Journalist highlights conflicts in Caucasus

War correspondent addresses violence in Chechnya, abroad

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Journalist Thomas Goltz highlighted the many aspects of conflict in the Caucasus in what he referred to as a "potpourri presentation" entitled "The Chechen National Disaster and Other Confrontations in the Post-Soviet Caucasus" at the Snite Museum of Art Monday.

In a 55-slide PowerPoint presentation, film clips and his 20 years of experience as a freelance journalist, Goltz relayed his knowledge on violence in a territory that is "heavily complex in terms of ethnicity and nationalism."

Much of the conflict in areas like Chechnya, Goltz said, is a result of "the concept of self-determination against the territorial integrity of the existing states."

As a war correspondent, Goltz traveled to a small town in Chechnya, placing himself at the heart of violence between Chechens and Russians at a time where there were no cell phones or audio radios.

"I could go deep and be out of contact for weeks at a time," he said.

Goltz shared the footage he filmed of the violence that ensured as the small Chechen farm town tried to preserve its independence from the encroaching Russian army.

"You had to get as close to the coal face as possible, even if that meant risking your life," he said. In addition to sharing knowledge about the post-Soviet Chechen conflict through his journalism work, Goltz also showed a PowerPoint presentation he uses at the University of Montana, where he works as a visiting scholar.

The presentation included a brief history of the Chechen region, photographs from Goltz's expeditions and clips for several books on the subject, including his own "Azerbaijan Diary," "Chechnya Diary" and "Georgia Diary."

He also showed photographs that depicted major events within the region.

Goltz, who at one time traveled as a one-man Shakespearean show through Africa, said he didn't start out with the intention of being a war correspondent but became one by default as "little conflicts between people began getting larger."


The Program in Russian and East European Studies featured the presentation as a gateway to increased cultural understanding.

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"Loyal Daughters' draws hundreds

Organizers pleased by turnout, performance

By KATLYNN RIEY
News Writer

"Loyal Daughters," a student-written play about sexuality and sexual violence on Notre Dame's campus, debuted Monday night to a packed audience in the Decio Theater of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

While play organizers are prohibited from fundraising or charging money for tickets, director Madison Liddy said the play still achieves its goal of promoting awareness, dialogue and then action — a goal that draws from the philosophy behind past performances of "The Vagina Monologues," but in a more campus-specific way.

After University President Father Jenkins praised "Loyal Daughters" as a "festival of entrepreneurship," the Student Union Board (SUB) gave the play its financial support.

Director Madison Liddy, seated, and writer Emily Welsbecker, standing, right, practice during a rehearsal Saturday in DPAC.

Professors, playwright discuss sexual assault

By AMANDA MICHAELS
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As a testament to the discussion-sparking ability of the student-controlled play, "Loyal Daughters," the panel discussion following its Monday night premiere had to be cut short in the interest of time — almost 90 minutes after the play ended.

The panel — modeled after the kind added to last year's performances of "The Vagina Monologues" — included anthropologist professor Cynthia Mahwood, philosophy professor Jim Sterba, Associate Director of the University Counseling Center Rita Donley, "Loyal Daughters" playwright Emily Welsbecker and history professor Gail Bederman.

SUB deals with leaks, glitches

Stepan problems plague Folds Show

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

As his song goes, Ben Folds' audience at his sold-out show Friday could have simply said "give me my money back" when multiple leaks sprung in the Stepan Center ceiling during the performance.

"Anybody who was at the concert could see there was [rain] water dripping constantly over the stage and all throughout the place," said Student Union Board (SUB) manager Patrick Vassell.

He said one of his main areas of concern was the leak located directly above the left side of the stage, where some sensitive sound equipment was located.

Vassell said SUB organizers used 10-foot pop-up tents and plastic bags to cover soundboards and computers that could not afford to get wet. "Constant mopping" took care of some of the puddles that formed backstage as the rain kept coming down throughout the night.

Rumors circulated after the concert that even Folds felt a few raindrops fall on his head.

"Yes, [Folds] might've gotten wet," Vassell said.

But that didn't stop the show going on.

"Folds and all of his people were very professional — and although they all had something to say about the leaks — they were very cooperative and helped us handle all the challenges that came up," Vassell said.

Such challenges also included the on-stage breakdown of a piano.

Steves offers advice, personal stories about travel abroad

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

For travel expert Rick Steves, a man who has "spent one-third of his adult life living out of a suitcase," getting people to "feel the pulse of Europe" is not a difficult task.

"Travel is such a beautiful opportunity," Steves told a packed auditorium in McKenna Hall Monday, when he gave his lecture "How to Travel Smart."

Steves spoke on "how to experience Europe through the back door," stressing that Americans traveling abroad will get the most out of the experience if they are unafraid to immerse themselves in local culture.

Too often, Steves said, tourists get caught up in the marketing efforts of the travel industry. "We [American travelers] are really victims of the promotional budget," he said. "When you travel, you want to experience that European love of life... get out of the economy and become part of the party."

In order to find that party, Steves said travelers need to "get off the beaten path." He said tour buses prevent travelers from seeing some of Europe's most beautiful and interesting places.

Steves said Cinque Terra — the five villages on the Italian's West Coast — are practically unchanged from 800 years ago. And with no tour bus access or upscale resorts, he said, visitors to the beautiful seaside villages will not have to deal with the "worst kind of travelers — those that need the five star hotels."

Steves lauded Eastern Europe as the "new frontier" and said it was "a festival of entrepreneur spirit."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Me and sports ... when did that happen?

Me, cheering my head off at a sports event? If you had put my name and sports in the same sentence three months ago, you would have been met with blank stares of confusion and peals of laughter.

In high school, I went to a grand total of four football games, three basketball games (Lawrence North Wildcats, Indiana state champs for the last three years) and a handful of other sporting events. When I was forced to attend these events, I went, sat down in the stands, ate my hot dog and went home. It just wasn't my thing.

All that changed the minute I walked into the Notre Dame Stadium before the Penn State game. For that fateful day, I have had every weekend completely consumed by Notre Dame football. I have adorned myself in beads, covered my face in tattoos of leprechauns, cheered until I lost my voice and allowed myself to be pushed up into the air 31 times. Notre Dame football, what else is there to say?

It has been the most awesome thing I have experienced. It is a four-hour roller coaster ride, sometimes ending in sadness, but mostly ending in complete excitement and, once, with a little dancing in Clarke Memorial Fountain. It has given me the most exciting and thrilling first semester of college that I could have ever hoped for.

