"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 [Tyrone] 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!"

This year's Oktoberfest to benefit scholarship

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 athletics director.

So far this year Oktoberfest has raised an estimated $1,600, some of which will be matched by the Lilly 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 in as 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," she said.

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

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Wave 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 Angela 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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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, Keough held their annual 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 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 in the night, several dorms held their SYR’s. I attended the Dillon Alummi Big Red Dog Dance with my beautiful date Alison, and it was defi- nately the most fun night I have had this semester.

It was interesting to attend the SYR in its new and “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 students from going back to their rooms during the dance to drink. Too bad when we headed down to the dance around 10:30 p.m., we were passed in the hallway by at least two girls who had tried to throw down a little too much in too little time.

The actual dance was a great time, and even though the DJ began to repeat songs near the end of the night and suc­ceeded in playing “Move It...” while going over three hours without playing one slow song, I still got a chance to spend hours with a gorgeous date on the dance floor as did the rest of the men of Dillon and Alumni.

Just after 1:00 a.m., my date requested that I take her home a little before 1:45 a.m. since she had practice early in the morning. After walking all over Dillon explaining this to about three different R.A.’s plus Fr. Doyle, we were allowed to leave. I walked my date back to her home and came back to Dillon, only to run into two freshmen girls begging me to get them back into the dance after they were held back at the door trying to re-enter. I gladly escorted them in and then departed to watch “10 Things I Hate About You” with my roommate.

Although there were a few small drawbacks to the new SYR’s, it could not take away from what was an aw- some evening. The fact that we could go out and dance for hours without need­ing a fake ID was all I could really ask for. So can Notre Dame survive a week­end without football? Oh yeah.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Mike Harkins at mharkins@nd.edu.

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ ND

- Student senate- Current Status of Student Services and Learning to Talk About Race Retreat ponds, LaFortune, Notre Dame Room, 6 p.m.

- Distinguished Lecture: Jo Lakanyi, McKenna Hall, Auditorium, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

- Graduate Student Christian Fellowship, Wilson Commons, 10 to 11 p.m.

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ SMTP

- "Transnational Perspectives in American Catholic History," Deirdre Manlove, Cushwa Center, Conference Room, 4:13 p.m.

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WHAT’S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Broccoli cheese soup, tomato soup, sausage pineapple pizza, meatloaf, scalloped corn casse­role, carrots with honey-orange sauce, cherry crisp, sautéed chicken stir-fry, fried tilapia, potatoes with spinach, broccoli peppers, oatmeal, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, potato triangles, breaded cheese sticks, chicken fajita.

South Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Fajita grain, tomato soup, sausage pineapple pizza, saborbraten, zum-zum potato salad, peas and pearl onions, cherry crisp, chicken teriyaki, baked lemon perch, rice valenciana, curried vegetables, couscous, meatball grinder, Mexicali couscous, beef and pepper stir-fry.

WHAT’S GOING DOWN

Deserted bike found

NISP found an abandoned bike at St. Joseph Drive and Douglas Road Tuesday.

Knights unable to defend their bikes

The Knights of Keenan hall reported that 19 bikes were vandalized at the bike rack Monday.

Students continue to lose decals

Student reports losing decals from somewhere within the interior of the University on Friday.

Another case of a missing decal

A faculty member reported a stolen decal to NISP on Friday.

Some of the finest are fined

NISP issued multiple students at Farley Hall citations for minor con­sumption of alcohol on Friday.

Information compiled from NISP crime blotter.
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Department of Sociology

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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 commemorating 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.

Students attempted to incorporate their diverse interests into their tribute to famous Germans Americans Tuesday.

Erik Smith, a student involved in the program said, "It is an exciting change from a regular day of class. It was a very different and unique way to learn."

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U-WIRE

Dartmouth uses tracking program

By Alison Schmauch
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HANOVER, N.H.

While many colleges have had logistical difficulties complying with a new, computerized federal system for tracking international students and professors, Dartmouth College has experienced few problems with the new program.

Nonetheless, some Dartmouth students and faculty have faced problems obtaining security clearances necessary to enter the country in the wake of last year's Sept. 11 attacks.

