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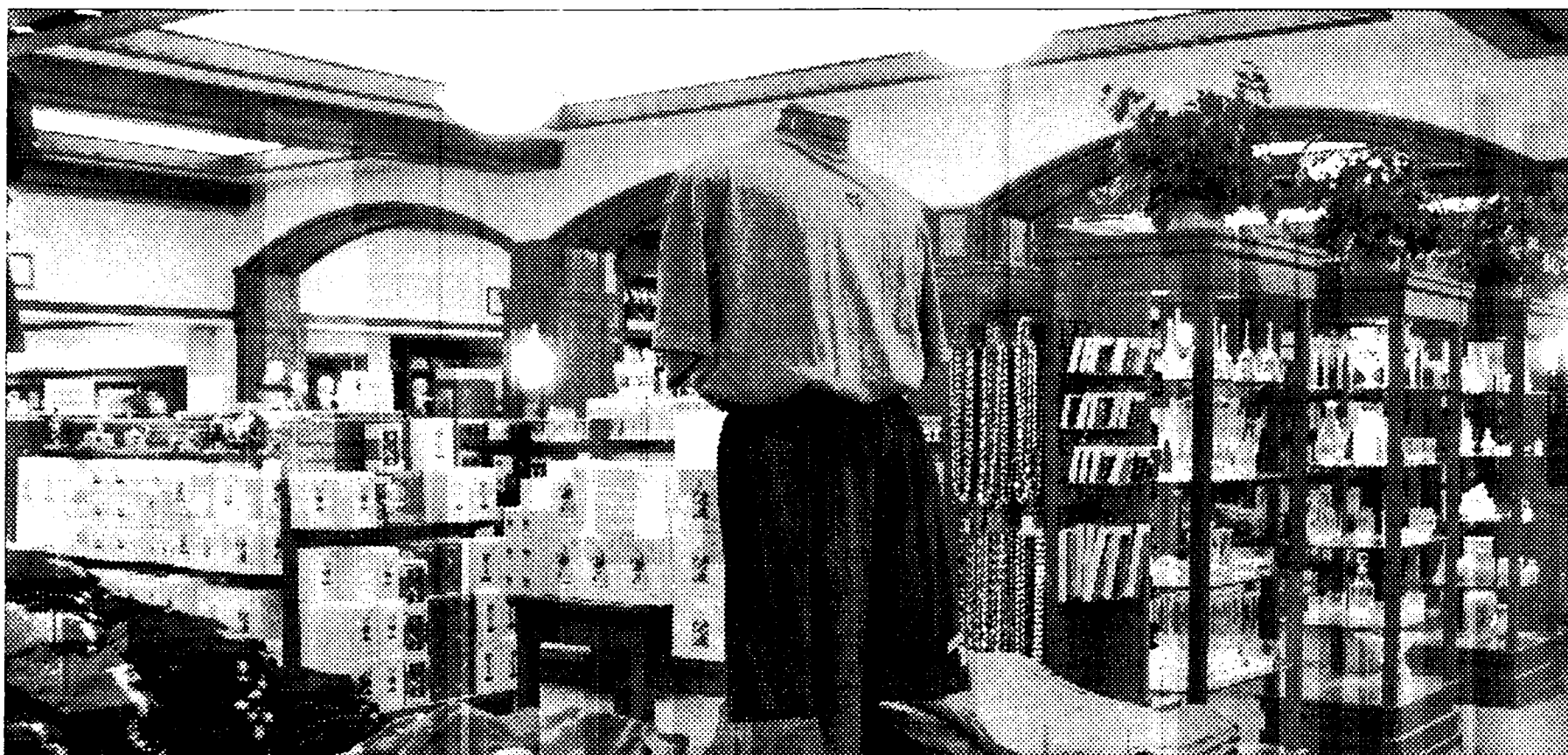
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"The Shirt" makes a return to glory



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

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 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 foot-

ball team and Coach [Tyronel] 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

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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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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 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," she said.

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

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LIZ GAYDOS/The Observer

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 foot- ball?

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

Mike Harkins

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 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. I 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 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 stu- dents 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 suc- ceeded in playing "Move B—" 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 request- ed 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 dif- ferent R.A.'s plus Fr. Doyle, we were allowed to leave. I walked my date back 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 awe- some evening. The fact that we could go out and dance for hours without need- ing a fake I.D. was all I could really ask for.

So can Notre Dame survive a week- end without football? Oh yeah.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Oct. 1 issue Nellie Williams's column, Follow Peg should have ended, Chances are you'll get the experience of a lifetime and maybe even a cup of hot tea.

The Observer regrets the error.

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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 Labanyi, McKenna Hall, Auditorium, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Graduate Student Christian Fellowship, Wilson Commons, 10 to 11 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ "Transnational Perspectives in American Catholic History," Deidre Maoloney, Cushwa Center, Conference Room, 4:15 p.m.
- ◆ South Bend / Mishawaka Youth Leadership, Clubhouse, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ◆ History Saint Mary's, HCC/Welsh Parlor, 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Deserted bike found

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

Knights unable to defend their bikes

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

Students continue to lose decals

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

Another case of a missing decal

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

Some of the Finest are fined

NDSP issued multiple students at Farley Hall citations for minor con- sumption of alcohol on Friday.

Information compiled from NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall

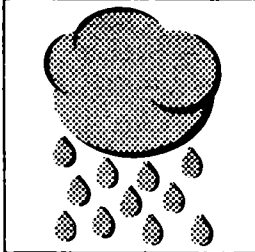
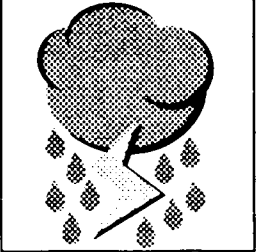
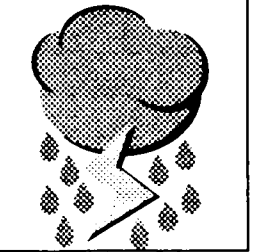
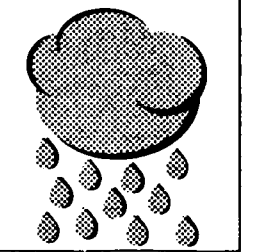
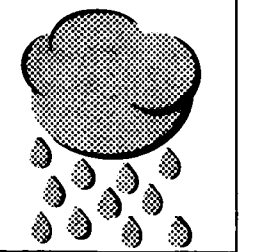
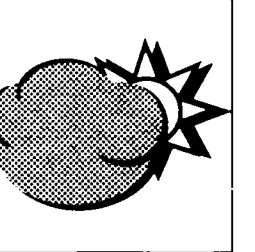
Today Lunch: Broccoli cheese soup, tomato soup, sausage pineapple pizza, meatloaf, scalloped corn casse- role, carrots with honey-orange sauce, cherry crisp, szechuan vegetable stir-fry, grilled tilapia, potatoes with spinach, broccoli spears, oatmeal, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, potato triangles, breaded cheese sticks, chicken fajita

Today Dinner: Four-grain soup, tomato soup, sausage pineapple pizza, sauerbraten, zum-zum potato salad, peas and pearl onions, cherry crisp, chicken teriyaki, baked lemon perch, rice valencienne, curried vegetables, cous- cous, meatball grinder, Mexicana couscous, beef and pep- per stir-fry

South Dining Hall

Today Lunch: Spaghetti puttanesca, southwestern pasta sauce, boiled basil/garlic linguine, winter blend vegetable, beef chop suey, cajun baked pollock, roast top round, baked sweet potato, long grain and wild rice, pretzel, orien- tal vegetables, chicken tempura, California eldorado casse- role

Today Dinner: Spaghetti puttanesca, southwestern pasta sauce, boiled basil/garlic linguine, Hawaiian pizza, potato pancakes, hot chunky applesauce, stuffed green peppers, tuna casserole, roast turkey breast, bread stuffing, baked sweet potato, sauteed chicken breast, broccoli garlic tofu

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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LISA VELTE/The Observer

Jon Bond talks with Kelly Malloy (left) and Lacy Haussamen (right). Many students have been taking advantage of the warm weather outdoors while it lasts.

Notre Dame honors German history

By JESSICA DALSING
News Writer

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 Lontas, 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 Lontas.

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 German

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."

German-American Day was begun in tribute of the first 13 immigrant families to found Germantown, Pa., in 1683.

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Erik Smith
student

U-WIRE

Dartmouth uses tracking program

By Alison Schmauch
The Dartmouth

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 consulate 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.A. 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.

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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 organization unanimously approved a proposal to allow all members to vote in the absence of sufficient departmental representatives.

Resolutions amending 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 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 Firat Demir, healthcare is still overpriced and inadequate.

Health Care Committee chairman Heather Edwards, however, urged a cautious approach.

"The Graduate School has been completely helpful in our attempts to change the healthcare system," she said. "Now is not the time to antagonize people. There are still a lot of things to get changed but we really can't do anything until we get subsidization."

♦ 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. 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

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 decidedly in support of war.

Stanford sophomore Joseph Fairbanks, president of the Stanford College Republicans, is a strong supporter of the Bush administration's case for action.

"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 military force — especially right now," he said.

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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 I, 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 believed 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 Notre Dame Alumni Association and helps to raise funds for Student Activities, scholarships and student organizations. Half of the proceeds are used to assist students faced with financial troubles that were a result of accidents or tragedies.

"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 adding 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's 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

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 humans is anticipated within the next two years.

"We think scientifically it's a very substantive 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' genome. The outer surface of the envelope is studded with proteins, called gp120, which the virus uses 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 for many microbes, viruses in particular, live viruses are modified" to create vaccines, he said. "We can't do that with HIV; it would be too dan-

gerous."

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 Fouts, Anthony Devico and others, describes the findings in detail.

"It's a very interesting approach," said David Gilden,

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."

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, the city of Baltimore, the University System of Maryland and the University of Maryland Medical System.



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CUBA

Hurricane Lili gains strength and heads for Gulf

Associated Press

HAVANA

Hurricane Lili strengthened as it roared 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 Martin 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 traveled to the western province of Pinar del Rio early Tuesday afternoon to check on civil defense plans as the hurricane roared across the island's southern end.

At 2 p.m. EDT, the eye of the storm was crossing the southernmost 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 evacuation plans while 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 Isidore.

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

Cubana Airlines halted all



AFP Photo

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 ignores 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 the U.N. Security Council.

But U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, clashing with Blix, said hours later that the search for hidden arsenals in Iraq

should be held up until the Security Council adopts tough new rules.

Powell said in Washington that sending inspectors back to Iraq now after a lapse of nearly four years would risk further deception by Saddam.

Blix said the agreement on logistics, hammered out in two days of talks in Vienna, called 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 U.S. demands that all sites be subject to

unannounced visits. Besides the palaces, also declared off-limits were several government ministries, including defense and interior, as well as the headquarters of Saddam's elite Republican Guard.

Under a 1998 deal worked out between U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Baghdad, the inspectors are not allowed to visit the presidential sites unannounced and must be accompanied by a team of international diplomats when they do.

The chief Iraqi negotiator, Gen. Amir al-Sadi, sought to deflect attention from the presidential sites.

"Quite honestly, I don't understand why

it is so critical," al-Sadi said, adding that on the whole, Baghdad was "happy with this agreement." He and Blix agreed that 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.

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

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. links al-Qaida to embassy plot:

U.S. counterterrorism officials believe the operations 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 condition 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 psychiatrists concluded the man is mentally competent. The execution of triple killer Rigoberto 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 Greyhound bus driver with a pair of scissors, causing a crash that killed two passengers. The bus, heading from Los Angeles to San Francisco, flipped on its side Monday evening and slid into a field off Interstate 5 near Fresno. It was carrying 50 passengers.

