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Lottery includes graduate students

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

At the urging of the Office of Student Affairs, the Student Union Board (SUB) decided Wednesday to include graduate students in the Notre Dame vs. USC football ticket lottery less than an hour before it began.

The threat of a possible protest by graduate students was a catalyst for the change in policy, said Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin, who spoke on the phone with senior staff members in Student Affairs around 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Together, Coughlin and top

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 5 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 exclude 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

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Groups apply for club status

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

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

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

Groups turned 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 about a year and a half before they'll learn whether they've been granted club status, Geist said.

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

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

She then hands the proposals to Student Activities Director Brian Coughlin for the "University filter." Coughlin makes sure the groups aren't "in conflict with the teachings of the Catholic Church or the mission of the University," Geist said.

Geist said she could not specify

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STUDENT SENATE

Members pass Native American resolution

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

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

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

- ◆ Academic departments to make seats available for non-majors in courses that examine the history and culture of Native Americans. There are currently four such classes, all under the American Studies Department.

- ◆ Academic departments to explore the possibility of creating a modern Native American issues course.

- ◆ The Office of the President to appoint a permanent member of the faculty or staff to serve as an "official advisor" to Native American students.

- ◆ Campus literature and public addresses to "render" a greater sensitivity toward the Native Americans who previously inhabited the University area.

- ◆ The student body to stand behind the inclusion of all Native American students in "all spheres of the Notre Dame experience."

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

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

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Senator Sheena Plamoottil spoke in support of the Minority Affairs resolution at Wednesday's meeting.

Ethicist discusses AIDS in Africa

Farley addresses issues of gender and faith in epidemic response



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Ethicist Margaret Farley gestures during the lecture she gave Wednesday in the Law School Courtroom on AIDS in Africa.

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
News Writer

While many African nations continue to see a rise in the number of HIV infected citizens, Kenya is one country that has seen a decline. But that shouldn't be taken as a sign that the global pandemic is under control, Yale ethicist Margaret Farley said Wednesday in a lecture entitled "Gender, Faith, and Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa."

"It is outrunning both them and us," Farley told students and faculty in the Law School Courtroom, referring to the people of Africa and those in the Western world trying to help.

Farley said when she asked a Kenyan woman why her nation's

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Chicago lawyer rails against death penalty

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Thomas Durkin, the first speaker in Notre Dame Against State Killing's (NDASK) four-part lecture series, told audience members Wednesday night he hoped they did not expect an impartial discussion of the death penalty — as he proceeded to speak passionately in the Snite Museum's Annenberg Auditorium about his involvement in the death penalty abolition movement and his moral opposition to capital punishment.

"This system wrongfully convicts people," Durkin said. "This system cannot pick out who is innocent and who is not."

Durkin, a 1968 Notre Dame graduate, is a Chicago-based trial lawyer who was involved in

imposing a moratorium on the death penalty in Illinois.

Lessons about social justice from the Holy Cross priests at Notre Dame and his work in the legal profession instilled in him a belief that the death penalty was wrong, Durkin said.

"The one thing I have become convinced of in my thirty-three years of being a trial lawyer and [from] the experiences I have been involved in death penalty litigation is that it's wrong," Durkin said. "It's morally wrong, it's procedurally wrong, it's stupid and it has no business being in a civilized country."

A letter from a death row inmate claiming he was the victim of an unfair system and pleading for a good lawyer to defend him

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INSIDE COLUMN

Hey, I just take the pictures

When you read the newspaper, do you ever see a photo that sums up the entire news article right then and there? They say that a picture is worth a thousand words and it couldn't be more true. As a photographer for The Observer, I get a view that most

Christian Sagardia
Photographer

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. Pictures 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 floater 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 know to go see the show, and I'm sure many more enjoyed the photograph. 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 was 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 information out to the people. My job allows me to express what people can't with words. It allows me to communicate feelings and emotions. I can evoke a sense of beauty, 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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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD HAVE THREE WISHES, WHAT WOULD THEY BE?



Alex Hale
junior
Stanford

"Invisibility, time travel and flight."



Adam Cunningham
freshman
Keenan

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



Casey Scott
senior
off campus

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



Alex Kelly
freshman
Lewis

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



Theresa Welch
senior
off campus

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



Tim Roy
junior
O'Neill

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



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

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

IN BRIEF

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

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

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

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. It was traumatic," 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 prisoners on Halloween night after a former inmate was spotted trick-or-treating in his old orange prisoner's jumpsuit.

"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 her child — spotted the familiar jumpsuit, Tolchin said.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY	
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Deloitte exec gives lecture

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

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.

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

Allen illustrated her point by enumerating several policies in place at Deloitte designed to train and assist employees in making ethical decisions at work. She said Deloitte has been able to distinguish itself as a leader in this area because of its large size.

"[We] help people navigate through the gray areas, because ethics are seldom black and white," Allen said, highlighting her company's "consultative culture" as a strength enabling employees to work with one another when facing issues of ethics.

Allen noted the recent rash of corporate scandals that have received extensive media coverage, but said a small number of individuals have prompted a loss of public trust in American business at large.

"Have we lost our way?" she said. "I don't really think so, because I believe that a great, great majority of our population



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

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

neither approves nor is a part of [unethical business practices]."

Allen echoed speakers in previous lectures in speaking about the change in business culture following from the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Although she argued that the responsibility for ethics in the workplace falls primarily on companies, she said the government has laid important groundwork for large-scale improvement.

"[Sarbanes-Oxley] put a legal structure in place that demands a new level of accountability," Allen said.

Allen also spoke about complaints raised in the business community regarding the high cost of implementing changes in ethics oversight.

"Surveys indicate that the Sarbanes-related costs are going down by as much as 40 percent for larger companies," she said. "As far as cost [at Deloitte], I don't think about it as dollars spent, I think about it as dollars protected."

The characteristics of the generation currently entering business might affect the future of business ethics, Allen said. There

has been concern over a perceived gap between ethical values and practice in today's young adults, she said, but their emphasis on maintaining a balance between work and life will prove beneficial in the corporate world.

"It's my view that maintaining that proper balance in your life actually makes ... ethical choices easier," Allen said, citing her company's outreach efforts to promote ethical development among schoolchildren.

Deloitte is an accountancy and professional services firm employing nearly 40,000 people in the United States and tens of thousands more worldwide, and is known locally as a popular employer for graduates of Notre Dame.

The Berges Lecture Series is sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business and the Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide. The next lecture in the series will be entitled "Business and Human Rights" and will take place Nov. 14.

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Guatemalan advocate works for peace, justice

By LAURA BODIEN
News Writer

When her sister was murdered on Sept. 11, 1990, Helen Mack Chang was enlightened.

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

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

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.

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

While more than 60 percent of Guatemalans live in poverty, "the government doesn't worry about trying to better life of the citizens," Chang said.

In addition to the socioeconomic concerns, she said, modern times have incited fresh incidences of violence and oppression.

Roughly 6,000 people die each year and nearly 96 percent of the homicides go unpunished according to records from the justice department, she said.

Statistics like this further validate the mission of the Myrna Mack Foundation, Chang said, adding that such numbers prove that the justice and security institutions are not working like they used to.

The political system no longer consists of multiple parties, but simply recycles past military personnel as politicians, she said. The military, she said, basically served to kill off Guatemalans opposed to those in power for a long while.

Fourteen years of hard work and perseverance have not been enough for Chang. Even after the sentencing of her sister's murderers and the acceptance of responsibility for its occurrence by the government, she recognizes the problem still exists.

There are currently 185 pending cases of persons who have disappeared, been murdered or tortured in correlation with political motives, she said. It is Chang's hope that one day all such cases be reconciled completely.

"Every community has the government it deserves," Chang said. "We need to provoke [that government] in Guatemala."

With 70 percent of the Guatemalan population lacking an education, 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.

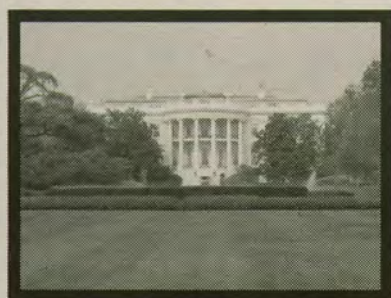
But Chang said she refuses to be paralyzed by fear any longer and will continue her struggle for justice and reconciliation.

Chang is an honorary member of both the National Advisory Security Council and Guatemala's Commission on Strengthening Justice.

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Africa

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numbers of HIV infected citizens are declining, the woman answered, "I think it may have been because we all already 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-

od than what we're facing today with the AIDS pandemic," she said.

Much of Farley's work is done through two projects — a women's initiative that consults with the Circle of African Women Theologians and an All-Africa Sister to Sister Conference, which works with women from 21 different countries.

