STUDENT SENATE

Members pass Native American resolution

By MARY KATE MALONE

The Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday that, if implemented, will provide more resources for Native American students — a group making up less than one percent of the University's student body.

Six Native American students sat behind Minority Affairs committee chair Destinee DeLemos as she presented her committee's resolution, which called for:

- Academic departments to make seats available for non-majors in courses that examine the history and culture of Native Americans. There are currently four such classes, all under the American Studies Department.
- Academic departments to explore the possibility of creating a modern Native American issues course.
- The Office of the President to appoint a permanent member of the faculty or staff to serve as an "official advisor" to Native American students.
- Campus literature and addresses to "render" a greater sensitivity toward the Native Americans who previously inhabited the University area.
- The student body to stand behind the inclusion of all Native American students in "all spheres of the Notre Dame experience."

When Social Concerns committee chair Sheena Plamoottil asked about the experiences of Native American students at Notre Dame, senior Nikki Williams, of the Pyramid Lake Paiute tribe in Nevada, described her experience.

"For me, coming here as a Native American person and not having any other Native American people to share my experiences with ... it was...

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Ethicist discusses AIDS in Africa

Farley addresses issues of gender and faith in epidemic response

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL

News Writer

While many African nations continue to see a rise in the number of HIV-infected citizens, Kenya is one country that has seen a decline. But that shouldn't be taken as a sign that the global pandemic is under control, Yale ethicist Margaret Farley said Wednesday. It's a lecture Farley has given a number of times, including at the University of Chicago, and she delved into the current epidemic as she proceeded to speak passionately about the connections among religion, theology, and social and medical responses.

"I think a lot of people, and not just religious people, who are involved in the fight against AIDS, have wondered, 'Is this working?'" Farley said. "So I'd like to suggest that there's a lot of the fight against AIDS that is working and it's working for all sorts of reasons."

While the epidemic continues to grow, much of the research that has been done on religious involvement in the fight against AIDS has focused on places like South Africa, she said.

"Most of the good work in that area has been done in South Africa, but now the epidemic in Africa is shifting. It's moving from South Africa to other parts of the continent, and the work there is not yet mature enough to do that." Farley said. "So this lecture is a reflection of that shift."

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Groups apply for club status

By EILEEN DUFFY

Assistant News Editor

Wednesday marked the final day for Notre Dame students interested in forming a club to apply for University recognition through the Office of Student Activities.

Assistant Director of Student Activities Amy Geist had received 15 applications by mid-afternoon, but was expecting upwards of 25 by the 5 p.m. deadline.

Groups turned up in a thick proposal packet, which included a constitution, schedule of events, tentative budget, written approval from impacted departments or offices on campus, list of officers and official proposed form. Despite the preparation, they have to wait about a year and a half before they'll learn whether they've been granted club status.

Before granting club status, the University requires a club to go through a probationary year, where the club puts its proposal into action. And before that prob- ationary year of club status even begins, a prospective club must meet three approvals.

The process begins with Geist, who looks through proposal packets to make sure they're complete.

She then hands the proposals to Student Activities Director Brian Coughlin for the "University filter."

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Chicago lawyer rails against death penalty

By KAITLYN RILEY

News Writer

Thomas Durkin, the first speaker in Notre Dame Against State Killing's (NDASK) four-part lecture series, told audience members Wednesday night that they did not expect an impartial discussion of the death penalty — as he proceeded to speak passionately about the issue. "I think it's a very controversial topic, and I think that's the nature of the issue."

Durkin, a Chicago-based trial lawyer who was involved in imposing a moratorium on the death penalty in Illinois.

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Mary Kate Malone
INSIDE COLUMN

Hey, I just take the pictures

When you read the newspaper, do you ever see a photo that sums up the entire news article right then and there? They say that a picture is worth a thousand words and it couldn’t be more true. As a photographer for The Observer, I get a view that most people don’t: one on the outside looking in. You may wonder, how is that? Aren’t I supposed to be the guy behind the scenes or on the front lines, there when things go down? Indeed, I am there, but with different eyes. Seeing things through the lens of a camera gives one a new view. An editorial or news article can have bias toward one particular side, no matter how “objective” the writing is. A picture, on the other hand, doesn’t really show a bias, because it is what it is. People don’t lie, and the good ones can tell us volumes about an event. Sometimes words fail where only a photo can succeed.

When I go on assignments and shoots, people always ask me how the news article is going to be, or how it’s going to be written. I always reply, “Hey, I just take the pictures.” I’ve thought about that saying, and what it really means. I sometimes feel like I can tell a story through my work, I take pride in my pictures, because it’s a means of communicating with people. I remember one assignment, a recent one, in which I shot some photos for a student the­atre production. I had done the shoot several days before the review was going to come out, during a tech rehearsal, and I decided to run one of the photos as a float on the inside cover of The Observer. The photo was big, very big. Amazing colors and tones (unfor­unately, the photo ran in black and white). This single photo convinced several people I know to go see the show, and I’m sure many more will. Indeed, I am there, but with different eyes. Seeing things through the lens of a camera can have bias and without being subjective.

The photographs speak for themselves. In photographs speak for themselves. In language, I can say, after hearing the positive feed­back, “Hey, it worked. I take pride in my pictures, photographs speak for themselves. In photographs speak for themselves. In photography to get information out to the people. My job allows me to express what people can’t with words. It allows me to communicate feelings and emotions. I can evoke a sense of beauty, humor, happiness, bliss, sadness, a whole spectrum of sentiments with a simple photograph. It allows me to do all this, with little bias and without being subjective. Being a photographer has given me a new perspective on life. I see things from the outside, as a silent observer. My job is simple: tell it like it is. Rather than using words, I let my photographs speak for themselves. In the end, they tell it like it is, and they speak the truth.

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INSIDE COLUMN

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD HAVE THREE WISHES, WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

Alex Hale, junior Stanfard

"Invisibility, time travel and flight."

Adam Cunningham, freshman Keenan

"Everyone goes to heaven, a hundred million dollars and irresistible sex appeal."

Casey Scott, senior off campus

"Endless amounts of money to give to the poor, world peace and special power."

Alex Kelly, freshman Lewis

"Our Lady wins a national championship, parietals are abolished, and we live by the spirit of inclusion."

Theresa Welch, senior off campus

"Something I always wish for: to take over the world... with love."

Tim Roy, junior O'Neill

"A pool of Jello, world peace and a national championship."

English professor Thomas Hall reads from the epic poem "Beowulf" Tuesday night in Reckers as part of Lectio at Eleven, a late-night event of music and readings.

Mean squirrel attacks letter carrier

OIL CITY, Pa. — Letter carriers occasionally have to deal with angry dogs or maybe even a spider’s nest in a mailbox, but a mean squirrel? Barb Dougherty, a 30-year Postal Service employee, said she was attacked and bitten Monday by a squirrel while delivering mail in Oil City, about 75 miles north of Pittsburgh.

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The animal ran up her leg and onto her back, she said.

Ex-inmate’s costume sparks jail lockdown

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — A jail went into lockdown and recounted its prin­cers on Halloween night after a former inmate was spotted trick-or­treat in his old orange prisoner’s jumpsuit.