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 Bock 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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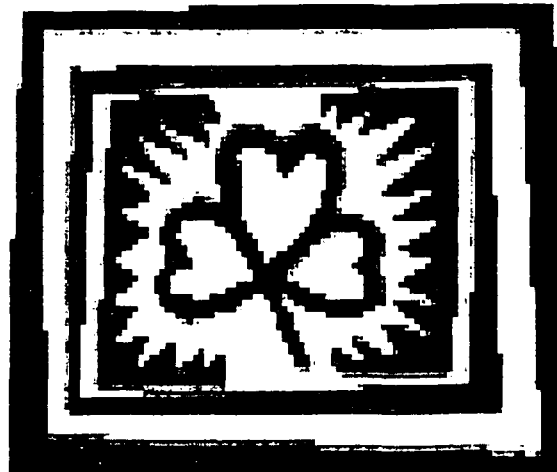
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SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	+6.56	+0.17	2.76

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 the Goldman Sachs, Case acknowledged that the past year has been difficult but said the company he helped create has 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 our 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 agent 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.

The sticking point, according to the letter, was Expedia's refusal to offer the exact terms offered by Orbitz — a controversial Internet travel company launched more than a year ago by five major carriers, including Northwest.

Lawmakers criticize record industry

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

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 dined 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'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.

"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."



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.

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 announced it is reversing \$950 million in revenue from suspect transactions and probably will revise its revenues even more, Qwest chief financial officer Oren 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 CEO 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 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, 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 retract \$1.4 million in severance payments promised to 19 laid-off company executives before the company filed for bankruptcy in July as a multi-billion dollar accounting scandal unfolded.

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 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 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-Qaida 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.

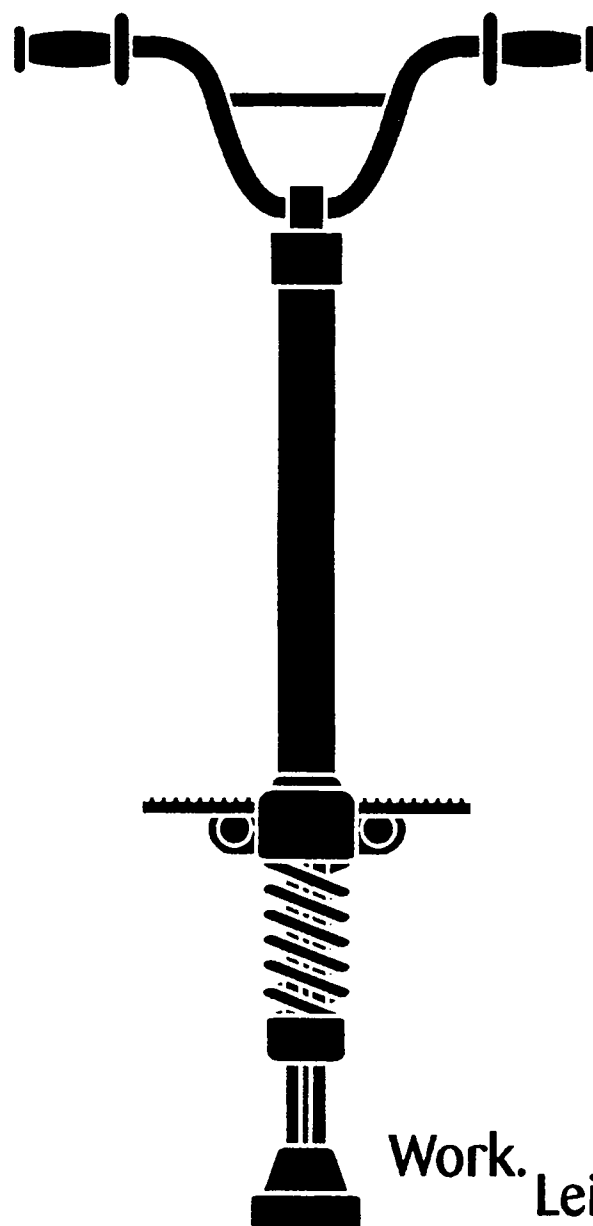
Prosecutors say they aren't sure when he attended.

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 better the world, renew Britain and modernize his party.

The address echoed what some observers called the almost missionary-like zeal shown by Blair in his address to

last year's Labor Party conference, shortly after the Sept. 11 terror attacks, during which he said the uncertainty in the world provided a chance to remake it for the better.

"I believe we're at our best when at our boldest," he said Tuesday. "We need coalitions not just to deal with evil by force if necessary, but coalitions for peace, coalitions to tackle poverty and ignorance and disease."

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. France is seeking two resolutions, with the second allowing force if the first on inspections is not obeyed.

While acknowledging that many resent the power of the United States, Blair defended his close relationship with Bush and dismissed criticism that he too closely follows Washington's lead.

"The basic values of America

are our values, too — Britain and Europe — and they are good values," Blair said.

"My vision of Britain is not the 51st state of anywhere, but I believe in this alliance, and I will fight long and hard to preserve it," despite what he called widespread anti-Americanism in Britain and elsewhere.

Labor has been divided for months over Blair's stance on Iraq, but conference delegates gave him a crucial vote of support Monday, when they passed a motion supporting the use of force against Saddam if all else fails and the United Nations supports it.

Blair's hour-long speech focused particularly his plans to reform Britain's public services.

Years after he dragged the party from the fringes of the left toward centrism and back into office, he said the Labor faithful must not be afraid to modernize further.

The conference dealt him a rebuke on Monday when — with the heavy support of unions — it backed a motion calling for an independent review of Blair's plans to partly privatize schools, hospitals and other public services.

Blair said ahead of time that he would ignore that nonbinding vote, and he vowed Tuesday to press ahead even faster.

"We on the left have our own pessimism," he said. "It's that if we change a cherished institution, we betray it. If we deliver a service in a different way, we somehow trash its founding principles."

CANADA

Canadian government plans long-term agenda

Associated Press

TORONTO

Outlining an ambitious long-term agenda, Prime Minister Jean Chretien's government pledged Monday to bolster health care spending, help the poor escape welfare, 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 economy touch every community and lift every family and every Canadian," Gov. Gen. Adrienne Clarkson said in the Speech from the Throne at the start of the new Parliament session.

Clarkson, who is the representative of the British Queen in Canada, delivered the speech to both legislative chambers in a tradition that emphasizes the nation's historical links to Britain.

While full of proposals addressing various social and environment issues, the speech lacked any specific dollar figures. The Liberal Party government says it will submit a new budget in February that will outline its spending plans.

Leaders of opposition parties called the government program a rehash of previous proposals that Chretien's government never carried out.

"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."

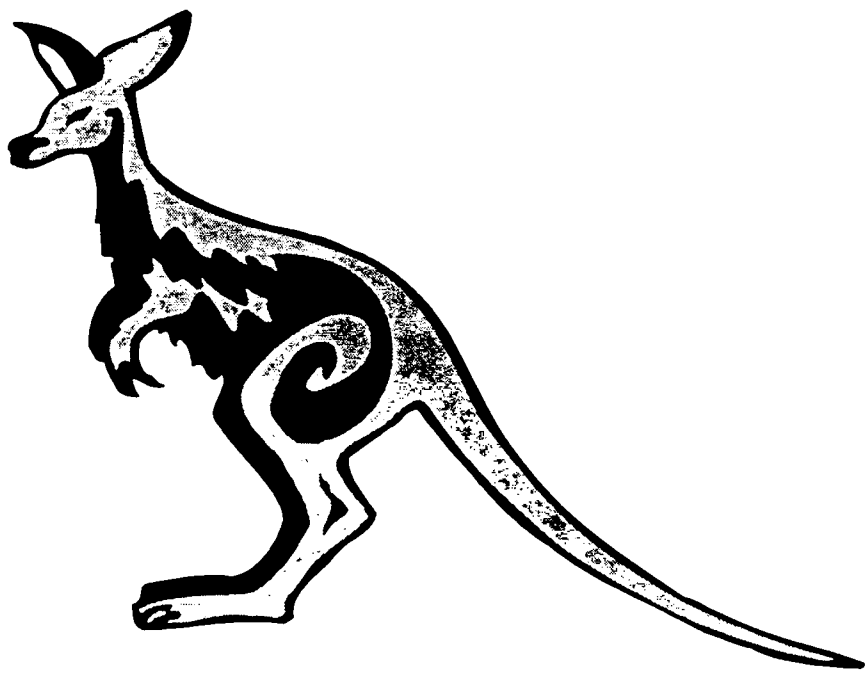
The government also said it would boost its diplomatic presence in the United States to try to resolve trade disputes such as the U.S. punitive duties on Canadian softwood lumber.

Chretien, who has been in power since 1993 and recently announced he will step down in February 2004, oversaw deep spending cuts in his early years to erase a budget deficit.

Now critics from conservative opposition parties call for continued fiscal discipline to lower taxes instead of increased spending on a wide range of proposals intended to serve as a legacy of Chretien's leadership.

The speech written by Chretien's office and read by Clarkson promised long-term federal funding for health care at a time when a government-appointed commission is studying how to reform Canada's troubled medicare system.

Monday's speech promised to help poor families escape welfare, provide new money for early childhood care and increase child tax benefits for the poor and one-parent families.



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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.

Jacqueline Browder

Happily Ever After

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 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, stain riddled 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 seemingly ordinary Sunday in May, our lives will change forever. Amid congratula-

tions 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 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 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 waded 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 are 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 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 loom 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 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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Another working world is possible

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

Paul Graham

Another Perspective

This mobilization was about fighting back — fighting the corporate control of our economy, fighting the corporate control of our politics 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 is building, and that is a resistance against the greed that has dominated the lives of millions of people across the globe.

Here in the United States, the top (richest) five percent own more than 20 percent of the wealth, while more than 10 percent of our country lives in poverty. As stock prices fall, the top five percent will do everything they can to keep profits up. As corporations tussle 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, benefits are lost or, worse, their jobs are lost.

Our system of economy is prosperous, but the workers that built the riches and capital do not earn much of the wealth. As a result, standards of living suffer, schools suffer and the struggle to live day by day for many people becomes more and more difficult. The poor, the homeless and the workforce 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 possibly willing to work for less, especially when quality employment is becoming more and more difficult to find. This is not economic efficiency, but rather wage-slavery.

The powerful will not willingly relinquish the power they have over the general population. Rights that are considered basic today were not handed over without a struggle. We need to organize to reclaim our power and to transform our communities and economy so 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 problem and forced to listen. This does not stop the global "race to the bottom" for cheap labor.

Communities everywhere must organize and have solidarity 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 and homelessness or improving education. Bush wants to make trade easier between the United States and Latin 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 most local level, whether it is in the classroom, the work place 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, when organized, we can put a stop to the greedy machines that dominate our lives.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attack on Iraq would 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 informing 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.

In this case it was not the failure of the intelligence community, but a failure at the top, by the people who are supposed to utilize the information collected by America's intelligence agencies. If the successes of American intelligence were published as often as the "failures," people would see that organizations such as the CIA do not deserve the bad rap they often get.

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 looking 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 toil away every day to keep this country safe. I just wanted to point out that for every "failure" there are thousands of successes that the American people never get to hear about.

There was no way to prevent the Sept. 11 attacks. All we can do is try to learn from them, which 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.

Sure, there is no doubt we could defeat Sadaam Hussein, but the costs to our country both politically and economically could be a crippling blow. As Marchand proposes, we should attack 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 a war on terrorism, we could dig ourselves a hole we might not soon get out of.

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Sept. 30



SMC provides oppportunities to grow in faith

I am writing in response to Mary Beth Ellis' Oct. 1 letter to the editor. Ellis, a Saint Mary's alumna, wrote that she "never found an opportunity to foster ... [her] ... Catholic faith on campus."

Ellis, I 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 organizes 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 a half-dozen deacons who offer daily mass, Bible study and spiritual guidance to Belles in the Rome Program.

Ellis, you mentioned 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, La 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.

