Lottery includes graduate students

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

The Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday that, if implemented, would 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.

Ethicist addresses AIDS in Africa

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
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Farley addresses issues of gender and faith in epidemic response

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Farley said when she asked a Kenyan woman why her nation's officials from Student Affairs — who were also concerned with SUB's reasons for excluding graduate students in the first place — decided "to tell [SUB manager] Patrick [Vassel] to open up the lottery to graduate students."

The last-minute instruction came as a surprise to Vassel, who was called into Coughlin's office around 11:30 a.m. Wednesday and told of Student Affairs' concerns.

Vassel was able to send out an e-mail to grad students notifying them of the change around noon and clearly the word spread fast. Vassel said 2,200 student ID cards were swiped between noon and 2 p.m. and roughly 230 of them, or 10 percent, were from graduate students.

Although SUB is solely responsible for the distribution of the 300 tickets allocated to students for away games, the Student Activities Office advises the organization and it delivered an "Instruction" that SUB include graduate students in the lottery.

"It was a hard thing to do, and we don't like to do it. ... We like to be advisors, we don't like to tell student groups what to do," Coughlin said.

Graduate students were originally excluded from the lottery because they do not pay the Student Activities Fee, which funds SUB. But Student Affairs officials decided that reason "was not significant enough."

"We were completely in support of the decision to include graduate students," Vassel said. "We stood behind it and this change in policy has nothing to do with us."

He did not want to comment further on the inclusion of graduate students, until the lottery was completed, he said.

On Wednesday, SUB put forward a compromise to appease the disgruntled graduate students, who had hoped to be included in the USC ticket lottery.

**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 around 25 by the 5 p.m. deadline.

Groups turned 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 proposal form. Despite the preparation, they have to wait a year or a half before they'll hear whether they've been granted club status.

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When Social Concerns committee chair Sheena Plamottt 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.

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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 get: 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. Is it that I 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 a beautiful photo, with amazing colors and tones (unfortunately, the photo ran in black and white). This single photo convinced several people I knew to go see the show, and I’m sure many more enjoyed the photographs. Point is, that image told a story and had a meaning to it that people saw. Needless to say, after hearing the positive feedback, I felt proud of my work, of my art. I admit, my writing skills aren’t the best (this article was proofread several times, natch), so I turn to photography to get it right for 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, anger, patriotism, 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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OFFBEAT

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.

“It was a freak thing,” Dougherty told The Derrick in Oil City. “I saw it there on the porch, put the mail in the box and turned to walk away and it jumped on me.”

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 prisoner Monday by a squirrel while delivering mail in Oil City, about 75 miles north of Pittsburgh.

“Bad choice of costume,” said Susan Tolchin, chief adviser to Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano.

The former inmate, Oscar Aponte, was taking his daughter trick-or-treating in Peekskill on Tuesday night when a county correction officer — also out trick-or-treating with his child — spotted the familiar jumpsuit, Tolchin said.

“She confronted him,” the officer said, “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 p.m. at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

Tera 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 102 DeBartolo 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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Off Campus

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

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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 Deloitte has been able to diminish unethical decisions at work.

"We at Deloitte have focused on making our ethics program an integral part of our organizational culture," Allen said.

Allen also spoke about companies' "consultative cultures" — the need for companies to "learn and assist employees in making ethical choices," she said.

"Sarbanes-Oxley put a legal requirement on maintaining good books and records from the justice department," she said. "It is Chang's hope that one day all such cases can be reconciled completely.

Chang said she formed the foundation to bring justice to political villains who murdered and brutally stabbed her sister 27 times and who have tortured, tormented and killed countless other Guatemalans.

"Ethics and Religious Values in Latin America," she said.

Whatever the political system no longer enforces, Chang said it 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 freedoms.

"But 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 Presidential Commission on Strengthening Justice.

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tnumbers of HIV infected citizens are declining, the woman answered, "I think it may have been because we all finally died." 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 peri­

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drew Durkin into his first death penalty case. Gregory Resnover was sentenced to death in Indiana for the murder of Indianapolis police sergeant Jack Oherberg. This case, Durkin said, showed him the death penalty is flawed. There had been no pre-trial investigation, no depositions taken of key witnesses or any of the basic steps taken to defend Resnover, Durkin said.

"Resnover was absolutely right, in my opinion, that he was getting set up," he said.

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 on Dec. 8, 1994. Durkin spent the last day of Resnover's life in South Bend, working with other lawyers to convince the judge to halt the exe­cu­tion.

"I am absolutely convinced ... that with a good lawyer, he wouldn't have ended up being killers," he said.

