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SMC to close underground campus tunnels

Officials cite changed utility regulations

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

After nearly a century of use, the Saint Mary's underground tunnel system, which connects many buildings on campus, will close to pedestrians Dec. 18.

Judith Johns, CEO of the Holy Cross Services Corporation, made the announcement Monday in a written press release. Due to changing codes and regulations on the underground utilities housed in the

tunnels, Saint Mary's must now abide by the changes and close the tunnels to the campus.

While Saint Mary's owns College classroom and administrative buildings, the tunnels are owned by and are the responsibility of the HCSC.

"The tunnels were originally designed to provide utilities between buildings on campus and, as such, they contain steam lines, electric power, water lines, communications

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

After a century of use by students, Saint Mary's announced plans to close underground campus tunnels Monday.

Campus recruiting increases

Improved job market leads to hiring push

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

After several years of a stagnant job market, many Notre Dame seniors now find themselves amidst the most active fall recruiting season in recent years.

In fact, competitive tactics by employers have forced the Notre Dame Career Center to intervene on the behalf of students being asked to decide on job offers in very short periods of time.

This year's 25 percent increase in recruiting at Notre Dame is particularly welcome after two years of difficult job markets, when students sometimes could not land a job until three months after graduation. The hiring surge can be attributed to the recovering economy and pending retirement of baby boomers, according to The Associated Press.

In contrast to previous years, this fall several employers gave job offer deadlines for several days after the initial offer, prompting the Career Center to implement a policy requiring employers to give students at least two weeks to decide.

"What was happening was that students were getting job offers on Nov. 3, and were hearing 'Tell me by the 10th,'"

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Students welcome Thanksgiving



RICK FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Students eat dinner surrounded by festive Thanksgiving decorations in North Dining Hall on Monday in anticipation of the upcoming break.

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Planes, trains and automobiles will unite many Domers with their families Thursday, but for some Notre Dame students, going home for Thanksgiving is not just gravy.

Nicky Harrison, a freshman from Rochester, N.Y., will not be making the trip back home for Thanksgiving dinner. For Harrison, the time it would take to drive or fly back to New York did not seem logical given that the University only allots a two-day break for Thanksgiving. She added that plane tickets were also simply too expensive.

Instead, she will spend the holiday with her friend who

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Fire safety standards are up-to-date at ND

Georgetown fire prompts national discussion

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Writer

In the wake of an Oct. 17 fire in a Washington D.C. row house that killed a Georgetown University student, the issue of fire safety has sparked debate on college campuses — including at several of Notre Dame's student housing options.

The Notre Dame Fire Department responds to roughly 1,200 campus calls per year, of which about 300 are emergency medical calls and about 90 are actual fires, said University fire chief John Antonucci.

fire safety program, he added. Many necessary technology upgrades were made in the wake of the Jan. 19, 2000 fire at Seton Hall University, which killed three students and injured 58, Antonucci said.

"Before the Seton Hall disaster, every residence hall was either partially or completely protected by sprinkler systems," Antonucci said. "After Seton Hall, we chose to leap into the forefront and have all of our residence halls fully protected by automatic sprinklers. We embarked on a very aggressive retro-fit program."

Prior to the Seton Hall fire, 12

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Students protest Pride Week shirt



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

A Saint Mary's student protests the Pride Week shirt Monday in front of Madeleva Hall.

Group finds College T-shirt offensive

By MEGAN O'NEILL
News Writer

A handful of Saint Mary's students protested the College's Pride Week T-shirt Monday in the LeMans Hall Lobby and in front of Madeleva Hall.

The student group, named Women Objectively Moving to Eradicate Negligence of Knowledge, handed out flyers criticizing the shirt for failing to represent the student body accurately and asked students to sign a petition requesting an apology from the Student Activities Board, which oversees the shirt design and sales.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Who says the NBA is dull?

Coming off a post-season that saw my Detroit Pistons, the paragon of basketball boredom, win a championship by inducing a coma, that same team helped bring national attention back to their sport. Saturday's prizefight with the best street thugs the NBA could find signaled a new trend in sports marketing.

Matt Mooney
Sports Production Editor

Why use those annoying Thunder-Sticks to get the fans involved when active participation works just as well? The word on the street is that David Stern has contacted Sylvester Stallone about bringing back the Rocky character for promotional events.

However, basketball is new to the whole fighting scene. George Mikan, one of the first pro-basketball stars, wasn't exactly the brawling type. Plus, as a sport that prizes height, the physics just aren't conducive to fighting. Tall people, with their high centers of gravity, can be knocked over much too easily. It took a long time for the NBA to cultivate a talent/thug like Ron Artest to carry the torch.

Basebrawl has perhaps the longest tradition of mid-game rumbles. Ty Cobb, one of the greatest players of all-time, started the tradition early in the 20th century when he went Indiana Pacer, charging into the stands after a heckling fan. Nolan Ryan didn't let a batting helmet intimidate him when he turned Robin Ventura's head into a bongo drum.

Then there's hockey. Fighting is as old a tradition in this sport as the word "eh." The draw of hockey is not the ability to execute a perfect one-timer or the artistic skating. If that were the case, SportsCenter would show a lot more Brian Boitano highlights. No, the beauty of hockey is the ability to fly down the ice on a sliver of metal, control a little rubber disk and still avoid the goliath that thinks he heard something said about his mother.

The one sport in which fighting absolutely confuses me is football. Every player on that field is heavily armored in pads and, more importantly, a helmet. Obviously, once a fight gets started, as seen in Saturday's South Carolina-Clemson game, the goal becomes something like capture-the-flag with helmets. Not only is a helmet an effective protection, it also serves as a nice weapon once someone else's is stolen.

But I don't understand how those fights get started. About the most that can be done at the start of a football fight is drag a guy to the ground and go for the helmet. And that just looks silly.

Despite all the restrictions that will certainly be put in place, there will still be fights in sports, almost certainly seen in just about any Red Sox/Yankees game.

Just don't look for Artest in any United Way commercials anytime soon.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THANKSGIVING?



Frankie Bott
senior
Welsh Family

"I'm going home to Minnesota."



Sarah Twedell
senior
Off-campus

"I'm going home to St. Louis."



Ted Lawless
sophomore
Knott

"I'm planning to fall into a tryptophan-induced coma Thursday."



Geof Grubb
senior
Keenan

"I'm going to watch Notre Dame blow out the Trojans."



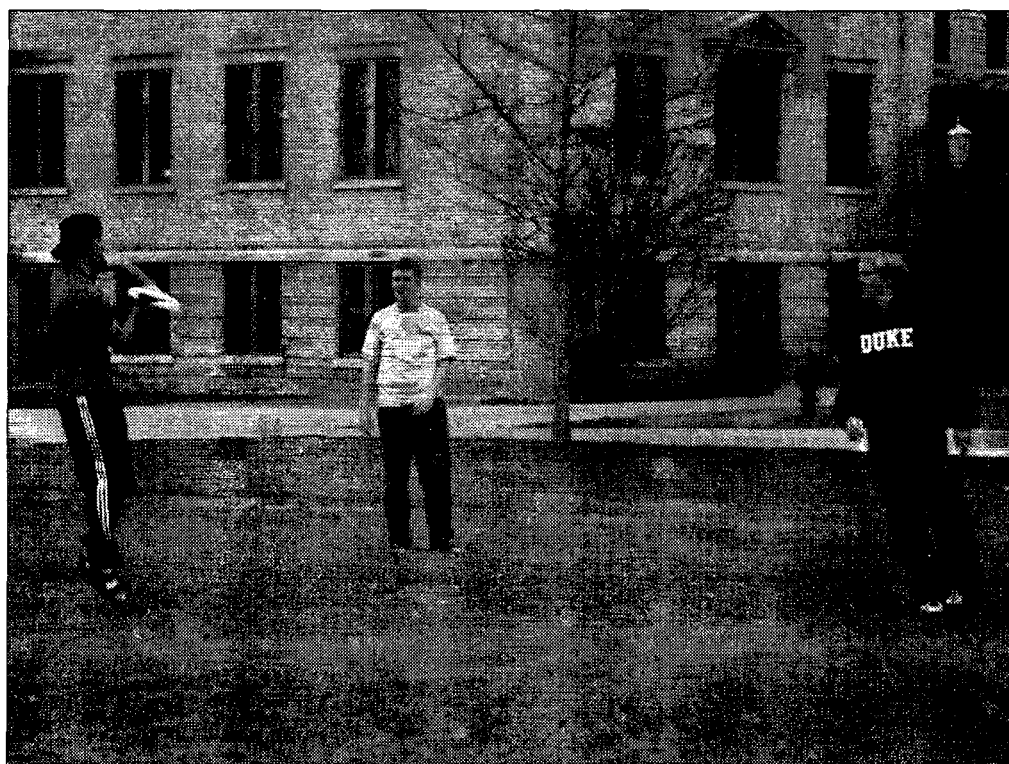
Mary Ann Meunninghoff
rector
Pasquerilla East

"Being grateful for life."



Zhiguo Ge
graduate student
Off-campus

"Because I have some projects to do most of the time I will stay in my lab."



Andrew Sheehan, left, Andrew Hartnett and Ken Walsh throw a frisbee on South Quad on Monday afternoon.

RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

OFFBEAT

Camden, N.J., named most dangerous city

TRENTON, New Jersey — CAMDEN has been named the nation's most-dangerous city, snatching the top spot from Detroit, according to a company's annual ranking based on crime statistics.

Officials in Camden, which was ranked third last year, downplayed the dubious designation Sunday, saying many steps have already been taken to reduce crime in the city.

"We must give our people jobs, training and opportunity," said City Councilman Ali Sloan-El, who pointed out that Camden's poverty is an

important contributing factor to its high crime rate.

Atlanta, Georgia, St. Louis, Missouri, and Gary, Indiana, rounded out the top five in the most dangerous city rankings, which was to be released Monday by Morgan Quitno Corp. The company publishes "City Crime Rankings," an annual reference book that will be published next month. Detroit fell to second in this year's list.

Bidding ends at \$28K for cheese sandwich

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — A woman who said her 10-year-old grilled cheese sand-

wich bore the image of the Virgin Mary will be getting a lot more bread after the item sold for \$28,000 on eBay.

GoldenPalace.com, an online casino, confirmed that it placed the winning bid, and company executives said they were willing to spend "as much as it took" to own the 10-year-old half-sandwich with a bite out of it.

"It's a part of pop culture that's immediately and widely recognizable," spokesman Monty Kerr told The Miami Herald. "We knew right away we wanted to have it."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

NDTV will air Episode 0.3, their fall season's last, today at 7 p.m. on cable channel 15.

International Student Programs and Services will sponsor a free showing of the Russian film "House of Fools," with English subtitles, today from 7 to 9 p.m. in 117 DeBartolo Hall.

The Notre Dame Ballroom Dancing Club will sponsor waltzing lessons today from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in 301 Rockne Memorial. There is a small charge for the lessons.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will play Ohio State in the second round of the NCAA competition today from 7 to 9 p.m. at Alumni Field.

Notre Dame political science professor Michael Coppedge will give a lecture on "The Conditional Impact of the Economy on Democracy in Latin America," today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

North Dining Hall will serve a special Thanksgiving buffet Thursday from noon to 3:30 p.m.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will take on IPFW tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

Visiting scholar David Wharton will speak on "An ice-active protein rom an Antarctic nematode" today at 4 p.m. in 238 Galvin Life Sciences Building.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Constitution changes approved

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The Council of Representatives voted to approve new members and passed proposed resolutions to the student union constitution at its meeting Monday night.

First on the agenda was the approval of the new president for The Shirt project for the 2005-06 school year. Katie Crossin, former president of The Shirt project, presented Katie Fox to the Council for approval as the new leader of the fundraising project.

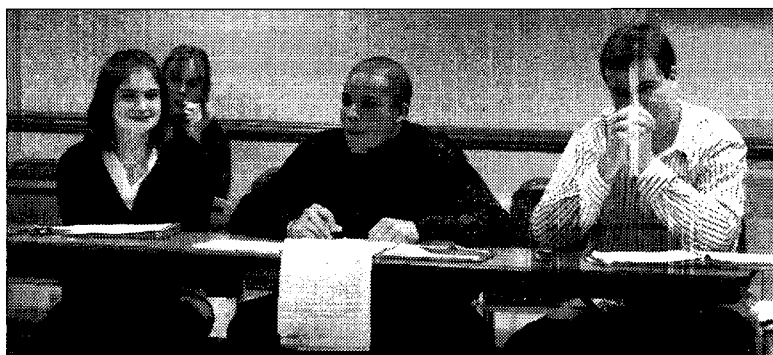
"I am confident in her ability," Crossin said. "She is aware of the magnitude and importance of the project to Notre Dame. She has great ideas already."

Fox, a transfer student from Princeton University, was involved with Business Today magazine while attending Princeton and is a new appointee to the Academic Affairs Committee. Fox displayed a sense of humor when asked what the new shirt would look like.

"Bright pink. Absolutely," Fox said.

Additionally, the council voted to approve Patrick Vassel as the director of programming for the Student Union Board. Student Union Board manager Jimmy Flaherty presented the candidate to the Council.

"Patrick is clearly the obvious choice," Flaherty said. "He has represented the Student Union Board very well and has been successful in launching Fireside Chats and bringing Gideon Yago to Notre Dame this past fall."



RICK FRIEDMAN/The Observer

COR members work on approving new members and constitutional changes at their Monday meeting.

Flaherty clarified to representatives that Vassel will be acting as an interim director until a permanent one has been hired. Vassel, who will be studying in Washington D.C. for second semester, will only be able to serve until the end of the calendar year. Interviews have already been held for the position, Flaherty said, telling representatives he is confident that he will present a candidate to fill the role permanently by the end of the semester.

Members also welcomed newly-elected freshman class president Erin Mulholland to the Council.

Representatives then exercised their voting power by approving proposed changes to the constitution that will be sent to the Student Senate oversight committee. Based on complaints brought forth regarding the new constitution, student body president Adam Istvan compiled a resolution that advises constitutional changes.

The resolution called for the meetings of the Executive Programming Board to take place

on a bi-weekly basis, rather than the weekly requirement the constitution currently contains. It also called for a formal process to bring allegations of misconduct before the ethics committee. Finally, Istvan's proposal asked the constitution require the student body president to attend Executive Policy Board meetings.

"In the meetings I've missed, I've felt that I missed out a lot. Therefore, I think we need to require that the president always be there," Istvan said. "It only makes sense for a policy meeting to be attended by the president."

Representatives agreed, and the resolution was passed. The resolution will now be sent to the Senate oversight committee to clarify the language in the resolution. From there, the oversight committee will present the resolution to the Senate, which is the only government group with the power to amend the constitution.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Task forces report on fall semester progress

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

The Campus Life Council discussed progress made by three task forces, approved new bylaws and proposed a new plan regarding a cancelled service trip to Ethiopia at Monday's meeting.

Knott rector Brother Jerome Meyer said that the social concerns task force had furthered its plan of action regarding the creation of a diversity-awareness program at Notre Dame.

"We've taken a look at the scope of what we're trying to do," Meyer said.

According to Meyer, the task force has chosen schools to compare to Notre Dame and will soon call people at each school to find out how they approach diversity issues.

Siegfried senator James Leito presented the findings of the vending task force, which he said compared Notre Dame with other top 20 universities.

"Most schools charge about 75 cents to one dollar," Leito said in regard to laundry prices.

Leito also said the task force was obtaining information on vending revenues to formulate a rough estimate on how much money the school makes on laundry.

O'Neill senator Alex French said the security task force had contacted several people since the last meeting about their goals.

According to French, Matt Lozar, editor-in-chief of The Observer, was not opposed to the idea of reinstating a security section in the newspaper, but was unsure as to

what could be included besides the Notre Dame Security/Police crime blotter.

French said that Phil Johnson, assistant director of the security/police department, suggested creating a Listserv available to people interested in receiving security news.

He also reported that the idea of setting up a program of dorm fire safety presentations during the second semester had been raised and that lighting maps were still in the process of being made.

Since the old CLC bylaws dated from 1998, a new set revised by Welsh Family rector Candace Carson, was approved and contains only minor changes.

Adam Istvan, student body president, said he would present the new bylaws with an explanation of the changes to the Board of Trustees.

Istvan also told CLC he received a response from Bill Hoyer, associate vice president and deputy General Counsel, about this past summer's abruptly cancelled service trip to Ethiopia planned by the Student International Business Council.

However, Istvan said though his question asking why the SIBC trip was cancelled was specific, Hoyer's answer was general and would require further investigation.

Istvan said he and vice president Karla Bell would meet with SIBC student members to further discuss the issue before approaching the General Counsel's office.

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Pusch discusses gender at SMC

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Transgender individuals are often surrounded by common misconceptions about their attitudes and feelings, said Rob Pusch, an adjunct professor and instructional designer from Syracuse University at Saint Mary's Monday.

Pusch traveled to Saint Mary's to share the results of his recent research project involving transgender college students.

"Anybody who goes to college, that's sort of an interesting time in your life," he said. "The assumption is that you aren't struggling with this, so that makes it more interesting."

Pusch said the idea that college-age people are too old to question their gender is a common misconception. He discussed other false impressions, including beliefs that there are more male-to-female transgender people than female-to-male, that people only become transgendered after they discover they are gay or lesbian and that all people want to transition fully from one gender to another.

Pusch said many of these stereotypes exist because much of the public misunderstands transgender individuals and uses many important terms interchangeably. He explained that while sex is a biological category, gender is a social category, providing identity based on a "sense of oneself as a particular gender," he said.

"I like to think of male as the

sex category, and man as the gender category," Pusch said. "We think of transgender as being a much broader category than transsexual. It's anyone who transcends the traditional bounds of being a male or female."

Pusch enlisted eight college-age transgender participants of various status, year and gender for his research. He allowed the participants to "self-identify" their gender and encouraged them to engage in discussion on any topics they liked. Much of the discussion centered around body image, he said.

"In our culture, we make the body and gender so important that they had to talk about it," Pusch said. "In the beginning, a lot of people focused on the body. They were heavily interested in 'passing.'"

He explained that three levels of transgender with various degrees of association exist — full-time, part-time and pre-transgender individuals. At each level, there is an increasing concern with "passing" as a person of the desired gender in public.

"There's still anxiety about passing," Pusch said. "Even though the body is not a barrier for passing, they still see it as a problem on a personal level."

Pusch said in order to pass, many change their names, dress, actions and even mental state. Physical changes are also likely to be made, including small adjustments like electrolysis and hormone intake as well as major physical modifications, all of which contribute to the stages of

transgender, he said.

"There is a question of when transition begins," Pusch said. "It doesn't just happen when you come out."