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"She confronted him, and he ran and drove off," Tolchin said. The officer took down the man’s license plate and called authorities.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Frank Sharry, executive director of the National Immigration Forum, will speak on "Immigration and the Midterm Elections" at 5:30 tonight in the Annenberg Auditorium of Snite Museum of Art.

Father Bill Miscamble will be signing his book, "From Roosevelt to Truman," from 1 p.m. to 3 Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

Torn Hunter of Carnegie Mellon University will speak on "Until Death or Distance Do You Part: Marriage and Slavery in the Nineteenth Century" at 11 a.m. Friday in rooms 210-214 McKenna Hall.

Emeritus Catholic Bishop Paride Taban will give the lecture "Post-war Challenges of Faith: Southern Sudan in the Shadows of Darfur" Friday at 1 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns.

North Carolina Governor Michael Easley will give the lecture "Intersection of Values and Politics in Modern American Life" Friday at 2 p.m. in 105 Dohar Hall.

A panel will be discussing "The Role of Religion in Peacebuilding" Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum. The event will feature speakers from the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

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

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Deloitte exec gives lecture

By STEVE KERINS

Ethical business practices are increasingly a primary concern for American businesses, and students should capitalize on Notre Dame's educational opportunities to prepare themselves for a more ethics-conscious workplace, a business executive said Wednesday.

Sharon Allen, chairman of the Board of Directors at Deloitte & Touche, USA, delivered a lecture entitled "Leadership and Ethics" — the fourth in this year's Berges Lecture Series, which addresses issues of ethics in business.

Allen stressed that American corporations are viewing ethical conduct with a growing seriousness.

"My message for you today is that ethics is a mandate, not an option," she said. "We at Deloitte cannot sustain the public's trust without each of our people acting with integrity.

Allen reiterated a theme common in this year's Berges lectures — the need for companies to effectively translate their codes of ethics into an active, adaptive culture of ethical business.

"As its essence, true progress comes not in compliance, but in transformation," she said. "You cannot legislate ethics.

Allen illustrated her point by enumerating several policies in place at Deloitte designed to train and assist employees in making ethical decisions at work. She said this is a little bit of a change for the firm, which is distinct itself as a leader in improving its ethical business.

"It's [our] responsibility to our clients and to our communities," she said. "It's our responsibility to follow the rules and to maintain a balance in our lives.

Sharon Allen delivered the fourth talk of this year's Berges Lecture Series at the Mendoza College of Business Wednesday.

Guatemalan advocate works for peace, justice

By LAURA BODIEN

When her sister was murdered on Sept. 11, 1999, Helen McCaughan was enlightened.

"I was born," Chang, one of Guatemala's most vocal advocates for justice and reconciliation of the country's 36-year civil war, told an audience Tuesday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. "My spirit was enriched.

Chang said the winner of the 2005 Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Service in Latin America delivered the 1992 Right Livelihood Award — a Swedish award often called the "alternative Nobel Prize" — said the mon­etary portion of her award would be used to found the Myrna Mack Foundation in honor of her deceased sister.

"This is the foundation to bring justice to politicians who murdered and brutally tortured her sister 27 times and who have tortured, tormented and killed countless other Guatemalans,

"Different groups or regions work in conjunction with organized crime to control various sections of the country, she said.

While more than 60 percent of Guatemalans live in poverty, "the government doesn't work for the poor," she said. "It's not working like they used to.

"The politicians in this country have tortured, killed countless people, tortured their own people and killed thousands more worldwide, and is difficult to rally people and help them understand the solution to oppression.

"Chang said she hopes students in the U.S. — including those at Notre Dame — will take an interest in the American political system. Young people need to be informed, she said, and need to recognize that many of the fears Americans are experiencing now are similar to those experienced by Guatemalans nearly 30 years ago — specifically, censorship and limits on personal freedom.

"I wish Chang said she refuses to be paralyzed by fear any longer and will continue her struggle for justice and reconciliation.

"Chang is an honorary member of both the National Advisory Security Council and the U.S. Commission on Strengthening Justice.

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numbers of HIV-infected citizens are declining, the woman answered, "I think it may have been because of all the AIDS." This is the reality of the situation in sub-Saharan Africa, a place where HIV has already claimed the lives of 14 million people, said Farley, who has been battling this crisis for the past six years. While some progress has been made, 28 million people in the region live with the devastating disease, she said. Farley said her time in Africa has been "a marvelous and terrible journey." It is difficult to imagine a more difficult situation in any time period than what we're facing today with the AIDS pandemic," she said. Much of Farley's work is done through two projects - a women's initiative that consults with the Circle of African Women Theologians and an All-Africa Sister to Sister Consortium, which works with women from 21 different countries. "On the basis of the women's experiences, let me begin by observing that we have sisters and brothers everywhere ... and lives are destroyed," Farley focused on the rule women can - and should - play in controlling the disease. Women are at a greater risk for infection and death, she said. For every 10 men infected, 13 women are infected. From that point on, Durkin said, he and his wife - who works as a partner in their legal practice - vowed to do whatever they could to put an end to the death penalty. It's a serious issue for the United States, he said. In 2005, the United States was one of six countries that contributed to 90 percent of the state-sponsored executions in the world, according to Amnesty International. The United States ranks fourth in the number of death penalties carried out, behind China, Iran and Saudi Arabia, and before Pakistan and Yemen, Durkin said. Since his involvement in Resnover's case, Durkin said he has been a part of five or six death penalty cases as a trial lawyer, a habeas corpus council or a guardian for anyone considered insane on death row. His work toward abolishing the death penalty over the years has given him some hope that there is a possibility for change, Durkin said. And the turning point, he said, may have been at Northwestern University in November 1998 at the first annual National Conference on Wrongful Conclusions and the Death Penalty, which he attended. At the seminar's end, approximately 30 of the 58 men who had been exonerated from death row were introduced. One by one, the men walked to the center of the stage, laid a daisy in a vase of water and told their story of how they were saved from capital punishment. "I was never so moved by anything in my life," Durkin said. "It was the most amazing thing I'd ever seen." Notre Dame must be a force in the anti-death penalty movement, he said. "I don't know how the premier Catholic university in this country has a law school that isn't doing anything about the death penalty," he said, citing the absence of a wrongful convictions clinic. Durkin urged students to "raise hell" about the death penalty issue. "This campus has been conspicuously silent on this issue, much to my chagrin," Durkin said. The next NASH lecture in the series will feature Dwan George Brooks November 8 in the Hesburgh Center auditorium. Contact Kathleen McDonald at kmcdonn@snd.edu

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drew Durkin into his first death penalty case. Gregory Resnover was sentenced to death in Indiana police sergeant Jack Ohrberg. Resnover, a black man, was represented in his appeal by a young lawyer who had just passed the bar exam after three failed attempts. He lost his appeal and was executed," Durkin said. "Women are obviously excluded from positions of economic, social, and political power, allowing the patterns of sexism and submission to persist," she said. Much of women's powerless come when sex is demanded on religious or cultural grounds, she said. Women are often coerced into marriages and into having unprotected sex, Farley said, even if the partner is potentially infected with HIV. "Women may have to stay in relationships in fear of losing economic support, and women with AIDS are more likely to be stigmatized," she said. The current solutions are not enough to control the "overwhelming problem," Farley said. Offering ideas for effective response to this madness, she said, is based on her own experiences in Africa. Farley said women breaking the silence and bringing the issues to the forefront of people's minds is key. She also said a working partnership with African women is vital because "it is not we who interpret women's experience or call for a change of cultural or social behavior ... the Africans shouldn't be expected to come into our agenda." A common goal and common hope is also crucial for relations, she said. Farley said there is also a cross-cultural aspect of her work, as it is not possible to transplant beliefs and practices wholesale from one culture to the next. "We can stand in solidarity with those of the culture who may criticize a certain aspect of it, as long as we look to our own culture with the same critical eyes," Farley said. Action is required based on our understanding of the world church, she said. "We are all equal shares in the one life of the Church," Farley said, "called to bear the burdens of one another. It is often said in this regard that Christ has Alle." Contact Kathleen McDonald at kmcdonn@snd.edu

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sunni coaches abducted in Sadr City

Baghdad, Iraq — Gunmen abducted a top Iraqi basketball official and a blind athlete, whose father was killed in a bombing in Sadr City, on Wednesday, a day after U.S. and Iraqi forces lifted a blockade on Baghdad's Shi'ite militia stronghold of Sadr City.