After his unsuccessful effort to halt the execution, Durkin heard on his car radio that Resnover's family had sent a hearse to the prison to pick up his body. That image has been seared in his mind, Durkin said.

"What is going on here?" he asked. "They brought this man in chains and they are bringing him out in a hearse."

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 worldwide 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 Con­victions 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."

"No one 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 NDALK lecture in the series will feature Deacon George Brooks November 8 in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

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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 last week, on the eve of a day after U.S. and Iraqi forces lifted a blockade on Baghdad’s Shite militia stronghold of Sadr City.

The attack took place at a youth club in a relatively prosperous Palestinian neighborhood in eastern Baghdad near the Sadr City district, which is controlled by anti-American cleric Muqtada 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 sprawling slum of 2.5 million. 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 hours before a pre-dawn attack Wednesday and ambushed a column of police reinforcements, killing at least 16 officers, authorities said.

The six-hour assault in the village of Tien, 230 miles northwest of Bogota, was the bloodiest since President Alvaro Uribe was 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.

National News
New York City to look for WTC bones
NEW YORK — The city is planning to hire several more forensic experts to help hunt for human remains around the World Trade Center site after a cache of human bones, several more forensic experts to help hunt for human remains around the World Trade Center site after a cache of human bones, found there last month, a deputy mayor said Wednesday.

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AWOL soldier disappears again
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A U.S. Army officer who fled to Canada rather than return to Iraq has disappeared again, this time just a day after surrendering to the military.

Pvt. Kyle Snyder, 23, of Colorado Springs, Colo., told The Associated Press he was supposed to return by bus to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., on Tuesday but didn’t go. He said he went AWOL after Fort Knox officials told him he would be sent back to his unit, the 94th Engineer Battalion.

Local News
Long likely to be next leader of Senate
INDIANAPOLIS — Republican Sen. David Long of Fort Wayne is likely to be the next leader of the Indiana Senate now that the lone remaining GOP leader has dropped out of the race, a fellow senator said Wednesday.

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

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

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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 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 long 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.

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An unnamed producer works in the news room of Al Jazeera’s headquarters Wednesdays. The network’s English-language international channel will start broadcasting Nov. 15.

Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — Al-Jazeera’s taboo-smashing newscasts regularly vex politicians, reporters warn, and it is not nearly as much as they anger the Arabs in the Arab world, where the news channel has been banned from operating in 18 countries in one time or another.

Now, the network is launching its biggest gamble on its 10th anniversary — an English-language channel that will hit the airwaves Nov. 15 and hopes to steal viewers from CNN and the BBC.

Feisty and sometimes graphic coverage of global carnage is an Al-Jazeera specialty, as is bracing commentary that has shaken the Arab world and ruffled the West.

“We have an edge over the other networks: We’re already based in the Middle East, and we have a different perspective,” director Wadah Khanfar said Wednesday at the network’s Doha headquarters Wednesday.

Al-Jazeera has been through a lot in 10 years, with three staffers killed in Iraq, another locked out without charge at the U.S. prison facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and a correspondent who interviewed Osama bin Laden under fire from terrorists in Spain.

Although one-time anchor, Riz Khan, is among those who departed for Al-Jazeera International, CNN International said it welcomed the new competition.

“We’re not worried,” spokesman Suzanne Flood said. “News channels are judged by what they do and not what they say they’d do.”

Al-Jazeera says its goal is to reverse the information flow to the world’s 1.2 billion Muslims, most of whom don’t speak Arabic.

Before taking on the big networks, however, it first needs to be seen, which requires coaxing hundreds of global cable TV operators to carry its signal. This has been tough in many countries, the station’s commercial director Lindsay Oliver said — not least the United States, where the Bush administration has accused Al-Jazeera of anti-American bias.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fearful of damaging his own party in next week’s election, John Kerry apologized Wednesday to “any service member, family member or American” offended by remarks deemed by Republicans and Democrats to be imperial and anti-American.

Six days before the election, the Democratic presidential nominee said he wanted to avoid becoming a distraction in the final days of the campaign. In a rare interview with The Associated Press, he added he sincerely regretted that his words were “misinterpreted to imply anything negative about those in uniform.”

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**Truck sales helped by lower gas prices**

By Jesse Topping, Automotive News

DETROIT — In showrooms across the nation, consumers lured by lower gas prices started buying trucks and sport-utility vehicles last month, ending — for now — a yearlong slump that has pilled up losses at the domestic Big Three since the 1970s. They say the air is off for truck sales, but some analysts think the trend is changing.