Contrary to Ellis' opinion, Saint Mary's does provide many opportunities to "foster Catholic faith," and a considerable amount of students

eagerly partake of them. In itself, an organization or a place of worship is not what fosters a person's faith, it is the person's initiative and response. Even if Saint Mary's had 20 chapels in each dorm, required 10 semesters of religious studies classes and had Campus Ministry liaisons knocking on your bedroom door begging you to volunteer at the Center for the Homeless, it would still be your prerogative to take advantage of these opportunities or not.

As a Catholic, Ellis, I assume that you'd agree with me that God gave us all the freedom to choose. One has to choose whether or not to see and take advantage of the opportunities around him or her. It was your choice, Ellis, to worry so much about your distaste for the Saint Mary's main chapel's "plaster, shoved-out-of-the-way tabernacle," that you missed the numerous faith-fostering opportunities offered here at the College. It's not too late for you to participate in the faith-fostering opportunities here at Saint Mary's, though, because along with various masses, prayer groups, and other occasions open to the public, the SURV Center even offers programs in post-graduate service.

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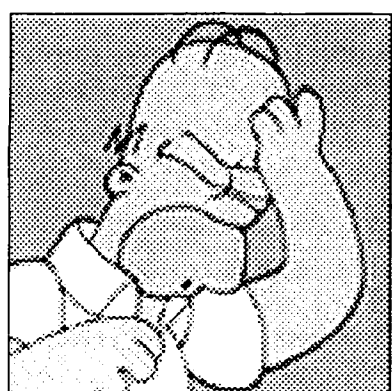
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THE ARE YOU A
SIMPSON TEST

The Sim

By JULIE BENDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Suspect you might be a Simpson? If you exhibit two or more of these traits you may be a Simpson



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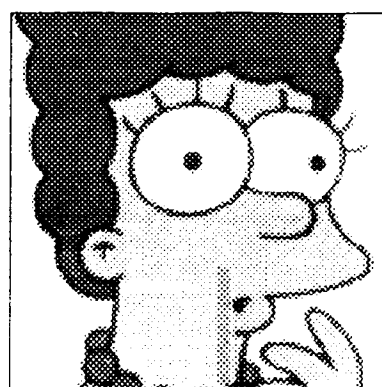
Do you:

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

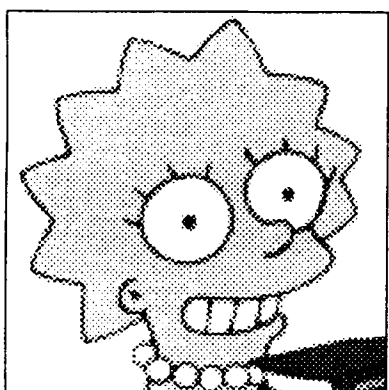
Do you:

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- 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**



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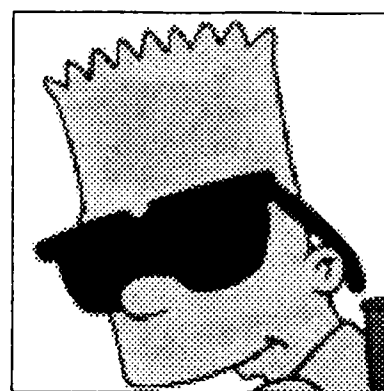
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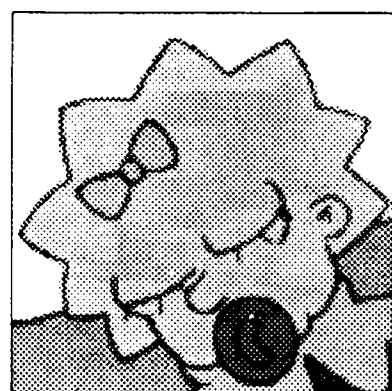
- Own only one piece of clothing**
- Find constant conflict between family and morals**
- Know it all**
- Have shrill violence-inducing voice**
- Love trees more than life itself**
- Choo-choo choose Ralphie**

Do you:

- Speak only one language: vulgarity**
- Have hair that is not differentiated from head**
- Have no discernable morals**
- Never learn from mistakes**
- Emulate anything seen on TV**



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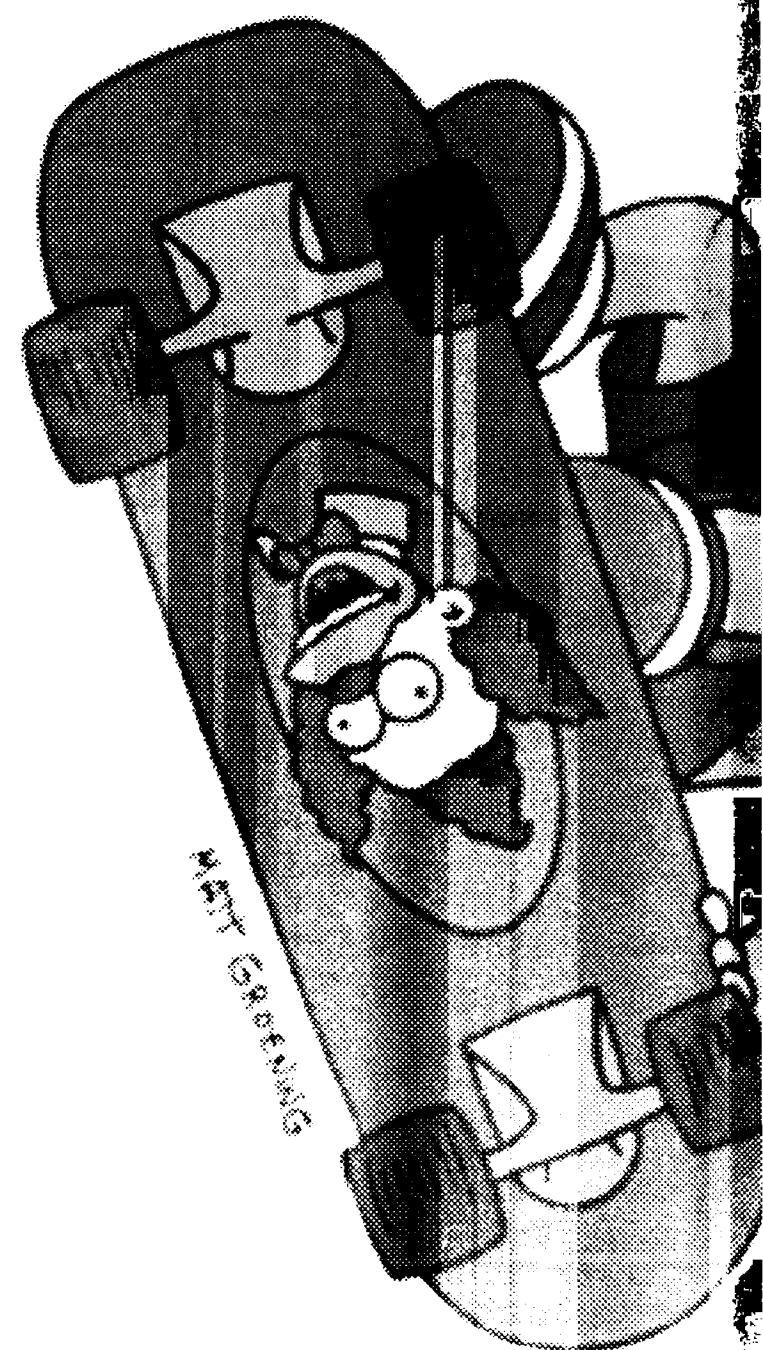
Do you:

- 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**

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 transfixing 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 "raining".) Before following his life's calling as an ingenious cartoonist, Groening



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Simpsons: D'oh!

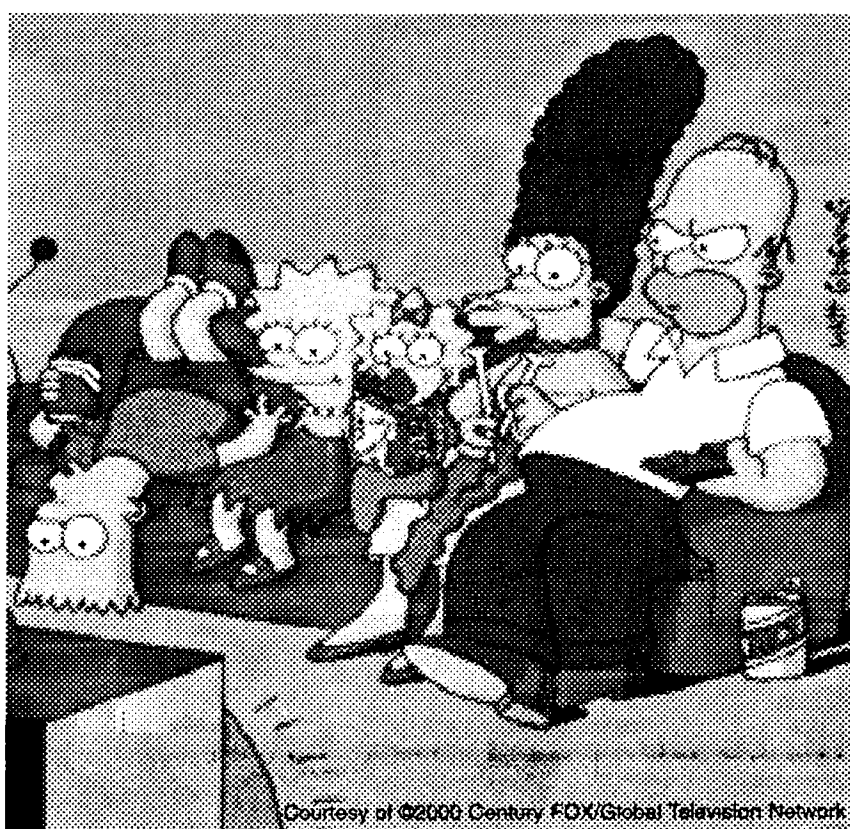
first worked as a sewage treatment plant employee and as a chauffeur. Soon realizing these careers weren't for him, Groening sought out a newspaper willing to publish his pen and ink comedic antics. Stemming from his elementary days, Groening reacquainted himself with drawing and creating cartoons, eventually landing himself a job in 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 into television, but at the same time he was wary of giving up the rights to his dearly loved comic strip. In an attempt to preserve his ownership of "Life in Hell," Groening made the ingenious move of creating a new cartoon. Thus, the Simpsons came into being.

Using pop culture as a stepping stone into the world of satire, Groening developed a saga around his new characters, who were modeled after a somewhat typical 1960's American family. There was a day-jobbing father; a sensible and advice-giving mother; a school-hating fourth grade son; an over-achieving, saxophone-playing daughter and a pacifier-sucking baby.

The cartoon first aired in minute long segments that ran before and after com-

mercial breaks on the Show. Gaining recognition from that stint, the Simpson family got a taste of independence when in 1989 20th 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



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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, poster, lunch boxes, advertisements, CDs – the Simpsons were and still are inescapable. Even phrases from the show became part of the colloquial language heard on the street: "Aye Carumba!" "Eat my shorts," "D'oh!" These catch phrases became remarkably familiar to the ear thanks to the Simpsons writers. In fact, "D'oh" was recently added into 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 Illiad and the Odyssey. In a sense this is correct. The class does study Homer, but the Homer of the Simpson variety. The course requires stu-

dents to read selections with titles like, "The Simpson's and Philosophy: The D'oh 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.