Pusch's group also focused on public perception of the transgender community, especially those members who may not identify as either female-to-male or male-to-female but as a "third gender or gender-queer."

"Our culture isn't set up to handle anybody who isn't either a boy or a girl," he said. "People get confused, and they don't like it when you confuse them about gender."

Pusch urged the audience to be sensitive to the transgender community, saying his study participants each dealt with a lack of recognition.

"A lot of people say, 'I'm transgendered, I'm not a man or I'm not a woman, I'm something else,'" he said.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group discusses Pride Week shirt

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

The rash of campus protest against Saint Mary's "Pride Week" shirt's alleged sexism, racism and classism was the main topic of discussion at Monday's Board of Governance meeting.

Some students felt the image of a blonde Caucasian woman on the T-shirt did not represent all Saint Mary's women, members said, adding these students have decided to protest through the creation of a petition and their own T-shirts. The petition's goal is to obtain 400 signatures, or approximately one-fourth of the campus's population.

The main discussion at the meeting was the protesting students' desire for a formal apology specifically noting the supposed inappropriateness of the shirt.

"We desire a specific apology," technology commissioner Patricia Mobolade said. "These are serious issues that [many students] have had to deal with."

A primary concern for many board members was the spin-off of this protest. It was questioned if anyone would feel comfortable designing a shirt in the future for fear of offending someone.

The board strove to discuss ways to be pro-active in the situation to educate the student body and avoid bullying and making people feel more closed off from the situation.

"People who are ignoring the issues are the ones who need to be educated on it," junior class president Danielle Lerner said. "We need to reach out to those who are not attending the



BOG members discuss the controversy over the College's Pride Week T-shirt at their Monday meeting..

forums to teach them about the issues to further our progress."

Student Activities Board president Lauren Fabina reported on Thursday's feedback session, in which the Student Activities Board invited the entire student body to come out and discuss their likes and dislikes of past, current and future SAB activities. The primary topic of discussion at the feedback session was also that of the controversial "Pride Week" T-shirt, and included the shirt's colors — blue and gold — as well as the image printed on it. Many students felt that these colors were chosen to further unite Saint Mary's identity to that of Notre Dame.

However, it was reported this was not the intention, Fabina said, and the gold color on the shirt was intended to be more of an orange hue. Fabina added SAB in no way meant to offend anyone with the images or colors on the shirt.

"We are empathetic to those

who do not feel represented by the shirt," she said. "We listen to everyone and take all ideas wholeheartedly."

It was not determined at this time if student government will issue a formal apology.

In other BOG news:

♦ The first lists for the "Big Sister — Little Sister" program were issued, displaying which sophomore each first-year student was paired with.

♦ The board also approved regulations on election policies, now allowing Instant Messenger as a form of campaigning. It was also included in the policy that students cannot just pass out fliers without actually placing them in the hands of a student to cut down on litter around campus.

♦ There will be a BOG-sponsored bus trip to Chicago on Dec. 4.

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College professor wins CPA teaching award

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

The American Women's Society of CPAs recently honored Saint Mary's accounting professor Claude Renshaw as Educator of the Year at its Nov. 12 conference in Chicago.

The AWSCPA recently established its first affiliate group at Saint Mary's, which has the largest accounting program of any U.S. women's college.

"I'm very flattered and honored," said Renshaw, who has been teaching at Saint Mary's since 1977.

He is the moderator of Lady Accountants of Tomorrow at the College and co-authors a South Bend Tribune column called "Tax Talk" with Notre Dame professor Ken Milani each spring. He and Milani also coordinate a program where Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students volunteer to help South Bend residents with their tax returns.

After 27 years, Renshaw has developed a unique teaching style.

"I like to make accounting and tax as interesting as I can," he said. "A lot of people have preconceived notions about these subjects, but I try to stimulate responses by injecting humor and other activities into my classes."

Renshaw's students said they were excited about the

award and credited Renshaw's deep concern for students.

"He's probably the best professor I've ever had," said senior Valarie Johnston, a former student of Renshaw's. "You never got tired in his classes. He would keep your attention really well. He just made things more relatable to life."

Johnston also commented on Renshaw's role as moderator for the LAT.

"He's probably the best professor I've ever had."

Valarie Johnston
senior

"I don't think it'd be where it is today without him," she said. "He provides us with so many opportunities."

Veronica Fritz, another member of the LAT,

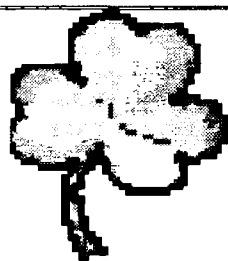
recalled a trip to Washington, D.C. that Renshaw had organized for the group, and his unusual way of preparing the students.

"He loves board games," she said. "He had us all over to his house one night to play a Washington, D.C. trivia game."

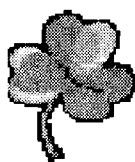
When looking back on his career, Renshaw quickly chose his favorite aspect.

"The highlight of my career is an ongoing one — seeing students graduate from [Saint Mary's] and become talented, capable individuals in their professional lives," he said. "I keep in touch with many of my students, some of whom are even partners at major accounting firms. It's really, really rewarding."

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Holiday

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lives in a Chicago suburb. After sharing Thanksgiving dinner with his family, the two plan to visit Chicago for shopping and sightseeing.

Harrison is planning on taking the South Shore bus line back to Notre Dame on Saturday morning.

"I want to be here in time for the big football game," Harrison said.

Other Domers will not have to worry about catching the game on television — they will be in attendance as Notre Dame takes on Southern California. Junior Steve Sweeney left South Bend Sunday morning to spend the week at his home in Los Gatos, Calif. He will be cheering on the Irish in person Saturday.

"Since I've been born I've been to [almost] every Notre Dame-USC game played in California," Sweeney said.

Sweeney said because he has taken many exams during the past three weeks, this upcoming week is not very academically taxing, and thus he is able

to take advantage of the opportunity to spend some time with his family on Thanksgiving.

Few natives of the California are lucky enough to make the 2,000 mile-long journey home, however. Jennifer Rising, a sophomore from Orange, Calif., will be spending Thanksgiving on campus and attending the Thanksgiving buffet at North Dining Hall. The dining hall will be open from noon until 3:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, but both campus dining halls will be closed for dinner on Thursday night.

"Hopefully I can take some food from the dining hall for Thanksgiving dinner," Rising said.

Freshman Robert DeBroeck is also unable to be with his family on Thanksgiving. His family resides in the United Kingdom and going home for two days is just not possible.

"I will give [my family] a phone call on Thanksgiving and send them my love, but it's a long way from England to South Bend, and I will be feeling their absence a lot," DeBroeck said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israel blamed for Arafat's death

PARIS — Freshly armed with Yasser Arafat's weighty medical dossier, his nephew pinned blame on Israel for the late Palestinian leader's death and refused Monday to squelch rumors of poisoning — even though he acknowledged that doctors found no known poisons.

Nasser al-Kidwa, who is also the Palestinian ambassador to the United Nations, said the files are inconclusive on the cause of Arafat's death, but "I believe the Israeli authorities are largely responsible for what happened."

His accusation, at a Paris news conference two hours after French authorities gave him the files despite objections from Arafat's widow, could inflame suspicions among Palestinians that Israel was somehow to blame — if only by confining Arafat to his West Bank headquarters for the last three years of his life, as Al-Kidwa asserted.

Powell pushes for peace in Mideast

JERUSALEM — Secretary of State Colin Powell made a new push for Mideast peace yesterday, promising Palestinians full American support for elections to replace Yasser Arafat and receiving Israeli assurances of a smooth path to the ballot box, including eased travel restrictions and letting Palestinians in east Jerusalem vote by absentee ballot.

In one of his last overseas trips as the top U.S. diplomat, Powell sat down with both Israeli and Palestinian leaders, seeking to capitalize on new realities created by Arafat's death.

"I have come to bring a message of peace and commitment from President Bush that he wants to move forward on the path of peace, to take advantage of the new opportunities that are before us," Powell said in a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

NATIONAL NEWS

Guantanamo on the Hudson

NEW YORK — Saying the city had created its "own little Guantanamo on the Hudson" during the Republican National Convention, a lawyer Monday filed a lawsuit on behalf of nearly 2,000 people arrested at demonstrations.

The federal lawsuit claims protesters and bystanders alike were rounded up in mass arrests without cause; were kept without access to their lawyers or families at an old bus depot used as a temporary detention center; and were exposed for days to cruel and inhuman conditions.

The lawsuit asks for unspecified damages. "All that was missing were the orange jumpsuits," lawyer Jonathan C. Moore said.

Jaczko to advise on nuclear issues

WASHINGTON — In a deal to let 175 of President Bush's nominees take office, an adviser to new Democratic leader Harry Reid, the Senate's staunchest opponent of a nuclear waste dump in Nevada, will be named to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

For months Senate Republicans had refused to take up, or even hold a hearing, on the nomination of Gregory Jaczko, Reid's adviser on nuclear issues.

In turn, Reid, who has pledged to try to kill the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste project 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas, had blocked the Bush nominations.

LOCAL NEWS

O'Connor named IMA director

INDIANAPOLIS — Lawrence A. O'Connor Jr., retired CEO of Bank One Indiana, became the interim director of the Indianapolis Museum of Art yesterday.

He succeeds Anthony Hirschel who resigned as director on Friday.

O'Connor's appointment came at a museum's board of governor meeting today.

In addition, Diane De Grazia, the museum's deputy director, was appointed interim chief art officer.

Deer hunter kills 5 and wounds 3

After being asked to leave private property, man opened fire on fellow hunters

Associated Press

BIRCHWOOD, Wis. — A deer hunter shot and killed five people and wounded three others after he was spotted on private land and was asked to leave, authorities said.

A 36-year-old man was arrested Sunday afternoon when he came out of the woods after the shootings during the hunt's opening weekend, sheriff's officials said. Two of the wounded were in critical condition Monday.

Deputy Jake Hodgkinson identified the suspect as Chai Vang but would give no details. Vang is from St. Paul, Minn., said Paul Schnell, a spokesman for the St. Paul police department.

The victims were part of a larger group hunting near a rural cabin on private land in Sawyer County in northwestern Wisconsin.

One hunter spotted someone in their tree stand, a raised platform in a tree used by hunters, and he and several others approached the man and asked him to leave, Sawyer County Sheriff James Meier said Monday.

The man got down from the stand and was walking away, then "for some apparent reason he turned and opened fire on them," Meier said.

One hunter radioed to others in the party for help, and more people were shot as they arrived on all-terrain vehicles to rescue the first group, authorities said. Someone in the group wrote the suspect's hunting license number, which hunters wear on their clothing, by tracing it on a dirty vehicle, Meier said.

"It's absolutely nuts. Why? Over sitting in a tree stand?" Chief Deputy Tim Zeigle said earlier.

Zeigle said the suspect was "chasing after them and killing them," with a SKS 7.62 mm semiautomatic rifle. Wisconsin's statewide deer gun hunting



A police officer interviews witnesses about a dispute among deer hunters over a tree stand in northwestern Wisconsin that resulted in a series of shootings.

season started Saturday and lasts for nine days.

About 20 shots were fired but it was unclear if any of the hunters had fired at the man or who might have shot first, Zeigle said. There was just one gun among the eight people killed or wounded, he said.

The dead included a woman, and a father and his 20-year-old son, authorities Zeigle said. Some of the victims were shot more than once. All five were from the Rice Lake area, about 15 miles southwest of Birchwood in northwestern Wisconsin, he said.

Authorities found two bodies near each other and the others were scattered over 100 yards.

The suspect, who did not have a compass, got lost in the woods and two other hunters who didn't know about the shootings helped him find his way out, Zeigle said.

The man was arrested when he emerged from the woods and a Department of Natural Resources officer recognized the deer license on his back from a description given by one of the shooting victims, Zeigle said.

The man was out of ammunition, he said.

One of the injured hunters was in critical condition Monday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. Another was in critical condition and a

third in stable condition at Lakeview Medical Center in Rice Lake.

Hunter Bill Wagner, 72, of Oshkosh was about two miles away near Deer Lake with a party of about 20 other hunters when they heard sirens, planes and helicopters and discovered roads in the area had been barricaded.

"When you're hunting, you don't expect somebody to try to shoot you and murder you," Wagner said. "You have no idea who is coming up to you."

"We're all old, dyed-in-wool hunters," he said. "We wouldn't go home because of this, but we will keep it in our minds. We're not forgetting it."

Jet to pick up Bush Sr. crashes

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A private jet that was en route to Houston to pick up former President Bush clipped a light pole and crashed Monday as it approached Hobby Airport in thick fog, killing all three people aboard.

The Gulfstream G-1159A jet, coming into Houston, went down about 6:15 a.m. in an undeveloped area 1 1/2 miles south of the airport, officials said. The former president had been scheduled to travel to Ecuador for a conference.

"I was deeply saddened to learn of the plane crash this morning," Bush said through spokesman Tom Frechette. "I'd flown with this group before and know them well. I join in

sending heartfelt condolences to each and every member of their families."

The names of the three crew members were not immediately released.

The National Transportation Safety Board said the "black box" flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder had been recovered, and appeared to be in good enough shape to read the data.

Mark Rosenker, the NTSB's vice chairman, said the agency would examine a number of factors, including the aircraft's condition, what the pilots were doing and the weather.

He said standard toxicology tests would be performed on the bodies and FBI agents joined the investigation at the NTSB's request, as is routine.

"We are treating this at this moment

as a transportation accident. We have no reason to believe it is anything other than that," Rosenker said.

Bush, who lives in Houston, was going to give a lecture for the Guayaquil, Ecuador, Chamber of Commerce, Frechette said, adding, "It's very sad." He said he was to have accompanied Bush, as was a Secret Service agent.

Earlier, Jack Williams, a district chief with the Houston Fire Department, confirmed three people had died.

The jet, en route from Love Field in Dallas, was approaching the runway when it clipped the light pole, losing part of a wing, authorities said. Wreckage extended about 100 yards from there, Williams said.

Safety

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of the 27 dorms were fully protected. In the 18 months following the fire, complete sprinkler systems and fire alarms were installed in the remaining 15, according to Antonucci.

Four firefighters are on duty at the on-campus fire station, located across from the powerhouse, at all times as well.

Leading technology detection systems, which show the exact detector that is alarming, protect all undergraduate dorms and graduate housing residences.

"Our next task is a comprehensive fire safety program that includes fire safety education," Antonucci said. "If you cannot remove the human element from the incident then you cannot prevent the incident. Though sprinklers do save lives, they do not prevent the incident."

Antonucci said he believes Notre Dame's safety programs have been successful because of the relatively low number of serious fires per year.

"Three years ago [in] Welsh Family, there was a fire in a room started by a curling iron," he said.

However, damage from the fire was fairly minimal.

"That particular room hap-

pened to have two automatic sprinklers that immediately extinguished the fire," said Antonucci. "Unfortunately, the room was on the third floor, so the water went down to the second floor. But luckily, the only damage was from the water."

After fires at Castle Point Apartments in October, three smoke detectors were placed in each hallway and in all of the laundry rooms, where two trashcan fires erupted, apartment manager Omar Zidan said.

College Park Apartments include two smoke detectors in each unit, as well as in the hallway. Additionally, all tenants are asked to abide by the non-flammable rule, meaning nothing flammable can be brought into the apartments.

"We went in about a month ago and installed new exit lighting in case of fires, something that will stay and remain lit," said Patty Russwurm, property manager at College Park.

At Georgetown, the D.C. fire department found numerous violations in the basement apartment of 21-year old Daniel Rigby, including missing required smoke detectors and blocked exit doors. Their investigation led to inspection of other off-campus housing at the university.

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Protest

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SAB sells the T-shirt on campus each fall semester during Pride Week, which includes various activities to celebrate Saint Mary's.

This year's shirt, which continues to be sold in the student bookstore, takes inspiration from a vintage Vermont print ad. The original image depicts an elegant woman dressed in a white gown holding a tiny glass of wine in a gracefully extended hand. The version on the Saint Mary's shirt shows the woman holding a small silver bell in place of the wine glass and the phrase "Saint Mary's College, Women with Knowledge" borders the image.

Since Spirit Week, which began Sept. 27, the shirt has generated mixed reactions. Several students created their own version of the shirt using markers and puffy paint.

Protester Sinnamond Wolfe said she disliked the shirt's image, which prompted her to wear an alternative version during Pride Week.

"I don't find it personally represents me because I come from a blue-collared family, a working-class family," she said. "It is very insulting to me because I want to participate in the pride week activity, and

I couldn't because I didn't feel included in that activity."

Junior Lisa Kuzmiec said she has purchased a Pride Week shirt the last three years but chose not to this year.

"The whole point of the pride shirt is to unite the student body and to have something everyone would be proud to wear," Kuzmiec said.

Both students said that although some may find the shirt cute, they feel such a description lacks understanding.

"It may be a cute image but when it is a shirt that is trying to represent our college the fact that it is cute is irrelevant because it's still not inclusive," said Wolfe.

Jennifer Hernandez, who organized the protest, said students were not trying to devalue the work of student government.

"We are not attacking the artist, we are not attacking one specific person," Hernandez said. "Our objective is to raise awareness at Saint Mary's."

Student government has made efforts to address stu-

dent concern about the T-shirt. Board of Governance women's issues commissioner Katie Kelly hosted a Nov. 4 identity forum where attendees discussed the image of the college.

At a Student Activities board meeting Thursday several of the shirt protesters were given the opportunity to discuss opinions, but according to Hernandez officers stopped the meeting as the discussion became heated.

In a student-wide e-mail sent Friday, SAB apologized "for any program, event, or material produced this past semester that may have offended you, the student community."

The e-mail did not specifically address the shirt.

Student body president Sarah Catherine White said she and other student leaders are in the midst of evaluating the request for an apology.

"They deserve sincerity, and we are going through all the steps to make sure the sincerity is there, and we want them to know this," said White.

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Lisa Kuzmiec
junior

Tunnels

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and other systems that are now subject to newer, more restrictive code requirements," Johns said.

HCSC director of communications Barbara Wade said after reviewing new building safety codes as they pertain Saint Mary's, it was not possible to keep the utility tunnels open to pedestrian use.

"Some of the tunnels have been in use for 75 years and have been used by pedestrians since the beginning," she said.

For decades, students, faculty, staff and Holy Cross sisters have used the tunnels to get from building to building, especially during the winter months.

In the area leading to Haggard College Center, each graduating class has painted a mural on the cement walls, which will now go unseen after Dec. 18.

But some students said the planned closure caused more worry about safety rather than tradition.

"I think it will lead to security risks when we have to walk around an entire building to get to the library late at night," senior Jodie Emerick said. "It's not that it's an inconvenience, it's just a safety issue."

