



Don't look forward to this one
Despite the star-studded cast, including Haley Joel Osment, critic Casey McClusky finds "Pay it Forward" not worth a trip to the theater.
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Generation gap
A student writes that she feels left behind when candidates ignore the college age group in favor of issues important to older voters.
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SMC faculty supports Observer's independence

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's faculty assembly unanimously passed a resolution at Wednesday's meeting that supported The Observer's independent status.

"What we wanted to do was show support for the independence of The Observer," said Susan Alexander, author of the resolution and a Saint Mary's associate professor in sociology.

The document states that "freedom of expression and

debate by means of free and vigorous student media are essential to the educational environment of a liberal arts college in a democratic society," and, therefore, supports the current status of The Observer as an independent student newspaper.

"We, as faculty, understand that the staff at The Observer have policies in place and no one else needs to step in," Alexander said.

The resolution is the second public statement by members of the Saint Mary's community regarding the status of The

Observer. The Board of Governance issued a statement in support of The Observer's current status last month.

Alexander said that this resolution was important not only to support the newspaper's inde-

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Susan Alexander
resolution author

pendence, but that it was also that this is our newspaper too," Alexander said.

The Faculty Assembly resolution follows a resolution from Notre Dame's Faculty Senate last month. The Observer's relationship with the University was reviewed by a committee chaired by Notre Dame professor David Solomon. The committee made a recommendation regarding The Observer's editorial and advertising independence to Father Edward Malloy and The Observer is waiting for Malloy's decision based on that report.

The text of the Faculty

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Members discuss construction

By AMY GREENE
News Writer

Board members discussed the future campus improvements that will come to fruition in the next year and the impending revision of the College's mission statement at Wednesday's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting.

"There is a planned addition on the east end of Madeleva and designs to improve heating, air conditioning and water are in the works," said board member Allison Webb. "The number of classrooms will remain the same, but be larger."

According to Webb, the costs for renovations to Madeleva and the creation of the student center will total \$9.3 million, and totals for improvements overall will total \$18 million.

"By June plans should be set and it will be 12 to 18 months later until the construction. During the construction there will probably be temporary classrooms for students," said Webb.

In other Board news:

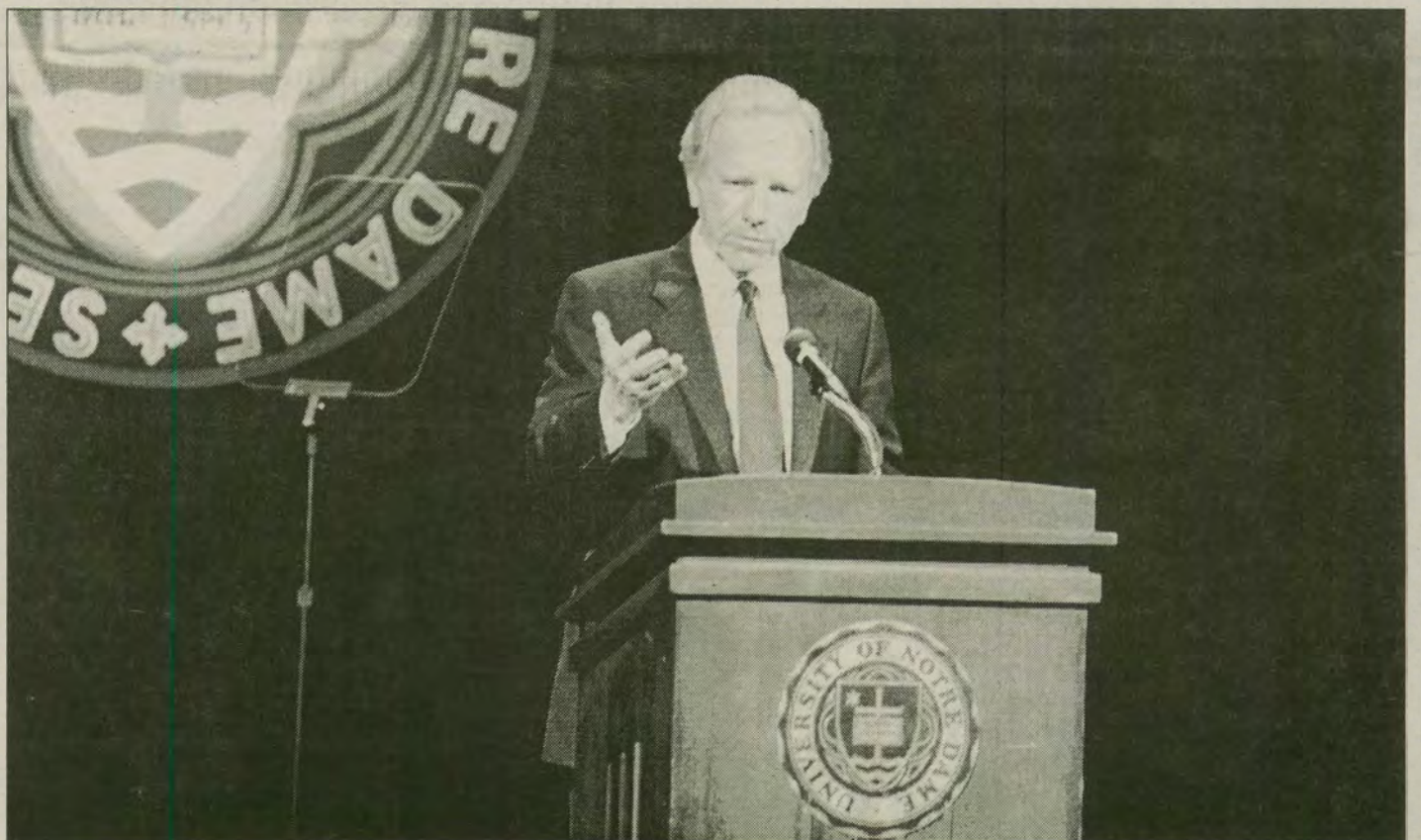
♦ Senior Molly Kahn addressed the BOG about the new mission statement.

"Please take a few minutes of your time to look at your e-mails about the mission statement and comment. It is important that we have student input because we are the core facets of the community," Kahn said.

♦ Saint Mary's students are organizing a Super Sibs club on campus. The club includes students from Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross who have siblings with disabilities. The club pairs students with other students who have disabled siblings and aims to give personal attention that they may not other-

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STUDENT SENATE



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman speaks to a packed house at Washington Hall Tuesday. Student senators expressed concern that many students were unable to get attend the event, since all tickets were given out in the first 10 minutes of distribution. Student body president Brian O'Donoghue said short notice prevented a raffle system.

O'Donoghue explains ticket policy

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

In the wake of Democratic vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman's visit to campus Tuesday, Notre Dame's Student Senate discussed the heckling incident that took place during his speech, as well as concerns that many students were unable to secure tickets for the event.

"It's a shame that...the lead story was that [Lieberman] was interrupted by a heckler," said Ryan Becker, Zahm Hall senator. "I thought it was

an awesome event. I think [Lieberman] is a great role model for anyone going into government."

Student body president Brian O'Donoghue also discussed the incident, clarifying for the Senate that the senior responsible for the interruption was not doing so on behalf of Right to Life, the Progressive Student Alliance or any other University-affiliated club or society.

"That person was a single individual speaking alone," said O'Donoghue.

Senators also voiced complaints from the students about the lack of availability of tickets, which were dis-

tributed on Sunday evening in LaFortune. Tickets sold out within 10 minutes, causing some to question why a larger venue was not selected.

"We set the ticket policy that way [because] it was within 24 hours of students getting back to campus," O'Donoghue said, also noting that a raffle would have been used had there been more time.

"We know it wasn't an ideal system. The Lieberman camp chose Washington Hall, so we had no control over that," said O'Donoghue.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Death penalty protesters short-sighted

Standing outside of Washington Hall, early Tuesday morning, I admit, I was a little intimidated by the Secret Service men eyeing every slight move I made — the suspicious looks were enough to make me a little uneasy.

However, what really bothered me was the presence of protesters against the death penalty. Targeting Gore is definitely not the most logical course of action to take — especially since Bush is infamous for governing over the state known for executing the most inmates annually. In addition, Bush has already let it be known his plans of appointing conservative Supreme Court Justices if he gets the opportunity.

True, Bush has supported introducing accurate genetic evidence, but this recent turn of events has conveniently taken place within the last few months. Clearly this is a politically driven ploy to down-play the massive and rising numbers of executions.

Even though both candidates support the death penalty, Bush's dismal statistics on the issue make him the less favorable candidate for those opposed to the penalty. With more conservative justices on the Court, the future looks dim for those supporting a more impartial method and sporadic use of the death penalty.

For those who want to see the death penalty abolished in the U.S., the appointment of conservative justices is hardly the way to reach such ends. The protest was like hammering down the nails in the death penalty's own coffin, or better yet, the coffins of those who would likely be executed with greater frequency and less concern.

Many involved in the protest believed that they were protesting against the institution of the death penalty, without deliberately singling out either presidential candidate. While this sentiment is understandable for those adamantly opposed to the death penalty, it is hardly logical in a bi-partisan governed society.

Protesting against Gore/Lieberman is in effect, protesting not against the death penalty, but the hope of reform, and eventually the absolution of the institution of cruelty. One vote against Gore/Lieberman, is one vote against positive and substantial change on the issue, which will ultimately lead to regressing, not progressing.

As a supporter for the abolishment of the death penalty, it is frustrating to witness such ignorance of those whose actions may be potentially harmful to the long-term effects on the issue. Any kind of substantial change in policy takes place by rational means, not by biting the hand that may ultimately help your cause.

Looking at the signs held by the protesters, I saw the true and unfortunate condition of a discriminatory law, but what was equally disturbing, was the thought of the amount of Gore/Lieberman supporters who may have been swayed by the protest.

The protest succeeded in defeating the cause before the fight had even begun. Unless the protesters are planning on voting for Nader, the protest did more to hurt the movement against the penalty than actually helping it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| ♦ Film: "The Patriot," DeBartolo 101, 10:30 p.m. | ♦ Concert: Notre Dame Glee Club fall concert, 8 p.m., Washington Hall | ♦ Performance: Blak Images, 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall | ♦ Celebration: "Dia de los Muertos," Mexican celebration honoring the dead, 1 p.m., LaFortune |
| ♦ Event: Murder Mystery sponsored by the Student Advisory Council; 7 p.m., Carroll Auditorium | ♦ Performance: Folk Dance Group, 7:30 to 11 p.m., Clubhouse | ♦ Concert: South Bend Symphony "Spooktacular," 3 p.m., O'Laughlin Auditorium | ♦ Concert: David Schulenberg and Mary Oleskiewicz, 2 p.m., Annenberg Auditorium |

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Nader appeals to students to become informed

STANFORD, Calif. Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader provoked a packed crowd to laugh, cheer and hiss Monday night during his two-hour talk at the university.

Nader focused his remarks on student responsibility, the corporate influence on government and social issues like poverty and racism. He also criticized the two main presidential candidates, Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush.

Students waited for three hours to claim unassigned tickets for the 500 seat venue. Stanford and the Green Party co-sponsored the talk.

Some students said they wanted to hear Nader speak to become informed voters, others because they thought Nader offered specific solutions to

problems.

"We combine idealism with the need to put power behind truth instead of the waffling, wavering rhetoric of politicians who think they can fool you," said Nader before his speech. "Students are eager to see a better

world and a better country, and they will not wimp out when they go to the voting booth."

Following a talk by Medea Benjamin, the Green Party's Senate candidate, the audience greeted Nader with a standing ovation.

Nader encouraged students to look beyond their privilege at Stanford.

"You want to be careful because when you get accepted to Stanford, you're not on the ladder to success, you're on an escalator; you don't even have to climb," he said. "You won't be able to develop the empathy to recognize that most people are being shut out."

He challenged students to perform community service and to give back to their communities as a way to define themselves as citizens.



HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Professor to defend rap artists

CAMBRIDGE

A Harvard University Law School professor has joined civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton to defend a rap group implicated in the Sept. 25 stabbing of Boston Celtic Paul Pierce. Professor of Law Charles Ogletree, along with Sharpton and Source magazine CEO David Mays, held a press conference Tuesday afternoon, where Raymond Scott, leader of the rap group Made Men is imprisoned on an unrelated assault charge. Two others affiliated with Made Men are charged with being involved in the stabbing. Scott has not been charged in the case. In a telephone interview, attorney John Swomley, who represents Scott, said that he was pleased to have Ogletree involved. "Ogletree will work on some trial and media strategy," Swomley said. Outside the correction facility Tuesday, Sharpton said, "There is a trend in this nation to stereotype people based on their music, dress and friends. We have to do better than that."

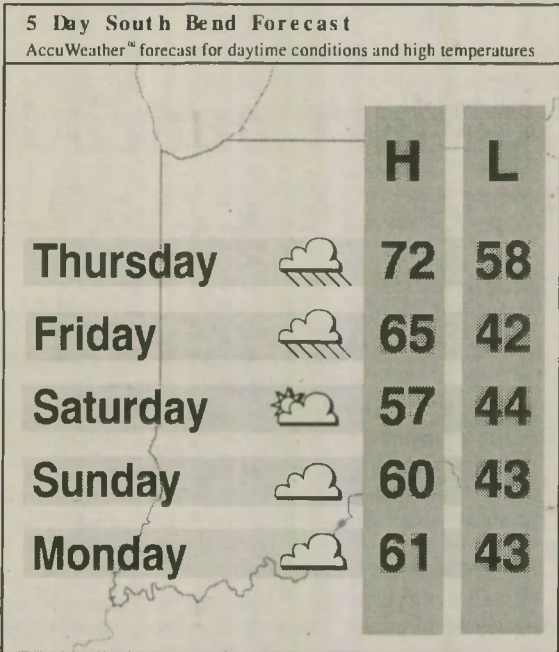
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Health Center investigates RU-486

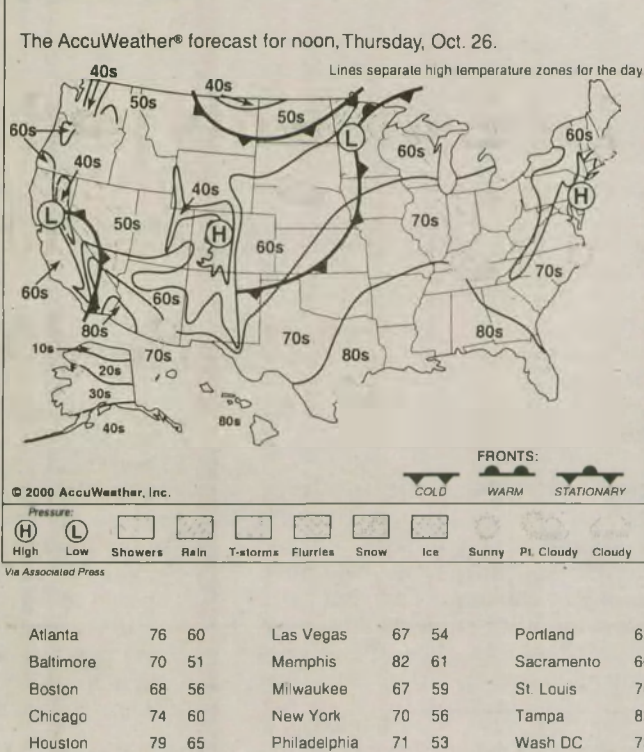
WALTHAM, Mass.

Although it is possible that the new abortion pill, mifepristone, also known as RU-486, will be available at the Brandeis Health Center at some point, the center is making no plans to offer the pills in the immediate future. "It's a safety issue," Kathleen Griffin Maloney, co-administrator of the Health Center, said. According to Maloney, the Health Center will hold off offering the pill until more information and research has been done on the effects of the newly FDA-approved pill. "I would rather err on the side of caution" she explained. Still, Maloney added that the Health Center will seriously look into offering the pill as more and more information about RU-486 becomes available. "We want to prescribe whatever is best for the students," she said. Although RU-486 is not yet available in the Health Center, the morning-after pill has already been offered at the center for some time. In order to receive a morning-after pill a student can come in to the Health Center at any point during its working hours; no appointment is required.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Students recount trips to conventions

♦ Nagle, Rafter thankful for national political experience

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary's News Editor

While most college students were taking a leisurely summer vacation, three politically motivated Saint Mary's students attended the Democratic and Republican National Conventions.

Colleen Rafter, a junior, and Heather O'Donnell, a senior, attended the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia from July 23-Aug. 4, and Michelle Nagle, student body vice-president, attended the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles from August 14-27.

"I cannot tell you how grateful I am that I was selected by the Political Science department and Saint Mary's sponsored me financially," Nagle said at the "Brown-Bag" discussion that she and Rafter led Wednesday. "Otherwise I would never have been able to attend something like this on my own."

The Political Science department selected Nagle and O'Donnell, both political science majors, to attend the conventions. O'Donnell is currently in Washington, D.C., with the Saint Mary's Washington Semester program.

Rafter decided this summer that she wanted to get involved with the Republican convention.

"I have an aunt and uncle in Philadelphia. My aunt was doing a lot of work for the convention and my uncle used to work for CNN," Rafter said. "[CNN] offered me a job for July

and the convention."

Nagle and O'Donnell were a part of a college program administered by the Washington Center, a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C., that provides internships and academic seminars for students all over the country.

During the conventions, students learned about the presidential selection process by attending seminars and listening to speakers.

The program also involved a field placement involved in some aspect of the convention. Nagle was placed with the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, where she worked as a member of the transportation crew, which shuttled senators to and from convention parties.

Nagle came in close proximity to many senators as well as the contributors to the Democratic Party. However, she did not always like what she saw.

"I saw firsthand who the senators were," Nagle said. "I would like to really believe that they represent the people, but they spent most of their time with the big-money donors."

O'Donnell received a position with the National Public Radio (NPR).

"Because of my aspirations to go into political broadcasting, this was a most beneficial experience for me because I was able to make many important contacts with the media," O'Donnell said. "I was so incredibly lucky to be at a place where everyone in both the media and political worlds were, and where I was able to meet

almost all of them. It was a great experience."

Rafter was placed with CNN. After she and several other college students helped set up CNN's compound at the convention, Rafter worked with the Larry King Live Show and brushed elbows with celebrities.

"I met Jon Stewart, Ben Stein and Bob Dole," Rafter said. "I met George P. Bush. He was a really interesting guy. I worked with Ben Stein for a week because he had so many appearances."

Like Nagle, Rafter helped transport the guests of Larry King and helped with interviews.

"I really liked working for Larry King," Rafter said. "I got to sit in on its shows and hear all the interviews. I have this picture of me and BqB Dole and John McCain. It was an honor to meet them."

All three women agreed that con-

ventions are still as necessary today as when the political system was created, although now for different reasons.

"Conventions don't stir the same emotions that they used to and the nomination is pre-determined, but they are still important," Nagle said.

"They provide an avenue for the people to come together and form a unified whole. Now having experienced the convention firsthand I cannot imagine them not occurring. I was in the presence of 30,000 people who believed in our democracy and the effect was breathtaking."