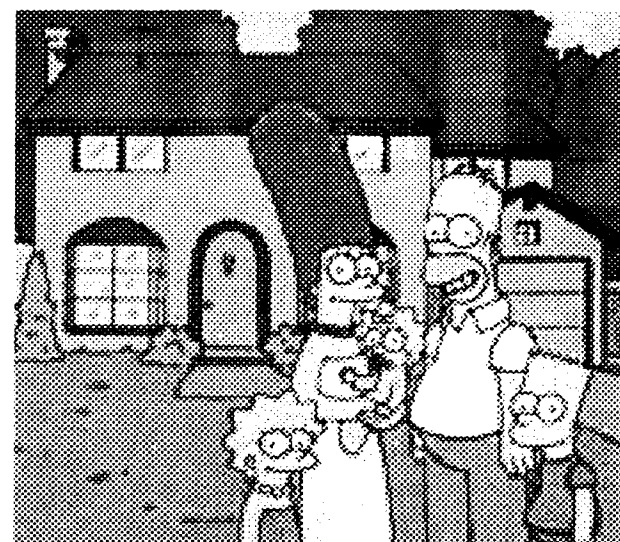
So, what is it about these characters that is so appealing to Americans? Surely Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa, Maggie, Ned Flanders, Krusty the Clown and the endless other characters must have some secret to their allure. But, what exactly is it that keeps viewers eagerly anticipating every new episode, while still watching and re-watching the old ones? Annie Dell'Aria, a sophomore from Pasquerella East 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 but exaggerated to the point where we can, in a sense, laugh at ourselves." John Baker, a sophomore from Fisher Hall agrees saying, "[The

Simpsons'] are a satire of our society and we think it's funny because we live it." Baker also adds, "This doesn't say much for Americans though!"

Both these opinions hold truth in their assessment of the show. "The Simpsons" takes every aspect of life and society 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 Sorin 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 other shows do. It acknowledges its viewers as intelligent beings."

Most celebrities think the show is great as well. There is a long line of 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 Ringo Starr, Aerosmith, James Brown, Larry King, James Earl Jones, Paul McCartney and Danny DeVito.



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"The Simpsons" has made its mark in the political arena as well. In a 1990 interview with People Magazine, former first lady Barbara Bush called the show "the dumbest thing [she'd] ever seen." Soon after, Bush received a letter from Marge Simpson demanding an apology. Within two weeks, Bush made a public statement asking Marge for forgiveness for "a loose tongue."

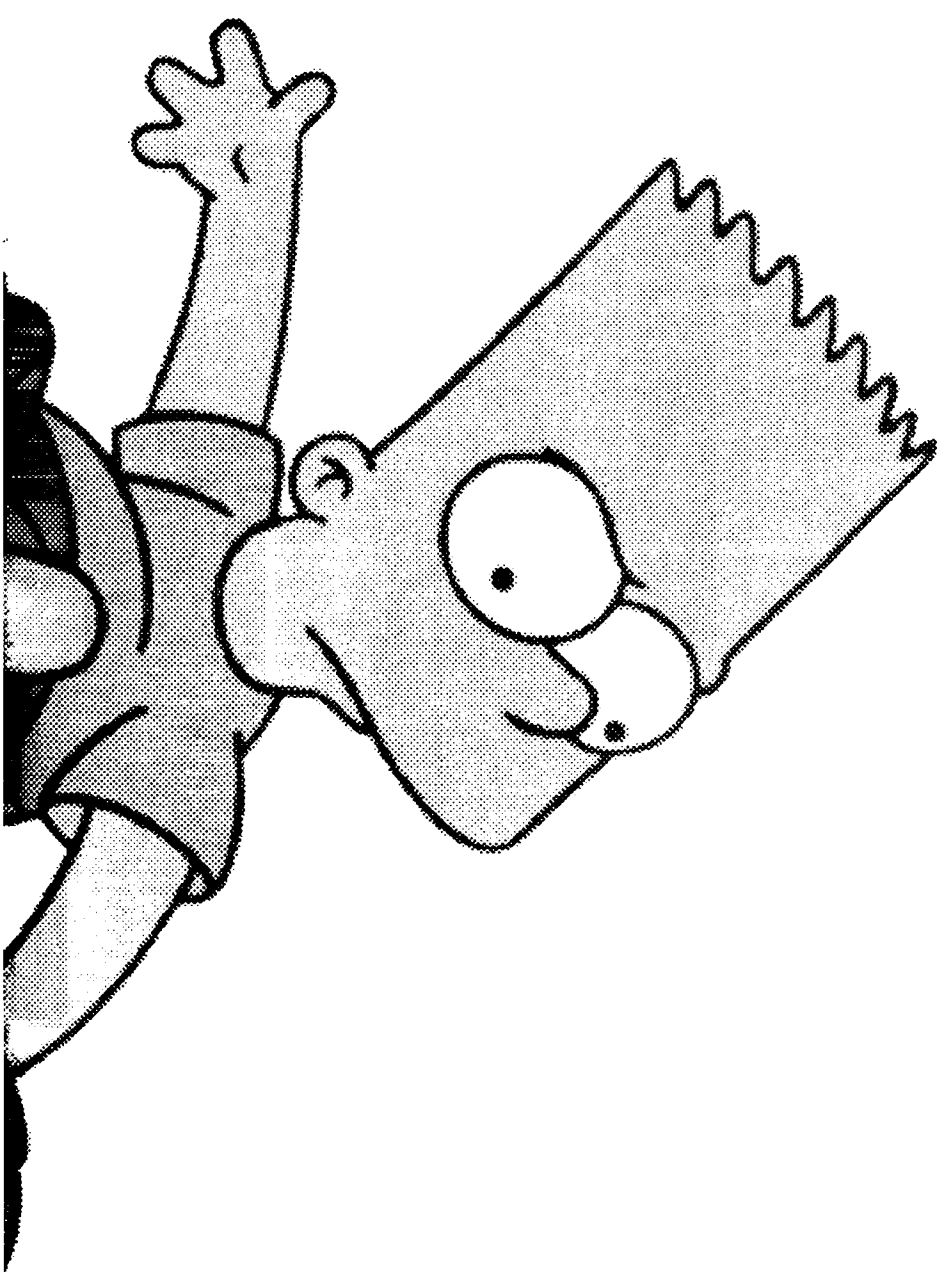
Gracing the cultural aspects of stardom and politics, it would only seem fair that "The Simpsons" has had an impact on a personal level as well. This just so happens to be the case with the self-confessed "Simpsons" junkie Suzanne Macey, a current sophomore at Fordham University in New York City. Macey 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 has started a love connection as well!

Ahhh, the many facets of a beloved television program. There doesn't seem to be anything "The Simpsons" doesn't have influence on. With so much power and sway it would be easy for any show 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 unfailing reliability. In all of its years on television the characters for the most part have stayed the same. Despite some minor changes in bodily shape and facial features, the characters have retained their same hair-styles, clothing and 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 and personalities have gained 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, Homer-quoting fans.

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 very thing that would normally tame such a cultural beast is being the subject of mockery on "The Simpsons" show itself.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Twins beat A's 7-5 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 postseason innings of their lives, the young Minnesota Twins made three errors, allowed four unearned runs and reached their boiling point.

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 beat the Oakland Athletics 7-5 in the first game of the AL Division Series.

It wasn't a happy time when the Twins came back to the dugout down 5-1 in the second inning of the franchise's first postseason game since winning the 1991 World Series — largely thanks to their own mistakes, including an infield popup that four Twins allowed to drop untouched.

Starting pitcher Brad Radke slammed his glove into the dugout bench. Pierzynski, their volatile All-Star catcher, fumed and shouted. Several players yelled angrily at each other — until one of them said something that made sense.

"Torii (Hunter) came in screaming," Doug Mientkiewicz said. "He was saying, 'We've waited our whole lives for this! Let's get our heads out and get it done! We've still got seven innings!'"

But the Twins, who defied baseball's conventional wisdom about small-market teams to win the AL Central, steadily rallied back with offense from nearly every player — eight Twins got a hit — and more of the steady bullpen work that's been one of their strongest assets.

Eddie Guardado capped four innings of scoreless relief with the save, getting pinch-hitter Adam Piatt on a fly to right with two runners on to end it.

The Twins were the best defensive team in the majors this season, making just 74 errors. They tied the division series record for errors in a game, yet still came back to win.

"We don't make three errors. We just don't do that," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "At one point in the game, it was comical. ... The game was getting a little crazy on us. I'd have a hard time this year finding three innings we played like that. I think it was just nerves. We got some stuff out of our system today."

Game 2 in the best-of-five series is Wednesday, with Mark Mulder pitching for Oakland against Joe Mays.

Eric Chavez drove in two runs for the A's, who tied the Yankees for the major league lead with 103 victories in the regular season. But Oakland didn't get the standout pitching that's been its trademark in three straight playoff campaigns.

Hudson, the longest-tenured member of Oakland's Big Three starters, never got comfortable in 5 1/3 shaky innings. He allowed eight hits and four runs in his first career loss to Minnesota.

"The bottom line is we just didn't pitch today," Hudson said. "They gave us some breaks early in the game, (but) they settled down. Obviously we would've liked to have won, but there's a lot of baseball left to

be played."

Yankees 8, Angels 5

Bernie Williams and the New York Yankees had a little leftover late-inning magic.

Jason Giambi hit a tying single with two outs in the eighth inning and Williams followed with a three-run homer, providing another stunning Yankee Stadium comeback as New York beat the Anaheim Angels 8-5 Tuesday night in Game 1 of the AL division series.

Showing the same flair for the dramatic that fueled last year's postseason run to Game 7 of the World Series, the Yankees rallied to win in the eighth inning to spoil the Angels' first postseason game in 16 years.

After Troy Glaus' second homer put Anaheim ahead 5-4 in the top of the eighth, the Yankees took advantage of a questionable decision by Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia.

Ben Weber started the inning and retired the first two batters before walking Alfonso Soriano. With closer Troy Percival warming up, Scioscia stuck with Weber, who walked Derek Jeter. Scioscia then brought in lefty Scott Schoeneweis, even though Percival had struck out Giambi five times in five career at-bats.

Giambi hit a hard one-hopper that deflected off first baseman Scott Spiezio's glove into right field, scoring Soriano with the tying run. Williams worked the count to 1-2 against Brendan Donnelly and then hit a drive to right field for his 17th career postseason home run and Yankee Stadium began rocking again as it did last fall.

The thunderous ovation continued as closer Mariano Rivera came in from the bullpen to his heavy metal anthem "Enter Sandman." It was a comforting sight for the Yankees after their most indispensable player spent three stints on the disabled list this season.

Rivera worked through an easy ninth, showing no effects from his blown save in Game 7 of the World Series to Arizona last year.

Steve Karsay pitched a hitless eighth for the win.

Game 2 in the best-of-five series is Wednesday night. Kevin Appier, Anaheim's only playoff veteran, pitches against Andy Pettitte.

The Angels came into the series with one player with playoff experience. But the shakiest move came from their manager, who was a postseason star with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1988.

The series was billed as a matchup of Yankees longball against Angels smallball. And the Bronx Bombers came out on top as usual in October.

Giambi homered and drove in three runs in his first playoff game with New York. Newcomer Rondell White and Jeter also homered.

Cardinals 12, Diamondbacks 2

After a sensational September, Randy Johnson is off to an awful October, and St. Louis has won a big one for No. 57.

Jim Edmonds and Scott Rolen each hit monster two-run homers and the Cardinals battered Johnson for a season-worst 10 hits in six innings in a 12-2 rout of the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday night in the opener of their NL division series.

Matt Morris, the number "57" and initials of late teammate Darryl Kile written on his hat, settled down after a shaky start to get the victory, something he failed to do in two outstanding outings against Arizona in last year's division series.

When Morris finished his seven strong innings, teammate Andy Benes hugged him in the dugout and said, "You stood tall."

The Diamondbacks, meanwhile, looked nothing like the

calm, efficient World Series champions, especially the big guy on the mound.

From the start, Johnson was not his scowling, intimidating self. His fastball never topped 95 mph. His slider had none of the nasty snap that has befuddled hitters all season. The man who is No. 4 on the career strikeout list managed to fan only four, two of them on foul third-strike bunt attempts by Morris.

With Kile's widow, Flynn, among the capacity crowd of 49,154, Edmonds launched a 424-footer to right in the first inning and Rolen hit a 427-foot shot to left-center in the third.

When Johnson left, bad turned to worse for the Diamondbacks. The Cardinals scored six runs off relievers Matt Mantei, Greg Swindell and Mike Fetters in the most one-sided postseason defeat ever for the Diamondbacks.