**Indian attractive to surgery patients**

**Associated Press**


Combined, all three saved about $50,000 each, 100 times the cost of travel and hotels, by having their surgeries last month in New Delhi instead of America — where the health care system had simply failed them.

All in their 50s and fully employed, these men are among the estimated 500,000 Americans who are taking their health into their own hands by choosing medical care abroad.

Many are stuck in a growing gap of uninsured or underinsured who are too young for Medicare and left with only state health care options: seeking their own treatment, living in pain or possibly dying.

"Our share of the American dream got lost in the past five years," said Thaus, 53, a computer consultant from Orange. "Look at what we've outsourced — I'm even outsourcing for God's sake."

Terhune, a computer consultant from Indiana, flew to New Delhi for $7,000 each.

"I was so set up by my doctor. The whole idea that they denied me because they could," he said while recovering at his hospital in New Delhi. "I've paid thousands of dollars in premiums over the years. It's their job to look after us."

Frustrated over slow response to his insurance, he felt a strange tightening in his chest and realized something was wrong. But the self-employed finishing painter was uninsured and knew the price of an angiogram test alone, quoted at $4,000 to $5,000.

"When you first start, you're not sure. You think, 'Wow that's a long ways away.' But when you're faced with the other option, you want to check it out," he said two days after being discharged. "We let com­fortable. We didn't have any real hope."

But Goodell did encounter a few downsides of traveling. He and his wife, Kris, both experi­enced bouts of diarrhea during the trip and their luggage was lost for two days. Goodell also had a slight mishap while walk­ing near Delhi's congested roads. He skinned his head open on a metal sign, resulting in six stitches.

Still, he said the setbacks were minor, given that his heart was fixed without breaking the bank. The couple's whole trip run-about $16,000.

Uninsured Indianapolis chrys­tophracter John Terhune, 57, didn't need any persuasion. He underwent hip replacement sur­gery in his left leg a year and a half ago in the southern Indian city of Chennai and was so pleased with the results, he came back to have the right hip done by Dr. Marya in New Delhi. And he got a partial replacement for his left knee to boot.

Both surgeries totaled less than $12,000 — about 85 per­cent off the U.S. price tag — plus another $3,000 for travel and accom­modation.
When my brothers and I were younger, we didn’t have to watch the Chicago Bears’ games. The expletives emanating from the living room told us far more about their performance than Cris Collinsworth 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 couple hundred miles away from my old living room.

Although it’s impossible to bear 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 on route to an undeniably season — or so some say.

Hence, each Sunday afternoon (or Monday night) victory is not seen as a victory in and of itself, but instead as one more step toward the almighty goal — the Bears’ first Super Bowl title since the days of Mike Ditka, Walter Payton and Coach Ditka.

The focus is on the “big picture.” It’s a common trend these days. Case in point: next week’s midterm elections. The focus is less on the issues raised by the candidates, and more on the candidates’ party affiliations and what and when these will do to the composition of Congress. Perhaps most emphasized is how these elections will affect future presidential prospects — like those of Illinois Senator Barack Obama, now that he’s “not running” in 2008. It’s big-picture politics.

And what about what I’ll be doing in 2007? What I’d really like to do now — in 2006 — is to live an entire day without being asked about my plans for next year. While I don’t take after my father in his fondness for profanity, the constant barrage of questioning often tempts me to utter a few expletives of my own. All I want to do is to walk through the fallen leaves without being forced to wonder whether next year I’ll be living in a place where trees don’t even shed their leaves.

Walking through the leaves — it’s a little thing. And when we were kids, we treasured the fall 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? What about the Bears? Sure, they’ve undefeated season — or so some say. What about the Bears? Sure, they’ve undefeated season — or so some say. What about the Bears? Sure, they’ve undefeated season — or so some say.

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 congressional and women’s 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 trophy. For you to get the job of your dreams, too, complete with photos of friends and the ones that sail perfectly through the center of the backyard swing set.

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Comforting light or silent darkness?

What happens when people die? Are the accounts of near-death experiences where the person moves toward a brilliant white light with a deep sense of peace accurate? Or is the story published last year about a man who died at an operating table and reportedly spent a number of minutes surrounded by "no end or beginning with" what occurs?

Yesterday, I 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 everyone else — All Souls. Are these the people who are not saints like Mary, the apostles and martyrs and those who are "canonized," mostly popes, bishops, priests and monks?