While Dartmouth has not encountered major obstacles with the implementation of the Immigration and Naturalization Service's new "Student and Exchange Visitor Information System"—known as SEVIS—Director of the International Student Office Steve Silver did say that some international students have experienced difficulties entering the country this year for other reasons.

Two international students are "on hold" for security clearances to enter the United States, one a graduate student, another a member of the Class of 2006. One Dartmouth professor and one researcher have also faced similar troubles.

Two other graduate students only received security clearances to enter the country within the last few days, one on Sept. 26 and another yesterday. Silver did not provide their names, citing concerns about privacy.

Silver said that the exact requirements necessary to obtain security clearance to enter the country are unclear.

Nonetheless, the International Office is doing all it can to help admitted students through means such as consular offices and alumni connections, he said.

The INS created the new SEVIS database—designed to aid in tracking foreign students and professors—in the wake of the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. One of the bombers was a Palestinian immigrant who entered the country on a student visa as a student of Wichita State University, according to Chris Bentley, a spokesperson for the INS.

The events of Sept. 11 speeded up the creation of the database, Bentley said, and Congress's 2001 U.S. Patriot Act provided $36.8 million for the program. The Patriot Act also set a Jan. 30, 2003 date for colleges to get INS authorization to use SEVIS.
Graduate Student Union

Members amend constitution

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

Five minutes into the meeting, the organization unanimously approved a proposal to allow all members to perform tasks up to the level of sufficient departmental representatives. Resolutions amended to change budget spending were also approved; 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 department representatives could vote. If the proposal is 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 First Dame, healthcare is still underfunded and inadequate.

Health Care Committee chairwoman Heather Edwards, however, urged a cautious approach. "The Graduate School has not been completely helpful in our attempts to change the health care system," she said. "Now is not the time to antagonize people.

There are still a lot of things to get changed but we can't do anything until we get subordination."

♦ The GSU agreed to draft a letter to 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 children to play in parking lots and streets.

Liu 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 Diamondback

COLLEGE PARK, Md.

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 human subjects is anticipated within the next two years.

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

Gallo said the vaccine generates antibodies that could stop HIV before it enters a cell. It would not kill infected cells or the virus itself, but could enhance immune response.

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' protein, 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 of the National Academy of Sciences, authored by Drs. Timothy Fouts, Anthony Devico and 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 protective factor for the immune system," said Dr. Robert Gallo, director of the Institute of Human Virology.

The Stanford Daily

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.

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stop until we go over that goal line."

"Much like Coach Willingham's 'Why not?' motto, 'Return to Glory' never stops trying, and I, for one, believe that L, we believed could and should 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 believe that this would be, quite simply, our return to glory."

This is the 13th year that The Shirt project has been bringing students, alumni and football fans together with a common item of apparel to wear to football games. It is sponsored by the Student Activities Office and the Student Affairs Association and helps to raise funds all student activities, but it also provides a way for students to feel a part of the larger community.

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CUBA

Hurricane Lili gains strength and heads for Gulf

Associated Press

HAVANA

Hurricane Lili strengthened as it raced across western Cuba on Tuesday, forcing thousands from their 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 television 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 Hector Nelson, lead forecaster 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 Castro on Tuesday ordered all residents west of the hurricane to leave their homes. The storm forced evacuations in the eastern 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 northwest at about 14 mph.

In New Orleans, authorities were discussing possible evacuations of coastal residents boarded up and sandbagged homes, stocked up on food and storm supplies and cleaned up debris from the damage caused last week by Tropical Storm biscide.

In western Cuba, fishermen hurried to secure their vessels. Officials said nearly 30,000 people fled to government shelters and more than 100,000 took refuge with family and friends.

President Bush on Tuesday ordered federal emergency workers across the country to be ready to respond to the hurricane that could reach the Gulf of Mexico by the weekend.

"It is important that federal, state, local and tribal governments be ready to respond to this hurricane," Bush said.

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 government evacuated more than half a million people from low-lying areas for their safety.

Flights, and school classes in western Cuba were canceled as Lili's stinging rains began lashing the shore of western Pinar del Rio province.

Two weeks ago, Isidore caused major damage here when it landed as a hurricane, especially to agricultural crops. The lucrative tobacco crop, however, had already been harvested.