"On the basis of [the women's] experiences, let me begin by observing that we have sisters and brothers everywhere ... and lives are destructed, families are being destroyed."

Farley focused on the role women can — and should — play in controlling the disease. Women are at a greater risk for infection and death, she said. For every 10 men infected, 13 women are infected.

"Whole generations have been wiped out. In some villages it is possible to find no one over the age of 14," Farley said. "Women bear a disproportionate burden. ... But without power, women who could, and I believe do, hold the key to stopping the pandemic are shut out."

Farley said many women are "blatantly excluded" from positions of economic, social, and political power, allowing the patterns of sexism and submission to perpetuate.

Much of women's powerlessness comes when sex is demanded on religious or cultural grounds, she said. Women are often coerced into marriages and into having unprotected sex, Farley said, even if the partner is potentially infected with HIV.

"Women may have to stay in

relationships in fear of losing economic support, and women with AIDS are more likely to be stigmatized," she said.

The current solutions are not enough to control the "overwhelming problem," Farley said, offering ideas for effective responses to the pandemic garnered from her own experiences in Africa.

Farley said women breaking the silence and bringing the issues to the forefront of people's minds is key.

She also said a working partnership with African women is vital because "it is not we who interpret a woman's experience or call for a change of cultural or social behavior — the Africans shouldn't be expected to come into our agenda."

A common goal and common

hope is also crucial for relations, she said.

Farley said there is also a cross-cultural aspect of her work, as it is not possible to transplant beliefs and practices wholesale from one culture to the next.

"We can stand in solidarity with those of the culture who may criticize a certain aspect of it, as long as we look to our own culture with the same critical eyes," Farley said.

Action is required based on our understanding of the world church, she said.

"We are all equal shares in the one life of the Church," Farley said, "called to bear the burdens of one another. It is often said in this regard that Christ has AIDS."

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Lawyer

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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 Ohrberg. This case, Durkin said, showed him why the death penalty system is flawed. There had been no meaningful 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 executed," Durkin 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 Michigan City 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 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 do to put an end to the death penalty.

It's a serious issue for the United States, he said.

In 2005, the United States was one of six countries that contributed to 90 percent of the state-sponsored executions in the world, according to Amnesty International. The United States ranks fourth in the number of death penalties carried out, behind China, Iran and Saudi Arabia, and before Pakistan and Yemen, Durkin said.

Since his involvement in Resnover's case, Durkin said he has been a part of five or six death penalty cases as a trial lawyer, a habeas corpus council or a

guardian for anyone considered insane on death row.

His work toward abolishing the death penalty over the years has given him some hope that there is a possibility for change, Durkin said.

And the turning point, he said, may have been at Northwestern University in November 1998 at the first annual National Conference on Wrongful 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."

Notre Dame must be a force in the anti-death penalty movement, he said.

"I don't know how the premier Catholic university in this country has a law school that isn't doing anything about the death penalty," he said, citing the absence of a wrongful convictions clinic.

Durkin urged students to "raise hell" about the death penalty issue.

"This campus has been conspicuously silent on this issue, much to my chagrin," Durkin said.

The next NDASK 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 athletic coach, both Sunnis, on Wednesday, a day after U.S. and Iraqi forces lifted a blockade on Baghdad's Shiite militia stronghold of Sadr City.

The attack took place at a youth club on relatively prosperous Palestine Street in eastern Baghdad near the Sadr City district, which is controlled by anti-American cleric 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 with makeshift mortars in 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 Tierradentro, 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, believed to be those of Sept. 11 victims, was found there last month, a deputy mayor said Wednesday.

As many as 10 more forensic anthropologists will be hired temporarily to help in the next phase of the recovery project, which involves excavating more manholes and underground areas, tearing up parts of side streets and exploring rooftops of selected buildings near the 16-acre site, Deputy Mayor Ed Skyler said. Officials say that work could take up to a year.

Some 200 pieces of bone and other remains have been found since last month, when some of them were discovered in a manhole along the western edge of the lower Manhattan site.

AWOL soldier disappears again

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A U.S. Army soldier 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., Louisville 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 contender has dropped out of the race, a fellow senator said Wednesday.

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

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

Al-Jazeera to launch internationally

Arab network set to be first English-speaking station based in the Middle East

Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — Al-Jazeera's taboo-smashing newscasts regularly vex politicians in Washington, but not nearly as much as they anger leaders in the Arab world, where the news channel has been banned from operating in 18 countries at one time or another.

Now, the network is launching its biggest gamble on its 10th anniversary — an English-language channel with an Arab perspective. Al-Jazeera International plans to 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 up the Arab world and rattled 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 told a news conference 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 away without charge at the U.S. prison facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and a correspondent who interviewed Osama bin Laden convicted on terror charges in Spain.

Those it has covered have also suffered. The network is credited with waking up Arab TV viewers with brash discussions of banned topics. It questioned autocrats across the region and brought a large dollop of diplomatic clout to Qatar, a tiny sheikdom on the Persian Gulf. A frustrated President Bush even talked of bombing the channel's headquarters in 2004, according to a leaked British government memo.

"It made the airwaves uncontrollable," Amjad Nasser wrote Wednesday in the London-based pan-Arab daily Al-Quds Al-Arabi.

The fear Al-Jazeera inspires in the Arab world is



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

best seen in Saudi Arabia, where the network has never been allowed to send a reporter — even those making personal pilgrimages to Mecca.

Worse, a Saudi boycott of the channel bars Al-Jazeera advertisers from doing business in the kingdom. The boycott has chased away almost all advertisers, leaving Al-Jazeera dependent on the deep pockets of Qatar's royal family.

"We are totally blocked from Saudi Arabia," Khanfar said. The station's employees are also banned from Iraq, Tunisia and Algeria, staffers said.

The network declines to say virtually anything about its finances, but it doesn't

appear to be having money trouble. Al-Jazeera International has hired more than 500 staffers, poaching some of the world's best-known journalists from networks including the British Broadcasting Corp., CNN, CNBC and ABC. It will broadcast in ultra-expensive high-definition TV with four chief broadcast centers rather than CNN's two or BBC's one.

Although its 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," spokeswoman Susanna Flood said. "News channels are judged by what they do and not what they say they'll do."

Al-Jazeera says its goal is to reverse the information flow to the world's 1 billion English speakers who now have no choice but to watch Western-oriented broadcasters. Al-Jazeera International also appears to have natural audiences among 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 Lindsey Oliver said — not least the United States, where the Bush administration has accused Al-Jazeera of anti-American bias.

Kerry apologizes for "botched joke"

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fearful of damaging his own party in next week's elections, Sen. John Kerry apologized Wednesday to "any service member, family member or American" offended by remarks deemed by Republicans and Democrats to be insulting to U.S. forces in Iraq.

Six days before the election, the Democrats' 2004 presidential nominee said he wanted to avoid becoming a distraction in the final days of the battle for control of Congress. He added he sincerely regretted that his words were "misinterpreted to imply anything negative about those in uniform."

In a brief statement, Kerry

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

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

For the Democratic senatorial com-

mittee, 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.

Kerry beat a grudging retreat in his return to the national campaign spotlight. Earlier, on the radio program "Imus in the Morning," the Massachusetts senator said he was "sorry about a botched joke" about Bush. He heaped praise on the troops, adamantly accused Republicans of twisting his words and said it was the commander in chief and his aides who "owe America an apology for this disaster in Iraq."

Senate

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disheartening and really, really lonely," she said.

Though the resolution passed with no opposing votes, some senators had reservations about certain provisions, such as the demand that seats be opened for non-majors in classes that study Native American history and culture.

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

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

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

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

DeLemos' committee has worked on that initiative since the start of the school year.

Senators then voted to not strike the clause from the resolution.

Fisher Hall senator Drew Clary had concerns about the wording of the resolution, saying that its emphasis on Catholic Social Teaching sends a "subliminal message" that those who vote against it are "voting against Catholic Social Teaching."

But Clary's comments were quickly addressed by student body president Lizzi Shappell who said the reference to Catholic Social Teaching was and should

be "an integral part" of the resolution.

"I think this [resolution] lives up exactly to Catholic Social Teaching and if we don't acknowledge that then we're not recognizing what this University is based on," Shappell said.

In other business:

♦ Senators unanimously passed a resolution that supports the renewal of an existing contract that allows Holy Cross students to have access to the Rockne Memorial Athletic Facility.

In 2001, then-University President Father Edward "Monk" Malloy renewed a contract that gave Holy Cross students access to the Rock while a new Holy Cross athletic facility was being built.

That contract expires at the end of 2006, but Holy Cross's new athletic facility will not be complete by then, said University Affairs committee chair Aly Baumgartner.