It is not just football that I have completely fallen in love with, but sports in general. I have spent my afternoons at the soccer field, my Friday night in the JACC, cheering on the hockey team, and Monday nights supporting my roommate's awesome dodgeball team, Barbie and friends.

I have given my Sundays to standing out in the cold, rooting on the Morrissey Monarchs as they climbed their way to the head of the pack, and next Sunday you will see me at the Stadium cheering them on to victory in the men's Interball football championship.

As my friends look at pictures of me covered in beads and tattoos, wearing my Tradition shirt with pride, their faces filled with confusion, I only tell them one thing. "It is Notre Dame ... what can I say."

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CORRECTIONS

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OFFBEAT

Inmate allegedly urged to strip for pie

ADRIAN, Mich. — Two Lenawee County Jail officers have been fired after authorities say they urged an inmate to strip and run naked around his cell block in exchange for a piece of cherry pie. "We took decisive action," Sheriff Larry Richardson told The Daily Telegram.

Richardson said firing of the officers - two of the jail's best employees - was recommended by the county's labor attorney. Richardson said he learned of the incident in a letter from another inmate.

The sheriff's department said Sunday that the names of the officers weren't being released. Union officials have challenged the firings, saying the punishment was too severe. Union local president Deputy Michael Osborne said it's not normal procedure to fire such employees after a single incident.

Police nab suspect in air conditioner theft

HOUSTON — A burglary suspect tried something very uncool, trying to hide in an air conditioning unit at a Houston shopping center on Monday. At first, officers who responded to the burglary alarm couldn't find anyone. But, they later noticed the man atop the building and summoned a ladder truck.

Officer John Dickerson said the suspect was nabbed inside an air conditioning unit. Copper wire was stripped from several other industrial AC units in the complex. Charges are pending.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Spirit of the Observer

Spirit Week concludes with pep rally Friday

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (Bog) members discussed Hall Spirit Week and the College-hosted Notre Dame-Army pep rally at their meeting Monday.

Leilani Hall kicked off the Spirit Week yesterday morning with free donuts and juice in its main ball, Residence Hall Association president Amy Darlington said.

Events have been organized by each residence hall to celebrate Spirit Week. The week culminates with Friday’s pep rally, which the College is co-hosting with Notre Dame dorms Sorin, Breen-Phipps and Carroll.

“Student Activities Board has made tattoos for the pep rally which will be distributed in the dining hall on Thursday night,” Student Activities Board president Claudia Toth said.

Students are asked to meet in front of the Welcome Center at 4:30 p.m. to walk over to the pep rally Friday afternoon, Toth said.

The group also discussed the creation of “to-go mugs,” said Student Services commissioner Kelly Maus, who has been working with Sodexho, the College’s food service provider.

“The mugs have been ordered and they will be on sale [after Thanksgiving break].” Maus said.

“We ordered 500 of them and we hope to sell them for eight dollars each.”

The proceeds from the mug sales will benefit the Senior Board’s “12 Days of Christmas” event, which raises money to help local families buy Christmas presents and decorations during the holidays.

In other BOG news:

♦ The Student Diversity Board (SDB)-sponsored Hunger Banquet is taking place today on campus, SDB president Angeline Johnson said. Sodexho has pledged to donate the cost of dinner of each student participating to Heifer International, a hunger organization.

♦ SDB is hosting a semi-formal dance Friday featuring international music in the student center lounge, Johnson said. The cost for attending the dance is five dollars.

♦ 20 clubs will host “12 Days of Christmas” events after Thanksgiving break. Ticket booklets to attend these events are being sold in the student center atrium for five dollars through next week.

♦ A senior cooking class and wine tasting is planned for Nov. 28, senior class president Kathleen Kapti said. Reservations are required due to limited space.

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Resolution voting delayed

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

The Campus Life Council (CLC) voted Monday to rework a Student Senate-generated resolution that seeks to improve life for Notre Dame’s Native American students.

The resolution, written by the Senate Multicultural Affairs committee, passed unanimously by a Nov. 2 Senate meeting. But instead of voting on that resolution, CLC decided Monday to create an ad hoc committee to revise it.

Multicultural Affairs commit­tee chair Destinee DeLemos presented the resolution, which identifies ways to provide resources to the University’s Native American student popu­lation — about one percent of the student body.

The resolution:

♦ Calls for academic depart­ments to free seats for non­majors to take courses on the study of Native American histo­ry and culture.

♦ Recommends the College of Arts and Letters explore the creation of a contemporary Native American issues course.

♦ Suggests that University President Father John Jenkins consider appointing a faculty or staff member to serve as an official advisor to Native American students.

♦ Calls for University litera­ture and formal University adoption of the history of the University with “an overall sensitivity and respect” for Native Americans’ role in that history.

Welsh Family rector Candace Carson raised the concern that the proposals listed in the reso­lution — specifically those that call for changes in academic areas and the creation of an advisory position — are beyond the CLC’s scope and abilities.

Further consideration of the proposal, she said, is necessary in order to not raise issues raised by council members.

Student body vice president Bill Andrichik, who led the meeting in student body presi­dent Lizz Shimple’s absence, approved a proposal to allow DeLemos to serve on the ad hoc committee. Chief executive assistant Liz Brown, Knott Hall rector Brother Jerome Meyer and Dillon Hall rector Father Paul Doyle will join Carson and DeLemos on the committee.

Kellen Lewis, secretary of the Native American Student Association, joined DeLemos in speaking on behalf of the resolution.

Lewis said the appointment of an advisor to aid Native American students in their transition into college and their progression through the University would be a great service.

“[The Native American experi­ence] is unique because we are already working against the stigma at home that we should not be going to college,” Lewis said. A committee of young Native Americans to stay on the reservation, he said.

The lack of a special advisor and other resources for Native Americans is “discouraging,” Lewis said.

“I know a lot of us sometimes feel as though we should have gone to Stanford or Harvard or Dartmouth, where our group is more taken care of,” he said.

Since the resolution was passed by the Senate, it will still proceed in the College of Arts and Letters, and will not be sent to Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman until the CLC approves it, Andrichik said.

In other CLC news:

♦ Brown, Student Voice and Input task force chair, said she met with Director of Residence Life and Housing Jeffrey Shoep about the creation of a tenta­tively titled “du Lac for Dummies.” ResLife will work with her committee to create a pamphlet to make students aware of the major points of du Lac and may also create a Web site with the same infor­mation, Brown said.

♦ Hall Presidents Council co­chair Katie Cordelli, chair of the ad hoc Student Safety task force, said her committee is exploring the possibility of inserting three to five pages of information about safety into Contemporary Topics textbooks for freshmen.