According to Wade, the HCSC is working with Saint Mary's to discuss changes to the ID card swipe system used to access the tunnels. In certain areas, barriers will be put up to keep pedestrians out of the tunnels.

As for a chance of reopening the tunnels reopening, Wade said it would be unlikely.

"We don't foresee that happening," Wade said. "Although this was a disappointment, we found there were no other options available."

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Recruiting

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said Lee Svete, director of the Career Center. "If you want to recruit at Notre Dame you will play by our rules."

The Career Center requires students sign a contract stating they will not cancel an interview or renege on job offers, and therefore expect employers to abide by a similar ethical policy.

"We feel if we're holding our students to a high standard we also have to hold the employer to high standard," said Kevin Monahan, associate director at the Career Center. "The idea of giving a minimal amount of time to make such an important decision ... is too much for [students] to do in 48 hours or three days. It's unfair to the students."

After interviewing with GE Consumer Finance both at Notre Dame and in Connecticut, senior Ryan Brady received an offer and was

given 48 hours to respond

"I called the Career Center and asked them if that was too short amount of time," Brady said.

The Career Center confirmed his thinking and contacted the company on his behalf.

"I waited until I had another offer then declined [GE's offer]," Brady said. "They didn't give me a reason for giving me 48 hours ... I've had a couple more offers and none of those have been close to that."

Brady said he has not heard back from the individual recruiter who made the offer, but that GE Consumer Finance said such immediate deadlines were not company policy.

While the problem has not been unmanageable, the Career Center received at least a dozen calls from students in this situation. In general, employers have cooperated with the Notre Dame policy.

Svete also emphasized students are expected to be honest with employers and should not "shop around" for offers, although it has not yet been an

"Instead of just hiring five students, now [employers] are hiring 20."

Kevin Monahan
Career Center
Associate director

CEO steps down to focus on cancer therapy

Associated Press

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. CEO Charlie Bell, who was diagnosed with colorectal cancer in May, resigned Monday to focus on his battle with the disease, forcing the company to make a sudden leadership switch for the second time in seven months.

The fast food giant named vice chairman Jim Skinner as its new CEO, and the board elected Mike Roberts, CEO of McDonald's USA, to the position of president and

chief operating officer.

"Charlie is a remarkable leader and well loved by the McDonald's family, and we fully understand and respect his decision," McDonald's chairman Andrew J. McKenna said in a statement.

Bell, 44, was diagnosed with cancer soon after succeeding Jim Cantalupo in April, when Cantalupo died of an apparent heart attack. Bell has missed significant time at work because of the cancer and earlier this month skipped a gathering of worldwide

McDonald's managers in his native Sydney, Australia.

Bell had returned to the hospital in September for further cancer therapy, and the Oak Brook, Ill.-based company has largely declined to comment on the severity of his condition or treatments.

Bell rose through the ranks at McDonald's, starting at a Sydney restaurant when he was 15 in 1975, becoming the youngest store manager in Australia by the age of 19.

Under Cantalupo and Bell, McDonald's has staged a rebound in sales the past two years as the company slowed the pace of new store openings, added popular new salads and breakfast items to its menus and shed noncore parts of its business.

One analyst said the change in leadership likely would have no major impact on the company's stock because current McDonald's executives are replacing Bell and the company has been doing well.

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INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.35	-0.06	24.10
APPLE COMP INC (AAPL)	+11.20	+6.18	61.35
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+0.74	+0.14	19.15

Treasuries			
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10-YEAR NOTE	-0.74	-0.31	41.65
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.34	-0.12	35.52
3-MONTH BILL	+1.24	+0.26	21.22

Commodities			
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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+2.00		449.00
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.20		99.00

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EURO			0.7670
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IN BRIEF

Pulitzer shares surge on possible sale

ST. LOUIS — Shares of Pulitzer Inc. surged 15 percent Monday, the day after the newspaper publisher said it was considering a possible sale or other options to increase shareholder value.

The company, which publishes the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the Arizona Daily Star and about a dozen other dailies, said in a statement Sunday that no decisions have been made and no agreements have been reached. Pulitzer said it is exploring "a range of strategic alternatives" and has retained Goldman, Sachs & Co. as financial adviser to assist in its review.

Shares rose \$8.27 to \$63.08 in midday trading on the New York Stock Exchange, well above its 52-week closing high of \$56.64.

The Pulitzer Inc. board of directors planned to meet Monday in St. Louis for what Michael Pulitzer described to the Post-Dispatch as a long-planned meeting to discuss end-of-the-year business. Pulitzer officials did not return phone calls Monday.

Workers strike at bankrupt Ormet

HANNIBAL, Ohio — About 1,300 workers at bankrupt aluminum maker Ormet Corp. went on strike Monday, after the company refused to postpone a court hearing that could result in ending labor agreements and imposing new ones.

Salaried employees will do production work to keep the two plants open, chief executive Michael Williams said Monday.

The strike began at 7 a.m. as night workers came off their shifts, said Denny Longwell, a staff representative for United Steelworkers of America District 1.

Wheeling, W.Va.-based Ormet has about 2,000 employees and facilities in Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana and Louisiana. The strike has been limited to the plants in this city 115 miles southeast of Columbus, where workers make about \$15 an hour, Longwell said.

One truck seeking to enter was turned away by crowds of picketing strikers at company gates, Longwell said.

The driver of another truck was arrested after hitting a striker as he drove through the gates around noon, the Monroe County Sheriff's Department said.

Trump's casinos file for bankruptcy

After months of negotiating, casino empire forced to file under Chapter 11

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Donald J. Trump's casino empire has filed for bankruptcy protection after months of negotiations with bondholders over restructuring a crushing debt.

Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts Inc. and numerous related operations filed for protection from its creditors under Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code on Sunday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Camden, N.J. The Trump casino business consists mainly of three Atlantic City properties and a riverboat casino in Indiana and are only a small part of Trump's overall real estate empire.

The filings come even as Trump, the celebrity developer and best-selling author, has returned to the spotlight with the television show "The Apprentice," which turned "You're fired" into a national catch phrase.

In a telephone interview Monday, Trump said he will remain chairman and CEO of Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts, but his share would be reduced to 27 percent from 47 percent under a proposed restructuring plan reached with bondholders last month.

He would still be the largest single shareholder, and he said he would still be running the company, which in Indiana operates a riverboat at Gary and this summer won the license to open a casino in French Lick.

Trump said he would personally invest a total of \$72 million in the restructuring: \$55 million in cash, and \$17 million in notes he already holds.

Trump denied the bankruptcy was a setback. The casinos will continue to operate, and the company has court permission to keep paying its nearly 12,000 workers and contributing toward their benefits.

"I don't think it's a failure, it's a success," Trump said in the interview. "In



Trump, star of hit television show "The Apprentice" will remain chairman and CEO of Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts even with Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing.

this case, it was just something that worked better than other alternatives. It's really just a technical thing, but it came together."

"We have one of the most powerful gaming companies the day it comes out [of bankruptcy]. There's no way we could have done that without the 'B' word," he said.

He said "the future looks very good."

Aside from Trump, existing shareholders would see their overall stake reduced to 0.05 percent from 44 percent, according to the filings. Shareholders will be issued warrants allowing them to buy more than 8 percent of the company, at 1.5 cents a share, well below recent trading

prices.

The Trump casino operations have been fighting to survive amid debt that has hampered Trump's efforts to maintain and expand his Trump Marina, Trump Taj Mahal and Trump Plaza casinos in Atlantic City. The properties have been hurt badly by new competition from the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa and other casinos.

The filings list debt of about \$1.8 billion, which Trump said would be cut by \$500 million. He said the interest rate on the debt would be reduced to 8 percent, from 15 percent, under the bankruptcy reorganization plans, saving the company \$100 million a year in interest payments.

The company would also be able to draw on a \$500 million credit line at 4 percent interest, he said.

He declined to predict how long it will take for the company to emerge from bankruptcy.

"I thought about taking it private, but it wouldn't have given us the same power we have now," Trump said.

He said the restructured company would expand Trump Taj Mahal, his largest Atlantic City casino, with a new hotel tower and renovate the others.

Trump also noted the casinos are just part of his overall real estate empire. "This represents less than 1 percent of my net worth, but it is still an important company to me," he said.

Scandal plagued directors seem to keep jobs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It doesn't seem to matter when corporate directors get tangled in business scandals or are accused of sketchy oversight — many still get to hold on to their jobs no matter what.

Just consider that three members of the Enron Corp. board before the energy giant's 2001 collapse still are directors at U.S. based companies. Same goes for two WorldCom directors who sat on the telecommunications company's board when it became one of the largest corporate failures in U.S. history.

And that's just the start. Many of the nation's biggest companies have board members with spotted pasts.

So much for all the promises out of corporate America in recent years to improve boardroom integrity.

Of course, there is the theory that those who fell asleep at the wheel before won't dare to shirk their responsibilities again. For some, that may very well be true, but there is no guaranteeing such reform.

That leaves it up to companies to decide whether they are willing to take such a risk by letting these people join or stay on their boards — and it appears that many seem unfazed by past mistakes.

Look at former Lucent Technologies Inc. chairman and CEO Richard McGinn, who was forced out in the fall 2000 after the company warned for the fourth time in a year that its

profits would be weak. Soon after that, the telecommunications company disclosed that it had prematurely booked \$679 million in revenues.

Even with all that, he is still on the board of American Express Co., where he has served as a director since 1998.

But the financial services company may have reason to reconsider that decision. Earlier this month, federal regulators said they were considering civil charges against McGinn and two other former Lucent employees for their role in an alleged bribery and corruption scheme involving its Saudi Arabian business in the 1990s. American Express declined to comment; McGinn did not return a call for comment.

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George W. Bush's 'to do' list

President George W. Bush has won the presidential election. Upon hearing this news, some of you may have felt like running through Stonehenge, screaming, "Victory is ours!" Others deliberated the possibility of a four-year hibernation, preferably located far away from the United States or any country she may invade.

Bush has, however, been granted four more years by the American people. And while dissent may seem like the best (or at least the most satisfying) option for those of us who don't support his agenda, it is important for the well being of the nation that we recognize his victory.

Despite this acceptance, however, I do not advocate the wanton promotion of current administrative policy. I'll leave that rather sinister task to international man of mystery Vice President Dick Cheney, whom I hear is currently in an undisclosed location (Bush's mind). I believe criticism should and will play a vital role during Bush's second term.

Regardless of how you may view his first four years in office, this second term is by no means a predestined failure. Bush has, however, a daunting task ahead of him if he is to unite rather than divide America. Following his first term, there is a substantial schism between Republicans and Democrats in this country, and compassionate conservatism, as interpreted by his administration, appears to be at best a failure or at worst an oxymoron.

So, what does the President need to accomplish in order to make his last four years in office a success?

Hooked on Phonics might be a good start.

He also needs to rescue American troops from the quagmire that is Iraq, yet not leave the country in the midst of armed chaos. No matter what you think of the war, it would be wholly irresponsible to abandon Iraq after having invaded it. Bush hopes to eventually

transfer power to the Iraqis. This task, however, will not be easy. If he institutes a draft during this process, he will undoubtedly draw the wrath of the general citizenry. It will also be exceedingly difficult to eradicate religious fanaticism and anti-Western sentiment, primary reasons the war continues.

On this note, our prior unilateral foreign policy has contributed to an increase in anti-American sentiment throughout the world. Bush must revamp our international image by relying first on diplomacy before resorting to force, and, while prioritizing America's interests, he must at the very least appear to seek international opinion. Hopefully, he will actually take into account and learn the positions of other countries (both geographically and politically).

The strain on our armed forces from the war with Iraq is great, and leaves the United States with few reserves. We are unable to intervene in Sudan or Uganda, both of which are in dire need of aid. While America has recognized the crises in these countries, if Bush is unable to either court armed international support for an intervention or divert troops from Iraq to these areas, the multitude of deaths that have and will occur in Africa will be a black mark on the legacy of his administration.

Bush also needs to effect change in terms of domestic policy. His promised tort reform may indeed be an effective

way to lower the costs of health care, and encourage doctors to perform life-saving procedures, which are sometimes considered to be a higher risk. Since 2000, 5,200,000 Americans have lost health insurance. If Bush intends his second term to be a success, he must remedy this situation.

In addition, Bush must fully fund the "No Child Left Behind Act." While the need for a national standard may be debatable, punishing underfunded schools for being unable to meet it is not. Ensuring adequate support would allow schools to successfully implement this new program.

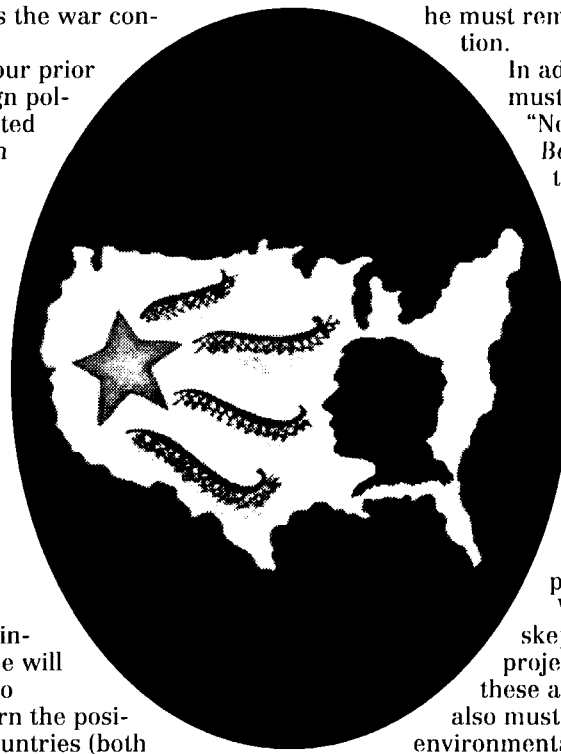
While I am more skeptical of Bush's projected success in these areas, I believe he also must adopt a stricter environmental policy.

Additionally, with the resignation of Attorney General John Ashcroft, Bush has the opportunity to increase protection of civil rights, although Ashcroft's dubious successor, Alberto Gonzales, may be a detriment to this cause.

So, President Bush, you have four years. May you use them wisely and well. And don't forget to pick up a gallon of 2% milk.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The freedom of choice

In the Nov. 15 issue of the Observer, Blake Swenson of the University of Kansas questioned how voters could say "marriage, family, reproductive choice and bio-ethics ... were the only moral issues in the election." Well, they weren't — but they were the most important moral issues. War and health care were not and should never be ignored but when weighed against abortion, stem-cell research, and euthanasia they were secondary. In the 16 months before the election, 16,561 people died from the war in Iraq while 1,750,656 died from abortion. That's 105 times more deaths by abortion alone.

Swenson also implies that these have only become moral issues because "a Christian leader says it is a question of morality." In addition, he suggests that "a national discussion on our population's morality" is required. While I agree there needs to be more discussion on these issues, they have neither become moral issues because someone said they were nor because of a group consensus. Morals

are not a choice and cannot change. Certainly what a person believes may change, but that does not change the reality of truth. Truth does not change. It is neither subjective nor can it contradict itself. Either abortion is killing a human being or it is not. No matter how much society wants abortion, stem-cell research and euthanasia to be right, they cannot become so. They are intrinsically evil. Our culture has tried to teach us that morality is based upon our opinions and our wants. Our freedom to do whatever we want is placed higher than truth. Making these actions legal, however, does not make them morally right. This would only reject truth and embrace relativism. True freedom is choosing to do what is right.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it."

Henry David Thoreau
author

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The Motown Melee

Now that the election is behind us and the political climate has cooled down, I will take this opportunity to take a welcome departure from the realm of politics. Instead I'd like to shift to another battleground where you can see grown men behave like children. This of course is the realm of basketball and the now infamous "Motown Melee" of Auburn Hills.

Tom Rippinger

*Confessions of a
Campus
Conservative*

Of course, this incident began with a scuffle between Detroit Pistons' Ben Wallace and Indiana Pacers' Ron Artest during Friday night's game. Instead of walking away, Wallace delivered a hard two-handed shove to Artest's chin. After that, there was more yelling and Wallace threw a wristband at Artest. Reading the chronology of the events, I would not be surprised to see either one of them shout, "He started it!"

Then, an unidentified fan decided it would be cute to throw a cup of ice and some other random beverage at Artest. So, what's practical in this situation? Perhaps the off-color four letter word or finger would seem appropriate? No, instead you should probably charge through seven rows of fans swinging as

you go and start slamming some random guy's head into the stands that you think did it. After that, you've already given away one free lawsuit to the NBA, so why not create 20 really good ones?

The reactions of the players, commentators and fans in this are all quite disappointing. A situation such as this demonstrates broader problems with the league, and offers insight into why the NBA fan base has been on the decline. As a disinterested observer of professional sports and political junkie, none of the actions surprised me when looked at from the angle of self-interested human behavior.

NBA players are becoming ever-more humiliating examples of moral character. Besides the public arrests, adultery and increasingly childish actions of the players, a distinct individualism pervades over them. Instead of respecting the fact that they make more money than the President of the United States for dribbling a basketball, it becomes an entitlement.

Just that fact, that someone is paid that much money to do something so insignificant in the course of history is disgusting in itself. Instead of Condoleezza Rice earning millions for being the first African-American woman to take the charge of U.S. world

policy, our culture rewards grown men that behave like children millions of dollars for isolated athletic skill with no prerequisites for character qualities. This is to the point that they actually need to be told that you don't punch people in the face.

Another aspect of this incident that amused me was the well-rehearsed shock of sports commentators on ESPN and other news networks. Underneath it all, the money is still flowing and their ratings were probably through the roof after this happened. At the same time, this incident may actually serve to boost the sorry ratings of the NBA. Underneath all the shock and awe, nobody associated with the NBA could honestly say with a straight face they were trying to prevent players with serious moral character flaws from playing.

Regarding the fans, their actions were inexcusable. However, respect is a two-way street. Respect must be given before it is gained from another party. When players act like children on and off the court, that level of respect plummets to new lows. Therefore, acting like an unsportsmanlike childish jerk at a live nationally-televised event might get a beer tossed your way from the fans.

Obviously, my opinion may be biased as I am not the biggest fan of the NBA. At the same time, I love college sports and limit my opinion to the actual players guilty of these character flaws. That being considered, I have still noticed a trend in the limited capacity I have followed the NBA over the last few years. I've seen it in the ridiculous amounts of money players are played and their genuinely selfish behavior. Combining the recent Kobe Bryant incident and the recent Olympic performance with this one can give some insight into why I don't like the NBA.