♦ Shappell, Plamoottil, student body vice president Bill Andrichik and chief executive assistant Liz Brown met with Director of Food Services Dave Prentkowski to discuss a recent Senate resolution that called for Food Services to only use Fair Trade coffee in all of its non-franchised operations.

Prentkowski has created a task force to address the issue, Plamoottil said, and Plamoottil will "keep the lines of communication open" as the Food Services and student government continue to work on implementing the goals of the resolution.

♦ Andrichik announced that senior Notre Dame students will now have access to Irish Online, an online directory of contact information for more than 100,000 Notre Dame alumni. More details will be released in a press release today, he said.

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Clubs

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what type of group would be denied club status at that stage.

AllianceND, an unrecognized gay and lesbian student group, is one group that has applied for and been denied club status for two straight years. Similar proposals have been denied nine times in the last 10 years, according to a March 22, 2005 article in The Observer, and no gay and lesbian student group has successfully secured official status.

The groups that do make it past Coughlin's filter are passed on to the Club Coordination Council (CCC), which is comprised of representatives from six club divisions — academic, athletic, cultural, performing arts, social service and special interest.

Prospective clubs then meet with the division they'd likely be allocated to and the representatives from that division return and present to the rest of the CCC, she said.

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

"They'll give a synopsis of each of the groups ... and they'll recommend whether or not groups are given probationary status," she said.

The CCC then votes on whether to grant groups probationary status or deny recognition.

Geist said a major factor in the CCC's decision-making is

"If it's a group with an outrageous budget, with no hope of raising funds ... that might be a significant [deterrent] for the CCC."

Amy Geist
assistant director
Student Activities

financing. The Financial Management Board gives the CCC one-third of the \$95 student activities fee all students pay, which amounted to \$278,000 last year, Geist said. Proceeds from The Shirt also benefit student groups.

"If it's a group with an outrageous budget, with no hope of raising funds and no grasp of other alternatives, that might be a significant [deterrent] for the CCC," she said, "because they can't financially accommodate it and have the other groups we have, too."

Once they've made their decisions, the CCC sends its recommendations back to Coughlin.

"For the most part, he supports the recommendation of the CCC," Geist said.

During the three years they've been using this process, he's never contradicted it, she said.

Of the 10 to 15 groups that applied last year, four were denied probationary status. During Geist's five years, she said she's had several groups apply more than once, but none have applied all five years.

Geist said in some cases, basic confusion is to blame for a club's failure to obtain recognition.

"I find sometimes students don't realize they didn't even apply for club recognition," Geist said. "They'll submit one thing or come talk to me about something, but not actually follow our official process."

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Lottery

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after being denied access for the Michigan State game earlier this year. The compromise would have allowed graduate students exclusive access to leftover lottery tickets on Nov. 8.

But graduate students were still not satisfied, and decided to go forward with plans for a protest outside Legends anyway.

Janice Kenney, a graduate student who helped plan the protest, had made six posters, gathered about 40 graduate students and was "fully prepared" to protest when she heard about the policy change just after 1 p.m. Wednesday.

"I was very pleasantly surprised," she said. "We were all prepared to launch the protest but we were extremely glad we didn't have to."

Student body president Lizzi Shappell, who stood behind SUB's decision to exclude graduate students, said she was "very surprised" when she learned about the changes.

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

Graduate Student Union member Paul Schwamm, who had urged SUB throughout the fall to reconsider its decision to exclude graduate students, was "very happy" with the policy change and viewed the concession as an important step in graduate-undergraduate student relations.

"I think it really creates an opportunity for the [Graduate Student Union] and the SUB to continue to do things together in the future. ... I think where we are right now is a great position because we're all ready to move forward together."

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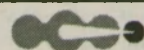
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Stocks			
Dow Jones	12,031.02	-49.71	

Up: 1,150 Same: 130 Down: 1,150 Composite Volume: 2,929,519,920

AMEX	1,948.95	-16.40
NASDAQ	2,334.35	-32.36
NYSE	8,718.14	-56.84
S&P 500	1,367.81	-10.13
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,242.32	-132.94
FTSE 100(London)	6,149.60	+20.40

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-1.36	-0.58	42.00
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.50	-0.32	21.02
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-2.21	-0.12	5.31
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.35	+0.10	28.81

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.98	-0.045	4.561
13-WEEK BILL	-0.10	-0.005	4.935
30-YEAR BOND	-0.89	-0.042	4.677
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.12	+0.051	4.517

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.02		58.71
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+12.50		619.30
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.93		91.80

Exchange Rates			
YEN			117.2550
EURO			0.7843
POUND			0.5243
CANADIAN \$			1.1321

IN BRIEF

CVS Corp. to buy Caremark Rx Inc.

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

The deal, which the companies described as a "merger of equals," would create a \$75 billion drug distribution powerhouse that can take on retail leader Wal-Mart's growing presence in generic drug sales, analysts said.

Company officials said the deal would create significant benefits for employers and health plans through more effective cost management and new programs, and for consumers through expanded choice and more personalized services.

Under terms of the deal, Caremark shareholders will receive 1.67 shares of Woonsocket, R.I.-based CVS for each share of Caremark. CVS shareholders will own 54.5 percent of the combined company and Caremark shareholders will own 45.5 percent. The board of directors will be split evenly.

The new company will be called CVS/Caremark Corp. and will be headquartered in Woonsocket.

Time Warner reports higher earnings

NEW YORK — Time Warner Inc. reported sharply higher earnings Wednesday thanks to a cable deal with Adelphia and an emerging turnaround at its AOL unit, but investors fretted over slower new phone customer growth at the nation's second-largest cable company.

The leading media conglomerate, which owns the Time Inc. magazine publisher, Warner Bros., CNN and HBO, earned \$2.3 billion, or 57 cents a share, in the third quarter, versus \$853 million, or 18 cents a share, a year ago.

Revenues rose 7 percent to \$10.9 billion, shy of the \$11.1 billion estimate of analysts polled by Thomson Financial.

The earnings jump was driven by an adjustment related to its recently closed deal with Comcast Corp. to acquire the cable systems of Adelphia Communications Corp. as well as several asset sales and other one-time effects.

India attractive to surgery patients

More Americans head overseas for hip replacements, angioplasties to save money

Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — Greg Goodell flew from Iowa to India to have his arteries unclogged. Rick Thues made the trip from California for a new hip. John Terhune ventured from Indiana for a hip-and-knee combo.

Combined, all three saved about \$140,000, including 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 losing health care options: siphoning their retirement, living in pain or possibly dying.

"Our share of the American dream has been lost in the past five years," said Thues, 53, a computer consultant from Orange, Calif. "Look at what we've outsourced — I'm even outsourcing my own health for God sakes."

He is fully covered under his wife's insurance and could have had total hip replacement back home for about \$5,000 out of his own pocket. But it's not the newest procedure available and would have severely limited his mobility, kept him from his passion of skydiving, and possibly sent him back to the hospital in 10 years with more problems. Thues lobbied to undergo hip resurfacing, a new, less invasive technique approved in the U.S. this year. But he was denied.

So, he and his wife, Paula, hopped on a plane to Delhi and visited Dr. S.K.S. Marya, chief surgeon at the Max Super Speciality Hospital's Institute of Orthopedics & Joint Replacement, who has performed some 150 hip resurfacing operations over the past two years for about \$7,000 each.

Within a few days, Thues was up walking and already talking about his next jump from a plane in six months — the whole trip including the sur-



Patient James McLaurin recovers from surgery at a hospital in Thailand Wednesday. Many more Americans like McLaurin are choosing to be treated overseas for monetary reasons.

gery, airfares, lodging and a trip to the Taj Mahal totaled about \$12,000, none of which was covered by his insurance.

"I was so let down by my HMO. The whole idea that they denied me because they could," he said while recovering at his hotel near the airport in New Delhi. "I've paid thousands of dollars in premiums over the years. It's their job to look after me."

Greg Goodell, 57, from Shenandoah, Iowa, ended up at the same Indian hospital as Thues. In August while bicycling, 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 \$29,000 by nearby hospitals,

could have put a big dent in the family's savings.

With a wife and five kids to consider, he said he put his faith in God and had an angioplasty with two stents inserted in India for about \$10,000.

"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 felt comfortable. We didn't really have any red flags ever."

But Goodell did encounter a few downsides of traveling. He and his wife, Kriss, both experienced bouts of diarrhea during the trip and their luggage was lost for three days. Goodell also had a slight mishap while walking near Delhi's congested roads: He sliced 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 ran about \$16,500.

Uninsured Indianapolis chiropractor John Terhune, 57, didn't need any persuasion. He underwent hip resurfacing 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.

Truck sales helped by lower gas prices

Associated Press

DETROIT — In showrooms across the nation, consumers lured by lower gas prices started buying trucks and sport utility vehicles again last month, ending — for now — a yearlong slump that has piled up losses at the domestic Big Three automakers.