"I saw firsthand who the senators were ... they spent most of their time with the big-money donors."

**Michelle Nagle
Democratic National Convention
attendee**

New pep band aims to boost Belle pride

By JENNIFER BAKER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Belles' spirit is on the rise now more than ever. Recently, Lynn Kachmarik, the Saint Mary's athletic director has announced she is trying to get a Belles Pep Band started. Kachmarik sent out an e-mail to Saint Mary's students and immediately nine students responded with great interest.

A meeting is scheduled today at the Angela Athletic Facility to see what kind of interest there is in forming a Saint Mary's pep band. Kachmarik also talked with the director of student life at Holy Cross to see if the junior college was interested in participating as well. Kachmarik says it would be "nice community relations."

This new band would be a great way to show musical talent while adding to Saint Mary's community and enhancing the sporting events, according to Kachmarik.

"I think it will raise school spirit and will intensify the enthusiasm of the crowds," said junior Katie DeCoste. Kachmarik is hopeful that someone with enough interest and motivation will step up and take a lead in helping to develop this band.

Two new groups adding additional excitement to the basketball games have also recently formed. Activities night this year brought about the beginnings of a new cheerleading squad and dance team that have picked up rapidly and developed beyond expected interest.

Kachmarik voiced hopes that the pep band will reach the same level of enthusiastic interest as the other new groups have attained. Kachmarik says that she has not yet had the opportunity to see the dance team, but said "the cheerleading squad was outstanding."

Busted at Finnegans?

**Law students and Judicial Council Representatives
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Montgomery Theatre, In LaFortune at 5:00

Senate

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In other Senate news:

◆ Dillon senator Brendan Dowdall expressed his disappointment that the smaller, "50¢" candles had been removed from the Grotto, along with their wrought-iron candelabras.

"It's very upsetting," Dowdall said.

O'Donoghue explained that the candles were removed following concerns about fire safety.

"The Grotto caught on fire at the beginning of [Fall] Break, and the Fire Chief said those things have to go," O'Donoghue said, expressing doubt about their return in the near future.

Larger, \$2 candles still remain, and according to O'Donoghue, Campus Ministry will allow students to make 50¢ donations – or a larger donation, if they choose – for the larger candles.

◆ Career Center director Lee Svete spoke to the Senate about the continuing expansion of the center, encouraging all students to visit – especially those unsure of their future career paths.

With a staff of 16 operating on the first two floors of Flanner Hall, the Career Center has recently undergone an aggressive campaign to increase alumni mentoring. In recent years, the number of alumni mentors has increased from zero to 700.

"I think we'll continue to get the resources we need to be successful," Svete said. "We're diversifying, and if [there is something that] we don't know, our alumni will help us

out."

Pasquerilla East senator Nikki McCord said that as a former science pre-professional major, she noticed a lack of internships in the science fields.

Svete responded that the Career Center was aware of this need, and that the center was currently in the process of increasing contacts with alumni working in those areas. Svete also noted that the center was planning its first career fair aimed specifically at science-related jobs, tentatively scheduled for next spring.

◆ The recent Senate resolution to bring a mailbox back to the LaFortune Student Center was met with reservations from the local postal authorities, according to Becker, who spoke with Notre Dame postmaster Mike Walsh.

Becker said that Walsh initially opposed the idea because mailboxes in LaFortune were not used enough. The last mailbox was removed from the student center four years ago.

"I said, 'It's the student center, and there should be a mailbox there.' He said he needed a legitimate reason, so I said again, 'It's the student center,'" Becker said.

Becker also referred to an existing stamp machine, located outside the Copy Shop. "You can buy stamps to put on the letters, but you can't mail them, but he didn't think that was very good either."

Becker later said that much of the confusion stemmed from the fact that the resolution was approved without first consulting Walsh. Becker announced to the Senate that he remains optimistic about seeing a mailbox in LaFortune in the near future.

Faculty

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Assembly resolution echoes the language in the recent Notre Dame Faculty Senate resolution.

"The Observer's current practice of the responsible exercise of full editorial independence, including the setting of standards for acceptable advertising, does not justify any modification or further codification of its current status as the independent student newspaper of Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame," the resolution states.

The faculty is unclear as to the exact effects that this resolution will have in regards to the ongoing discussion about The Observer's relationship to the administrations of both institutions.

Regardless of the effect, Alexander hoped that the resolution would send a message to members of The Observer's staff.

"For me, the purpose is sending a message to the students running the paper that the Saint Mary's faculty support The Observer's independence," she said.

University nixes summer graduation

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame has discontinued its Summer Commencement ceremony due to a continuing decline in student participation, according to Nathan Hatch, the University's provost. The decision was approved by the officers and deans of the University.

"Following a review of the dwindling number of students in attendance for the summer convocations, and after consulting with the officers and deans, I have decided that this year's summer ceremony was our last," said Hatch, who added that

scheduling conflicts in the summer also had limited the participation of administrators and faculty in the event.

Most students who in the past would have taken part in the Summer ceremony will be eligible to participate in the annual May exercises, Hatch said.

Before the decision was finalized, James Powell, associate dean of Notre Dame's Graduate School and director of the Summer Session, surveyed the Association of University Summer Sessions, and a majority of respondents said their institutions do not hold a separate degree ceremony in the summer.

CORRECTION

The Tuesday edition of The Observer reported that a Class C misdemeanor in St. Joseph's County can carry up to a \$500 fine and six months in jail, as well as loss of a driver's license. A Class C misdemeanor carries the possibility of a \$500 fine, jail time of 60 days, possible loss or deferment of a driver's license for up to one year and possible requirement to participate in an alcohol education or treatment program.

The Observer regrets the error.

BOG

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wise receive.

◆ Students are invited to join members of the board on Monday, Nov. 6 to "take a walk around campus and look at phones, lighting, and address security issues," said board president Crissie Renner. The group will be departing from the

Welcome Center at 7 p.m.

◆ There will be trick-or-treating in the residence halls on Oct. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m.

◆ "Say What Karaoke" will be held in Dalloway's Nov. 1 and Fall Day on campus is Nov. 5.

◆ The Information Technology Resource Center will hold Web site workshops Nov. 8 and 9 from 7 to 9 p.m.



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

U.N. refugee chief nominated:

Former Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers was tapped Wednesday to head the U.N. refugee agency — a top U.N. job that is likely to grow more challenging as people continue to flee war and repression at home for safety abroad. Secretary-General Kofi Annan introduced Lubbers, 61, as his choice to replace Sadako Ogata of Japan as head of the agency, called the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. Ogata is leaving the post in December after 10 years in office.

Romanians fight investment fund:

Angry protesters marched through the Romanian capital Wednesday, demanding the government compensate them for the collapse of the country's biggest investment fund. A Bucharest court ruled later Wednesday that the state savings bank has to reimburse thousands of Romanians who lost their money when the fund collapsed.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Pollution adds to global warming:

New evidence shows man-made pollution has "contributed substantially" to global warming and the earth is likely to get a lot hotter than previously predicted, a United Nations-sponsored panel of hundreds of scientists finds. The conclusions by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the most authoritative scientific voice on the issue, is expected to widely influence climate debate over the next decade.

Bush tape probe conclusion sought:

The lawyer for an adviser to Vice President Al Gore asked the Justice Department and FBI Wednesday to quickly complete their investigation of the anonymous mailing of Bush debate materials. He also suggested the mailing was the work of people associated with George W. Bush's Republican presidential campaign, which the Bush campaign heatedly denied. Raising an incident that had slipped from public attention as the presidential campaign moved into its final stages.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

County excludes abortion pill coverage:

The Hendricks County Commissioners have voted to exclude the abortion pill RU-486 from insurance coverage for the county's 400 employees. "I am not going to have anything to do with abortion," Commissioner John "J.D." Clappitt said after Monday's vote. "I want it out." Commissioner Hursel Disney said he joined Clappitt and the commission's third member because he doesn't think the county should pay for the pill.

IVORY COAST



Supporters of Laurent Gbagbo's party, the Ivorian Popular Front, stand in front of the Ivory Coast residential palace in Abidjan Wednesday, after gendarmes and soldiers took control of the place.

Gbagbo wins election, Guei flees

Associated Press

ABIDJAN
Opposition leader Laurent Gbagbo claimed the presidency of the Ivory Coast on Wednesday after a tumultuous 24 hours that ended the rule of the military junta that seized power 10 months ago.

Soldiers and civilians took to the streets to celebrate, although the festivities were short-lived as supporters of one of Ivory Coast's largest political parties launched a new round of street protests to demand a new vote.

Junta leader Gen. Robert

Guei, who had declared himself the winner of Sunday's presidential election, was forced from power earlier in the day when his security forces turned against him and joined thousands of unarmed demonstrators who took to the streets to back Gbagbo's bid for power.

Later, Gbagbo was introduced on state television as "president." He said he would be forming a Cabinet shortly.

The longtime left-leaning politician and former university professor had urged his followers to undertake a popular upris-

ing after Guei disbanded the country's electoral commission on Tuesday and declared himself the election winner.

More than 50 people were killed in clashes involving civilians and military since Tuesday, said Nguessan Afi, an official in Gbagbo's Ivorian Popular Front party. The toll could not be independently confirmed.

At least three bodies were seen in downtown Abidjan, and five other people were seriously injured. Four soldiers died in fighting early Wednesday, soldiers said.

Guei's whereabouts were unclear. A former aide,

Desire-Paulin Dakoury, said he remained in the presidential offices in Abidjan, Ivory Coast's main city, and "will be the one to decide when he talks and when he leaves."

However, former Guei information minister Henri Cesar Sama, who is now allied with Gbagbo, said Guei had fled Abidjan for Cotonou, a city in nearby Benin.

Airport officials in Cotonou also said Guei and his family were there. Well into the evening, senior government officials and their bodyguards hovered around the airport terminal.

Market Watch 10/25

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| DOW JONES | 10,326.48 | -66.59 |
| Up: 1,261 | Same: 496 | Down: 1,181,516,544 |
| AMEX: | 905.86 | -9.99 |
| Nasdaq: | 3229.57 | -190.22 |
| NYSE: | 636.50 | -10.04 |
| S&P 500: | 1364.90 | -2.38 |

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

| COMPANY/SECURITY | %CHANGE | \$GAIN | PRICE |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| JDS YBUOGASE (HDSU) | -25.31 | -24.06 | 71.00 |
| NORTEL NETWORKS (NT) | -29.11 | -18.43 | 44.88 |
| MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT) | -0.41 | -0.25 | 61.25 |
| CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO) | -7.75 | -4.25 | 50.62 |
| NTEL CORP (INTC) | -1.64 | -0.69 | 41.31 |

Internet sells unapproved HIV tests

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J.
Hundreds of people used the Internet to buy an HIV home test kit that lacks federal approval and doesn't yield accurate results, authorities said Wednesday.

The online sites selling the Ana-Sal kit claimed it produced results in five minutes that were more than 99 percent accurate.

However, tests by the Food and Drug Administration disproved those claims, Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott

Christie said. Neither Christie nor the FDA could say whether the kits, which tested saliva samples, tended to give false positive or false negative results.

The FDA has approved only one home test kit for the virus that causes AIDS: The Home Access Express HIV-1 Test System involves sending blood samples to outside facilities.

Stanley Lapides, 56, pleaded guilty Wednesday to a felony charge of distributing misbranded medical devices with the intent to mislead. He said he mailed 628 kits to U.S.

customers from Oct. 1997 to March 1999 without advising them the devices lacked FDA approval.

Christie said the government was attempting to notify the buyers. It wasn't clear how many had been mailed to other countries.

"It's imperative that we at least contact people to let them know they should not rely on them — or shouldn't have relied on them," he said.

The Ana-Sal kits are made by Americare Biologicals Inc. of Miami, a subsidiary of Americare Health Scan Inc.

ISRAEL

Talks strive for peace in troubled region

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Israeli and Palestinian troop commanders met at U.S. insistence Wednesday to try to pave the way for a truce, and relative calm prevailed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. No one was killed in clashes for the first time in a week despite sporadic exchanges of gunfire.

Israel said that if there were no new outbreaks of violence, it could withdraw troops from friction points and then look into ways of resuming peace talks. However, army officials were skeptical a cease-fire would hold for long.

President Clinton has raised the possibility of holding separate meetings in Washington with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to assess prospects for returning to negotiations.

The Israeli troop commanders of the West Bank and Gaza Strip held the meetings with their Palestinian counterparts Wednesday in the presence of U.S. security officials. The goal was try to implement the cease-fire brokered last week by Clinton. Both sides have accused each other of breaking promises made to the president.

Israel has said the Palestinian Authority has done little to quell shooting attacks on Israeli positions. The Palestinians have complained that Israel has not lifted its security closure of the Palestinian areas and withdrawn troops from trouble spots.

In all, 128 people, the vast majority Palestinians, have been killed in four weeks of Israeli-Palestinian fighting.



Arafat



Barak

But Wednesday saw only sporadic rock-throwing clashes.

After nightfall Wednesday, Palestinian gunmen fired at Israeli targets from several locations. Shots were fired from the West Bank at the Jewish neighborhood of Gilo on the southern edge of Jerusalem. For the third day in a row, the army responded

with tank fire.

Speaking before shooting began, the chief of operations in the Israeli army said that there had been a significant drop in violence over a 24-hour period.

"We must wait a day or so to see if there is a real change," Maj. Gen. Giora Eiland said. If calm prevailed, Israel would pull back forces to previous positions, he said.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami said Israel could even envision returning to peace talks.

"If, by some miracle ... the violence would stop, as a result of talks Clinton had yesterday with Arafat and Barak, mostly with Arafat ... then we could talk about the best way to restart the peace talks within two weeks," he said.

It was not clear whether Ben-Ami spoke for Barak. The Israeli prime minister has said repeatedly he no longer considers Arafat a peace partner.

Barak has tried to bring the hawkish opposition into his government to ensure his political survival before a hostile parliament convenes next week. If he succeeds, a resumption of peace talks is unlikely.

Palestinian officials softened their tone Wednesday — just this week, Arafat had told Barak to "go to hell" — and didn't rule out a return to negotiations.

VATICAN CITY

Scholars press to open archives

♦ Catholics and Jews question Holocaust actions

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY

Pressing the Vatican to open up its wartime archives, Roman Catholic and Jewish scholars raised explosive new questions Wednesday about Pope Pius XII's silence amid Holocaust-era reports that Jews were being deported and killed.

Eleven wartime volumes provided by the Vatican do not "put to rest significant questions" about the Vatican's role during the Holocaust, said a team of scholars appointed by the Vatican and a Jewish group to examine Pius XII's wartime actions.

While it was obvious the Vatican received early wartime reports from bishops and diplomats about the persecution of Jews in France, Romania and other countries, it was unclear how the pope responded, they said.

They noted the Vatican's public silence over the Kristallnacht anti-Jewish attacks in 1938, asking:

"Do the archives reveal internal discussions among the Vatican officials, including Pacelli (the pope), about the appropriate reaction to this program?"

The scholars repeated complaints of Vatican silence over the occupation of Poland, asking whether there was further documentation "with regard to ... insistent [international] appeals on behalf of the Poles."

It reported stark testimony by a Ukrainian Catholic bishop of the mass murder of Jews and asked "is there evidence of a discussion or a reply to the bishop's appeal?"

On the issue of a Jewish homeland, it noted that the future Pope John XXIII, a Vatican diplomat in Turkey during the war, helped Jews reach Palestine despite some personal uneasiness and asked for documentation on Vatican policy regarding Palestine.

The report noted that Pius received the head of the Croatian fascist state, Ante Pavelic, in 1941. It asked how the pope reacted to reports of atrocities that regime committed against Serbs, Jews, Gypsies and partisans.

The commission of three Jewish and three Catholic scholars began examining the Vatican volumes 11 months ago after some historians asserted Pius XII could have done more to save European Jews from the Nazis.

In last year's "Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII," British author John Cornwell charged that the pope ignored the plight of the Jews because he was anti-

Semitic. The Vatican insists Pius XII worked prudently for peace, helped war victims and was thanked by Jews for his efforts.

The commission's mandate was to study material published between 1965 and 1981 regarding Vatican diplomacy and to raise questions about missing information. But on Wednesday, the commission stressed that it would need full access to the Vatican archives to understand what went on.

In response, the Vatican said the report "expresses positive appreciation" for the archive material, acknowledging the scholars' assertion that further progress "would require further documentation."

The scholars were appointed following an agreement between the Vatican and the International Jewish Committee for Inter-Religious Consultations.

The three Catholic scholars are Eva Fleischner, professor emerita at Montclair State University in New Jersey; Father Gerald Fogarty of the University of Virginia's religious studies department and Father John Morley of Seton Hall University in New Jersey.

The Jewish representatives are Michael Marrus of the University of Toronto; Bernard Suchecy of the Free University of Brussels, Belgium; and Robert Wistrich of Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



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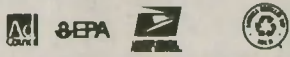
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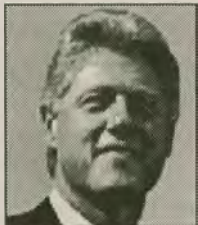
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Clinton to stump for Gore in Calif.

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. President Clinton will visit California late next week to campaign for Al Gore and Democratic congressional candidates, White House officials said Wednesday.



Clinton

as George W. Bush's campaign readied its first major TV ad buy in the state. Clinton's decision came after pleas from Democrats who are growing anxious amid signs the presidential race is tightening in the nation's most populous state. The narrowing also prompted Republican Bush to buy his first significant wave of advertising in California.

The Bush ads will double the current campaign by Republicans on his behalf, which means the GOP and the Bush team will be spending a combined \$3 million a week in California — a breathtaking sum even in this enormously expensive state.

The commercials will air in all major metropolitan areas, campaign spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said late Wednesday. English ads start Friday, Spanish and English spots start Monday.

"Recent polls have showed us within striking distance, and we are in a very strong position on issues coming out of the debates," Tucker said. "We believe over the next week and a half we can close the gap and win the state."

Democratic Gov. Gray Davis was among those who called Clinton, days after an aide

sharply criticized Gore's strategy in California, whose 54 electoral votes are an important part of Gore's election strategy. Those remarks have opened a rift between the Gore and Davis camps.

Davis called Clinton on Saturday to urge him and Gore to visit, he said at a news conference.

"He's immensely popular here," Davis said. "He's one of the most compelling speakers in American politics, and there's no one I can think of, absent the candidate himself, who could rally Democrats and independents and motivate them to turn out, than President Clinton."

Davis also said he appealed to Gore campaign chairman William Daley for a visit from Gore or running mate Joseph Lieberman, but received no commitments.

"I think he was impressed by my strong appeal that this is the biggest state, we cannot get to the White House without carrying California, and that you cannot take the state for granted," Davis said.

He added that he would like to see the party or the campaign spend money on ads. Gore has spent no campaign money to advertise here while the GOP has aired ads for Bush.

