Sweeney lectures about unions

By SAM DERHEIMER
News Writer

The labor movement wants a better image, and John Sweeney, president of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), said Wednesday he believes he can create that image through education.

"There's a role for all of us to play," Sweeney said. "We have to do a better job at educating people about what the labor movement is about. And that's a big part of what this lecture is about."

Sweeney focused on the benefits unions can provide for the working class, and talked of building an America, "...where the benefits of the greatest economic country in the world are shared by all, instead of hoarded by the few."

On average, union workers are paid 32 percent more than non-union workers, Sweeney said. Furthermore, he emphasized the advantages unions create for what he called the "forgotten majority," those underprivileged and uneducated members of our society left behind in a "crude, winner-take-all world."

Sweeney spoke about the AFL-CIO's programs to ensure a safe and stable working environment. His primary goals as a labor leader are to provide an education to workers who probably would not be able to attain one on their own, he said.

He also urged students to develop a better understanding of what labor organizations can do. "You, as students, and future business leaders, need an improved perception of the labor movement," he said, expressing hope that as future business presidents and officials, students who better understand how labor unions operate will be more willing to work with them later on.

Students at the lecture generally responded positively to his message. "It was a very informative lecture on an important issue," said Saint Hall junior Ryan Fodge. "The labor movement is something that affects everyone. We need to be informed on the direction it is taking for the future."

"As a political science major, I don't have any need for a union right now, and so it's like, 'Tomorrow, everything's going to be the same whether I support the unions or not.' If he could plant a more positive image of labor unions in students' minds, Sweeney said, that image would make his life easier because they felt its immediate relevance."

In the future, when students deal with unions in a business setting, cooperation could be more forth-
Inside Column

Walking on water

Merciless. Unyielding. Frigid. Wet. No. I am not describing an Arctic snowstorm — not even a South Bend snowstorm. What I am describing is the sprinkler system employed by our beloved University. A sprinkler system with motives unknown to an intelligent student body. A sprinkler system with missions reaching far beyond the hopes of an impbecile quad. 

En route to an 8:30 class in Delbarton Hall, my comrade and I dodge these vicious rainstorms. Timing our steps with the clicks of the water, we have created an invisible labyrinth along the quad, sidestepping the juggled bullets. Our fuel, if we succeed in our mission of safe passage, will be our shoes and pressed, and my friend’s hair won’t curl up after her morning struggle to straighten it. Since the beginning of the year, this has been our morning routine. On my way to O’Shaughnessy Hall a little after noon, I am surprised yet again by the sprinkler system’s incessant dousing. 

It is an unusual time, instead of feeling irritated, I am confused. It seems as though the sidewalk is getting wet. Before I can get my mind around this phenomenon, two sprinklers each take their own turn laundering the walkway before continuing on to the grass.

On an active college campus, I would figure that there would be more outrage over this wasted water than there currently is. As I question the need for green grass when fall is knocking at the door, I become angered over the constantly wet sidewalks.

In a constant and impatient quest for greener grass, this campus, someone set the timers for this sprinkler system without much consideration for seed-cutting students. Someone decided that the sprinklers had to go off at prime passing times. This indiscreetthemselves, the sprinklers in positions critical to the time-honored task of seed-cutting sidewalks.

Most people agree about all this nonsense. Our campus is absolutely lovely — that fact can not be denied with — however, do we really need the inopportune click-clicks of the sprinklers while we’re thinking about or looking at the grass that is green for a reason? I can not find a reason for the timers to be set during class time.

If I recall correctly, most towns near our home have water conservation orders in effect with severe consequences for those who feel their lawn is above the law. As a result, these towns encourage lawn watering during the early hours of the morning, as to prevent evaporation from the sun. It would make sense, therefore, for the University to run the sprinklers before most people are awake. Not only would we be eco-friendly, but also a bit more convenient for those students racing to class.

After lunch, another friend and I tackle the system once again on our way to the bookstore. As we bide our time complaining about the sprinklers, we are rudely interrupted by a merciless burst of a frigid quad shower.

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

This Week on Campus

Thursday

- EDTV: Cashing with Chester. Auditorium, 10:30 p.m.
- Honors Assembly: Sankofs Scholars, Eck Center, 7 p.m.
- Filipino American Student Organization: First general meeting, Notre Dame Room, 8 p.m.

Friday

- Shakespeare in Love: Annenberg Auditorium.
- Haiti Amber: Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- EdTV: Cashing with Chester. Auditorium, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday

- Football at Purdue, WSBI. Ch. 22, 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday

- Eucharistic Ministry Workshop: Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 2 p.m.
- Lector Workshop: Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 8 p.m.
- BCAC: First general meeting, O’Neill Hall, 4 p.m.

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Court finds Miami seniors innocent

MIA University

Brad Allen and Nathaniel Snow were found not guilty of posting racist and homophobic fliers at Miami University’s Center for Black Culture and Learning. The two black students were accused of staging a faux hate crime last October by entering the center after closing time, programming racist messages on screen savers and leaving racist graffiti. 

The decision will delay the two lawsuits that are challenging the admissions processes of the University’s Law School and College of Literature, Science and the Arts until next summer.

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Outside the Dome

Court allows intervention in Michigan lawsuit

University of Michigan

Two minority advocate groups will be allowed to serve as co-defendants in the admissions lawsuits facing two University of Michigan schools as a result of a decision handed down by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati last month.

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M.I.T housing undergoes changes

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

When the class of 2003 arrived on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology campus at the end of August, students did not have a permanent place to settle down and begin life at the university. Breaking with the college tradition of pre-assigned living space and roommates, M.I.T. freshmen arrive on campus two weeks prior to the start of class and move into temporary university housing. During the two-week rush period, freshmen choose to live wherever they desire. The school’s 36 fraternities, sororities and independent living groups and 10 university-affiliated-on-campus housing halls exist only temporarily, enticing freshmen with attractive living accommodations. In the wake of several alcohol and drug related problems, M.I.T.’s housing solution has been under much scrutiny. Last week junior Richard Gu died of asphyxiation from nitrous oxide poisoning in an East Campus dorm. Senior Susan Mosher and 1999 graduate Renee Bu, both 22, have been charged with seven counts of drug possession related to Gu’s death. They will be arraigned in Middlesex District Court.

National Weather

The AccuWeather forecast for Monday, Sept. 7

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Shalit advocates modesty among today’s college students

**Author discusses the disrespect today’s culture possesses toward modesty**

By KATE WALTER

"Don’t be ashamed about what you should be proud of," stated 24-year-old Williams College graduate Wendy Shalit in a standing-room-only lecture held Wednesday in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Shalit’s recently published book entitled "A Return to Modesty," concerns the history of modesty, the problem concerning the ideals of modesty today and the issue of young women today who grew up after the sexual revolution.

She became interested in the idea of modesty during her college experience at Williams, where the university required Shalit to live in co-ed dorms, including sharing a co-ed bathroom.

Wednesday’s lecture dealt with Shalit’s concern with today’s "attack on modesty." Shalit believes that the advice given to young girls today "is not in line with reality."

Photos and articles in popular women’s magazines such as Cosmopolitan and Harper’s Bazaar, which display scantily-clad women and advise young women to "keep married men as pets," send the message that "there’s something wrong with you if you believe in modesty.

Shalit stated that in her own experience, expressing her opposition to co-ed bathrooms and dorms led others to accuse her of being uncomfortable with her body.

"I’m comfortable with my body," said Shalit to her accusers. "I’m not comfortable with your bodies in such close proximity to mine."

Shalit also refuted certain myths about modesty that are accepted in today’s society, including the idea that modesty is the equivalent of prudery. According to Shalit, modesty is actually the opposite.

"In stating that you will be with no one or with anyone, both prudery and prudencioussness express the idea that you can’t be touched by anyone or anything," Shalit said.

Shalit added that modesty, on the other hand, "expresses that you can be touched, are simply waiting for the right person in whom you want to give that privilege."

"Modesty," according to Shalit, "is integrating your hopes and integrating what you want into your life."

"There are children today who have no guidance, and are begging for it," said Shalit.

"I urge you to speak your mind," said Shalit. "Don’t let the exhibitionist dominate our culture."

**Correction**

Father Patrick Sullivan was identified incorrectly in Wednesday’s Observer. Sullivan is the director of undergraduate studies in sociology and a member of the Higgins Labor Research Center.

The Observer regrets the error.
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protest by trespassing onto Fort Benning property. Bourgeois first hand experience of prison comes from these protests.

"They tell me I am breaking the law by trespassing, but I follow a higher law—a law that says suffering must be stopped," he says. "They call it 'civil disobedience,' but I call it 'divine obedience.'"

Together with four Notre Dame students, he has been hoping to make an impact with spontaneous protest in the past two days at both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Sophomore Brendan Egan, who was the principal organizer, explained that he had been with the military since he was a young child. "I have always been against killing. They have used me for their agenda," he said. "If I can get people to think, I can stop the war." Bourgeois has been involved with service for many years, most recently making a summer trip to El Salvador. Also leading the way and vowing to participate in November are Liz Moriarty, Shelia McCarthy and Michael-John Myette. These students look to Bourgeois as their leader both in the fight for justice and spiritually.

Bourgeois' rise to prominence started after college, when he joined the military and fought in Vietnam. Disillusioned with the meaningless death and violence of war, he met a missionary that changed his life. After completing the seminary, he was ordained into the priesthood and assigned to Bolivia to help the poor.

While there, he saw first-hand all of the military brutality and joined a resistance movement. His involvement angered the oppressive government there, causing his removal from Bolivia.

Soon, another issue attracted his attention. On Nov. 16, 1989, a massacre in El Salvador killed Archbishop Romero, whom Bourgeois admired and considered "a voice for the voiceless." was brutally murdered while saying Mass. Romero spoke out against violence and had been a voice filled with hope for peace in the troubled region.

Archbishop Romero was killed by Roberto D'Aubuisson's death squads. After looking into the terror-ist's history, Bourgeois discovered that he was trained at the School of Americas in the United States. So began what has become a ten-year quest for him and his followers.

Hope seems to be rising for the School of Americas Watch. On July 28, the House of Representatives passed a bill to cut off any funding for the school, and now the bill is on its way to the Senate. Bourgeois attributed this success to the fervent letter-writing of taxpayers, who do not want their money to contribute to the training of potential terrorists.