Chrysler, Ford and GM have been struggling to match the offerings of Asian competitors as consumer tastes have shifted toward smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles. But cheaper gas and automaker incentives appear to be changing the mix somewhat.

General Motors Corp. led the industry in October with a 17.3 percent sales increase compared with last

year. Sales of GM trucks and SUVs leaped 33.2 percent.

In fairness, the comparison figures were relatively easy to beat. October 2005 was dismal for GM and the other major automakers, which had a hangover from a summer of huge discounts.

Even so, Toyota Motor Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Nissan Motor Co. joined GM in posting gains, Toyota at 9.2 percent, Ford at 8 percent and Nissan at 3.9 percent, according to sales figures released by the companies Wednesday.

Honda Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG reported sales declines, but all major manufacturers saw increased truck sales.

Overall, U.S. consumers bought just over 1.2 million vehicles last month, a 6.1 percent increase above October of last year.

"It's a combination of the gas price decline and also the increased incentive spending for larger vehicles," said Jesse Toprak, chief economist for Edmunds.com, a research site for car buyers. He said the trend toward increased truck sales is likely to continue at least into January.

On average, the industry gave buyers incentives worth \$4,800 per vehicle on large SUVs in October, and \$4,500 on large trucks, Toprak said. Meanwhile, small cars, which generate lower profits for the industry, had an average incentive of just \$700.

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Of expletives and extra points

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 hear my dad's profanity from here, I'm fairly certain that he hasn't utilized his entire lexicon of expletives this year. After all, the Bears are en route to an undefeated 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 Singletary, 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 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 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 now?

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

Last time I checked, the current "big thing" of American politics (a.k.a. George W. Bush) didn't want to build a fence across our southern

border with Mexico. But a majority of the "little things" (a.k.a. those congressmen and -women whose issues you don't care about) do, and so there will be a fence.

And what about the Bears? Sure, they're undefeated — but because of a little thing. If Arizona Cardinals kicker Neil Rackers hadn't missed a 41-yard field goal wide left with 53 seconds to go a few Monday nights ago, neither the big scoreboard in the Cardinals' new stadium, nor the Bears' big picture, would look the same.

When it comes to your future, by all means, be ambitious. I'll be rooting for you to get the job of your dreams, so that you can hang a big thing — your framed Notre Dame diploma — on the wall behind your desk. But hopefully you'll save some space on that wall for a collage of little things too, complete with photos of friends and a book-pressed leaf.

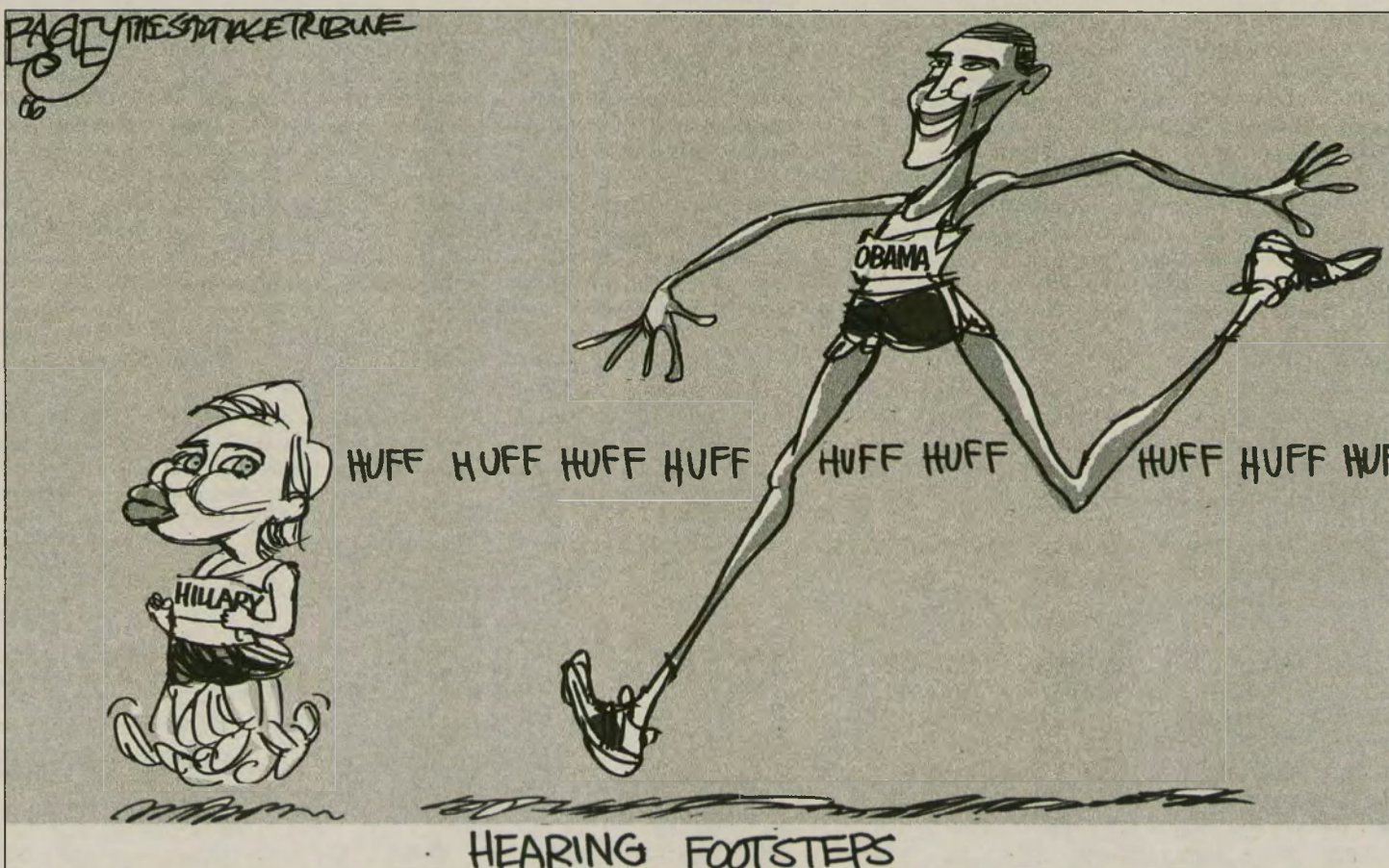
And as for the Bears, I'll be rooting (without using expletives) for Brian Urlacher and company to hoist that Lombardi trophy. But you know what? Life isn't just about the Super Bowl.

It's about those little field goal attempts too — the ones that fly wide left of the uprights and the ones that sail perfectly through the center of the backyard swing set.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Many an opportunity is lost because a man is out looking for four-leaf clovers."

Anonymous

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” on an operating table and reportedly spent a number of minutes surrounded by darkness with “no encounter with God” what occurs?

Richard V. Warner

FaithPoint

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

Today, it might seem like we remember 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 nuns?

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 ourselves to Jesus through 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.

At funeral liturgies, we acknowledge 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 to everlasting life.

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 characterized by virtue beyond the norm, are canonized.

But many others, especially ordinary people, share their lot.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Catholics advocating for gay rights

With only days before the election, a desperate President 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. When his 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 courting voters. Why should we care as a Notre Dame community? Because it’s time that Catholics stand up for families and reject this ongoing campaign of divisiveness and hate.

All too reminiscent of the segregated 1950s, the President is using wedge issues and attacking a large segment of Americans to appeal to his base. However, using biblical scripture to justify discrimination and religion to rationalize bigotry only mocks the faith of millions. Americans, of all religions, races and sexual orientations, deserve better. Here in Virginia, many politicians are strategically try-

ing to mislead voters on the so-called “marriage 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 rightly realize that marginalizing minorities and supporting policies of inequality rip at the moral fiber of this country.

It is time for all Catholics to reject the deafening rhetoric of bigotry and stand up for the moral dignity and rights of all Americans. Maybe then, this campaign and the agenda of our leaders might return to the more important issues of uninsured children, global warming and the faltering economy.

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U-WIRE

The audacity of Senator Obama

Twelve hours is a long wait to have a book signed. But three friends spent Friday night on an Austin, Texas, street corner hoping to be first in line to have U.S. Sen. Barack Obama autograph a copy of his book, *The Audacity of Hope*.

Fred Afflerbach

Texas State University — San Marcos The University Star

When I arrived at the 2006 Texas Book Festival at the state capitol Saturday morning, people waiting for Obama were lined up for several blocks. Sitting in lawn chairs, wrapped in blankets, some had been waiting since 5 a.m.

I rubbed my eyes in disbelief. Didn’t the Rolling Stones play Austin last week? The audacity of an Illinois senator coming down here to our book festival and stealing the show.

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

Those waiting in line 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 hit on The Oprah Winfrey Show.