The attack took place at a youth club on relatively prosperous Palestine Street in eastern Baghdad near the Sadr City district, which is controlled by anti-American cleric Moqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army. The militia has been linked to scores of abductions and torture killings of Sunnis.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki ordered military roadblocks dismantled Tuesday around the slum area of al-Maliki acted under pressure from al-Sadr, whose political faction is a key part of the governing coalition.

16 killed in attack on police station

Bogota, Colombia — Hundreds of leftist rebels bombarded a remote police station with machinegun fire and labeled in a pre-dawn attack Wednesday and ambushed a column of police at the site, killing at least 16 officers, authorities said.

The six-hour assault in the village of Tiec al Sema, 230 miles northwast of Bogota, was the bloodiest since President Alvaro Uribe re-elected in May in a landslide that endorsed his get-tough policy with the rebels.

Authorities blamed the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, better known as the FARC. At least 10 police officers were missing and four civilians wounded, said Jairo Lopez, the top security official for Cordoba state, where the attack occurred.

LOCAL NEWS

Long likely to be next leader of Senate

He just might succeed him. Sen. Tom Long of Fort Wayne is likely to be the next leader of the Indiana Senate now that the lone remaining contender has dropped out of the race, a fellow senator said Wednesday.

Sen. Thomas Weatherwax, R-Logansport, said Wednesday that he had dropped out of the race.

Weatherwax told The Associated Press in a phone interview that he met with Long at noon Tuesday and later sent him a letter informing the caucus that he was dropping out.

In a brief statement, Kerry attacked President Bush for a "failed security policy." Yet his apology, issued after prominent Democrats had urged him to cancel public appearances, was designed to quell a controversy that party leaders feared would stall their drive for big gains on Nov. 7.

With polls showing the public opposed to the war in Iraq, Democrats have expressed increasing optimism in recent days that they will gain the 15 seats they need to win control of the House. Democrats must pick up six seats to win the Senate, a taller challenge, and both parties made last-minute efforts to increase the number of competitive races.

For the Democratic senatorial committee, that meant pumping about $1 million into an Arizona race thought out of reach. For the counterpart Republican committee, it meant a foray into Maryland, also viewed as an unlikely state to pick up a seat.

Kerry beat a grudging retreat in his return to the national campaign spotlight. Earlier, on the radio program "Inus in the Morning," the Massachusetts senator said he was "sorry about a botched joke" about Bush. He heaped praise on the president's "adaptable, resourceful Republican of twisting his words and said it was the commander in chief and his aides who "owe America an apology for this disaster in Iraq."
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dishheartening and really, really lonely," she said.

Though the resolution passed without any opposing votes, some sen­
ators had reservations about cer­
tain provisions, such as the demand that seats be opened for non­majors in classes that study Native American history and cul­
ture.

"If we do this, we should open up courses for African American [students], studies of the Holocaust ... to any group that has been dis­
advantaged," said Dillon Hall sen­
tator Tyler Langdon, who added that he "completely" agreed with the resolution, except for the part that called for special access to Native American classes.

But DeLemos insisted that increasing access to Native American classes was imperative for a minority group with such few resources on campus.

"I think it’s the minimum that can be done right now," DeLemos said.

In support of the clause, other senators noted that it reflects another Senate initiative from last year that calls for course require­
ments at Notre Dame to include classes that promote cultural competency.

DeLemos’ committee has worked on that initiative.

Fisher Hall senator Drew Clary, who had proposed the resolution, said the reference to Catholic Social Teaching was and should be "an integral part" of the reso­
lution.

"I think this resolution lives up exactly to Catholic Social Teaching and if we don't acknowl­
dedge that then we're not recogniz­
ing what this University is based on," Shappell said.

In other business:

- Senators unanimously passed a resolution that supports the renewal of an existing contract that allows Holy Cross students to have access to the Rockne Memorial Athletic Facilities. In 2001, then-University President Father Edward "Mork" Malloy renewed a contract that gave Holy Cross students access to the Rockne Athletic Facilities in accordance with a March 22, 2005 article in The Observer, and no gay and les­
bian student group has suc­
cessfully secured official status.

- The groups that do make it past Coughlin's filter are passed on to the Club Coordination Council (CCC), which is com­posed of presidents of repre­
sentatives from six club divi­
sions — aca­
demic, athletic, cultural, per­
forming arts, social, service and special interest. Prospective clubs then meet with the division they likely would be affiliated with and the representatives from that division make recommendations to the rest of the CCC, she said.

This year, those meetings will take place in January, Geist said.

- Andrichick announced that senior Notre Dame students will now have access to Irish Online, which means students can now have access to the information for more than 100,000 Notre Dame alumni. More details about that initiative will be in a press release today, she said.

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what type of group would be dis­
abled at class status.

AllianceND, an unrecog­
nized gay and lesbian student group, is one group that has applied for and been denied disabled status for two straight years. Similar proposals have been denied nine times in the past 10 years, according to a March 22, 2005 article in The Observer, and no gay and les­
bian student group has suc­
cessfully secured official status.

"If it's a group with an out­
rageous budget, with no hope of raising funds ... and other alternatives, that might be a significant [detriment] for the CCC," she said.

"Because they can't financially accomplish it and have the other groups have, too." Once they've made their decisions, the CCC sends its recommenda­
tion to the Senate.

"For the most part, it supports the recommendation of Coughlin."

"I think this [resolution] lives up to Catholic Social Teaching," said Dillon Hall senator Drew Clary.

"I was very pleased with the debate," she said.

"We were all prepared to launch the protest, but we were extremely glad we didn't have to.

Student body president Lizzie Shappell, who stood behind SUSA’s decision to exclude gradu­
ate students from participation, said she was "very surprised" when she learned about the changes.

"We need to see where the communication breakdown occurred and avoid decision­
making problems like this in the future," she said.

Graduate Student Union mem­
ber Paul Schwamm, who had urged SUSA throughout the fall to reconsider its decision to exclude graduate students, said she was "very surprised and disappointed by the policy change and viewed the concession as an important step in graduate-­
undergraduate student relations.