Mexicans were abandoning homes in the northeastern Yucatan peninsula, where Lili's heavy rains were expected later Tuesday. Isidore damaged 95,000 homes there.

AUSTRIA

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

Associated Press

VIENNA

Iraq agreed Tuesday to a plan for the return of U.N. weapons inspectors for the first time in nearly four years, but the deal raised U.S. demands for access to Saddam Hussein's palaces and other contested sites.

Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix said an advance team of inspectors could be in Iraq in two weeks if it gets the go-ahead from Saddam, who has until Wednesday to respond to the agreement.

Blix said the agreement on logistics, negotiations and transport was "good for immediate, unconditional and unrestricted access" to most suspect sites.

But, he said, eight presidential sites - 12 square miles of territory - would remain off-limits to surprise inspections unless the U.N. Security Council bends to Saddam's demands.

The chief Iraqi negotiator, Gen. Amir Sadi, said the issue of presidential sites had not been on the Vienna agenda.

"We have come to a very practical arrangement and we anticipate every inspection to go to a sensitive site," al-Sadi said.

The United States, meanwhile, moved negotiations on its tough new proposal for Iraq to the United Nations on Tuesday, meeting with permanent members of the Security Council opposed to authorizing force against Saddam before testing his willingness to cooperate.

U.S. links al-Qaida to embassy plot

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The chief Iraqi negotiator, Gen. Amir Sadi, said.

World News Briefs

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 legislature.

More than 135 political activists, candidates, soldiers and civilians have died since the elections were announced in August. Nevertheless, 41 percent of registered voters in the disputed Himalayan province braved the violence and ignored a separatist call for a boycott.

Subway workers strike in London

Subway workers began a 24-hour strike on the London Tube on Tuesday night, promising rush hour nightmares for hundreds of thousands of commuters the next day.

The strike, which follows a similar move last Wednesday, began at 8 p.m., when most of the million commuters who use the London Underground each day had already returned home.

National News Briefs

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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.

A spokeswoman for Applebee's International said the company specifically asked the cable television channel not to run the spot 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 Beck confirmed that the cable channel erred.

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

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Global Crossing exec on trial

♦ Winnick accused of insider trading

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Global Crossing Chairman Gary Winnick told lawmakers Tuesday he had no inkling of the fiber-optic company's deteriorating finances until shortly after he sold a large chunk of stock last year.

He pledged to donate $25 million to company employees who lost money when the stock plunged.

Winnick said he talked almost every day to the company's chief executive, Thomas Casey, who participated in management discussions about revenue 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 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 $2.73 million in stock in late May.

"I was upset," Winnick told a subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, because he said he knew there would be inferences that he had early warning of trouble.

Global Crossing filed for bankruptcy protection seven months later, in January.

When Global Crossing's stock collapsed, investors -- including company employees whose retirement savings were invested in company stock -- lost billions of dollars. Winnick said his pledge of $25 million was to offset the retirement losses.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., the committee chairman, told Winnick his stated ignorance of Global Crossing's financial condition was "a little hard for us to understand."

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.

Their testimony contradicted internal e-mail exchanges and lower-level executives who appeared before the same committee last week and related intense pressure from Casey, Winnick and others to strike deals that would allow Global Crossing to meet analysts' expectations.

Casey did not appear at Tuesday's hearing because he was seriously ill, committee spokesman Ken Johnson said.

Winnick sold 10 million shares worth $123 million in late May, having received approvals from Gorton, the attorney, and CFO Casey. It was the last of several stock sales that brought him $734 million.

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 last Tuesday, firmly refused.

Nacchio sold $235 million in Qwest stock but said the company is not bankrupt and maintains retirement plans.

Rep. Diana DeGette, D-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

NEW YORK

In a move aimed at shoring up the morale of its remaining workers, bankrupt telecom WorldCom Inc. won court permission Tuesday to hand $36 million in severance payments to laid-off employees.

The ruling, in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan, also allows WorldCom to retrait $1.4 million in severance payments promised to 4,000 laid-off workers who receive an average of $9,000 apiece 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

SEATTLE

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 Ujamaa, who grew up in Seattle, had been helping terrorism.