Still, I had to see for myself. The 500-seat House Chamber was full, but I slipped in and stood near the upstairs rear door. The Texas State Capitol, site of much rancor the last few years, seemed 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.

But don’t mistake audacious for ostentatious. The senator’s voice projects and the audience Saturday often interrupted him with applause, yet he is soft-spoken. He mixes a gentle demeanor with a command of language that is uncommon today.

In this divisive political age, where it’s red versus blue, you’re either with us or against us and if you speak out about bringing home troops from Iraq, you’re accused of cutting and running, it is refreshing to have someone reach out for common ground.

“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 while 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 may change his mind. Obama’s supporters might have to wait another year to see if he’ll run, and a year more to see if he wins. Maybe 12 hours wasn’t that long after all.

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Women, students deserve apology

These may sound like harsh words, but I can find no better way to say it: Professor Emeritus Charles Rice’s recent column on Plan B (“Implications of Plan B availability,” Oct. 31) shows both a gross disrespect for women and a gross disrespect for his audience.

Early in his groundbreaking book “After Virtue,” Notre Dame’s own Alisdair MacIntyre bemoans our culture’s pervasive inability to distinguish between what he calls “manipulative” and “non-manipulative” social relations.

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

Sadly, it seems clear that Rice has chosen to relate to his audience in a manipulative way, ignoring the research showing Plan B (and hormonal contraceptives in general) work only by preventing ovulation; no evidence has ever been gathered to support his contention that Plan B prevents implantation of an already-fertilized egg. Indeed, since implantation takes place a week or more after intercourse, if Plan B was successful in preventing implantation, we would expect it to be effective far longer than the well-established

72-hour window. I think I need not add that the final four paragraphs do not give an argument against Plan B, but are instead nothing more than a slander against advocates of access to emergency contraception. There is nothing inconsistent about advocating for access to emergency contraception and condemning brutal school shootings or infanticide.

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

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

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

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DVD REVIEWS

Crosby and Astaire shine bright in 'Holiday Inn'

By CASSIE BELEK
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 and more magnificent even than 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 holidays of the year. When famous singer Jim Hardy (Crosby) tires of endlessly performing, he leaves his act partner Ted Hanover (Astaire) — who also steals his fiancée — and opens an inn in Connecticut. Instead of only getting holidays off like in his entertainment career, Jim decides that his inn will only be open on holidays and each holiday will bring a spectacular, themed floor show. Jim hires flower shop girl Linda Mason (Marjorie Reynolds) to headline the

shows and, after falling in love with her, struggles to keep Ted from whisking away yet another girl in order to secure a stable dancing partner.

The romance of Jim and Linda remains secondary in the film as the real couple emerges as Crosby and Astaire. In addition to their skills in song and dance, the two have undeniable comedic talent. Even though Astaire portrays a scoundrel who continues to steal loves away from best friend Jim, it is impossible to hate any character he may portray. The two effortlessly interact with each other as perfect comedic and professional foils.

Astaire's highlight occurs on the evening of the Independence Day show. After Linda becomes "sidetracked" and he is left without a dancing partner, Ted improvises a tap performance using an array of firecrackers and explosives. The result is a rapid-fire, rhythmically perfect dance that comes from the genius of Astaire's mind and took 38 takes to perfect.

The musical climax of the film actually arrives in the first half. Just before New Year's, Jim and Linda sit at the piano, warmed by a crackling fire in the dark, when Jim decides to sing a new Christmas song he has been writing. The song that melodiously floats through Crosby's sonorous voice is none other than Berlin's "White Christmas" — a song that has become one of the best-selling singles of all time and one that offered particular comfort to the men and women in uniform during World War II.

Not even Berlin,



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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.

who composed all the music for the classic movie, expected the song to gain the popularity that it did. He believed that the most popular song of the movie would be "Be Careful, It's My Heart." While that song did sell a great number of records, the wartime environment skyrocketed "White Christmas" to its fame.

This bit of trivia and more can be found in the newly remastered "Holiday Inn" DVD. Ken Barnes, film historian and friend of Crosby and Astaire, provides the commentary that is paired with archive audio comments from the talented duo. Barnes thoroughly explains the black-face number and its surrounding controversy and reveals that in order to look believably drunk in one dance scene, Astaire actually did become drunk. Even when intoxicated, however, he never misses a beat.

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

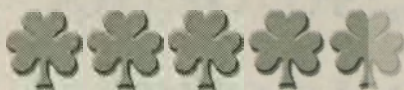
"Holiday Inn" can be enjoyed year round, but because of the song "White Christmas," it is especially touching during the winter holiday season. Crosby and Astaire reunited on screen only once more in 1946's "Blue Skies," but this initial pairing is the most memorable. Crosby sings from the soul and Astaire dances like a dream. Apart, they are Hollywood legends, but together they are iconic.

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Holiday Inn

Special Edition

Universal Studios



'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 Rohdie notes that the title derives from the dialect phrase "mi ricordo" ("I remember"), an explanation that sheds a lot of light on the classic 1974 Italian film. "Amarcord" is a film about memory, an impressionistic portrait that purposely (and purposefully) eschews realism in favor of nostalgia. As warmly affectionate as anything ever committed to celluloid, "Amarcord" remains one of the director's finest 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 seasons, 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 portrayals 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 earliest Criterion releases, but has been reissued in a brand new two-disc edition. Picture quality is outstanding, especially considering that the film is more than 30 years old, restored in a high-



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

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 Magali Noel and some audio interviews. The DVDs come housed in an attractive foldout cardboard case, which also contains a 63-

page booklet that reprints the 1967 Fellini-penned essay "My Rimini."

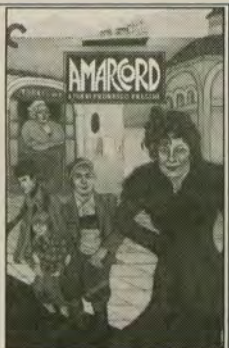
"Amarcord" is perhaps the most consistently engaging film in Fellini's oeuvre, which is no small task coming from the director of "La Dolce Vita" and "8 1/2." Winner of the 1974 Academy Award for Best Foreign Feature, it remains a classic and one of the director's most personal films. Though the original Criterion single-disc was quite good, the re-release is a considerable upgrade. "Amarcord" is a treat for anyone remotely interested in Italian cinema and comes highly recommended.

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Amarcord

2-disc Special Edition

Criterion



DVD REVIEW

Impossibly great results in latest 'Mission'

By SEAN SWEANY
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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.

Abrams accepted 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 adaptation and less confusing than Brian DePalma's original film.

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

Julia in the dark.

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

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

Cruise's performance is actually better than much of his recent fare and points back to his "Jerry Maguire" days when he appeared to enjoy acting. The film's supporting cast members do a wonderful job, most notably Philip Seymour Hoffman, who devilishly plays the maniacal madman. Laurence Fishburne ("The Matrix") and Billy Crudup ("Big Fish") also give 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



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Tom Cruise fires away in the latest installment of the Mission: Impossible franchise, which far surpasses its predecessor in both storytelling and tone.

Ray.

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

Several "Making Of" featurettes give insight into virtually every aspect of production and do an excellent job of maintaining the excitement and energy of the film. Especially interesting is

the "Mission: Metamorphosis" feature, which details the complexities of creation and filming of the latex masks various characters wear throughout the film.

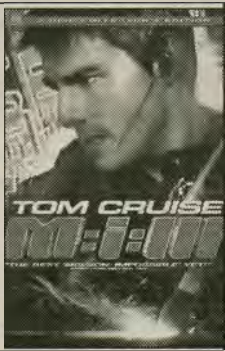
With such excellent special features combined with a well-made and exhilarating film, "M:I III" is one of the better DVD releases of the year. The film itself stands far above the second "Mission: Impossible" movie and comes close to rivaling the first in terms of its storytelling and tone. Just as Abrams 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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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Local restaurant just what the 'Doctor' ordered

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Scene Critics

Everyone is familiar with the chain franchises located on both Grape and Main Rds. in Mishawaka. But for the average Notre Dame student, that's where the dining adventure ends, leaving out many savory gems found in the Michiana area. One of these treasures can be found simply by continuing south on Main Street into downtown Mishawaka. Doc Pierce's restaurant, located on 120 N. Main Street, Mishawaka, offers casual but classy dining at reasonable prices.

The food is pretty standard fare. The usual assortment of chicken, salads, steaks and burgers are available, but with clever medical-based names like "the intern" (beef in mushroom sauce) and "chicken M.D." (chicken in teriyaki sauce). Meals come in two forms — "over the counter" (baskets) and "full prescriptions" (entrees). The baskets include only fries, and prices range from about \$6 to \$9. Entrees include salad, bread, and choice of baked potato, French fries, coleslaw, rice or vegetables, priced between \$10 and \$20.