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Almost 40 members of the play's initial audience, cast and crew were present to hear the discussion and add their own questions to the mix.

"For years people have been saying it's time to tell the truth about sexual assault and other sexual issues," said Bederman, who also performed in the play.

"It's the Vagina Monologues" would look like if Notre Dame students spoke." Mahmood, the first panelist to speak, aimed to put sexual assault at Notre Dame in perspective with the greater global issues of conflict and violence.

"I wanted to salute the brave and honest students who put together a play that was enlightening, entertaining and disturbing for all of us," Mahmood said. "Looking at its comments about American culture—a violent and conflict and violence.

"stage real stories of "things many said, was its unflinching presenta­ tion the greater global issues of con­ flict and violence."

She expressed her own experience with "the culture of silence" at Notre Dame, which occurred after last year's Edith Stein conference, when she dis­ covered her own gang rape and pro­ tect others didn't know that rape was imminent. Mahmood had been raped, but had just told about a horrific episode in her life.

Mahmood said, "I didn't know how to interpret the silence. BMU had no idea what to say? Were they ashamed?"

She pinpointed this silence about sexuality as the starting point for the University's work on the issue.

Sterba took a different approach to the problem, offering, as a "practical philosopher," some­ thing practical that could make things better for women and men" at Notre Dame.

"I Didn't report my non-stranger rape right away because of the lack of access to power, and a sense of a lack of access to power," Mahmood said. "As the writer behind "Loyal Daughters," she was surprised by the level of sexuality involved, but by the level of drinking."

"I was here for several questions about rape statistics and what the trends over the last several decades have looked like.

"Bederman said while she thought rape had always occurred on college campuses, she felt it happens far more often now than it did when she was in school because of a different "alcohol culture ... and sexual culture."

Sterba said date rape is one of the most unreported crimes, difficult to prosecute because of set­ up of the legal system.

"It really is one person's word against another," Weidmacher said. "Unless you have a handful of steamy sperm, Irael can be pretty hard to prove."

"And the frequent involvement of alcohol in sexual assault cases," Sterba said, makes already blurry line even grayer.

"Many times, because the woman or man is drunk, there's no witnesses, no\ they're consenting," he said. "But think about it this way: if you had signed a contract to share your house while you were drunk, it would be declared legally void. So why would you be able to get sexual consent from an inebriated person?"

Mahmood said when she read "Loyal Daughters," she was surprised not by the level of sexuality involved, but by the level of drinking.

"I guess I thought there'd be more drugs and less drinking," she said.

When asked whether Notre Dame and its panel-identified culture of "silence" is "particularly worse" than other universities, Bederman said while drinking and rape are not unique to Notre Dame, other schools have more room to work with when laying out sexual assault policies.

"Other schools, they say, 'This is sexual harassment, these are the rules. If you're going to have sex, wear a condom. If you're going to hit on someone, make sure they're all right with it,' " she said. "But I've heard people leaving Notre Dame and getting into trouble for sexual harassment in the 'real world,' because there are lines we just can't draw here."

Two more discussions — with new sets of panelists — will follow tonight's and Wednesday's per­ formances of "Loyal Daughters."

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2006

Rick Steves
Public Lecture: "The Value of America Embracing the World" with Introduction by Fr. John Jenkins, CSC
4:30pm; Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business

Taste of Asia Dinner
Graduate Student International Dinner, hosted by Fischer-O'Hara-Grace Graduate Residence Halls
7pm; FOG Community Center

Indian Student Association's "India Bazaar!"
Learn more about the culture and traditions of Southeast Asia through displays, Mendhi, food, and more.
6pm; LaFortune Ballroom

ALL WEEK LONG: International foods served in the Dining Halls.
FAIRLY-TRADED GIFTS EVENT, featuring handcrafts from developing countries produced for Ten Thousand Villages
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Congo police arrest street children

INSHASA, Congo — Scores of homeless children and others living on the streets of Congo's capital have been rounded up and of the weekend fighting.

Governer of the Congolese capital said gunners of President Joseph Kabila and Vice President Jean-Pierre Bemba, the contenders in a presidential runoff late last month. The governor of the Congolese capital said gun and mortar fire killed three civilians and a soldier in front of Bemba's house — the scene of the weekend fighting.

U.N. gives $22 million to Darfur

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — The United Nations has pledged $22 million in personnel and equipment to help the overwhelmed African Union force in Darfur as Sudan blocks the world body from sending its own peacekeepers to the war-torn region, a top U.N. official said Monday.

President Bush, a partner in the DC-based law firm McDermott Will & Emery, a firm that handles political work, said he spoke with Sunny Minn over the weekend.

WASHINGTON — Former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani begins presidential bid

Former New York City mayor creates fundraising panel for 2008 election

Giuliani, the last Republican best known for his stewardship of the city, has settled into a presidential role, and his campaign, has taken outside the capital for "social training." Violence erupted Saturday between supporters of Joseph Kabila and various groups.

WASHINGTON — Former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani begins a presidential campaign bid Tuesday; November 14, 2006

Giuliani speaks during an election day campaign rally in Hackensack, N.J. last Tuesday, Giuliani has taken the first step in a 2008 presidential bid, GOP officials said.

Giuliani has tried to sidestep those differences and offered strong praise for Bush at the 2004 GOP convention in New York.

"It doesn't matter what the media does to ridicule him or misinterpret him or defeat him. They ridiculed Winston Churchill. They belittled Ronald Reagan. But like President Bush, they were optimists. Leaders need to be optimists. Their vision is beyond the present, and it's set on a future of real peace and security," Giuliani said.

Some call it stubbornness. I call it principled leadership," Giuliani began.

In 2006, the Giuliani brand remained strong.

He headlined fundraisers for Republican candidates nationwide and his travel has done little to deny 2008 ambitions. During a visit earlier this month to Columbia, S.C., Giuliani dodged the question: "There's a chance, but that's after this election is over."

He then left South Carolina for New Hampshire, site of the nation's first primary and another GOP fundraiser. Giuliani enjoys strong same recognition and roughly the same level of support as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and McCain in early polling. Rice has insisted that she will not run.

WASHINGTON — In a move to move more quickly to hand security affairs over to his army, claiming it could crush violence in the country within six months. On Monday, Al-Maliki asked the prime minister to give a detailed explanation of how he would do that. The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, recently said it would take 12 to 18 months before Iraqi security forces were ready to control the whole country with some U.S. backup.