With two days off during the best-of-5 series, the Cardinals have to beat Johnson and/or Curt Schilling twice.

Schilling will go against Chuck Finley in Game 2 on Thursday.

Johnson had gone 5-0 with an 0.66 ERA in September and was 13-1 in his last 15 starts. In the process, he became the first NL pitcher in 17 years to win the pitching Triple Crown of victories (24), strikeouts (334) and ERA (2.32).

Morris allowed single runs in the first and third innings, then shut down the Diamondbacks. He gave up seven hits, struck out three and walked two in seven innings. It was a strong outing for the Cardinal hit hardest by Kile's death of a heart attack June 22 in his hotel room in Chicago.

A year ago, St. Louis handed Johnson his lone loss of the playoffs in Game 2 of the division series, extending his postseason losing streak to seven. He won the next five, a playoff record, three of them in the World Series.

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NFL

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 playoffs last season but are 1-3 this year, spent considerable money on signing bonuses because they

signed a number of free agents and 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 intact 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 linebacker 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 25 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 expansion Houston Texans (\$76,507,361). Behind Houston were the Dallas Cowboys (74,349,380) and the

San Francisco 49ers (\$74,206,418).

The Green Bay Packers' payroll of \$39,720,069 is the lowest, nearly \$5 million lower than the next team, the Minnesota Vikings (\$44,219,850). The Packers paid \$10,918,200 in signing bonuses to 19 players.

The average NFL salary, including signing bonuses, is \$1.123 million, with the Steelers coming in at a league-high \$1,605,087, a figure inflated because they signed so many players this year. The Packers had the lowest average salary, \$722,183.

NBA

Dele considered cutting brother off financially

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Former NBA center Bison Dele considered financially 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 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.

In July, Dabord had sailed with Dele; Dele's girlfriend, Serena Karlan; and French skipper Bertrand Saldo in the

South Pacific when the three vanished.

Authorities in French Polynesia have implicated Dabord, who died last week at a California hospital, in the disappearances.

Kevin Porter, the manager of Dele's business affairs, said Tuesday he never told investigators about the former athlete wanting to cut off his brother, even though police attributed such statements to him.

Sgt. Lauri Williams, a Phoenix police spokeswoman, said perhaps Porter doesn't remember saying that.

Investigators take enormous care in

accurately recording statements, she said.

"He would give him money to live on or do what he wanted to do. Bison never questioned it. That was Bison's nature. He always took care of his family."

Kevin Porter
Bison Dele's business manager

his family."

Dele's mother, Patricia Phillips, told investigators in Phoenix that Dabord

was somewhat estranged from their family for about three years but would return after one of his "get-rich-quick schemes" failed, according to the report.

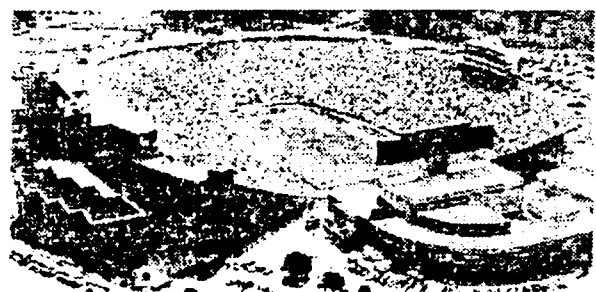
The FBI's San Francisco office, which is investigating the disappearance, declined to comment.

When questioned by Phoenix police about allegations that Dabord used Dele's identity and money to try to buy gold coins, Dabord told investigators he acted on his brother's behalf.

Dabord was released from custody. Without an admission to the contrary, authorities decided they shouldn't book Dabord into jail at the time, the report said.

Dabord went to Mexico, where on mid-September he slipped into a coma, which his mother said resulted from an overdose on insulin and failure to treat his asthma.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Owners and players sign off on contract

Associated Press

NEW YORK

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

Union head Donald Fehr and Rob Manfred, the owners' top labor lawyer, 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 parties, 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 without a stoppage since the players' association was formed in 1966.

On Aug. 16, the union's executive board set an Aug. 30 date for a strike, which would have been baseball's ninth work stoppage since

1972.

But the sides reached the tentative agreement about 2 1/2 hours before the scheduled start of the strike.

Union lawyer Michael Weiner and management lawyer Frank Coonelly said they hope that the "memorandum of understanding" can be drafted into a formal collective bargaining agreement within 10 days.

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 portions of 40-man payrolls above \$117 million next year, \$120.5 million in 2004, \$128 million in 2005 and \$136.5 million in 2006. Those figures include benefits.

The major league minimum salary will increase from \$200,000 to \$300,000 next year, and clubs will start mandatory random testing for illegal steroids.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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, Mo Vaughn, Roger Cedeno 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. Wilpon repeatedly 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 believe the guys are as good as we all thought, a very competitive team. 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 morning to inform him of the decision.

"For me, this is a painful decision following 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 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 536-467, reaching 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 McRae of Tampa Bay and Luis Pujols of Detroit lost their jobs Monday.

"We put very good players in place who didn't play very well. ... I still believe it's a very competitive team. I think they'll play far, far better next year."

Fred Wilpon
Mets owner

Tuesday, Jerry Narron was fired by the Rangers.

There were eight other managerial changes during the season.

The Mets went into the season with talk of making the playoffs after Phillips revamped the roster.

But the team played uninspired baseball almost from the start and there were a number of embarrassments.

"We didn't play the game as well as we should have," Valentine said near the end of

the season. "Because of that, I second-guess everything I did. That's totally my responsibility."

Phillips, the architect of a \$95 million reconstructed roster of high-profile players who underachieved, survived because Wilpon thought his moves were good ones, even if they didn't work.

"In my view, Steve has done a creative job putting this team on the field," the owner said. "They're good players who did not play well. I think they will play well together. I felt the change that was necessary was change on the field."

Phillips agreed with Valentine's dismissal but said he did not suggest it. "I didn't have to," he said. "I'm glad it didn't get to that point."

The Mets played poor fundamental baseball and were shaken by off-the-field turmoil. Slugger Mike Piazza was questioned about his sexual orientation, and Alomar and Cedeno engaged in a shoving match in the dugout.

There was a public feud and lawsuit between Wilpon and his former partner and co-owner, Nelson Doubleday.

Former Mets player Keith Hernandez said the team quit and then apologized for the remark, and finally came the drug report.

Newsday reported last month that seven Mets smoked marijuana during the season, although the newspaper said Tuesday that Wilpon's decision was based on the team's performance in the past two seasons.

The trouble ran all through the roster.

Vaughn took half a season to find his rhythm after missing all of 2001 with an injury.

Alomar, a Gold Glove second baseman, made 11 errors, never looked comfortable in the field, and hit a career-low .266.

Cedeno only managed 25 steals, Shawn Estes went 4-9 before being traded, and Jeromy Burnitz had one good month and hit .215.

The Mets were 13th in the league in runs, had the most errors in the majors with 144, and looked nothing like the team that won the NL pennant just two years ago.

Despite all the troubles, the Mets were in contention after winning 11 of 16 games to end July just 41/2 games out of the wild-card lead.

Then came one of the worst months in team history. New York had a 12-game losing streak and didn't win a game at Shea Stadium in August — part of an NL-record 15-game home losing streak.

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

Associated Press

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

Narron went 134-162 after taking over in May 2001, including a 72-90 mark this season. He replaced Johnny Oates after the team started 11-17 last year.

"This has been a very difficult decision because I like and respect Jerry Narron," Texas general manager John Hart said. "But we have to make some tough decisions now. Our fans deserve better than the record and performance of the 2002 Texas Rangers."

Narron is the fifth manager fired since Sunday, the last day of the regular season. The New York Mets fired Bobby Valentine, while the Cubs' Bruce Kimm, Tampa Bay's Hal McRae and Detroit's Luis Pujols also were dismissed.

Hart spent several hours Monday and Tuesday meeting with owner Tom Hicks and assistant general manager Grady Fuson about the future of the team. Hart said he made the decision Monday night.

"I would like there to be a different voice as we establish a different culture and a different era," he said.

Narron drove home to North Carolina after Sunday's season-ending game. He had one year left on a two-year deal signed two months after he replaced Oates.

Narron did not immediately return a telephone call.

"I am convinced that John and Grady have made a thorough and complete evaluation in reaching the decision to change managers," Hicks said.

The Rangers also fired trainer Danny Wheat after 11 seasons. Wheat joined the organization in 1976 and had been with the big-

league team since 1985.

Texas struggled all season, even with All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez hitting .300 and leading the majors with 57 homers and 142 RBI, and an Opening-Day payroll of \$105 million.

Part of the problem was injuries. The Rangers had 17 players spend a team-record 1,429 days on the disabled list, including closer Jeff Zimmerman, two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez, 10-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez, and expected No. 1 starter Chan Ho Park.

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

"This season has certainly been

very frustrating and painful for all of us," Hart said. "Injuries have obviously played a major factor, but there are a number of areas in which we need to change and improve."

Possible replacements include bench coach Terry Francona, pitching coach Orel Hershisier, and Buddy Bell. Another candidate could be former Cleveland manager Charlie Manuel, who worked for Hart with the Indians.

Hart said there would be "some sense of urgency" to find a replacement. He said he'd start with a short list of candidates from inside and outside the organization, and that not all would have managerial experience.

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 front-office ties to the Texas teams that won division titles in 1996, 1998 and 1999. Those are the only postseason appearances in franchise history.

"There's a certain level of comfort that's here, a certain part of that is the tail end of a terrific era that we tried to extend. At the

same time, we knew what we had to do," Hart said.

Texas lost 13 of its last 16 games, including a closing 1-9 road trip against playoff teams Oakland and Anaheim, and Seattle.

The Rangers finished 31 games behind the AL West champion Athletics.

"He was in a tough situation this year, without a doubt," Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers said before the season ended. "He's done very well at it, but they go by 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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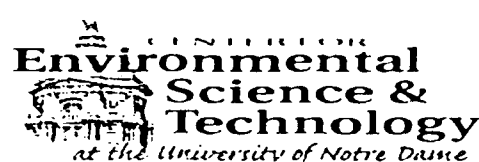
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NBA

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 didn't attend a morning workout, and he was not on hand at 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 expecting Gary 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 an extension after last season, his 12th in the NBA.

Payton, who has spent his entire career in Seattle, averaged 22.1 points and a career-high 9.0 assists last season.

Schultz, who wants Payton to play out his final year before renegotiating, watched practice from a platform above the court 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 at the Medical Center in Beaver, Pa., hospital spokesman Scott Monit said Monday.

Huggins was in serious but stable condition on Sunday.

Cincinnati sports information director Tom Hathaway 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 Goin said.

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

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 Wagoner, director of cardiac services at University Hospital in Cincinnati.

"In many cases, it can be completely treated," Wagoner 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.

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 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.

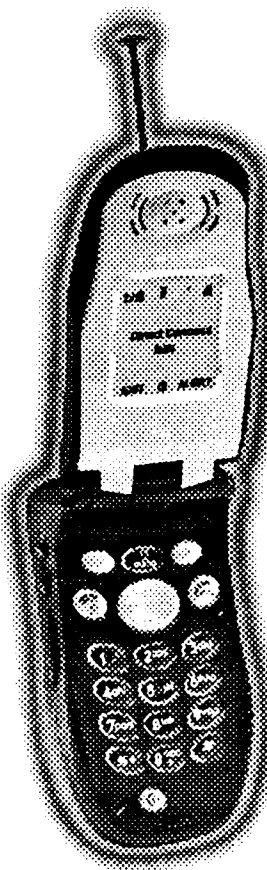
The team went 31-4 last season and lost to UCLA 105-101 in double overtime in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Cincinnati opens practice for the new season on Oct. 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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NFL

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 take the issue very seriously and have initiated several programs in recent years under commissioner [Paul] Tagliabue to ensure that our hiring practices are fair, and that all coaches have opportunities to advance."