"I think it really creates an opportunity for the Graduate Student Union and the SUSA to really work together in the future. ... I think where we are right now is a great position because both groups are together in the future."
 CVS Corp. to buy Caremark Rx Inc.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — Drugstore operator CVS Corp. announced Wednesday it is buying pharmacy benefits manager Caremark Rx Inc. for about $21.3 billion in stock.

The deal, which the companies described as a "merger of equals," would create a $75 billion drug distribution powerhouse that can take on retail leader Wal-Mart and growing Web players such as Amazon.

Caremark shareholders will own 45.5 percent of the combined company and CVS/Caremark Corp. will be headed by CVS chief executive Larry Merlo.

"This is a transformative opportunity," said CVS chief executive Larry Merlo. "This is a win-win for everyone in the pharmacy business. We can create a more effective system for managing drug costs, and bring more savings to payers and patients."
When my brothers and I were younger, we didn’t have to watch the Chicago Bears’ games. The exploits emanating from the living room told us far more about their performance than Crisis Collinson ever could from the broadcasting booth. So while the Bears played at Soldier Field, we played our own football games in our suburban Chicago backyard, arguing over whether or not my brother crossed the threshold of the end zone (marked by the imaginary line between the sandbox and the sidewalk) and kicking the extra points through our makeshift uprights — the swing set.

Many football seasons later, I’ve found myself a coast-to-coast miles away from my old living room. Although it’s impossible to hear my dad’s profanity from here, I’m fairly certain that he hasn’t utilized his entire lexicon of expletives this year. After all, the Bears are en route to an unimpressive 10-6 season. But what happened to the little things? Why do we wonder if we were kids, we protected the fakk foliage. We’d press leaves in between the pages of our hardcover books so that their brilliant color would never fade. But what happened to the little things? Why do we let them fade away now?

Henry David Thoreau wouldn’t. He said that “the little things in life are just as interesting as the big ones.” I’d like to take that one step further and say that the little things are not only just as interesting, but also just as important, as the big ones.

Last time I checked, the current “big thing” of American politics (a.k.a. George W. Bush) didn’t want to build a fence across our southern border with Mexico. But a majority of the “little things” (i.e., those congressmen and women whose issues you don’t care about) do, and so there will be a fence. And what about the Bears? Sure, they’re undefeated — but because of a little thing. If Arizona Cardinals kicker Neil Rackers hadn’t missed a 41-yard field goal wide left with 53 seconds to go a few Monday nights ago, neither the big scoreboard in the Cardinals’ new stadium, nor the Bears’ big picture, would look the same.

When it comes to your future, by all means, be ambitious. I’ll be rooting for you to get the job of your dreams, so that you can hang a big thing — your framed Notre Dame diploma — on the wall behind your desk. But hopefully you’ll save some space on that wall for a collage of little things too, complete with photos of friends and a book-pressed leaf. And as for the Bears, I’ll be rooting (without using expletives) for Brian Urlacher and company to hoist that Lombardi trophy. But you know what? Life isn’t just about the Super Bowl. It’s about those little field goal attempts too — the ones that fly wide left of the post and sheers that sail perfectly through the center of the backyard swing set.

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**Comfoting light or silent darkness**

What happens when people die? Are the accounts of near-death experiences where the tellers claim to have had a bright white light with a deep sense of peace accurate? Or is the story published last year about a man who died in an operating table and reportedly spent a number of minutes surrounded by darkness with "norhier of being God" true? What occurs?

Yesterday, we celebrated the Feast of All Saints, where the Church rejoices with countless men and women who live in the presence of God, and see God "face to face."

Today, it might seem like we remember everything, or maybe not. Are these the people who are not saints like Mary, the apostles, or the martyrs and those who are "canonized," mostly popes, bishops, priests and nuns?

As Catholics, we believe that our baptism in the name of our Trinitarian God unites us intimately and forever to Jesus Christ. God’s presence works hand in hand with the saving mysteries of His Passion and death, and we also will share in His resurrection when all human history is brought together in God’s redeeming love in Jesus. All of our prayers, express what we believe, describe our presence. They are a mystery, a path of deep mystery as a mystery that is hard to fully comprehend. But we also express our belief that "for faithful believers, life is changed, not ended." The promise Jesus holds out to us is that the moment of death marks our passage from this life to everlasting life.

And sometimes the occasions remembered are happy ones. But as often as not, people pray for loved ones or friends who are sick or who have died. I have made it a habit to remember all of these intentions at Mass during the week.

As we celebrate these two feasts, we are confident that millions of faithful people who have gone before us live in God's presence. Some of them, whose lives were characterized by virtue beyond the norm, are canonized. But many others, especially ordinary people, receive their blessings.

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**The audacity of Senator Obama**

Twelve hours is a long wait to have a book signed. But three friends spent Friday afternoon standing in line in Austin, Texas, street corner hoping to be first in line to have U.S. Sen. Barack Obama autograph a copy of his book, The Audacity of Hope. We all waited to be part of the 2006 Texas Book Festival at the state capitol Saturday morning, people waiting in line for several blocks. Sitting in lawn chairs, wrapped in blankets, some had been waiting since 5 a.m.

I rubbed my eyes in disbelief. Didn't I see this in The Observer? The University Star?

"For a change," I thought to myself. The 500-seat House Chamber was full, but I slipped in and stood near the upper front row. The Texas State Capitol, site of much rancor the last few weeks, I found myself having to take a deep breath and exhale.

Obama spoke about the significance of the title of his book. The Audacity of Hope. He said it's easy to be overwhelmed by all the problems in the world — war, poverty, genocide. It's easy to accept that there is little one person can accomplish on a global scale. To hope, to believe, to aspire for such ideals as world peace and harmony can be deemed naive, even audacious. However, if that's labeled audacious, too bad. Senator Obama is audacious for ostentatious. The senator's voice proj­ects and the audience Saturday often interrupted him with applause, yet he is soft-spoken. He mixes a gentle demeanor with a command of lan­guage that is uncommon today.

In this divisive political age, where both sides of our culture and society seem to either dislike us or want to use us and if you speak out about bringing home troops from Iraq, you're an unfeeling, insensitive lack of ability to distinguish between what he calls "manipulative" and non-manipulative social relations.

As I understand this distinction, non-manipulative relations — in the context of a newspaper column — show a deep respect for the intelligence of one's readers, and present them with persuasive, rational arguments without distorting or oversim­plifying the issue. Manipulative relations, on the other hand, propagandize and use emotional rhetoric, treating one's audi­ence not as intelligent persons to be persuaded with rational argumentation but sheep to be manipulated.

President Bush seems clear that Rice has chosen to relate to his audi­ence in a manipulative way. Ignoring the research showing Plan B (and hormonal contra­ceptives in general) are safe and effective by preventing ovulation; no evi­dence has ever been gathered to support his contention. Plan B prevents implantation of an already-fertilized egg. Indeed, since implantation takes place a week or more after intercourse, if Plan B was successful in pre­venting implantation, we would expect it to be effective far longer than the well-established 72-hour window. I think I need not add that the final four para­graphs do not give an argument against Plan B, but are instead nothing more than a slander against advocates of access to emergency contraception. There is nothing inconsistent about advocating for access to emer­gency contraception, preventing denning school shootings or infanticide.

In the case of Rice, she has over­simplified the issue, and manip­ulated his audience into associ­ating Plan B with horrifying crimes. Rice's caricature of sex as something men entice from women or something women deny them access to also shows further disrespect, for women's sexual agency.