U.S., Iraq discuss Syria and Iran

BAGHDAD — The U.S. Central Command has confronted Iraq's prime minister on Monday over how Iraqi forces would halt raging violence and signaled it will hold off on shifts in American policy on engaging Iran and Syria.

The meeting came as sectarian attacks killed at least 90 people throughout the country and 46 of the victims showing signs of torture. The U.S. military announced the deaths of four additional American soldiers.

Gen. John Abizaid, commander of all U.S. forces in the Middle East, sternly warned Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki that he must disarm Shiite militias and give the United States proof that they were disarmed, according to senior Iraqi government officials with knowledge of what the two men discussed.

One of the militias, the Mahdi Army, is loyal to anti-American cleric Moqtada al-Sadr. On Monday night, Iraqi forces raided the homes of al-Sadr's followers and U.S. jets fired rockets on their northwest Baghdad neighborhood of Shula, residents said.

Police said five residents were killed, though a senior al-Sadr aide put the death toll at nine. The U.S. military said it had no comment.

In their meeting, Abizaid also asked the Iraqi leader to give the U.S. military a firm timetable for when Iraq's security forces could take full control of the country, the officials said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the talks. Al-Maliki has been pressuring the U.S. to move more quickly to hand security affairs over to his army, claiming it could crush violence in the country within six months. On Monday, Al-Maliki asked the prime minister to give a detailed explanation of how he would do that. The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. George Casey, recently said it would take 12 to 18 months before Iraqi security forces were ready to control the whole country with some U.S. backup.
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John Jenkins questioned the place of the "Monologues" Notre Dame last fall, calling it "an exercise in boredom" and "a waste of time." The play was one of the ways that emerged from the discussion.

"That’s three hundred and something people that got to see something that is som e thing that can’t be measured," Jenkins said. "It’s a way of reaching them, that’s not the kind of thing that can’t be touched by any other play, because it’s something that is reaching the students and students around them, so the big deal is to create an atmosphere of openness."

"Loyal Daughters" emerged from the play and is a new six-member senior Emily Weilbacher conducted with Notre Dame students, faculty and staff members about the presence of sexual assault and sexual violence on Notre Dame’s campus. These interviews resulted in 24 sketches that touch on topics ranging from alcohol to the drinking at the Stepan Center — which is "perfect for the Notre Dame culture." More than 20 cast members stood on the stage and around the theater wearing black tape over their mouths as, one by one, they removed their tape and told an audience about sexual violence that they were indirectly, or directly, involved in.

Way said the scene that struck her most was "Touchdown Jesus," in which a student is sexually assaulted by a football player in the library. Way called the skit "graphic" and "intense," adding that the show addresses important issues and should be staged. The production has "an agenda of personal and societal change for Notre Dame’s community."

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"I have learned so much from visiting Turkey, a moderate Islamic nation, and meeting the people there," he said.

While Steves encouraged his audience to travel, he also recognized that not all students can travel, especially those who are financially disadvantaged, and he acknowledged that the show addresses important issues and should be staged. The production has "an agenda of personal and societal change for Notre Dame’s community." The statement summarized the programs and activities Notre Dame offers to prevent sexual violence. It also included the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee, the "Fearless" email and phone line, and the "Fearless" website.

"In Europe there are two kinds of travelers — those who travel light and those who wish they traveled lighter," he said.

"If you were to pack for the best situation," he continued, "the best time to see the destination is in the early morning or in the evening — when all the tourists have been loaded.

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The aggressive stance is a sharp turnaround from the past few years. "There were days during the last six years when we were in a defensive crouch protecting 60 years of workplace advances," Samuel said. Organized labor clearly expects the Democratic Congress to help pass pro-worker legislation after an unprecedented get-out-the-vote effort. Organized labor spent an unprecedented amount of money for midterm elections on its get-out-the-vote effort—$40 million by the AFL-CIO alone—with 187,000 union volunteers in the AFL-CIO program knocking on more than 3 million doors in the final four days. Labor did more microtargeting of voters, but the most effective technique was still worker-to-worker contact. After a union split in 2005 that some projected would cripple the labor movement, the seven breakaway unions in the Change to Win federation also put together an ambitious election program, some of it coordinated with the AFL-CIO. The aggressive political effort came at a time that organized labor has been shrinking. When the AFL-CIO merged in the 1950s, one of every three private-sector workers belonged to a labor union. Now, only about 8 percent of private-sector workers are unionized.

Republican fundraiser convicted

Associated Press

TOLEDO, Ohio — A former GOP fundraiser was convicted Monday of embezzling from a rare-coin investment fund and pleaded guilty to 12 of 14 counts of bank fraud, identity theft and money laundering.

Tom Noe, a coin dealer and former Republican fundraiser, was convicted of 29 of 41 counts of larceny, including theft, corrupt activity, money laundering, forgery and tampering with records.

The corrupt activity charge was the most serious, carrying a mandatory 10-year prison sentence.

The scandal surrounding the investment became a political liability for the GOP in Tuesday's election. Voters elected the Democrat in the governor's office, a U.S. Senate seat and three of four other statewide offices after 12 years of Republican rule.

Noe stood still and stared straight ahead when the verdicts were announced. He nodded when the judge said he would be taken into custody. He did not look at jurors while the judge asked them to confirm their verdicts.

After Noe was taken from the courtroom, he kissed his wife, Bernadette, and their three children huddled together and hugged in a front row.

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation gave Noe $25 million in 1998, followed by another $25 million in 2001 to invest in rare coins. Noe, 52, was accused of using some of the money to pay off business loans and finance a lavish lifestyle. Prosecutors did not say whether he used the money to make campaign contributions to Republicans, including President Bush.

Defense attorneys declined to comment after Monday's verdict. During the trial, they insisted Noe had permission over seven years. Separately, Noe pleaded guilty to fun­neling $45,000 to Bush's re-election campaign and was sentenced in September to two years and three months in federal prison.
While they were hardly the focus of the nation’s attention last Tuesday, there was no shortage of noteworthy and interesting ballot measures in the 2006 midterm elections. Tellingly, six states, including Ohio and Colorado, voted to increase the local minimum wage above the Federal rate. My home state of Michigan banned the use of affirmative action. (For the record, I voted against it.)

And in Arizona, for the first time, English was declared the official language of the state.

Arizona is by no means the first state to declare English as its official language, which is why the measure received only passing media attention. In total, 27 states now have some form of law which makes English their official language, most of which were passed within the last quarter century. However, it is worth noting that there are three states, Louisiana (French), Hawaii (Hawaiian), and New Mexico (Spanish) which are officially bilingual. Nevertheless, Arizona is still significant, if only because, along with Texas, it was one of the two remaining states on the US-Mexican border without an official language.