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

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

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

Doc Pierce's is a good place for a wide range of people and occasions, from family dinners to first dates. There is an



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Doc Pierce's restaurant, with its convenient downtown location and unique atmosphere, is the perfect place for a casual dinner or a football celebration.

assortment of booths and tables, although the booths offer more privacy. Speakers pipe classic rock and country, giving the restaurant a laid-back and welcoming feel. With seating areas on both the first and second floor, as well as a full-service bar, it serves a wide-range of patrons.

Doc Pierce's is a good destination for those seeking a relaxed restaurant that

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

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NBA

Revived Sixers defense dominates Hawks

Orlando and Indiana open seasons strong; Magic upsets Chicago Bulls, O'Neil leads Indiana to victory over Charlotte

Associated Press

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

Instead, he was back with the 76ers for another opener. But with livelier 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 76ers over the Atlanta 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 39-19.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"After last year's first game, this is a step in the right direction," coach Maurice Cheeks said.

But not before the Sixers took a brief detour toward a more troubling direction.

The Hawks chipped away and pulled to 81-71 late in the fourth on Childress' jumper. The Sixers handed Atlanta more opportunities, on a shot clock violation, and missed shots by Iverson and Webber on the same possession, but the Hawks went cold down the stretch and didn't convert either of those chances.

Not surprising. They are the Hawks.

Webber then hit a 17-footer and Dalembert dunked. The lead was back to 15 and the Sixers were back on their way.

"I think we used up too much energy to get it to 10," Childress said. "It's frustrating because it was the first game of the season and we came out flat."

Defense was a training camp priority for the Sixers after pretty much blowing a playoff spot because they couldn't play any last season. The results were promising: Philadelphia held the Hawks to 33 percent shooting and outrebounded them 47-42.

"It's the first game, you know?" Webber said, his twinkle, if not his shooting (4-for-16), in midseason form. "We'll see how it goes after that."

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

Orlando 109, Chicago 94

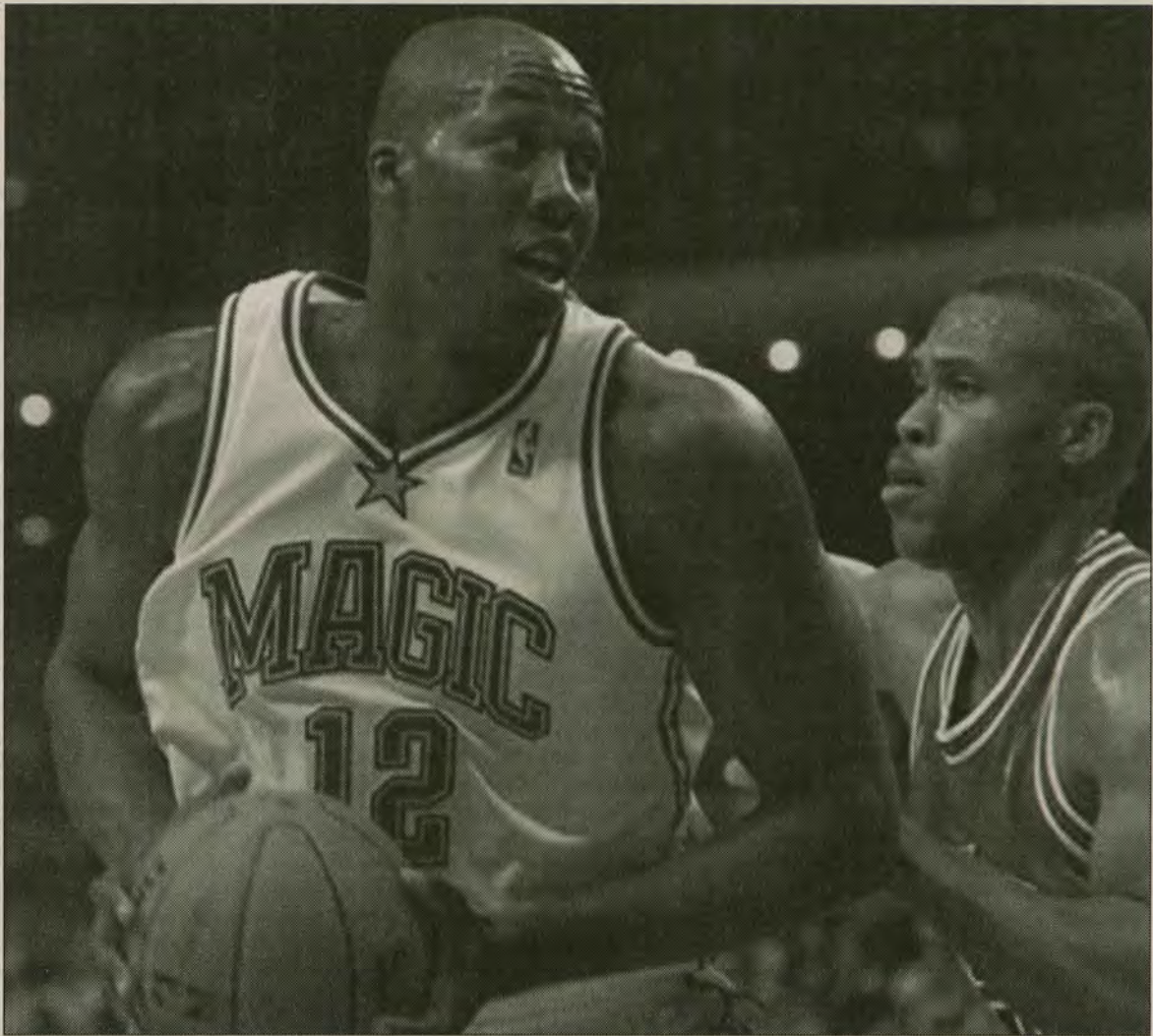
Orlando Magic coach Brian Hill thought his team had no chance against the Bulls Wednesday night after watching Chicago rout the defending champion Miami Heat to open the season.

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

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

The Bulls beat the Heat by 42 points the night before, but couldn't find their stroke Wednesday. Howard took control, grabbing lobbs in the low post on fronting defenders and running the baseline for back-door dunks.

"Dwight's going to be one of those guys in this league that are going to make it hard, make it tough for anyone who comes into this building to get a win," Bulls center Ben Wallace said of the third-year player.



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

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 23 turnovers to Chicago's 15, outshooting 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 Sarunas Jasikevicius scored 20 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 the NBA debut of Bobcats rookie Adam Morrison, who scored 14.

Emeka Okafor had 19 points, 13 rebounds and a team record-tying 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 to 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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NCAA Men's Basketball USA Today Coaches' Poll

