coaching staff worked at Stanford last year, the Irish are trying to design a game plan based on analyzing the Cardinal scheme rather than attempting to attack personnel weaknesses they were all too familiar with last year.

"Sometimes, I think you may know too much of people," Irish defense coordinator Kent Baer said. "I'd rather settle in on the game plan and X's and O's instead of focus on personnel."

In fact, the Irish aren't quite sure who has an edge — Notre Dame's coaching staff or Stanford's players. First-year Stanford head coach Buddy Teevens installed a completely new system, while Cardinal players are familiar with the basic philosophies of Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham's offensive and defensive schemes.

But knowing the enemy works both ways, and the Irish aren't backing completely away from going after specific players as they build a game plan this week.

There are things that hopefully will help us understand maybe the person and that new responsibility as we start to look at and evaluate them that we wouldn't have an advantage to if we didn't have the close relationship with that football team from before," Willingham said.

There is certainly some inside knowledge and awareness based on the fact that they've worked with these guys over time, but our guys have also changed over time," Teevens said. "They're a year older, they're involved in a different system and they've matured physically and mentally. It's a great opportunity to play a great team regardless of who's coaching them."

Emotional reunion

With the emotional ties between the two teams, Willingham has no doubt the Cardinal will play one of their best games of the year against the Irish. Although Teevens said he met with his team and discussed playing against Willingham and his coaching staff, Notre Dame isn't convinced emotions will be a non-factor.

"This will be, I think, a very emotional game for that group of young men," Willingham said. "I think whether their coach highlighted it or not, I think the young men have highlighted it as one that they have on their schedule, their calendar to be successful." Yet Teevens pointed out that it doesn't matter who is on what sideline — all that matters is the players on the field.

"I spoke to the guys last night, and it's a non-issue," he said. "We're not playing the coaching staff, we're playing the players."

Passing losses

There's a big reason the Cardinal have started the season 1-2 — their shaky pass defense.

In its three games, Stanford has allowed an average of 286 passing yards per game, ranking them 112th in the nation. After allowing 65 points to Arizona State last week, the Cardinal dropped to 104th in the nation in scoring defense.

"Reflecting on the Arizona State game, it was clearly disappointing," Teevens said. "We basically didn't put anything together offensively, defensively or on special teams. It was a letdown game for us."

But the Irish are wary of playing an opponent fresh off a humiliating loss. Moreover, Stanford has a knack for taking out highly-ranked Irish teams on the road. In three times the Cardinal played in Notre Dame Stadium while the Irish were ranked in the top 10, Stanford walked away with the upset victory.

The most recent upset came in 1992, when the Bill Walsh-coached Cardinal squad scored 33 unanswered points to beat Notre Dame 33-16.

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make the right decision, we'll take it to that time."

Not one to mince words, Diedrick was much more reserved Tuesday as he handled question after question about Holiday's status. Yes, Holiday is doing fine. Yes, it was good to see him out of the spotlight. Yet Teevens pointed out that even if Holiday starts, one hard hit to his shoulder could put Dillingham back in the spotlight.

Diedrick said. "I did some of the drills today, more than we anticipated he would do."

In the meantime, Dillingham hangs in limbo, not knowing whether he will start Saturday or not. He used the bye week to brush up on the Irish offense and spend the weekend staring at tape of Stanford's defense. And as Holiday recovers, Dillingham enters game week preparations as the starting quarterback, something he hasn't done in nearly two years.

"Honestly, it doesn't matter whether [Holiday] starts or not," Dillingham said. "I have to prepare myself like I'm the starter. Up until kickoff, in my mind, I'll be the starter, that's how I'm looking at it."

His older teammates have already rallied around the sophomore backup quarterback, praising his self-confidence and calm in the huddle. Dillingham's monotone voice rarely changes even as the number of reporters around him does. Besides, he knows that even if Holiday starts, one hard hit to his shoulder could put Dillingham back in the spotlight.

"Whether Carlyle's ready or not," Dillingham said, "I've got to be mentally ready to go."

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FOOTBALL

QB's status still (Holi)day-to-day

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Bill Diedrick entered the interview room Monday and half-grinned, half-starred at the hurdle of media personnel that quickly surrounded him.

"There's no quarterback controversy," the Irish offensive coordinator said.

It's no secret quarterback Carlyle Holiday is the undisputed starter against Stanford if he's healthy. The question everyone wants an answer to, and the question Irish coaches plan to take their time answering, is whether Holiday will be ready to go Saturday.

"No change in status," Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said after practice before anyone could fire a question in his direction - the first time he gave an opening statement this season.

According to Willingham and Diedrick, little has changed from how the Irish entered last week's practice. Until the Irish say otherwise, Pat Dillingham is the Irish starter. If Holiday, who Willingham said the Irish were evaluating on a day-to-day basis, is ready to play, Willingham would consider him the starter.

Holiday's status, still unchanged, remains unknown.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish blockers emerging as strong defensive force

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

In Game 3 of Sunday's match between St. John's and Notre Dame, the Red Storm attempted to kill a ball from the back row. Middle blockers Lauren Brewster and Katie Neff and outside hitter Emily Loomis formed a wall and sent St. John's the same message the Irish have given all of their previous opponents:

"Return to sender."

This triple-team rejection is one example of the many messages the Notre Dame front row has sent back to its opponents.

I think it plays a part in how well we have done this year," Loomis said. "We also have two awesome coaches that have worked a lot with us. We pride ourselves in how well we block."

Through the team's first 14 matches, the Irish are averaging 3.82 blocks per game. With national rankings not updated yet, that average would place the Irish second in the nation for blocking. It's no surprise the coaching staff.

"The kids came in with pretty good fundamental skills and a couple of freshmen middle blocking right now had excellent verticals when they came in both blocking and approach," assistant coach Robin Davis said. "They listen to everything. They are really coachable, and they step up. They listen to the players that have been here and listen to the coaches. I think their progress has been pretty good. Either one of them might make mistakes, but they just go out and play."

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