As Catholics, we believe that our baptism in the name of our Trinitarian God unites us intimately and forever to Jesus Christ. And by uniting with the saving mysteries of His passion and death, we also will share in His resurrection when all human history is brought together in God's redeeming love in Jesus. As Paul expresses, we experience death 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 Christ holds out to us is that the moment of death marks our passage from this life toward the next.

And so we live by faith in the face of the loss of a loved one. We trust in God's love for us. And we place our lives and our futures confidently into His hands.

I have often been taken by the many intentions Notre Dame undergraduates give voice to in the residence hall Masses every Sunday afternoon or night. 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 marked by the greater virtue beyond the norm, are canonized.

But many others, especially ordinary people, were enough to bring you to cry; to put all of your plans away from yourself; to take the time to reflect and contemplate the presence of God, and see God "face to face."

The audacity of light

Richard V. Warner
FaithPoint

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Women, students deserve apology

Letters to the Editor

Catholics advocating for gay rights

With only days before the election, a desperate candidate is using a wide range of divisive tactics to scare and confuse voters. Most recently, President George W. Bush stopped through Georgia giving last minute stump speeches in which he rhetoric of fear wasn't working, the President pulled an all-too-common trick out of his bag: attack gays and lesbians in the hopes of evoking, 'suck it up, we're all Americans.'

All too reminiscent of the seggregated 1950s, the President is using wedge issues and looking a large segment of Americans to appeal to his base. However, using this wedge to justify discrimination and segregation will solidify only mocks the faith of millions. Americans, of all religions, races and nationalities deserve better. Here in Virginia, many politicians are strategically trying to mislead voters on the socially conservative amendment, an amendment that goes far beyond same-sex marriage and civil unions. But a recent poll found that most Virginia Catholics are against the amendment and don’t believe the undermining of families and writing hate into the constitution is morally right. Virginia Catholics really realize that men's weekly support policies of inequality rip at the moral fiber of this country.

It is time for all Catholics to reject the divisive rhetoric of bigotry and stand up for the moral dignity and rights of all Americans. May this campaign and the agenda of our leaders might return to the more inclusive and compassionate. Universal health care, global warming and the faltering economy.

Ken Seifert
Alum

These may sound like harsh words, but I can find no better way to say it: Professor Emiratus Charles Rice's recent columns on Plan B and Plan B availability, (Oct. 31) shows both a gross disrespect for women and a calculated and frightened rhetoric. Rice's caricature of sex 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, propaganda and use emotional rhetoric, treating one's audience not as intelligent persons to be persuaded with rational argumentation but sheep to be manipulated.

Rice, sadly, seems to think that Rice has chosen to relate to his audience in a manipulative way. Ignoring the research shows Plan B (and hormonal contra­ceptive) are generally accepted by preventing ovulation; no evidence has ever been gathered to support his contentions about Plan B prevents the implantation of an already-fertilized egg. Indeed, since implantation takes place in 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 slender against advocates of access to emergency contraception. There is nothing inconsistent about advocating for access to emergency contraception without distorting or oversimplifying the issue. Manipulative, forcing an opinion on the reader.

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 pervasive 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 can not speak for my entire community, but I would encourage him to apologize to them as well.

Dan Hicks
Graduate Student

Hicks

What is about this relative newcomer to the national political stage that galvanizes people?

Those listening in on this chilly October morning told me he was presidential, charismatic, a good family man, concerned and connected. And it didn't hurt that he was a bit on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

Still, I have to see for myself. The 506-seat House Chamber was full, but I slipped in and stood near the upstage sofa. The Texas State Capitol, site of much rancor the last few weeks, 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.

We must find the audacity for ostentatious. The senator's voice proj­ects and the audience Saturday often interrupted him with applause, yet he was soft-spoken. He mixes a gentle manner and the language of one who goes out to you and you're either with us or against us and if you speak out of place, you're calling me a rich man from Iran. you're accused of cutting and running, it is refreshing to have someone reach out for us.

"Our country is not as divided as our politicians suggest," Obama said. "We have a set of common values and ideals that bind us together."

Obama's life truly reflects America's diversity. His father is from Kenya, his mother from Kansas. They met in Hawaii, where he was born, but divorced when Obama was two. He lived with his grandparents for a time and attended school both on the West Coast at Occidental College and the East Coast at Harvard. He now lives in the Midwest.

Until a few weeks ago, Obama said he wasn't interested in running for president. But recently on national television, he said he might change his mind. Obama says he wants to wait another year to see if he'll have a clearer idea of how we win. Maybe 12 hours wasn't that long after all.