I am a linguistic descriptionist insofar as I see fluidity as the primary strength of a language, as opposed to the prescriptive viewpoint, which holds that languages should follow formal rules. This is largely because I take the view that an individual’s first language forms a unique psychological (and perhaps even spiritual) component of his or her identity. The role of the original language within the psyche can never be duplicated. Irreversibly, our first language defines the limits of our thoughts, has a significant role in delineating the self, and provides a foundational component for our artistic and musical sensibilities.

In short, a native language is both vital and profoundly personal. As a consequence of this view, I hold very strong opinions on language in general. I consider the destruction of a language to be an act of genocide, and I am not alone in this definition. I strongly oppose (and indeed find insulting) the use of Latin as a core component of the Catholic Mass. I see linguistic purity as a form of stagnation. And, for a very long time I strongly opposed the establishment of English as the nation’s official language.

At least, that is what I believed until this past summer, when pragmatism forced me to reverse my ideas. America, on the whole, is not the best place to develop opinions about an official language, because the nation does not have many strong cultural isolationist groups. Certainly such groups exist (the German speaking Amish are an excellent example), but they have never comprised a significant percentage of the nation, nor have they exerted any major influences on our political or social landscape.

However, in Europe this is not the case. In recent decades the European continent has seen an enormous influx of Muslim immigrants, many of whom have brought with them a strong isolationist attitude that seeks separation between Muslims and non-Muslims. During the spring of 2006, Paris was burning in a series of labor riots. Obviously they were caused by angry youths who were unhappy with legislation that made it easier to terminate employment. Although the majority of unemployed youth in France are Muslim, they cannot be overgeneralized.

Part of the unemployment rate is the result of the French government not having stronger affirmative action policies, but part of it is also a result of the isolationist culture that that the Muslim youth inherited. The immigrants and their children, partly because of linguistic isolation, found it nearly impossible to integrate with the urban and secular society of France. Labor laws were only one spark in a major culture war.

Language is a core component of cultural assimilation, and the separation of language is essential to maintaining an isolationist subculture. America has always been lucky, in that it has largely had to assimilate people who already wanted to become part of its culture, and who had no qualms about reconsidering their beliefs in an American light. However, France made me realize that this is something that can be relied upon. If America should find itself needing to integrate a major group that resists this incorporation, then it is unlikely that this will succeed without a unified linguistic front. Then we will have our own version of Europe’s morass.

Without a common linguistic heritage there can be no socio-political unity, and we will eventually find ourselves unable to agree on the basic tenants of our culture: the equality of persons, the value of science, political skepticism and genuine liberty. By the time I was in junior high the term “melting pot” was no longer politically correct. However, it is time that the melting pot returns. Language is precious in a secular society, and it must be protected, but so is unity, and having an official national language is a reasonable compromise to help ensure that unity.

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The emerging problem is the "demographic wave" in Europe, Japan, Russia and some other nations. A fertility rate of 2.1 is needed for a population to replenish itself. The rate for the 25 nations of the European Union is increasing, with a rate of 1.94, second only to the United States. Joseph DeAngelo, director of the Population Research Institute, "By 2050 it will be two to one. And those retirees will be much less in number."

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And while GM and other companies around the nation are hyping the benefits of E85, are we scratching our heads and wondering "why?" Why would we pay for a gasoline alternative that costs more, offers less efficiency and is not as readily available?

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The reason availability and cost are issues is due to the transport methods available to move this new fuel. To date, most of the world to carry E85, even though nations such as Brazil and Sweden have been using ethanol as a fuel for more than 15 years.

Because of its corrosive nature in high pressure pipes, infrastructure used for the moving of gasoline cannot be used to do the same for E85. It must be transported by rail and truck anywhere it is offered. In the United States, seven miles of E85 to France, is about 104 million in 2050. The United Nations Population Division estimates that the population of all nations will remain stable at 1.2 billion through 2050 while the population of all other nations will triple to 7.8 billion.

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Students face sexuality in ‘Loyal Daughters’

Performance discusses sexual violence, confronts campus issues

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Developed out of the controversy stirred by the annual productions of the "The Vagina Monologues," "Loyal Daughters" attempts to explore the varied experiences of individuals at Notre Dame, covering such topics as sexual assault, body image, alcohol use and University policies. Although covering many of the same general topics, "Loyal Daughters" stands out from Eve Ensler's "Monologues," given its primary purpose as a direct response to and reflection of student life at Notre Dame.

Written and produced by senior Emily Weisbecker, the script for "Loyal Daughters" was created by piecing together more than 50 interviews that Weisbecker conducted with students, faculty and staff in the Notre Dame community. Stylized after "The Vagina Monologues," "Loyal Daughters" follows the same monologue pattern, bringing 25 individual stories together to create a cohesive whole. Some of the pieces are designed with multiple actors interacting with each other, whereas others more strictly follow the monologue design with a single actor speaking out to the unseen audience.

Deftly and aptly directed by senior Madison Liddy, the mood of "Loyal Daughters" frequently shifts between funny and serious. Emphasizing the desire for the focus to remain on the stories themselves, the costumes and props are kept to only the minimal necessities — frequently only a couch or a chair. The lighting design, created by senior Ryan Retarba, subtly adds to this focus and sets the mood of each story being told. Further adding to the mood are the well-chosen music selections that play during the downtime between each of the sets, serving both to help reflect on the last piece as well as to prepare for the story to follow.

The intimate setting of the Decio main stage allows for the audience to feel a very close connection with the actors. With its small balcony and relatively small amount of floor-level seating, it provides a well-formulated venue through which the actors are successfully able to interpret their varied and emotionally taxing roles for a welcome crowd.

The house lights are frequently left on during the production, often brightly enough that it is easy to forget that the actors are separate on the stage. This further blurs the distinction between audience and actor, causing many of the scenes to feel more like close conversations between friends. This lack of separation helps in creating the intensity of emotion that is pervasive throughout all of "Loyal Daughters."

While some of the individual segments are funny and others are serious, there is no denying that each is thought-provoking. "Loyal Daughters" seamlessly transitions between the humorous stories of a virgin at her bachelorette party to heart-wrenching stories of after-party rapes, to the hilarious song "Saved by Parietals" — a Notre Dame spin-off on the "Saved by the Bell" theme. One of the hardest pieces to watch is "Loyal Children," a segment in which each actor delivers a single line summarizing the experience of sexual assault by an individual at Notre Dame.