A strong sense of unity is shown by Bourgeois and his student organizers all across the country.

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located on the west programs there. He also has fasted to draw attention to the actions of SOA graduates, in hopes the school would be shut down. "They hold gung-ho, but our hope was really strong," he said.

Bourgeois called on students to join in a protest planned for October at Fort Benning. He said he hopes 5,000 people will join him to enter the base in protest.

Two years ago, more than 2,000 crossed the line and entered the base.

RUSSIA

Explosion kills 15 in Moscow

Associated Press

MOSCOW—Authorities searched for survivors and cleared away rubble Monday after an explosion tore through a nine-story Moscow apartment building, killing at least 15 people and leaving dozens more feared dead in the rubble.

Fire officials said at least 60 people were hospitalized with serious injuries after being pulled from the wreckage. Up to 100 people could have been trapped in the debris. The Federal Security Service, the country's main intelligence agency, launched an investigation into the blast. Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and other officials said it appeared to have been a natural gas explosion, but authorities said they could not yet rule out a terrorist attack.

The powerful blast shook the southeast Moscow neighborhood shortly after midnight. Early today, more than 100 rescuers continued the wrenching search for survivors. Fire and choking smoke made it unlikely that anyone trapped in the rubble had survived, rescue workers said.

"One thing's for sure, there are a lot more people in there. It's really unlikely there are any left alive," said Nikolai Vaykhnen, an emergency worker.

A blast left a gaping hole in the center of the building, located in a residential area near fields and railway tracks. Some people living in a nearby building were injured by flying glass and debris.

"I got up and rushed out of my room. I had heard my brother screaming," said a piece of window glass had cut her. Outside it felt like everyone was screaming, and then there was the smell of burning," said one woman who survived the explosion. She gave only her first name, Olga.

Rescue teams used cranes, bulldozers and dump trucks to remove mangled trees and huge slabs of shattered masonry.

The explosion shattered windows in hundreds of yards from the blast and flipped over cars in surrounding streets.

Sixty ambulances and 45 fire trucks were at the scene along with Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov and other senior officials.

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coming as a result of that early education, and that means better results for workers, he contended.

Ultimately, Sweeney said, he wants protection for those forced to live paycheck to paycheck.

"For many," said Sweeney, "unions are the only way out. And we want to make sure the government works as hard to protect them as it does to protect corporate executives.

"They transforming of unions into significant political forces was also a key aspect to Sweeney's new image of the labor movement. Envisioning a world of social and economic justice, the AFL-CIO head called for an end to a nation "where the moneyed few make all the decisions," and the wage and wealth gap between classes is the largest it is noble and worthy, others will come."

Sweeney's book, "America Needs a Raise," has been praised by business leaders.
Thursday, September 9, 1999

**World News Briefs**

**Trains celebrate Beatles**

**LONDON**

It may not be a submarine, but it does travel underwater. The Eurostar train system unveiled a special Beatles Express on Wednesday in honor of the release of the band's 1968 cinematic landmark, "The Yellow Submarine." The brightly adorned Express pulled out of London's Waterloo station for its inaugural trip under the English Channel and on. The service will run three times a day between London, Paris and Brussels until December. All 18 Express carriages are decorated with psychedelic images from the film, in which the Beatles travel in a magical Yellow Submarine to Pepperland and liberate the country from the music-hating Blue Meanies. "I think it looks absolutely brilliant," said Bridget Beanne, 55, from Glastonbury Somerset, who boarded the train with her daughter.

**Majority of drug users work full time**

**WASHINGTON**

Seven in 10 people who used illegal drugs in 1997 had full-time jobs, the government reports. Officials hope the data will dispel notions that most drug users are burned out and disconnected from the mainstream. The typical drug user is not poor and unemployed," said Barry McCaffrey, the White House drug policy director. "He or she can be a co-worker, a husband or wife, a parent." About 4.3 million full-time workers, ages 18 to 49 - or 7.7 percent - admitted in 1997 using illegal drugs in the preceding month, according to the report based on every few years by the Department of Health and Human Services. The proportion has been steady since 1992. Workers in restaurants, bars, construction and transportation were more likely than others in user drugs, the report said.

**Indonesia**

**U.N. delays exit from East Timor**

Associated Press

The United Nations heeded the pleas of East Timorese refugees on Wednesday and delayed the evacuation of its mission to the Indonesian province, saying the U.N. body could end in mass bloodshed.

As the refugees streamed out of the embattled territory to escape rampaging militias, witnesses charged that soldiers were looting throughout Dili. Rumors of mass slaughters swept through refugee camps.

International efforts to resolve the crisis moved ahead with a meeting between a high-level U.N. delegation and Indonesian and foreign ministers.

The Vatican endorsed a proposal for a U.N. peacekeeping force, though U.N. officials appeared hesitant. Britain said it is sending a warship and about a dozen military planners to the region to prepare. More than 2,000 people have crowded into the U.N. compound in Dili, the provincial capital. Many said pro-Indonesian soldiers would kill them if the U.N. workers left.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the pullout of the remaining 201 international officials and 167 East Timorese working for the world body would be delayed 24 hours. He also said he is trying to keep a small U.N. presence in the violence-torn province, pointing to potential "loopholes in the law." U.N. officials also said they are trying to keep a small U.N. presence in the violence-torn province, saying they are acting as "good-guy operators." The U.N. compound has been surrounded by Indonesian troops, who have helped militias block access to it. On Wednesday, bursts of gunfire were heard outside the compound.

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**Indonesia**

Witnesses who ventured into the deserted streets Wednesday said Indonesian soldiers were "looting everything in sight," carrying furniture out of abandoned houses and loading it onto trucks.

"They are trying to kill all the educated people so we cannot develop our country," said a pro-independence activist who reached the U.N.-controlled West Timor. "This is a good-bye operation." The U.N. compound has been surrounded by Indonesian troops, who have helped militias block access to it. On Wednesday, bursts of gunfire were heard outside the compound.

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**Beijing picks national theater design**

Associated Press

For 40 years, Beijing has wanted a national theater to symbolize the pride and modernity of the new China.

The time has finally arrived and the choice is a starkly modern French design of a glass dome in the site of Eternal Peace from the new theater lies in Zhongguan Village, the walled compound of certain imperial villas where China's leaders worked. Across the broad Avenue of Eternal Peace from the site of the new theater lies Zhongnanhai, the walled compound of certain imperial villas where China's leaders worked. Alongside Zhongnanhai is the imperial palace, or Forbidden City. A selection committee originally rejected all entries and demanded revisions, calling for a building that was immediately recognizable as a Chinese theater and in harmony with Tiananmen Square.

The design chosen is by Paul Andreu of Paris, the Ministry of Construction approved it. Andreu helped build the Grande Arche de la Defense west of Paris and the Channel Tunnel terminal in Calais and also is working on a new Shanghai airport.

The committee made its choice in July and top Commercial Party leaders approved it, said committee spokesman Yu Yasme. Jiang Zhenqhai of the Institute of City Planning and Design Office said the procedures had not been finalized.
JAPAN

‘All Nines Day’ goes as planned in Asia

Associated Press

On the high-tech side, it was — as expected — a snoozer. And the rumors of rebellion, an scene long expected in Myanmar appeared to be overblown.

But a rare alignment of nines on the calendar today provides an excuse for thousands of superstitious people around the world to head out of town, try a little gambling or even get married.

Some computer experts had warned of potential problems with old programs that might mistake the date 9-9-99 with a code used to end an operation.

Though few had expected any serious malfunction, the “999 bug” was seen by some as a possible dry-run ahead of the Year 2000 problem, in which computers unable to properly handle the change from the year 1999 to 2000 on Jan. 1 haywire.

If today was any indication, the Y2K bug could be a breeze.

To be safe, the Bank of Japan added $2.7 billion worth of Treasury bills Wednesday to its market, even more than today, because of concerns that foreign banks might be in need of cash should any computer problems arise.

But a bank official said that as of late this morning, there had been no reports of problems.

Still, while the All Nines appeared to be shaping up to be just another day in the computerized world, it was anything but ordinary for thousands of gamblers, eccentrics and lovers across the world.

The Japan Travel Bureau, this country’s largest travel agency, commemorated the date with a package tour for 999 people that included a flight to New York or Orlando, Fla., for 99,999 yen (about $999).

In Malaysia, four-digit lottery ticket hawkers were on a roll. The Sun newspaper reported, with “9999” being a hot bet at lottery outlets. And 999 senior citizens were to attempt to set a new — albeit obscure — Malaysian record for the largest gathering at older persons in a circle.

Malaysian couples were also rushing to get married. Ninety-nine couples took their wedding vows in a mass ceremony at exactly 9:09 a.m. at a Buddhist temple in the capital of Kuala Lumpur. The number of Malaysian couples registering to be married today was nearly three times the daily average, according to the government.

A rush of weddings was also expected in Japan and China. And, not to be outdone, a mass marriage was to be held at the monkey house of the Berlin Zoo.

Bucking this trend was Taiwan, where a conflicting tradition — the end of Ghost Month — makes many people consider Thursday to be bad luck. Along with marriages, there were likely to be fewer people eating out there as well.

Not all of Nines Day was light-hearted.

Over the past few weeks there have been persistent rumors that activists in Myanmar might be plotting an uprising to coincide with the Nines Day, which they consider auspicious.

Apparent taking such rumors seriously, the Myanmar government had recently detained 16 democracy activists, and Thai troops on the Myanmar border were put on alert.

The Thai government is concerned that fighting might erupt between Myanmar forces and those of the Karen National Union, one of the last remaining ethnic insurgency groups fighting the central government.

In Atlanta, the pilots of Delta Air Lines begin contract talks

Associated Press

After seeing Delta Air Lines’ profits surpass $1 billion for two straight years, the carrier’s pilots are lining up for a bigger slice of the pie.

Delta and its 9,200 pilots opened contract talks Wednesday by exchanging proposals six months before the current contract’s “amendable date” of May 2000. Neither side disclosed specific salary wishes, which are expected to dominate the talks.

To help push the nation’s third-largest carrier back to profitability, pilots offered Delta substantial wage concessions during the last contract negotiations in 1996 and are seeking to recoup them in the new contract.