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**SCENE**

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**DVD REVIEWS**

**Crosby and Astaire shine bright in 'Holiday Inn'**

By CASSIE BELEK  
Assistant Scene Editor

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. "Amarcord," magnificent even though Crosby's 1954 holiday classic "White Christmas." Although the black-and-white "Holiday Inn" is sometimes not as well known as the latter movie — especially among younger audiences — it features 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 movie, happens to feature all the magic and on-screen chemistry that audiences are used to from Astaire and Crosby's films. Also included is a behind-the-scenes look at the successful performances that made the film a Christmas classic.

**Holiday Inn Special Edition**

**Universal Studios**

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**Amarcord given star treatment in new release**

By BRIAN DOXTADER  
Scene Editor

In the liner notes to the new Criterion edition of Federico Fellini's "Amarcord," film 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) evokes realism in favor of nostalgia. As warmly affectionate as anything ever committed to celluloid, "Amarcord" remains one of the director's films classics and one of his most enjoyable late period films, now reissued and handsomely packaged by Criterion.

"Amarcord" is a portrait of the Italian village Rimini over the course of four summers, with Titta (Bruno Zanin) and Titta's family as the main focus. The film is episodic, with various characters weaving their way in and out of the narrative. Fellini's affectionate, sometimes bawdy portraits make "Amarcord" one of his most fast-paced films, bolstered by Nino Rota's ("8 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 realist tendencies, but "Amarcord" scales back somewhat, giving the film an appealing dreamlike quality. "Amarcord" is a film about remembrance, which makes it a deeply personal film for its director. While it may not be quite as strong a picture as some of Fellini's previous work, "Amarcord" is equally — if not more — entertaining than even his best films. All of the director's best films say something about the human condition, but rarely has that condition been so close to Fellini himself.

The film is in Italian, but, as with most Italian films of the time, it was shot silently and dubbed later — this is why the mouths sometimes do not appear to be in sync with the words, even in the Italian track. The subtitles, as expected from Criterion, are very good, though it is not unlikely a few choice Italian phrases (most of them vulgar) were lost in translation.

The DVD itself is fantastic. "Amarcord," with a spine number of four, was one of the first to receive aCriterion release, but has been reissued in a brand new two-disc Special 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 features audio commentary by film scholars Peter Brunette 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 centerpiece. 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 MAGGI 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 director's most personal films. Though the original Criterion single-disc was quite good, the re-release is a considerable upgrade. "Amarcord" is a treat for any one remotely interested in Italian cinema and comes highly recommended.

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"Holiday Inn" features both stunning dance scenes with Fred Astaire, right, and the first performance of the perennial holiday favorite "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby.

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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.

After he completed the mission and completed it with stunning results, creating "Mission: Impossible III" (M:I III), a film that grossed almost $400 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 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 masterminds (Owen Davis Jr., "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang") and "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 to enjoy acting. The film's supporting cast members do a wonderful job, most notably Philip Seymour Hoffman, who deliciously plays the manic madman. Laurence Fishburne ("The Matrix") and Billy Crudup ("Pineapple Express") create memorable performances as IMF leaders.

"Mission: Impossible III" is one of the first 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 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" features 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 rivaling 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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PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson spent his summer worrying Philadelphia would trade him.

Instead, he was back with the 76ers for another opener. But with little 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 past the Hawks 88-75 on Wednesday night.

Samuel Dalembert had 11 points and 11 rebounds, and Chris Webber grabbed 13 rebounds for the Sixers, who improved their mark on opening night to 3-9-1

"If you play great defense, you give a chance to make your opponent 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 do us with.

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

"We didn't have to change their roster to be a better team all the time.

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 76ers 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.

"This is a step in the right direction, esp ecially in the upper quarters, translating into plenty of empty seats, especially in the upper deck.

An early cushion certainly helped the Sixers survive the late run.

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.

Hill was happy to be wrong.

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 14 points and four assists and Luol Deng scored 12 for the Bulls.

Grant Hill had 19 points on 5- of-7 shooting and Hedo Turkoglu 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 won despite committing four turnovers to Chicago's 15, outscoring the Bulls 59 percent to 45 percent from the field.

Nelson keyed a 13-2 Magic run in the third quarter with a jumper, layup and 3-pointer, scoring seven points on consecu-

tive trips in 1:17. The spurt gave Orlando an 80-55 lead before Malik Allen turned in a three-point play with 4:31 left in the quarter.

Indiana 106, Charlotte 99

Jermaine O'Neal and Samuel Jasikovic scored 21 points apiece and the Indiana Pacers pulled away in the fourth quarter to win their season opener, over the Charlotte Bobcats on Wednesday night.