Ujamaa 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-Qaida terrorist network. Another count was also included of using, carrying, possessing and discharging firearms during a crime.

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

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

The trial is set to begin this November.

Prosecutors say Ujamaa, 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 Ujamaa 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 Ujamaa 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.

Ujamaa'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.
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, four-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 is being done for the wrong motives. They fear us acting alone," he said. "Let us lay down the ultimatum. Let us hang it around his neck, saying, 'You have 48 hours to comply with the will of the United Nations.'"

"The address echoed what 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 Britain and elsewhere."

"President Bush has fought a battle in Congress to try to resolve trade disputes, help fund health care, and increase efforts to protect Canada's environment."

"The goal of the government is nothing less than making Canada a land of ever-widening opportunity, ensuring that the benefits of the new economic touch every community and lift every family and every Canadian," Prime Minister Jean Chrétien said in the Speech from the Throne at the start of the new Parliament session.

"I wasn't expecting much and there was less here than we thought," said Canadian Alliance leader Stephen Harper. "I just thought it was a bunch of recycled stuff."
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, quitting and saying that we have no idea what we're going to do after college provokes less a carefree "carpe diem" moment than one of wide-eyed alarm. Whether it's the dismal market or the thought of the looming SATs, 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, stained ruffled futon 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 seeming-ly 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. Alumni? 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 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 choosing Notre Dame. Many of us left the comfort of our homes, our states, even our countries to root for the Irish. We then chose what to study, which seemed like a huge decision at the time and one that, for many of us, we made several times over. We've been there. We've gone from science to business and back again. We've taken internships and worked through medical school applications. We've made a lot of friends, lost a few along the way and even fallen in and out of love. We've also learned a lot about ourselves, who we are and what we're going to be.

There is no doubt that the decisions we make this year as college seniors will affect the rest of our lives. We will choose a place to live, a place to work and a new life for ourselves. Just as we did just four years ago. Some of us will begin a great adventure in a new city, some will take on the challenges of graduate school and some will start a life together.

It's not as alarming as it seems. There's no need to panic. The future is going to boom ahead of us no matter how we spend our time waiting for it. Yes, this may be our last year for the parties, the dances and the tailgate. College, as we've been told for years, goes by quickly. But it's not over yet.

We will still have great friends and there are always cheap drinks to be had on any given night of the week. Now is not the time to think about the "last time." It's the time to think about the good times — present and future.

Our futures are out there. We'll be ready.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Another working world is possible

Last weekend, thousands of people came together to speak out against corporate greed. They raised fists, banners and signs to show resistance to corporate greed. The campaign was in opposition to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, but the protest was more than a confrontation with the banks.

This mobilization was about fighting back — fighting the corporate control of our economy, fighting the corporate control of our lives. This is about reclaiming our power and to transform our community. It is about organizing to reclaim our power without a struggle. We need to take control of the economy that has been handed over to the general population. We need to recognize the dignity and value of each of our workers. This is why a preemptive strike against Iraq is not only ludicrous, but it would also make us no better than the terrorists who attacked our country.

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In the intelligence business, no news is good news. The only time you hear about the CIA is when something goes wrong and everyone is quick to blame the poor and the workers for someone to blame, and who better to blame than the CIA? These agencies are made up of thousands of hard-working men and women who will die away every day to keep this country safe. I just want to point out that we should never forget that the American people never get to hear about.

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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 terrorism, we could dig ourselves into a hole we might not soon get out of.

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Sept. 30

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attack on Iraq world overextend America

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 are a little misleading.

First of all, America’s intelligence agencies had information regarding bin Laden and had been briefing government officials of the chance of attacks for months prior to Sept. 11. In fact, they had even talked about the possibility of planes being crashed into buildings.

The truth is that many top government officials chose not to take this warning seriously because they did not think such an occurrence was possible.

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THE ARE YOU A SIMPSON TEST

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

**Marge**

Do you:
- Nag
- 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

**Maggie**

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Simpsons: D'oh!

first worked as a sewage treatment plant employee and as a chauffer. 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 1977 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-sick identical twins. Even with such odd subject matter, the strip became an underground success and was even published in its own book, which later became a series of five.