Democrats said they had begun airing radio ads promoting the Gore-Lieberman ticket, aimed at black and Hispanic Californians. Gore personally addresses listeners in the spot targeting blacks, said Garry South, a California adviser to the Gore campaign.

South said he was uncertain how much the ads would cost, or where they will air.

South angered Gore aides last week when he told

reporters Gore may need to launch an ad campaign to win the state.

Gore advisers, who believe the vice president doesn't need and can't afford to spend money in the Democratic-leaning state, are complaining privately that Davis is trying to draw Gore resources to help boost other Democratic candidates and strengthen Davis' position on ballot issues.

They wonder why Davis is not dipping into his own \$21 million campaign fund to promote Gore.

Davis does not face re-election until 2002.

South rejected any suggestion that the governor, who is Gore's campaign chairman here, has not done enough for Gore. Davis and his political operation were aggressively promoting Gore months before he had an office here, he said.

"The Gore campaign had nobody here on the ground, and the bottom line is the governor's political operation has been the major presence here for Gore for most of the last two years," he said.

In just a few weeks, Gore's double-digit lead over Bush in California has shrunk to between 5 and 7 percentage points, according to polls released this week.

White House Chief of Staff John Podesta said Clinton would direct most of his energies during the trip, expected Nov. 2-3, at "a handful of competitive House races."

"What the voter turnout is could potentially affect these House races. That's frankly why we're going out there," Podesta said.

He also may hold up to four fund-raisers during stops in northern and southern California.

Reagan, Bush officials help Cheney

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn.

Dick Cheney is getting little help from former Bush and Reagan administration officials who have opened their businesses to provide just the right backdrop for campaign events in key states this week.

In Washington state, where environmental issues are key, Cheney received a demonstration and briefing Tuesday on fuel cell technology.

an experimental alternative energy source, by officials at Avista Laboratories Inc. The company's chief executive officer, Mike Davis, was assistant secretary of energy under President Bush.

Davis said the company wanted to promote Avista, which hopes to sell fuel cells to homes and businesses in a few years. But he pumped a little politics into his briefing with reporters just before meeting with Cheney.

"The Clinton administration hasn't done anything on energy in the last eight years," said Davis. It was a line right out of Cheney's stump speech.

The event was of mutual benefit — Cheney used the briefing to steer his remarks toward energy policy and Avista received a plug from the GOP vice presidential candidate, who declared the company's technology "a tremendous development" at a rally that attracted local television media.

Later, in Eugene, Ore., Cheney's plane was met by

two fully decked out motor homes courtesy of Country Coach Inc., a mobile home manufacturer whose chief executive officer is Jack Courtemanche, former assistant to President Reagan and chief of staff to former first lady Nancy Reagan.

The vehicles transported Cheney and his staff to Country Coach's headquar-

ters, where several hundred employees were assembled for a rally.

On Wednesday, Cheney campaigned in Roswell,

N.M., where he was introduced by Colin McMillan, who worked for Cheney when he was defense secretary. McMillan now runs the Bush-Cheney campaign in New Mexico.

McMillan hailed Cheney, a native of Wyoming, as a "Westerner who understands what Westerners need."

Such events are organized by local GOP officials and the national campaign, so it's no surprise that people with ties to the Bush administration who can help gather supportive crowds are stepping up to the plate.

And, in shoring up the base of Republican voters in the final weeks of the campaign, it doesn't hurt to remind them of the party's legacy in the White House.

At Country Coach, Cheney's wife Lynne singled out Courtemanche, saying he was "a reminder to us of days when we had a great president in Washington, President Ronald Reagan."

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RUSSIA

Group alleges Russian abuse of Chechens

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Chechens detained by Russian forces have been killed, beaten, raped and degraded, Human Rights Watch claimed in a report released Thursday, calling for the alleged abuses to be taken to the European Court for Human Rights.

The watchdog group's report — entitled "Welcome to Hell," for the greeting reportedly given by Russian guards at a detention camp — comes as the Chechen war stretches into a second year. Widespread abuses continue, Human Rights Watch said.

A spokesman for Russia's human rights official in Chechnya said a copy of the report had been received on Wednesday and that there was no immediate response.

The report said interviews conducted with dozens of former detainees show a "cycle of torture and extortion faced by thousands of Chechens."

The detainees are held purportedly on suspicion of collaboration with rebel fighters, but Human Rights Watch said many detentions appeared arbitrary or motivated by money. Many people were released after their families raised sums ranging from \$75 to \$5,000 to buy their freedom, the group said.

The report expands on previous accounts of systematic abuse, particularly at the notorious Chernokozovo detention center in Chechnya. There, detainees were forced to run gauntlets of club-swinging guards and both males and females were raped, the report said.

Detainees also were subject-

ed to humiliations such as being refused toilet use and being ridden like beasts of burden by drunken guards.

The report cited several male detainees as saying guards had struck severe blows to their genitals.

"They asked me if I was married or not. If someone was unmarried, they said 'You will never have children' and kicked them" in the testicles, the report quoted one detainee as saying.

At least one detainee died from beatings suffered in running the gauntlet of guards, the report said.

Russia's military campaign in Chechnya has

come under wide criticism from the West, both for alleged abuses by soldiers and guards and for military offensives that have indiscriminately targeted civilians. But the criticism has not provoked action and it was unclear whether the European Union would be willing to take the matter to the human rights court.

Diederik Lohman, director of the Moscow office of Human Rights Watch, said some of the most powerful countries in the EU, including Italy, Germany and Britain, "have been really pathetic" in their response to Chechnya — apparently unwilling to risk relations with Russia.

Russia has appointed a human rights official for Chechnya, Vladimir Kalamanov. But he does not have the power to initiate investigations, only to refer cases to other agencies, Lohman said.

In addition, "prosecutors [in Chechnya] sit behind barbed wire and armed guards, so ordinary Chechens can't go there to complain," he said.

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YUGOSLAVIA

Ethnic Albanians express skepticism

Associated Press

PRISTINA

Ethnic Albanians in Kosovo expressed skepticism Wednesday about an admission from Yugoslavia's new president that Yugoslav forces were responsible for widespread killings in the province.

Kosovo's newspapers largely ignored remarks made by President Vojislav Kostunica to CBS-TV's "60 Minutes II," in which he acknowledged that crimes had occurred during Slobodan Milosevic's crackdown in the southern Yugoslav province. Only one Albanian language newspaper, Koha Ditore, printed the remarks.

"I am ready to ... accept the guilt for all those people who have been killed," Kostunica said. "For what Milosevic had done, and as a Serb, I will take responsibility for many of these, these crimes."

It was the first time any Yugoslav leader accepted responsibility and expressed regret for any of the conflicts in the last decade in the Balkans. Milosevic never admitting any wrongdoing in Kosovo.

Nonetheless, some people here suggested Kostunica must take greater steps toward reconciliation before such statements can be believed.

"After you kill, no apologies can be accepted," said Arben Xhelili, 18, a bartender in Pristina.

Ethnic Albanians endured a decade of oppression under Milosevic and an 18-month brutal crackdown by Serb police that only ended after NATO airstrikes last year. During the 78-day air war, ethnic Albanians say, thousands of people were rounded up by Yugoslav forces. Many remain unaccounted for.

"This is only a little start from nothing," Milaim Murati, 34, a cook, said of Kostunica's remarks. "The good way to start would be to release all Albanian prisoners from Serb prisons and find the missing. That

could be a genuine good sign."

Kostunica said Wednesday he would consider granting amnesty to people jailed under Milosevic, but he stopped short of committing to the release of Kosovo Albanians held since the conflict.

Meanwhile, more than 20,000 supporters of Kosovo Albanian politician Ibrahim Rugova gathered Wednesday at Pristina's stadium for his final rally ahead of municipal elections on Saturday. Several polls show moderate


Democratic League of Kosovo in the lead.

Rugova attracted international attention ahead of the NATO bombing campaign for seeking a nonviolent resolution with Belgrade. He was twice elected "president" of an internationally unrecognized republic of Kosovo.

Wednesday, Switzerland announced that it will keep lightly armed soldiers in Kosovo to help the province's NATO-led peacekeeping force for an additional year.

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GEORGIA

Russian Ministry plane crashes

♦ All passengers feared dead in fiery disaster

Associated Press

TBILISI, Georgia

A Russian Defense Ministry plane with at least 75 passengers and crew slammed into a mountain while trying to land in bad weather Wednesday evening in Georgia. Officials said everyone on board was feared dead.

A search and rescue team sent to the crash site about 15 miles east of the city of Batumi found pieces of the plane and scorched earth, Georgia's Emergency Situations Department said. Russia's RTR television reported that bodies had been found, and showed footage of flaming pieces of wreckage lit by rescue workers' floodlights.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known.

The plane veered off course on approach in "difficult weather conditions," said Alexander Silagadze, head of the civil aviation agency Sakaeronavigatsiya.

It was unclear exactly how many people were on board. Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry said the plane carried 82 people — 11 crew members and 71 passengers — but Russian military officials said there were 11 crew members

and 64 passengers, the Interfax news agency reported.

Russian military officials said the plane, an Il-18 transport, was at an altitude of 5,300 feet when communications with it were lost, Interfax reported. Both military and civilian personnel were aboard, the agency said.

Interfax said passengers aboard the plane included servicemen and their wives and children returning from vacation. Although Russia and Georgia became independent countries when the Soviet Union broke up in 1991, Russian still maintains troops in Georgia.

A spokesman for the Georgian emergency department said on condition of anonymity that it was unlikely anyone survived.

The plane was flying from the Chkalovsky military airfield outside of Moscow to Batumi, home to a Russian military base. It was a mail plane that made twice-monthly flights along the route, military officials said.

The Russian emergencies ministry was sending a plane carrying a search and rescue team, and an investigation committee had been formed.

Russia is in the process of removing its troops and equipment from two bases in Georgia and is negotiating withdrawal from two more. Equipment from the bases is being shipped through Batumi.

Congress approves debt relief

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Congress passed a foreign aid spending bill Wednesday that gives President Clinton the full \$435 million he requested to forgive

debts of the world's poorest countries. Rep. John Kasich said the support for debt relief was "a historic act of grace."

The agreement on debt relief, part of the \$14.9 billion foreign aid bill for fiscal year 2001, was praised by both parties as a means of freeing poor nations from crushing financial obligations to let them feed and educate their people better.

"This is the most important foreign policy initiative for the new millennium," said Rep. John LaFalce, D-N.Y. He said the bill is targeted to help alleviate conditions that kill 40,000 people around the world every day from starvation and inadequate medical care.

The foreign aid bill, which passed the House by a 307-101 vote and later the Senate by 65-27, also increases military aid for Israel, provides \$100 million in conditional aid to the new government in Serbia and includes \$300 million to fight HIV infections and AIDS around the world.

One of the last of the 13 spending bills Congress must pass for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, the bill was cleared



Clinton

for a House vote after a compromise was reached to lift a ban on U.S. aid for overseas family planning groups that advocate or participate in abortions.

The bill provides \$425 million for family planning, lifting the ban on funding that Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., said was a "gag rule" that "jeopardizes the lives of women around the world."

But anti-abortion lawmakers, who have fought for the funding ban every year since 1993 when President Clinton lifted the restriction first imposed by President Reagan, won inclusion of a delay in funding until Feb. 15. Their hope is that Texas' Republican governor, George W. Bush, will be elected to the presidency and issue a new order stopping the flow of funds to family planning groups.

Clinton has pushed hard for full U.S. participation in an international program to offer billions of dollars in relief to some three dozen of what are called "Heavily Indebted Poor Countries."

This month he assembled lawmakers, religious leaders of all faiths and advocates such as the rock star Bono to lobby Congress on the issue. One in 10 children in the most-indebted countries dies before his or her first birthday, Clinton said. "This is a terrible omen for our shared future on this planet," he said, "and it is wrong."

One participant at that meeting, David Beckmann of the relief organization Bread for the World, said the vote was a great victory for the world's hungry. "Not since Dr. Martin Luther King and the civil rights movement has the grass-roots action of churches and people of goodwill so influenced our nation's leaders," Beckmann said.

The House in its original bill approved \$225 million, and the Senate \$75 million. The final figure of \$435 million comes with the condition that be no new loans to benefiting the countries for two years.

Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the Budget Committee, said there's been anger and hatred toward the United States because of its economic plenty, and the debt relief effort would give this country an opportunity to share its bounty. "This is not

just forgiveness," he said. "This is a down payment to give these countries a fresh start."

Among the few who spoke in dissent was Rep. J o e Scarborough,

R-Fla., who said the 30 countries whose debts were being forgiven are among the least economically free in the world. "You know they are going to come back [for more relief], because we are not requiring economic reform in these countries," Scarborough said.

The \$100 million for Serbia would be cut off after next March 31 unless the new Belgrade government cooperates in the prosecution of war-crimes suspects.

Other features of the bill include:

- ♦ \$963 million for the Child Survival and Disease Programs, including the \$300 million for HIV/AIDS. That's \$248 million more than in last year's budget.
- ♦ \$135 million for emergency disaster aid to Mozambique and other nations of southern Africa.
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Vote-selling Web site changes domain name

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A Web site offering to sell 21,000 votes for president to the highest bidder has changed its domain name and switched its registrar to a company based in Germany.

Federal and state laws prohibit the sale of votes, but the Austrian owners of www.vote-auction.com denied they had moved operations overseas to avoid legal challenges.

Instead, investor Hans Bernhard wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press, research showed that users frequently tried to type the new name of the site instead of the old name, which lacked the hyphen.

The site asks voters to fill out personal details and then offers to sell the votes — in blocks broken down by state — to the highest bidder. The technique, the Web site says, brings the “big money of campaigns directly to the voting public.”

The site offers to deliver the votes to any corporation or individual, but it hasn't identified voters, bidders or said when the sale will end.

The owners say the U.S. vote auction is a test to determine how they can make money. They still need to work out how voters would be paid and how to verify that they cast the right ballot.

Election officials in Michigan and New York have criticized the scheme and a court challenge in Illinois led to the closing of the old site. California Secretary of State Bill Jones warned any vote sellers they could face felony charges and a minimum of three years in prison.

The site was reopened this week with the help of CSL Computer Service of Germany. By Thursday, more than 2,500 California voters had offered their votes and the leading bid was \$48,000 or \$19.61 per vote.

“Truthfully, this could probably go on forever, so long as it is known by those who wish to

use the service, for lack of a better term,” said Steve Jones, a professor at the University of Illinois, Chicago, who follows the Internet.

Shad Balch, a spokesman for California's secretary of state, said the domain name change would not affect California's investigation into the site and its employees.

He said investigators have found a way to identify users but would not go into details. Bernhard said the site's message board had been taken offline to protect users from the investigation.

Industry experts say it would be almost impossible to identify voters by using technology.

“There is virtually no legal way to check who is using the site without a subpoena or warrant, which is unlikely when the operations are international,” said Stewart Farley of Internet Products Inc., a San Diego company that makes Web-filtering products.

The original Web site was launched by a New York graduate student who sold the site in August after he was threatened with legal action by New York state officials.

Internet auction site eBay has also had to wrangle with potential vote selling. In August, six people offering to sell their votes for president drew bids as high as \$10,100 before the online auctioneer shut them down.

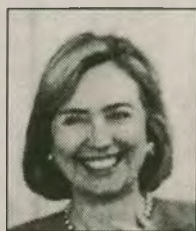
H. Clinton returns contribution

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Hillary Rodham Clinton said Wednesday she would return \$50,000 raised for her Senate campaign by an Arab-American organization.

“All \$50,000, every penny of it, is going back,” Clinton said, adding that she and her campaign workers had no idea the American Muslim Alliance was behind the June 13 fund-raiser in Boston.



Clinton

The event and a separate \$1,000 donation to Clinton by a purported supporter of the terrorist group Hamas dominated headlines Wednesday in the close campaign between the first lady and Republican Rep. Rick Lazio.

The New York Daily News quoted the chairman of Massachusetts chapter of the alliance as saying it had taken over sponsorship of the event “about one week” before it happened.

Clinton said she thought the event had been organized by Boston businessman Shahid Ahmed Khan. The Associated Press could find no Boston telephone listing for him.

“I resent deeply this organization acting as though it hosted this event,” she said.

“It was not the case.”

There was no answer at the alliance's headquarters in Fremont, Calif. The group's national president, Agha Saeed, has said Palestinians should pursue their own state in the West Bank and Gaza through peaceful means. However, he told the Daily News that United Nations resolutions say Palestinians have the right to resist by “armed force.”

Clinton said: “I strongly disagree with the positions taken by this group.”

Clinton has repeatedly backed Israel during the current Middle East crisis. Jewish support is crucial for Clinton, with Jews comprising 12 percent of New York voters. Polls show Clinton leading Lazio 2-1 among Jews, with a slim lead over Lazio overall.

The American Muslim Alliance Web site features a photograph of Clinton at the Boston fund-raiser holding a plaque inscribed with the organization's name.

Clinton said she receives thousands of plaques and routinely hands them to aides without examining them. She refused say if she believed the organization intentionally concealed its sponsorship of the event to hurt her campaign.

But she added: “Somebody was trying to take advantage of me. We have 13 days left in this election. Fasten your seat belts. You have no idea what's going to be thrown at me.”

Meanwhile, Clinton and the Bush presidential campaign said they were returning \$1,000 donations from Abudrahman Alamoudi of the American Muslim Council. The Daily News said he has voiced support for Hamas, which the U.S. government considers a terrorist organization because it has taken responsibility for suicide bombings on Israeli civilian targets.

Alamoudi made his donations to Clinton and Texas Gov. George W. Bush in May. Ray Sullivan, a Bush spokesman, said the money would be returned.

“Governor Bush has worked hard to bring people together and to support the administration's efforts in the Mideast peace process,” Sullivan said.

The Clinton campaign returned the money Tuesday, Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson said. “Hillary is a strong supporter of peace and security for Israel,” he said.

Lazio called the donation “blood money,” and said Bush shouldn't have accepted the money either.

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Clinton, GOP near tax cut deal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

After months of open partisan warfare over tax cuts, President Clinton and congressional Republicans neared agreement Wednesday on a tax relief package that would help people save for retirement, pay for long-term health care and give businesses breaks to offset the costs of a \$1 minimum wage increase.

The legislation, expected to cost about \$245 billion over 10 years, also would provide a host of new tax incentives to revitalize downtrodden communities and set up a new tax system for U.S. exporters to avert a trade war with the European Union.

Although disagreement remained in some areas, a congenial exchange of letters between Clinton and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., made it clear that both sides expected compromise before Congress adjourns for the year.

"We should also work together to pass tax cuts for middle-class Americans," Clinton told reporters at the White House. "You know, in budget talks, the two sides often wind up talking past each other. It takes a little extra effort to reach across the divide, so that's what I'm trying

to do today."

The tone stood in marked contrast to the politically charged rhetoric surrounding GOP tax cuts such as repeal of the estate tax and relief from the "marriage penalty" tax on two-income couples, both of which the president vetoed earlier this year.