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 the league 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 "reward at least one team each year for developing a diverse front office" with a draft pick.

He also asked the NFL to require team owners to include "diverse racial groups" when interviewing candidates for coaching positions. According to the proposal, "owners 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 interviewed for coaching positions and three were hired: Dungy, Edwards and Ray Rhodes, by Green Bay in 1999.

Tyrone Willingham, currently the coach of Notre Dame, also was among those 23.

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 Robiskie 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 and Dungy by Tampa Bay, then 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, Bucs, Colts, Jets, Vikings and Redskins.

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

In 1980, there were 14 black assistants in the NFL, none of them coordinators.

By 1997, there were 103 black assistants. Now, 154 of the 547 assistants (28 percent) are black. Twelve of those are coordinators, compared 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 2000-2001, and Dungy is head of the coaches' subcommittee of that group, which presents a coach's view of potential rule changes.

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

Cowher delays announcement

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher did something surprising by not doing anything — namely, by not choosing Kordell Stewart 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 he is, that could be a sign that Maddox, who hadn't played a meaningful role in an NFL game since 1997, might be on his mind.

Maddox hasn't started an NFL game in 10 years, or since he was 0-4 for the Denver Broncos in 1992, his rookie season.

Stewart has made 30 consecutive starts and was a Pro Bowl selection last season as the Steelers went 13-3, but they have scored only 37 points in three games with him on the field.

"I'm going to talk to the team tomorrow," Cowher said.

Despite Sunday's victory, Cowher said he's very unhappy with the way his team has played in losing two of their first three, another sign he might be ready to make a move to Maddox.

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

"We're not playing up to expectations," Cowher said. "The expectation levels here are high, the standards 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."

Cowher wouldn't single out Stewart's ineffective throwing or Bettis' slow start, only 100 yards in three games. His strong critique also might have been aimed at some others who have yet to match their play of last season, including the entire offensive line.

Bettis isn't likely to be benched Sunday, if only because backup Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala is out with separated rib cartilage. Running back Amos Zereoue also backs up Bettis, 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 I told the team, I'm going to play who I think is playing best," Cowher said. "That will be determined by how you practice, how you perform in games and what my options are. Everyone needs to understand that I don't care who they are or what position they play, we've got to regain 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 benched quarterback Vinny Testaverde.

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

Pennington, who played most of Sunday's 28-3 loss at Jacksonville that dropped the Jets to 1-3, will make his first NFL start next weekend 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 spiral-

ing team should feel uncertain about his job, Testaverde was the first to lose his.

"It is not all on Vinny, we are all held accountable," Edwards said. "Quarterback is always the guy who takes the hit first. The way 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 53 of 82 passes for a mere 485 yards, with three touchdowns and three interceptions.

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

happy about it."

"But I understand, and I don't want to be a distraction to this team. ... I understand how the process works."

The process of shaking up a team often starts with the quarterback. Testaverde is familiar with that from his time in Cleveland. In September 1995, he was the AFC player of the month. By late November, he was watching Eric Zeier quarterback the Browns.

"I remember asking Bill Belichick in Cleveland, 'Why are you making me a scapegoat in all this?' And in his words, he said, 'I can't change the left guard and get a spark. I've got to change the quarterback.'"

Edwards is of the same mind. He said other lineup changes and "rotations" were upcoming and he would be more specific on Wednesday when he has finalized the moves.

The one move he made was the biggest one.

"I just think at this point, where we are at offensively, we needed to do something to change some things," Edwards said.

Testaverde, who signed a restructured five-year contract in April, and Pennington have had a good relationship and both played well in the undefeated preseason. But that relationship partly was built on the clear pecking order — an order reversed with Pennington's promotion.

Pennington was 21-for-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.

"I've got to step in and be a consistent quarterback and leader," Pennington said. "You always look forward to being able to compete on the field."

"The Jets have the opportunity to turn this around when no one expects it at 1-3. I am part of the opportunity."

The lack of blocking up front has been a major problem, as has the tackling on defense. The play-calling hasn't been very productive, either.

In general, the slide has been a total team effort, and Edwards has delivered his first strong message to the Jets.

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Womens Soccer Big East Conference

Northeast Division

	conf.	pts	overall	rank
Miami	3-0-1	7	7-3-1	NR
Connecticut	3-0-0	6	8-1-1	11
St. John's	2-1-0	4	5-1-3	NR
Boston College	1-2-0	2	5-4-1	NR
Syracuse	0-2-1	1	2-5-2	NR
Virginia Tech	0-1-0	0	2-6-1	NR
Providence	0-3-0	0	4-4-2	NR

Mid-Atlantic Division

	conf.	pts	overall	rank
Georgetown	3-0-0	6	8-3-0	NR
West Virginia	3-0-0	6	8-1-0	9
Villanova	2-1-1	5	7-1-3	20
NOTRE DAME	2-2-0	4	6-4-0	23
Rutgers	1-2-1	3	5-3-2	NR
Seton Hall	0-2-0	0	4-6-0	NR
Pittsburgh	0-4-0	0	3-8-0	NR

NFL

AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Miami	3-1	.750	32.5	21.3
New England	3-1	.750	32.3	20.0
Buffalo	2-2	.500	33.0	32.8
NY Jets	1-3	.250	12.5	33.3

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Cleveland	2-2	.500	25.8	22.8
Pittsburgh	1-2	.333	15.7	24.3
Baltimore	1-2	.333	13.7	19.3
Cincinnati	0-4	.000	5.8	29.8

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Jacksonville	2-1	.667	25.3	15.7
Indianapolis	2-1	.667	21.3	16.3
Tennessee	1-3	.250	23.3	32.0
Houston	1-3	.250	10.5	23.0

AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Oakland	3-0	1.000	37.5	19.7
San Diego	4-0	1.000	25.5	9.5
Denver	3-1	.750	24.5	21.8
Kansas City	2-2	.500	35.5	33.3

NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Philadelphia	3-1	.750	35.0	16.0
Dallas	2-2	.500	14.3	21.5
NY Giants	2-2	.500	13.8	16.0
Washington	1-2	.333	16.0	26.7

NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Green Bay	3-1	.750	27.8	28.5
Chicago	2-2	.500	22.8	24.5
Detroit	1-3	.250	21.3	34.5
Minnesota	0-4	.000	24.8	35.3

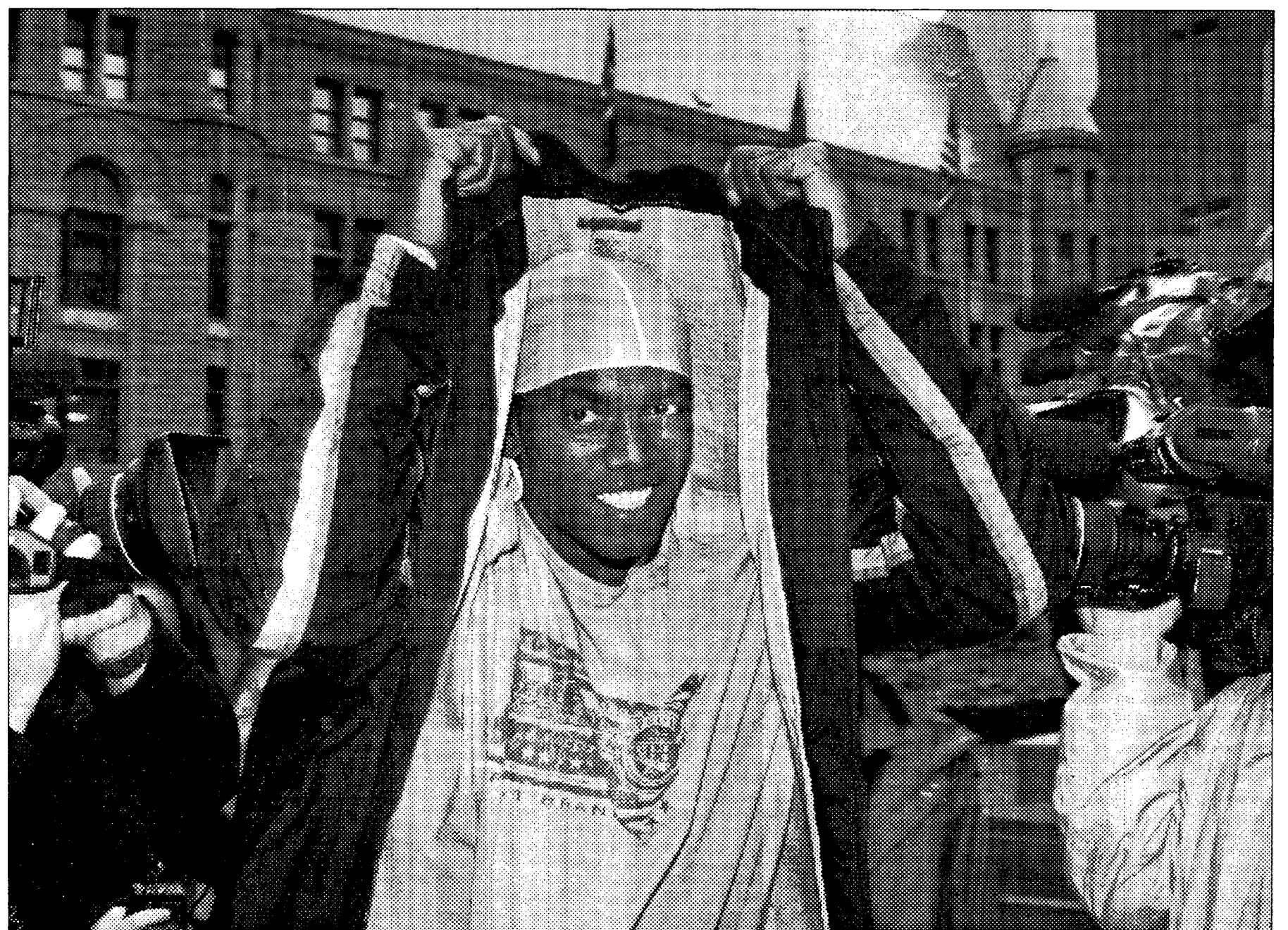
NFC South

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
New Orleans	3-1	.750	27.8	22.3
Tampa Bay	3-1	.750	26.5	11.8
Carolina	3-1	.750	19.0	11.3
Atlanta	1-2	.333	25.7	18.0

NFC West

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
San Francisco	2-1	.667	16.7	15.7
Arizona	2-2	.500	20.8	20.8
Seattle	1-3	.250	21.0	21.0
San Francisco	0-4	.000	15.3	22.0

NFL



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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

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Minnesota Vikings star receiver Randy Moss was charged Tuesday with possession of a small amount of marijuana, adding to charges last week that he pushed a traffic officer with his car.

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 driving in downtown Minneapolis when the traf-

fic 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.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said it would review the case.

Under the policy, a drug-related violation of the law is grounds for disciplinary action, Aiello said.

If Moss tests positive for a banned or illegal substance or is convicted on the possession charge, he could be subjected to fines and suspensions by the league. He was allowed to play in last Sunday's 48-23 loss at Seattle.

Moss could lose his dri-

ving privileges in Minnesota for a year because he refused to take a police test for drug or alcohol use when he was arrested, said Kevin Smith, a spokesman for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Moss, who has only a Florida driver's license, could lose driving privileges in that state, too, Smith said.

City prosecutors on Tuesday also added two new traffic counts to the charges: making an improper turn at an intersection in a hazardous manner, a misdemeanor, and obstructing traffic with a vehicle.

IN BRIEF

Warner has surgery

St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner had surgery on the broken pinkie 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 Matava, 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, former head of the family brewing dynasty and longtime owner of the Montreal Canadiens, has died at 95.

A statement issued Monday by Molson Inc. announced the death but did not give a date.

Molson also was a Canadian senator, but he is best known for his association with the hockey team.

He was president of the Canadiens from 1957 to 1968. Before his tenure, however, he helped the team acquire future Hall of Famer Jean Beliveau.