Stephen Jackson added 18 points to help the Pacers spoil Adam Morrison, who scored 14. Emeka Okafor had 19 points, 13 rebounds and a team-record six blocks for the Bobcats, who lost Gerald Wallace in the second quarter to dizziness, neck and back injuries after he hit his head on the floor following a flagrant foul by Danny Granger.

It marked the first game for the Bobcats since Michael Jordan became a part owner with the final say on all personnel decisions. But Jordan spent the entire game in a suite and was never introduced to the crowd.

The Pacers, trying to move into an up-tempo offense, took their first lead on Jeff Foster's layup midway through the third quarter. They led by as many as 14 in the fourth, overcoming 41 percent shooting.

Morrison, the No. 3 pick in the draft, entered midway through the first quarter and hit his first shot, a leaner along the left baseline. Morrison's liability — defense — showed itself early as he picked up two fouls trying to guard Jackson.

Morrison, who shot 5-for-13, brought fans to their feet at the end of the first quarter. Catching an inbounds pass deep on the left side, he spun around and drained a 41-foot shot.

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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

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 on Tuesday. Mason met with Smith on Wednesday, and the coach agreed to stay on the rest of the season.

Smith was expected to meet with the players 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 23-23 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 on and off the field.

Smith has a 132-83 record in 18 seasons as a college head coach.

He was hired at Michigan State after having solid success at Louisville, where he went 41-21 and made five consecutive bowl trips from 1998-2002.

In Brief

Johnston targets Lewis in this weekend's game

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

Johnston 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 the job," 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.

NASCAR reviewed NBC's coverage from 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.

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Mason said during a news conference Wednesday. "It comes time to make a change, and that's where we're at."

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."

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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 Blue Jackets

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Cam Ward stopped all over the ice, blocking nearly every shot that came his way.

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.”

Whitney’s second goal gave Carolina a 4-1 lead and prompt­ed Thrashers coach Rob Hartley to yank Lehtonen with 4:51 left in the second period.

“This game was definitely played in the nets,” Hartley said. “Cam Ward was the best player on the ice.”

Johans Hedberg went the rest of the way in the Atlanta nets and was barely tested, facing just four shots while Ward was sprawlling all over the ice at the other end.

“When you make some saves, especially early, it always helps,” said Ward, the unlikely star of Carolina’s run to the Stanley Cup championship last season. “I knew I had to get better at stopping the first five shots so we wouldn’t get down early. I felt relaxed. I felt calm. Anytime you feel like that, you know it’s going to be a good night.”

Ward blocked the first five and just kept right on going.

Marino Rossa picked up his NHL-leading 11th goal and 50th career point on a power play but could have a much bigger game if not for Ward. Atlanta’s top scorer had a career-high 16 shots on goal — nearly as many as the Hurricanes’ entire team and six more than his previous best.

Ilya Kovalchuk redirected a shot from the point early in the third but Ward still managed to smother it, prompting Kovalchuk to look toward the roof in disgust.

The Thrashers went 1-for-10 on the power play, failing to convert a lengthy two-man advantage in the second.

“The power play was playing like five individuals and not a five-man unit,” Atlanta’s Greg de Vries said.

Carolina has won all three meetings between the Southeast Division rivals this season. The first two were much closer, with Carolina winning 4-3 on a goal in the last second of regulation, then prevailing 5-4 in overtime.

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.

COLORADO 5, COLUMBUS 3

The Carolina Avalanche got off to a strong start and Jose Theodore was there to finish it off.

Theodore made 19 of his 41 saves in the third period to help the Avalanche hold on for a victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Wednesday night.

“I knew they were going to shoot from everywhere and that’s what they did,” Theodore said of the Blue Jackets, which entered tied for the league low with 19 goals and fell behind 4-1 in the second period. “It was obviously a lot of work, but we didn’t panic and got the job done.

Wojtek Wolski, Brett McLean, Joe Sakic, Mark Byroct 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 everybody on the score sheet.”

Sergei Fedorov, Fredrik Modin and David Vyborny scored for Columbus, which has won once in its last seven games.

We had probably our best offensive game of the season with scoring chances and putting a lot of shots on net, said coach Jacques Martin.

We did a good job of keeping ourselves in trouble, Jarome Iginla said.

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

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

Phaneuf 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,” Phaneuf said. “I 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.

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Lebda added his goal with 8:36 remaining as he completed a solo rush from his own blue line with a wrist shot from the right circle that beat Kiprusoff.

Del Rio scored on the power play with 3:20 remaining in the third period. Modin grabbed it from him. I went in, saw a hole and shot for it.”