"I agree with you that we should work together in a bipartisan fashion, and I believe this work product is a result of a hard-fought compromise," Hastert told Clinton in a letter.

The speaker removed one key obstacle by assuring Clinton that Republicans would drop several proposed labor law changes as part of the two-year, \$1 increase in the \$5.15-an-hour minimum wage. Democrats had labeled those provisions unfair to workers, especially a plan to freeze the wage floor for waiters and waitresses, who also earn tips, at \$2.13 an hour.

There is broad agreement on many of the tax package's provisions, but Clinton and congressional Democrats also continued to raise objections. In addition, the tax and minimum wage measure is expected to be coupled with separate legislation boosting Medicare payments to health care providers, a measure that has its own difficulties.

"There are a couple of issues that are still, I guess I should say, in controversy," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. "But I believe it will wind up passing by a wide

margin."

Later Wednesday, the president's chief economic adviser, Gene Sperling, raised additional questions about the Republican tax plan, saying there was no acceptable plan to boost school construction and there were "serious concerns" with several of the health care provisions. He did not issue a veto threat, however.

"We're hopeful the Republicans will choose good-faith negotiations that will lead to an agreement," Sperling said.

An outline provided by Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del., indicates the tax legislation will include provisions to raise individual retirement account annual contribution limits from \$2,000 to \$5,000 and 401(k) plan contributions limits from \$10,500 to \$15,000 a year. It also will contain changes to make it easier for businesses to offer pensions to workers.

In a letter to Hastert, Clinton said he favored tax incentives for low-income workers to save money and "meaningful protections" for employees whose companies switch to new pension plans that can reduce benefits for older people.

The legislation also will include tax breaks — long sought by Clinton — to help people with long-term health care costs and the expenses of health insurance.

The GOP bill will include a tax deduction for the expenses of caring for an elderly or disabled relative.



Hastert

Education Secretary explains stolen funds

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Asked by Congress to explain a pair of theft schemes at his agency, Education Secretary Richard Riley said Wednesday more than half the \$3 million taken this year has been recovered.

Riley, who blamed the incidents on "misplaced faith" in a longtime, career employee and "abuse of our trust," said \$1.9 million in stolen grants for children who live on Indian reservations and military bases had been returned to two South Dakota school districts.

The money was diverted in July with forged documents into Maryland bank accounts and used to purchase a Cadillac, real estate and other property.

The government seized the property after winning a civil judgment. No criminal charges have been filed.

Riley could not say how much would be recovered from the March theft of \$1 million in equipment and from falsely reported overtime. Six department employees pleaded guilty in the case, which is still pending, the U.S. Attorney's office said.

He offered no details on how employees or outsiders could have avoided department security, but said that "we have put stringent new measures in place."

"We expect to recover every penny by the time the [theft ring] investigation and prosecution is completed," Riley said at a hearing of the House Education and Workforce Committee, the panel's third forum this year on the agency's handling of its \$32 billion budget.

"We can't say nobody will ever steal in the future or commit forgery."

The department, which has had trouble clearing its audits, was again taken to task for the thefts, the state of its books, distribution of special education funds, and Riley's official department trips to Democratic Congressional districts.

The high-profile theft cases drew the most attention. Riley angered lawmakers by once again being unable to say how much money the department has lost in recent years to fraud, waste and abuse.

"Once we stop denying these problems, we can begin to address them in a meaningful manner," said Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., who chairs the House Education and the Workforce Committee's investigations panel.

Hoekstra, an outspoken critic of Riley's management, has pushed for a congressional audit of the agency. Though such a move is rare, audit legislation passed the House and has yet to appear before the Senate.

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Howard students march in protest of classmate's death

♦ Hundreds want justice for student killed by police

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Hundreds of university students marched through the streets of the nation's capital

Wednesday demanding justice for a black classmate killed by a police officer in a suburban county.

"There is no surplus of African-American males," said Sellano Simmons, 21, a senior and president of the student body at historically black Howard University.

In the midst of a campus rally to condemn the Sept. 1

shooting death of Prince Jones, 25, Simmons led students on an impromptu march with police escorts to the Justice Department.

Security officials shut heavy metal doors to keep students out, but Simmons and five other students were ushered in to discuss the case with Bill Lann Lee, assistant attorney general for civil rights, and a

deputy, Stuart Ishimaru.

The case involves a night-time police operation that began in Maryland and ended in Virginia. Police said Carlton Jones, a corporal in the Prince George's County, Md., police force driving an unmarked vehicle, followed Prince Jones, 25, into Fairfax County, Va., because the officer believed Jones' Jeep was involved in

two earlier incidents in which police cars allegedly were rammed by a Jeep similar to Jones'.

The man wanted in those incidents has since turned himself in, Prince George's police said.

Carlton Jones said Prince Jones stopped his SUV and backed more than once into the policeman's unmarked car. The officer fired 16 shots at him, and six struck Jones in the back, killing him. The two men, both black, were not related.

Virginia authorities investigated, and Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Horan Jr. announced Monday that Carlton Jones would not be charged.

Horan said the shooting amounted to justifiable homicide because Prince Jones rammed the officer's car and the officer legitimately feared for his safety.

Lee, the assistant attorney general, told the Howard students the FBI monitored the Fairfax County inquiry and will review its findings while conducting its own investigation, Justice spokeswoman Kara Peterman said.

Prince Jones and Carlton Jones are black. Horan is white.

"We believe strongly if it was a white person who had been shot in that county, [the shooter] would have been prosecuted," said Ted Williams, a lawyer representing Prince Jones' family.

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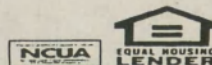


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Answering objections to the living wage

In an earlier column I wrote that the right to a living wage is, among other things, a right to life and I promised to reply to objections to the idea of a living wage.

Objection No. 1: The living wage cannot be measured.

Reply: There are at present a variety of measures of the living wage. The two basic types are the "food basket" approach and the multiplier approach. The former develops a full list of goods — for instance, clothing, food, housing — in keeping with basic human dignity. The list is minimal. For instance, one measure of clothing is three sets, "one for on, one for off (being cleaned) and one for good (for instance, church and weddings)." The food basket approach then figures what a living wage would be for a 48 hour work-week to purchase these basic goods in the region in question.

The multiplier approach simply takes one item in the basket, usually food or nutritional intake and multiplies by a particular number to get a rough estimate of what it costs to live. The food basket approach provides more detail, the multiplier approach is easier to carry out.

Objection No. 2: But there is no one formula on which everyone agrees.

Reply: There is no truth at all on which everyone agrees, particularly economists. Corporations moved production to third-world companies before everyone agreed to the practice. The key is to test the formulae over time to determine which are relatively trustworthy. As in any case of human action on a large scale, waiting for total agreement means that no action is taken, which may be the intent of this objection. Corporate representatives of the Fair Labor Association,

for instance, squelched the issue of the living wage before there could even be any conversation about it. Once one enters into conversation and serious study on the matter, it becomes evident that relatively trustworthy formulae can be developed. Some — such as Ruth Rosenbaum's "Purchasing Power Index" or PPI — already have been developed and are being used in the field.

Objection No. 3: But third world workers are already much better off because of first world supported manufacturing. Why press on to the question of a living wage?

Reply: It is indeed the case that workers are frequently materially better off than before. By itself, this is good. But the way in which the objection is stated begs two points. First, human dignity requires being better off in more than material ways. This is what Paul VI means when he discusses "integral development." Popes and others have indicated concern about how industrialization and the urbanization it brings disrupts patterns of communal life that enhance human dignity. Second, being "better off" begs the question of whether the situation is adequate.

An analogy helps with this latter point. If increased police foot patrol reduced violence in a neighborhood, the people there might be considered better off; would this mean that a policeman is justified in not intervening (under the claim that the neighborhood is already better off) when a person is actually being beaten and when such intervention would help?

Once corporations commit manufacturing to a region, they bear the responsibility to do so in a way that respects the human dignity of the persons involved wherever this is possible. Given a variety of factors, including the profits of the companies and the income of its executives, moving wages of the least paid towards a living wage is indeed possible. In ethics, "ought implies can." There is no obligation if the deed is impossible. In this case, the corporations, in conjunction with others, 'can' despite claims that sweatshops are a "necessary stage" of

economic development.

Objection No. 4: But paying a living wage would increase the price of the product and therefore decrease demand, which in turn would mean fewer jobs for those we are making better off.

Reply: Three points in reply. First, it is not necessarily the case that increase cost has to be passed on to the consumer. Other areas in the production-consumption chain can absorb the cost, for instance executive pay and perks. My recommendation with regard to Notre Dame's case is that Notre Dame initiate the process by agreeing to take less of a percentage of the profits if, for instance, Champion and adidas agree to use some of their profit margin towards a living wage for workers. If some of the cost is passed on to consumers, it will be less in this case than otherwise.

Second, the increased cost to consumers in the case of the apparel industry is minimal, a dollar or two on a \$40 sweatshirt. Initial indications are that the college apparel market may well have what economists call "weak elasticity": consumers will still buy the product if there is a small mark-up such as might result from paying a living wage.

Third, paying a living wage would probably reduce worker illness, absenteeism and turnover, and thus increase productivity. It is not necessarily a direct trade-off between paying the living wage and increasing the cost of the product. This is a point made, for instance, by Business for Social Responsibility and the "Responsible Wealth" project of United for a Fair Economy, where businesses sign a covenant to pay a living wage.

There are still more objections to paying a living wage in the apparel industry, and I will take these up next time.

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Todd David Whitmore

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"The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function."

F. Scott Fitzgerald
author

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Relationship discussions miss the point

As a Junior at Notre Dame, I have in the last three years seen much ink spilled in these pages about our relationships. These have ranged in perspective from a Lyons senior saying that women ought to be dominatrices to a fellow Dillon man insisting upon free love to an off-campus grad student instructing women on what to wear and how to act (and in the process assuming that women really go to ND/SMC only for an MRS degree) and even to the comparisons of nice guys vs. sleaze-balls a few weeks ago.

In fact, all of these perspectives have missed some very important issues about love and friendship that we as a Catholic community need to understand as we engage upon life's road. These are aspects definitive of our identity — whether we shall indeed live up to what we say at Mass every Sunday.

The first misconception, an unfortunately common one today, has to do with differences between liking and loving someone. It is far easier to like than to love people. It is easy to appreciate and do things for people who appeal to us or whom we find attractive. We oftentimes say that those are whom we love and also that there are other people we love less or not at all. This, however, is a painful self-deception. Love is not the same as preference. Love is the embracing of others not just for what we find attractive but simply because we are committed to be good to them. It is not the goodness in them which links us together: it must also be the goodness in us.

These kinds of commitments are foreign to our world. Our relationships are profoundly us-centered; we ask greedily, in a sense, without considering what is good in the grand scheme. In fact, the greater gifts in life are not those we asked for, but those that are beyond our present appreciation that make us grow in order to possess them. These kinds of commitments make available to us larger gifts, unrequested ones that make us grow larger too. Love, real, self-effacing love, creates bonds; at the end, we shall cherish most not mere relationships but these bonds.

Many people live in "meaningful relationships" that are not bonds. We have many friendships in college that might last a lifetime; these, too, are not bonds. A bond, as a friend once told me, is when you have a handicapped child and you don't ask yourself how you're going to cherish the child: you already cherish the child. When the phone rings and someone tells you that another is hurt, you don't think "shall I go?" but rather you don't think, and say "I'm coming."

It is not meant to be that all of our relations appear as bonds. Such would create an insincere atmosphere. We must though have some bonds, some real ones that have lasting claim upon us. Failure to make them means that we shall turn into heartless consumers of other people. These bonds are usually with someone of the opposite sex, or the very best same-sex friendships. The potential for these bonds, then, must be the light in which we see each other. We are too often blinded by the demands of our hormones so that we ignore the more subtle and serious demands of our souls.

When we of the Notre Dame community stop post-party "hook-ups," stop relating on the basis of "liquid courage," stop pasting naked women to our walls and stop thinking about people in terms of the benefits they provide for us, something frightening might happen. We might stop seeing others as objects and just start to be real people.

Nathaniel Hannan
junior
Dillon Hall
October 20, 2000

Candidates failing to address young voters

For some reason I feel like my voice isn't being heard. Maybe it's because politicians think that young people don't vote or care about the issues and that it is, therefore, not important enough to address any of the issues that young people care about.

Just look at this year's election. While both Gore and Bush claim to be looking to lend a hand and an ear to the youth of America, even marching their own children, family members and popular entertainers before crowds to make it seem like they care about young voters, neither candidate really addresses many of the issues that young voters would like to see addressed.

When you open up the newspaper and read a story about the latest speech or rally by either of the candidates, you will most likely see the following main issues being brought up: Social Security, health insurance, education and prescription drug plans, only two of which (education and health insurance) could be considered to be of interest to voters in the 18-25 year-old block. In addition, the candidates, when addressing these issues, further alienate young voters by aiming their arguments at older voters, instead of addressing them in ways in which these issues affect younger voters. They instead chose to focus and deliver their messages towards what they see as the key demographic in this election: the middle-aged woman.

Many of the issues that young voters care about receive little to no attention or argument. I know that when I have political discussions with my friends, we talk about issues such as the Internet and its regulation, globalization, free market

economics, and the environment instead of prescription drugs and Social Security. Why is this?

Well, since I won't be getting Social Security for another five decades (or possibly never), I don't really care about it. I care more about whether or not Napster is going to remain legal or whether air pollution in Texas is being reduced and I am sure that a lot of other young voters will agree with me. Politicians are so distanced from young voters that it may actually create a generation of voters who will continue these apathetic voting practices throughout their lives.

One of the things that I find amusing and ironic in this world is that the young people of my generation are considered the most valuable consuming group, so much so that advertisers and television executives cater to the passing whims of this audience, yet we are still considered the least valuable voting group. In fact, our voice is almost completely silenced by the generations of citizens older than us. Why is it that we can have so much power in one respect and yet so little in another? Why is it that our generation can make its voice heard when it is at the mall or the store yet not when entering a voting booth? Why doesn't our generation stand up for itself and make its voice heard?

I feel like my voice isn't being heard, but at least I am trying. Please try to be heard as well.

Erin English
sophomore
Pasquerilla Hall East
October 25, 2000



Voting for third parties sends message

Once again in a national election the major parties have given us a choice between two uninspiring candidates. The majority of the people don't feel strongly about either one with the exception that they know they don't want Gore (or Bush) and so will vote for the other just to keep the worst choice out. So many people are fearful that if they vote for Buchanan, Gore will be elected. What a terrible reason to vote — not because you like a candidate but because you like his opponent less.

Please realize that the last Democrat to win Indiana when running for president was Lyndon Johnson, 36 years ago and the one before him was FDR in 1936. All the polls show that Indiana is solidly in Bush's camp — so much so that Gore won't waste any money campaigning and Bush doesn't have to. So if you strongly feel that the Republicans have been giving lip service only to pro-life issues with the notion that you have nowhere else to go (Bush does not see a way to reverse

the FDA's horrible decision about RU-486 and doesn't think the country is ready for a human rights amendment and would not have a pro-life litmus test for Supreme court Justices).

If you disagree with a party that is in favor of NAFTA, GATT and the WTO coddling to the second evil empire (76 percent of a Journal-Gazette poll did not like our China trade deal) then you should vote for Buchanan. Buchanan is for America first, Bush will still carry Indiana, but if Buchanan gets a respectable percentage it will send a message to the Republican party.

Vote positive, vote for something you believe in — that you know is the right course for our country — Vote Buchanan.

Paul Reszel
Fort Wayne, Ind.
October 25, 2000

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Forward' suffers from sentimental overkill

By CASEY K. McCLUSKEY
Scene Movie Critic

Audiences have been waiting a long time for Kevin Spacey's next film and, unfortunately, "Pay It Forward" is not a film worth waiting for. Director Mimi Leder becomes the queen of manipulation and contrived plot devices and makes one of the sappiest and most sentimental films to ever come out of Hollywood.

Eugene Simonet (Kevin Spacey, "American Beauty"), is a seventh grade Social Studies teacher who gives his students a special assignment on the first day of school: come up with a plan to change the world and put it into action.

One boy in the class, Trevor (Haley Joel Osment, "The Sixth Sense"), takes this assignment very seriously and comes up with the concept of

"pay it forward."

The plan is very simple: Do a big favor for someone that they can't do for themselves. The person who receives this favor then pays the favor forward to three other people, rather than paying the person back for the kindness.

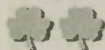
Trevor puts his plan into action, thus beginning the chain of paying it forward.

The concept of the film is an intriguing one because it relies on the notion of the goodness of human nature. It takes a very special director to take this feel-good concept and make it into a film that is devoid of overly sentimental emotion.

Leder ("Deep Impact") is not such a director.

The only saving grace in this film is the acting by the two lead males, Spacey and Osment. It is disappointing, however, that these two highly respected actors would choose such a

"Pay It Forward"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Mimi Leder
Starring: Kevin Spacey, Haley Joel Osment and Helen Hunt



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures

Helen Hunt, Haley Joel Osment and Kevin Spacey (far right) star in "Pay it Forward," a feel-good drama with too many plot contrivances.

film to be in. Helen Hunt plays Trevor's mom and, although she is not as annoying as she normally is on the big screen, she should've stuck to television.

If there is nothing of interest to see in the movie theaters, go to the video store and rent a film that is worth your time. "Pay It Forward" most certainly is not.

MOVIE REVIEW

Gere's performance can't save 'Dr.T' from its women

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critic

In many ways it is harder to write a review about a terrible movie than a great movie. Questions abound. Is it the reviewer who has missed the

point, or the movie? In this case, the movie must be faulted. It is not some sort of egotistic romp that has led to this conclusion; it is instead the movie's underlying premise to insult the moviegoer's basic intelligence (among other things).

"This is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard," Connie Travis (Tara Reid of "American Pie") remarks about halfway through the film. She is obviously not talking about the movie's structure or what the film is asking the average moviegoer to believe, but instead about some nonessential item of daily life for the Travis family.

The Travises are an upper-middle class family residing in Dallas. Glued to their malls, too fragile for rain, too jealous and petty to be happy for one another, their shallowness seeps through like a bad archetype of all upper class women.

When Kate Travis (Farrah Fawcett) contracts a mysterious ailment, life hardly seems to skip a beat. The audience hears the concern coming out of each of her two daughters' mouths, but it is hard to believe. They have cheerleading and jobs at the Conspiracy Museum to attend to.

In the case of Aunt Peggy (Laura Dern, "Jurassic Park"), overseeing cookies in all the right apparel seems more important than Kate's recovery. It's like the worst scene has been lifted out of "Clueless," where what people wear becomes more important than who people are.

The only one who seems to care is Dr. Sully Travis (Richard Gere, "Pretty Woman"), who blames himself for his wife's illness.

The illness itself is quite unbelievable. For the money Travis is probably forking over, the diagnosis is oddly based on a Greek mythological legend: Kate's illness is called "Hestia's disease," a disease

that only afflicts upper class women who have had "everything they need...[and] are loved too much." Making up diseases to stimulate a movie's plot seems like bad form.