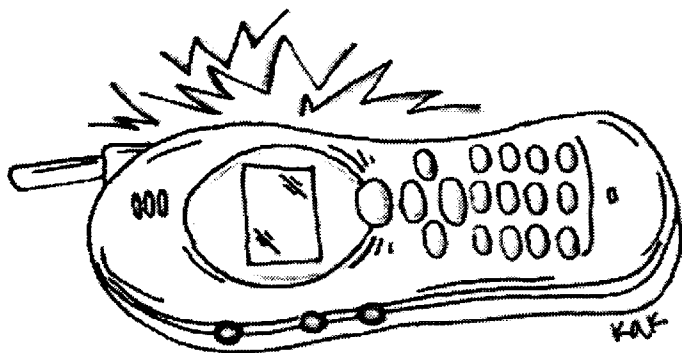
In contrast with almost all other professional sports, one can see the glaring individualism and immaturity of NBA players. To use the words professional and athlete to describe some NBA players is an oxymoron. Hopefully, the American people will stop taking their families to see these sad excuses for role models ruin a great sport.

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U-WIRE

Turn off cell phone, go to jail, don't collect



There you are, in class, contemplating your hangover, listening to the professor explain the intricacies of the thermodynamics of the pseudo-Freudian imagery of whatever, and a tinny version of Kelis' "Milkshake" song starts piping out of someone's cell phone.

The student scrambles, embarrassed, to turn her cell phone off, and the class watches her rifle through her faux-Gucci to retrieve the beeping monstrosity. And the noticeably peeved professor just continues the lecture.

But a New York judge last week set a better precedent for dealing with such incidents. District Court Judge Salvatore Alamia sentenced a 17-year-old girl to 21 days in prison for contempt of court, after her cell phone rang, when the judge had expressly ordered cell phones to be turned off. The sentence will be served concurrently with her other sentence for criminal possession of a controlled substance.

"If you don't know how to shut it off, go outside and introduce it to the heel of your shoe," Alamia said. Props to the judge for taking a hard line on cell phones.

We all have social lives, work and family obligations, and mothers who call us at odd times to remind us to eat, but turning cell phones off isn't too much to ask of people. Classes are for learning or napping or doing the crossword — for being quiet while a person whose salary you're paying teaches something you're interested enough to

show up for.

Professors should take a hard line against cell phones, too — holding people in contempt of class, if you will. Cell phones are especially irritating during exams, and professors should consider docking points if a cell phone goes off during one.

All cell phones have a silent mode, and most have a vibrate mode — though the vibration setting is not synonymous with the phone being off. Having a phone rattle against the contents of someone's bag, sounding like some crazed metallic cow, is just as distracting as hearing a midi file of "In da Club."

The same rules should apply for people whose cell phones ring in theaters, especially during live theatre. No one comes to the cell-phone users' workplaces and jumps up and down to distract them, so extend the same courtesy to the actors.

Clearly, the live-and-let-ring approach to cell phones isn't working. Professors should set firm policies about phone usage and enforce them. Already, churches in Europe and, increasingly, in the United States are installing cell phone jammers, which block signals. These would not be necessary if people practiced a little common courtesy and, as Alamia so eloquently put it, introduced their buzzing, beeping, singing, vibrating phones to the heels of their shoes.

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Cell phone culture shackles students

At Boston College, we attempt to address the major problems on campus. Groups such as the Quality of Student Life Committee and UGBC do everything in their power to ensure that students feel happy and fulfilled while at Boston College.

Academic departments and special interest groups bring speakers to help reduce any tension between races, ethnicities and students of different sexual orientations. However, our campus remains plagued by a horrible disease, not racism or homophobia, but rudeness.

To me, the pinnacle of rudeness is the iPod/cell phone culture that seems to wander through Middle Campus. Recently a student wrote an editorial that stated wearing an iPod means that you give a sign of emotional unavailability to those around you.

While I agree with this evaluation of iPods, and I think that they are detrimental to the Boston College community, I feel that cell phones are by far the larger evil. I have yet to sit through a day of classes this semester without hearing someone's cell phone ring. This is incredibly rude to both the professor and to the other students. A ringing cell phone says that devoting your full attention to the class is beyond you. You cannot possibly sit through biology without being connected to the outside world.

The solution to the cell phone pestilence is a simple one. Do not bring your cell phone to class. You do not need it during the academic day. Even if you remember to turn off your ringer during lectures, sitting talking on your cell during lunch at the Rat is rude. Those around you do not want to hear about your best friend from high school's boyfriend problems. There is nothing ruder than a loud, long cell phone conversation in a public place. Having such a conversation implies that you feel that everyone around wants to know your business, your problems, and your successes. It is not eavesdropping when the conversationalist on both ends of the phone can be heard. By being a loud cell phone talker, you force others to get to know you through your conversations with the distant, not by actually talking to you. Thus, cell phone talking limits your opportunities to meet (really meet) others at Boston College.

Cell phones are the beginning of my campaign against rudeness at Boston College. Recently I was on the T when a Boston College student did not give up his seat for a woman with a cane, which I believe to be a worse offense than the cell phone influenza. I challenge everyone to leave their cell phone in their dorm tomorrow. Go the whole day talking with others on our campus, not on Notre Dame's. You will not have to worry about your phone ringing in class or your mother calling to check in.

Though they may be wireless, we have become chained to our cellular devices. Take the first step in eliminating Boston College's wireless shackles.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

Animated film captures the soul of Christmas

By ANNIE ROHRS
Scene Critic

Anyone who has read the book on which "The Polar Express" is based should have high expectations for a film trying to re-create the magical illustrations that have made Chris Van Allsburg's book into a classic Christmas story. Director Robert Zemeckis succeeds in the task, and viewers who know the story, as well as those who don't, will be very impressed with the quality of visual imagery, which captures all of the actual illustrations from the book. It also adds breath-taking visual sequences that mimic reality while still imparting a feeling of fantasy.

The movie begins with the opening line of the book, as the main character, a young boy beginning to doubt the existence of Santa Claus, lies in bed on Christmas Eve, waiting to hear the jingle of sleigh bells on the roof. He drifts off to sleep and is woken up by the sounds of a train fast-approaching his front yard. Confused but intrigued, the boy jumps onboard the train after the conductor, one of the many characters based on Tom Hanks' features and sporting his voice, quickly explains the destination of the train.

The young boy finds a friend in a girl

already on the train, who has a quiet confidence in Santa and the wonders of Christmas. The two then befriend a lonely young boy from the wrong side of the tracks who's never had a real Christmas. These three, along with a know-it-all who's a little too self-absorbed to appreciate the real meaning of the season, all embark on a journey where they'll each learn a lesson about Christmas and life.

The characters in the film are clearly not real, but their movements, even down to their facial expressions, so closely mimic real human physicality, while still maintaining the fantastical feel of illustration, that the imagery in the movie seems to blur the line between whimsy and reality. The technique that Zemeckis and Warner Brothers use is called Performance Capture, which involves using computerized cameras to digitally capture the actors' live performances down to

every facial twitch, which can be transformed into virtual characters.

While the story of the Polar Express is magical in itself, its meaning goes deeper, touching on the virtues of

friendship and belief. It doesn't simply fall back on the typical cheery messages of Christmas in which all is right with the world by the end. The movie, as well as the book, clearly depicts the beauty of Christmas while still holding



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Tom Hanks provides both the voices of the young protagonist and Santa Claus in "The Polar Express," an animated rendition of the classic children's novel.

onto the realities of the world outside the holiday. The strength of the story lies in its willingness to explore the possibility of a world outside of what we know to be true from within the boundaries of actual human experience and emotion.

"The Polar Express" succeeds in re-creating the world of Van Allsburg's book, and expands on the power of its

unique and incredible illustrations by adding in visually thrilling action sequences.

This cannot help but captivate viewers as the train progresses through the uncertain wilderness towards the North Pole and the wisdom of Santa himself.

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Characters, plot lift thriller past mediocre acting

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Critic

A woman awakens in the middle of a room. She is disoriented, but quickly finds out that she has a giant mechanical device on her head. A television flickers on to show a grotesque mannequin staring back at her. It calmly informs her that the device will kill her in a painful manner unless she can find a key, which happens to be hidden in a person's body.

This is one of the scenes in the recently released thriller, "Saw." If that scene

doesn't sound interesting, then there is relatively little reason to continue reading. This independent hit is filled with similar scenes, and is not for people looking for a light, entertaining movie. Not since

David Fincher's "Seven" has a film taken such a bleak view on human existence.

The movie is centered upon a serial "killer" that doesn't quite fit the definition. Technically, he isn't a killer as he never directly killed anyone. He finds ways for his victims to kill themselves or each other. The movie begins with two such potential victims finding themselves locked and chained within a decrepit bathroom in some forgotten factory. They are told that they have been chosen to participate in the killer's game, and if they can figure out how to

win they will be allowed to live.

A ripple is tossed in when Dr. Lawrence Gordon (Cary Elwes), one of the two victims, is told that his family is in the killer's possession, and will be killed if he does not kill his cellmate by 6 p.m. Here the two cellmates are left to their own devices and the movie begins to unfold.

Written by Australian-born James Wan and Leigh Whannell, this movie is not the typical fare from the Land Down Under. It's not exactly a horror movie, and certainly not a slasher. This film could at best be described as a dark thriller. There are the obligatory jump

scars within the movie, but most of the tension is created through the use of suspense within the movie.

Sadly, at times that suspense is not well developed by the actors themselves, but

rather the characters that are developed from the film's suspenseful plot. The screenplay writer, Whannell, plays the central figure of Adam and may not have taken a single acting class in his life. He graduated from a film school in Australia, but from his acting in this film, it would appear that he spent the majority of his time behind the camera rather than in front of it. He did appear in "The Matrix Reloaded," but didn't have the central role he does in "Saw."

Elwes, a figure better remembered from "The Princess Bride," is the other main lead, Dr. Gordon, and does an only



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Adam (Leigh Whannell) finds himself chained and locked within the bathroom of a factory in the thriller, "Saw." Whannell wrote and starred in the film.

slightly better job. His voice and demeanor is fitting in more light-hearted movies, although his acting does improve towards the end.

The poor acting could be explained through the fact that none of the actors received any compensation for the film. However, this could also be the reason why the writer was also one of the main stars.

But the majority of the movie's draw comes from the characters, and the situations they are put into. Even with the poor acting, the movie draws the viewer in as it progresses so that by the very end, the viewer is completely immersed within the film.

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DVD REVIEW

Murray heads star-studded cast in classy indie film

By CHRIS KEPNER
Scene Critic

"Coffee and Cigarettes" began back in 1987 as a six-minute short vignette written and directed by Jim Jarmusch and starring Steven Wright and Roberto Benigni. It's simply a couple of guys enjoying a conversation over the ever-popular and aforementioned vehicles for caffeine and nicotine. Pleased with the result of his effort, Jarmusch filmed 10 more such vignettes over the next 17 years, compiling them into the feature-length gem that is now available on DVD from MGM Home Entertainment.

"Coffee and Cigarettes" is a lot like a musical work in eleven movements. While each vignette can exist quite happily on its own, the opus in its entirety is truly special. Jarmusch conducts, setting eleven different scenes for his eleven different groups of musicians, but allowing them to improvise cleverly and tastefully over his form. Motifs introduced in the earlier vignettes find their way into later ones in such a way that it becomes obvious that the actors in the more recently filmed vignettes have watched the

early ones.

These actors are a part of the audience until their turn to take the stage, at which point they enrich the motifs by reintroducing them in different contexts. This draws you into the film so effectively that you'll lose sight of the fact that you're an outsider, an aspect beautifully enhanced by the overhead shots of the tabletops that are woven into each scene. There are even several shots where the characters glance down at the table from time to time to maintain the casualness of a conversation.

If this sounds all too techie-go-film-nerdy to you, maybe you'll be interested in the five-star quality ensemble cast, with names like Bill Murray, Steve Buscemi, Iggy Pop, Tom Waits, Cate Blanchett, Alfred Molina and GZA and RZA of Wu-Tang Clan. In fact, the mental image alone of Murray improvising a scene with GZA and RZA should be incentive enough to see this film.

Jarmusch does a spectacular job of mixing moments of poignant reflection into a film built on a foundation of humor. Before you realize it, you'll find yourself contemplating things like wealth, success, status, and the ideas of Nikola Tesla. Nay, some of these themes are so subtle at times that you might not even be conscious of their presence, but they'll have their affect on you all the same.

On the DVD, you'll find hilarious outtakes of Murray's improvisation from his scene with GZA and RZA, as well as a feature on the tabletop shots and an interview



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From left, GZA, RZA and Bill Murray star as themselves and share a conversation in one of the comic vignettes in the comedy, "Coffee and Cigarettes."

with Taylor Mead, but it's not exactly the two-disc, feature-loaded release that you see so often these days. It lacks even a commentary track or an interview from Jarmusch, but maybe his motivations are better left unsaid. Maybe viewers should take what they will from the film without having "the point" spoon-fed to them in such a way

that completely undermines the personal introspection that should take place whenever a film is watched.

Since it's an independent film, many will have no trouble passing over "Coffee and Cigarettes." They would be making a terrible mistake.

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Coffee and Cigarettes

MGM



Cage, 'National Treasure' grab box-office gold

Associated Press

Nicolas Cage's treasure hunt soaked up more box-office cash than a cartoon sponge.

Cage's "National Treasure" debuted as the No. 1 weekend movie with \$35.3 million, coming in just ahead of "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie," which opened in second with \$33.5 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

After two weekends in the No. 1 spot, the animated superhero tale "The Incredibles" slipped to third with \$26.8 million. The film has made \$177.8 million in three weeks.

Tom Hanks' Christmas adventure "The Polar Express" came in fourth with \$15.2 million in its second weekend. Costing \$170 million to make, the movie has had a cool reception from audiences, taking in \$51 million in 10 days.

After a healthy \$8.7 million debut in narrower release of 530 theaters a week earlier, Renee Zellweger's "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" had a so-so expansion, taking in \$10.1 million in 2,450 cinemas. A sequel to the 2001 romantic comedy hit, the movie came in at No. 5.

Hollywood had a second straight weekend of rising revenues after a slump that lasted most of the fall. The top 12 movies grossed \$144.8 million, up 15 percent from the same weekend last year.

Industry officials hope the strong revenues provide a good springboard into

Thanksgiving, one of Hollywood's busiest weekends. A crowd of family films — including Tim Allen's "Christmas With the Kranks," opening Wednesday — should prove a powerful draw over the long holiday weekend, said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

"With this many family films, it's going to be a bloodbath," Dergarabedian said. "'The Incredibles' is going to be a huge factor. 'Spongey' is going to be a huge factor. Even 'Polar Express,' which people were trashing on, will be a factor because it's a holiday movie."

"National Treasure," Cage's fourth collaboration with producer Jerry Bruckheimer, centers on a plot to steal the Declaration of Independence to obtain the hidden clues to a colossal fortune stashed by the Founding Fathers.

Unlike Bruckheimer action flicks aimed at the adult-male crowd, "National Treasure" has a softer PG rating to appeal to family audiences. The movie drew solidly among all age groups and scored well among women, too, said Chuck Viane, head of distribution for Disney, which released the film.

"Jerry's core audience goes in looking for a great piece of action, and it delivered on that," Viane said. But the PG rating "expands the size of your audience so you get a much bigger spread of folks coming in."

"The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie" is the first big-screen adventure for the



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From left, Ben Gates (Nicolas Cage) and Ian Howe (Sean Bean) try to rediscover a war chest hidden after the Revolutionary War in "National Treasure."

Nickelodeon TV cartoon bottom-dweller, a cheery sponge who lives among his aquatic pals. The movie was generally well-received by critics, unlike "National Treasure."

A big part of SpongeBob's appeal is that he is eternally optimistic, presenting a good role model for children, said Wayne Lewellen, head of distribution

for Paramount, which released the movie.

In limited release, Pedro Almodovar's "Bad Education" had a stellar opening, grossing \$147,366 in three theaters. The movie's convoluted plot centers on the relationship of two boys whose budding romance is destroyed by a jealous priest.

NBA

Chicago remains winless with 100-82 loss to Phoenix

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Chicago Bulls held Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire under 30 points for the first time in four games. It didn't matter.

Stoudemire and Shawn Marion scored 21 points apiece to lead the Suns to a 100-82 victory Monday night, leaving the Bulls as the NBA's last winless team.

Ben Gordon scored 20 points for the Bulls, who matched a franchise record for consecutive losses to start a season. The Bulls opened the 1967-68 season 0-9.

"I thought the last two games we showed some strides," Gordon said. "But with a team like this you have to maintain it for 48 minutes. You can't do it for three quarters."

Marion added a season-high 16 rebounds, and Steve Nash had 15 points and six assists for the Suns, who have won five straight. Phoenix's 9-2 record — tied with Seattle for first in the Western Conference — is the team's best start since 1997-98.

"We are pretty happy about where we are and how we have come together," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said. "It's just how we are playing. It feels good and the guys have good chemistry. There will be tough times ahead but so far, so good."

Stoudemire had become the first Suns frontcourt player with four straight 30-point games since Charles Barkley in 1995-96. The Bulls limited Stoudemire's opportunities with multiple double-teams but couldn't cool his shooting touch. Stoudemire hit his first five shots before finishing 7-for-8 from the field and 7-of-10 from the free-throw line.

"Teams are going to try to sag in on me and try to stop me from scoring, but the good thing about that is I can get everybody else involved," said Stoudemire, who had five assists to go with six rebounds.

Phoenix never trailed after Marion's driving layup put the Suns ahead 12-10 in the first quarter. Marion finished the period with 10 points as Phoenix extended its lead to 32-24.

"We've been out-running people, out-rebounding them," Marion said. "We've got so many weapons out there on the floor nobody can match up with us."

Chicago closed to 50-46 on Chris Duhon's 3-pointer with

4:25 left in the first half. But Joe Johnson hit consecutive 3-pointers to key a 12-2 spurt to end the half and give the Suns a 65-50 lead at the break.

"We feel like we lost that game, or at least the biggest factor in it, was right before the half," Bulls coach Scott Skiles said. "We were playing tough but we had several minutes where instead of not playing as well as we have we just fall right off the cliff and come unhinged."

The Bulls switched to a zone defense early in the third quarter and started whittling away at the lead. Luol Deng had a pair of baskets, Gordon added three points and Chicago held the Suns to one basket over an 8-minute span to pull to 71-61 with three minutes left in the period.

But Johnson started a 12-0 run with a long jump shot and Phoenix steadily pulled away after that.

"We just keep looking on the bright side that we are making improvements out there but it doesn't take away from the fact we can't get a game right now," said Eddy Curry, who scored 17 points. "It's mentally and physically draining on everybody on this team."

