SMC to close underground campus tunnels
Officials cite changed utility regulations

By ANGELA SAUD
Saint Mary's Observer

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.

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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,'"

Students welcome Thanksgiving

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.

Nicki 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 allot 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

Students protest Pride Week shirt

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 of Saint Mary, 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.

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

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 380 are emergency medical calls and about 90 are actual fires, said University fire chief John Antonucci.

Notre Dame is confident in its 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 retrofit program."

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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.

Why use those annoying Thunder-Sticks to get the fans involved when active participation works just as well? The battle of the Latinos that big Stern has contacted Sylvestor 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 pre-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 Lakeshading like Ilon Artest to carry the torch.

Basketball has perhaps the longest tradition of mid-game reunites. Ty Cobbi, one of the greatest players of all-time, started the tradition early in the 20th century when he undet Indiana Pacer, charging into the stands after a heckling fan. Nolan Ryan didn’t let a hatting helmet intimdate him when he turned Helin Ventura’s head into a bongo drum.

Then there’s hockey. Fighting is as old a tradition in this sport, as the word “vul.” The draw of hockey is not the ability to execute one perfect one-timer or the artistic skating. If that were the case, SportCenter would show less lyrics Brian Holm’s high-fights. No, the beauty of hockey is the ability to fly down the ice on a silver 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 both teams wearing helmets an effective protection, it also serves as a nice weapon once someone else’s is a 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 even 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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**OFFBEAT**

Cameron, N.J., named most dangerous city

TRENTON, New Jersey — Cameron 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, downloaded 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 $298K for cheese sandwich

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — A woman who said her 10-year-old grilled cheese sand­wich bore the image of the Virgin Mary will be getting a lot more bread after the item sold for $29,000 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 know 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 illusion film “House of Foods,” with English subtitles, today from 7 to 9 p.m. in 117 DeRubeis 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 Library.

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 IUPW tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

Visiting scholar David Wharton will speak on “An Ice-arthrite protein from an Antarctic nematode” today at 4:15 p.m. in 238 Calvin Life Sciences Building.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
**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 Constitution, which was meeting at 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.

"She has 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 at Princeton. Fox is a new appointee to the Academic Affairs Board, Pusch said, as 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 for reprogramming for the Student Union Board. Student Union Board president Jimmy Flaherty presented the candidate to the Council.

"He is clearly the obvious choice," Flaherty said. "He has represented the Student Union Board for the past, has been successful in launching Fireseed Chats and Fireseed's plan to bring Coca-Cola to Notre Dame this past fall."

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. He has already been hired for the position, Flaherty said, but istvan's proposal requires the president to 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 for ratification. On complaints brought to the council, student body president Adam Istvan compiled a resolution that will now be sent to the Senate.

The resolution was passed. The resolution will now be sent to the Senate for an oversight committee to clarify the language in the resolution. 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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**COR members work on approving new members and constituency changes at their Monday meeting.**

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 senate to formulate a rough policy to be attended by the president.

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**Pusch discusses gender at SMC**

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Transgender individuals are often surrounded by common misconceptions about their attitudes and feelings. Karla Bob Pusch, an adjunct professor and international student from South Bend, Indiana, who goes to college, is a particular gender that is transsexual. It’s anyone more broadly categorized as female when you confuse them about gender.

In their study, they handle anybody who isn’t either biological female or male. There are stereotypes exist because much more broadly is being a much broader category than transgender. It’s anyone who transcends the traditional boundaries of being a man or female.

Pusch enlisted eight college-age transgender participants of various status, year and gender for his research. He allowed the participants to choose the way they identified instead of trying 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," Pusch said. "People got confused, and they didn’t like it when you confuse them about gender.

Pusch urged the audience to be sensitive to the transgender community. People do not just happen when you come out. People do not just happen to anyone who is either a boy or a girl," he said. "They may get upset, and they don’t like it when you confuse them about gender.

Pusch’s group also focuses on public perception of the transgender community, especially those members who may not identify as either female-to-male or male-to-female but also 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. "It’s not a woman. I’m something else," he said.

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**CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL**

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group discusses Pride Week shirt

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The rush 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, mourners 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’ 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 during the spin-off of this protest was that it was questioned if anyone would feel comfortable designing their future for fear of offending someone.