	team	record	points
1	Florida (30)	0-0	772
2	North Carolina	0-0	728
3	Kansas	0-0	714
4	Ohio State (1)	0-0	595
5	Pittsburgh	0-0	583
5	UCLA	0-0	583
7	LSU	0-0	556
8	Georgetown	0-0	538
9	Wisconsin	0-0	530
10	Arizona	0-0	478
11	Duke	0-0	477
12	Alabama	0-0	420
13	Texas A&M	0-0	335
14	Memphis	0-0	328
15	Boston College	0-0	284
16	Washington	0-0	240
17	Marquette	0-0	203
18	Connecticut	0-0	200
19	Texas	0-0	172
20	Syracuse	0-0	138
21	Georgia Tech	0-0	137
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23	Creighton	0-0	113
24	Tennessee	0-0	106
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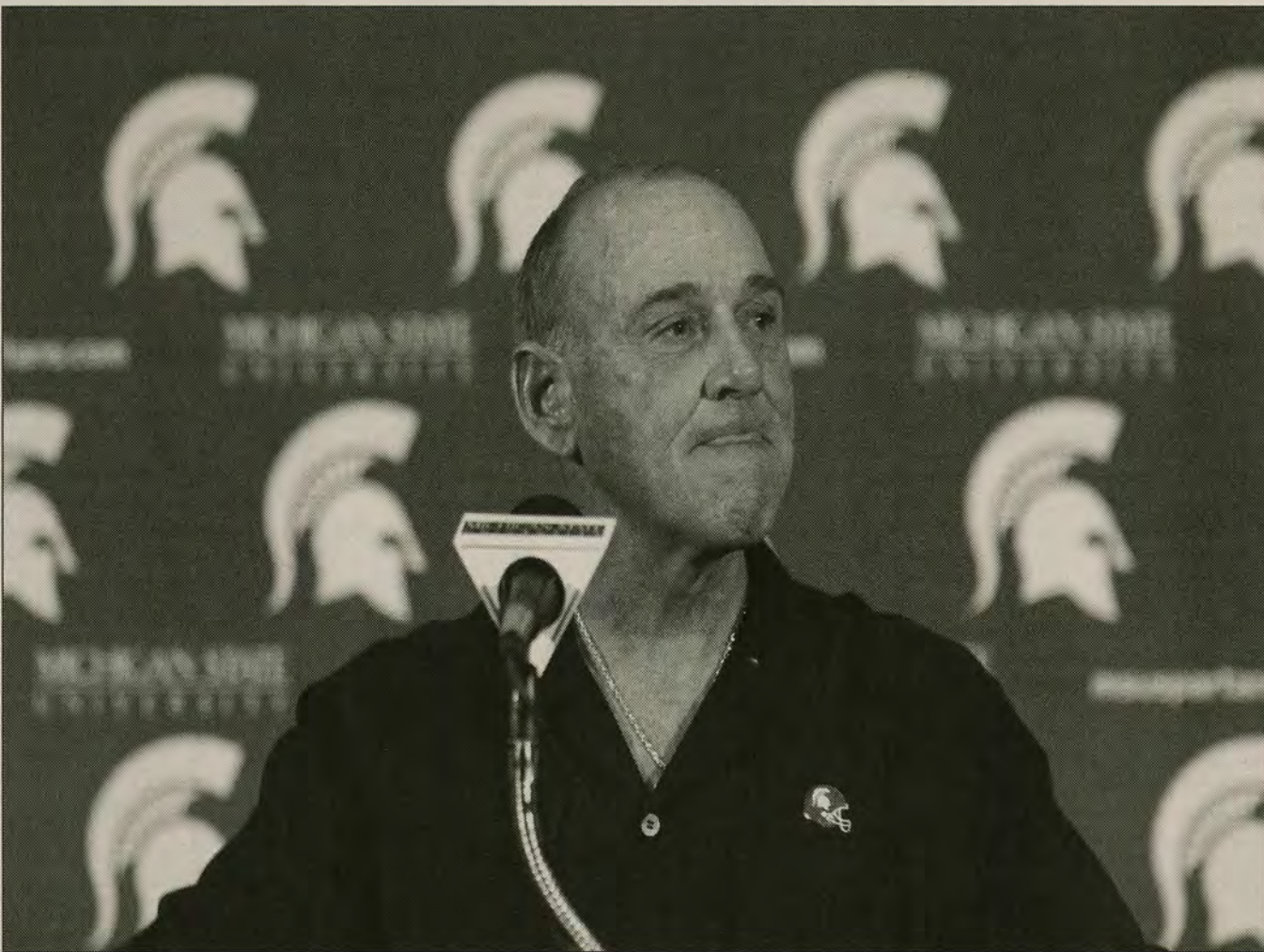
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4	Stanford (1)	0-0	655
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NCAA FOOTBALL



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

Smith ousted as Spartans' head coach

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

Mason and university

president Lou Anna Simon said they reached the decision to make a change 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 22-23 record in four seasons at Michigan

State. He led the Spartans to the Alamo Bowl in his first season, but the team did not qualify for a bowl in 2004 or 2005.

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

Johnson targets Lewis in this weekend's game

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

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

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

"Chris and Samari have made the list before and haven't been able to do 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 Robby 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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NHL

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 flopped 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 out-shot 42-18. Ray Whitney and Rod 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 Bob 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."

Johan Hedberg went the rest of the way in the Atlanta nets and was barely tested, facing just four shots while Ward was sprawling 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.

Marian Hossa picked up his NHL-leading 11th goal and 500th 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 late 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



Carolina goaltender Cam Ward makes a save against Atlanta left wing Ilya Kovalchuk Wednesday. Ward made 40 saves in the 5-2 Hurricane victory over the Thrashers.

for all but one of the goals.

Colorado 5, Columbus 3

The Colorado 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 Rycroft and Brad Richardson scored for Colorado, which has won five of its last seven. The Avalanche are 18-1-2 all-time against Columbus.

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

Sergei Fedorov, Fredrik Modin and 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," Blue Jackets coach Gerard Gallant said. "But every time we made a mistake it ended up in the back of the net."

Modin scored a power-play goal from the low slot at 18:50 in the second to cut it to 4-1. Vyborny made it 4-3 at 14:21 of the third, skating down the right wing and snapping home a cross ice pass from Modin.

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

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

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

"Jose was great," Quenneville said. "He had a lot of stuff around the net. He found pucks through traffic. Generally, if you're successful killing penal-

ties 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.

Johan Franzen 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 in," coach Mike Babcock said. "I think it's evident in how we play."

Dion Phaneuf and Andrew Ference got the goals for Calgary, which lost its third in a row. Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 31 shots for the Flames, 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.

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

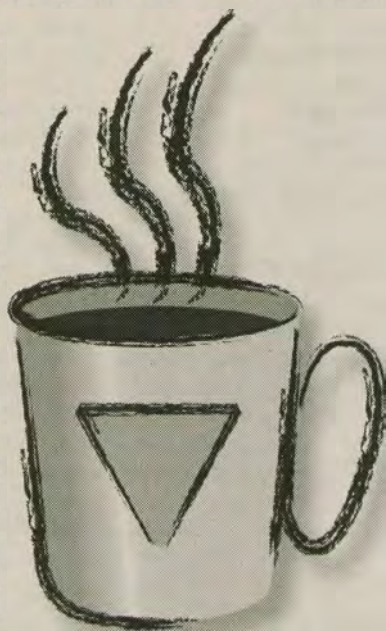
"I got a pass right in the middle of the slot," Franzen said, "and got off a pretty good shot."

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

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

The Flames got on the board on Phaneuf's power-play goal with 7:31 remaining in the first period. His one-time slap shot from the point beat Hasek through traffic.

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.



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NCAA FOOTBALL

Big East gears up for national spotlight

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

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — West Virginia and Louisville were expected to play the Big East's game of the year, two similarly prolific though vastly different teams vying for a 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 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 Slanton and quarterback Pat White have developed into one of the nation's most explosive backfields and the Cardinals have emerged as one of the country's most resilient teams.

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

"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 Westover 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 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 Slanton 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. Slanton 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.

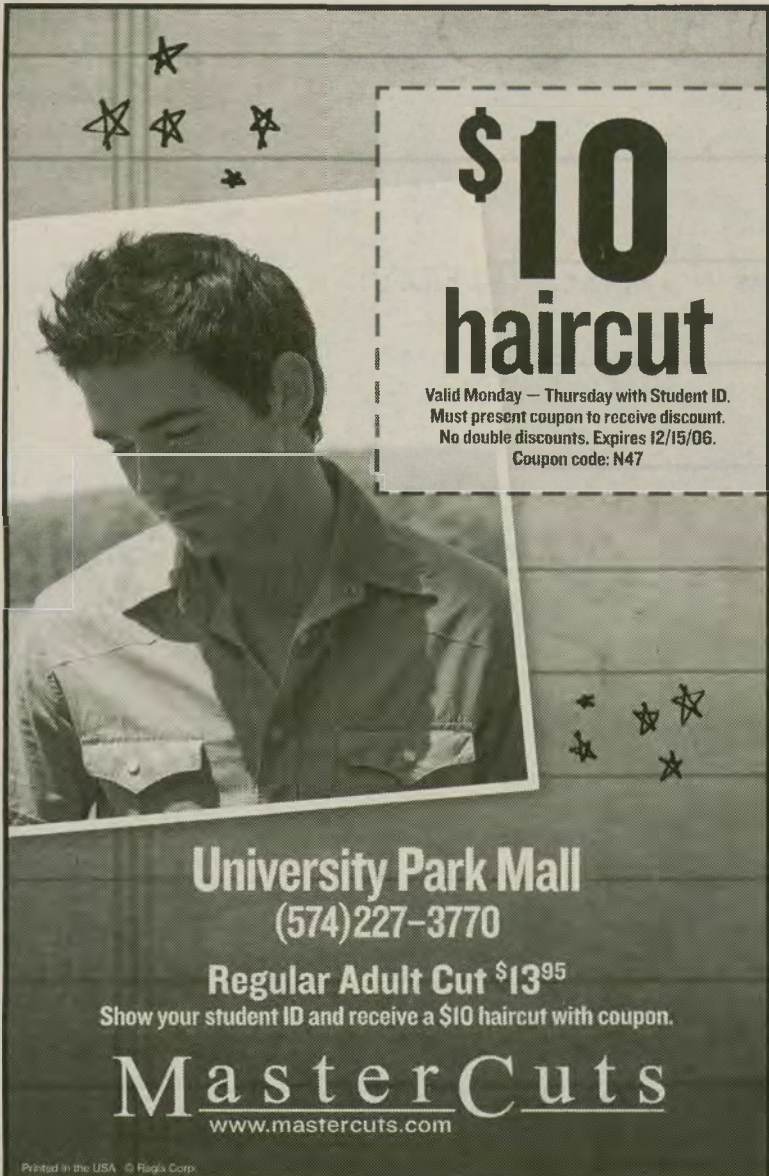
The Mountaineers dominate behind Slanton, White and full-back Owen Schmitt and an unorthodox 3-3-5 defense that gives up lots of small plays but few big ones. The Cardinals are a balanced blend of Brohm's passing, a running game that keeps churning along even without star Michael Bush — who broke his 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 won't go to triple overtime, it could be hard on the heart."