Dr. T tries to remain happy through this upsetting time. That is until he meets Bree (Helen Hunt, "As Good As It Gets"), a golf pro at Dr. T's country club. "A wet girl is bad luck," all of Dr. T's friends try to warn him. He is not listening.

Meeting Bree in a rainstorm on several occasions, Dr. T has found his femme fatale. She wines and dines him until he decides to sleep with her, breaking his faithful bond with his wife. Even Lyle Lovett seems to be trying to warn Dr. Travis. The song Bree slips on, before seducing Dr. Travis, croons, "One bad mistake can turn your world around/ you just don't seem to be yourself/ it's such a shame because you've been so good up to now."

As soon as things seem to be on an upswing for Dr. Travis, they quickly hit unbelievable lows. His daughter's (Kate Hudson, "Almost Famous") marriage is a sham; she is in a lesbian tryst with her maid of honor, Marilyn (Liv Tyler, "Armageddon"). It rains on the outdoor wedding. And his coworker, Carolyn (Shelly Long), tries to seduce him in a weak moment.

He runs away from every-

thing and everyone and goes to see Bree. However, Bree's intentions have already been made clear (this is somewhat surprising for a Hunt character): she is playing the field with everyone.

"Dr.T & the Women"

out of five shamrocks

Director: Robert Altman
Starring: Richard Gere, Helen Hunt, Laura Dern, Shelly Long, Tara Reid, Liv Tyler, Kate Hudson and Farrah Fawcett

The ending is ridiculous and insulting. It defies laws of physics, believability, and is a sham in terms of proper story line structure.

In "Dr.T's" case, it is more frustrating to watch a movie continue towards its ending than it would be to see the last fifteen

minutes of the film cut, leaving the audience to speculate as to what happens.

Richard Gere is surprisingly the only bright spot in the movie. An actor who has turned in more than his fair share of flat performances, he comes through in this role.

The only other remarkable aspect is the live birth of a baby. It was captivating, clearer than a Discovery channel special and breathtaking to watch.

The rest of the movie languishes in half-sketched characters, moronic plot ideas and the annoying shallowness of all the women.

Something bad should happen to all of these characters for all their triteness; unfortunately, history seems to project that upper middle class women like this will continue to have the world cater to them.



Photo courtesy of Artisan Entertainment

"Dr.T & the Women" stars Richard Gere as a popular gynecologist who must deal with the daily appointments of upper middle class women. Robert Altman's latest film fails in every respect, save for Gere's understated performance.

MOVIE REVIEW

Allen and Oldman act out in 'Contender'

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critic

Only twice in reality, and once in the movies, has there been a hearing to determine a possible replacement for the vice president. Gerald Ford chose Nelson A. Rockefeller, and a hearing was

chartered to determine if he would be a suitable replacement.

In the "The Contender," President Jackson Evans (Jeff Bridges) nominates Senator Laine Hanson (Joan Allen) to replace his deceased vice president partner.

A house subcommittee, led by the conservative Sheldon Runyon (Gary Oldman, "The Fifth Element") is appointed to investigate every detail of the Senator's life. In the process, they uncover pictures of a college "gang-bang" that the Senator might have participated in as a freshman. When the charges are brought forth in the name of protecting the nation's moral interests, the Senator refuses to comment.

Runyon and the subcommittee look to "obliterate a life," permanently soiling the reputation of Hanson while simultaneously promoting their choice for vice president, Senator Jack Hathaway (William Petersen of "Fear").

The story behind this film centers on writer and director Rod Lurie. Joan Allen's acting often

captivated Lurie, a former film critic for ABC radio. He stepped down from criticism to write and direct "The Contender," a movie he pitched as a vehicle for Joan Allen to star in. He cornered Allen at an awards presentation, and then got Bridges, Oldman, Sam Elliott and Christian Slater to commit based on Allen's acceptance.

The movie celebrates these casting decisions. Joan Allen ("Face/Off"), a talented actor with a plethora of great supporting roles, shines as the lead.

Equally impressive is Jeff Bridges ("The Big Lebowski") an actor who has mastered not only speech but also facial expressions that tell much more than words.

Gary Oldman outshines them all, though, in an outfit that reminds at least one person of Max Wright, the Tanner father on the late TV series "ALF." Oldman's pacing and delivery of lines is not only impressive but also true acting prowess.

Christian Slater is hopelessly outmatched and is less convincing as a wide-eyed congressman. When Allen's character calls him "too young to understand," one wonders if she was only talking about his character's attitude toward politics.

Besides spectacular acting, the story's plot is quite thorough. Lurie is able to satisfy both the political story line and embrace



Photo courtesy of DreamWorks SKG

Joan Allen turns in a winning performance as Laine Hanson, a Senator caught up in a sex scandal, in Rod Lurie's political drama "The Contender."

some of a movie's keys to success: sex as a plot device and suspense as plot advancement.

Lurie introduces political "spins" that help along the movie's plot: a girl's death makes Senator Hathaway an unlikely hero; a Washington Post article submitted by Runyon makes the Friday afternoon edition, giving the public a weekend of speculation, thereby threatening to ruin Senator Hanson.

The movie's tension is based on the sexual indiscretion. "They caught you being a human," the President quips. He insists that

Senator Hanson should stick to her intuition and "refuse to be embarrassed." Everyone else is not convinced. Sam Elliott ("The Big Lebowski"), as the President's political strategist, feels the private life of Senator Hanson became the public's concern once she was thrust into the spotlight. Hanson refuses to answer the House's inquiries about the sexual recklessness because it is "beneath her dignity" and a double standard for society to promote a man's sexual life but condemn a woman's.

Unfortunately, the movie turns

to a weak, Frank Capra-style ending to solve its tension. Hanson reveals what actually happened that night back in the fraternity house and the President delivers an impassioned speech to the House that reminds one of Knute Rockne instead of Bill Clinton. It does not hurt the overall effect of the movie's 126-minute running time, however.

For more impassioned speeches and political drama, many will find Frank Capra's 1939 movie "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" to be a satisfying counterpart to "The Contender."

MOVIE REVIEW

Despite its 'SNL' origins, 'Ladies Man' garners some laughs

By JEFFREY Q. IRISH
Scene Movie Critic

Let's get one thing straight. "The Ladies Man" is not a good film. In fact, as far as filmmaking goes, it sucks. It doesn't have well-developed characters, good directing or acting,



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Tim Meadows stars in the 'SNL' skit-turned-movie "The Ladies Man."

or even a decent plot. But, then again, it wasn't made with the intention of being a good film. It was made as an extension of a "Saturday Night Live" skit with the intention of getting some good laughs and, for the most part, that is what this movie does.

Like the "SNL" skit of the same name, "The Ladies Man" is about a male slut named Leon Phelps (Tim Meadows) who seems to be stuck in a different decade. Much like Mike Myer's Austin Powers character, Leon is loveable womanizer who doesn't mean to hurt the women he does the nasty with.

The plot (or lack thereof) revolves around Phelps' radio talk show "The Ladies Man." On the show, people call in to get Phelps' advice on sex and relationships.

Phelps' advice almost never works and provides much of the film's comedy. He is also so naïve that he doesn't understand that he can't use foul language on the air.

Whenever Phelps advises a couple to have sex in a unique position or in the most uncomfortable of places, the station is fined.

Karyn Parsons (Hillary from "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air") plays Phelps'

producer and only friend, Julie. She loves Phelps, but he does not see this because he's too busy trying to attract "bus stop skanks." At times, he seems downright obsessed with bus stop skanks.

In another funny part of the film, Phelps recommends to a lonely caller, "Take off yo panties and hang out at the bus station — that is what I would do if I were looking for some lovin'."

When Phelps is finally fired from the show, Julie gets him back on his feet and in search of a new job. Anyone can figure out what happens from here.

One of the many women Phelps sleeps with is the wife (Tiffani-Amber Thiessen, of "Beverly Hills 90210" fame) of a Greco-Roman wrestler named Brian Delune (played by the always-funny Will Ferrell, also of "SNL").

Delune is so angry that he forms a help group for other men whose wives

have been "victimized" by Phelps. In an ensuing scene, the help group does a horrible musical knockoff of a "West Side Story" song that wastes 10 minutes of everyone's time. This scene

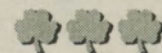
utterly kills the movie's momentum.

It seems as though other critics have only given "The Ladies Man" one or two stars. Roger Ebert, of the Chicago-Sun Times, gave it one star and spent the rest of the column bashing every film "SNL" has made. Although "Coneheads," "Stuart Saves His Family," "It's Pat: the

Movie," and "The Blues Brothers" are some of the worst comedies in cinematic history, "A Night at the Roxbury" and "Ladies Man" deserve some credit.

While "Roxbury" failed at the box office, it is a truly hilarious film and is receiving its due credit in video sales and rentals. Expect a similar future for "The Ladies Man."

"The Ladies Man"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Reginald Hudlin
Starring: Tim Meadows, Karyn Parsons, Tiffani-Amber Thiessen and Will Ferrell

NHL

Los Angeles glides past Anaheim with 6-2 victory

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Bryan Smolinski scored the go-ahead goal to start a three-goal outburst in the second period and the Los Angeles Kings skated to a 6-2 victory over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks on Wednesday night.

Luc Robitaille had three assists for the Kings, who beat Anaheim for the second time in three days.

Smolinski snapped a 1-1 tie when he scored 15 seconds into the period, poking in a shot over sprawling goaltender Dominic Roussel from close range. Nelson Emerson set up the score, sliding a pass to Smolinski, parked on the left side of the crease.

Emerson gave the Kings a 3-1 lead just 3:18 later with his third goal of the season, beating Roussel with a 20-footer over his left shoulder.

Steven Reinprecht padded the lead five minutes later with his fourth goal, giving Los Angeles four in the first 13 shots against Roussel, who got the start while Guy Hebert had the night off.

The Ducks, meanwhile, had taken just four shots to that point and finished the game with only 18.

They did not get a shot off until 11:44 into the game, but Paul Kariya made the first one count. Kariya, skating alone down the left side, slammed a 25-footer past Jamie Storr to even it at 1-1. It was his third goal.

Rob Blake and Glen Murray each scored their fourth goals of the season as the Kings opened a 6-1 lead in the third period. Steve Rucchin scored for Anaheim, his second goal of the season, with 2:49 remaining.

Josef Stumpel opened the scor-

ing, getting his second goal for Los Angeles midway through the opening period when the Kings had a 5-on-3 advantage.

Los Angeles finished with 35 shots.

The Kings had lost a 4-2 lead in the third period of their game against the Ducks on Monday night in Anaheim, but Stumpel scored in overtime to give Los Angeles the win.

Avalanche 2, Predators 1

Peter Forsberg scored a power-play goal in overtime after Chris Drury tied it in the final two minutes as Colorado extended its unbeaten streak to nine games with a victory over Nashville.

Forsberg extended his goal-scoring streak to five games with his eighth goal over that stretch. He also has six assists in his last seven games.

With Kimmo Timonen in the penalty box, Ray Bourque took a slap shot from the slot that Forsberg deflected past Mike Dunham with 1:02 left in the extra period. It was Bourque's second assist of the night and his 1,529th career point, moving him past Boston's Paul Coffey for first place among defensemen.

Chris Drury got a tying goal with an end-to-end rush with 1:52 left in regulation. Drury skated from his own zone past three Predators and around defenseman Robert Lintner. With Lintner draped on him, Drury muscled a shot past Nashville goalie Mike Dunham.

Patrick Roy stopped 19 shots as the Avalanche extended their unbeaten streak to nine games (7-0-2).

Greg Johnson gave the Predators a 1-0 lead when he found an open net at 15:02 of the third period for his first goal of

the season. Johnson scored after Bill Houlder's shot was deflected right to Johnson.

One day after giving up four third-period goals in a tie with Vancouver, Dunham stopped 39 shots. The Predators are 2-2-2 in their last six games.

Colorado had its chances in a scoreless first period. Durham stopped Alex Tanguay from point blank early on and got his glove up at the last instant to keep a rebound attempt by Joe Sakic from crossing the goal line.

Roy faced two fewer shots, but nearly was beaten by a shot he never saw. Timonen flipped a wrist shot from the right circle that hit Roy in the chest.

The Avalanche stepped up the pressure in the second period, outshooting Nashville 19-2. The Predators were preoccupied having to kill off three power plays.

Dunham was up to the task, turning aside Milan Hejduk's wrist shot in the opening minutes and then making successive saves on Tanguay in the final minute. Tanguay's attempts came on a breakaway attempt, first swiping the shot into the corner and then with his stick after Tanguay skated down the loose puck.

Before the goals by Drury and Johnson, the Predators had the best chance in the third period. With Adam Deadmarsh off for interference, Patric Kjellberg came in alone but had his backhand blocked by Roy in front of the crease.

Thrashers 3, Oilers 1

Damian Rhodes made 27 saves as Atlanta beat Edmonton for their first win of the season.

The victory for the Thrashers (1-3-3) left Florida (0-3-2-2) as the only winless team in the

league.

Per Svartvadet, Donald Audette and Jarrod Skalde, with an empty-netter, scored for the Thrashers.

Doug Weight scored the lone goal for the Oilers.

Rhodes has been the goalie of record in all of Atlanta's games, playing all but 45 minutes ahead of Milan Hnilek.

Rhodes was solid all-night. He denied Chad Kilger on a breakaway in the second period and gloved Ryan Smyth's wrist shot from the slot with five minutes left in the third.

Svartvadet gave the Thrashers a 1-0 lead seven minutes in. He found his own rebound on a shot that handcuffed Edmonton goalie Joaquin Gage and his second attempt trickled over the goal line.

Audette made it 2-0 with a power-play goal in the second period. Ray Ferraro, screening Gage, knocked down Steve Staios' point shot and got the puck on net. Audette pounced on the rebound and lifted a shot high into an open side.

Audette, who has seven goals and seven assists, has been in on 14 of Atlanta's 20 goals this season and has recorded points in all seven games.

Weight made it 2-1 just 1:05 into the third. He took a pass from Georges Laraque behind the net, skated out in front and banked the puck off a Thrashers defenseman past Rhodes.

Sabres 4, Hurricanes 1

Whatever was wrong with Dominik Hasek, some early scoring by his teammates seemed to fix it.

Buffalo scored two goals in the game's first five minutes and Hasek made 30 saves as the

Sabres defeated the Carolina Hurricanes. The win was the first of the season for Hasek and snapped Buffalo's five-game winless streak. The loss was Carolina's third straight.

"My teammates, they made my job much easier," Hasek said. "It's better for me, for any goalie, if you can be up one or two goals and I felt great."

Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff said the early spur helped not just the goalie, but the entire team.

"I thought we came out real hard, moved the puck extremely well and had everybody going," Ruff said. "Everybody got involved in the game and with them playing [Tuesday] we wanted to get off to a quick start."

The Hurricanes lost to San Jose, 3-2, on Tuesday night.

In addition to their two early goals, the Sabres outshot Carolina 11-3 in the opening period. The first goal came when Rob Ray put a shot on goal that was stopped by goalie Tyler Moss.

The puck rebounded off and, after Erik Rasmussen was pulled down going for the puck, Ray followed his own shot with a 15-foot slap shot that got past Moss to put Buffalo up 1-0 just 3:18 in. The goal was the first of the season for Ray.

A minute and a half later, Buffalo added to its lead. James Patrick got the puck to Doug Gilmour, who sent a perfect centering pass in front of the net to a streaking Chris Gratton. Gratton beat Moss to put Buffalo up 2-0.

The early lead helped Hasek's confidence. The 35-year-old goalie — a notoriously slow starter — has struggled so far this season, with a 0-4-1 record and a 3.40 goals against average coming in.

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take everybody down. Grrr.

Molly... it's not our day.

Actually I don't think it's mine either
really.

Yesterday wasn't - today doesn't
look like like it.

Oh well.

Where is my twin? I haven't seen
her in about 12 hours and I really
miss her

How much should I bet Heather's
on the floor when I get back?

Not as much as I bet Sean which I
am evidently going to lose

Good luck on your test girls - I know
you'll be fine.

Nat when do you get off work/ Or
are you permanently out of busi-
ness?

T - you get rid of that bug yet - or is
Marquez still fluttering around?

Molly could you take care of that
Orlando thing?

I am very very tired

I just want to go to sleep.

Until tomorrow night which will
probably happen knowing me.

I think that is fine.

Good night/Goodmorning.

Who's getting excited for the
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PGA TOUR

Beckman closes in on secure spot

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. Cameron Beckman, who studied art at Texas Lutheran, is more like a mathematician these days.

Late Wednesday, after finishing his final practice round for the National Car Rental Classic at Disney World, Beckman sat at a table and shifted his eyes from the PGA Tour money list to the prize distribution chart.

Beckman is 136th on the money list. He needs to make about \$110,000 in the next two weeks to secure a spot on the tour next year.

Thumbing through the pages, he rattles off the names of the 11 players between him and the cutoff. Only the top 125 keep their cards.

"I haven't taken a week off since the PGA," said Beckman, who will tee it up Thursday in his 10th consecutive tournament. "I've never played that many in a row. If I were playing poorly, it might make a difference."

There is only one Tiger Woods, the defending champion at Disney who can become golf's first \$10 million man if he wins the final three tournaments of the year.

"I haven't taken a week off since the PGA. I've never played that many in a row."

Cameron Beckman
golfer

There are plenty of guys like Beckman, who come down the stretch counting how much each missed putt is worth, crunching numbers and trying to figure out what they have to do and how much they have to win to finish in the top 125.

Last week in Tampa, Beckman three-putted the final hole to finish in a tie for 19th. He figured it cost him \$15,000.

"The last round, I'm giving away two shots every week," he moaned. "That's cost me about \$500,000. But where I've come from, so far out of it nine weeks ago, I know I'm closer. I'm tired, but I can't sleep. I can't wait to play. I want to make it."

Ten weeks ago in Canada, the 30-year-old Beckman mailed in his application for the toughest tournament in golf — PGA Tour qualifying school, which features six rounds of do-or-die competition. Only about the top 40 get

exempt status on tour, while the rest go to the minor leagues or play only in those tournaments that have room.

Beckman, injured earlier in the year, had about \$70,000 at the time and appeared to have no choice but a return to Q-school.

"For some reason, I freed myself up," he said.

He has finished in the top 30 in six of his last seven tournaments, picking up \$217,560 — more than he won all of last year as a rookie — and now has a chance to do what he never dreamed possible just two months ago.

Beckman is not alone, and it's not just the top 125.

Rocco Mediate, Scott Hoch and Tom Scherrer will be among those trying to play well enough — and earn enough — to finish in the top 30 on the money list and get into the \$5 million Tour Championship next week in Atlanta.

For Grant Waite and Scott Dunlap, the next two weeks are critical for them to finish in top 40, which comes with an invitation to the Masters.

Those in Beckman's category include Dan Forsman, who has played the PGA Tour for 18 years and has never failed to keep his card.