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"Loyal Daughters" gains its strength from the nature of the stories themselves, as they deal with sensitive subjects and real people. The strength of the multiple-person cast across the board is a credit to the directors of the show.

With its performance strength, creative use of stark staging and overall emotional power, "Loyal Daughters" may prove to be an annual staple of theater and commentary on the Notre Dame campus.

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NBA

LeBron James’ 29 points, Damon Jones’ seven 3-pointers help the Cavaliers win their third consecutive game

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. —
Lake Ronkonkoma had the high point-and-roll working to perfection and there was nothing the New Orleans Nets could do to stop him.

Ronkonkoma scored a career-high 32 points and Seattle opened a 28-point, first-half lead and then held off a late New Jersey Nets rally in posting a 119-113 victory on Monday night, giving the road-wearied SuperSonics their third straight win.

“I kept calling pick and rolls for him and he just kept getting in the paint and hitting those floaters,” Seattle coach Bob Hill said. “That in-between game is so important to him and he put on a clinic. He had good rhythm and they can’t guard him. Their guards are big. He got inside, he got angles and he got fouls.

Not only did Ronkonkoma score on 11-of-18 shooting from the field, but he also opened shots for Rashard Lewis and Ray Allen on the wings and made space on the inside for Chris Wilcox as the SuperSonics finished a five-game road trip.

Lewis added 27 points, and Alton and Wilcox had 22 apiece for the SuperSonics who saw the Nets get within five points in the final 1:39 before Ronkonkoma sealed the game with four free throws.

“It’s fun,” Ronkonkoma said of the pick and roll that sets up his little rainbow runners. “It lets you attack and make plays. It felt good to get into a rhythm. I’m just trying to get better and better. I’m just trying to read pick and roll differently. I’m trying to get different looks out of it. It’s felt good so far.”

The Nets, who got a season-high 38 points from Vince Carter and 21 from Novak Kosanovic, certainly had no answers for Ronkonkoma on Monday.

“He dictated the tempo,” said Nets guard Jason Kidd, who had 20 points, 12 assists and six rebounds. “He controlled the game. He made shots. He opened things. The Nets, who came into the fourth quarter behind 96-80, whittled the lead to eight points in the opening three-plus minutes and they had it down to 113-108 when Kidd hit two free throws with 1:39 to play.

Cleveland 102, New York 96

LeBron James took over down the stretch, just as he always does, when the Nets needed all the hard work until he was ready.

James and Jones took turns carrying Cleveland and scored a season-high 29 points apiece, leading the Cavaliers over the New York Knicks Monday night for their third straight victory.

James kept Cleveland in the game in the first half with 24 points, and made seven three-pointers in what was easily his best game of the season. James scored 19 in the second half and set up baskets by Dontaye Marshall and Anderson Varejao in the fourth quarter both after New York had closed within two points.

“I had a good first half and hopefully it opened up some avenues for Lebron in the second half,” James told. “He did his thing down the stretch, as usual.”

Rashard Lewis scored 19 points and nearly led the Knicks back from a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit, but New York fell to 0-1 in Madison Square Garden this season. Jamal Crawford had 18 and Channing Frye added 17, ending his huerrendous start to the season.

The Nets ended up outscoring the first half, but Cleveland stayed close behind. J.J. Hickson had 7 of 17 minutes through two quarters. His three free throws gave Cleveland its first lead at 39-38 with 3:18 remaining, and he followed with a 3-pointer for four-point advantage. He was 6-of-7 behind the arc at halftime, helping the Cavs build a 51-47 lead.

“Damon was phenomenal when we were struggling to put the ball in the hole,” Cleveland coach Mike Brown said. “He gave us a chance to win the halfgame, shooting the way he did in the first.”

Jones hadn’t been a factor at all this season — his 29 points were two more than he had scored in the first six games. But he has 7-of-10 behind the arc, capitalizing on the open room the Knicks left him while they were focusing on James.

“It’s tough, because he can shoot so well,” Robinson said. “He shoots the ball really good and that’s all he does, is shoot, shoot, shoot. We’re trying to help out with Lebron, we can’t lose guys like that. We can’t help as much with him on the floor.”

Cleveland guard Lebron James, left, drives past New York guard Quentin Richardson Monday in New York.

Orlando 92, Boston 89

Orlando Magic coach Brian Hill didn’t panic when his young team found itself trailing for the first time in the game late in the fourth quarter.

Instead of calling a timeout, he let the Magic play through their struggles.

Hill’s confidence was rewarded when Grant Hill scored two of his 18 points on a go-ahead layup with 1:30 remaining to lift the Magic to a win over the Boston Celtics on Monday night.

“You just have to keep your composure, stay calm and do what’s necessary,” Grant Hill said. “Teams are going to have runs, and they did. But we did all those things, we kept our composure and got the win.”

Jameer Nelson scored 24 points and Dwight Howard added 17 points and 15 rebounds to help the Magic win their fourth game in five tries after starting the season 1-2.

After the Magic blew an 11-point third-quarter lead and an eight-point fourth-quarter lead, Hill’s layup made the score 85-84 and gave Orlando the advantage for good.

Following a belated Wests meet, Trevor Ariza made one free throw and Nelson scored a layup to make it a two-possession game.

Nelson then followed Paul Pierce’s basket with a 22-footer with 12 seconds remaining to seal the game. Nelson also had seven assists and five rebounds.

“This is one of the games that when you look at the first 10 games, you look at and say, ‘This is a game we should have won.’” Boston coach Doc Rivers said. “We stopped scoring. We stopped moving the ball. So that hurt us.”

Orlando improved to 3-1 in games decided by five points or less. It also was going 10-14 in contests last year. The Magic also won their second consecutive road game after going just 10-31 on the road last year.

Simply put, this was the type of game the Magic struggled with last year.

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Tampa Bay wide receiver Hilliard scores a first quarter touchdown between Carolina defenders Chris Draft and Thomas Davis. The Buccaneers ended up losing the NFC South clash Monday night 24-10.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Back to school: Davis to take head job at UNC

Former Miami coach will attempt to turn Tar Heels around

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Former NFL coach Butch Davis will return to the sidelines as coach at North Carolina, which is 1-9 and hasn’t beaten a Division I-A team this season.

He will replace the fired John Bunting, the school said Monday. The hiring had been widely expected the past week after Davis’ name rose to the top of the list of candidates.

Davis, who will turn 55 on Friday, brings a reputation for orchestrating turnarounds — which is just what the struggling Tar Heels need. North Carolina ranks among the worst offenses and defenses in the country.