The Suns led by as many as 26 points in the closing minutes.

New Orleans 76, Utah 75

Darrell Armstrong grabbed the game ball from the scoring table and Lee Nailon grabbed coach Byron Scott in a big hug.

The New Orleans Hornets hadn't had anything to celebrate for so long, they wanted to make sure they didn't forget anything after holding off the Utah Jazz. It was the first win of the season for the Hornets, who had opened with eight straight losses.

"We persevered. We won," said P.J. Brown, who had nine rebounds.

Jamaal Magloire led the Hornets with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

New Orleans gave Utah several opportunities to win, but the Jazz couldn't convert. Andrei Kirilenko missed two free throws with 4.4 seconds left and Gordan Giricek's jumper at the buzzer bounced off the rim, starting the Hornets' celebration.

"It's like I kept saying. It's gonna come," said Scott, who got his first win as Hornets coach. "We've just got to keep working to get better on the defensive end."

New Orleans was just fine on defense, holding the Jazz to 12

points in the final period and a 26-for-68 night from the floor.

"This team averages over 100 points a game. But we shut them down," Brown said. "Offensively we were good, but defensively, we were even better."

Lee Nailon scored 16 points in his first start for the Hornets, who also spoiled the evening for a sellout crowd of 19,911 on the night John Stockton's No. 12 was retired.

Memphis 93, San Antonio 90

The Memphis Grizzlies refused to let injuries stop them.

Bonzi Wells scored 26 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer with less than a minute left, and Lorenzen Wright had 10 points and 10 rebounds to help Memphis beat the San Antonio Spurs.

"We deserved to win that game," Grizzlies coach Hubie Brown said. "This is not a soap opera thing, but we did everything we had to do to win. Everyone did something good to contribute."

Memphis also got 13 points and seven rebounds from Brian Cardinal.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 26 points, and Tony Parker had 18. Brent Barry added 12.

"We should have won, but they outplayed us," Parker said. "They had more energy and were getting every rebound and every loose ball."

Playing without two starters and a key reserve, the Grizzlies used a 12-3 spurt to end the third quarter with a 71-68 lead. Less than two minutes into the fourth, Memphis held its largest lead at 75-68.

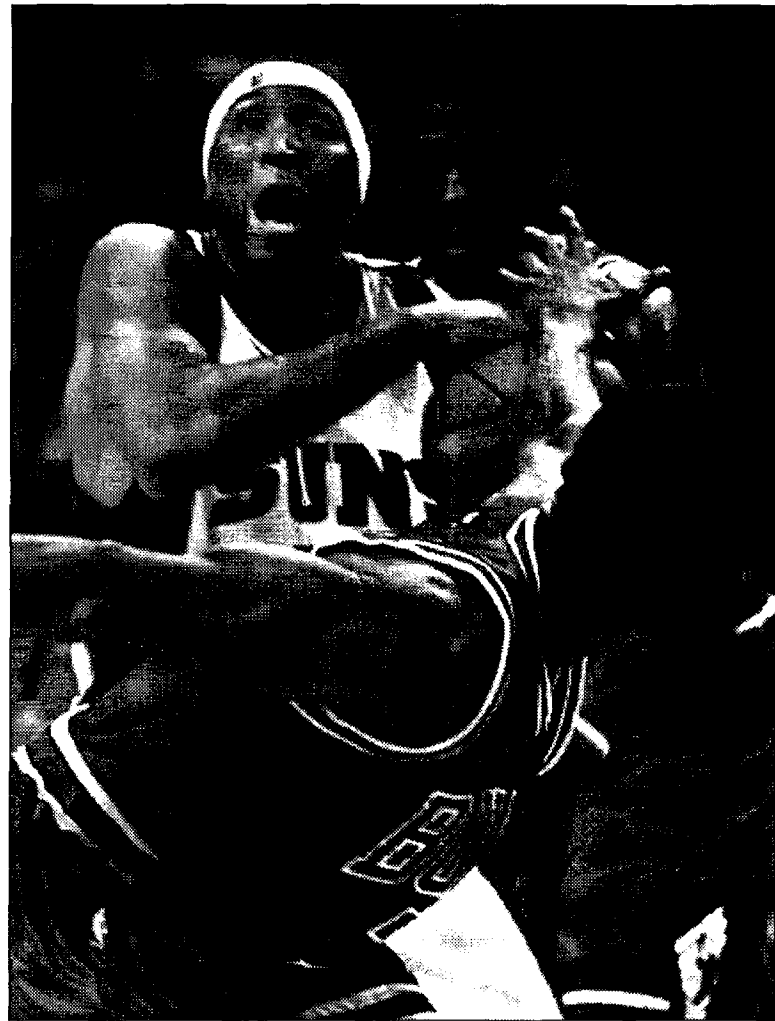
But the Spurs kept the pressure on and tied the game 87-all on two free throws by Manu Ginobili with just more than a minute left. Seconds later, Wells hit a 3-pointer to put the Grizzlies up 90-87.

"I said if I got a chance, I was going to keep my elbow tucked and let it fly," Wells said.

Memphis was without leading scorer and rebounder Pau Gasol, who missed his second straight game with a sprained ankle, and starting small forward James Posey (left foot), who is on the injured list.

Stromile Swift, replacing Gasol in the starting lineup, left with 5:52 remaining in the third period after he was accidentally hit in the left eye by Wright.

"It's good for our confidence. We came in short-handed and without our best players,"



Phoenix forward Shawn Marion battles Chicago's Eddy Curry during the second half Monday night. The Suns won 100-82, leaving Chicago as the only winless team in the league.

Wells said. "We knew we had to step up a level."

The Spurs had a chance to tie on their final possession, but Duncan missed a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left.

"They were much stronger defensively and had a much stronger desire to win, especially with a couple of their best players not there," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said.

Minnesota 83, Dallas 82

Kevin Garnett made two free throws with 5.9 seconds left then Trenton Hassell blocked Jerry Stackhouse's long jumper at the buzzer, giving the Minnesota Timberwolves a victory over Dallas in the Mavericks' first of several games without Dirk Nowitzki.

The Mavericks seemed to be doing fine without their top scorer and rebounder, going up by 15 early and holding a 79-67 lead in the final five minutes. But the Timberwolves, who looked lethargic for most of their third straight road trip, never gave up.

Minnesota's first lead came in the last minute of the third

quarter and lasted just 20 seconds. The Wolves didn't lead again until the last few ticks, when Garnett made a pair from the line. He'd gotten the ball off an inbounds pass with 11 seconds left. Dallas didn't foul him despite having one to give, then Alan Henderson pounded him as he made a move to the basket.

After the second shot, Dallas went to Stackhouse off the right wing, but his 17-footer was cleanly stuffed by Hassell. The arena went silent and Garnett walked across mid-court pumping his fist, while coach Flip Saunders practically skipped onto the court with a huge smile.

Garnett finished with 21 points, 17 rebounds and nine assists, just missing his first triple-double of the season. Sam Cassell scored 16, including a layup with 4:14 left that was Minnesota's first points in more than five minutes, ending a 17-2 run by the Mavericks that seemed to have put them ahead for good.

That's where not having Nowitzki hurt. Ahead 79-67, they couldn't finish it off.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Hill resigns post at San Jose State

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — San Jose State coach Fitz Hill resigned Monday with one game left in his fourth straight losing season with the Spartans.

Hill, one of five black head coaches in Division I-A, will coach San Jose State's season finale against Fresno State on Saturday. The Spartans are 2-8 this season and 14-32 under Hill.

Frustrated with a lack of support from fans, students and the school, he is leaving to become an instructor at Central Florida. Hill, a former Army lieutenant who has a doctoral degree in higher education, also plans to write a book.

"I've been through eight months in Desert Storm and four years at San Jose State," Hill said. "I'm equipped for the next challenge in the world. Nothing can be comparable to what I've been through. I've made it out in one piece. I have no regrets. I just wish I could have produced more wins."

The Spartans have fallen short in several big games during the tenure of Hill, who had never been a head coach before San Jose State hired the former Arkansas assistant in December 2000.

"It hurts to know he's gone," linebacker Ezekiel Staples said. "He's a father figure. It's like a divorce. It's hard to deal with the fact that he's not going to be around."

Earlier this month, San Jose State took unbeaten Boise State to double overtime before the Broncos escaped with a 56-49 victory. The Spartans went 6-7 in Hill's second season, beating defending Big Ten champion Illinois but losing two games in the final seconds to ruin their chances at bowl eligibility. San Jose State slipped to 3-8 last year.

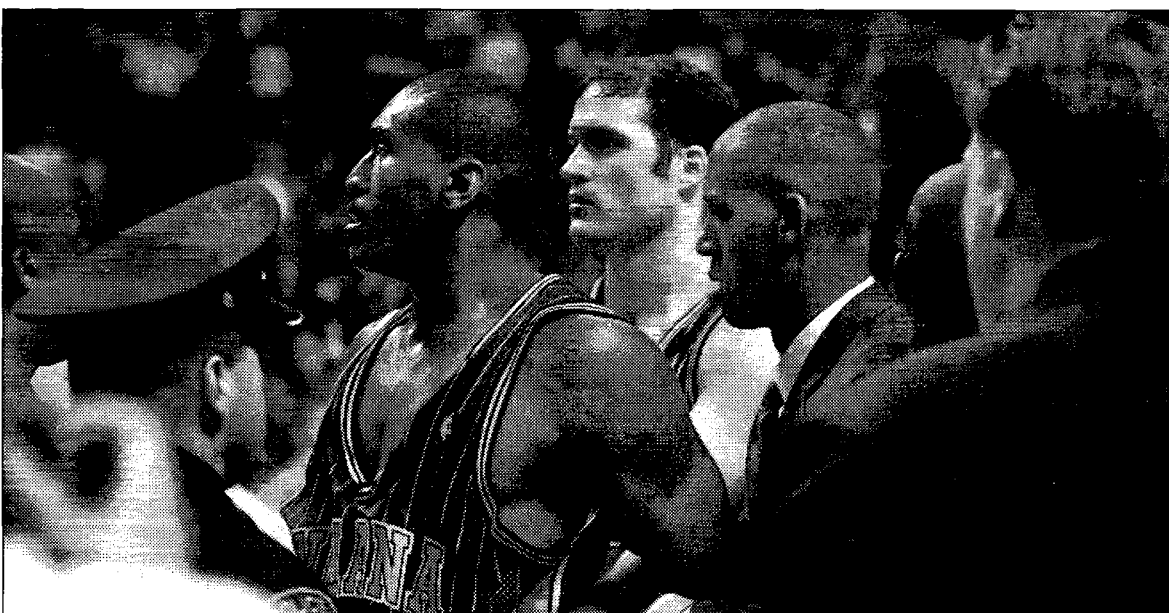
This season's highlight was a 70-63 victory over Rice.

"All I want on Saturday is a victory and a dunk of cold water after the game," Hill said.

San Jose State's football program has been under scrutiny from the NCAA for weak home attendance. The school's Academic Senate wants the Spartans to leave the Western Athletic Conference, claiming the team's relatively meager budget still uses too much of the school's resources.

The school has had four presidents in the past two years and athletic director Chuck Bell resigned earlier in the month.

NBA



Indiana's Ron Artest, left, is escorted off the court by teammates Austin Croshere, middle, and Reggie Miller Friday night. Artest was suspended for the season for his role in the brawl.

No charges filed yet in NBA fight

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — No charges were filed Monday in the brawl at the end of the Pistons-Pacers game, but if they are, they most likely would be for misdemeanor assault and battery, the county prosecutor said.

David Gorcyca said the only possible felony charge currently under consideration would be against the person who hurled a chair into the crowd. Authorities did not know the identity of the chair-thrower and were asking the public to help identify that person.

Gorcyca said investigators

would continue to review videotapes and interview witnesses from Friday night's melee before issuing charges.

The prosecutor did say that John Green, 39, of Oakland County's West Bloomfield Township was the fan who threw a cup that hit Indiana forward Ron Artest and started the brawl at The Palace. The prosecutor himself identified Green — who he said was a former next-door neighbor when both lived in the Detroit suburb of Royal Oak — by repeatedly watching footage of the brawl.

Green told reporters Monday that it may have looked like he threw the cup, but he didn't.

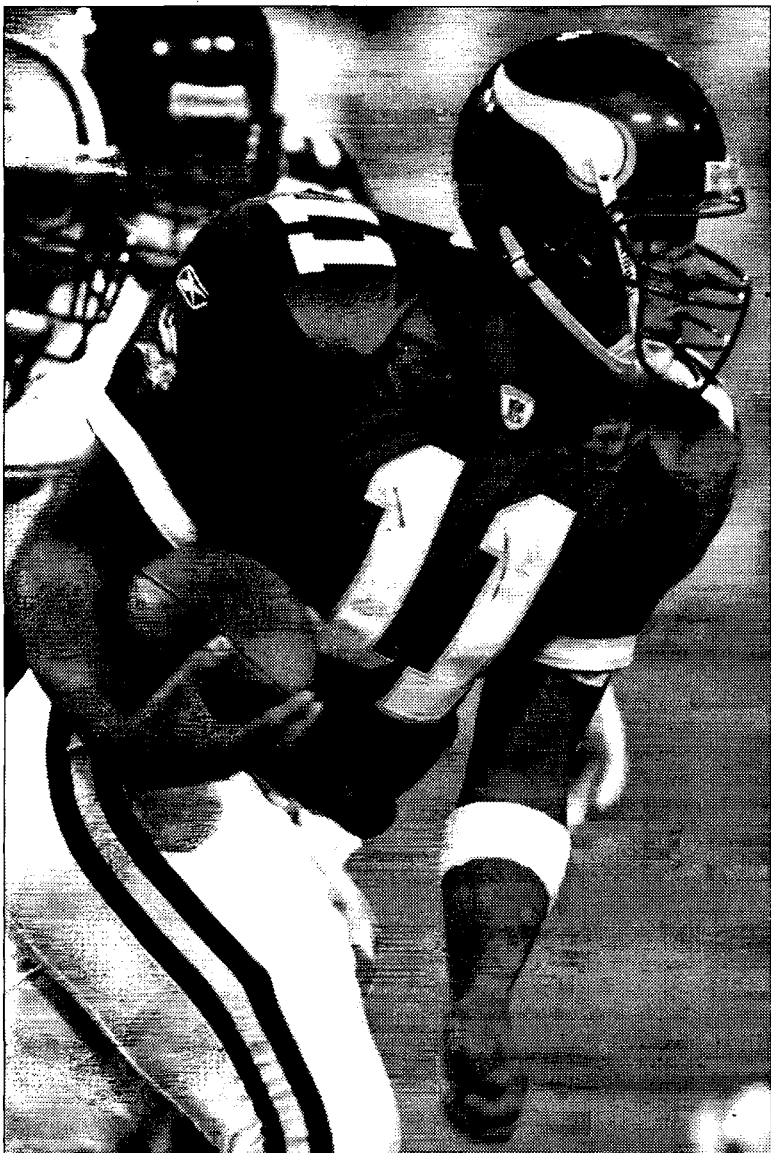
"I wish the whole thing didn't happen," he told reporters later. "I'm sure the NBA players that got involved in it wish it never happened, the fans never had wished that it had happened, I know I don't. It was awful, it was ugly."

Green's attorney, Shawn Smith, said Monday evening that his client only became involved in the brawl when he saw a smaller man getting hit by Artest.

"We have no comment on who threw the cup, it's irrelevant," Smith said. He said fans shouldn't throw things, "but is it a criminal offense? I don't think so."

NFL

Vikings' Moss expected back against Jaguars



Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper runs against the Lions Sunday. His favorite target, Randy Moss, is expected back this week.

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Randy Moss is expected back on the field this week for the Minnesota Vikings, provided his strained right hamstring doesn't swell.

Coach Mike Tice said Monday a reasonable plan for Moss in Sunday's game against Jacksonville is 25 plays, mostly in three-receiver formations.

Since sustaining the injury Oct. 17 at New Orleans, Moss twice made token appearances without catching a pass and did not dress for the last three games.

He's still tied for third in the NFC with eight touchdown receptions for the Vikings (6-4), who stopped a three-game losing streak by beating Detroit 22-19 on Sunday.

Moss, who has been running routes on the side for the past week, looked good in an intense workout Monday morning to test his strength and endurance. Tice and team trainers want to make sure the leg doesn't swell on Tuesday before allowing him to practice. He'll be listed as doubtful, for now.

"Hopefully as the week progresses we'll be able to fix that and turn it into questionable, probable," Tice said. "We'll see."

Pro Bowl center Matt Birk, who has been playing with intense abdominal pain, might have to sit out a game or two

next month to let the injury calm. He's expected to play against the Jaguars, though.

Nat Dorsey, who took over at right tackle when Mike Rosenthal was lost for the season with a foot injury, strained his right shoulder and might have to miss this week.

Browns' Tucker out for year

Right tackle Ryan Tucker is done for the season after tearing a left knee ligament during Sunday's loss to the Jets, another devastating loss for the reeling Browns. Tucker will have surgery next week.

The loss of their best offensive lineman is another blow to the Browns (3-7), who have lost several starters, including rookie tight end Kellen Winslow Jr., right guard Kelvin Garmon and defensive end Courtney Brown to season-ending injuries.

Tucker tore his medial collateral ligament and sustained other damage to his knee. He had surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in the same knee eight years ago.

Davis said quarterback Jeff Garcia is day to day after injuring his right, throwing shoulder on Sunday.

Pennington won't play Sunday Jets quarterback Chad Pennington will start throwing this week for the first time since straining his right rotator cuff, but his exact return to the lineup is uncertain.

Pennington, injured against Buffalo on Nov. 7, met Monday with his doctors, who cleared

him to begin soft tossing Wednesday. A second MRI exam was not required.

He will miss his third straight game Sunday when the Jets play at Arizona. Coach Herman Edwards initially said Pennington would be out two to four weeks, but would not speculate Monday when his starter would be back.

However, Edwards expects Pennington back this season, despite reports he might need season-ending surgery.

"It's a progression," Edwards said. "Everyone's different. He's a quick healer, he's strong mentally."

Pennington conceded he might need surgery when the season ends.

Mora not ready to rest

Michael Vick and the Atlanta Falcons already have posted some impressive numbers. Just wait, says Falcons coach Jim Mora.

"We've just scratched the surface of what we can become," Mora said Monday.

At 8-2 the Falcons have a four-game lead over Tampa Bay and New Orleans in the NFC South. They host the Saints next Sunday and visit the Buccaneers on Dec. 5.

The only other season the Falcons won eight of their first 10 games was 1998, when they advanced to the Super Bowl.

Mora says the Falcons have no reason to celebrate.

"We haven't done anything yet," Mora said.