Women are not just objects of sexual desire, sitting around passively waiting for men to conquer them, and feminists — including some deeply Catholic theologians — have argued for decades that this view of human sexuality is perverse and unjust. Whatever else one thinks of abortion and contraception, to see them as means men use to "trick" women into having sex is to see women as incapable of having desires, interests or tak­ing action on their own.

On behalf of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community as a whole, I would ask Rice to apologize for his column. I cannot speak for the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community, but I would encour­age him to apologize to them as well.

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DVD REVIEWS

Crosby and Astaire shine bright in 'Holiday Inn'

By CASSIE BELEK

Holiday Inn
Special Edition
Universal Studios

The magic and on-screen chemistry between crooner Bing Crosby and dancer Fred Astaire establishes 1942's "Holiday Inn" as one of the great holiday films of classic Hollywood and one of its most magnificent. Although even more of a classic than even "White Christmas," the first on-screen performance of Irving Berlin's pop sensation "White Christmas," and it dazzles with one of the greatest dance performances of Astaire's career.

"White Christmas," often characterized as a Christmas fantasy film and one of the holidays of the year. When famous singer Jim Hardy (Cary Grant) hires flower shop girl Linda (Marjorie Reynolds) to headline the floor show, Jim hires Flower shop girl Linda Mason (Marjorie Reynolds) to headline the shows and, after failing in love with her, struggles to keep Ted from whisking away yet another girl in order to secure a stable dancing partner.

The romance of Jim and Linda remains secondary in the film as the real couple emerges as Crosby and Astaire. In addition to their skills in song and dance, the two have undertaken some of the most magnificent numbers in cinema. Though Astaire portrays a scoundrel who remains one of the director's finest classics and one of his most enjoyable late seasons, with Titta (Bruno Zanin) and his surrounding controversy and reveals that in order to look believably drunk in one dance scene, Astaire actually did become drunk. Even when intoxicated, however, he never misses a beat.

Nino Rota's "(S) 1/2, "The Godfather" fantastic score and a wry sense of humor that punctuates the narrative. Most of Fellini's post-'La Dolce Vita' work moved away from artist tenden­

Criterion
2-disc Special Edition

In the liner notes to the new Criterion edition of Federico Fellini's "Amarcord," movie professor Sam Rohde notes that the title derives from the dialect phrase "mi recordo" ("I remember,") an explanation that sheds a lot of light on the classic 1974 Italian film. "Amarcord" is a film about memory, an impressionistic portrait that purposely (and purposefully) eschews realism in favor of the director's own vision, an impression that remains one of the director's finest classics and one of his most enjoyable late seasons, with Titta (Bruno Zanin) and his surrounding controversy and reveals that in order to look believably drunk in one dance scene, Astaire actually did become drunk. Even when intoxicated, however, he never misses a beat.

Inhabitants of Mussolini-era Rimini stroll through the town's square in Federico Fellini's 1973 classic "Amarcord," which has been re-issued by Criterion.

Other special features on the DVD include a featurette, "A Couple of Song and Dance Men," which features a conversation between Astaire's daughter and Barnes interspersed with clips from Astaire's and Crosby's movies. Also included is a behind-the-scenes look at the song and dance numbers from the film.

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‘Amarcord’ given star treatment in new release

By BRIAN DOXTADER

Amarcord

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As with most Italian films of the time, it was shot in translation. The musical climax of the film actually arrives in the first half. Just before New Year's, Jim and Linda sit at the piano, warms by a cracking fire in the dark, when Jim decides to sing a new Christmas song. He has been writing. The phrase melodiously floats through Crosby's sonorous voice in none other than Berlin's "White Christmas," a song that has become one of the best-selling singles of all time and one that offered particu­

The DVD itself is fantastic. "Amarcord," with a spine number of four, was one of the earliest Criterion releases, but has been re-issued in a brand new two-disc edition. Picture quality is outstanding, especially con­sidering that the film is more than 30 years old, restored in a high-definition digital transfer that is a noticeable step up from earlier versions. The first disc also offers audio commentary by film scholars Peter Brunotte and Frank Burke as well as a dubbed English track, though the original Italian is preferable. The second disc contains most of the extras, with a 45-minute documentary, "Fellini's Homecoming," as the center-piece. A fascinating examination of the director and his hometown, "Fellini's Homecoming" is bolstered by the pres­ence of other extra material, including a video interview with Magali Noel and some audio interviews. The DVDs come housed in an attractive foldout cardboard case, which also contains a 63-page booklet that reprints the 1967 Fellini-penned essay "My Rimini." "Amarcord" is perhaps the most con­sistently engaging film in Fellini's oeuv­re, which is no small task coming from the director of "La Dolce Vita" and "8 1/2." Winner of the 1974 Academy Award for Best Foreign Feature, it remains a classic and one of the direc­

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DRIVE REVIEW

Impressively great results in latest ‘Mission’

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

The mission given to hit television show "Lost" co-creator J.J. Abrams — should he choose to accept it — was to take an aging and unpopular movie franchise headlined by a controversial Hollywood star and revitalize it for the modern film audience.

Abrams accepted the mission and completed it with stunning results, creating "Mission: Impossible III" ("M:I III"). a film that grossed almost $460 million worldwide and was recently released on DVD. Not only was "M:I III" a commercial success, but it was less stylized and dramatic than John Woo's adaptation and less confusing than Brian DePalma's original film.

"M:I III" continues the saga of IMF agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise), who has retired from impossible missions to spend time with his fiancée Julia (Michelle Monaghan, "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang"). Hunt is forced out of retirement to help an old colleague and save the world from evil mastermind Philip Seymour Hoffman ("Capote") while keeping Julia in the dark.

While the plot in "M:I III" offers no more or less than the previous two films, the storytelling is clearer and more intelligent. Abrams' script keeps the action coming while providing just enough slower moments of character development to allow the audience to catch its breath.

Directorially, Abrams does an excellent job of shooting the four main action scenes and maintains a slick feel throughout the film. He also deserves credit for managing Cruise — recently plagued with controversy and popular distaste — and preventing "M:I III" from becoming "The Tom Cruise Movie."

Cruise's performance is actually better than much of his recent fare and points back to his "Jerry Maguire" days when he appeared more relaxed and smooth. The film's supporting cast members do a wonderful job, most notably Philip Seymour Hoffman, who deftly plays the maniacal madman.

"Mission: Impossible III" is the first of the major films to be released on several DVD formats at the same time. The movie is available as a one-disc standard edition, two-disc special edition, or a collector's box set. The special edition comes either on regular DVD, HD-DVD or Blu-ray.

This multi-format release is intended to allow fans to purchase as many special features as they would like. Out of the various choices, the special edition is well worth the money of both casual and ardent fans. Unlike often boring director commentaries, the conversation between Abrams and Cruise is fun and revealing. The inclusion of such an entertaining and engaging commentary is a sign that creators took great care in putting together such an outstanding DVD, notwithstanding the other special features.

Several "Making Of" featurettes give insight into virtually every aspect of production and do an excellent job of maintaining the excitement and energy of the film. Especially interesting is the "Mission: Metamorphosis" feature, which details the complexities of creation and filming of the latex masks various characters wear throughout the film.