Local-based Delta posted a record $1 billion profit in 1998 for the second straight year.

The Delta contract talks come at a time of increased airline industry profitability — and labor strife.

Last year, Northwest pilots went on a 15-day strike before reaching a contract with the airline. And American Airlines pilots staged an illegal job action in February over the integration of Reno Airlines into the airline’s operations, disrupting hundreds of thousands of flights.

The talks won’t be easy or short, said Julius Maldutis, an analyst with CIBC Oppenheimer.

“After six consecutive years of profit, it’s not surprising that (airline) labor in general has grown much more militant,” said Maldutis, who predicted the Delta talks will lead to federal mediation. “The pilots are saying, ‘We want it back, plus some.’

Capt. Chuck Giambusso, chairman of the Delta pilots’ union, called the pilots’ proposal “ambitious, but fair.”

“We are committed to our company and to achieving a timely and superior agreement,” he said at a news conference. Besides salary raises, the pilots are seeking better training pay, codification of rest rules, reduction in the amount of regional jet flying performed by Delta subsidiaries, growth in the number of pilot jobs and better vacation and retirement benefits.

The pilots also want a voting member on Delta’s board of directors, instead of the nonvoting seat they now hold, and elimination of a lower pay scale for pilots who fly for Delta Express, Delta’s low-cost unit based in Orlando, Fla.
STUDENT SENATE

Group debates Rolfs' closing time

Members agree
to consult Rolfs on
issue before debate

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

A resolution calling for later closing times at the Rolfs RecSports Recreation Center topped the agenda of last night's meeting of the Student Senate.

"At 11:30 last night, a young lady jogged past us alone toward the lakes," Krouch senator Brian O'Donoghue said, explaining the impetus for the resolution.

Currently, the facility closes at 11 p.m., and under the proposed resolution, the hours would be extended until midnight. During certain times last year, RecSports did change the closing time to midnight, and members of the senate inquired as to why this didn't happen year-round.

"Last semester the hours were at 12, so it's not like they haven't done it or they can't do it," said Knott senator Ed Pop.

Brenn-Philips senator Jenna Thomas, who worked at the facility last year, said the closing time was extended to midnight last year from Thanksgiving break to Easter break. Plans are in place to implement the same hours after fall break or Thanksgiving break, Thomas said.

The senators responsible for drafting the measure had not yet contacted RecSports officials regarding the proposal, so the resolution was tabled until the next meeting of the senate, which will be Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Senators briefly discussed the ticket distribution system and the manner in which members are quoted by The Observer in Student Senate meetings.

They also celebrated Student Union secretary Luciana Beatty's 19th birthday.

BOG

Members study
SMC parking squeeze

By COURTNEY BOYLE
News Writer

The parking problem issue dominated Wednesday night's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting at Saint Mary's.

As of this year, Saint Mary's College is in need of a plan for overflow parking and general parking for students. This year alone there were 508 residence parking passes sold for 437 spots," said Richard Chlebek, director of Safety and Security.

BOG has been working on resolving the parking spaces problem along with off-campus commissioner Beth Beatty's concerns about safety for off campus students. Her concerns included the convenience of commuting students who have to park in the science lot. Beatty's concerns were addressed by Chlebek, who suggested the shuttle system and escort service provided for after hours.

Another issue that BOG is working on is the Noble Family Dining Hall changes. Students have expressed concern regarding leaving their belongings outside the doors, where theft could occur.

The computer lab hours were also addressed at Wednesday's meeting. Currently, the 24-hour lounge in the library is closed from 11:45 p.m. until 1 a.m. for cleaning. Students are then left with the computers in the writing center. However, since the writing center computers are hooked up to computers in the computer lab, students are left stranded for over an hour.

In addition to policy concerns, BOG also planned several events for students and faculty on campus. For example, members of BOG can be seen in the Dining Hall running Hall Council Elections, and student body vice president Angie Little discussed the Sept. 15 welcome back party for the students who won abroad last year.

Some other events for the month of September discussed were: The Grace Under Pressure Etiquette Training Seminar on Sept. 15, The Twilight Tailgate on Sept. 16, the Catholic Social Training Retreat scheduled for Sept. 21, and Dash for Dollars on Sept. 22.

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Quake unites Greek, Turk rescuers

ATHENS As the death toll from the quake that rocked Athens rose to 60 Wednesday, Greek and Turk rescuers again found themselves in a position they would have found unusual before last month's working side-by-side.

Elsewhere, inspectors began assessing fractured buildings that could leave thousands homeless. On a brighter note, archaeologists said Athens' famed monuments, including the Acropolis and the Temple of Zeus, sustained no major damage.

Twenty Turks were the first foreign rescue team to reach the city's most battered areas. As the crowds looked on, they joined Greeks — their longtime archrivals — in slowly chipping through concrete at a collapsed cleaning products factory in search of trapped workers.

Turks had praised Greece for the quick and extensive help following the Aug. 17 earthquake in Turkey that claimed more than 32 hours after the quake, more than 32 hours after the quake, 32 hours after the quake.

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Most of the allegations have been shelved for years by the judges council, which has been widely accused of ignoring corruption in the judiciary.

The special investigating commission is trying to change that, but some critics argue that it is overstating its legal bounds since the Supreme Court has ruled that the Constitutional Assembly's only mission is to write a new constitution.

Venezuela

Judges defend court's decision in Venezuela

CARACAS One of the judges who created an uproar by throwing out charges against two dozen bankers in one of Latin America's biggest banking scandals offered a fiery defense on live television Wednesday, insisting the decision was perfectly legal and that officials have no right to reverse it.

"Our decision is perfectly in line with the law," Judge Arnoldo Echegaray told Globovision.

Echegaray and Judge Carmen Elena Pennacio provoked an outcry when they dropped charges last Friday against executives and midlevel employees of four Venezuelan banks that were caught up in a 1994 scandal that nearly sent the entire financial system under.

The government was forced to take over 18 banks and financial institutions — 40 percent of the system's total — and spend $10 billion on a bailout that sent inflation spiraling to record levels and plunged the economy into a prolonged recession.

About 200 bankers fled the country and have been living overseas as fugitives. To date, just one has been extradited to Venezuela. The scandal caused thousands of depositors to lose their money.

"Remember, we're talking about millions of dollars," said Iskender Eigeir, Chief Panaghiotis. "Please.

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**Bradley announces bid for 2000 presidential nomination**

Associated Press

CRYSTAL CITY, Mo. — Bill Bradley, walking the small-town haunts of his boyhood, celebrated the current day's politics of "trilling things" and asked Americans to follow him toward higher dreams. "We need a new kind of leadership," he declared Wednesday.

In a fall kickoff rally for a presidential campaign that has been underway for months, Bradley sought to offer Democrats a reason for choosing him over Vice President Al Gore despite an economy that has soared during his rival's tenure.

He appealed to traditional Democratic sympathies for the disadventaged. "What we need in America is a deeper prosperity," Bradley argued from the steps of his old high school in this sun-shining Mississippi River hamlet. He lamented that one in five children live in poverty, and 45 million Americans lack health insurance.

Government should not do "trilling things much of the time for some people, but it should be doing some large and essential things all of the time for the whole nation."

Stritter gun control, campaign finance reforms, universal health insurance and the eradication of child poverty made his list of big, essential goals.

"We do fewer things, but they will be essential things and we will do them more thoroughly."

After months of low-profile campaigning, Bradley staged this modest-appeal event with hopes of more broadly introducing himself and what he called the "small-town boy" ethos he brings to politics.

Handhewn bicentennial flags were retrieved from the library's storage to festoon the oaks along Mississippi Avenue. "Sou comes from the elementary school PTA and 5,000 of the local leaders' homemade-backed endorserdoo seeds, oatmeal clusters and chocolate chip cookies stood in for apple pie to complete Bradley's vision of perfect Americans.

He came home buoyed by a weekend poll that showed that he and Gore were running neck-and-neck in New Hampshire, the first primary state. But he still has to overcome surveys suggesting he remains relatively unknown nationwide.

Even here, Kim Casey said she knew little of Bradley, moving to Crystal City from St. Louis three years.

"Manning the sno-cone table, Casey, a 35-year-old mother and grocery clerk, said she was nonetheless sure Bradley would "set the country's standards to family values, where everybody sticks together."

Bradley's vision of perfect America remains relatively unknown.

The adoring hometown crowd stood to applaud Bradley's promise of "a new kind of leadership — a leadership that puts the people front and center, not the president."

While the Clinton-Gore administration unabashedly faced off with congressional Republicans over tax cuts, Bradley also sounded a bipartisan note.

In his 35-minute address delivered in front of an audience with the help of a TelePrompTer, the former New Jersey senator struck this theme: "We heard sympathy from Gore's critics. "I'm more interested in leadership than polls and politics," Bradley democratic presidential hopeful

**Barclay comments on GOP's tax cut**

Associated Press

LAUREL, Del. — Steve Forbes criticized the Republican tax cut, Washington's political culture and administration's commitment to the military, sounding themes Wednesday that impressed voters who nonetheless wondered whether he could win the GOP presidential nomination in 2000. The millionaire publisher also stressed his support for allowing prayer in school and posting the Ten Commandments in classrooms.

"$792 billion, 10-year cut permitting to cut taxes does not go far enough in offering tax relief and would mean only "pennies on the dollar" for most working people," Forbes said.

"Pennies, and Washington is tied up in knots," he said. "Washington is not connected to the people."

He repeated his goal of scrapping the federal tax code and replacing it with a flat tax.

Forbes also criticized Vice President Gore, the Democratic front-runner, as part of the political structure in the nation's capital where promises are made but often not kept.

"How many times, for example, have they said they're going to save Social Security?" Forbes asked during a speech before about 150 people.

He added that Americans should have the choice of investing their Social Security dollars in private IRAs: "After all, that money belongs to you, not Washington."

"Forbes said the current administration has been derelict in maintaining military readiness. "This is not just a military issue. It's a moral issue," Forbes said. "When some young person does that uniform to serve this country, and then they are not given the tools they need, the spare parts, that's dereliction of duty."

After his speech outlining proposals to overhaul health care, Social Security and the military, Forbes discussed school prayer and the Ten Commandments.