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AP Women's Basketball Poll

	team	record	points
1	Tennessee (32)	2-0	1,111
2	LSU (13)	4-0	1,088
3	Georgia	2-0	1,007
4	Texas	1-1	913
5	North Carolina	2-0	910
6	NOTRE DAME	5-0	863
7	Stanford	2-0	842
8	Connecticut	1-1	821
9	Baylor	1-1	771
10	Duke	3-1	742
11	Ohio State	3-1	670
12	Texas Tech	0-0	633
13	Michigan State	2-0	549
14	Vanderbilt	1-0	535
15	Purdue	1-0	467
16	Kansas State	2-0	393
17	Rutgers	1-0	389
18	Minnesota	3-1	378
19	DePaul	2-0	337
20	Boston College	1-1	297
21	Oklahoma	2-0	245
22	Maryland	2-0	190
23	Louisiana Tech	0-0	123
24	Villanova	1-0	100
25	Arizona	2-1	67

NFL

AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
New England	9-1	.900	264	171
NY Jets	7-3	.700	212	165
Buffalo	4-6	.400	180	183
Miami	1-9	.100	140	210

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9-1	.900	240	161
Baltimore	7-3	.700	204	140
Cincinnati	4-6	.400	183	198
Cleveland	3-7	.300	177	208

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7-3	.700	298	220
Jacksonville	6-4	.600	151	163
Houston	4-6	.400	185	223
Tennessee	4-6	.400	168	197

AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Denver	7-3	.700	233	167
San Diego	7-3	.700	285	190
Kansas City	3-7	.300	276	265
Oakland	3-7	.300	182	270

NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9-1	.900	266	158
NY Giants	5-5	.500	196	172
Dallas	3-7	.300	172	282
Washington	3-7	.300	131	178

NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Green Bay	6-4	.600	256	230
Minnesota	6-4	.600	264	246
Chicago	4-6	.400	165	200
Detroit	4-6	.400	183	216

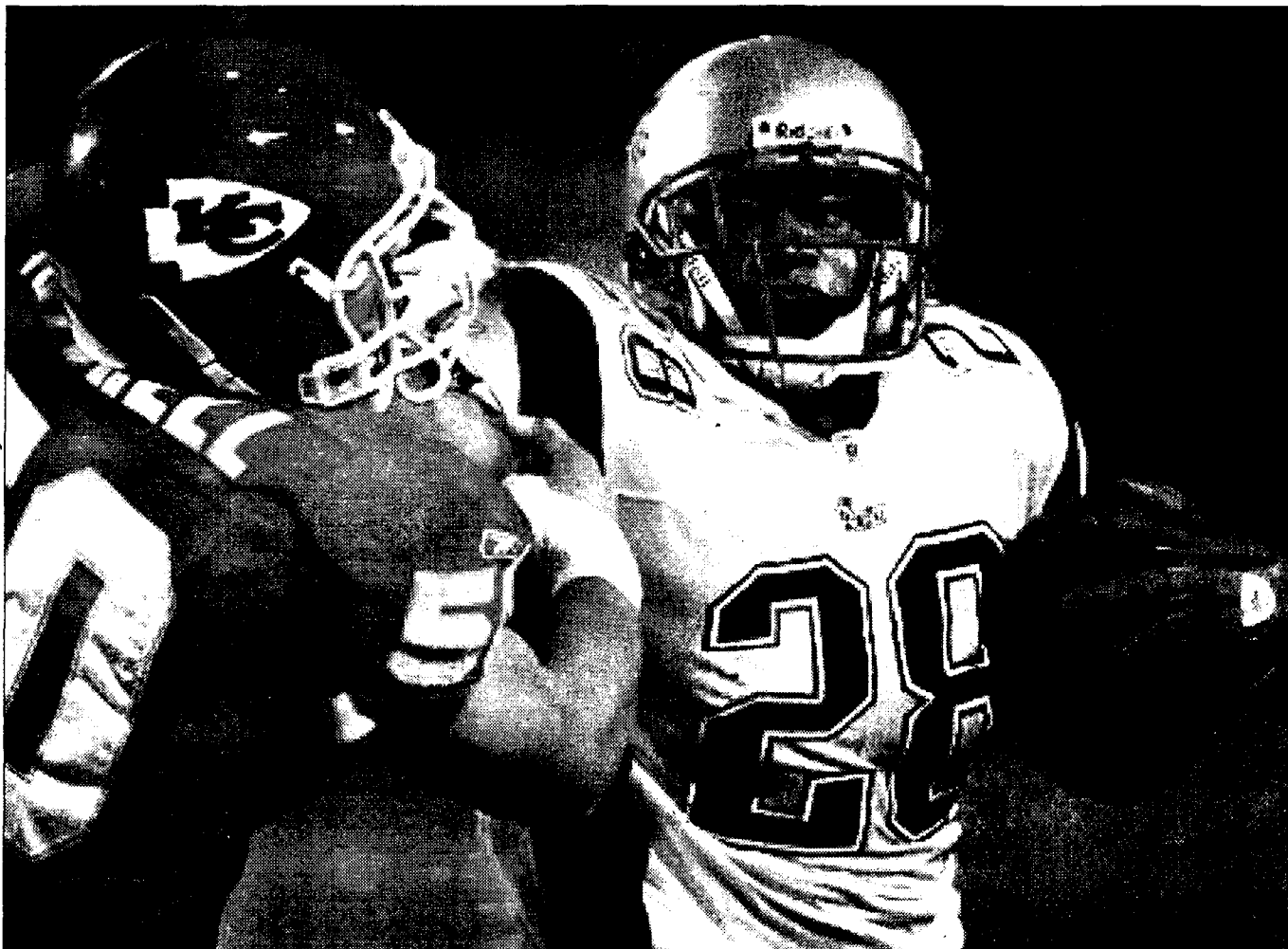
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Atlanta	8-2	.800	208	194
New Orleans	4-6	.400	211	288
Tampa Bay	4-6	.400	192	182
Carolina	3-7	.300	196	222

NFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Seattle	6-4	.600	230	185
St. Louis	5-5	.500	220	254
Arizona	4-6	.400	177	214
San Fran.	1-9	.100	175	296

NFL



New England Patriots running back Corey Dillon (28) stiff arms Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Kawika Mitchell (50) during the second quarter at Arrowhead Stadium last night. The Patriots won, 27-19.

Brady leads Patriots to win over Chiefs

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY — A half dozen New England Patriots made big plays. None made as many as Tom Brady.

Brady threw for 315 yards, including a touchdown pass to Deion Branch, and the Patriots beat the Kansas City Chiefs 27-19 on Monday night for their 24th win in 25 games.

The victory was New England's third straight after its NFL-record 21-game winning streak was snapped in Pittsburgh last month.

The Patriots (9-1) took

advantage of the absence of Priest Holmes, out with a knee injury, by shutting down the Kansas City running game for most of the night.

But Trent Green also took advantage of injuries in the New England secondary, throwing for 381 yards, including TD passes of 65 and 26 yards to Eddie Kennison. The Patriots played without starting cornerbacks Ty Law and Tyrone Poole.

The second score to Kennison came after Corey Dillon, who had two short touchdown runs, fumbled at the Kansas City 3 as the Patriots seemed

set to take a 31-13 lead. Instead, Green drove the Chiefs the length of the field to cut their deficit to 24-19 with 6:13 left — a 2-point conversion attempt failed.

The Chiefs, however, couldn't stop the Patriots, who killed nearly 4 1/2 minutes on a drive that ended with Adam Vinatieri's 28-yard field goal. That almost guaranteed that the Chiefs (3-7) will miss the playoffs after going 13-3 last season.

Dillon, who carried 26 times for 98 yards, had two runs for one first down, then Brady, who completed 17-of-26 pass-

es, hit Christian Fauria for 14 yards and Branch for 9 yards more. Branch finished with six catches for 105 yards.

He was one of just many Patriots to make big plays.

Rodney Harrison stopped a Kansas City threat with an end zone interception in the last minute of the first half; Tedy Bruschi forced a field goal by stuffing Derrick Blaylock on a third-and-1 after a long Chiefs drive in the third quarter; tight end Daniel Graham had two big catches; and David Patten's only reception was a 46-yarder that set up a touchdown.

IN BRIEF

Clemson and South Carolina refuse bowls after fight

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Clemson and South Carolina will not accept bowl bids, punishment for players who brawled toward the end of Saturday's game.

South Carolina athletic director Mike McGee said Monday that the Gamecocks' actions on the field were not consistent with the values and ethics of the school.

"This decision will have a significant financial impact on USC athletics. We will also lose a month of pre-bowl practice," McGee said. "It was a decision that had to be made."

The brawl, which broke out with about six minutes left in the game, started when Tigers defensive lineman Bobby Williamson took down South Carolina quarterback Syvelle Newton and appeared to linger too long on top of him.

South Carolina coach Lou Holtz, in his last game after a 33-year career, and Clemson coach Tommy Bowden

tried to break up the brawl. Eventually, security and police officers were needed to restore order.

Fox gets Bowl Championship Series television rights

NEW YORK — Fox will be the new television home of the Bowl Championship Series.

The network and the BCS announced a four-year, \$320 million deal Monday that gives Fox the broadcast rights to the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar bowls from 2007-10 and the national title game from 2007-09.

ABC has held the broadcast rights to the BCS since college football's major conferences implemented the system to crown a national champion in 1998.

ABC withdrew from the bidding last week, with network officials saying they were unhappy with the new BCS structure, which added a fifth game. Starting with the 2006 season, the national title game will be played at the site of either the Fiesta, Orange, Sugar and Rose bowls the week after those games are played.

The new structure would allow greater access to the BCS and increase the number of teams involved from eight to 10.

The national title game will rotate on a four-year basis between the four bowl games. ABC still holds the rights to the Rose Bowl, and the national title game when it is played at the site, through 2014.

Sheffield to have shoulder surgery Tuesday

NEW YORK — Yankees outfielder Gary Sheffield will have arthroscopic surgery Tuesday on his left shoulder, which didn't improve after two weeks of rehabilitation.

Sheffield, second to Anaheim's Vladimir Guerrero in AL MVP voting, didn't think the rehab went well, Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said Monday.

"It was still experiencing problems," Cashman said.

Sheffield, 36, could not raise his left arm for much of the season and was forced to catch balls at his side.

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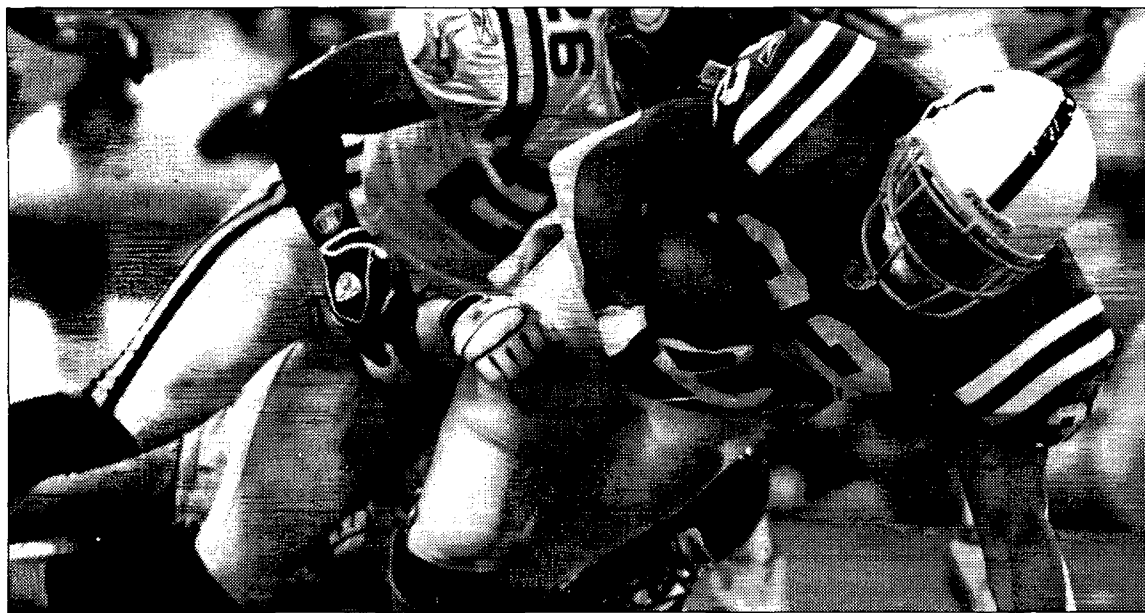
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NFL



Colts running back Edgerrin James picks up 15 yards and a first down before being tackled by Vikings corner back Antoine Winfield during the first quarter in Indianapolis Nov. 8.

Colts have 'edge' in running game

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Edgerrin James is back to his old ways. Eluding tacklers with knee-buckling cuts and spins, dropping his shoulder to finish runs, he's giving the Indianapolis Colts the runner they need to keep defenses honest.

"He sets the tone for us," coach Tony Dungy said Monday.

Yet the two-time NFL rushing champ has nearly become a forgotten figure this year amid the fanfare of the Colts' record-breaking chases. Peyton Manning is closing in on Dan Marino's record for touchdown passes in a season, receivers are putting up career numbers and the Colts' offense is on pace to score the second-most points in league history.

James seemed out of the mix until Sunday, when he shredded a solid Chicago defense for 204 yards on 23 carries, an

astounding average of 8.9. It was the second-best performance of his career and included his first touchdown in five weeks.

Now, at age 26 and possibly facing free agency after this year, James is re-emerging as one of the league's most dangerous runners. He leads the AFC in rushing with 1,081 yards. Only Shaun Alexander of the NFC's Seattle Seahawks has more (1,151 yards).

James also is averaging a career-high 4.9 yards per carry and tops the conference in yards from scrimmage (1,399).

"Everyone on this team knows the importance of Edgerrin and knows exactly what No. 32 is capable of doing," Manning said after Sunday's win. "The people in the AFC know for sure."

If opponents think they've witnessed this act before, they have.

James won rushing titles in 1999 and 2000, when he also

strung together back-to-back seasons with more than 2,000 total yards.

Everything changed midway through the 2001 season, when James tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Now James, like Manning and the Colts' offense, is on the brink of history. Should he win the conference rushing title, the four-year gap between title runs would be the longest in AFC history. Seattle's Curt Warner holds the record after winning rushing titles in 1983 and 1986, long before the Seahawks switched conferences.

James' approach is different this time.

He now acknowledges the sideline is his friend. Although he still despises taking plays off, he says it has made him a stronger runner late in the season.

Sunday's game was an example of that new philosophy.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Trojans top BCS, Sooners close 2nd

Associated Press

USC and Oklahoma are one and two, and in control.

Southern California vs. Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl appears to be three victories away — two by USC and one by the Sooners.

USC and Oklahoma held the top two spots in the Bowl Championship Series standings on Monday, leaving little doubt that they are in control of the national title race.

Unbeaten Auburn is stuck in third place behind the first-place Trojans and second-place Sooners. The Tigers look as if they'll be the team left out of the Orange Bowl no matter how they do in the Southeastern Conference championship game on Dec. 4 against Tennessee.

USC finishes the season against Notre Dame on Saturday and UCLA on Dec. 4. The Sooners still have to play the Big 12 title game against either Iowa State or Colorado.

Only an unexpected loss or a dramatic shift in the polls, where USC is a solid No. 1 and Oklahoma holds a slight advantage over Auburn for second, could derail a Trojans-Sooners matchup.

"I think it will all work itself out," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said. "Hopefully, everyone is fair about it. All the teams will make their final statement next week."

Not only did Oklahoma, with a BCS grade of .9642, slightly increase its lead over Auburn (.9356) from last week to .0286, but the Sooners also made a big gain on USC.

The Trojans' .9789 grade is their lowest of the season. Their

lead on Oklahoma is down to .0147.

"It's good. You feel like you fought hard to be in that position," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "Like I said before, in the end I don't know how you separate [the contenders]. When you look at strength of schedule and those things, those are making a difference. But we'll see how it all plays out."

USC was idle last week while Oklahoma was shutting out Baylor 35-0 on Saturday. Auburn trailed at the half before beating Alabama 21-13.

California (.8504) is in fourth place, Texas (.8301) fifth and Utah (.8172) sixth.

The Utes (11-0) finished their season on Saturday with a 52-21 win over Mountain West Conference rival BYU, all but ensuring themselves of being the first team from a non-BCS conference to play in a BCS game.

Teams from outside the BCS conferences need to finish in the top six of the final BCS standings to guarantee a spot in one of the four big-money bowl games.

Boise State is seventh, keeping alive the possibility that the BCS could have two mid-major teams in it this season. The unbeaten Broncos (10-0) of the Western Athletic Conference have a grade of .639 and one game left against Nevada.

Boise State would need to make a big jump and get some help in the form of losses by Texas or California. The Longhorns play Texas A&M on Friday and Cal plays at Southern Mississippi on Dec. 4, making up a game postponed by a hurricane in September.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hawkeyes soar past Louisville in Maui Invite

Associated Press

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Iowa stayed close in the first half against Louisville on Monday in the opening round of the Maui

Invitational. The Hawkeyes dominated the next 20 minutes. Jeff Horner scored 11 points in a 4 1/2-minute span of the second half, part of a nine-minute stretch when Iowa held

No. 12 Louisville without a field goal, and the Hawkeyes went on to a 76-71 victory.

"I thought in the second half we performed extremely well," Iowa coach Steve Alford said. "I thought our defense went to another level and we executed offensively."

That happened after a challenge from the coach to his players.

"At halftime I told them we were down four points to a team that shot 61 percent. I told them they weren't going to shoot 61 percent again so we had to step up, concentrate and play defense," Alford said. "I really challenged Jeff, Adam [Haluska] and Pierre [Pierce]. I wouldn't trade those three guys for anybody and I thought in the first half they weren't themselves. They did what we knew they would, they responded to the challenge."

Now Iowa (2-0) will play No. 15 Texas in the semifinals on Tuesday. The Longhorns (2-0) beat Chaminade 84-62 on Monday.

Juan Palacios scored inside with 11:39 to play to give Louisville (1-1) a 48-42 lead.

That was the Cardinals' last field goal for nine minutes as Iowa went up 67-56. Louisville missed 10 shots in that span and managed just eight points, all on free throws.

"Give them all the credit, they played a much better second half," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said. "We played a good first half and then did not run our offense efficiently, did not get as much enjoyment out of our passing and they did a much better job on defense in the second half."

Meanwhile, Horner, who finished with 18 points and six assists, went on his own scoring binge. The 6-foot-3 junior hit a 3-pointer with 11:18 left and added two more in his 11-point run. Both of those gave Iowa the lead, the second for good at 55-52 with 7:39 to play.