West Virginia quarterback Pat White dives for a gain in the Mountaineers 37-11 win over Connecticut Oct. 20.



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Bayliss said. "We are just going to take it one match at a time."

Parbhu will take on Old Dominion's Harel Srugo, the ITA Midwest Singles Champion. Srugo captured the title by defeating teammate Henrique Cancado 7-5, 6-2.

Parbhu earned his spot at the National Indoors when he advanced to the Midwest Singles Final, where he fell to Ohio State's Steven Moneke 7-6(2), 6-2.

Bayliss said that Parbhu has been working on developing an even stronger game since losing to Moneke.

"[Parbhu] has been working on getting a better rhythm to his game and developing more consistency," Bayliss said.

Bass 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 Cojanu, as the duo will be competing in the ITA National Indoor Championship along with Parbhu and Keckley.

The Irish will have to play without top-five singles player sophomore Brett Helgeson, who sustained an ankle injury last week.

While Bayliss acknowledged the challenge in losing Helgeson, he said the team still looks forward to the opportunity to play.

Senior Barry King will lead the Irish in the eight-player round robin tournament.

Senior Irackli Akhvediani follows King at the No. 2 singles spot for Notre Dame.

Bayliss said he is excited to see how the team performs when younger players have a chance to see more of the court than usual.

"This is an opportunity for everyone to play up in an opportunity they wouldn't normally see," Bayliss said. "I want to see how some of the guys play in roles they've never had the opportunity to assume."

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Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

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performances at the ITA Regional Finals last week at Michigan State. Rielley defeated Ciobanu 7-5, 6-4 in the finals of that event, marking the first time freshman teammates have ever faced each other in ITA Finals history.

"It's been tough for them to practice this past week because they've had a lot of tests," Louderback said. "But they're very excited. We'll just see how they do because they're up against some of the top competitors."

Rielley faces Clemson's Carole Salge while Ciobanu 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 Pooler, who defeated the sisters in the Rivera Championships, are not listed on the bracket for this weekend's tournament.

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

At the opposite end of the bracket, junior Brook Buck and sophomore Kelcy Tefft will

square off against second-seeded Suzi Babos and Zsuzsanna Fodor from California. Babos is also seeded first in the singles tournament. Buck and Tefft qualified for the event by winning the ITA Midwest Championships.

"The doubles 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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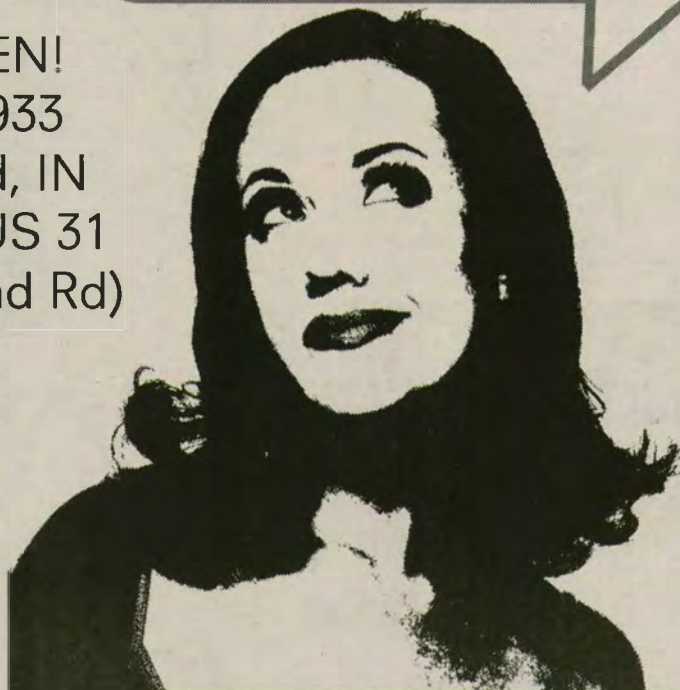
Sophomore Kelcy Tefft fires a shot during a match against Illinois March 3 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Freshman forward Michelle Weissenhofer, right, competes with Saint John's defender Susan Byrne for a loose ball Sunday.

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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 Shaner 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 crutches on the sidelines.

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

Dew witnessed the defense allow 10 Red Storm shots — compared to a season average of just over five per game. Waldrum blamed miscommunication between unfamiliar faces for a couple 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 weekend 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, including exhibitions, without her earlier this year when she and sophomore forward Brittany Bock were playing in Russia for the U-20 World Championships — during which time Notre Dame surrendered two goals and went 6-0, including wins over current No. 19 Virginia, No. 3 Santa Clara, No. 22 Southern California and No. 24 SMU.

"We beat a lot of good teams without her," Waldrum said.

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

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

"It's never a good thing when one of your top players goes down with an injury," he said. "At least if it were going to happen, we've got some time ... hopefully two more games in the Big East [tournament], and then hopefully you can get can deep in the NCAA. We've got some time to get them some games together before you get into [it] if you're fortunate to make it to a final four."

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

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

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

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

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

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points but played just 19 minutes due to foul trouble.

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

Senior guard Colin Falls reprised 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," Brey said. "Sometime he was a little too excited."

The two point guards were on the court together briefly 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



FAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Irish guard Colin Falls, right, drives past Michigan forward Chris Hunter in the Wolverines' 71-67 win Dec. 3.

create for him."

Brey 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 fresh-

men 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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2005 Readers' Choice

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Rock in hand

Irish drub Rockhurst 79-44 in exhibition to open season

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

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

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

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

The Irish started the game with a 20-4 run and never looked back, shooting 53 percent from the field and 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 under the basket.

"This is what I've seen for three weeks [in practice]," Brey said of Harangody. "He can score the ball, 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 11 points and had a team-high 19 rebounds. Sophomore Luke Zeller, who started alongside Kurz in the frontcourt, scored four quick

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KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

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

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Six players headed to Columbus

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

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

"There's really nothing that [they] gain if they win this. It's really just an opportunity to get the top players from around the country together," Irish coach Jay Louderback 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 Rielley and Cosmina Ciobanu will represent the Irish in the 32-player singles field. Rielley and Ciobanu qualified for the event thanks to their scene-stealing

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Dew's season likely over

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

While Notre Dame's record suffered its first blemish of the season in a scoreless draw at Connecticut Oct. 13, last week's 3-0 victory at Cincinnati was the season's biggest setback.

The Irish won the match, but likely lost sophomore center defender Carrie Dew for the rest of the season after she tore her anterior cruciate ligament, said Irish coach Randy Waldrum.

After speaking with doctors, Waldrum said Dew will eventually require surgery to repair the damaged ligament. Holding onto a sliver of hope to return for the later stages of the NCAA Tournament — which Waldrum said would be unlikely — the Big East Defensive Player of the Year candidate will undergo rehab to test her knee's strength.

"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,"

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Irish defender Carrie Dew, left, and midfielder Jill Krivacek, right, swarm Rutgers' Jennifer Anzivino in Notre Dame's 2-0 win Oct. 8.

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish athletes invited to national tournament

Parbhu, Keckley and Bass to represent ND at ITA national meet

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

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

Doubles partners Parbhu and Keckley earned a spot in the tournament with their 9-8(5) victory over Louisville's Damar Johnson and Slavko Radman in the ITA Midwest Doubles Championship final Oct. 24. The pair faces San Diego

State's fourth-seeded Markus Dickhardt and Christian Groh.

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

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

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

"Everybody is good and every match is going to be tough,"

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

NCAA FOOTBALL

Quarterback Pat White and running back Steve Slaton will lead No. 3 West Virginia against No. 5 Louisville tonight at 7:30.

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NHL

Hurricanes 5 Thrashers 2

Goalie Cam Ward stonewalls 40 shots in Carolina's win over Atlanta.

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NHL

Avalanche 5 Blue Jackets 3

Goalie Jose Theodore has 19 saves in the third period to secure Colorado's victory.

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NBA

76ers 88 Hawks 75

Guard Allen Iverson leads all scorers with 32 points in 76ers season opening win.

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NBA

Magic 109 Bulls 94

Dwight Howard scores 27 points to lead Orlando over Chicago.

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NBA

Pacers 106 Bobcats 99

Forwards Jermaine O'Neal and Sarunis Jasikevicius score 20 points a piece for Indiana.

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