OLYMPICS

Blake resigns amidst criticism of methods

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS

Norm Blake, a corporate turnaround artist hired nine months ago to overhaul the U.S. Olympic Committee, is resigning amid criticism that his techniques were better suited to the business world than the athletic field.

"I always had the conviction of trying to do the right things for our athletes," Blake said. "Nonetheless, I can assure you there are people that think I moved too fast or I was too abrupt or I could have communicated better. Some of those criticisms may in fact be valid."

Blake, the first chief executive officer in the 106-year history of the USOC, stood by his ambitious plan despite the resistance to a corporate model that called for sweeping staff cuts and funding reform.

"The organization deserves the opportunity to re-examine its commitment to change," he said. "I've freed them of the burden of having to worry about Norm Blake."

Blake cut staff, proposed slashing money for sports in which Americans rarely win medals and tied USOC funding for national sports governing bodies to how many medals are won. Critics said the "money-for-medals" plan was unfair to smaller sports such as archery and table tennis.

"I think the USOC for a long time has been more process-oriented than a business model, and that creates some

conflicts," USA Gymnastics President Bob Colarossi said. "I have a tremendous amount of respect for Norm. I am sorry to see him leave. I think he was a breath of fresh air."

Athlete representatives on the USOC's executive committee were angered by some of Blake's moves, saying they did not have enough say in the decision-making process. They considered but rejected a censure motion in August.

"It's always challenging, particularly in an organization like the USOC, to do what he set out to do," said Paul George, a USOC vice president. "I think for Norm this is the right decision. I think he was getting very frustrated."

Blake took over the USOC in February after a bribery scandal enveloped the Salt Lake City Games. He was expected to make the not-for-profit organization more like a professional sports league, with a paid staff rather than volunteers handling training, team selection and other issues for U.S. teams in the Olympics and Pan American Games. Blake will remain in place until a successor is picked and trained. There is no timetable for his replacement, and Olympic officials were confident his resignation would not hinder preparation for the Winter Games.

"We do need someone with solid business experience," USOC President Bill Hybl said. "We need someone with leadership skills. We may look at someone with an Olympic background or a sports background."

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WORLD SERIES

Strong bullpen secures Yankees' third victory

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The parade of Yankees relievers began with David Cone, continued with Jeff Nelson and Mike Stanton and ended, as usual, with Mariano Rivera.

Every time manager Joe Torre called the bullpen in Game 4 of the World Series on Wednesday night, the Yankees relief corps responded with airtight pitching in a 3-2 victory.

Torre's bullpen was close to perfect as the Yankees extended their World Series lead to 3-1.

They can win a 26th championship Thursday night, and if they do, a reliever will almost certainly be involved.

Torre started Denny Neagle in Game 4 but took note when Mike Piazza crushed a two-run homer against the left-hander. The next time Piazza came to the plate with two outs and nobody on base in the fifth inning, Torre came out to get Neagle.

"Piazza is one of the few players who is in scoring position when he gets in the batter's box," Torre said. "Neagle didn't know but I made up my mind Coney was going to face Piazza."

The starter seemed startled and annoyed at being lifted one out too early to get the victory. But Torre wasn't fooling around on this night after going a bit too long with starter Orlando Hernandez the night before in the Mets' victory.

In the bullpen, Cone had been told to get ready for Piazza.

"I wasn't sure I'd face him," Cone said. "I was as surprised as Denny when Joe made the change."

On the mound, Neagle seemed stunned.

"I'm a victim of not having done it long enough for Joe," he said. "When he reached for the ball, I was shocked."

As Cone trotted in from the left field bullpen, he looked around to familiarize himself with Shea Stadium.

He had not pitched in the home of the Mets since they traded him away in 1992 and wondered about the fans' reaction.

"It was a pretty firm 'Oboo.' I know where I stand now," he said.

Cone had made just one relief appearance in a dreadful 4-14 season. But he retired Piazza on a pop fly.

When the Yankees threatened in the sixth, Torre pulled Cone for a pinch hitter.

That brought on Nelson, who was shelled in Game 2. This time, he allowed a leadoff single to Todd Zeile in the sixth, but he escaped any trouble when he turned a line drive back at him into an inning-ending double play.

When Nelson walked pinch-hitter Lenny Harris with one out in the seventh, Torre went to Mike Stanton, who had four strikeouts in 2 2-3 innings in the Series.

He added two more strikeouts, getting pinch-hitters Bubba Trammell and Kurt Abbott.

"There's no secret when I come at a hitter," Stanton said. "I've got to make quality pitches. Experience has benefitted us because we've been able to get into the moment."

That left the last two innings to Torre's closer, Rivera, and he breezed through them to get his 17th straight postseason save. One of the hitters he retired in the ninth was Jay Payton, who tagged him for a three-run homer in the Series opener.

"He had a live arm tonight," Payton said. "We were surprised to see Neagle get taken out as early as he did. It was a great move by Joe Torre. Their bullpen did a great job."

From the time Neagle left the game, the Yankees used four relievers and the Mets managed two singles.

"We needed every single bit of contribution that we got from every pitcher out there," Torre said.

It was a bullpen at its best.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Drug binge lands strawberry in jail

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

Troubled slugger Darryl Strawberry is in jail after leaving a treatment center for a weekend drug binge with a friend.

The suspended New York Yankees outfielder was taken into custody Wednesday after testing positive for cocaine and saying he left the center where he's serving house arrest to use drugs, according to Joe Papy, regional director for the Florida Department of Corrections.

Strawberry left the facility about 11 p.m. Saturday night and his probation officer was notified. He returned at about 3 a.m. Sunday. Strawberry admitted smoking crack cocaine and taking 10 Xanax, a tranquilizer used to treat anxiety.

Papy said Strawberry told him he used drugs because of emotional distress. The one-time baseball star has colon cancer.

"Needless to say, we are

always disappointed when an addict relapses," Papy said. "Darryl Strawberry is an addict."

Joseph Ficarrotta, Strawberry's defense attorney, could not be reached for comment on the latest charges.

"I'm saddened by it," Yankees manager Joe Torre said before Game 4 of the World Series. "People who know Darryl feel for him. ... He's going through a very tough time. He's doing it to himself, basically. That's the sad part."

Strawberry was less than two months into a two-year term of house arrest for his conviction on drug and prostitute-solicitation charges. He was serving his house arrest at a private drug-treatment center that state officials declined to identify.

Under his house arrest, Strawberry was prohibited from going anywhere without his parole officer's permission. He is now charged with two violations of his house arrest, violating curfew and using drugs.

His parole officer will recommend a judge hold Strawberry in jail for 30 days and fit him with an electronic monitoring device, Papy said.

In September, Strawberry was sentenced to two years' house arrest after admitting he violated

probation by driving under the influence of medication and leaving the scene of an accident.

The Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office did not return calls for comment on the case. Strawberry is to appear Thursday before a judge.

His legal status will be determined after his probation office files a report with the judge who sentenced him in September. Corrections officials said that report was expected to be filed Wednesday afternoon.

The arrest is the latest in a string of legal run-ins for the 1983 NL Rookie of the Year and eight-time All Star.

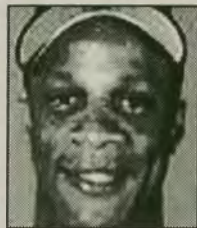
In February, Strawberry was suspended for at least a year, his third cocaine-related suspension from baseball in five years.

In 1998, Strawberry was diagnosed with colon cancer, which was treated with surgery and chemotherapy.

In August, he underwent surgery to remove a tumor in his stomach.

He was arrested in September after trying to flee from a minor collision while driving to an appointment with his probation officer.

Strawberry said, and drug tests confirmed, he was under in the influence of pain killers. A misde-



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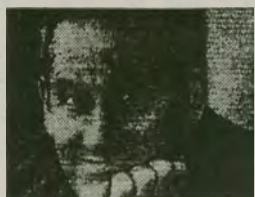
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NBA

Stern penalizes Timberwolves

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The Minnesota Timberwolves learned what their penalty is for making a secret deal with Joe Smith, and it's a harsh one. What's more, NBA commissioner David Stern hasn't finished hammering them.

Stern came down hard Wednesday on the Timberwolves, voiding Smith's contract and forfeiting the team's next five first-round draft picks.

He also fined the team \$3.5 million. Possible suspensions for owner Glen Taylor and general manager Kevin McHale won't be decided until a hearing is held to

determine who had knowledge of the secret contract agreement.

"It's a tough penalty. I was reading across the page and the draft picks just kept going," Knicks general manager Scott Layden said. "The money is probably the least of the penalty, but collectively it shows that the commissioner is not soft on circumvention."

The Knicks and Dallas Mavericks were among the teams quickly indicating an interest in Smith. The Chicago Bulls, who can pay Smith more than any other team, said they would not comment until reviewing the situation with the league office.

Under an arbitrator's ruling announced Monday, Stern had the right to void Smith's one-year,

\$2.5 million contract. Stern went even further, voiding Smith's last two contracts and thereby stripping Smith of his Larry Bird rights, which would have allowed him to sign a lucrative extension with the Timberwolves next summer.

The NBA also asked the players association to "impose appropriate discipline" against Eric Fleisher, Smith's former agent.

All 29 NBA teams are now free to negotiate with Smith, but it seemed he was ready to re-sign with his current team. But Smith has no financial incentive to remain in Minnesota since he would have to play there for three more years to regain his Bird rights.

"Money has never been an issue for me. It's always been about playing basketball and playing somewhere that I can contribute and be happy. It's never been about money," Smith said before learning of Stern's ruling.

The Timberwolves said they were "assessing the ruling" and had no immediate comment. The players union did not immediately comment.

NBA arbitrator Kenneth Dam found that Smith and the Timberwolves entered into a separate, secret agreement that guaranteed Smith a lucrative long-term deal beginning with the 2001-02 season.

The league has long suspected that such secret agreements exist, but no team had ever been caught before.

"This [penalty] reflects the seriousness of a finding of circumvention," NBA attorney Joel Litvin said.

NFL

Green steps in for injured Warner

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

The St. Louis Rams can only hope their new backup quarterback turns out as well as the last one.

Just last season, Trent Green was supposed to be The Man in St. Louis. Then, a knee injury in preseason knocked Green out for the year, and allowed former Arena League quarterback and grocery store stock boy Kurt Warner to emerge and lead the Rams to a Super Bowl title.

Now it's Green stepping in for Warner, who was on his way to a second record-setting season when he broke the little finger on his throwing hand last week in a loss to Kansas City.

It's a reversal of last season's story, but Green doesn't expect much to change. He said the offense, in particular, will be the same. It's the same system that was in place when he was injured last year.

"I don't think the offense changed any when I got hurt," Green said. "That was the offense that was in place, and we were running effectively then. And when Kurt stepped in, they just kind of kept things going, and now that it is the other

way around, I don't think we are going to change anything."

After an awkwardly snapped ball sent Warner to the sidelines in Kansas City, Green demonstrated he could still handle the system he was once supposed to direct. He completed 15 of 21 passes for 205 yards and three touchdowns.

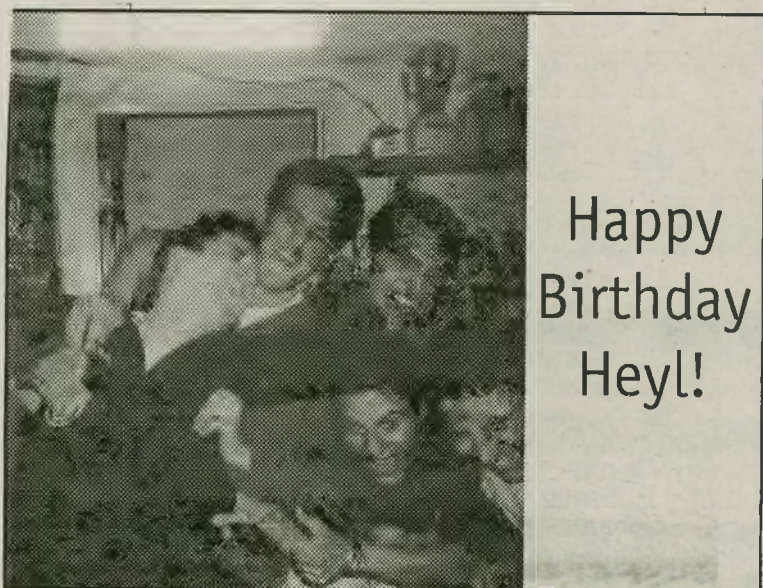
It wasn't enough, however, to overcome the Rams' poor defensive showing, and the Chiefs won 54-34.

Warner said the system won't need to change, because he and Green are quarterbacks with similar styles.

"We're not going to miss a beat," Warner said. "The thing that's kind of nice about it is Trent and I are very similar type quarterbacks. We're accurate. We're guys that sit in the pocket. We do a lot of the same things."

The offense under Warner averaged more than 500 yards a game. But San Francisco 49ers coach Steve Mariucci isn't sure his defense can contain Warner's stand-in.

Green "has a different jersey number," Mariucci said. "Other than that, he's very similar."



ND AFTER FIVE

Thursday, October 26

7:00 p.m. Film: "Dr. Strangelove", Hesburgh Center Auditorium
 7:00 p.m. Sophomore Class Dinner, LaFortune Ballroom (admission includes a pass to "The Patriot" on Thurs.)*
 7:00 p.m. "Introduction to Natural Family Planning", LaFortune Student Center Montgomery Theatre
 7:05 p.m. Men's Hockey Game vs. Michigan State, Joyce Center Fieldhouse*
 8:00 p.m. ND Glee Club Fall Concert, Washington Hall*
 8:00 p.m. Chicago Bulls vs. Indiana Pacers, Joyce Center Arena*
 8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 1, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
 8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
 9:00 p.m. Acoustic Café, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
 10:30 p.m. Movie, "The Patriot", DeBartolo 101* and "The Exorcist", DeBartolo 155*

Friday, October 27

4:00 p.m. Keenan Great Pumpkin, Keenan
 5:00 p.m. Women's Swimming vs. Miami (Fla.), Rolfs Aquatic Center
 6:00 p.m. Men's Swimming vs. Kalamazoo, Rolfs Aquatic Center
 6:30 p.m. Football Pep Rally, Joyce Center
 7:00 p.m. International Coffee House presents an Acoustical Performance of Popular French Songs, CSC
 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Open Rec Badminton, Court 2, Rolfs
 7:05 p.m. Men's Hockey Game vs. Michigan State, Joyce Center Fieldhouse*
 7:30 p.m. Men's Soccer Game vs. West Virginia, Alumni Field
 7:45 p.m. Kickoff 2000, (Basketball), Joyce Center Arena
 8:00 p.m. ND Glee Club Fall Concert, Washington Hall*
 8:00 p.m. Movie, "The Patriot", DeBartolo 101* and "The Exorcist", DeBartolo 155*
 8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards FREE POOL, LaFortune Student Center
 8:30 p.m. 112th annual Sorin Talent Show, Sorin Hall Front Lawn
 9:00 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Princess Mononoke", Snite Museum*
 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Flipside Halloween Party, LaFortune Student Center*
 10:00 p.m. Tom DeLuca, Hypnotist, Stepan Center
 10:30 p.m. Movie, "The Patriot", and "The Exorcist", DeBartolo 101/155*

Saturday, October 28

8:00 p.m. Movie, "The Patriot", DeBartolo 101* and "The Exorcist", DeBartolo 155*
 8:00 p.m. Blak Images, Washington Hall*
 9:00 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Princess Mononoke", Snite Museum*
 10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Da Playa's Ball 70's Dance, Center for Social Concerns*
 10:30 p.m. Movie, "The Patriot", DeBartolo 101* and "The Exorcist", DeBartolo 155*

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Murphy picked best in conference, Irish slated to finish third

Special to The Observer

Troy Murphy, the Notre Dame forward who was the 1999-2000 Big East Player of the Year, has been named the 2000-01 Preseason Player of the Year by a vote of the league's head coaches.

Last season, Murphy became the first player in Big East history to lead the league in scoring and rebounding in the same year and the first player to be named Big East rookie and player of the year in consecutive seasons.

In conference games only, he averaged 21.7 points and 10.5 rebounds. Overall, the 6-foot-9 native of Merristown, N.J. was also first in scoring (22.7 ppg) and rebounding (10.3). Murphy helped the Irish to a 22-15 record and the championship game of the National Invitation Tournament.

Murphy is on the Preseason All-Big East First Team for the second consecutive season. He is joined on this year's first team by Troy Bell of Boston College, Pittsburgh's Ricardo Greer, Kevin Braswell of Georgetown and Darius Lane of Seton Hall.

Greer shared the 1999-00 Big East Most Improved Player award with Seton Hall guard Shaheen Holloway. A 6-5 forward, Greer averaged 18.1 points and 9.8 rebounds for the Panthers. He was third in overall scoring and second to Murphy in rebounding. Greer was the first Pittsburgh player to finish in the top 10 in scoring and rebounding since Brian Shorter in 1989-90.

Bell was the 1999-00 Big East Rookie of the Year. He set a league freshmen scoring record, averaging 20.1 points in conference games. The 6-1 native of Minneapolis, Minn. set a Boston College freshmen scoring record with 508 points despite missing the last three games of the season with a knee injury.

Braswell averaged 14.8 points and 5.3 assists last season for the Hoyas. The 6-2 junior from Baltimore, Md. directed Georgetown to a 19-15 mark, the semifinals of the AT&T Big East Championship and into the second round of the NIT. Teammates Ruben Boumtje Boumtje and Lee Suggs were named to the pre-season second team, the first time since 1994-95 (Connecticut) that three players from the same team were cited in the preseason.

Lane was the leading scorer on last season's Pirate squad that finished 22-10 and advanced to the East Region semifinals of the NCAA

Tournament. A native of Fridley, Minn., he averaged 15.3 points and led all league players with 91 three-point baskets.

Griffin was chosen as Parade Magazine's National Player of the Year following last season. He averaged 26 points, 12 rebounds and 6.1 blocked shots as a senior. The native of Philadelphia, Pa. was also a member of the McDonald's and USA Today All-America teams. He is the third Seton Hall player (Luther Wright, 1991-92; Terry Dehere, 1989-90) to earn preseason rookie recognition.

Irish pegged for third in league

Connecticut and Seton Hall are the selections to win their respective divisions in 2000-01, according to a vote of the Big East head coaches. Coaches could not place their own teams on their preseason ballots.

With the addition of Virginia Tech, the 14-team league has been split into two divisions. Big East squads will play a 16-game conference schedule. Each season, teams will meet each divisional opponent on a home-and-home basis and will play four games against teams from the other division.

The Huskies were a solid choice to win the East Division. They received 12 first-place votes. St. John's edged Villanova for second place, though it was the Wildcats who received the other two first-place nods. Miami was fourth, followed by Boston College, Providence and Virginia Tech.

The balloting in the West Division was much closer among the top four teams. Seton Hall won the overall voting tally, though Georgetown had a 5-4 advantage in first-place votes. Notre Dame had three first-place votes and placed third. Syracuse was at the top of two ballots and finished fourth. Pittsburgh was fifth, followed by West Virginia and Rutgers.