The Avalanche weathered sev­eral short-handed situations in the final period, including a 5-on-3 and a 6-on-5.

Columbus coach Jacques Martin said, "We had a lot of stuff around the net. He found pucks through traffic. Generally, if you’re successful killing penal­ties the goalie is going to lead the way and he did.”

DETROIT 3, CALGARY 2

The Detroit Red Wings got two quick goals and then held off Calgary with some suffocating defense.

Lubomir Flynn and Tomas Holmstrom scored 79 seconds apart in the first period, and Detroit stifled the Flames’ offense in a victory Wednesday night.

Dominik Hasek made 13 saves and Brett Lebda also scored for the Red Wings, who won their fourth straight after losing the final three games of a four-game trip to the West Coast.

“Since we got back from the West Coast, the guys have dug themselves in trouble, and they half in trouble,” Jarome Iginla said.

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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 Bowl Championship Series bid in a rematch of last year’s triple-overtime classic.

Instead, it’s a possible spot in the national championship game for 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 nation’s most resilient teams.

Despite the storms in Louisville usually fields and the Cardinals have emerged as one of the country’s most resilient teams.

Like the game has created a frenzy in Louisville usually reserved for the Kentucky Derby. Tickets were going for $10,000 on the Internet and more than 700 media credentials have been issued, double the usual allotment for a Cardinals’ home game.

You have two top-10 teams that are undefeated so it’s a big, big game," West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez said. "But if we don’t win the game, I’m not going to kiss the wife and kids goodbye and jump off the Webster Bridge (in Morgantown). There might be some fans who want to throw me off of it, but I’m not jumping." Keeping it all in perspective could be the key for the Cardinals (7-0, 2-0) and Mountaineers (7-0, 2-0). The winner should get a big boost in the BCS standings — West Virginia is in third-place this week and Louisville’s in fifth — and be left with a very plausible scenario to reach BCS title game in Glendale, Ariz., on Jan. 8.

"You don’t want to put too much emphasis on it, but you don’t want to underplay it either," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said. "Guys who have been there for the last two, three, four years now, they know how to prepare for a big game.

The Cardinals learned all about the dangers of getting ahead of yourself last year in Morgantown. Louisville lead by 17 points in the fourth quarter before West Virginia came storming back in the fourth quarter to win 46-44. "It’s not over until it’s over," Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm said. "It has been our motto. I think we learned." For Slaton and White, last year’s Louisville game stamped their arrival.

White had been sharing the job until that day when Adam Bednarik’s injury made it a solo act. Slaton came off the bench to score six second-half touchdowns against the Cardinals.

West Virginia hasn’t lost since, winning a school-record 14 straight games behind a spread-option offense that forces defenses to make a difficult choice between two of the country’s most dynamic players. "We know what they’re capable of, that’s for sure," Louisville defensive tackle Earl Heyman 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.

The Mountaineers 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, a running 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.

A year ago, losing Bush for the season would have been catastrophic. The fact the Cardinals have kept their national title hopes alive without arguably their best player is a testament to how far the program has come under Petrino.

"We 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’s not going to triple overtime, it could be hard on the heart."
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Bayliss said, "We are just going to try and get one match at a time."

Parbhutha will take on Old Dominion's Harel Srugo, the ITA Midwest Champion. Parbhutha captured the title by defeating teammate Henrique Canedo 7-5, 6-2. Parbhutha helped advance to the Midwest Singles Final, where he fell to Ohio State's Steven Monke 7-6(2), 6-2.

Bayliss said that Parbhutha has been working on developing an even stronger game since losing to Monke. "Parbhutha has been working on getting a better rhythm to his game and developing more consistency," Bayliss said.

Bayliss reached the tournament as an at-large selection — he was selected based on ranking and fall performance — and will play against Florida's Greg Ouellette. Ouellette garnered the ITA Southeast Championship title after his competitor, Georgia's Travis Helgeson, withdrew from the match. The rest of the Irish squad will head down to William and Mary Friday for the Crowne Plaza Tribe Invitational. In addition to its host, Notre Dame will also compete against Maryland and North Carolina State. The Tribe will play without its top doubles team of Colin O'Brien and Alex Cujani, as the duo will be competing in the ITA National Indoor Championship along with Parbhutha and Keckley.

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Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

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performances at the ITA Regional Finals last week at Michigan State. Rieley defeated Colorado's Brian Black 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."

Rieley faces Clemson's Carole Busacca while Cibbanou will play third-seeded Kristi Miller of Georgia Tech.