With his name becoming well-known for "Life in Hell," Groening was approached by media giant James L. Brooks and asked if his cartoon could be animated and put on as a segment in the Tracy Ullman Show. Groening was thrilled with the idea of moving in the direction of creating a new cartoon. Thus, "Life in Hell" was even published in its own book, which later became a series of five.

The cartoon first aired in minute long segments that ran before and after commercial breaks on the Show. Gaining recognition from that stint, the Simpson family got a taste of independence when in 1989-1990 Century Fox decided to give them their own weekly show. The Simpsons took off from there with more character additions and ironically witty plot lines. Very soon the show developed into the national phenomenon that has remained a staple of American television to this day.

After their 1989 debut, the faces of the Simpson characters became ubiquitous throughout the nation. T-shirts, posters, lunch boxes, advertisements, CBs - 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!

The Simpsons have become such a huge part of American life that there's even a college in the Midwest that offers a course entitled, "Animated Philosophy and Religion." Being a philosophy class one might think that the great poet Homer would be studied with his epic works the Iliad and the Odyssey. But this is correct. The class does study Homer, but the Homer of the Simpson variety. The course requires students to read selections with titles like, "The Simpson's and Philosophy: The Iliad of Homer," and "The Gospel According to the Simpsons: The Spiritual Life of the Most Animated Family." No, this course is not offered at Bovine University as the Simpson character Ralph Wiggum might think. It's actually offered at a real school called Siena University in Michigan.

So, what is about the characters that is so appealing to Americans? Surely Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie, Ned Flanders, Krusty the Clown and the endless other characters must have some secret to their allure. But, what exactly is it that keeps viewers eagerly anticipating every new episode while still watching and re-watching the old ones? Any "Life in Hell," A taxis, a sophomore from Pennsylvania even thinks it's because the Simpsons reflect American life in a way that evokes humor in its honesty. She says, "I think they're so endearing because they have the same dysfunctions as regular families. Together exaggerated to the point where we can, in a sense, laugh at ourselves."

John Baker, a sophomore from Fisher Hall agrees, "The Simpsons] are a satire of our society and we think it's funny because we live it." Baker also adds, "This doesn't mean for Americans thought!"

Both these opinions hold truth in their assessment of the show. The Simpsons' every aspect: their speech and song do and sets them up for harmless ridicule. No one is safe from the Simpsons' radar scrutiny, be it politicians, drunks, musicians, store-owners, housewives, day laborers or even religious figures. Every issue that makes its way into newspapers is bound to sooner or later appear as a punch line in a Simpson's episode. And everyone laughs. No matter how crude the humor, no matter how close to home it hits, it's still funny.

Another reason the show is so popular is its ability to appeal to the generations of viewers. Younger audiences enjoy the show for its cartoonish nature. The slapstick humor is appealing to any nine-year old... and even to some older people as well. Adults however, claim they like the show because of its sophisticated dialogue and unabashed mockery and sarcastic references to culture and society. Junior Steve Morrow of Siena Hall explains the cross-generational appeal of "The Simpsons" in the show's "clever sense of humor with some added slapstick comedy thrown in as well." Morrow also credits the show with respecting its audience while at the same time poking fun at Americans as a whole. "The show doesn't speak down to its audience as some comedies do. It acknowledges its viewers as intelligent beings."

Most celebrities think the show is great as well. There is a long line of very famous folk anxious to make their grand entrance into the world of animation as a guest-star on the show. In the past the show has been host to stars such as Billie Starr, Aerosmith, James Brown, Faith Hill, James Earl Jones, Paul McCartney and Danny DeVito.

"The Simpsons" has made its mark in the political arena as well. In a 1990 interview with the Washington Post first lady Barbara Bush called the show "the dumbest thing [she] ever watched."

Soon after, Bush received a letter from Marge Simpson demanding an apology. With a few weeks, Bush made a public statement asking Marge for forgiveness for "a loose tongue.