"It is easier, in many instances, to bring a copy of Hitler's Mein Kampf into the classroom than it is to put the Ten Commandments in a Bible," Forbes said.

"We trusted what Forbes said in June after the House voted in favor of permitting the display of the Ten Commandments in hopes of ending some school violence. Democrats such as Gore and the New York and Bill Bradley of New Jersey, also a presidential aspirant, have questioned the constitutional amendment and its effectiveness.

Marie Harrington, 46, said she had not decided whether Forbes would get her vote in the state's Feb. 15 Republican caucuses.

"He also was uncertain whether he could win the nomination, despite having a platform she liked. "It's going to be a tough battle for Forbes again," she said. "I don't know because of the way he comes across or not. It's a shame."

Forbes impressed Jack Lucia, 62, a retired school teacher. He liked the candidate's position on abortion.

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RUSSIA

Yeltsin denies cash scandal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Russian President Boris Yeltsin called President Clinton on Wednesday and denied he or his family are involved in a broadening international money-laundering scandal, a White House official said.

"They talked about money-laundering, corruption," during a one hour phone conversation, White House national security adviser Sandy Berger said. Clinton asked about reports of Yeltsin's personal involvement, and Yeltsin denied the allegations, Berger told reporters.

"The president said it's very important to deal with these [allegations] on the merits and cooperate," Berger said.

Yeltsin said the Russian government will cooperate with international investigations of various alleged financial scandals involving Russian banking and business, Berger said. Russian law enforcement authorities will come to the United States next week to meet with the FBI and other U.S. law enforcement officials, Berger said.

Russia's chief prosecutor, suspended by Yeltsin in March, said in an interview this week that Yeltsin and his daughters should be questioned about whether they received kickbacks from a Swiss construction firm.

In another high-profile case, U.S. authorities are trying to determine whether Hussian organized crime groups funneled up to $10 billion illegally through accounts of Bank of New York.
Public high school ROTC opens

CHICAGO

As the Stars and Stripes are raised to the sound of drums and bugles, dozens of teen-agers in uniform struggle to line up under the frowning gaze of a retired Army major.

This is not an elite private military school. It’s an inner-city public high school.

The Chicago Military Academy opened last month as the first public school in the nation run by the Army’s Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

More than 150 students attend military-style classes in a historic South Side armory where black recruits were drilled before marching off to the battlefields of World War I. But the school’s aim is to send students to college, not war.

“We are not training soldiers,” said retired Brig. Gen. Frank Baron, the school’s commander.

“We are using military methods to teach our students,” Vallas said.

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Col. Charles Fleming, Chicago’s associate chief of staff, said students will be taught to develop self-confidence, self-esteem and comradeship. It helps to develop character.

The school’s staff members chose students they believed wouldn’t clash under a military regimen. Both the students and their parents were interviewed, the parents to determine if they would support the school by volunteering their time.

The school’s principal, Col. Charles Fleming of the Illinois National Guard, calls his students average kids, their only distinction being they are qualified to attend high school. A few gifted students have enrolled, too.

“In four years, they will be head and shoulders over your regular high school graduate because of their leadership skills,” he said.

Ruby Cruz, 14, rises at the crack of dawn to get to school by 7 a.m. She said she decided to attend because she wants a college scholarship and needs discipline, though she’s more interested in becoming a pediatrician than in making a career of the military.

“I was kind of a bad girl,” she said. “I never did my chores and I hung out on the streets with the wrong crowd. I think this will help me do better.”

The students, who attend classes in JROTC uniform, eat breakfast together when they arrive. Roll call follows 20 min later in the drill hall.

The raising of the colors takes place outside the main armory.

On a recent morning, the band played a raggged “To the Colors” during the flag-raising.

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A Debit of Solidarity for the Year 2000

A few weeks ago, the unthinkable happened. A country missed a Brady bond payment.

During the 1970s, bankers and investors fell in love with Latin America, and they lent — maybe even pushed — huge amounts of money. Military dictators, which back then ruled most of Latin America, fell in love with the money and asked for so much debt as they could get. Ordinary people became euphoric and borrowed in dollars with no thought for tomorrow. Things were going generally well for their economies; debt levels rose steadily. At the end of the 1970s, democratic winds blew — but at the same time the economies started to turn sour. Many factors contributed.

The most important one, in my view, is that U.S. interest rates soared. The chairman of the Federal Reserve Board at that time decided that it would be a great idea to raise interest rates in order to bring inflation down. But he forgot — and many others in the U.S. forgot — that it is not moral to make national decisions without considering the international consequences. Rising interest rates made Latin American debt burdens impossibly large.

Third-world governments found that, unless they wanted to be international lepers, they had to dedicate funds to debt service that should have gone to education and roads and health. Some larger countries got assistance, but most countries were just assisted over the cliff. Creditors banded together and forced governments to pay the private debts of their citizens — something capitalist-minded people had sworn would never happen.

Stealing from someplace that I cannot remember, someone said: “We international bankers believe in the market when things are going well, but we believe in the state when things are going badly.” So the burden of paying the debt was to fall on the poor. To pay the debt and stay in the good graces of the international powers, governments cut back spending on everything else, especially social programs. Employment plummeted while inflation skyrocketed. The massive transfer of wealth abroad impoverished the economies, destabilized the political systems, weakened social order and social unity and led to what has been called the Lost Decade of the 1980s.

It is an old adage in banking that it is better to get 100 percent of something than zero percent of everything. If a borrower cannot pay his debts, it is better to just erasure some of it from the books to allow the borrower to get into better shape and pay at least something. International creditors appeared to remember this when countries had “proved their willingness to undertake structural reforms,” which means that they had to accept the free market ideology of the creditors. The Brady bonds were born.

The Brady plan was put together by someone named Brady, and it consisted of erasing some of the debt but enforcing the payment of the rest. Debt was “repackaged” into little bonds that could be sold in the markets. Creditors got their money by selling the bonds, while countries had to pay less — but to a large number of small bondholders. It became harder to avoid paying the debt.

Things went pretty well for a while. The economies underwent the needed reforms, stabilized their economies, and started going up. Brady bonds became “sacrosanct,” in that countries never missed a payment, never defaulted, never even talked about defaulting on their Brady bonds.

In the last few years, things changed. Mightily South East Asia tumbled in 1997. Prices of oil plummeted, spelling misery for its producers. A couple of recessions here, a couple dozen shocks there, and Ecuador was forced to delay a payment last Aug. 28. This has brought trouble for Argentina, a much larger country but also deep in a long recession. Lenders could soon start refusing to lend to the whole region. If Brady bonds are sealed, how safe can it be to lend?

What to say about all this? On the one hand, the money is the lenders. They got it from a multitude of small depositors who put their trust in the banks, who then did business with Latin American countries — solidarity must imply a fair respect for the rights of the lender. On the other hand, there is a point when paying the debt is immoral. It is immoral because, although governments represent the nation, paying it entails starvation an disease not to the small bureaucratic or political elite who contracted it — but to the disfavored poor.

Wealth — of bankers, of rich countries’ taxpayers — implies responsibility and a debt of solidarity because possession ultimately belongs to all of humanity. God gave people an inestimable and unalienable dignity, which is why contracts are people’s tools, not their masters. Whomever understands this — and I do not — has the right to forgive large portions of poor countries’ debt by the Jubilee of 2000.

Gabriel Xavier Martinez is a graduate student in economics. He apologizes to all economic historians for all of the gross inaccuracies in this article. But alas! He is an economist and simplifies heroically for the sake of exposition.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
American taxpayers shouldn’t have to support ‘School of Assassins’

Last night, Father Roy Bourgeois spoke in Little Theater in Moreau about the School of the Americas. It is not high in the Pentagon. It is not important to us, even if it doesn’t touch us. Too often, we only care about people when they are our “own.” Thus, we bomb Iraq and Saddam, and train soldiers to kill others in Latin America.

The School of the Americas isn’t an isolated blot in the history of American foreign policy. Our entire foreign policy is a series of blots because we don’t care about the suffering of other people or the justice of our actions. Economic interests and military might and American hegemony should never take precedence over the suffering and oppression of other people no matter what race, nationality or class they are. The U.S. supposedly lives by the principles of freedom, democracy equality, and “Justice for all.” When we publicly fund institutions like the School of the Americas, we are not funding justice. We are funding oppression and suffering.

As Bourgeois said, “This is about real people. This is about sisters and brothers. This is about suffering. This is about death. This is about justice.”

Nakasha Ahmad

Shame on us for rationalizing intolerance

I am writing this letter in response to Nathan Shay. I have been honest, I’m not usually the type of person that reads The Observer’s aggravating Viewpoint section or writes letters to the editor, but in this particular case, I feel like I have to respond.

This may sound harsh, but I feel embarrassed for anyone as close-minded as Nathan Shay. Sure, many students came to Notre Dame because it reflected their personal religious beliefs. I am also one of them. But I think, Nathan, you should take the time to figure out just what those beliefs are. You are claiming to uphold the morals of Catholic teaching. You tell the author of a previous letter to the editor to “think about re-enrolling in Theology 101.” In response, I think that maybe you should consider re-reading your Catechism. Homosexual tendencies in and of themselves are not immoral.

The Catechism teaches a doctrine of tolerance with respect to this issue. If you came to Notre Dame to hide from reality, or find an acceptable forum for discrimination, then I hope that you are at the wrong school.

The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God’s will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord’s Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2358).

The issue at hand is the contradiction between the Notre Dame family and the hostile environment created by ignorance and hatred, not the University’s decision to ban ads. Shame on us for rationalizing intolerance.

Sarah Desmyseps
Senior
Faglehs Hall
September 6, 1999

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Excessive celebration’ penalty called racist, ridiculous

It is just me, or does the “excessive celebration” rule in college football just smack of racism? When this rule was first implemented, I recall that all the examples given regarding what constitutes “excessive celebration” included African-American players. And, it remains a call imposed mainly on black athletes and not their white counterparts.

For instance, it is acceptable for a white player to point at the camera (ala Bobby Brown) and “strike a pose” with only one finger in the air indicating a thought like “we’re number one.” Likewise, it is OK for place kickers (who are generally non-black) to prance around with their hand high in the air when the make a game winning extra-point or a field goal. But let a black athlete make a potentially game-winning catch (possibly the catch of his life) against their biggest rival (the biggest rival known to college football) after his team just pulled off the most amazing fourth and inches play in team history and have the home team officials observe him “strike a pose” in the camera for a few seconds and you have “excessive celebration.” Please!