“Butch Davis became our first choice early in the process, although we did not know of his interest in us,” athletic director Dick Baddour said. “We were excited to learn of his interest in Carolina and our football program and proceeded from that point. He’s a first-class individual who is committed to preparing his student-athletes for success in all aspects of their lives.”

Davis coached the Miami Hurricanes from 1995-2000, compiling a 51-20 record before leaving for the NFL’s Cleveland Browns and leaving behind the players with whom Larry Coker won the national title in 2001.

He went 24-35 with the Browns before resigning in 2004 and has worked the past two seasons in broadcasting.

School officials said Davis agreed in principle last week to take the job. Terms were unavailable and the contract will be released once the school’s trustees approve it.

Baddour said none of the key figures involved in the hiring would be available for additional comment until Davis is formally introduced as coach on Nov. 27, two days after the Tar Heels play Duke in their season finale.

“The timing of my decision to consider coaching opportunities, and the opening at UNC, seemed to intersect perfectly,” Davis said. “Dick Baddour made my introduction to Carolina happen in a well-planned, well-organized manner and did an outstanding job of presenting the virtues of UNC — its people, its strong commitment to both academics and athletics, as well as the exciting, active part it plays in the community. Obviously, he succeeded.”

The announcement came 22 days after Bunting was fired following an embarrassing shutout loss at Virginia.

Almost immediately, speculation centered on Davis, and so did the school’s search. Davis spoke of his desire to return to coaching, but didn’t specify which jobs interested him last week. Media reports linked Davis to the North Carolina opening.

“I am very impressed with Butch Davis’ record as both an outstanding coach and strong advocate of academic performance,” university chancellor James Moeser said. “My own personal interaction with Butch, supported by all of my conversations with faculty and administrators who have known him over the years, confirmed the view that he has the values and commitments we care about most at Carolina.”

Davis is the third football coach hired by Baddour in the past decade. Baddour promoted Carl Torbush when Mark Brown left for Texas in 1997, then fired Torbush and hired Bunting in 2000.

Bunting is 25-45 in his sixth season as the coach at his alma mater, and hasn’t had a winning season since his first team went 8-5 in 2001 and beat Auburn in the Peach Bowl. Bunting is owed $286,200 a year through the 2009 season.

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Carr looks to end skid against Tressel

Embattled Michigan coach can silence his critics this Saturday

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Lloyd Carr has quieted most of the criticism about his coaching this year, leading Michigan to an 11-0 record and its best season since he won the 1997 national title.

Carr can silence his remaining critics — perhaps one last time — if he can help the second-ranked Wolverines beat No. 1 Ohio State on the road Saturday and earn a spot in the national championship game.

If Michigan loses, his record against Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel will drop to 1-5 and to 6-6 overall in one of the most storied rivalries in sports.

Carr has never been one to defend his mark against Tressel or anyone, but his mentor came to his defense when the topic arose Monday: "That's hogwash," former Michigan coach Bo Schembechler said. "Go back through the history of the Michigan-Ohio State series ... one would win two, three in a row. That's just the way it is."

"I think we should go back and look at Lloyd's record. I don't care whether he beats Tressel or not."

Carr is 113-34 overall — winning 77 percent of his games to rank among active coaching leaders — and 75-20 in the Big Ten with five conference championships in 12 seasons as head coach. Against Top-10 teams, he is 16-6 and has won eight of 10 against teams in the top five.

But at Michigan and Ohio State, how you fare in the rivalry is what really matters.

Just ask John Cooper. Cooper won 72 percent of his games with the Buckeyes, but was 2-10-1 against the Wolverines — including a 1-5 mark against Carr.

When Tressel was hired in 2001, he didn’t waste any time letting fans understand what his focus was. Four hours after being formally announced as Cooper’s successor, Tressel sent the crowd at a Michigan-Ohio State basketball game into a frenzy.

"I can assure you that you’ll be proud of our young people in the classroom, in the community — and especially in 310 days in Ann Arbor, Mich.,” Tressel said on Jan. 18, 2001.

Tressel was right.

The Buckeyes beat Michigan 26-20 on the road in his debut season. After losing to Michigan in 2003, Tressel has led the Buckeyes to two straight wins and has a chance to lead them to three straight wins in the series for the first time since the early 1960s.

Tressel agreed that coaches in the rivalry are given too much credit — and criticism.

"Not unlike the quarterback sometimes gets blamed for things and maybe there wasn’t good protection or a ball was dropped here or there, and the same as with a coach," he said.

Beat you at Poker?

Ludwig Wittgenstein

Could this man

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shot we wanted.

Notre Dame had its chances to take the lead in the final minute before Carter's shot. Sophomore Kyle McAlarney missed a layup with 1:04 remaining, and while freshman Luke Harangody grabbed the offensive rebound, he couldn't convert on the put back.

Green secured the rebound, and on the ensuing possession junior Bodah needed to travel for a violation with 28 seconds remaining — ultimately setting up the final Notre Dame possession.

"We are a team of eight freshman and sophomores," Irish coach Mike Brey said after the game. "We were a fragile team if it is safe to say. This was a tough atmosphere coming to Indianapolis, playing Butler. It was definitely a road game."

The Irish trailed 31-27 at the break and came out firing in the second half. The second half Notre Dame went on a quick 10-run to make a six-point lead

offensively by guard Colin Falls, who had five points in that stretch.

Falls finished with 17 points on 5-of-11 shooting, including nine of Notre Dame's final 15 points. But following a McAlarney 3-pointer that made the score 27-31, guard Mike Green (19 points, 12 assists) answered back with five quick points. The two teams traded baskets for the remainder of the second half — until Green's eventual game-winning three.

"I was just trying to get an open spot," Graves said. "Just try to play the role I am playing. The game was tough; defensive was tough. It was a fight to get open."

Carrier provided an offensive spark for the Irish — particularly in the second half during Notre Dame's comeback — finishing with 16 points on 6-of-13 shooting and five rebounds.

On the other side, he hit a three-pointer, forced a steal on Butler's ensuing possession and then finished on the other end with a dunk.

Harangody had his fourth consecutive productive game — including Notre Dame's two post-season contests — finishing with 17 points on 7-of-13 shooting and

rebounds. "Luke [Harangody] was like a man out there," Brey said. "He made his free throws and he was just tough all around."

McAlarney finished with eight points on 3-of-7 shooting and four assists. Forward Rob Kuz sent added seven points, six rebounds and six assists in 34 minutes.