Gracing the cultural aspects of star­dom and politics, it would only seem fair that "The Simpsons" has had an impact on a personal level as well. This just happens to be the case with the self-confessed "Simpsons" junkie Suzanne Macey, a current sophomore at Fordham University in New York City. Macey credits the show with beginning her relationship with her boyfriend, another huge "Simpsons" fan, "I've never been good at dealing with boys," admits Macey, "but "The Simpsons" was always a common interest I had with them. My boyfriend and I struck a common note when we began to talk about 'The Simpsons.' Our love for the show has since morphed into relationship."

Now, almost two years later, Macey and her boyfriend continue to watch the show together whenever possible and make countless references to it during conversations. Not only has Homer Simpson been added to the dictionary, but he started a love connection as well.

Abhh, the many facets of a beloved television program can make one wonder to be anything "The Simpsons" doesn't have influence on. With so much power and ability to spark a flame on its popularity and then quickly fizzle out and disappear with the constantly changing zeitgeist. "The Simpsons," however, has managed to steer clear of this trap. Perhaps it's because of one of the greatest features of the show: its unflagging reliability. In all of its years on television the characters for the most part have stayed the same. Despite some minor changes in body shape and facial features, the characters have retained their same hair-style and complexion, most notably, their ages. Bart is still in the fourth grade after all these years, and this time it's not due to his tendency to flunk tests.

New characters have been added to the show mainly to gain depth beyond their initial stereotype, but the show remains the same. It's ageless and timeless. And, it has already become a classic in the eyes of its faithful viewers.

With such praise and glory, "The Simpsons" has become something massively influential. The show has become a cultural monster. Isn't it ironic that the TV show that has thrust such a cultural beast is being the subject of mockery on "The Simpsons" show itself.

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

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. In the first two postseason innings, the two teams in Minnesota Twins made three errors, allowed four unearned runs and ran their heads against the wall.

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

A.J. Pierzynski 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 blast the mighty Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1 in the second game of the AL Division Series, evening the series and giving the Twins a win or lose chance in Game 5 in the first game of the AL. Division Series.

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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 of their best players, said Tuesday night that they have the NFL's highest payroll, at $87,343,231.

The 31-20 victory over the Tennessee Titans ended the Jets' long string of losing seasons. The team's top players last year were paid $9.1 million, and this year the starting payroll is $12.5 million.

The Jets, who made the playoff last season but are 1-3 this season, are the only team with a payroll exceeding $117 million. The Packers have the lowest payroll, at $51.9 million. The Eagles, Detroit, Dallas and New England have payrolls between $89 million and $99 million.

Owners and players sign off on contract

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Baseball players and owners signed off on their new labor contract on Tuesday, approving a memorandum that outlines the agreement that avoided a strike.

Union head Donald Fehr and management lawyer Fay Vincent signed the "memorandum of understanding" separately at their offices. Just before the start of the playoffs, they sent the signed copies to each other by messenger.

Because of late changes made this week, copies of the documents were not scheduled to be available until Wednesday. The agreement, which binds the players, ensures baseball will have labor peace through the 2006 season.

The guarantee of 11 straight uninterrupted seasons following the end of the 1994-95 strike would be the longest period ever to live on or off the table since the players' association was formed in 1968.

On Aug. 16, the union's executive board set an Aug. 18 deadline for a strike, which would have been baseball's ninth work stoppage since 1972. But the sides reached the tentative agreement about 2 hours before the scheduled start of the strike.

Owners voted 29-1 on Sept. 5 to approve the deal, with the New York Yankees dissenting.

The union ratified the deal Tuesday, saying a majority of ballots from the 22 teams counted thus far had approved of the agreement.

The deal increases the amount of shared locally generated revenue among the clubs from 20 percent to 34 percent and imposes a luxury tax on the payrolls of 40-man payrolls above $171 million, the highest figure since the 1972 season.

The guaranteed revenue can rise to $270.5 million in 2004, $278 million in 2005 and $401 million in 2006.

Those figures include $25 million in annual increases to the union's $362 million pool of revenue from the Major League Baseball Players Association.
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 95-67 record last winter, bringing in Roberto Alomar, Mike Piazza and others, but it struggled all year and was embarrassed by accusations last month that at least seven players were smoking marijuana.

Mets owner Fred Wilpon decided in the past few days to fire Valentine, although he had said he planned to keep Valentine and general manager Steve Phillips.