Mary Penrose
Four-Year Letter Writer
September 6, 1999

We read in this morning’s sports pages that Notre Dame’s Bobby Brown was whistled for excessive celebration in the final minutes of last Saturday’s game with Michigan for “imitating a moose.”

We at Mooseworld (www.mooseworld.com) take this very seriously. While we hold no place for taunting, we hardly think imitating one nature’s most magnificent and gentle creatures is bad form and certainly doesn’t deserve a 15-yard penalty.

If excessive celebration penalties must be given, let’s restrict them to taunting, say, politicians or talk show hosts. But give moose a break.

Next time your team scores, consider imitating a moose. It will reflect well on you, on moose, and, besides, how can the referees miss a 100,000 civilization fans? Go moose!

Randall Schultz
Mooseworld
September 6, 1999
**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Speed’ clone remains frigid**

By BILL FUSZ
Scene Movie Critic

Imagine “Speed” and “The Rock” thrown together and utterly stripped of all originality and imagination. Then take away the actor’s natively, its only the Begna’s hope is to steal Elvis and martial hearing, but mysteriously Dr. Richard Paymer off to the hysteria of near-death, but also Mason and Maxson have plenty of opportunities when they are not being chased that they could pull off of the road and call the authorities. Overall, as action movies go, “Chill Factor” is recently entertaining. Ulrich and Gooding are good actors on their own, and they do seem to play off each other moderately well. Occasionally Gooding seems to be trying too hard however, as if he could save the project on his own merits, if he only worked hard enough at it. Peter Firth is a well respected British actor with a long list of accolades. David Paymer is a fantastic comedic character actor, one of the many in Hollywood whose faces and performances one would easily recognize, if not his name. But placed into the hands of the amateurs who appear to be running this movie, none are able to perform to their potential. There’s a scene where a female ter- rorist is about to kill Mason and Says, “I’m a professional; this won’t hurt a bit.” Mason, before beating her unconscious, replies, “I’m an amateur; this is going to hurt like a son of a #@*”. After “Chill Factor,” everyone can vouch for that.

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Scene Movie Critic

One movie should have sunk “Titanic” in the 1997 Oscar race. That movie is “L.A. Confidential.” “L.A. Confidential” tells a tale of deceit and danger, lust and love, fame and misfortune. It is nostalgic of the glamour of the early days of Hollywood, twisted around a tale of police corruption and tabloid journalism.

“L.A. Confidential” is the ultimate movie goer’s movie: a seductive love story wrapped around an action-packed mystery, neatly packaged with a few immature flourishes. It’s filled with so many twists and turns, the audience is on a continuous jog through the exciting Los Angeles of the Hollywood era.

Kevin Spacey heads up an all-star cast — including Russell Crowe, Kim Basinger, Guy Pearce and Danny DeVito — as Jack Vincennes, a smooth cop with a weakness for the nightlife. Along with Vincennes, Bud White (Crowe), and Ed Exley (Pearce) investigate the inner-workings of their own Los Angeles Police Department. As the movie pro- gresses, the eager man finds lies and deception lurking around every corner. A violent multiple-murder jumpsstart the film, and

**VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK**

**“Chill Factor”**

by Kevin Mason

Cuba Gooding Jr. and Skeet Ulrich star in “Chill Factor,” a film that never achieves the heights of such films as “Speed” and “The Rock.”

**Directors:** Brian Helgeland and Andrew Hanson

** Directed by:** Hanson, “Confidential” has the workings of a great police melodrama. When policemen are good, they’re handsome and do their jobs well. When they’re bad, they’re just bad. The characters are laid out in such a way of the good, the bad, and the ugly” manner, that the audience has no decisions to make — they know who to like and who not to like.

It’s totally refreshing since the viewer can then concentrate on the plot and yes, even the costumes, of the film. Once an understanding of the characters and their motives is attained, it’s much easier to just watch the movie and enjoy it.

What’s great about “Confidential” is that it’s cool. The characters and scenery are so well adapted to the story-line, and the plot moves smoothly and without pretension. The cops walk, talk and ask questions with such a suave demeanor, one wouldn’t know whether to answer their questions or ask for their autograph. Political offi- cials are dirty and corrupt, and you can wait for the cunning detectives to take them down.

The film’s steamy tableau, “Hub-Hub,” is reminiscent of the National Inquirer or Star, and every moviegoer can relate to the movie’s sensationalism. (Gene on, who hasn’t flapped through those things while walking at the check-out counter?) “L.A. Confidential” is even better because it makes the viewer feel smart. The plot is so interwoven and interesting, it might take a while to understand the story and feel intelligent. But when it happens, the viewer reaches a point where it sits back, opens its mouth and eyes in wonder and exclaims, “Ah! Now I get it!”

But one must see the movie to find out how that hap- pens. Because as the movie’s tabloid papers announce, that information is “Off the record, on the q.t. and very hubbubush.”
**Movie Review**

There's something (bad) about 'Providence'

By **MATT NARANG**

Acute Movie Critic

"Outside Providence" is the newest film from the minds of the Peter and Bobby Farrelly, who brought the comic brilliance of "Dumb and Dumber" and "There's Something About Mary" to the big screen. As such, some of the film's humor stems from vanity, masturbation, using a nun as visual flux and features disabled people and other politically incorrect sources of comedy.

"Providence," however, is their first foray outside pure comedy. Granted, the film isn't directed by the Farrellys, but it is adapted by them and director Michael Corrente from a novel that Peter Farrelly wrote long before his breakout success in Hollywood. Although the film is supposed to be a coming-of-age story set in the '70s, it feels as if two or three different movies were shot simultaneously in the same location.

From the opening credits, as Peter Townsend's "Won't Get Fooled Again" is played, the audience knows it is in for a taste of '70s sentiment, Rhode Island style. According to the movie, that means lots of drugs.

Tim "Dumpy" Dunphy (Shawn Hatosy) is a blue-collar invective and a stoner. He and his friends sit around on the rooftops of Pawtucket, RI, drinking beer and ingesting every drug they can get their hands on. One night, Tim and his buddies smuggle some marijuana past his dad (Alec Baldwin) and his poker-playing, stoner buddies (including George Wendt as Joey). Then, stoned out of their minds, they crash into a police car. Old man Dunphy decides he has to get his son away from Pawtucket, so he pulls some strings and gets Tim into an exclusive prep school. Now, Dumpy in Timothy Dunphy, a senior at upper-class Cornwell School, where all the mandatory horrors from every prep school movie ever made are tacked upon him in predictable order.

At first, "Outside Providence" attempts to make a statement about social stratification — after all, Timothy is now the poor boy-meets-girl story line.

But the writers can't avoid the obligatory and tory boy-meets-girl story line. Tim meets the most beautiful girl on campus (and, apparently, the only girl on campus), Jane Weston (Amy Smart).

Of course, their infatuation grows into a Hallmark card of country images. They toss pebbles into creeks, she strokes his hair as he lights a cigarette and the moon rises over the lovin' as they stare at a gorgeous country lake.

"Outside Providence"


**Top Ten**

**Labor Day Weekend**

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**Box Office**

"The Sixth Sense" set a Labor Day box office record, taking in $29.3 million. The Bruce Willis film continued its reign as box office No. 1 for the fifth straight week. Labor Day weekend usually marks the end of the summer movie season.

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Umpires receive scolding letter

Associated Press

Umpires trying to oust union leader Richie Phillips have received an anonymous letter alleging each of them of being a "cowardly, selfish scab."

"How could you jump out of the foxhole in the midst of battle and desert your friends for your own selfishness?" said the letter, which was obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press. "How could you abandon our allegiance to the 'intelligence' of Joe Brinkman and John Hirschbeck?"

The handwriting letter, postmarked in Santa Ana, Calif., on Aug. 31, was received by about 25 umpires who oppose the union leadership of the Phillips faction said, speaking on the condition it be not identified.

Phillips engineered the failed strategy of mass resignations, which cost 22 umpires their jobs Sept. 2. Phillips' supporters in the union say the resignation strategy was successful had they all stuck with the plan.

"Somebody, you abandoned the ship! You sunk the ship!" said the letter, which contained misspellings and had several errors underlined for emphasis. "Now you have to look at yourself in the mirror every day over and over and see the reflection of a cowardly, selfish scab! You can change the name of it to where it belongs!"

"Let's form a new union or decertify the current union, that's the only file & petition with the National Labor Relations Board which would then hold an election."

Depending on whether the 22 umpires who were let go last week count as part of the bargaining unit, which are either 71 or 93 major league umpires, the union is up for a vote. Fourteen umpires issued a statement in July condemning Phillips, and the group now thinks it has the support of about 30.

The anti-Phillips faction is led by three AL umpires: Brinkman, Hirschbeck and Davey Phillips. Working with agent Ron Shapiro, who has been advising them, the group drafted a response to the anonymous letter and is sending it to all umpires.

"We will not have trouble looking at ourselves in the mirror," the group said. "As the letter is clearly against us, we will have to continue to stand tall when it comes to our decisions. We will not be swayed by the peer pressure, name calling, threats ..."

Richie Phillips announced July 14 that more than 50 umpires were resigning en masse, effective Sept. 2, with umpires saying he had wanted to prod baseball to an early start and make a labor contract to replace the one that expired Dec. 31.

The strategy backfired when more than two dozen umpires -- nearly all in the American League -- either refused to resign or quickly withdrew their resignations. Baseball then hired 25 umpires to fill the vacancies and accepted the resignations of 22 who volunteered. Umpires sued to stop baseball from the let­ting the 22 go, and in a deal worked out last week in fed­eral court, the matter will go to arbitration.

"We firmly believe that with a different negotiation approach for our association, we will ... save some of the jobs that Rich has lost with his flawed and ridicu­lous strategy," the anti-Phillips group said.

AL president Gene Budig and NL president Peter Cohen on July 29 warned umpires against signing threats or attempting to intimidate their colleagues. That came exactly as Hirschbeck's wife received a letter from Ed Montague's wife, calling her husband a "fudah" for opposing the union leadership.