The board strove to discuss ways to be proactive 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 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 that 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

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

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BIRCHWOOD, Wis. - A deer hunter said he 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 Yang but would give no details. Yang is from St. Paul, Minn., said Paul Scheel, 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 northwestern Wisconsin. One hunter spotted someone in one of their tree stands, a raised platform in a tree used by hunters, and several others approached the man and asked him to leave, Sawyer County Sheriff Jeffrey Meier said Monday.

The man got down from the stand and was walking away when he was shot.

"I don't know the apparent reason he turned and started shooting," Meier said.

One hunter radioed to others in the party that the deer hunter was on private land and more people were shot as they arrived on all-terrain vehicles to rescue the first group, authorities said.

Somewhere in the group who wrote the suspect's hunting license number, which hunters use to 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.

"When we arrived, the suspect was "chasing after them and killing them," with a SKS 7.62 mm semiautomatic rifle, Wisconsin's statewide deer gun hunting 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; 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 Rice Lake.

Another was in critical condition and a third in stable condition at Lakewview Medical Center in Rice Lake.

Hunter Bill Wagner, 72, of Oskosh 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-the-wood hunters," he said.

"We wouldn't go home because of this, but we will keep it in our minds. We're not forgetting it."

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.
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 MICROSOFT said it is exploring a long-planned meeting to discuss end-of-the-year business. Workers strike at bankrupt Ormet Corp. went on strike Monday, after the company refused to reduce workers' pay from $15 an hour, said Denny Longwell, a staff representative for United Steelworkers of America District 11.

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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 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 his 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 catchphrase. 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.

Trump 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 a license to open a casino in French Lick.

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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, saying his casinos will continue to operate, and the company has court permission to keep paying its nearly 12,000 workers and contributing toward their benefits.

"We don't think it's a failure, it's a success," Trump said in the interview. "In this case, it was just something that worked better than other alternatives. It's really just a technical thing, but it came together.

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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 casino 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 plan, saving the company $100 million a year in interest payments.

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President George W. Bush has won the presidential election. I am 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.

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, I do not advocate the wanton promotion of current administrative policy. I'll leave that rather sinister task to international mass of myrmicary Vice President Dick Cheney, who 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, Bush has a substantial schism between Republicans and Democrats in this country, and compassionate conservatism, as interpreted by his administration, appears to be at best a failing and 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 lose the war in the midst of armed chaos. No matter what you think of the war, it would be wholly irresponsibly to abandon Iraq after having invaded it. Bush hopes to eventually transfer power to the Iraqis. This task, if it unfolds as a draft during this process, will unfailingly draw the wrath of the general citizenry. It will also be exceedingly difficult to eradicate religious fanaticism and anti-Western sentiment, primarily reasons the war continues.

On this note, our prior unilateral foreign policy has contributed to an increase in anti-American rhetoric throughout the world. Bush must re-evaluate our international image by relying first on diplomacy, second on rewriting the rules of war and, lastly, prioritizing America's interests. He must at the very least appear to seek mark on the legacy of his administration. Hopefully, he will actually try to take the 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 doubts 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 tax reform may indeed be an effective way to lower the costs of health care, and encourage licensure to 4 a home-saving procedures, which are some- times considered to be a higher risk. Since 2005, 2,200,000 Americans have lost health insurance. If Bush intends his second term to be a success, he must remedy this situation.

In addition, Bush must fund the "No Child Left Behind Act." While the need for a national standard may be debatable, under-funded schools, unable to meet it, is no longer acceptable. Ensuring adequate support would likely ensure schools to successfully implement this program.

While I am more skeptical of Bush's projected success in office, I 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 program.

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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Now that the election is behind us and the political climate has cooled down, I will take this opportunity to take a break from the realm of politics. Instead I’d like to shift to another battle-ground where you can still see grown men behave like children.

This is the realm of basketball and the now infamous "Motel Moe” of Auburn Hills.

Of course, this incident began with a scuffle between Detroit Piston’s Ben Wallace and Indiana Pacers’ Ron Artest during Friday night’s game. Instead of walking away, Wallace delivered a hard two-handed shot to Artest’s chin. After that, there was more yelling and Wallace threw a wristband at Artest. Resulting in a suspension of the events, I would not be surprised to see either one of them shoot, “He started it.”