With such excellent special features combined with a well-made and exhilarating film, "M:I III" is one of the better DVD releases of the year. The film itself stands far above the second "Mission: Impossible" movie and comes close to riveting the first in terms of its storytelling and tone. Just as Abrams took on the mission of resurrecting the "M:I" franchise, so should film fans accept the mission of purchasing and enjoying the "M:I III" DVD.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Local restaurant just what the 'Doctor' ordered

By BRIAN DOXTADER and ERIN McGINN
Some Crises

Everyone is familiar with the chain franchises located on both Grape and Main Rds. in Mishawaka. But for the average Michiana area, Notre Dame student, that's where the diming adventure ends, leaving out many savory gems found in the Mishiana area. One of these treasures can be found simply by continuing south on Main Street into downtown Mishawaka. Doc Pierce's restaurant, with its convenient downtown location and unique atmosphere, is the perfect place for a casual dinner or a football celebration.

Doc Pierce's

Location: 120 S. Main Street, Mishawaka
Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m., Sun. 4 p.m.-9 p.m.
Price Range: $6-$20

The food is quite good, although it's really not much different than what's found at most eateries of this kind. At the very least, however, Doc Pierce's is a step above chain restaurants, and since the prices are comparable, it is an attractive choice for hungry families and students alike.

The service was excellent — prompt, attentive and knowledgeable. While the restaurant was mostly empty on a Monday night, it often gets crowded on the weekends and sometimes requires reservations. While a bit farther than restaurants on Grape Road — about a 20-minute drive from campus — Doc Pierce's is well worth the extra effort and a particularly good choice on football weekends.

The atmosphere is one of the main draws. With an antique bar and all wood decor, the restaurant has a very classy and inviting feel. The dominating features, however, are the more than 60 Tiffany-style lamps and backlit stained glass windows that hang in every available space. And if one of the lamps or windows happens to strike a diner's fancy, they are all available for purchase.

Doc Pierce's is a good place for a wide range of people and occasions, from family dinners to first dates. There is an assortment of booths and tables, although the booths offer more privacy. Speakers pipe classic rock and country, giving the restaurant a laid-back and welcoming feel. With seating areas on both the first and second floor, as well as a full-service bar, it serves a wide-range of patrons.

Doc Pierce's is a good destination for those seeking a relaxed restaurant that isn't too far from campus, but offers something different than standard chain restaurant fare. The eatery offers good food at acceptable prices — especially for college students without a lot of disposable income.

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PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson spent his summer working Philadelphia would trade him.

Instead, he was back with the Sixers for another opener. But with heavier defense and more confidence down the stretch, it seemed to Iverson as if he was with a whole new team.

Iverson scored 32 points and Andre Iguodala had 15 to lead the Sixers to a 75-70 victory over the Atlanta Hawks 88-75 on Wednesday night.

Samuel Dalembert had 11 points and 11 rebounds, and Carlos Webber grabbed 13 rebounds for the Sixers, who improved their mark on opening night to 39-19.

"If you play great defense, you get a chance to make your offense better," Iverson said. "That's how we'll get better, by playing defense. If we can rebound the basketball, I don't think nobody can deal with us."

Joe Johnson led the Hawks with 25 points, and Zaza Pachulia and Josh Childress each had 15. Atlanta lost its eighth straight opener.

Maybe the Sixers didn't have to change their roster to be a better team after all.

With nearly the entire roster back from a team that missed the playoffs for the second time in three seasons and had no significant additions, not much was expected this season from the Sixers.

And with the Eagles underachieving and the Flyers shaking up their personnel, there was little buzz for the Sixers opener, translating into plenty of empty seats, especially in the upper deck.

The Sixers led by as many as 23 late in the third quarter and were poised to turn this one into a blowout until the familiar problem of wasting large leads happened again.

In last season's opener, the Sixers squandered a late double-digit lead in the final minutes and lost in overtime, setting the tone for a familiar pattern the rest of the year. Not this time.

Ben Gordon flashed a dazzling array of reverse layups, drives and fadeaway jumpers on his way to 24 points that kept Chicago in the game — barely.

Kirk Hinrich had 16 points and four assists and Luol Deng scored 12 for the Bulls.

Grant Hill had 19 points on 5-of-7 shooting and Heimo Turkkolli had 11 points, seven rebounds and six assists.

"This is obviously a real good way for us to start the season against what I think is an excellent basketball team," Brian Hill said.

Orlando trailed only once — by a point — in the game's opening minute. They went comitting 23 turnovers to win Chicago's 15, outsourcing the Bulls 59 percent to 45 percent from the floor.

Nelson keyed a 13-2 Magic run in the first quarter after making 15 points on consecutive drives toward the net.

Ben Gordon scored 17 points and pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Defense was a training camp priority for the Sixers after pretty much blowing a playoff spot because they couldn't play any last season.

The results were promising. Philadelphia held the Hawks to 33 percent shooting and outrebounded them 47-42.

"It's the game, you know?" Webber said, his twinkle. "If not his shooting (4-for-16), his defense. We'll see it go over after that.

Having an early cushion certainly helped the Sixers survive the late run.

Orlando forward Dwight Howard, left, drives toward the net in Orlando's 109-94 season opener victory over Chicago Wednesday. Howard had 27 points and 11 rebounds.

Orlando 109, Chicago 94

Orlando Magic coach Brian Hill thought his team had no chance against the Bulls Wednesday night after watching Chicago rout the defending champion Miami Heat to open the season.

"They just drove the ball everywhere they wanted to go," Hill said.

'97 was easy to be wrong. Dwight Howard had 27 points and 11 rebounds and Jameer Nelson scored 21 points as the Magic surprised the Chicago Bulls Wednesday night in Orlando's season opener.

The Bulls beat the Heat by 42 points the night before, but couldn't find their stroke Wednesday. Howard took control, grabbing 14 rebounds and pushing the ball in the final minutes for the win.

"Definitely was going to be one of those guys in this league that are going to make it hard to guard," Nelson said of the third-year player.

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Spartan coach John L. Smith speaks at a press conference Wednesday afternoon in East Lansing, Michigan State's athletic department said Smith will not return as head coach next year.

Smith ousted as Spartans' head coach

Associated Press
EAST LANSING, Mich. — John L. Smith will not return next year as Michigan State's football coach but will complete the rest of this season, with the Spartans struggling again in the Big Ten.

Smith is in the fourth year of a six-year contract that pays him about $1.5 million annually.

"The performance on the field has not lived up to what we hoped it would be," athletic director Ron Mason said during a new conference Wednesday. "It comes time to make a change, and that's where we're at.

Just two weeks ago, the Spartans pulled off the greatest comeback in Division I-A history by rallying from 35 points down to beat Northwestern 41-38. But typical of Michigan State's inconsistency under Smith, the Spartans (4-5) lost 46-21 at Indiana last Saturday to fall to 1-4 in the Big Ten. They play Purdue Saturday.

Smith has been under pressure at Michigan State, School officials gave him a vote of confidence after last season's losing campaign, but were looking for better results in 2006.

Mason and university president Lou Anna Simon said they reached the decision to make a change before Wednesday afternoon's practice.

Part of the reason behind the timing of the announcement was so Michigan State can search for a new coach with transparency, Mason said.