This will be the second bout of the year for Tyson, who was released May 24 from a Maryland jail, and had served 3 1/2 months for assaulting a security guard in a Las Vegas casino.

Norris was a second choice to fight the 33-year-old former undisputed heavyweight champion. James "Butter" Douglas, who knocked out Norris in a shocking upset in 1990, appeared to be the first choice but was ruled out for not being in good physical condition.

Norris is the 33-year-old brother of Terry Norris, who was considered one of the best fighters in the world when he was a super midd­leweight champion early in his career.

Tyson already is training in Las Vegas. He has not fought since he knocked out Francois Botha with a right to the jaw in the fifth round Jan. 16 in the MGM Grand. Tyson was trailing on all three cards after four rounds.

It will be only the second time in his 10 fights since 1990 that Tyson has not fought on pay-per-view.

Norris, who was a WBA cruiserweight champion in 1993-95, has posted a 50-5 record since turning pro in 1986. He has 26 knockouts but is known more as a cookie cutter than a brawler.

Norris figures to give Tyson some rounds, which Tyson needs. He doesn't figure to have lost by Bert Cooper in 1990 and he was knocked out in the right round by Nate Miller in 1991.

In his last fight, Norris stripped of the NAID, the first in Round 1 in England. In three fights after Cooper's 12-round decision to Henry Winkfield, Norris won 12-round decisions over Adelbert Washington and Nate Miller to regain his IBF heavyweight title.

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Williams to take on Davenport in semifinal action

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Serena Williams out-slugged, out-hustled and out-grunted two-time champion Monica Seles, serving 15 aces Wednesday night to reach the semifinals of the U.S. Open in only her second year as a pro.

The 17-year-old Williams stood on track to fulfill her father's prophecy of a final against her big sister Venus, but first has to get past defending champion Lindsay Davenport.

In beating the No. 4 Seles for the third time in three matches, 4-6, 6-3, 2-6, and gaining a Grand Slam semifinals spot for the first time, the seventh-seeded Williams showed a wealth of power, speed and cleverness.

She blended crushing serves and groundstrokes with deft drop shots and lobs, raced down virtually every drop Seles sent her way, and matched her stroke for stroke from the baseline. Even when it came to grunting, Williams proved louder than Seles.

Williams ran her ace total for the tournament to 42, more than any other woman, while serving at speeds of up to 116 mph against Seles.

"It was always a goal," Williams said of closing in on the title. "But it's really coming true. I'm so excited that my work is paying off."

Seles said she has come to accept that she had her time as a champion and "now it's Venus and Serena's time."

"The desire is still there," she said, "but physically I can't cover the court as well."

Davenport barely clung to her reign as U.S. Open champion, thanks to the most auspicious shower and a double fault on match point by Mary Pierce that made a packed stadium groan.

Davenport survived two match points against her, then came back from the rain break to beat Pierce 6-2, 3-6, 7-5.

"I should have been on my way to Manhattan and started packing to go home tomorrow morning," Davenport said. "I'm just lucky to be here. Sometimes it just turns the tournament around. You play even better after that.

Davenport and Pierce engaged in the most thrilling women's match of the tournament so far, riveting the fans in Arthur Ashe Stadium right to the wrenching end.

Just as compelling was Venus Williams' 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 (7-5) quarterfinal victory over Richard Krajicek, who set an Open era record with 48 aces.

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Lampkin leads Mariners over Jays

Associated Press

SEATTLE Tom Lampkin hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning Wednesday night, giving the Seattle Mariners a 2-1 lead in the wild-card race.

Ken Griffey Jr.'s Al-leading 44th homer gave the Mariners a 2-1 lead in the ninth against Jose Mesa (2-5).

Jay Buhner walked against Billy Koch (0-3) leading off the bottom half and Lampkin followed with his seventh homer of the season, connecting on a 1-2 pitch.

Griffey's two-run homer came against Graeme Lloyd, making him 4-for-12 with three homers against the Blue Jays, who remained 5 1/2 games back in the wild-card race.

Mariners starter Jamie Moyer allowed five runs and 12 hits in seven innings, striking out seven. He is 12-10 in his last 20 decisions.

Shane Spencer hit a two-run double for the Yankees, who lost three straight against New York last week.

The Royals, who outhit New York 10-9 Tuesday in the season series 5-4 after going 0-10 against New York last year.

Jeremy Giambi went 4-for-5 for the first four-hit game of his career.

After联盟 uprising, doubling and homering, he hit an infield single with two outs in the ninth.

Orlando Hernandez (16-7) allowed all five runs and 12 hits in seven innings, striking out seven. He is 4-0 in seven starts since losing to Boston on Aug. 1, and has won nine of his last 10 decisions.

With the score 3-1, New York scored four runs in the fifth off new reliever Glendon Rusch (0-1).

Tino Martinez hit an RBI single and another run scored as left fielder Dee Rice drove in his 45th for an error.

Jose Posada chased Rusch with an RBI single, and Scott Brosis hit a sacrifice fly off Rusch.

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Calendar of Events

Sankofa Scholars Honors Assembly and Reception
Thursday, September 9, 7:00 pm, Eck Center Auditorium

Freshman retreat #24 (Sept. 24-25) Sign Up
Continuing until September 20, 103 Hesburgh Library, 112 Badin Hall Targeted Dorms: Badin, Keenan, Lewis, O’Neill Family, Pasquerilla East, St. Edward’s, Morrissey, Walsh, and Zahn

Manatial Mentor Retreat
Friday-Saturday, September 10-11, Angela House, Michigan City

Liturgical Choir Retreat
Friday-Saturday, September 10-11, Bair Lake in Michigan

Rejoice! Black Catholic Mass
Sunday, September 12, 4:00 pm, Sorin Hall Chapel

Dinner for Alianza Officers
Sunday, September 12, 6:00 pm, Morris Inn

Eucharistic Ministry Workshop
Sunday, September 12, 2:30 pm, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

RCIA-Information Session for Candidates
Sunday, September 12, 1:00 pm, Notre Dame Room-LaFortune

Campus Bible Study
Tuesday, September 14, 7:00 pm, Badin Hall Chapel

Interdenominational Christian Night Prayer
Wednesday, September 15, 10:00 pm, Walsh Hall Chapel

ARE YOU SETTLED?
Jim Lies, C.S.C.

A few years ago at this time, I was the new rector in Zahm Hall. In the first month of school that year many asked if I was all moved in. While I most often said “yes,” that did not accurately describe the reality. Although I was, in some literal sense, moved in, I have since come to appreciate the important distinction between being moved in and feeling settled. For a number of reasons I felt far from settled for a long time. It actually had little to do with the fact that I hadn’t quite worked out a new filing system or found the perfect place for those prized photos of friends and family. The reality had more to do with the fact that I didn’t know a lot of the guys and I hadn’t quite worked out a routine. No two days were the same in those first weeks. I’m sure it had everything to do with the fact that I was new at this Rector thing and that Campus Ministry was keeping me hopping; but some days I felt like a bumper pool ball, bouncing from one thing to another with little control over where I’d end up next.

I have little doubt that many of you have found yourselves enduring the same sensation and longing for a routine, particularly where academics are concerned, so that you can be about some of the seemingly more important things that you came to college to do. I know that when I get together with my own college friends these days, fifteen years after the fact, as important as we knew academics to be, we don’t speak primarily about what went on in the classroom, however hard that may be to hear for even my favorite professors. More often, we talk about the rest of life, that which happened outside of the classroom. My experience these past years has made me realize that if I am not attentive to my own schedule, organize my time and prioritize my activities, these precious days will get away from me. Early on, at the end of an all too often typical day I found myself wondering why I didn’t take any time for exercise, or why I didn’t spend some time at the grotto, or why I didn’t take a minute to just kick back with friends. I find myself more determined than ever not to let these days be less than they could be, or less than God would have them be.

For three years I had the privilege of being rector of the London Program. During that time, I was often surprised by the frustration that some of the students felt because they didn’t feel like they were having the kind of experience that their friends who had been to London before them had described upon their return. I find myself wondering if I don’t have something to learn now from the advice that I gave them then. It wasn’t then, and isn’t now, about some incredible “Notre Dame Moment.” God graces every moment, and so it’s about every moment. It’s about being attentive to the gift- edness of our lives wherever we are: in the classroom, in the dining hall, on the quad, or in our residence halls. And it’s about taking time to consider and reflect upon these days even in the midst of them. I’ve become convinced that it is only upon reflection that we really experience anything. Those London program students who came back and raved about their experiences had not only the advantage of the entire experience but also some time for reflection upon it. All I could do for the frustrated London student was to encourage them to live the moment, and to take some quiet time alone to revel in the remarkable opportunity that was theirs. It is the best advice I can offer here as well, for you and for me.

In the end, it is that time that we spend alone that dispenses us best for prayer. Whether we are moved in such moments by gratitude, or need, or love, or pain, it is in the silence that we discern best what we wish to bring before God. It is in just such moments that we get to know the person that we are becoming, and move ever closer to the person that we long to be. The settledness that we seek lies somewhere in the quiet, and in the beyond. It’s somewhere in that time alone. Whether it be in a walk around the lakes, or some time at the grotto, or in those rare moments when you may actually have your room to yourself, we need to pause and pray; lest our lives get away from us and we never really know what we have here until we’re gone. Cardinal Basil Hume, O.S.B. said it best, in the months before his death, when he spoke at the dedication of Notre Dame’s London Center Marian Kennedy Fischer Hall. He spoke of the need to “be silent and still, and look also inwards” in the midst of our academic pursuits. “Stand back from time to time,” he said, “then take your eye off the immediate, and dream about the ultimate, about the absolute, about God. A university is a place for dreams.” Never let it be said of us that we did not dream in this place; that we did not pause from time to time to reflect on that in this place which is beyond the immediate, and the busy. To be people of prayer is at the very heart of what we are as a Catholic community and as the Notre Dame family.
Reid ready to lead Eagles out of slump in season opener

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Nine months ago, Andy Reid peered out at a crowded room in a posh downtown hotel as a man surveying his predators.