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 disappointingly. A situation such as this demonstrates broader problems with the league, and offers insights into why the NBA fan base has been on the decline. As a disinterested observer of 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 that is insignificant in the course of history is disgusting in itself. Instead of Condnslostea Rice earning millions for being the first African-American woman to take the charge of U.S. world policy, our culture rewards grown men who behave like children millions of dollars for isolated athletic skill with no prerequisites for character qualities.

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This is one of the many serious moral character flaws from the recent Olympic performance with the shocked players. On national TV we are reminded to eat, but turning cell phones off isn’t a priority. It should be.

Perhaps the greatest example of the NBA’s inability to control their players was most apparent when Judge Salvatore Alamia sentenced a 17-year-old who decided it would be cute to throw a cup of ice and started an unidentifiable fan decided it would be rute to throw a cup of ice and some other random beverage at Artest. The incident, it turns out, occurred after her cell phone rang, when the judge had warned the panicking woman to take the charge of her cell phone.

The solution to the cell phone pestilence is a simple one. Do not show up for class. Cell phones have a silent mode, and must have a vibrate mode — though the vibration setting is not synonymous with the phone being off. Having a phone that’s on silent a constant chime signals that someone’s bag, sounding like some crazed metallic cow, is just as distracting as hearing a mind-killer 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 disturb them, so exactly the same courtesy to the actors. Clearly, the live-and-let-ring approach to cell phones isn’t working. Professors should set firm guidelines on cell phone usage and enforce them. Already, churches in Europe and, increasingly, in the United States are installing cell phone jammers, this is to the point that they actually need to be told that you don’t punch people in the face. If people practiced a little common courtesy and, as Wallace so eloquently put it, introduced their cell phone to a vibrate setting, vibrating phones to the heels of their shoes.

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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 flaws are probably made through the roof after this happened. At the same time, this incident may be used 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 irreplaceable. However, respect is a two-way street. Respect must be given unconditionally.

When players act like children on and off court, that behavior will influence the fans to new lows. Therefore, acting like a showmanlike childish jerk at a live nationally-televised event might get a beer tossed your way from the fans.

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By ANNIE ROHRS

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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 doing that, 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 artful 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 bells on the roof, the drifts off to sleep and is woken up by the sound of an express train fast-approaching his front yard. Confused and intrigued, the boy quickly realizes that the train after the conductor, one of the many characters based on "Tom Hanks'" features and sporting a device that clearly depicts 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 physically, 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 transferred into virtual character.

While the story of the Polar Express is magical in itself, the meaning goes deeper, touching on the virtues of friendship and belief. If everything falls 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 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 scenes.

Character, plot lift thriller past mediocre acting

By MARK BEMENDERFER

SneCritic

A woman awakens in the middle of a room. She is disoriented, but quickly finds her way to a giant mechanical device on her head. A television flickers on to show a grotesque maniac, chain-dressed, holding a brush at her face. It suddenly 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 film 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 who is disinterested in his victims. He kills them in a way that doesn't quite fit the definition. Technically, he isn't a killer as he never directly killed anyone. He finds ways to have his victims kill themselves or each other. The movie begins with two scenes that many people will be reminded of; the television of two people having sex with 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 a.m. Here we find ourselves and the viewers in a very unique and incredible illustrations by independent filmmakers.

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Coffee and Cigarettes

By CHRIS KEPNER
Scene Chic

“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 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 conducted cutting 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 earlier ones.

These actors are a part of the audience until their turn to take the stage, at which point they enliven 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 tackle-box-film-y 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 is incentive enough to see this film.

Jarmusch does a spectacular job of mining moments of poignant reflection and making them 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 Steven Wright, Cate Blanchett and GZA, as well as a feature on the table top shots and an interview 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 unmade. 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.

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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, Morgan Zellweger’s “Fridgen Toon: 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 opened at No. 5.

Hollywood had a second weekend of rising revenues after a slump that led off 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.

“With this many family films, it’s going to be a bloodbath,” Bergarad said. “The Incredibles” is going to be a huge factor. ‘Sponge’ is going to be a huge factor. Even Polar Express,” which people were judging on, will be a factor because it’s a holiday movie.

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Marion added a season-high 16 rebounds, and Steve Nash had 15 points and six assists for the Suns, who have won five of six since Phoenix's 9-1 record — tied with Seattle for first in the Western Conference — is the team's best start since 1991-92.