Beliveau, who in 1953 was a popular 22-year-old player with the Quebec City junior team, agreed to

sign with the Canadiens based in part on the knowledge that he'd have a job with the Molson brewery as well.

Ten days after signing with the Canadiens, Beliveau shook hands with Molson on a deal to work for the brewery — a relationship that continues to this day.

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

"I reached my professional hockey dreams with his team and earned what I like to call a Molson MBA during my 49 years with the company," Beliveau said. "I will always be grateful for this and will miss him dearly."

Molson served as a director of the brewery for more than 50 years and held the positions of president, chairman and honorary chairman.

He was appointed to the Senate in 1955 and he served 38 years, until he was 86.

Molson was inducted in the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1973.

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Pyros, Shamrocks dominate, 24-0

By HEATHER VAN
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Sports Writers

Pasquerilla East lineman Lindsay Terifay 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 Terifay wasn't too impressed with her exceptional performance as a lineman.

"We just thought that the defense was overloading the left side, so I played on the right today," Terifay said. "In the plays where I caught the passes, [quarterback] Abbey [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 running for two scores. The Howard defense was overmatched by Coons and the Pyros.

"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 O'Brien, who made a shoe-string grab.

However, the offense of PE weren't the only stars Tuesday night. They were led on defense by a second half interception, and a big first

half stop. The Ducks ended a first half Pyros' drive with a fourth-and-one stand with three minutes, getting the ball on PE's 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."

McGlinn 24, Pangborn 0

The Shamrocks dominated both sides of the ball in womens interhall Tuesday, steam-rolling the Phoxes 24-0.

McGlinn ran the ball sparingly while adhering to a pass-happy, run-and-shoot 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 deployed only two down linemen and blitzed from a rotation of every conceivable position, but Kremer finished 8-for-17 for 61 yards and two touchdowns, with one interception.

"I thought it was a little

unpredictable," said Kremer, referring to the Phoxes' unorthodox defense. "Sometimes there was a girl there — sometimes not. I read it play by play, but [Pangborn] did pretty decent."

The Phoxes opened the game with the ball, but their offense stalled after only four plays, turning the ball over on downs. Pangborn never looked comfortable on offense and struggled to find a rhythm.

Quarterback Charlotte Troupis completed just five of 16 passes for 40 yards and was unable to overcome a tenacious Shamrock defense. McGlinn sacked Troupis four times and broke up eight of her passes.

Linebacker Jessica Laux intercepted Troupis on the last play of the game, returning the ball 31 yards for her second defensive touchdown of the season.

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

The Phoxes (0-4) remain winless heading into its game Sunday against Cavanaugh and has been virtually eliminated from playoff contention. A trip to Notre Dame Stadium 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 play.

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

Alumni (2-0)

began their day with an ineffective pass-and-go offensive tactic on its first possession. Quarterback Chris Cottingham was limited to one completion for 23 yards that moved the Dawgs near scoring position.

Cottingham was then sacked, however, moving Alumni back six yards and snuffing their chance to score.

The Mob (0-2) fared just as poorly on their first possession, becoming the prey of a skillful Dawg defense. Alumni's strong blitz only 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 became Alumni's weapon of choice as they mounted 95 rushing yards

by the end of the first half, 30 of those belonging to junior tailback Alex Roodhouse.

"Our plan is always to start with rushing," said Roodhouse. "It's a fundamental of the game. We just rush until we can't rush anymore; then we switch to passing."

That plan rewarded the Dawgs with their first two scores of the game.

Midway through the first

half, Alumni used sheer muscle to rush 55 yards to the O'Neill 35-yard line, leaving them open for a 15-yard

touchdown pass to wide receiver Corey Harkins.

"I think our diversity is one of our strong points," said co-captain Steve Keppel. "We feel comfortable with both passing and rushing. Today, the offensive line just did an especially good job."

O'Neill, though defeated, would not be embarrassed. They dodged a shutout by scoring a touchdown late in the second half on a Montgomery pass after moving up the field with two key fourth down conversions.

Alex Roodhouse
Alumni tailback

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Blockers

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with a 0.98 per game average.

Brewster's average of 1.58 leads the Irish, the Big 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 Brewster, Loomis and Kelbley, 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 Meg Henican, who is being worked into the regular rotation.

These six players put the Irish at the national forefront when it comes to front row depth.

"I think if you are talking top-25 schools, we might be a little taller than some of them. I think maybe 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 can be a huge shift in the momentum," Loomis said. "When we are down, it can really get the team going. Especially when you get a stuff block against a great hitter, it's a great feeling."

"Blocks fire us up the most," setter Kristen 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 percentage in Sunday's match against the Red Storm.

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FOOTBALL

Coaches avoid personal ties in crafting strategy

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

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 maybe 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

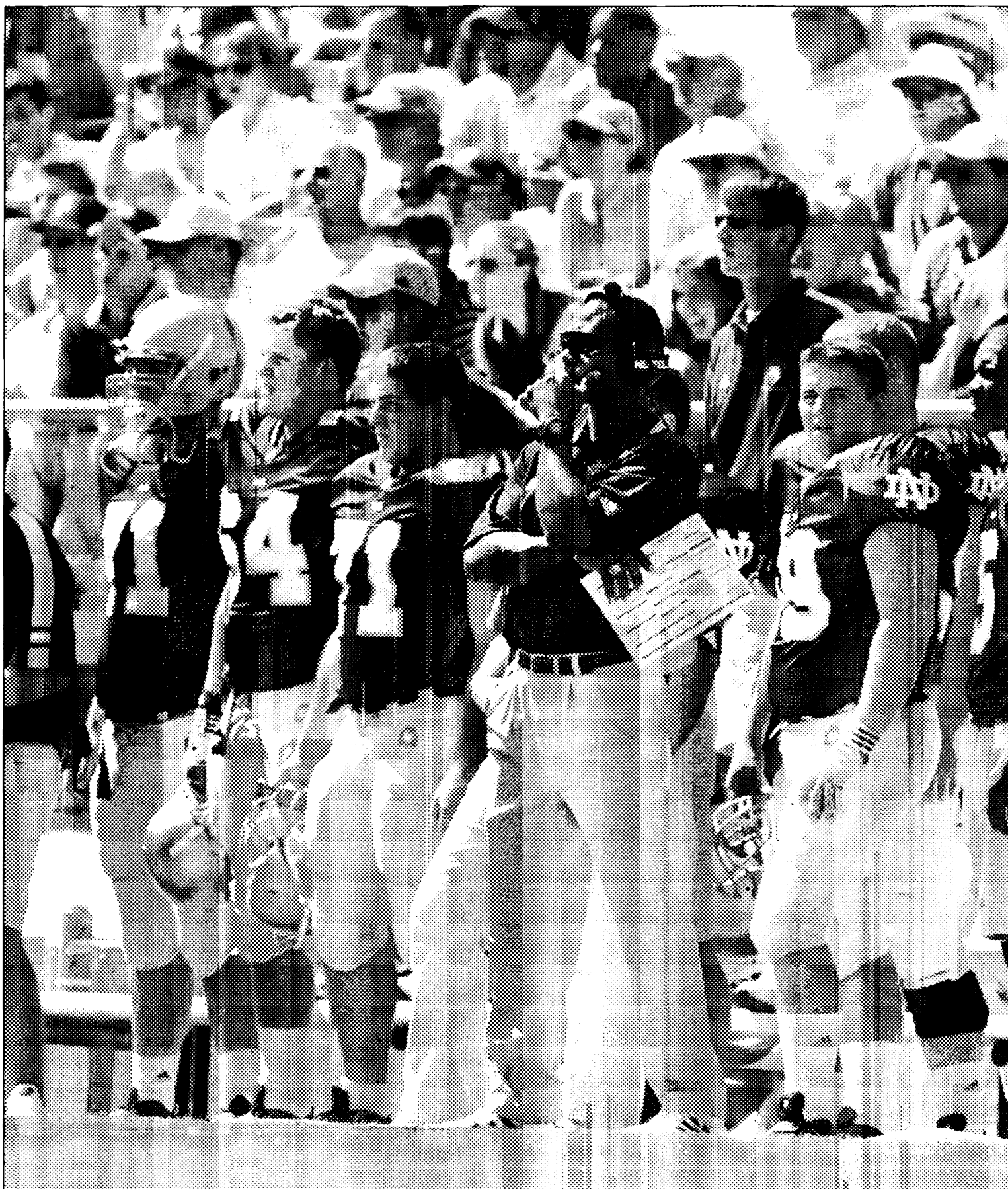
There's a big reason the Cardinal have started the season 1-2 — their shaky pass defense.

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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Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham surveys the scene at a recent home game. Willingham realizes his coaching staff's ties to Stanford, but doesn't think it poses a problem.

TIM KACMAR/The Observer

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 is 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 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 spent the week-end 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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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer: This will make summer workers disappear — AUTUMN

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



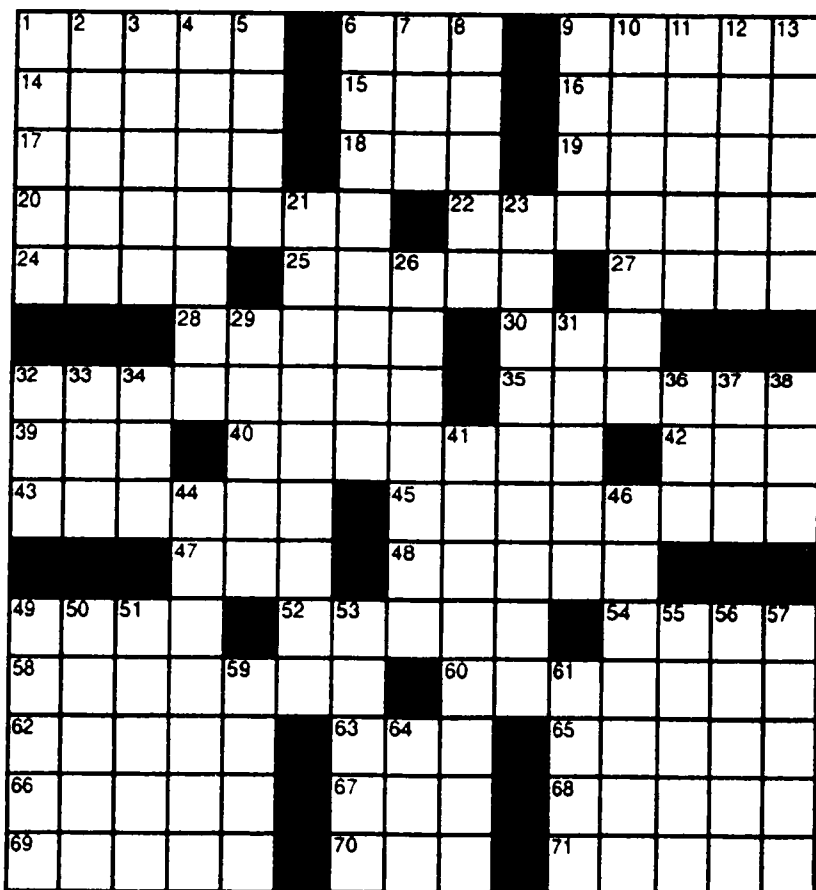
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Kingdom east of Fiji
 - 6 Sea plea
 - 9 "If I ___ rich man..."
 - 14 Like some suspects
 - 15 Doll's name
 - 16 Summing up
 - 17 Hose part
 - 18 Roll call call
 - 19 See 11-Down
 - 20 Faster than moderato
 - 22 Not so vigorous
 - 24 Spotted
 - 25 "This ___" (carton label)
 - 27 Carnival follower
 - 28 "___ Is Born"
 - 30 Tick off
 - 32 Writers' references
 - 35 Capsular, biologically
 - 39 CARE packages, say
 - 40 Emotionally burned out
 - 42 Prefix with meter
 - 43 Show shame
 - 45 Grid official
 - 47 Play for a sap
 - 48 ___ nous
 - 49 One teaspoon, maybe
 - 52 Natural skyline former
 - 54 Unwanted cyber-ads
 - 58 Most villainous
 - 60 Rubout
 - 62 Not just sip
 - 63 Blow it
 - 65 Fail miserably
 - 66 ___ wrench
 - 67 Brother of Larry and Curly
 - 68 Everything, to Einstein
 - 69 In sorry shape
 - 70 Landscaper's supply
 - 71 Ebbets Field hero
- DOWN**
- 1 Yellowfin and bluefin
 - 2 "___ Mio"
 - 3 Loving motion
 - 4 Lead ores
 - 5 "Break ___!"
 - 6 1957 Marlon 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
 - 21 Many 12/26 store visitors
 - 23 Focal point
 - 26 By no means poured
 - 29 Things to crack
 - 31 Actress Winona
 - 32 Old-time punishment need
 - 33 Get a move on