"We knew we needed something and as one of our leaders I felt I had to step up," Horner said. "Once I hit those shots I could feel everybody step up, especially on defense."

The Hawkeyes got the lead up to 11 points before Larry O'Bannon finally hit a shot for Louisville, a jumper that made

it 67-58 with 2:39 to play.

Louisville led 34-30 at halftime and neither team was up by more than six points until Iowa's defense forced Louisville's drought. The Hawkeyes did a good job on the perimeter and inside. By denying baskets, they never allowed Louisville to set up its press.

"If you don't rotate early enough on Horner he'll kill you and we could not defend their dribble penetration," Pitino said. "He killed us with some big shots."

Pierce added 16 points for Iowa and Greg Brunner had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Haluska had 14 points for Iowa and was 7-for-9 from the free-throw line while the rest of the team went 17-for-29. Erik Hansen had six rebounds and five blocked shots for Iowa.

"Our bigs stepped up," said Brunner, one of Iowa's front-court players. "We took it to heart. We're not as big or as tall as they are but I thought we played a big game."

Francisco Garcia had 17 points for the Cardinals, who finished 7-for-23 from 3-point range.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Holtz steps down, Spurrier expected to lead Gamecocks

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — As South Carolina coach Lou Holtz left the game he's cherished for 33 seasons, he couldn't resist poor-mouthing himself one last time.

"What am I qualified to do? I don't know, maybe carry the cord" of the coach's headset, he joked Monday.

Holtz, who could make playing Navy sound tougher than playing the Dallas Cowboys, stepped into retirement and cleared the way for the Gamecocks to introduce Steve Spurrier as his replacement Tuesday.

The 67-year-old Holtz goes out with 249 victories, eighth most in Division I-A, and a reputation for turning stumbling programs into winners. At each of his six schools — William & Mary, North Carolina State, Arkansas, Minnesota, Notre

Dame and the Gamecocks — Holtz went to bowl games by his second season.

His greatest accomplishment came in 1988, when he led Notre Dame to the national title only three seasons after the disastrous Gerry Faust era ended.

"Lou Holtz has been one of the great coaches in college football history," said Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, the winningest coach in Division I. "He has brought a lot to the game and has coached some great teams. It will seem strange without him."

His latest reconstruction project at South Carolina was nearly as remarkable. He came out of retirement in 1998 at 61 to rebuild the Gamecocks. After going 0-11 his first season in Columbia, Holtz brought South Carolina to its best two-year mark in history (17-7) and won consecutive Outback Bowl victo-

ries.

"I don't know where I'm going to go. I don't know what I'm going to do. I have faith in the Lord to let him lead me. As long as my family's with me, everything else will be OK," Holtz said. "But I do feel confident leaving here that the football program is on a firm foundation."

Spurrier will be introduced at a news conference Tuesday, a university official confirmed to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Monday night.

Holtz didn't mention Spurrier by name, but said his replacement "was a very well known, proven winner — that I play golf with."

Holtz worried that his reputation would be damaged by his last game, a 29-7 loss to Clemson that included an ugly brawl.



Former Irish coach Lou Holtz salutes the student section after Notre Dame's 31-30 victory over Miami in 1988.

NFL

Blaylock grows up in Kansas City backfield



Chiefs running back Derrick Blaylock scoots past Saints safety Jay Bellamy for a touchdown in their game Nov. 14.

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The first thing Derrick Blaylock saw was the last thing he needed to see.

There in the doorway stood about 240 pounds of thickly layered muscle, a chiseled granite statue wearing shoulder pads and a tight-fitting jersey.

What's a scared rookie running back on his first day of minicamp to think?

"I was thinking, 'Are all linebackers like this in the NFL?'" Blaylock recalls four years later. "I was in great awe."

A few minutes later, feeling decidedly undersized, Blaylock was introduced to his Kansas City teammate with the weightlifter's physique. A short time after that and to his great relief, he learned that, no, most

NFL linebackers were not as imposing as one-time Pro Bowler Marcus Patton.

"I was glad to see that none of them were that big. I was pretty small and I was like, 'Oh, I hope not all of them look like that,'" he said.

But they were all bigger than the 5-foot-9 Blaylock. And so, quietly and with great patience, the fifth-round draft pick out of Steven F. Austin began learning everything he could about the art and science of the NFL running back.

"Once I got going on the practice field and saw the speed of the game, I was like, 'OK, I really can play this game at a higher level,'" Blaylock said.

When the Chiefs used their first-round pick in 2003 on Penn State running back Larry Johnson, Blaylock was

undaunted. He just kept plugging, spending his spare time working on his own music label called DMBG 1965.

Some athletes just stroll out of college onto center stage. Some stand in the shadows and seize their moment when it finally arrives.

Blaylock turned heads by scoring four touchdowns against Atlanta last month after Holmes went out with a sore ankle. Then last week at New Orleans, given his first chance to start, Blaylock erupted for 186 yards in the fifth-best day for a runner in Chiefs history.

Could he have come just 14 yards short of 200 as a rookie?

"I don't think so," Blaylock said. "It takes time to mature, to be able to read those blocks the offensive line and everybody is setting up. It takes time."

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hoosiers want to get back to winning form

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Hoosiers have waited more than eight months to prove last year was an aberration.

They'll finally get a chance to show it Tuesday night against Indiana State.

"Everybody is anxious to go out and show that our record will be better, that our play will be better," guard Marshall Strickland said.

Coach Mike Davis has already made changes this year. He has new coaches, a highly ranked recruiting class and the players are determined to make amends for their first losing season in 34 years.

Game 1 will be the first indication of whether anything changes on the court.

Indiana State (1-0) has upset Indiana the last two times the schools met, including a 63-60 victory in the championship of the 1999 Indiana Classic. That ended the Hoosiers' tournament winning streak at 51 games.

Davis, then an assistant coach, hasn't forgotten those final minutes when the Hoosiers were frantically trying to rally.

"It was miserable," Davis said. "Whenever you lose to a mid-major team at home, it's miserable. Every loss is misery. I'm trying to think, I can't ever remember having a happy loss."

The next year — Davis' first season as head coach — Indiana State again beat the Hoosiers, this time when Michael Menser hit two 3-pointers in the final seconds.

GOLF

Sorenstam legacy growing

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — The biggest challenge for Annika Sorenstam is setting goals.

She already is in the World Golf Hall of Fame, inducted a year ago at the ripe old age of 33. She completed the career Grand Slam last year by winning the Women's British Open. She won for the 50th time on the LPGA in April. She would like to win three more majors to give her 10, but only because that sounds like a nice number.

"Because I have come so far in my career, [there's] nothing that is still out there," Sorenstam said.

Maybe she's not looking far enough.

Two years ago, when she won 11 times on the LPGA Tour, Sorenstam said she wasn't interested in chasing Kathy Whitworth's career record of 88 victories. At the time, she wasn't even halfway there.

But when Sorenstam ended another amazing season Sunday — eight wins despite playing only 18 times on the LPGA Tour — she had 56 career victories and was No. 5 on the list.

"I never thought 88 was possible, and I'm still so far away from it," she said. "I just wonder if I can continue on this pace. If I don't continue on this pace, there's no way. If it does happen, obviously that would be just be incredible."

The Swede repeated that 88 wins is not among her goals — yet.

"Maybe if I reach 75," she said. "But then you've still got another 13, and that could take five years. I don't know. It really sounds so impossible. I guess you should never say 'never.'"

The record still seems out of reach, but much more reasonable considering her dominance of women's golf.

When she captured the ADT Championship in a playoff at

Trump International, it gave Sorenstam 33 victories over the last four years — more than Hall of Famers Beth Daniel and Juli Inkster have won in their careers.

"I don't think people realize how hard it is to do what Annika has done," Cristie Kerr said.

Two more years like that, and Sorenstam might find herself closer to Whitworth than she ever dreamed.

No one works harder than Sorenstam. No one produces better under pressure.

She was third in driving distance, and led the LPGA Tour by hitting 79 percent of her greens in regulation. Her average score was 68.70, 1.29 strokes ahead of Grace Park. The only reason Sorenstam didn't win the Vare Trophy was because she didn't play the minimum 70 rounds.

"I try not to think about when will my streak end," Sorenstam said.

Distance

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title at the U.S.A. marathon in 2003 followed by wins at the U.S.A. Half Marathon and the U.S.A. 20k championships.

With his victory at the U.S.A. marathon, Shay became the youngest U.S. men's marathon winner in 30 years. Moving from a 10,000 meter distance (6.2 miles) to the 26.2-mile marathon required some adjustment for Shay.

"The thing with the marathon is it's so unpredictable," Shay said. "Guys can come out of nowhere, you never know."

At Notre Dame, Shay accumulated a host of honors and individual records. In 2001 Shay was the national 10,000-meter champion and also captured All American honors in three

events that year.

"While at Notre Dame, I learned how hard one must work to reach an elite level of running," Shay said. "I've learned the sacrifices that must be made to become a national champion."

As a runner for both the cross-country and track and field teams from 1998-2002, Shay received All American honors in each season he competed. In addition, Shay holds the school record in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters.

Besides his personal success, Shay comes from a very athletic family. His sister holds the 25,000-meter record for 14-year olds and his brother recently ran to victory at the Michigan state championship.

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Offense

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We have beat some top ranked teams (Michigan and Tennessee) and showed that we can hang with anybody."

The Trojans are by far the top offensive team on Notre Dame's schedule in 2004. Led by offensive coordinator Norm Chow, USC has the nation's seventh-best scoring offense at 37.1 points a game.

With a Heisman contender in Matt Leinart at quarterback and a pair of punishing running backs in Reggie Bush and LenDale White, the Trojans have proven to be one of the most dominating all-around offensive teams in the country — the Trojans throw for 255.3 yards a game and rush for 179.5 yards per game.

"They have many great weapons, and the quarterback [Matt Leinart] has great speed," Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby said. "[Reggie] Bush is a hard guy to cover especially for a linebacker, but the thing we have to keep in mind is where he is going, he will beat us in a foot race."

"The best thing to do is to get a handle on what they are trying to do."

Yet for all of the Trojans' offensive success this season, USC's real weapon might be an underrated and under-advertised defense. USC's defense is the second-best in the nation in scoring average, allowing 11.6 points per game and giving up more than 20 points in one game this season, against Stanford in a 31-28 Trojans victory on Sept. 25.

"The front four is very athletic

and comes off the ball hard," Quinn said of the USC defense. "They get in the passing lanes a lot and the defensive backs stick on the receivers and have great speed."

"You try to get long drives. Move the ball and have the ball for a long time, keep the ball out of their hands by not turning it over and just keeping time of possession in our favor."

While USC is ranked No. 1 in the BCS as well as both human polls, the Trojans are certainly not invincible. Stanford led USC by 11 points at the half, and California managed a first-and-goal late in the fourth quarter but could not get into the end zone for a winning touchdown as it fell to USC 23-17 on Oct. 9.

"You have to give Leinart as many looks as possible, move around and keep the offense off-balance," Goolsby said of how the Irish needed to play to have success against the Trojans in the same way that California and Stanford did. "Both [California and Stanford] came in fired up and never gave up. Those teams took a similar attitude as we did to Tennessee."

The Irish have even more reason to be pumped for Saturday's game, as both recent contests between the two teams have been decisive USC victories. The Trojans defeated Notre Dame 44-13 in 2002, and the Irish were routed 45-14 last season. But the Irish aren't living in the past.

"[We] never dwell on it, those games are in the past, and we must just move forward and attack this game," Irish defensive end Kyle Budinscak said.

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NFL



Washington quarterback Patrick Ramsey, left, is stopped by Philadelphia defensive end Jamaal Green in the fourth quarter on Sunday. The Eagles won, 28-6, improving their record to 9-1.

Eagles all alone in the NFC

Associated Press

Philadelphia is all alone in the NFC

The only thing that can keep the Philadelphia Eagles from the Super Bowl this season is their own psyche.

Not necessarily because they are the best team in the NFL — they are one of the three or four best.

But they are so clearly the best team in the NFC that the only way they won't get to Jacksonville is if they get shaky during the playoffs at the thought of what might happen if they lose a fourth straight conference title game.

Andy Reid is trying to get his veterans to understand that and stay away from cruise control.

"They've had home-field advantage, they've had the bye week, they understand how important that is," the coach said Monday. "I would bank on those guys, the veteran guys that have been through that, kind of keeping the message alive in the locker room. It's very important to push yourself through the whole year."

If the Eagles win at the Giants on Sunday, they take their fourth straight NFC East crown. Even if they lose at the Meadowlands, it won't be much longer before they clinch the division, with plenty of time to get ready and healthy for the playoffs.

They are 9-1 for the first time since 1980, when they opened 11-1 and went to the Super Bowl. They have the offensive playmaker they've lacked in Terrell Owens.

Reid has 66 career victories, tying him with Greasy Neale for most in team history. Since he was hired in 1999, he has gone 5-11, 11-5, 11-5, 12-4 and 12-4.

Neale was 66-44-5 and 3-1 in the playoffs from 1941-50, including three straight Eastern Division crowns and NFL championships in 1948 and 1949. Reid doesn't pay attention to his spot in the record book.

"I haven't thought about it much," Reid said. "Maybe when I'm older I can look back on it. Right now, you've got that washing machine going around and around. We're just trying to get ready for the next game. All that other stuff is kind of hogwash right now."

Everything is hogwash if they don't get to the Super Bowl.

The 10-game mark is usually the start of the run for playoff berths and playoff positioning. That's certainly true in the AFC, where New England and Pittsburgh are on course for postseason byes, and Indianapolis, San Diego, Baltimore and Denver all harbor hopes of getting hot enough to make it to Jacksonville.

But the NFC is in such bad shape the Giants (5-5), who have lost four of five and are playing for the future with Eli Manning at quarterback, are only a tiebreaker out of the final wild-card spot.

Yes, Atlanta (8-2) is only a game behind the Eagles for home-field advantage in the playoffs, but the Falcons are a work in progress, a team relying almost solely on Michael Vick's legs. They easily could have lost Sunday to Manning and the Giants if not for a very questionable late penalty flag.

NFC

Philadelphia is clearly the most talented team in the conference, even when compared to Atlanta, an ordinary team if an opponent can figure out a way to shut down Vick. The Giants did that in the second half Sunday, when the Falcons had just 65 yards in offense and Vick, who had 53 yards rushing on the first TD drive alone, was sacked twice and ran for just 13 yards.

Perhaps that means Minnesota or Green Bay, tied for the lead in the North at 6-4, is the principal challenger to Philly.

The Vikings broke a three-game losing streak by barely beating Detroit at home

Sunday, but it's clear the absence of Randy Moss has severely handicapped them. With Moss back ... maybe.

But also maybe the Packers, simply because of Brett Favre, who brought them back in Houston on Sunday night, in part due to the Texans' prevent offense. Green Bay has won five straight and might scare Philly — last season, the Eagles had to convert a fourth-and-26 to beat them in the playoffs.

But these Eagles have what those Eagles didn't in Owens.

He's not only a physical force, but a mental one. His antics hide a fiercely competitive athlete and his personality may be a good thing for the team, defusing tension from the enormous expectations.

On Sunday, he had only two receptions against Washington, but one was a 10-yard TD that broke open a 7-6 game.

AFC

In the AFC, right now, the Steelers (9-1) are top-seeded team by virtue of their win over New England. But that's no lock.

Pittsburgh looked shakier Sunday in winning its eighth straight than at any time during the streak. And Ben Roethlisberger looked as much a rookie in his eighth start as Manning did in his first, getting sacked seven times by the Bengals.

"I wasn't flustered, just disappointed in my play," he said. "But it's a sign of a good team when you can win when you don't play well."

Granted. And granted that both Roethlisberger and the Steelers were bound for a let-down after knocking off the unbeaten Patriots and Eagles, then winning a grudge match over Cleveland. The Patriots rebounded nicely from their bad game in Pittsburgh and there is no reason to believe the Steelers can't do the same.

The difference in conferences is the four three-loss teams trailing the top two in the AFC.

Indianapolis has the most potential because the defense is improving. It allowed just 224 yards Sunday, making its total 818 (273 a game) in the three games since it allowed 590 yards and 45 points in

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Rams

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20-4 run that would extend into the second half.

"Basketball is a game of runs, especially towards the end of the first half," Duffy said. "It looked like they were getting tired so we wanted to keep playing our up-tempo game."

The Irish went into the half with a 31-23 lead and would never look back, as center Teresa Borton put up five straight points at the beginning of the second half to help the Irish pull away with a 36-25 margin.

"An experienced team like they have, experienced point guard, great player in Batteast — they do a nice job," Rams coach Chris Denker said. "They've already started to gel this early in the season."

The Irish registered 20 steals for the game and totaled 38 points off of 29 Colorado State turnovers.

But for Notre Dame, the real spark came from Erwin. Her 12 points were one point away from a career high.

"Overall I think Crystal Erwin just gave us a great lift," McGraw said. "I thought she played a great game off the bench. She just gives us that energy when she comes in the game. It's really, really important for our team attitude — I think she gives us a toughness that we need and an enthusiasm, too."

With Batteast often facing a double team, Erwin was left open on a number of occasions, going 4-for-5 from the field in the first half, and 6-for-9 on the game.

"I think I'm always looking to be a spark off the bench," Erwin said.

The next game will be a homecoming of sorts for Erwin, as she returns to her native California with the rest of the Irish squad to challenge Southern California on Friday night, for Notre Dame's first road game of the season.

"Time to hit the road — we're ready," McGraw said.

Notes

◆ This is the fourth time this season that the Irish have registered three or more players scoring in double digits.

◆ The Irish start 5-0 for the first time since their 2000-01 national championship run, which is also the last time the team played 5 games in 11 days.

◆ Jacqueline Batteast tied her career-high in assists with seven. In the 2004 season she has totaled 24 assists and only 7 turnovers.

◆ Batteast was named the Big East Conference Player of the Week. After averaging 21.5 points, 5 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game while shooting 50.7 percent from the field.