2000-01 BIG EAST Preseason Coaches' Poll

| East Division | Points |
|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Connecticut (12) | 90 |
| 2. St. John's | 72 |
| 3. Villanova (2) | 69 |
| 4. Miami | 58 |
| 5. Boston College | 37 |
| 6. Providence | 35 |
| 7. Virginia Tech | 24 |

| West Division | Points |
|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Seton Hall (4) | 80 |
| 2. Georgetown (5) | 77 |
| 3. NOTRE DAME (3) | 68 |
| 4. Syracuse (2) | 63 |
| 5. Pittsburgh | 45 |
| 6. West Virginia | 27 |
| 7. Rutgers | 25 |

2000-01 Preseason All-BIG EAST First Team

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Sunday, October 29

"Dia de los Muertos" Celebration

1:00 p.m.. LaFortune

Blessing of Altar & Procession,

1:30 p.m.. Stanford-Keenan Chapel

Spanish Mass

Monday-Tuesday, October 30-31, 11:30

pm-10:00 pm

St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, October 31, 7:00 pm

Badin Hall Chapel

Campus Bible Study

Wednesday, November 1, 10:00 pm

Morrissey Hall Chapel

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints Day

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Saturday, October 28 Mass

30 minutes after the game

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Sunday, October 29 Mass

8:00 a.m.

Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.

10:00 a.m.

Rev. William A. Wack, c.s.c.

11:45 a.m.

Rev. Thomas P. Doyle, c.s.c.

Stepan Center

Saturday, October 28 Mass

45 minutes after the game

Rev. Gary S. Chamberland, c.s.c.

Scripture Readings

for this Coming Sunday

1st Reading Jer 31: 7 - 9

2nd Reading Heb 5: 1 - 6

Gospel Mk 10: 46 - 52

How Do You Know?

by Fr. Bill Wack, c.s.c.

What is your vocation in life? What is discernment all about anyway? Wouldn't it be great if we had a formula, a way to know what God wants us to do? You can be sure of this: God is calling you to serve the world and the church in some way. It's up to you to find out how.

I am the Associate Vocation Director for the Congregation of Holy Cross, and a "vocational counselor" as part of the Campus Ministry team. That means that I assist people in determining their vocation and pursuing it. But what makes me an expert in your "calling"? How do I know? I don't know, really; but I can help YOU to know. My job is to listen to people and point out what is already there.

Finding one's vocation (Lat., *vocatio*: summons) means listening for God's voice. That doesn't mean necessarily that God will speak to you as another human being speaks. For most of us, that never seems to happen. Nonetheless, I believe that God does communicate with us constantly: through our experiences, friendships, studies, prayers, talents, gifts and desires.

A vocation is something that is realized over time; not in a flash or all of a sudden. Instead of wrestling with the question of what you should do for the rest of your life, think about where you are going right now. The question is not so much, "Am I ready to commit my life completely at this moment?", as it is "What is the next step for me?" Answering the call comes about through taking a series of little steps in life.

That's what I did. I entered Old College (the place for undergraduate seminarians on campus) as a freshman and got ordained a Holy Cross priest eight years later. My friends ask me: Did you really know — as an 18-year old — that God was calling you to be a priest? No, not exactly. I did have an idea that this was something that just might be in the cards for me, but I had no idea how it would turn out in the end.

Slowly but surely, I found myself committing more and more of myself to the Congregation and to the church. There were some winding roads and unexpected turns along the way, but I can definitely see now that God was calling me to be a priest all along. I never heard a voice (audibly) or saw a vision, but I always felt God's hand gently and purposefully guiding me in figuring out my vocation.

What about you: Are you being called to be a teacher? A physician? A lawyer? A husband? A mother? A religious sister or brother? A priest? An engineer or scientist? A social worker? An accountant? How do you know?

At the beginning of this article I said it would be nice if we had a formula, a way of figuring this out. At the risk of sounding overly simplistic, I would like to offer a method that has assisted me in finding my own vocation in life. In determining what God wants you to do, it may be helpful to ask yourself the following three questions — not just once, but many times in your life. If God speaks to us through our desires, our gifts, and other people, then these questions should help to point us in the right direction:

1. What do I want to do? What gives me joy in life?

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All of this presupposes that we are praying to know and do God's will. Also, it means that we need to find and cultivate good friendships with people who can assist us. It requires honesty, integrity, faith, and humility. Most of all what is needed is attentiveness to the voice of God around and within you.

Don't worry about having it all figured out right away. It will come in time. For now, simply take the next step. Take a class in accounting, volunteer to teach Sunday School in a local parish, help out with the legal aid clinic or Chapin Street Clinic, date, get involved in liturgy and religious education, try something new and challenging. Along the way you will find the way.

God is definitely calling you. Everyone has a vocation. How do you know what yours is? Listen, ask, and act.

I never heard a voice (audibly) or saw a vision, but I always felt God's hand gently and purposefully guiding me in figuring out my vocation.



WORLD SERIES

Yankees take commanding 3-1 lead over crosstown foes

♦ Jeter's leadoff homer on first pitch of game hands Mets third defeat

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Derek Jeter and the New York Yankees wasted no time sending a message: first pitch, first inning, home run.

Jeter led off with a drive over the left-field fence and the Yankees led the rest of the way, beating the New York Mets 3-2 Wednesday night in Game 4 to move within one victory of their third straight World Series championship.

Derailed a day earlier, the Yankees got right back on track in taking a 3-1 lead in this Subway Series. Jeter homered and tripled, and Mariano Rivera finished off 4 1-3 scoreless innings by the Yankees bullpen.

Moved up to the leadoff spot for the first time in this Series, Jeter delivered. He became the first player to homer on the opening pitch of a World Series game since Pete Rose for Cincinnati in 1972.

"I've been known to swing at the first pitch,"

Jeter said. "When you play games like this, you want to score early. I got a good pitch to hit, and I hit it well."

"We're playing at Shea Stadium, and even though there are a few Yankee fans here, you want to take the crowd out of the game," he said.

Jeter's shot off Bobby J. Jones sent the Yankees toward their third one-run victory in this Series.

Said Jones: "I wasn't expecting him to swing."

"Putting a run on the board was the difference in the game," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said.

A sellout crowd of 55,290 seemed much more subdued than for the Mets' 4-2 win in Game 3, possibly because of a much larger presence of Yankees rooters.

The ballpark figures to be a lot louder — either way — on Thursday night when the Yankees try to become the first team since the 1972-74 Oakland Athletics to win three titles in a row.

Andy Pettitte will start Game 5 against the Mets' Al Leiter. Of the prior 40 teams to take a 3-1 lead in the World Series, 34 have gone on to win the championship.

"It's the Yankees. We have to win three in a row," Mets center fielder Jay Payton said. "It doesn't get much tougher than that."

If the Yankees win, they hope to have a dry clubhouse for a celebration. Severe flooding from a burst pipe soaked their locker room, forcing players to conduct postgame interviews on the field.

"All of a sudden, the mas-

sage room and the weight area and the hot tub area, it was like Niagara Falls," winning pitcher Jeff Nelson said. "The ceiling collapsed, there was water everywhere. This green, gunky water."

Mike Piazza's two-run homer pulled the Mets within 3-2 in the third inning, and there was no more scoring as both managers made early moves to the bullpen.

Yankees starter Denny Neagle was pulled after 4 2-3 innings, with David Cone coming in to retire Piazza on a popup to end the fifth.

Nelson pitched 1 1-3 innings, Mike Stanton struck out the only two batters he faced and Rivera pitched two innings for his first save of the series.

Rivera was helped when right fielder Paul O'Neill made a sliding catch on Edgardo Alfonzo's liner to start the eighth. Yankees fans erupted when Rivera earned his sixth career Series save, tying Rollie Fingers' record, by striking out Matt Franco to end the game.

Jones was lifted after five innings. Relievers Glendon Rusch, John Franco and Armando Benitez kept the Yankees from breaking away.

The Yankees scored single runs in each of the first three innings. They did it without a contribution from cleanup man Bernie Williams, who was hitless in four at-bats and dropped to 0-for-15 in the Series.

Playing on the 14th anniversary of one of their most famous games — the Bill Buckner-assisted comeback in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series — the Mets had no luck from the start.

Jeter stepped in and, with many fans still getting settled, launched a drive to deep left.

Among those to cheer was one of his best friends, Seattle shortstop Alex Rodriguez, from the front row.

It was a stunning blow, and only the eighth time a World Series game had started with a home run, and the first since Ricky Henderson did it for Oakland in 1989.

The hit also extended

Jeter's hitting streak in World Series play to 13 games.

In the second, O'Neill tripled for the second straight day — after not hitting any since July 23, 1999 — and, following an intentional walk to Jorge Posada, scored on Scott Brosius' sacrifice fly.

New York made it 3-0 in the third. Jeter led off with a triple, giving him eight hits in

this Series, and trotted home as Luis Sojo grounded out.

Mets fans did not seem daunted, probably figuring their team would have a chance to get back into the game against Neagle.

They were right.

Slumping Timo Perez opened the third with a single up the middle and Piazza, who hit a long drive that hooked

foul his first time up, lined a 75 mph changeup into the bleachers in left-center field.

Piazza's second two-run homer of the Series also marked his fourth home run of this postseason — a lot of production from the All-Star catcher who went into this October batting only .211 (12-for-57) with two homers in past postseasons.



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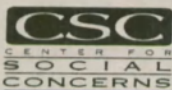


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WORLD SERIES

Jeter's performance earns comparisons to DiMaggio

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Derek Jeter, the modern DiMaggio, helped moved the Yankees within one win of their third straight World Series title.

Jeter, asked to assume the leadoff spot, homered on the first pitch of the game, then tripled and scored as the Yankees beat the Mets 3-2 on Wednesday night for a 3-1 World Series lead.

When Joe D. came to the majors in 1936, the Yankees won four World Series in his first four seasons. Jeter is on the verge of helping the Yankees win titles in four of his first five years.

"We've been fortunate the last few years," he said in front of the Yankees' dugout, seconds after the final out.

These Yankees are on the verge of becoming one of baseball's greatest teams, one of only four to win the Series in three straight years.

Ruth and Gehrig never did it. Neither did Reggie or Thurman. Jeter is about to join the DiMaggios and Berras.

"You have to play for a lot of years before you can be considered a Yankee great," he said back in July after winning the MVP award in the All-Star game. "I've only played four years. This is my fifth. Hopefully, I can play for a few more years, then start that debate."

Fuhgeddaboutit!

In the age of talk radio, the debate has already begun. The Mets have Benny and the Jets? The Yankees have Derek and the Dominoes.

He gets hits, and opponents fall like, well, dominoes.

"He makes things happen," a rather drained Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He's a kid who's only been around five years, and he's got all the qualities of someone who takes charge and leads by example, as opposed to telling anybody he is the leader of this club."

Torre calls him the kid. Jeter still calls his manager Mr. Torre.

Jeter seems to have perfect timing, at the plate and in the dugout. He knows just the right time for a wisecrack to loosen the tension. Just before Mike Piazza grounded out in the eighth, Jeter ran in to the mound to say a few words to Mariano Rivera.

He is the Yankees' glamour-puss, the cover boy the girls swoon at, like they were at some Sinatra concert in the '40s.

On Wednesday, he stunned Shea Stadium into silence, sending Bobby J. Jones' first pitch soaring into the left-field bleachers, the first to homer of the opening pitch of a Series game since Pete Rose in 1972.

"You want to take the crowd out of the game," Jeter said. "I've been known to swing at the first pitch. When you're playing these types of games, when runs can be kind of hard to come by, you want to score early."

"It was huge for us."

Jones was shocked.

"I wasn't expecting him to swing," Jones said. "There's some guys that swing first pitch. When I watched him on video, he was in the two-hole a lot."

Burst pipe floods locker room

♦ Damaged clubhouse strands Yankees on field at Shea

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Perhaps one night too early, the Yankees' locker room was flooded and the players lingered on the field after a victory.

There was no champagne or celebration Wednesday. Instead, as the Yankees were winning Game 4 of the World Series for a 3-1 lead against the Mets, a trash fire resulted in a burst pipe that flooded the Bronx Bombers' locker room at Shea Stadium.

Sometime after the seventh inning, a fire started in a trash container on the stadium's third deck, said Sandy Alderson, an executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office.

When firefighters opened a standpipe to douse the smoky fire, pressure built up in

another pipe over the Yankees' clubhouse, he said. That pipe burst, causing the flood.

"I was in there when it happened," Yankees reliever Jeff Nelson said. "All of a sudden the massage room and the weight area and the hot tub area — it was like Niagara Falls. It was all of a sudden, the ceiling collapsed. There was water everywhere — this green gunky water."

Alderson said police were satisfied that the fire was not deliberately set, and there would be no further investigation. The clubhouse will be ready for Thursday's Game 5.

Nelson, along with teammates Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera and Paul O'Neill, had to conduct postgame interviews on the field outside the Yankees' dugout because of the flood.

"Hopefully, we got our clothes out of the way," Jeter said.

The field was packed with reporters circling players as the Fire Department attempt-

ed to handle the mess caused by the ruptured pipe.

Rich Levin, spokesman for major league baseball, said players were able to change in the locker room despite all the water.

"It was pretty wet," he said.

The flood came a day after the Yankees brought in some of their furniture from the Bronx after deciding that Shea Stadium lacked some of their accustomed amenities.

"Luckily, it doesn't smell in there," Nelson added.

Yankees manager Joe Torre said he was told about the flood during the game but decided not to worry about it at the time.

"I didn't bother going in to check because I really didn't care," he said. "I was concerned more with what was on the field."

It wasn't the first time there was a flood in a locker room of the 36-year-old stadium. On Opening Day 1999, a malfunctioning pump spilled raw sewage all over the Mets' facilities, causing \$200,000 worth of damage.

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Junior guard Sean Mahan takes part in last week's game at West Virginia. Mahan played 50 snaps in the game and starts this week in place of the injured Jim Jones.

Mahan

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technique at this level. They've taught me how to be a man — not just on the football field but through everything else."

After his mother's passing, Mahan has made Notre Dame his home.

"Sometimes I go and stay with my sister in Chicago. When I go to Tulsa I stay with my aunt and uncle or with my girlfriend," he said. "This is pretty much my home. I only get a couple of months out of the year maybe to do whatever I want so South Bend's my home for these four years."

NOTES:

♦ Speaking of the progression of the team's quarterbacks, Davie said, "With [Matt] Loveccio, Arnaz [Battle], Carlyle [Holiday] and Jared Clark there's a bunch of guys there that can do the things we want to do on offense." Conspicuously missing from that list was current backup Gary Godsey.

Davie announced that he would meet with Godsey after the Air Force game regarding Godsey's future, whether it be at quarterback or tight end — where the sophomore played as a freshman. "He's a quarterback this week and we're going to evaluate that whole situation next week when we have a little bit more time," Davie said.

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish need stellar Big East showing to look ahead to Nationals

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Unless the Irish topple several teams ahead of them in Friday's Big East Championships, a return trip to nationals appears out of the question.

The Irish, who earned an at-large bid for the NCAA Championships in '99, are in danger of missing out on nationals this season.

They finished a disappointing 33rd of 60 at the Pre-National Meet, one of the best indicators of who the nation's top teams are.

"We've got to go into the Big East and run as fast as we possibly can," head coach Tim Connelly said. "We can help ourselves there, because it's an inter-regional meet."

The Irish are unranked heading into the Big East Championships, but they are looking to overturn at least one of the four top-25 teams in the league.

Boston College leads the conference with a No. 7 national ranking, defending champion Georgetown rates 10th, Providence is ranked No. 17 and West Virginia sits at No. 24.

"Boston College or Georgetown is probably the favorite," Connelly said. "We've got to look at West Virginia and Providence and

Villanova. Those would be the teams to focus on to try to beat."

After running against a daunting 400-runner field at Pre-Nationals, the Irish are anxious to return to a smaller meet.

"Going into Big East we're a lot more excited," sophomore Jen Handley said. "It's a lot smaller meet. It would be really nice to be in the top five."

A top-five finish will take a top performance from Handley, along with freshmen Megan Johnson and Rachel Endress, and senior Chrissy Kuenster.

"She [Jennifer] has got to step up big-time. She's capable of being in the top 10," Connelly said. "Megan and

Rachel are capable of being in the top 20, and so is Chrissy if she has her best race."

So far, the Irish haven't put together career-best performances across the board.

"They've got to line up to compete as well as they possibly can, and they haven't been doing that," Connelly said.

Notre Dame may benefit from others' low expectations for it.

"Right now, we're not ranked, so there's no pressure," Handley said. "We just need to run well and hope to keep our season going."

"We've got to go into the Big East and run as fast as we possibly can."

Tim Connelly
head coach



TONY FLOYD/The Observer

Senior Leanne Brady races in the Notre Dame Invitational earlier this season. The Irish head to Boston Friday to compete in the Big East Championships.

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MEN'S INTERHALL BLUE LEAGUE

Keough wins but cannot score enough to reach playoffs

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

It was a bittersweet night for both Keough and O'Neill Tuesday at Stepan Field as the 'Roos defeated the Angry Mob 16-0.

When they squared off in the final regular season game of interhall play, Keough needed to defeat O'Neill by 18 points in order to advance to the playoffs ahead of Stanford. O'Neill, meanwhile, was winless on the season and playing for pride and the chance to spoil its neighbor dorm's hopes of advancing.

The game left a sour taste in the mouths of both teams. Keough soundly defeated their rivals, but fell two points short of advancing to the next round. O'Neill failed to win its final game. But the Angry Mob managed to dash Keough's hopes of making the playoffs.

"We played real hard tonight and showed a lot of heart," O'Neill captain Josh Rich said. "We could feel the intensity of this game tonight. There seemed to be much more emotion for this game than any others, so I'm glad we played so well. They only scored on big plays, and they didn't manage many drives. I think the game was closer than the score revealed."

The heavily favored Keough team came out flat, going three-and-out on its first possession and spoiling a golden opportunity when it recovered a fumble on O'Neill's 25-yard line. On these two drives, Keough went away from its strong running game of Kevin McAbee, Mike Perrone, and Ryan Yorkery. Instead, it tried to open up its offense with

passing plays that were quickly snubbed by the powerful pass rush of the Angry Mob defense.

Keough got on the board on a 50-yard option run by quarterback Andy Hess. Hess would then complete the 2-point conversion on a pass to Yorkery.

The first half ended on an odd note when Keough fumbled a pitch that was picked up by O'Neill. The O'Neill defenders tried to keep the play alive by pitching the ball back to each other about five times before a Keough player finally recovered it.

In the second half, Keough realized it would have to score as much as possible. Faced with a fourth and 13, Hess hit receiver James Waechter for 28 yards to set up first and goal at the 10. On the next play, Hess found Yorkery for the touchdown. The 2-point conversion was completed on a pass to Waechter to bring the score to 16-0.