"We put very good players in place who didn't play very well," Wilpon said. "I still believe it's a very competitive team. I think they'll play far, 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 told to inform him of the decision.

"For me, this is a painful decision," Valentine said. "I'm very painful, a season," he said in a statement.

I understand there would be questions 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 a search for 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 536-464, including 13 playoff losses in the 1999 and 2000 seasons.

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 Mike Hargrove of the Baltimore Orioles and Luis Pujols of Detroit lost their jobs.

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ARLINGTON, Texas

Jerry Narron was fired as manager of the Texas Rangers on Monday and Tuesday, four days after the team's third straight last-place finish in the American League West.


Narron was fired after the Rangers lost 14 games in a row. They went 3-20 in June and then 29-33 thereafter.

Narron also went 12-30 in April, the worst start in team history.

In his four seasons with the Rangers, Narron had a record of 134-162, including a club-record 27 pitching losses.

Narron used 51 players, including a club-record 27 pitchers.

This season has certainly been very frustrating and painful for all of us," Narron said. "For us, we obviously played a major factor, but there are a number of areas which we need to change and improve."

Possible replacements include bench coach Terry Francona, pitching coach Orel Hershiser, and Bullpen coach Andy Hawkins. All are interested in becoming the Rangers' manager.

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Payton finally arrives at camp

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Nate McMillan said Payton didn't attend a morning workout, he called his Monday team together.

"Nate said, 'Obviously, Gary's not here, but practice is 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."

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

"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 506-172, 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 won 31-4 last season and lost to UCLA 101-100 in double overtime in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Cincinnati opens practice for the new season on Oct. 12, but Goin wasn't thinking that far ahead.

"Maybe that is a little insensitive right now," he said.

"Basketball is down the road a little ways."

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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 at the Medical Center in Beaver, Pa., hospital spokesman Scott Mont said Monday.

Huggins was in serious but stable condition on Sunday. Ohio State sports information director Jim Hopp said Huggins probably will spend another 3-6 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 Goin said.

"Timing was of the essence. Everybody snapped to it. I don't think there was time to warn.

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 Waggoner, director of cardiac services at University Hospital.

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

Huggins turned the Bearcats into a perennial winner during his 13 seasons, but he's also 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.

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The new petty misdemeanor count carries a fine of up to $200, but it could also lead to a suspension or fine from the NFL.

Police said they found a marijuana cigarette in Moss' car after he was arrested on Sept. 24. Moss was already in downtown Minneapolis when the traffic officer stepped in front of his car to stop him from making an illegal turn. She was slightly injured when she fell off the car.

Moss spent the night in jail and was charged the next day with careless driving and with failure to obey a traffic officer, both misdemeanors.

The complaint said the marijuana amounted to just under a gram. Moss has said the marijuana did not belong to him and that he had allowed other people to use his car recently.

ESPN's Chris Mortensen reported Sunday that Moss was already in the league's substance abuse program for testing positive for marijuana last year, and underwent another test by the NFL after his arrest last week.

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By HEATHER VAN HÖEGARDEN and ERIK POWERS
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Lindsay Terifay looked like a wide receiver Tuesday night, catching the passes that all set up the Pyros (4-1) for scores in their 24-0 win over Howard (1-3).

However Terifay wasn't too impressed with her exceptional performance as a line receiver.

"We just thought that the defense was loading up the left side, so I played on the right today," Terifay said. "In the plays where I caught the passes, (quarterback) Abbey Coons (Coons) swings out and looks for me. She really reads the field well, so it makes it easy." Terifay was right about quarterback Coons reading the field well, as she threw for 148 yards and two touchdowns while also being for two scores and running for another.

"Our offense just made the catches when they counted," Coons said. "I also had a lot of time to throw, which made it easier for me to find the open receiver."

Coons credited center Allison Ferber with outstanding blocking throughout the game. Taking part in the scoring by catching Coons' touchdown passes were Laura Tushaus, and Christin Nally and Michele BCBG.

"Our plan is always to start with rushing," said co-captain Steve Keppel. "We feel confident as well, as the fire offense is clicking and the defense was overloading the passing game, 

From the second half Pyros' drive with a fourth-and-one snapshot with three minutes, getting the ball on 35-yard line, but their offense was stopped cold to end the half.