On the doubles side, All-American 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 All-American Championships October 5-8. The good news for the pair is that Arizona State's Roxanne Clarke and Cady Polder, who defeated the sisters in the Riveria 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 Keely Tefft will square off against second-seeded Suzi Babos and Zsusanna 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 teams 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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Waldrum said. "But I think right now she's probably done." Without Dew, 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 Shauer 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 Dew, it's "definitely hard" to be watching from the sidelines.

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

Dew increased the defense allowing 10 Red Storm shots compared to a season average of just over five per game. Waldrum blamed "miscommunication between unfamiliar faces" for the couple slipups 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 year's experienced leader under our belt should help, and having this weekend before the tournament will help.

Sunday was the first Irish game Dew has watched this year in which she wasn't able to play. However, the Irish played six games under our belt should help, and having this weekend before the tournament will help.

Wednesday's victory against Bellarmine at 7:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center. The Irish open the regular season Wednesday with an exhibition against Bellarmine at 7:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center. The Irish open the regular season Wednesday with an exhibition against Bellarmine at 7:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

"Kyle" creates for me and I create for him." Bray said the two point guards allow the Irish to put full court pressure on the ball on most possessions.

"If we can keep a fresh guy in there on the ball handler, that really helps us," he said.

The Hawks were led by center John Torson, who scored eight points on 2-for-6 shooting. All 13 players saw the floor for the Irish, including freshmen Joe Harden, Jonathan Peoples and Tim Andree, as well as senior walk-on Kieran Piller.

Notre Dame will be in action next Monday in another exhibition against Bellarmine at 7:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center. The Irish open the regular season Nov. 10 against IPFW at home.

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points but played just 19 minutes due to foul trouble.

"That's the way it goes sometimes," Bray said of Zeller's foul trouble. "We just had to put another guy in there.

Senior guard Colin Falls replaced his three-point specialist role from the last few seasons, hitting three shots beyond the arc and scoring 15 total points. Falls also displayed an ability to get to the basket, creating opportunities for his teammates when double-teamed.

McAlarney was effective in his first game starting at point guard for the Irish, putting in eight points and dishing out five assists.

Freshman point guard Tory Jackson spelled McAlarney, going 2-for-6 for five points and two assists.

"Tory was excited tonight," Bray said. "Sometimes he was a little too excited."

The two point guards were on the court together by with around 10 minutes left in the first half, with both players bringing up the ball.

"Whoever gets the ball brings it up," Jackson said of the two-point guard system. "Kyle" creates for me and I
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish drub Rockhurst 79-44 in exhibition to open season

By CHRIS KHOREY
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Russell Carter stroked 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 leading 43-17 at the half. The Hawks shot just 5-for-23 in the first half and had nine turnovers.

"We were really stressing defense in the offseason," McAlarney said. "It was the first game, so there were a few jitters, but one way to get rid of jitters is to get up in someone's face and play defense."

Rockhurst improved in the second half, shooting 42 percent from the field, but it wasn't enough to get back in the game.

Still, Brey saw areas for improvement.

"I think it's a good thing we can come back tomorrow, get in the classroom situation, watch the film, and talk," Brey said.

Irish freshman forward Luke Harangody led all scorers with 17 points in his first collegiate appearance, using his 6-8, 250-pound frame to muscle his way around the basket.

"This is what I've seen for three weeks (in practice)," Brey said of Harangody. "He can score, he's got great hands, (and he) gives us a low post presence.

Junior Rob Kurz was also effective in the post for Notre Dame. Kurz scored 13 points and had a team-high 19 rebounds.

Sophomore Luke Zeller, who started alongside Kurz in the frontcourt, scored four quick points early to lead the Irish to a 12-2 run in the first 5:55.

Kurz scored 11 points and had a team-high 19 rebounds.

"I think it's a good thing we have no direct NCAA implications," Brey 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."

"I think that's something we'd have to take a hard look at after some rehab to see if she'd be able to come in and finish anything out," Brey said of Harangody. "That's something we'd have to take a hard look at after some rehab to see if she'd be able to come in and finish anything out."

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 country, 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 the top players from around the country together," Irish coach Jay Lombard 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 Bieley and Cosmina Cicuhaanu will rep­resent the Irish in the 32-player singles field. Bieley and Cicuhaanu both earned spots in the 32-player doubles field. Freshmen Carrie Dew, left, and Jill Krivacek, right, and mid­fielder Jill Kivacek, right, swam Rutgers' Jennifer Anthrino in Notre Dame's 2-0 win over Oct. 8.

Dew's season likely over

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