Smith did not immediately return a message. Smith is 22-23 record in four seasons at Michigan State. He led the Spartans to the Alamo Bowl in his first season, but the team did not qualify for a bowl in 2004 or 2005.

The decision comes nearly four years to the day after Michigan State fired Bobby Williams with three games left in a season that was disappointing and off the field.

Smith has a 132-83 Michigan State can search for a new coach with solid success at Louisville, where he went 4-11 and made five consecutive bowl trips from 1998-2002.

IN BRIEF

Johnson targets Lewis in this weekend's game

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Chad Johnson issued a friendly warning to Ray Lewis on Wednesday, joking that when he sees the Baltimore Ravens linebacker Sunday he will "hit him in the mouth.

Johnson has 36 catches and two touchdowns for the Cincinnati Bengals, who need a victory in Baltimore to avoid falling two games behind the first-place Ravens in the AFC North.

Before each game, Johnson says he makes a list of players he plans to beat.

"Chris and Samari have made the list before and haven't been able to do it," Johnson said. "So, I'm going to go ahead and move up in the ranks.

Johnson settled on Lewis, a seven-time Pro Bowler, two-time Defensive Player of the Year and captain of the defense.

Pitcher Mota suspended for drug violation

NEW YORK — Reliever Guillermo Mota was suspended for 50 games Wednesday after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance, becoming the third player penalized this year for violating Major League Baseball's toughened drug policy.

In announcing the suspension, the commissioner's office did not say why Mota was suspended.

Mota, who gave up a tying two-run triple to Scott Spiezio in the seventh inning of Game 2 of the NL championship series, filed for free agency Monday.

"I have no one to blame but myself," Mota said in a statement that did not explain how he ran afoul of baseball's drug rules. "I take full responsibility for my actions and accept MLB's suspension. I used extremely poor judgment and deserve to be held accountable."

Gordon fined for caution during Sunday's race

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR penalized Bobby Gordon on Wednesday for intentionally causing a caution at Atlanta Motor Speedway that affected the race outcome for championship contender Jeff Burton.

Gordon, who owns his own race team, was docked 50 driver points and 50 car owner points, and fined $15,000 for throwing a piece of roll bar padding onto the track during Sunday's race at Atlanta. The debris caused NASCAR to call a caution, which helped Gordon to his 10th-place finish but hurt Burton's final result.

Gordon reviewed NBC's coverage for Sunday's race to determine if Gordon in fact threw debris onto the track. The footage provided two clear angles, and officials followed up with a re-inspection of Gordon's car.
HURRICANES TOP THRASHERS WITH HELP FROM WARD

Jose Theodore makes 19 saves from the net in third period to help Avalanche clinch 5-3 victory over Bluejackets

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Cam Ward dropped all over the ice at the other end.

Then there was Kari Lehtonen, who had trouble stopping anything.

Talk about a contrast in the nets.

Ward made 40 saves for Carolina, while Lehtonen was yanked in the second period of the Hurricanes’ 5-2 win over the Atlanta Thrashers on Wednesday night. The Atlanta goalie stopped only nine of 13 shots.

Carolina managed to win rather easily despite getting outshot 42-18. Ray Whitney and Red Brind’Amour scored two goals apiece, but the unquestioned star was in goal.

“Cam made some really tough saves,” coach Peter Laviolette said. “A lot of them seemed headed for the net, but all sud­den there was a toe, a pad, a shoulder to get in the way. He was extremely sharp, extremely focused.”

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This time, the Hurricanes didn’t need a dramatic goal at the end. Their top line of Whitney, Brind’Amour and Erik Cole was especially dominant, accounting for all but one of the goals.

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Mia P. Vries said.

But Richardson stole the puck from Rick Nash at the Columbus blue line and skated in alone before lifting a shot over Pascal Leclaire just 27 seconds later to give Colorado a two-goal advan­tage.

“Just trying to play good defensive hockey, but he tried to make a move and fumbled it a bit,” Richardson said. “Luckily I grabbed it from him. I went in, saw a hole and shot for it.”

The Avalanche weathered sev­eral two-man advantages in the final period, including a 5­-on-3 and a 6-­on-3.

“Joe Sakic, Mark Byroff and Brad Richardson scored for Colorado, which has won five of its last seven. The Avalanche are 14-1-2 all-time against Columbus.

“We have balance in our lines,” Colorado coach Joel Quenneville said. “We feel that everybody can score and tonight we did have everybody on the score sheet.”

Sergei Fedorov, Fredrik Modin and Chris Drury scored for Columbus, which has won one in its last seven games.

The Hurricanes’ entire team and six players got the puck to him after a turnover in the Carolina zone by Jeff Friesen.

“Dion Phaneuf and Andrew Ference got the goals for Calgary, which lost its third in a row. Mikka Kiprusoff stopped 31 shots for the Flames, who have been outscored 14-6 in the first five games of this season.

“The first is where we’re getting ourselves in trouble,” Franzen said.

Franzen opened the scoring with a goal from the right circle 4-29 into the game. Chris Chelios got the puck to him after a turnover in the Calgary zone by Jeff Friesen.

“I got a pass right in the mid­dle of the slot,” Franzen said, “and got off a pretty good shot.”

Holmstrom’s power-play goal made it 2-0 just 1:19 later, when he put in Jason Williams’ rebound off the goal post for his fourth tally of the season.

Holmstrom has three goals and two assists in his last three games.

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Big East gears up for national spotlight

No. 3 West Virginia takes on No. 5 Louisville; Slaton and White head up Mountaineers powerful back field

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — West Virginia and Louisville were expected to play the Big East’s game of the year, two similarly-prolific though vastly different teams vying for a BCS Championship Series bid in a rematch of last year’s triple-overtime classic.

Instead, it’s a possible spot in the national championship game the third-ranked Mountaineers and the fifth-ranked Cardinals will be shooting for Thursday night.

Those are heady aspirations for two programs that have never won a national title, from a league that was falling apart just three years ago.

But they seem reasonable now that West Virginia running back Steve Slaton and quarterback Pat White have developed into one of the country’s most resilient teams.

Hype for the game has created a frenzy in Louisville usually reserved for the Kentucky Derby. Tickets were going for $1,000 on the Internet and more than 700 media credentials have been issued, double the usual allotment for a Cardinals’ home game.

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The Cardinals learned all about the dangers of getting ahead of yourself last year in Morgantown. Louisville, too.

A week and Louisville’s in the nation’s most explosive backfields and the Cardinals have emerged as one of the country’s most resilient teams.

The Cardinals dominate behind Slaton, White and fullback Owen Schmitt and an unorthodox 3-3-5 defense that gives up lots of small plays but few big ones. The Cardinals are a balanced blend of Brohm’s passing game that keeps churning along even without star Michael Bush — who broke his right leg in the season opener and is lost for the year — and a defense that has come into its own.

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“We know what they’re capable of, that’s for sure,” Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said. “Last year we were like, ‘They’re new, they’re just freshmen.’ Now everybody knows what they’re capable of, not just us. We’ll do everything we can to prepare for them.”

Preparation hasn’t been enough to stop the Mountaineers this year, momentum that Rodriguez said should stay with the program no matter the outcome.

“One game will not define our program,” Rodriguez said. “Now, if you’re playing for a national championship, obviously that’s a defining moment. If you’re playing in the Sugar Bowl against the SEC champs, that’s a defining moment. I just hope we play well.”