"Our defense really shut them down completely," Coons said. "They played extremely well. The Pyros now go into their next game sky high with confidence. Their passing offense is clicking and the defense proved themselves Tuesday night with a shutout against the Ducks. Terifay 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," Terifay said. "We don't have any stars, and that is good, because I think we are a true team."

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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 personal weaknesses they were all too familiar with last year.

"Sometimes, I think you may know too much of people," Irish defense coordinator Kent Baro 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 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're 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 concerned 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 286.6 passing yards per game, ranking them 112th in the nation. After allowing 65 points to Arizona State last week, the Cardinal dropped to 140th 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.

Holiday

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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 in doing fine. Yes, it was good to see him out of the sling and practicing. No, nobody knows if Holiday will be ready to play Saturday.

"If he doesn't get any reps, he's not going to play," Diedrick said. "But he did some of the drills today, more than we anticipated he would do."

In the meantime, Dillingham hazes in limbo, not knowing whether he will start Saturday or not. He used the bye week to brush up on the Irish offense and spent 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, back, 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 scheme 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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6 1957 Marion Brando film
7 "The loneliest number"
8 Screw up
9 Off the mark
10 Gives power to
11 With 19-Across, flashy display
12 Former ABC sitcom
13 On the ball
14 Many 12/26 stone visitors
23 Focal point
24 By no means poured
25 Things to crack
31 Actress Winona
32 Old-time punishment
33 Get a move on

36 Aunt Polly's nephew
37 Croatan peak
38 Bamboo pole
41 Didn't go away
44 Fought it out, in Britain
46 Permanently attached, to a zoologist
48 Painter of baritones
51 Steamboat sound
54 Agenda entries
55 This is one
56 Van Gogh's "Bedroom at..."
57 R Seiten attorney general
58 Frontline site
61 Choose's star
62 These four ordinary words.
63 Long-time source offering 2004/5 season
64 Kangaroo's kid
65 Bean with a history
66 Not so vigorous
68 Everything, to Einstein
69 In sorry shape
71 Ebbe's Field hero
72 Punt
76 Fast madly
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Happy Birthday! Don't be too shy to ask for help this year. Your tendency to take on too much work will culminate in unfulfilled business if you don't get the help you require. Listen to your problems will be a must. You'll do just fine if you focus on what and who is important to you. Conduct yourself accordingly and you will move forward in a positive manner. Your numbers are 14, 23, 25, 37, 38

ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is a great day to get into activities that will include children. Consider doing something that will improve your appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Avoid making important decisions in your personal life. You are not thinking clearly and this will interfere with your logic. You may wish to get some feedback from someone who knows you well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Your communication skills make you an excellent spokesperson for those less fortunate. Take action if you have strong beliefs regarding certain situations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Addicted responsibilities will be hardbitten. Try to recruit family members to assist you. Try to achieve some balance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You must be sure that you don't offend others with your blunt remarks. Think before you speak. Don't neglect your personal profession.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept 22): You will be busy this weekend. Be supportive and encouraging with children.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don'ts and do's today will be organized and will enhance your feelings of self-worth. Use your intuition to create ideas that will help others be more self-sufficient.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Those closest to you will probably create difficulties. Don't try to push others into doing things your way. If your loved ones need room to breathe, give them the space.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will derive the excitement you require from journeys of any length. You shouldn't be reckless while driving. Go slowly and have a wonderful time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take care of paperwork. Look into any minor health problems that have been plaguing you. There are no serious problems. Rest is probably what you need most.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will feel anxious because of arguments with your loved one. Remain impartial and confront situations one by one. Search out the support you need, and you will be happy with what you need.

PIECES (Feb. 19-March 20): Care for your lesser deeds. This is a major house cleaning so that you can discover what you actually have stuffed in your closets.

Birthday Baby: You will be very disciplined, cautious and need of praise. You will have opportunities to accomplish whatever you want throughout your life, but you will have to be willing to take a chance.

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Pasquerilla East 24, Howard 0
McGlinn 24, Pangborn 0
Alumni 22, O’Neill 6

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