Puzzle by Joel Kaplan

- 34 Announcer Hall
- 36 Aunt Polly's nephew
- 37 Cretan peak
- 38 Bamboozle
- 41 Didn't go away
- 44 Fought it out, in Britain
- 46 Permanently attached, to a zoologist
- 49 Painter of ballerinas
- 50 Fertilization site
- 51 Steakhouse sound
- 53 Agenda entries
- 55 This is one
- 56 Van Gogh's "Bedroom at ___"
- 57 Reagan attorney general
- 59 Chooser's start
- 61 Off yonder
- 64 Kanga's kid

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Happy Birthday: Don't be too shy to ask for help this year. Your tendency to take on way too much will lead to unfinished business if you don't get the help you require. Setting your priorities 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, 27, 33, 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 want to get some feedback from someone who knows you well. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): 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): Added responsibilities will be burdensome. 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 blatant remarks. Think before you speak. Don't neglect your partner. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't push your luck if you are traveling. Authorities will not be forgiving when it comes to speeding. Be supportive and encouraging with children. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Donations made today will be appreciated 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 easy 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 situations that will give you both what you need. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Cater to your lover's desires. It's time for a major house cleaning so that you can discover what you actually have stuffed in your closets. ★★★★★

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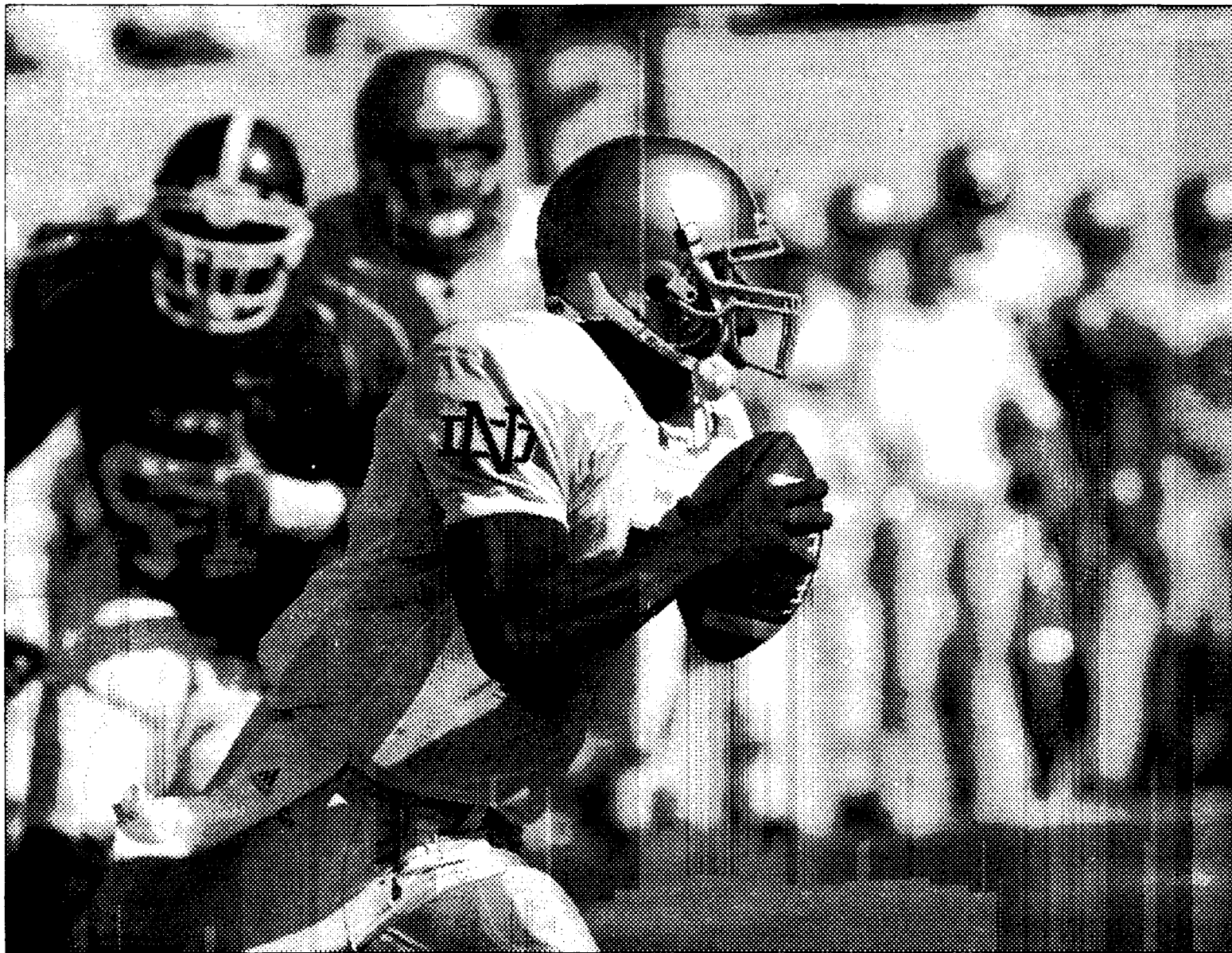
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SPORTS

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FOOTBALL

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



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Notre Dame quarterback Carlyle Holiday fades back to pass during the Irish win against Michigan State Sept. 21. Holiday's status, still unchanged, remains unknown.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Bill Diedrick entered the interview room Monday and half-grinned, half-stared at the horde 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

against the Cardinal, he will start.

Holiday, who wasn't available for interviews Tuesday, has improved since injuring his shoulder against Michigan State. Although he showed up to Tuesday's practice without a sling and in pads for the first time since injuring his shoulder a week and a half ago, Dillingham still received most of the snaps.

How long the Irish plan to go before making a definitive decision on who will start Saturday is still up in the air – much like the quarterback situation in general. At his Tuesday press conference, Willingham refused to establish a definite timetable the Irish will follow, but Diedrick hinted that the Irish might make a preliminary decision Thursday after practice but could wait until kickoff before naming a starter.

"As you guys have probably figured out, I try not to make a decision until I absolutely have to," Willingham said. "So two minutes before the ballgame, if necessary, if that's as much time as we need to

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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."

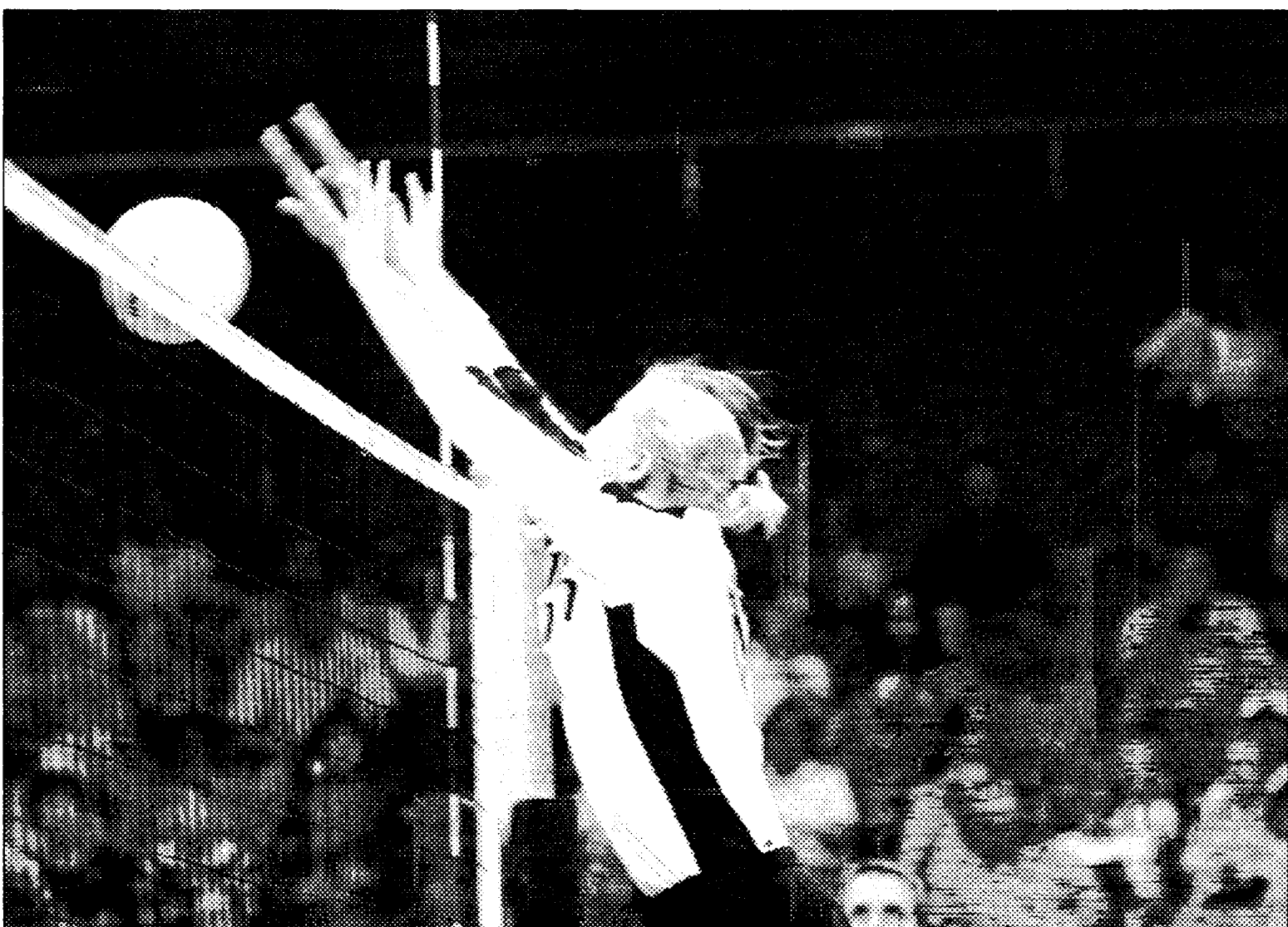
Through the team's first 14 matches, the Irish are averaging 3.82 blocks per game. With national rankings not updated yet, that average would place them second in the nation for the week of Sept. 22. In Big East rankings, Notre Dame is

blowing away the competition, as Miami is second more than a block a game behind with a 2.57 average.

The current team average would shatter the previous school record of 3.57 blocks per game set in 1988. This frontline success is not surprising to 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."

Middle blocker Lauren Kelbley joined the block party against St. John's Sunday. The freshman recorded a career-high 11 blocks and is now tied with Neff for third on the team



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Notre Dame junior blocker Kim Fletcher blocks the ball in a recent match. The team's blockers are quickly becoming a major force in the Irish strategy for success.

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FOOTBALL

The first-year coaches at both Notre Dame and Stanford are trying to use their ties to each other to their respective team's advantage in Saturday's game.

INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Pasquerilla East 24, Howard 0
McGlenn 24, Pangborn 0
Alumni 22, O'Neill 6

The Pyros and Shamrocks both poured it on the Ducks and Phoxes Tuesday, respectively, while the Dawgs dominated the Angry Mob in action this weekend.

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