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

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

"Teams are going to try to sag in on me and try to stop me in the post and the one thing that I think I can get everybody else involved," said Stoudmire, who had five assists to go with six rebounds.

Phoenix never trailed. With Marion's driving layup putting the Suns about 12-10 in the first quarter, Marion finished the period with 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 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 could have, we just ran right off the cliff and come undressed.

The Bulls switched to a zone defense early in the third quarter, and Marion pulled away at the lead. Luol Deng had a pair of baskets, Gordon added three points and Chicago held the Suns to one point in 71-61 with three minutes left in the period.

The Bulls switched to a zone defense early in the third period after he was acci­dentally hit in the left eye by a basketball. Magloire led the Suns with 30 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. The Spurs led the Suns with 26 points, and Tony Parker added 18. Brent Barry added 12.

"We should have won, but we didn't make enough to put every rebound and every loose ball," said Parker. "They had more energy and won the battles. They just outplayed us."

Playing without starters Tim Duncan and Bruce Bowen, 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 had 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 felt like my chance, I was going to keep my elbow tucked and let it fly," Wells said.

Memphis was without lead­ing scorer Tony Allen, who was also hit by a ball. And with the Spurs, it was Minnesota Timberwolves a victory over Dallas in the Mavieks' first of several games without Dirk Nowitzki.

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Memphis 110, Dallas 98

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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 and working out 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.

"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.

NFC 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 10th 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 with the resources we have.

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.

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NBA

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.

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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.

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In Brief

Clemson and South Carolina refuse bowl 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 McGu 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,“ McGu 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 Rob Miller 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.

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 broad­ cast 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.
Colts have ‘edge’ in running game

Associated Press

LAHAINA, Hawaii - Iowa running back Edgerrin James picked up 15 yards and a first down before being tackled by Tulsa corner back Antoine Winfield during the first quarter in Indianapolis Nov. 8.

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.

**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 a victory for the Sooners 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 will control in 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 will be the latest team out of the Orange Bowl no matter how they do in the Southeastern Conference championship game on Dec. 4 against Tennessee.

USC finally has a chance to avenge its loss against Notre Dame on Saturday. USC vs. Notre Dame on Dec. 4. The Sooners still have to play the Big 12 title game against either Kansas or Colorado.

Only an unexpected loss or a dramatic shift in the polls, would keep USC No. 1 and Oklahoma No. 2. USC overall holds a slight advantage over Oklahoma but should the Sooners lose as expected, 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 in the conference championship game.

Not only did Oklahoma, with a BCS game coming up, increase its lead over Auburn (.9556) from last week to .0286, but the Sooners also made a big gain on USC.

The Trojans' .9789 grade is the 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 know you're No. 1 if you don't win the Rose Bowl." 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 New Mexico 56-0 Nov. 22. Auburn trailed at the half before beating Alabama 21-13.

California (5-8) is in fourth place, Texas (6-3) fifth and Utah (6-4) sixth.

The Trojans (10-1) finished their season on Saturday with a 76-71 victory over Arizona State in the Pac-10.

"It was a 1 1/2-minute span of the game," Longhorns coach Rick Barnes said. "They hit a jumper that made us feel I had to step up," Horner said. "I hit those shots as big or as tall as we..." we..."
Holtz steps down, Spurrier expected to lead Gamecocks

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, 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 crest of the coach’s headdress, he joked Monday.

Holtz, who could make play­ ing Navy sound tougher than playing the Dallas Cowboys, stopped into enrollment 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 rep­ utation 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 dis­ astrous 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 proj­ ect at South Carolina was near­ ly as difficult as the first, but 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, every­ thing else will be OK,” Holtz said. “But I do feel confident leaving here that the football program is on a very solid foundation.”

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

Holtz didn’t mention Spurrier by name, but said his replace­ ment “was a very well known, proven winner — that I play well with.”

Holtz worried that his reputa­ tion would be damaged by his last season, a 29-7 loss, for Clemson that included an awful brawl.

Blaylock grows up in Kansas City backfield

Associated Press

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

There in the doorway stood about 240 pounds of thickly lay­ ered muscle, a chiseled granite statue wearing shoulder pads and a helmeted face.