NOTRE DAME 69, COLORADO STATE 47 at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME (5-0, 0-0) Batteast 4-12 6-9 14, LaVere 3-8 1-2 7, Borton 3-6 3-3 9, Duffy 4-9 6-6 15, Gray 1-4 0-0 3, Allen 2-7 2-2 6, Powers 0-1 0-0 0, Tsipis 0-0 0-0 0, D'Amico 1-2 1-2 3, Erwin

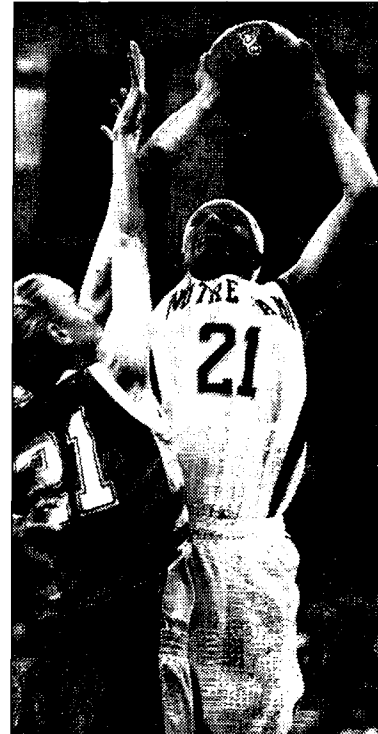
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NOTRE DAME	31	38	69
Colorado State	23	24	47

3-point goals: Notre Dame 2-8 (Duffy 1-4, Gray 1-1, Powers 0-1, LaVere 0-1, Allen 0-1), Colorado State 2-13 (Walseth 1-5, Hunter 1-4, Espinoza 0-2, Kramer 0-1, O'Dwyer 0-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 36 (Batteast 9), Colorado State 36 (Thomas 10). Assists: Notre Dame 18 (Batteast 7), Colorado State 12 (Walseth 4). Total fouls: Notre Dame 13, Colorado State 19.

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RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer
Jacqueline Batteast goes up for the shot against Annika Walseth defender on Monday.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles looking for first win of the year

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

The Belles are hoping history will repeat itself tonight.

Last year, after losing to Hanover and Franklin in the two games of the Tip-Off Classic, Saint Mary's took on a tough out-of-conference Manchester team and came away with its first win of the season.

This year, coming off consecutive defeats in the Tip-Off Classic to the same two opponents, Saint Mary's hopes for a win against the Spartans.

However, after two games of shooting woes, the Belles must be on target from the field if they expect to challenge the Spartans.

Manchester's defense held IU-Northwest to just 23-percent field goal percentage in its season-opening win on Friday. The Spartans then tore through Illinois Tech, 77-49, on Saturday to clinch the Tip-Off Classic title. In both games, Manchester looked impressive on the court.

The Spartan defense has only allowed one opposing player to reach double-digits in scoring in the first two games. The Belles will try to counter the Spartans' defensive prowess with good passing and a balanced attack.

As far as the offensive matchups, Belles sophomore guard Bridget Boyce and Manchester

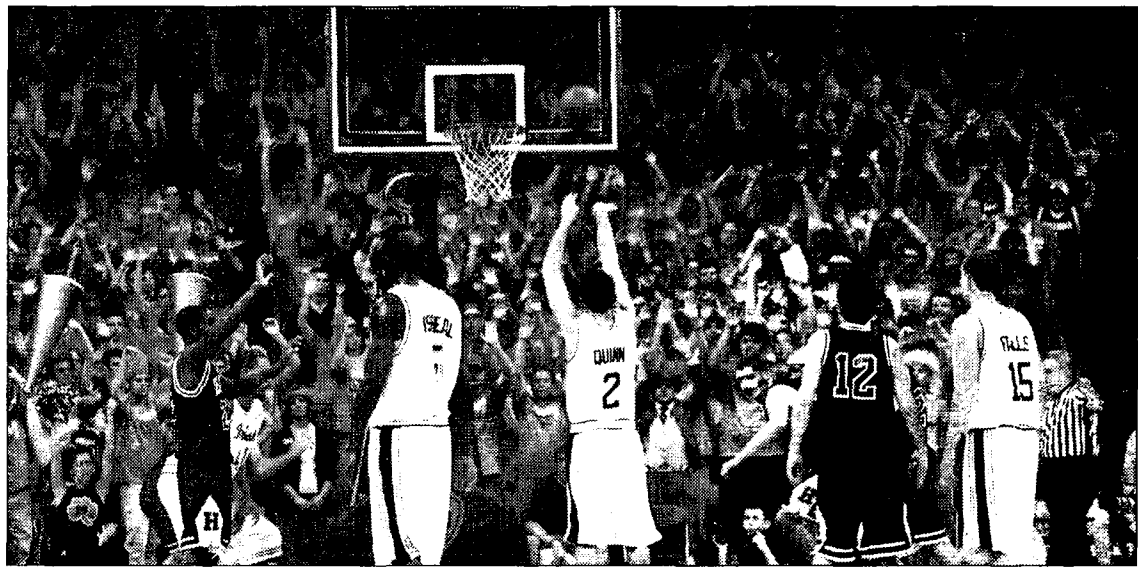
senior Erica Sewell lead the two offenses in scoring. Boyce posted an impressive performance in the loss Saturday, scoring 22 points off the bench on 8-of-12 from the field. The Belles will have to expect an equally impressive performance tonight, as Sewell comes in averaging 26 points and 14.5 rebounds in her first two games.

Belles forward Bridget Lipske, who had 10 assists on Saturday, will have the defensive task of limiting Sewell's production. One of Lipske's main goals will be to curtail Sewell's effectiveness off the offensive glass. In the first two games, Sewell scored 23 of her points on second-chance opportunities. The Belles cannot afford to give the Spartans any extra chances.

Last year, they achieved that goal, keeping Sewell to just two offensive boards and preventing her from opening other opportunities for her teammates — she had no assists. Saint Mary's held the remaining opening starters to the 27 points. Topping an excellent defensive performance last year, the Belles held the Spartan bench to just 8 points.

Saint Mary's looks to garner its first win of the year at the Angela Athletic Center at 7 p.m.

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GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer
Chris Quinn shoots a free throw during the game against Harvard on Sunday. The Irish will face Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne.

IPFW

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Mastadons won their next two against Savannah State, 71-60, and Grand Valley State, 61-54, to move their record to 2-1.

Center David Simon averaged 18.0 points and 9.8 rebounds to lead IPFW last season, but Simon has not seen the court this season. In the 6-foot-10 center's absence, Butler leads the team in points (15.0) and rebounds (12.7) per game.

The Mastadons have three games under their belt, while Notre Dame has just one. The Irish learned Friday not to underestimate an underdog.

"You give a team a chance to get back in the game and they're going to do it," Irish point guard Chris Thomas said.

But Notre Dame showed glimpses against Harvard of potential to put games like

tonight's way out of reach.

Though the Irish did not find a third major scoring threat, shooting guard Chris Quinn and Thomas led the way in points (Quinn 20, Thomas 17) and minutes (Quinn 38, Thomas 39).

Quinn led all scorers and committed zero turnovers while making six steals.

Notre Dame did glean positive lessons from the closer-than-expected victory, closing out the game with poise and displaying what head coach Mike Brey

preaches to his team — a high basketball IQ.

"I do like some of the things we had to do at the end of the game," Brey said. "You can always learn from game pressure and having to deal with game situations, stuff you work on in practice but with the lights on, it's different. That can help us."

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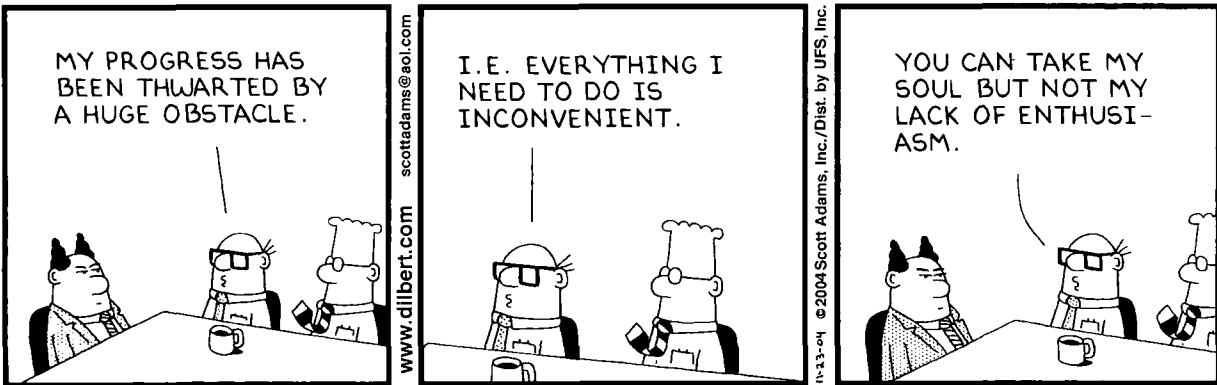


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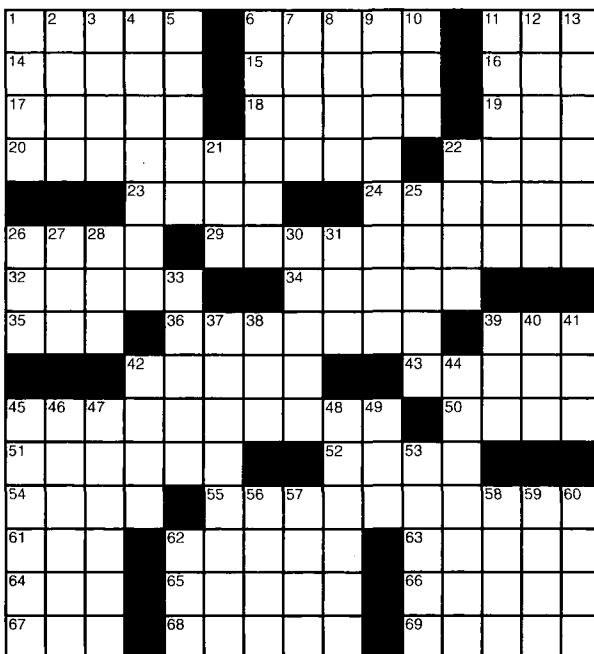
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 - Josh ____, who directed and co-produced "South Pacific"
 - Inventor Howe
 - Right this minute
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 - Pipsqueaks
 - Genetic material
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 - Swing on an axis
 - Minor railroad stop
- DOWN**
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 - Cafeteria headwear
 - Adder, e.g.
 - Williams of tennis
 - Hint
 - "__ it the truth!"
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 - Tricky curve
 - Dissident Sakharov
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 - Rise and shine
 - Wrecker's job
 - Young newts
 - What Sgt. Friday sought
 - It's not breaking the sound barrier anymore
 - London facility
 - ET's ride
 - Busybody
 - Place for sweaters?
 - Transplant, of a sort
 - Praise posthumously
- 32** The first or fifth letter of George
- 34** DeMille films
- 35** Overly
- 36** Simulate, as an old battle
- 39** "Where __?"
- 42** Goethe classic
- 43** Early evening hour
- 45** 1998 Sandra Bullock film
- 50** Bronx Bomber
- 51** Comfortable with
- 52** Life of Riley
- 54** Parts of bridles
- 55** Words that can precede the starts of 20-, 29- and 45-Across
- 61** Grand __ (wine words)
- 62** Mob scenes
- 63** Column style
- 64** Feel sick

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- 38** "Beso" (1962 hit)
- 39** Gardner of Hollywood
- 40** Stag attendees
- 41** Sign, as a deal
- 42** A.T.F. agents, e.g.
- 44** Mask opening
- 45** Lug nuts' cover
- 46** Husband of Isis
- 47** "Downtown" singer Clark
- 48** Acts the coquette
- 49** Used a bench
- 53** Drinks from a flask
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Happy Birthday: This will be a year of excitement and change. There will be no time to think, only time to respond, so you will have to be on your toes. Not much will be left to the imagination when all is said and done, but the experience will be most important to future decisions. Your numbers are 3,16,20,29,34,39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll have a surge of energy that must be channeled into something useful. Don't let anyone make you anxious about what you should or shouldn't be doing. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Talks will open your eyes to new ideas and possibilities. Partnerships will be successful, and the chance to do something extraordinary is apparent. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Opportunities to get together with people in power positions will lead to your own advancement. Contributions made to an organization you feel can benefit, will indeed do just that. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone will disagree with the way you do things. Saying little and doing a lot will be the answer. Do your best to drum up support from someone who counts. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel, and you will discover information that can help you get ahead. Somewhere along the way you will engage in a life-altering incident that you won't want to miss. Don't hold back. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Money can be made and deals signed. Real estate moves or changes to your residence look positive. Deal with agencies and institutions, and you will tie up loose ends. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talk to people you trust and you will get the answers you are looking for. Relationships will take a positive turn if you are honest about your feelings. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your energy into getting things accomplished. Actions will lead to advancement. Your dedication and determination will be what will get you ahead. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on children or the younger people in your life. Get involved in what everyone else is doing. Physical activities will be good for your morale. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There may be more going on than you realize. Stay on top of what everyone else is doing and thinking. Without all the facts, you will not make a good decision. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An opportunity to talk, travel and learn is apparent. Visit a client or someone who can offer you knowledge about a different way of life. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Work is the first thing you must deal with. A change of job or career may be needed. Take a look at your financial situation and do whatever you must to make it better. ***

Birthday Baby: You are curious, adventuresome and up to mischief. You have a sparkle that is hard to resist and a will that is difficult to beat.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ramming home another win

Irish improve to 5-0 on the season with a 69-47 victory over Colorado State

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Hitting the hardwood for the fifth time in 11 days wasn't easy for Notre Dame, who struggled to find momentum in the first half Monday against Colorado State.

But several big runs and a consistently tough defense spurred the No. 6 Irish to a 69-47 victory over the Rams (1-1) at the Joyce Center Tuesday night to improve to 5-0 on the season.

Megan Duffy led the Irish with 15 points and a career-high seven steals, Jacqueline Batteast put up 14 points and nine boards and Crystal Erwin added 12 points and two rebounds off the bench to lead the Irish.

"We really had to work for it the whole game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Offensively we kept waiting to get into our rhythm — it was hard."

The game was off to a rocky start for Notre Dame as the Rams' Annika Walseth hit a 3-point field goal to start the scoring nearly two minutes into the first half. Duffy would swish a pair of free throws to get the Irish on the board, but the teams stayed close until Erwin's layup with 4:40 left in the first half put the Irish ahead 23-21, starting a

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Forward Courtney LaVere defends Colorado State's Melissa Dennett in Notre Dame's 69-47 victory over the Rams on Monday night.

CROSS COUNTRY

Shay takes 9th at NYC Marathon

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

Ryan Shay left Notre Dame in 2002 as one of the top distance runners in Irish history. At the end of this year's New York City Marathon, he left as one of the best in the world.

With a remarkable time of two hours, 14 minutes over the 26-mile course, Shay finished ninth in a race of 37,257 marathoners and also placed second among all American competitors.

While Shay set a personal record with his time of 2:14:08, he had even higher expectations heading into the race.

"I expected to do better, around 2:12," Shay said. "Overall, I'm happy with my performance."

Shay was the second American to cross the finish line behind Meb Keflezighi of California who took second overall. This marked the first time since 1993 that two Americans have placed in the top 10 at the New York Marathon.

"My goals were to finish among the top 10 and be among the top three Americans," Shay said.

Since his graduation in 2002, Shay has dominated distance competitions at the national level. He won his first individual

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Mastadons looking to surprise Notre Dame

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne had three wins last season.

The Mastadons beat Bowling Green State, Morehead State and Tri-State, going 3-25 under head coach Doug Noll.

Notre Dame hosts IPFW tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center in the first-ever meeting between the two schools and the second of three home games to open the Irish season.

But Notre Dame knows last season's records do not matter. The Irish only beat Harvard by seven points Friday night, and the Crimson finished last season with all of four wins.

"We've got to go out there and practice for two hours of intensi-

ty," captain Jordan Cornette said after the Harvard game. "And when the next game comes on Tuesday, we have to go for 40 minutes of intensity and not take any breaks."

Noll is 37-106 in five years as coach of IPFW, an independent school with an enrollment of 11,757. Last season, IPFW lost all of its games against notable Division-I opponents, including Butler, Iowa State, Miami (Fl.), Purdue and Valparaiso.

But Mastadons forward Quintin Butler, 6-foot-7, 210-pound junior, has returned to help his team achieve two-thirds of last year's win total.

Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne lost its season opener to George Mason, 69-51, but the

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FOOTBALL

Irish anxious to take on Trojans

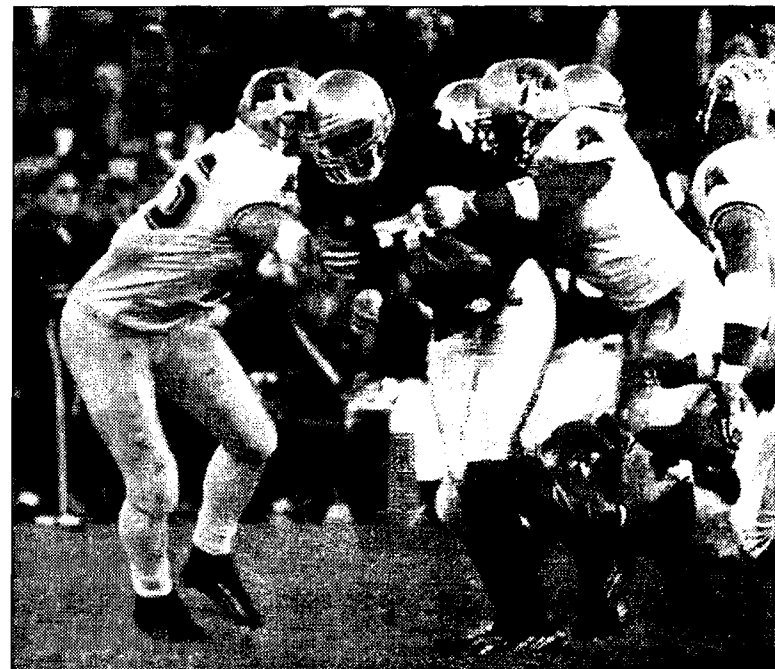
By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Like a kid waiting for Christmas, the Irish have been waiting for Saturday's game against No. 1 Southern California for a long time.

With the bye week over, the team can now focus on trying to end the season on a positive note heading into its bowl game, especially after having lost its final homegame of the season 41-38 to Pittsburgh on Nov. 13.

"It's a great rivalry, and they're number one on top right now, and it kind of pumps us up a little more," Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said. "It's a challenge [to be the underdog against USC], it's more motivation and I think that we will need to play our best game."

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Carlyle Holiday returns the ball in the first half against Pittsburgh on Nov. 13. The Irish will face No. 1 USC on Saturday.

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The Belles are looking for their first win of the season against Manchester.

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South Carolina coach Lou Holtz retires after 33 seasons in college football.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

After their first losing season in 34 years, Indiana wants to return to its winning ways.

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Despite being overshadowed by Payton Manning, Edgerrin James still remains a force for the Colts.

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No charges have been filed yet in the Pistons-Pacers brawl that occurred Friday night.

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Minnesota's Randy Moss is expected to return for the Vikings this Sunday.

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