He said confidently, with a bounce in his step, that he was the right man to end years of frustra-
tion for the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I'd never put myself in a bad
situation," Reid said. His words strong enough to carry all the way to this week's season open-
er. "I feel very confident that this organization can win."

It is almost time to find out about where Reid can lead a team that is picked almost unanimously to be the worst in football for the second straight year.

The deep wounds of a painful 3-13 season under Ray Rhodes have been covered up in the best way possible. There is a new man in charge, a revamped coaching staff, more than 20 new players. Despite a treach-
erous exhibition season in which the Eagles were 1-3 and dreadful as ever on offense, there is hope in the locker room that there will be no repeat of the Great Train Wreck of '98.

"Going through last year was an experience I won't wish on anybody," said cornerback Troy Vaden, a bright spot that is expected to be a strong defense.

"It was very tough to work all week and then go out on Sunday and have so much trouble win-
ing football games. I had never been through that before. I hope I'm not ever going to go through that again." In his short time at the helm, Reid has made no secret of his willingness to make changes and his distance for slackers. He juggled the offensive line con-
stantly, cut veterans George Hegstrom and Jerry Crafts and displayed little patience for an offense that was painful to watch.

The Eagles' first team failed to score a touchdown in the exhibition season for the second straight year.

So far, Reid has resisted the temptation to turn the starting quarterback job over to Donovan McNabb, the No. 2 overall pick in the draft.

Startor Doug Pederson was ineffective in four exhibition starts, and McNabb had a breakaway performance in relief in the team's only exhibition win, a 30-17 rout of Cleveland.

"I've been a patient guy all my life," McNabb said. "You work and prepare, and if the opportu-
nity is there for the taking, you have to go out and take advan-
tage of it."

Pederson, a career third-
stringer who followed Reid to Philadelphia from Green Bay, will start Sunday against Arizona.

If the offense is as fruitless as the preaseason, the rabble will start Sunday against Broughton and Hon Leshinski, Philadelphia from Green Bay, His two backups, Luther Johnson. and the offensive line are in disarray.

That's not a healthy situation. And at the same time, you're asking him to maintain his confidence to pull the trig-
ger. That's tough."

Never mind Pederson and McNabb. Johnny Unitas would have a tough time playing quar-
terback for the Eagles.

Reid has been unhappy with the play of wide receivers Terrence Small and Charles Johnson, and the offensive line is in disarray.

Two rookies — Doug Brzezinski and John Welbourn — are listed as starters up front.

Jamie Asher's season-ending ankle injury left the Eagles woefully short at tight end, a vital position in Reid's version of the West Coast offense.

"I am happy with the offense?" Reid asked. "No, I am not."

On the bright side, the defense performed well beyond expecta-
tions in the exhibition season under new coordinator Jim Johnson.

His active, blitzing style suits the Eagles' young tandem better than the read-and-react schemes of Emmitt Thomas.

Vince P. Brown in a solid cornerbaord tandem. Brian Dawkins is a rising star at safety, and DE Hugh Douglas is one of the league's best pass-
rushers.

Mike Mamula, the other end, is healthy again.

Rookie Barry Gardner looks strong at middle linebacker, where he was at this time last season as Jeremiah Trotter's backup.

"If you look at the film, we're in a better situation than we were at this time last year," Douglas said.

While it is a positive sign that Reid and director of football operations Tom Modrak have a plan, it is going to take patience.

Reid ready to lead Eagles out of slump in season opener
Plummer plans to start for Cards

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. Jake Plummer said on Wednesday that he's only ready 107-degree heat on Wednesday.

"I'm starting and playing the game." Then he hedged a little, giving himself some wiggle room should his thumb worsen in the next day or two.

"If I come out here tomorrow morning and I can't move it and I can't even grip the ball, then I'm probably not going to go," Plummer said. "But from what it's been doing, it's been healing and getting better every day, so I'm looking for tomorrow to be that much better."

Coach Vince Tobin wasn't quite ready to pronounce Plummer the starting quarterback.

"Jake is taking some snaps. He did a lot more today than he did Monday," Tobin said. "But this is only Wednesday, and we've got a long way to go. Hopefully, he'll be ready to go but right now I can't pronounce anything other than to say we've listed him as questionable."

Plummer sprained the thumb on his throwing hand when he was sacked on the first series in the exhibition game against Houston on Aug. 20. Until this week, he was able only to watch as the Cardinals worked out with backup Dave Brown at quarterback. The only passes he had thrown were with his Nintendo game.

"I didn't have one but I actually got one the other day," Plummer said. "I hate the game because I'm a good quarterback but I can't throw the ball at all in that stupid game. But it is good therapy for my thumb a little bit."

Including the playoffs, Plummer has started the last 27 games for the Cardinals. Entering his third NFL season, he already has thrown for 5,940 yards and 32 touchdowns. The injury was the first he's had of any consequence since his freshman season at Arizona State.

"It's been tough. It's been hard," he said. "I've stayed in the mental side of it and tried to keep up on the offense. But it's tough to know you've got to come out here and stand around."

During training camp, he said, he was throwing the ball better than ever, so the setback has been frustrating.

"But at least it's getting better," Plummer said. "The more positive thoughts I give it, hopefully, the quicker it will heal. It just feels good to be in the huddle calling plays and have my teammates looking at me in the eye instead of walking by me and asking how my thumb's doing."

Arizona at odds with Moore over contract

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. Four days before the season opener at Philadelphia, the Arizona Cardinals still haven't reached a contract agreement with wide receiver Rob Moore.

On Tuesday, there were several broadcast reports, both nationally and locally, that a deal was imminent. But Wednesday came and went without any word that the big-play receiver had agreed to a deal, and coach Vince Tobin, obviously weary of answering questions about Moore, said the game plan was developed assuming he wouldn't be with the team.

"I'm not counting him out, but I'm not counting on having him, either," Tobin said after Wednesday's practice. "I've got to deal with reality, and the reality is he's not here."

Moore has been at odds with Cardinals management since the team designated him their franchise player during the offseason. The Arizona Republic and The Tribune of Mesa reported Wednesday that the 30-year-old receiver had agreed to a Philadelphia deal with a three-year, $15 million contract, but that the sides were far apart on how much of that should be a signing bonus.

The Tribune said Moore wants a $6 million signing bonus, and the Cardinals have offered about $3.5 million.

Moore's agent, Gary Wichard, did not return phone calls to his office on Wednesday. The Cardinals have had no comment on the talks.

On Monday, Cardinals quarterback Jake Plummer critiqued the team's management for its handling of the Moore matter.

"Until someone upstairs realizes how important Rob Moore is to this whole offense and this season, we're going to have to learn to play without him," Plummer said. "Hopefully, they'll realize that he's a game-breaker and a guy we have to have out there."

Moore, entering his 10th NFL season, is 11th among active players in receptions with 596 for 8,747 yards and 44 touchdowns. He has been working out on his own and, because he knows the Arizona offense, wouldn't need much time to get ready. He could play against Philadelphia even if he doesn't sign until late in the week.

Happy 19th Birthday (Yesterday)

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Alex! Keep it real, Much love from your dogs.

Office of International Study Programs - Information Meetings

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Professor Juan Rivera
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Student Returnees

Thursday, September 9, 1999
Monday September 20 1999
126 DeBartolo
4:45 P.M.

It's not too late to apply for Spring 2000!
Oakland capitalizes on Boston errors for win

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. Kevin Appier pitched six strong innings and Oakland benefited from three Boston errors leading to four unearned runs as the Athletics beat the Red Sox 6-2 Wednesday in the final meeting between the wild-card rivals.

Omeldo Saenz homered. John Jaha hit a two-run double and Matt Stairs had a go-ahead RBI single for two-game set and cut Boston's lead in the AL wild-card race against the AL East-leading Yankees.

The A's, also off Thursday, head to New York for the first time since June 18. The Red Sox are off Thursday, then begin a three-game series Friday at Tampa Bay.

Appier (14-12) allowed two runs on seven hits in six innings. He walked one and fanned nine.

Oakland, which committed two errors and allowed four unearned runs in Tuesday night's 5-3 loss, were the beneficiaries of Boston's mistakes.

The game even began in similar fashion the teams last met in Oakland.

Reminiscent of Oakland's 10-5 win last week, the series opener featured a routine popup on the go-ahead fly ball by first baseman Kevin Millar that went for a four-run error.

Donnie Sadler was high with his throw after fielding Rich Becker's leadoff grounder, pulling first baseman Brian Daubach off the bag and allowing Becker to reach.

Rangers 3, Indians 0

John Burkett, Tim Crabtree and the Texas Rangers prevented Cleveland from clinching the AL Central title, shutting down the Indians 3-0 Wednesday night.

The Indians' magic number remained at one. Cleveland could win its fifth straight division championship later at night if second-place Chicago lost in Anatone.

The Indians and White Sox are off Thursday, then begin a three-game series Friday at Chicago.

At West-leading Texas finished off a two-game sweep and improved to 7-3 against Cleveland this season. The Rangers have won four straight meetings and five of six.

Burkett (7-7) used a variety of slow but well-located pitches to baff Cleveland for 6-2-3 innings. He walked off a starting ovation having allowed seven hits. Burkett left with runners on second and third, but Crabtree struck out pinch-hitter Manny Ramirez with a 97 mph fastball to end the threat.

Jorge Wetteland pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 41st save, including four in three days. The Indians finished with eight hits.

This was the second time in three weeks that Burkett, whose fastball only hits the mid-80s mph, humbled the highest-scoring team in the majors. He allowed one run in six innings in a 6-1 victory Aug. 18.

Burkett won for the third straight start. He walked two and struck out seven, including Ichiro Suzuki on a fourth-inning sacrifice to center.

The first five hits Burkett gave up were all two-out singles, three of them by Roberto Alomar.

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American Football League

Cards optimistic despite injuries

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. For the Arizona Cardinals, a breakthrough season was spoiled by a long string of player departures, contract hassles and injuries.

Three enters the 1999 season facing the second-toughest schedule in the NFC based on last year's records. Even in the conference detract­

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Helton homers put Rockies on top

Associated Press

MONTEREY

Todd Helton homered twice to reach 30 for the first time in his career and drove in three runs Wednesday to lead the Colorado Rockies over the Montreal Expos 5-1. A day after Rockies manager Jim Leyland confirmed he will retire following the season, Colorado dominated with the long ball. Larry Walker hit his 35th home run, going 2-for-3 to raise his league-leading batting average to .368.