What’s a scared rookie run­ ning back on his first day of minicamp to think?

“I was thinking, ‘Are all line­ backers like this in the NFL?’” Blaylock recalls four years later.

“I was in great awe. A first-year player, feeling decidedly underized. 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 linemen were not as imposing as one-time Pro Bowl Marvrous Patton.

“I was glad to see that none of them were that big. I was pretty small and I was like, ‘OK, 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 Penn State and the Chiefs running back Derrick Blaylock scoots past Saints safety Darryl Johnson, Blaylock was undaunted. He just kept plugg­ ing, spending his spare time working on his own music label called DSB Records.

Some athletes just stroll out of college onto roister 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.

The Chiefs used their first-round pick in 2003 on Penn State running back Larry Johnson. Blaylock was taken in the second round.

NCAA Football

Blaylock grows up in Kansas City backfield

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.

“Everyone is anxious to go out and show that our record was what we played,” Holtz said. “This year, the margin of error will be better,” guard Marshall Spiel­ land said.

Coach Mike Davis has already made changes this year.

He has new coaches, a highly ranked recruiting class and the players are deter­ mined to carry the momentum from their first losing season in 34 years.

Game 1 will be the first indi­ cation of whether any changes on the court.

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 pos­ sible, and I’m still so far away from it,” she said. “I just won­ der if I can continue on this pace. If I don’t continue on this pace, there’s no way. If it happens, obviously that would be just 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 never should never say ‘never.’

The record still seems out of reach, but much more reason­ able considering her dominance of women’s golf.

When she captured the AJF 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 in third driving dis­ tance, and led the LPGA Tour by hitting 79 percent of her greens in regulation. Her aver­ age score was 68.70, 1.29 strokes ahead of Grace Park.

The only reason Sorenstam did­ n’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.
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 school records in the 1,500 in 3:40.2- mile and 10,000 meters.

Besides his personal success, Shay comes from a very tight-knit family. His sister holds the school record for 14 year old brothers and his brother recently ran to victory at the Michigan state championship.

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Offense

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We have been some top ranked teams (Georgia 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, whose USC has the nation's seventh- best offensive line in scoring and defense.

Matt Leinart has great offensive weapons and the quarterback at quarterback and USC's Matt Leinart at quarterback and LenDale White, the Trojans have been decisive victories. The Trojans opened 11-1 and went to the division, with plenty of room for error.

While USC had No. 1 in the BCS as well as both human and computers polls, the Trojans are clearly not invincible. Stanford led USC by 11 points at the half, and California managed a 2nd- and goal late in the fourth quarter but couldn't get into the end zone for a winning touchdown as it fell to USC 23-17 on Oct. 9. We have to give Leinart as much looks as possible, move the ball and have the ball for a long time, those teams took a similar approach as we did to Trenessee.

The Irish have even more reason to be nervous. The Trojans have the nation's fifth-best defense is the secondary athlete and his personality and the defensive backs stick to Tennessee.

They've had home-field advantage, they've had the bye week, they understand 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 between the hedges and balance," Goody 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 was important to push your all game and run for 179 yards per game. "They have many great weapons, and the quarterback at quarterback and USC's Matt Leinart has great speed," Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby said. "[Irregular his Bobbies] is a hard guy to cover especially for a line­backer, but the thing we have to keep in mind is where he is going to line up, but to have the ball and be able to line it up, those teams.

The Trojans won, 28-6, improving their record to 9-1. Yes, Atlanta (8-2) is only a tiebreaker out of the final wildcard spot. Yet, 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.

Philadelphia is clearly the most talented team in the conference, even when compared to Atlanta, an ordinary team if any. Vick can still 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 after halftime, who had 53 yards rushing on the first TD drive alone, was sacked twice and ran for just 13 yards. But those were the Giants.

Perhaps that means Matthews or Green Bay, tied for the lead in the North in the 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 the game on Sunday night, in part due to the Texans' prevent offense. Green Bay has won five straight and might scare Philly — last season, the Vikings had to cover 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.

In the AFC, right now, the Steelers (9-1) are top­seeded team by virtue of their win over New England. But that's not a lock.

Pittsburgh looked shakier than any team throughout the season, but they've been straight than at any time dur­

ing the streak. And Ben Roethlisberger looked as much a rookie in his eighth start as Manning did in his first, get­
ing sacked seven times by the Bengals.