This was the first time all season Notre Dame was tested in a close game. In the team's two exhibition games, the Irish easily handled their opponents with a 79-44 win against Rockhurst and an 85-57 victory over Bellarmine. In its regular season opener, Notre Dame controlled IUPW from the beginning, scoring 55 first half points and winning 92-49.

"We are going to use this game as a learning opportunity," Brey said.

Notre Dame will play Lafayette in the consolation game of the four-team tournament that includes Indiana tonight in Indianapolis. The Hoosiers easily handled the Lions 91-66 Monday night.

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FOOTBALL

Quinn named finalist for Camp

By MIKE GILLOON
Sport Writer

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn was named one of two finalists to win the best player award of the Walter Camp award. Given annually to the national player of the year by the Walter Camp Football Foundation, this is the second consecutive season Quinn has been selected as a finalist for the award. The winner will be announced on Dec. 7 during ESPN's 6 p.m. airing of "SportsCenter."

Quinn has 29 touchdown passes and four interceptions this season while throwing for 2,786 yards. Quinn and Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith are the only two seniors named finalists, with Quinn, three juniors and five sophomores rounding out the group.

The juniors are Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan, Michigan running back Michael Hart and Georgia Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson. Boise State running back Ian Johnson, Ohio State line backer James Laurinaitis, Arkansas running back Darren McFadden, Rutgers running back Day Rice and West Virginia running back Steve Stiviak make up the unusually large group of sophomore nominees.

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For most of the game, Gaines was the star of the Notre Dame unit. When the Irish trailed—which they did from 4:25 into the game until a Crystal Erwin free throw made it 68-68 with just under six minutes to play in regulation—it was Gaines who kept the Irish from falling hopelessly behind. Despite being the smallest player on the court, Gaines continually came up with plays to keep Notre Dame's hopes alive. When the Irish trailed 27-14 with 6:26 to play in the first half, it was Gaines who led the Falcons with 11 points. She shot a perfect 4-4 from the free throw line, and when Gaines— who was 9-of-11 from the line—missed her second free throw, Barlow stepped up and nailed both of her free throws on the ensuing Irish possession to give Notre Dame a secure four-point lead going into Gaines' missed free throw attempt thanks to its defense.

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In the five minute overtime period, Barlow pulled down three big rebounds and scored six of Notre Dame's seven points.

"I really expected that Ashley would be that kind of player down the stretch," she said. "I was really confident in our guards, and I thought they played really well." How's that for an understatement.

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But the Falcons' best effort, she could not seal the victory at the free throw line, missing a foul shot with only seven seconds to play to keep the Notre Dame lead narrow at 78-75.

"In frustrating, but you have to get back in the game," Gaines said. "The game wasn't over so you have to let that go."

Bowling Green center Kate Achter took the inbounds down the floor and dashed the ball to center Liz Honegger, who nailed the 3-pointer at the buzzer to send the ball into overtime.

"That might be one of the best offensive teams we've seen in a long time," McGraw said. "They're smart and experienced veteran players and when they hit that three at the end of regulation, you know they would have a good play because they're a well-coached team."

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"Overall, McGraw said she was pleased with her team's performance down the stretch against Bowling Green. "They had so many tough matchups for us, and the fact is that we gave up a lot of points but we were able to control the offense," she said. "I thought it was great to look out there and see all those young players and know that we're getting a lot of experience this early in the season."

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1. Best Maker, informally
2. Basketball position
11. Opening word usually skipped in alphabetizing
14. Interstate
16. Squeal (on)
17. Former Portuguese territory in China
22. 34. Get outta here!
24. George Burns
23. Outdoor scene
21. The Cardinals
13. Actor Hawke
12. Must
11. Singer Lopez
10. Two-letter word
9. Did a marathon
8. Pie mode
6. Res (deeds)
5. Prairie grass
1. Start of the day

DOWN

1. Well, let me see...
2. Wrangler's to remove?
3. Like some stocks, briefly
4. Honeyed drink
5. Prairie grass
6. Res (deeds)
7. Release to float, as a currency price
8. Pie mode
9. Make a marathon
10. Two-letter combination
11. Singer Lopez
12. Must
13. Actor Hawke
14. Tennis official's call
27. Home movie
28. Boar's mate
29. Bad economic situation
30. U.S. norfed
31. Stop for a second
32. Jibe
33. "Oh yeah?"
34. For what...

WILL SHORTZ

26. Armpit hair
28. Belgian city in
30. Inflammable
32. Ad
34. Parent of the
36. 38. Description of 14-, 15-, 26-, 29-, 46-, 55-, or 66- Across
38. Boula
40. Happy birthday to the field
42. Ice cream brand
44. Grandmothers, affectionately
46. Citrus fruit
47. Seal of the
48. Seat-of-the-
50. St. fire
51. Haute couture
55. "Aunt"
57- or 66-Across
59. Owed
60. Applicants
61. A.D.
62. Candidates
63. Name of a
64. Dark
65. "Start of the day"
66. Belgian city in
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68. Aprils, name
69. American city in
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The great escape

Irish fall behind early, recover to top Bowling Green in overtime

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Sports Writer

Irish guard Charel Allen drives past Bowling Green guard Kate Achter in Notre Dame's 85-81 overtime win over the Falcons Monday at the Joyce Center.

Freshman Barlow bursts onto scene, leads team to comeback win

In the first row under the east basket, a woman held a sign that began, "Ashley [Barlow] is good at basketball." By the end of Notre Dame's 85-81 overtime win Monday over Bowling Green, that sign was the underestimate of the evening.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Lapira, Dalby in race for national recognition

By GREG ARBOGAST
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In a season that has been full of both individual and team accomplishments for Notre Dame, junior forward Joseph Lapira and senior midfielder Greg Dalby have added two more to the list. Both Lapira and Dalby were named semifinalists for the Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy, which is given out annually to the top Division I soccer player in the country. Lapira and Dalby are now part of a list that includes 13 other remaining semi-finalists.

Notre Dame joined No. 1 SMU and No. 2 Maryland as the only teams with multiple players on the ballot. But Irish coach Bobby Clark was quick to point out that this honor was indicative not just of Lapira and Dalby's play, but of the team's as well.

"Dalby and Lapira should be very proud because you don't get this kind of honor without playing very well, but they'll be aware that they've had a very good supporting cast that's helped them get to where they are," Clark said.

Lapira currently appears to be the frontrunner for the Hermann Trophy based on his statistics. The Big East Offensive Player of the Year and unanimous first team all-conference selection leads the nation in both points (45) and goals (20).

"If you're going by the numbers, [Lapira] is absolutely the front runner for the award at this point," Dalby said.