Helton hit a solo homer in the fourth off Stan Smith (0-8) and a two-run drive in the sixth, giving him five multi-homer games this season and seven in his career.

Janney Wright (7-2) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings to win for the second time in three decisions since he was recalled from Triple-A Colorado Springs on Aug. 2. Jerry Dipietro and Dave Veres finished the six-hitter. Smith gave up all five runs and four hits in six innings.

Mets 7, Giants 5

For nearly five months, the New York Mets' relievers carried the team. Heading down the stretch run, it's the bullpen that needs relief.

Mike Piazza hit a three-run home run and Octavio Doté won his seventh consecutive decision as the Mets nearly blew a six-run lead before holding on to beat the San Francisco Giants 7-5 Wednesday for his 18th save in 23 chances.

"They obviously have been throwing tentatively," said Smith. "It's inevitable that this will happen at some point of the year. You just hope it's not at this time. We have to weather the storm a bit." The Mets bullpen, which was second best to Cincinnati in the NL for most of the season, is now fifth in the league with a 3.85 ERA.

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HAPPENINGS

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Movie of the Week: EdTV.
9/10. Friday. Cushing Auditorium. 0800PM & 1030PM.
9/11. Saturday. Cushing Auditorium. 0800PM & 1030PM.

Acousticafe.
9/9. Thursday. LaFortune Huddle. 0900PM-1200AM.

Flix Tour (independent film series followed by Q&A with the director).

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Runoff Freshman Elections.

HPC (HALL PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL)

Hall Dances.
9/10. Friday. Carroll Hall.
9/10. Friday. Walsh Hall.
9/11. Saturday. Lyons Hall.
9/11. Saturday. Lewis Hall.

flixtour
independent film series

first, two short films will be shown: Papa & 8 1/2 x 11.
then, our feature: FOREVER MIDNIGHT by nathan blackwell.
finally, q & a with the director following the film.

next wednesday
7:00 pm
library auditorium
$2 at the door
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Arizona must climb much farther to win a bowl invitation. Why, one might ask, does this senseless phenomenon occur?

Two words: preseason rankings.

Preseason rankings are a function of "experts" (which I hesitate to call them for lack of credentialist preoccupations). They have little factual basis.

Sure, the "experts" consider star players, returning quality, etc. But how many times do those supposed "experts" misevaluate freshmen talent, underestimate a team's cohesiveness or disregard potentially devastating injuries (such as the one to Miami's Najeh Davenport)?

How many times do these "experts" over-rank or under-rank? Does anyone still honestly believe Arizona deserved to be ranked No. 3 in the preseason?

Preseason rankings do little more than imbalance the playing field. Imagine what it would be like to start a course 100 points in the hole. Now, imagine a professor or "expert" decides who gets the 100 points and who loses them. Doesn't seem fair, does it?

A lot has been made of Florida State's streak of finishing the season in the top five. But consider that during the last five years, they've averaged a preseason ranking of 2.1. Surely we don't see five undefeated teams in the country.

Therefore, Florida State virtually is guaranteed a top-five ranking even if it loses one game.

Furthermore, in the last five years, Florida State has never finished higher than its preseason ranking. It seems that its "streak" is just as much a product of prognosticators' undying love for them as it is its field performance.

Contrast this to Notre Dame's preseason average ranking of 13 and we've already seen an imbalance.

While Notre Dame, too, has not finished ahead of its preseason ranking, we certainly don't have a streak of finishing in the top five. If Notre Dame were to finish with one loss (improbable), it would certainly need many teams to lose to finish in the top five.

Preseason rankings taint college football rankings. How can one evaluate a team without having seen them for a few weeks? One should not place a team that continues to win by large margins behind a team that wins by the same margins even if one believes the latter team is a better team.

Why doesn't the NCAA regulate this universe? Why can't pollsters wait four or five weeks to properly evaluate teams and then rank them accordingly?

If the NCAA decided to implement a mandatory waiting period on polls, we wouldn't have this situation: three teams with similar credentials and vastly different chances at a title.
Football
continued from page 28
Despite its confident outlook, No. 16 Notre Dame knows the challenge which Purdue poses, especially as the Irish come off of a bitter last-minute loss to the Wolverines.
"I think we made some mistakes that had we not made, we would have played a better game," said Notre Dame secondary coach Lou West. "Our whole thing right now is to improve and not make the same mistakes against Purdue."
West is in his first season as a coach for the Irish, after spending the past four years as the defensive backfield coach at Virginia Tech. During his four years there, Virginia Tech made four bowl appearances. Last season, it was ranked fourth nationally in scoring defense and 11th in pass efficiency defense. West seeks to bring the same tough defense to the Irish secondary this season.
Brees holds Big Ten single-season records for touchdowns in a season with 39, total yards with 4,176, passing yards, pass completions and pass attempts. In addition, he holds the NCAA record for pass completions and pass attempts in a game. The Irish secondary will have to contain Brees's passing attack if it hopes to come home victorious Saturday.
In Purdue's season opener last week against Central Florida, Brees tallied five passing touchdowns, went 27-for-45 in passing, and had 272 yards. "Drew Brees has a nice arm. It seems like he can put it right on the money," said Jefferson. "It is going to be hard to break up passes. "He is really dangerous when he scrambles outside the pock- et," added Jefferson. "He can scramble and find wide receivers wide open. He can really hurt us if we let that happen."
"The Rise and Fall and Rise of Harley-Davidson: The Power of Employee Empowerment"

Donnelly Lecture Series in Participatory Management

Ken Schmidt of Harley-Davidson

Friday, September 10
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.
Jordan Auditorium
College of Business Administration
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TOM KEELEY

WOW, JOE, YOU'RE UP EARLY
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FOX TROT (DEBRA HAS MOVED TO THE VIEWPOINT PAGES)

BILL AMEND

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I DONT WANT TO MARRY ME THIS LITTLE BOOK IN THE BACKPACK SUMMER VACATION WEEKEND: HANDS WITH MY MONEY

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3. Rack form, for short.
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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

- **FOOTBALL**
  - Secondary looks to stifle Boilermakers

  **By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN**
  **Ann Arbor Sports Editor**

  With any luck of the Irish and a little help from the Notre Dame secondary, the breeze will not be blowing in Purdue's favor this Saturday.

  The Purdue Boilermakers head into their easiest contest as the Irish behind the strong arm of junior quarterback Drew Bees. The Boilermakers averaged nearly double the yards in passing in 1998 that the Irish did, with 323.7 yards per game compared to Notre Dame's 169.9 yards.

  But Notre Dame senior A.J. Smith's and Walter Camp Football Foundation.

  The Purdue's defense in the secondary, with three seniors in Sanders, Deveron Harper and Dwayne Cooper, who are joined by sophomore Clifford Jefferson.

  "I feel pretty confident," said Sanders. "I just need to get some interception to go along with my hits."

  Sanders, a strong safety, leads the Irish in tackles with 17 in two games agains Kansas and Michigan. Sanders also topped the Irish in interceptions last season with three. Both of these marks give him confidence heading into a game against No. 21 Purdue and a quarterback who holds numerous Big Ten and NCAA records.

  Harper, a cornerback, is the most experienced returning defensive back for the Irish, with 19 career starts and appearances in 33 games. He sparked Notre Dame in its 48-15 victory over Kansas, returning an interception 22 yards for an Irish touchdown.

  Harper is also ranked 11th among cornerbacks this year.

  "This is an opportunity, a game you like to play and try to win," said Harper.

  Cooper, a free safety, is the top returning Irish tackle, and forced three fumbles by opponents last season. One of those fumbles came against Purdue in a 31-30 Irish victory. Cooper is a highly touted player, named honorable mention All-American by Street and Smith's and Walter Camp Football Foundation.

  Clifford Jefferson is a quickly-rising player with 16 tackles in his first two college starts.

  He replaced Brock Williams in the starting lineup after Williams was suspended for the season. Jefferson seeks to become a bigger part of the Irish defense.

  "It's going to be a pretty hard game going against someone who throws the ball 60 to 70 times a game," said Jefferson. "But it is also a secondary's dream because of the opportunity to get interceptions and run them back. My main goal is to get at least two interceptions."

  see FOOTBALL/page 26

- **Golfers tee off in first conference match-up**

  **By SARAH RYKOWSKI**
  **Sports Writer**

  Saint Mary's golf team tees off for the first conference match of its season at 1 p.m. on Sept. 11, against Alma, Hope, Olivet, Kalamazoo, Albion, Defiance, Adrian and Calvin Colleges.

  Led by second-year Head Coach Theresa Pekarek, the Belles intend to make this a successful season.

  "A mini-Sandler and the rest of the team," said Pekarek. "They won't be a team to mess with and have great enthusiasm."

  The meet is at Pine River County Club — Alma College's home course. With only one senior, Heather Pedraza, on the roster this year, the Belles are a young team. The only other returning players are sophomore Mary Claire Habaevan and junior captain Kyle Velti.

  The rest of the team is composed of rookies including junior Julie Glud and Natalie Cook. Five freshmen finish off the team: Rachel Benker, Heather Gorlick, Kristie Harms, Molly Lee and Kristie McHale.

  "I think that we'll have a competitive team to begin with," said Velti. "Our goal is to remain in the top four, if not the top two this season. We've worked very hard to better our game. I think that we'll have a very competitive season."

  This season's Pine River Golf Club meet, the Belles came in fourth. Coach Pekarek has not released the names of the six golfers who would be traveling to the meet. She states, however, that her three returning players, Hathaway, Pedraza and Velti are very good players and will be looked upon for large place finishes.

  Pekarek also said that Cook, a transfer student from Taylor University, will contribute heavily this year.

  "Natalie will be a real asset this season."

  "Freshmen Heather Goodrich and Molly Lee are good players who will grow with the team."

  Last week the Belles had a non-conference meet with Tri-State at Brookwood Golf Course. All of the golfers had the opportunity to compete, and the new golfers had a chance to experience collegiate golf competition before a conference meet.

  The Belles are the only team in the conference to have such a meet, and Pekarek sees it as an advantage.

  "We'll fare pretty well next week," said Pekarek.