Few teams have played as well as the Cardinals and Mountaineers. Both rank in the top five in the country in scoring offense and in the top 10 in scoring defense, though they do it in dramatically different ways.

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“Guys know what’s at stake,” Petrino said. “It’s fun. We enjoy it. This is what we work for. This is what we want ... Hopefully it won’t go to triple overtime, it could be hard on the heart.”

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performances at the ITA Regional Finals last week at Michigan State. Rielley defeat­ed Ciobanu 7-5, 6-4 in the finals of that event, marking the first time freshman team­mates have ever faced each other in ITA Finals history. "It’s been tough for them to practice this past week because they’ve had a lot of tests," Louderback said. "But they’re very excited. We’ll just see how they do because they’re up against some of the top com­petitors."

Rielley faces Clemson’s Carole Salgo while Ciobanu will play third-seeded Kristi Miller of Georgia Tech.

On the doubles side, All­American seniors Catrina and Christian Thompson earned the No. 1 seed in the 16-team field by virtue of their second place finish at the Rivera All­American Championships October 5-8. The good news for the pair is that Arizona State’s Roxanne Clarke and Cady Pooler, who defeated the sisters in the Rivera Championships, are not listed on the bracket for this weekend’s tournament.

The Thompson twins recently won their first professional tournament over the summer in the Via Christi Women’s 10K of Wichita in July. The pair is allowed to compete in profes­sional tournaments while main­taining NCAA eligibility by not col­lecting prize money from any events.

At the opposite end of the bracket, junior Brook Buck and sophomore Kelcy Tefft will square off against second-seed­ed Suzi Babos and Zsuzsanna Fodor from California. Babos is also seeded first in the singles tournament. Buck and Tefft qualified for the event by win­ning the ITA Midwest Championships. "The doubles team have been playing a lot more dou­bles than normal over the past few days in order to get ready for this meet," Louderback said. "Both teams know what to expect."

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Sophomore Kelcy Tefft fires a shot during a match against Illinois March 3 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.
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Waldrum said. "But I think right now she's probably done." Without Dow, the Irish defense managed two 3-0 victories — Cincinnati last week and St. John's Sunday. Freshman Haley Ford slid into the center Sunday to join senior captain Kim Lorenzen, as senior Christie Shauser and junior Amanda Jones held the left and right posts. Freshman Amanda Clark also saw action in the back.

That rotation is what Waldrum expects to stick with unless something changes his mind during the Big East semifinals.

For Dow, it's "definitely hard to be watching from the sidelines.

"I'm disappointed that it happened at such a crucial time in the season," Dow said.

Waldrum witnessed the defense allow 10 Red Storm shots — compared to a season average of just over five per game. Waldrum blamed miscommunication between unfamiliar faces for a couple slips and said overall he was pleased with the group's performance.

While the defenders have been practicing together throughout the fall, Lorenzen said it would take "a little bit of time" to adjust to the rotation.

"We'll see," she said. "Having last week's game put us a little bit ahead should help, and having this weekend before the tournament will help.

Sunday was the first Irish game Dow has watched this year in which she wasn't able to play. However, the Irish played six games without her bell should help, and having this weekend before the tournament will help.

"And so I think the defense has confidence in Amanda Clark and Haley Ford, whoever we put back there," Waldrum said.

Waldrum said the Irish were "fortunate to have time early in the season, as well as the Big East tournament to play without Dow. However, Dow — who Waldrum said was reported to be one of the top two center backs in the world at the U-20 tournament — leaves big shoes to fill.

"It's never a good thing when one of your top players goes down with an injury," he said.

"At least if it were going to happen, we've got some time — hopefully two more games in the Big East tournament, and then hopefully you can get can deep in the NCAA. We've got some time to get them some games together before you get into it. If you're fortunate to make it to a final four.

Lorenzen acknowledged the emotional challenge Dow's injury presents to the team — a challenge she said teammates will tackle.

"There are two different parts to it," Lorenzen said. "She's a great player, and personally, I'm going to miss playing with her if we can't get her back. The other part is we have talented freshmen who can step in for us. Haley Ford has stepped up for us, and Amanda Clark has stepped up for us in the back.

A tournament return after an ACL tear is not unprecedented for Waldrum. In 2000, then-freshman forward Amy Warner missed seven games after tearing her ACL, before working into the starting lineup during the tournament and scoring the lone Irish goal in a semifinal loss to North Carolina in route to selection to the all-tournament team.

Waldrum said health is his biggest concern for Dow, who has two more years to write her soccer future at Notre Dame.

"More importantly, I feel badly for her because she's having such a good year and is a big part of our team," he said. "We'd love to get her healthy, and she'll be back."

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Rock in hand

Irish drub Rockhurst 79-44 in exhibition to open season

By CHRIS KHOREY
An Associate Sports Editor

Russell Carter streaked down the floor and Kyle McAlarney lofted a perfect pass toward the basket. Carter jumped, caught the ball, slammed it and came down on the winning end of a 79-44 blowout at the Joyce Center Wednesday.

The play, early in the second half, exemplified a night where everything went right for Notre Dame, as the Irish blasted an overmatched Rockhurst squad in the first exhibition game of the season for both teams.

"It's always good to get on the same bench and get a feel for your rotation," Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey said.

The Irish started the game with a 20-4 run and never looked back, shooting 53 percent from the field and holding Rockhurst to 24.7 percent. Notre Dame won the turnover battle, 11-10.

Sophomore guard Kyle McAlarney chases after a loose ball in Notre Dame’s 90-63 win over Rutgers Feb. 8.

**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

Six players headed to Columbus

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

The Irish will send six players to the ITA National Indoor Championships this weekend at Ohio State. But while the tournament is one of three national meets throughout the year that feature the top tennis players from around the nation, it will have no direct NCAA implications.

"There's really nothing that [they gain if they win this. It's really just an opportunity to get to the top players from around the country together," Irish coach Day Lovett-Buck said. "But it is one of the chances to boost your ranking nationally. It's going to help in the spring when they're seed­ing for the NCAA Tournament." Freshmen Colleen Bietley and Cosmina Cibarnus will repre­sent the Irish in the 32-player singles field. Bietley and Cibarnus qualified for the event thanks to their scene-stealing performances in the ITA National Indoor Championships.

**MEN’S TENNIS**

Irish athletes invited to national tournament

By DEBDRDE KRAUSLA
Sports Writer

Hard work at the ITA Midwest Regional Championships paid off for the Irish, who today send three members of the squad — seniors Stephen Bass and Ryan Keckley and junior Sheeva Parbhu — to the four-day ITA National Indoor Championships in Columbus, Ohio.


Dickhardt and Groh advanced to the semifinals of the Polo Ralph Lauren All American Tennis Championships with an 8-5 quarterfinals win over Tennessee’s Kaden Ivensen and Kaden Henley. Dickhardt and Groh were forced to withd­raw from their semifinal match against Georgia’s Luis Flores and John Isner after Groh pulled his right ham­string in a consolation singles match earlier that day.

Flores and Isner are currently the No. 1 doubles team in the nation, and Parbhu and Keckley will likely see them if they advance far enough.

Irish coach Bobby Bayless said the high level of competi­tion does not faze the duo.

"Everybody is good and every match is going to be tough," said Colleen Bietley.

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