"I wasn't flustered, just dis­apppointed in my play," he said. "But that'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 let­down after knocking off the unbeaten Patriots and Eagles with crucial victories in a grudge match over Cleveland. The Patriots rebounded nicely from their bad game in Pittsburgh and there is no reason to believe they can't win a third in a row.

The difference in conferences is the four­three­loss 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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20-4 run that would extend into the second half.

Basketball is a game of runs, especially hot-shooting ones. Thus, Bollns

son opened things up, except the Irish would not have

looked for on Saturday, as center Trum

thornton put up five straight points at the beginning of the second half to help the Irish pull away with a 36-23 margin.

"He was the unregulated team like they have, experienced point guard, great player in Bistrain — they do it in a new way," Rams coach Chris

Denker said. "They’re 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.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles looking for first win of the year

By KEN FOWLER

Sports Writer

The Belles are hoping history will repeat itself.

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

This year, coming off consecu­
tive defeats in the Tip-Off Classic to the same two oppo­

nents, 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 want to challenge the Spartans.

Manchester’s defense held IIU-Northwest to just 23.3 percent field goal shooting in the Belles’ opening win on Saturday. The Spartans have scored 70.5 percent of their shots in both games.

Manchester looked impressive on the court.

The Spartan defense has only allowed one opposing team to reach double-digits in scoring in the first two games. The Belles will try to counter the Spartans’ defensive prowess with good passing, the 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 assists (Quinn 8, Thomas 7). Quinn led all scorers and com­

bined three rebounds 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 play and have 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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Chris Quinn shoots a free throw during the game against Harvard on Sunday. The Irish will face Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne.

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Mastodons won their next two against Savannah State, 71-66, and Georgia Valley State, 63-24, 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 6-5-foot center’s absence, Butler leads the team in points (15.0) and rebounds (12.7) per game.

The Mastodons have three
games under their belt, while Notre Dame has just one. The Irish learned Friday not to underestim­
ate 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 glimmers of life against Harvard, with potential to put games like tonight’s way out of reach.

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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Billie Jean King, Mariel Hemingway, Brian Robbins, Jamie Lee Curtis

Happy Birthday! This will be a year of excitement and change. There will be no time to stand still, 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 the most important to future decisions. Your numbers are 3,16,29,34,39

ARYS (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. "Partnership" will be successful, and the chance to do something new could be good for your morale.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Opportunities to get together with people in power positions will help you to move ahead. Contributions made to an organization you care about will benefit, indeed, the most that.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone will disagree with the way you do things. It might be better for your morale. ***

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-saving 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 in your residence look possible. Deal with agencies and institutions, and you will see an upswing. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talk to people you trust, and you will get the answers you are looking for. Relationship 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): As 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, adventurous and up to mischief. You have a spark in your step 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 surprisingly tough defense spurred the No. 6 Irish to a 69-47 victory over the Rams (11-1) at the Joyce Center Tuesday night to improve to 5-0 on the season.

Morgan Tully led the Irish with 15 points and a career-high seven steals. Jacqueline Batteott 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 this 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’ Aninka Wubeth hit a 3-point field goal to start the scoring nearly two minutes into the first half. Tully 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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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Mastadons looking to surprise Notre Dame

By PAT LEONARD
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Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne beat Bowling Green State, Morvold State and Tri-State, going 3-23 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 Gophers finished last season with all of four wins.

“We’ve got to go out there and practice for two hours of intensity,” 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 3-10 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 beat its season opener to George Mason, 69-21, but the

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**FOOTBALL**

Irish anxious to take on Trojans

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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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 home game 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 for us the underdog against USC, it’s more motivation and I think that we will need to play our best game.”

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

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

By JANE ROBERTSON
Sports Writer

"At a Glance"

**SMC BASKETBALL**

**NCAA FOOTBALL**

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

By JAMES MCDOUGAL
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**NCAA BASKETBALL**

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

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

**NFL**

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

By JOSHUA WIDLICH
Sports Writer

**NBA**

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

By JASON MOTT
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**CROSS COUNTRY**

Shay takes 9th at NYC Marathon

By STEVE COYER
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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 marathoniens 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 Mel 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 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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**OFFENSE**

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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**DISTANCE**

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