After a long drive by O'Neill, which was finally halted after a sack on fourth down and goal, Keough got the ball back deep in its own territory with four minutes left to score the touchdown that could move it to the playoffs. It went to the air with the hopes of moving the length of the field, but it failed on a fourth and 10, giving the ball back to O'Neill and ending the game and its season.

"We came out real flat tonight and got off to a slow start," Keough receiver James Waechter said. "O'Neill showed a lot of heart to hang in the ball game and prevent us from scoring eighteen. Even though they didn't win, they did their jobs."



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An O'Neill team member carries the ball earlier in the season. O'Neill could not muster a win Tuesday against Keough but held the 'Roos to 16 points, eliminating them from playoff action.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Dasso reaches quarterfinals of All-American Championship



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Senior Michelle Dasso fought her way to the quarterfinals of the Riviera All-American Women's Championships during fall break before falling to Stanford's Laura Kalvaria.

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

Notre Dame women's tennis star Michelle Dasso took no time off for fall break last week, continuing to impress the competition by advancing to the quarterfinals of the Riviera All-American Women's Championship in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Dasso opened the tournament with an impressive victory over third-seeded and fourth-ranked Kristina Kraszewski from the University of Washington. Dasso, who was 0-3 against Kraszewski in her collegiate career, played strong and defeated Kraszewski 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (7-5), 6-1.

"Kraszewski is a big hitter and is hard to play against and Michelle did a great job," head coach Jay Louderback said. "It is hard to beat [Kraszewski] when she is playing well but Michelle put the pressure on her in the second set and in the third set she just killed her. It was a good win to beat someone ranked that high."

Dasso then advanced to the second round where she faced Tulane's Anna Monhartova whom she beat in three sets at the T. Rowe Price Tournament in September.

Dasso once again was on top of her game and took out Monhartova with a 6-3 6-4 victory.

"I was very impressed with [Monhartova], the No. 1 girl from Tulane," Louderback said. "Michelle served very well and was able to hold most of the time but [Monhartova] matched her shot for shot."

With the win over Monhartova, Dasso advanced to the quarterfinals for the second straight time in a collegiate grand slam tournament. Dasso, who was playing in her second match that Friday, faced Stanford's 11th-ranked Laura Kalvaria.

After playing well Dasso, who had never faced Kalvaria in collegiate play, lost the match 6-2 6-4.

"It was a good match," Louderback said. "Kalvaria hit the ball bigger than I've ever seen her hit it. She played Michelle very well."

The All-American Tournament, which is the last this fall for Dasso, marked the second strong performance in a grand slam event this year and she is looking forward to a strong performance in the spring.

"She's by far the best kid I've ever had here," Louderback said. "She works very hard. She is always out on the court getting extra work in and she's gotten better and better each year."

The rest of the Irish women's team resumed its play after a week off in the Colorado Invitational in Boulder, Colo.

The women played well despite being in the high altitude of Colorado and ended up winning 23 of 28 singles matches and seven of nine doubles matches.

"The girls played real well despite the different format," Louderback said. "It was good for us because we had to adjust to the altitude."

With Dasso not playing at all the women had an opportunity to move up a spot and see some better competition than they would normally have faced.

"I think it was good for them to play in a tougher position," Louderback said. "They all did a very good job with that."

The tournament pitted the Irish against New Mexico, Colorado State and Colorado. The Irish finished the tournament by winning eight of 10 singles matches against Colorado State, eight of nine against Colorado, and seven of nine singles matches against New Mexico.

The tournament was highlighted by the play of junior Nina Vaughan, freshman Caylan Leslie, junior Lindsay Green, senior Kimberly Guy, sophomore Katie Cunha and freshmen Alicia Salas and Emily Neighbours who all went 3-0 against the field.

The 15th-ranked doubles team of Cunha and Guy also played well as they won two matches.

After a difficult start in their first match in September Cunha and Guy have stepped up their play in each of the last three tournaments.

"Guy and Cunha struggle early on but once they played in the WTT National Collegiate Championships at Stanford they have turned it on and have been playing great tennis," Louderback said. "I am looking for them to get better and better."

The Irish appear to be ready for the spring dual matches with the strong play of both the older, more experienced upperclassmen and the young, enthusiastic freshman.

The Irish will end their fall play with a tournament at Michigan next weekend.



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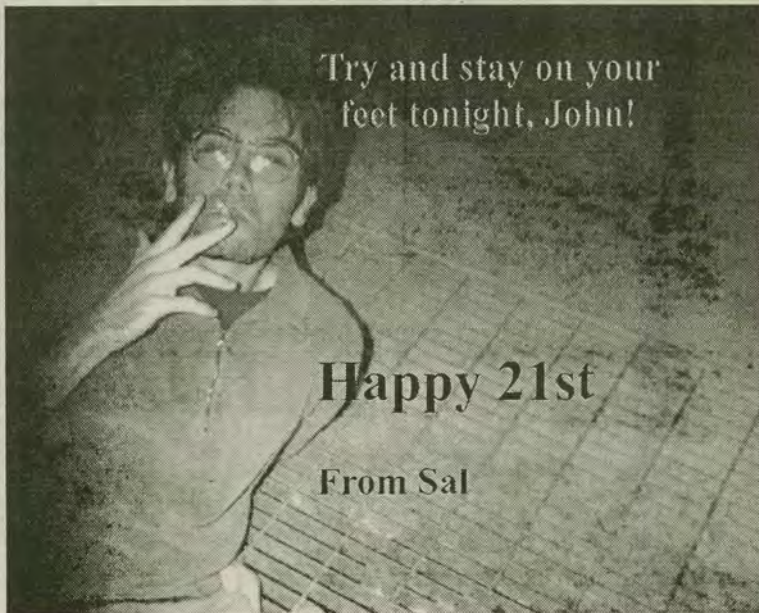
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HOCKEY

Irish face off against No. 7 Michigan State on home ice

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's hockey team will face their third ranked opponent in three weeks when the Michigan State Spartans come to town this weekend.

The series starts with a 7:05 p.m. faceoff and continues at the same time Friday night. It was moved from a Friday/Saturday series because of the home football game.

The Irish haven't gotten off to the kind of start they would like, going 2-3-1 in their first six games.

"We didn't start off the way we wanted to," sophomore center Connor Dunlop said. "We have some inexperience on defense, but the guys have gotten in there, learned from their mistakes, and we have picked it up as a team."

Standing in the way for Notre Dame is the eighth-ranked Spartans.

For the Irish to get their season back on track, one major point they need to address is the goaltending issue.

When the season began, coach Dave Poulin said Tony Zasowski was the starting goaltender but Zasowski wasn't

effective, giving up 10 goals in two games.

Poulin decided to replace Zasowski with Junior Jeremiah Kimento. Kimento has played solid in net, logging a 2-1-1 record in the past four games.

"I haven't been as consistent as I would like, but the team has played well behind me," Kimento said.

But according to Kimento, the coaches have not made a decision on the starting goalie. Offensively, the Irish have played well over the past three games. Dunlop brings a three game scoring streak into tonight's matchup.

"I was injured last year, so I didn't have a lot of opportunities to score," Dunlop said. "This year, we are experienced offensively, and that has translated to more scoring opportunities."

"We have some inexperience on defense, but the guys have gotten in there, learned from their mistakes, and we have picked it up as a team."

Connor Dunlop
sophomore center

Also helping out offensively for Notre Dame has been freshman Ryan Globke.

This week Globke was named CCHA Rookie of the Week. Globke is second in scoring on the team, and brings in a four-game scoring streak into the MSU

game. The Spartans are led by senior goaltender Joe



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

No. 14 Chad Chipchase fights for the puck with a Michigan opponent last season. The Irish will face their third ranked opponent in three weeks when they play Michigan State tonight.

Blackburn.

Blackburn has a 4-0-1 record against Notre Dame in his career.

However, none of those wins have come at the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame is 1-1-3 in their last five games against Michigan State in the Joyce Center. The last time MSU won at Notre Dame was in Oct. 1997.

The Irish feel like that even though they haven't started off as well as they liked, they are improving.

"Every game we have improved," Kimento said. "We have got to be ready every night. Any team can win in the CCHA."

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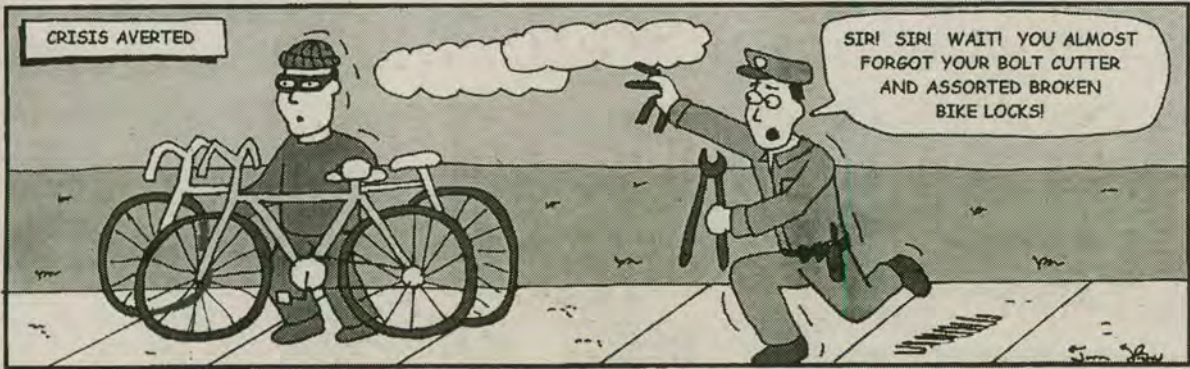
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14 Big band?

15 California's Valley

16 City on the Oka

17 Head, jocularly

18 They have whiplike tails

20 Truck stop

22 Forgo

23 "Moonlight" and "Farewell"

27 Very distant, as space

30 Prove wrong

31 Snow showers?

34 Bullets, to bettors

36 Mideast port
- 37 "C'est la vie"

40 Secret language

41 Orbital path, usually

42 2.4-mil. member union

43 Got back together

45 Silents star Jannings

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54 Nursery rhyme meal

57 Heading maintainer

60 Pick up

61 Word with black or fire
- DOWN**

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3 Caper

4 Ask for hay, say?

5 Deeply embedded

6 Like some coaches: Abbr.

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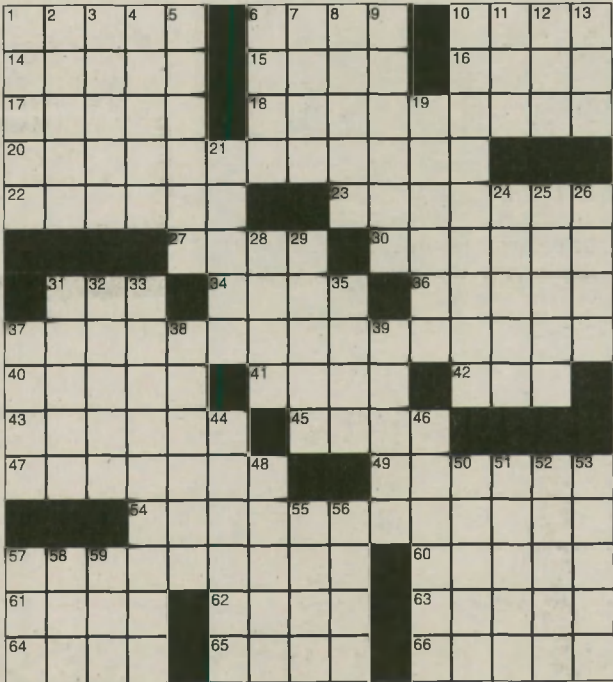
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24 Enough to wet one's lips

25 Some hotel lobbies

26 Limitless quantities

28 Repeat



- 29 Something to complain about

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32 Hard to pin down

33 No longer warm

35 Stroked

37 Swabbies

38 Promotion

39 Adjust

44 Mock

46 Soup kitchen worker
- 48 Impromptu

50 Person from Malmö

51 Like a con artist's business

52 Mysterious

53 Force units
- 55 Pop

56 Immensely

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58 News letters

59 Acquisition for some vacationers

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jaclyn Smith, Lauren Tewes, Hillary Clinton, Pat Sajak, Cary Elwes, Bob Hoskins

Happy Birthday: Don't waver, or you will miss out on the opportunities surrounding you this year. You don't want to have to go back and start all over, so lay all your cards on the table, plan your actions thoroughly and be precise in your execution. The more preparation and development you do, the better things will turn out for you. Your numbers: 15, 29, 31, 35, 38, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't push your luck with your partner. Take care of investments that will give you a tax break. You will enjoy social activities or trips as long as you can stick to your budget.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will find it easy to clear up odd jobs. Your partner will be more than eager to spend time romancing. Don't rush formulating or signing important papers. Talk to those with more experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Pamper yourself. Professional changes may be on your mind. Don't be afraid to take action and go after your goals. Partners will be quirky. Be careful how you work things.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone at home may not be that easy to deal with. Go out shopping for that special outfit. The personal changes you make will be admired. Take a new direction professionally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get out with friends or relatives. You can get a lot done on the home front. Idle time will work against you. Take

time to tie up loose ends. Someone important may be watching you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your moneymaking ideas will be superb. Family functions and trips look favorable. This is a good day to clear up any problems that have been plaguing your personal life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be very sensitive and mustn't allow others to take advantage of your vulnerability. Talk to a close friend about your personal intentions before you decide to take action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be careful what you say to whom. Someone will be sure to twist your words. You will find love interests can be passionate as long as you avoid being too intellectual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Mingle with colleagues. You should avoid letting others in on your personal life. Your reputation may be at risk. You will fly off the handle if you don't have enough to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is best not to upset the applecart. Go with the flow. You will have opportunities to meet romantic partners if you get out and mingle with those who have similar interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Travel to see friends or relatives you don't get to see that often. You may want to concentrate on your future goals and the habits you ought to curb.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can help someone close to you with personal problems. Don't lend cash; just give good advice. You can make a change in your position.

Birthday Baby: You have such an intuitive mind. You can instinctively see what's going on around you, but you are reluctant to make decisions. You are charming, bright and can do well if you only learn to stop vacillating. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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HOCKEY

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FRI. vs. #7 MICHIGAN STATE 7 pm

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

FRI. vs. MIAMI, (FL) 5 pm

MEN'S SWIMMING

FRI. vs. KALAMAZOO 6 pm

MEN'S SOCCER

FRI. vs. WEST VIRGINIA 7:30 pm

#1 WOMEN'S SOCCER

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SUN. vs. MIAMI, (FL) 1 pm

SPORTS

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Michelle Dasso made the
quarterfinals at the Riviera
All-American Women's
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Thursday, October 26, 2000

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish aim for upset victory in conference meet



The Notre Dame men's squad takes off at the start of the Notre Dame Invitational earlier this season. The Irish travel to Boston for the Big East Championships Friday.

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame men's cross country team is after its second straight Big East Championship, but it heads into the race a clear-cut underdog.

Notre Dame is ranked 17th in the nation, well behind fourth-rated Providence and eighth-ranked Georgetown. At No. 21, Villanova is no push-over, either.

"It's going to be a real dogfight between four schools — Villanova, Georgetown, Providence and ourselves," head coach Joe Piane said.

With four league schools ranked in the top-25, the Big East is among the nation's most talent-loaded conferences.

"The Big East is a loaded field this year," junior Luke Watson said. "It's one of the strongest conferences in the country."

The Irish lost the brunt of their varsity squad to graduation or injury, including All-American Ryan Shay, leaving the still-solid squad in search of young runners to step up.

Midway through the season,

Watson and classmate Marc Striowski have outdone expectations. Heading into the conference meet, both are sure bets to be at the front of the pack.

"I know Luke Watson and Marc Striowski are going to run well," Piane said of his leading runners.

Watson has captured three individual titles this season and placed fourth in the Pre-National Meet. Striowski took 10th in the Pre-National Meet.

"Keith Kelly [Providence] is the favorite," Watson said. "He finished ninth in the nation last year at nationals, so I'm going to key off him and see where that takes me."

The third and fourth runners for the Irish — Pat Conway and Todd Mobley — will also have heavy loads to carry in the 10,000-meter race.

"Pat Conway and Todd Mobley have run consistently all year," Piane said, "but we're going to have to have a much better fifth man."

In the Pre-National Meet earlier this month, there was a big drop-off after the top four finishers. The fourth fastest Notre Dame runner, Todd Mobley, placed 100th, while the fifth Irish harrier to cross the finish line, Sean Zanderson, took 222nd.

Notre Dame will race nine runners Friday, so if any one of the final five runners has a career day, the Irish should be in good shape.

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FOOTBALL

Mahan battles through troubles to start on Irish line

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

When the Irish offense takes the field Saturday in Notre Dame Stadium, junior Sean Mahan will be making his first start of the season at left guard in place of Jim Jones, who is out with turf toe.

Mahan earns his second career start after also earning the nod last year against Boston College.

While cheering fans in the student section will see a player who made 100 pancake blocks in each of his final two years at Jenks High School in Tulsa, the fans know little of the difficult road Mahan took to earn a spot in the Irish lineup.

At 16 — an age when the biggest concern in most young men's lives is finding a date for the next dance — Mahan was forced to deal with tragedy when his father, Michael, passed away.

While many young men would get lost in the grief, Mahan — who attended

Jenks with current Irish teammate Andy Wisne — responded with a senior season for the record books. Mahan started on both the defensive and offensive lines.

On defense, the senior made 95 tackles, 56 for a loss, to go along with seven sacks. On offense, Mahan's blocking helped Jenks to a 14-0 record and a state championship. Some in Tulsa consider that team the greatest in Oklahoma history.

Following the season, recruiters from a variety of colleges began calling Mahan. When Notre Dame called, however, the decision suddenly became an easy one for Mahan.

"Growing up I was always a big Notre Dame fan," said Mahan. "It's huge in my family."

Notre Dame has a definite place in the Mahan family as Sean's sister Lisa grad-

uated from the University in 1994. His father, uncle and great uncle also attended Notre Dame.

In addition to playing for the team he grew up cheering for, Mahan feels that his late father would be pleased by his choice in colleges.

"Growing up I was always a big Notre Dame fan. It's huge in my family."

Sean Mahan
Irish left guard

adjust to life in South Bend — and life without taking the football field. As a freshman, Mahan played defensive lineman, but never cracked the lineup. Adding heartache to the adjustment, Mahan received word late in the season that his mother had suddenly passed

away.

"It was a hard time, but I stuck it out," Mahan said. "Everybody at Notre Dame was great to me, it made it a lot easier on me."

After his freshman season, the coaching staff made the decision to move Mahan to offense as a sophomore. Playing tackle, he played in each of the team's first 11 games, rotating with John Teasdale.

Mahan earned the start against Boston College, where his season ended with an injured shoulder.

This year, Mahan again has played regularly, now rotating with fifth-year senior Jim Jones.

The junior credits conditioning and the coaching staff for helping him get to his current position.

"Since high school I have gotten a lot bigger — I've gained probably 60 pounds," he said. "The coaches have taught me a lot of technique, it's all

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vs. Michigan State
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Friday, 6 p.m.



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