SMC faculty supports Observer’s independence

By MOLLY McVOY

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

"What we wanted to do was show support for the independence of The Observer," said Susan Alexander, assistant professor in sociology.

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

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

The resolution is the second public statement by members of the Saint Mary’s community regarding the status of The Observer. The Faculty Assembly issued a statement in support of The Observer’s current status last month. Alexander said that this resolution was important not only to support the newspaper’s independence, but that it was also essential that the college be heard in the discussions about the future of The Observer.

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

The resolution was reviewed by a committee chaired by Notre Dame professor David Solomon. The committee made a recommendation regarding The Observer’s editorial and advertising independence to Father Edward Malloy and The Observer is waiting for Malloy’s decision based on that report.

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

The Board of essential that the college be heard in the discussions about the future of The Observer.

"From my perspective, it was important that whoever is making these decisions (about The Observer) at Notre Dame understands that this is our newspaper too," Alexander said.

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

The text of the Faculty Assembly resolution can be found in FACULTY/page 4.

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

O’Donoghue explains ticket policy

By FINN PRESSLY

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

"It’s a shame that... the lead story was that (Lieberman) was interrupted by a heckler," said Ryan Becker, Zahm Hall senator. "I thought it was an awesome event. I think (Lieberman) is a great role model for anyone going into government."

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

"That person was a single individual speaking alone," said O’Donoghue. "Senators also voiced complaints from the students about the lack of availability of tickets, which were distributed on Sunday evening in LaFortune. Tickets sold out within 10 minutes, causing some to question why a larger venue was not selected."

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

"We know it wasn’t an ideal system. The Lieberman camp chose Washington Hall, so we had no control over that," said O’Donoghue.
**Death penalty protesters short-sighted**

Standing outside of Washington Hall, early Tuesday was a little intimi-
dated by the Secret Service men eying every slight move I made — the suspicious looks were enough to make one a little uneasy.

However, what really bothered me was the presen-
tance of protesters by the dozens, the death penalty. Targeting Gore, the
most logical course of action to take — especially since Bush is infamous for govern-
ing over the state known for executing more than 60 people annually. In addition, Bush has already let it be known his plan of appointing con-
servative Supreme Court Justices is hardly the way to reach such

Even though both candidates support the
dearth penalty, Bush’s dismal statistics on the issue make him the less favorable candidate for those opposed to the death penalty. With more con-
servative justices on the Court, the future looks dim for those supporting a more impartial

Nader offered specific solutions to
problems. “We combine idealism with the need
to put power behind truth instead of
the wafting, wavering rhetoric of
politicians who think they can fool you,” I said Nader before his speech. “Students are eager to see a better
world and a better country, and they
will not wimp out when they go to the
voting booth.”

On a stroll through the bustling area, I
began talking to Medea Benjamin, the Green Party’s Senate
candidate, the audience greeted

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

**Outside the Dome**

Nader appeals to students to become informed

Although it is possible that the new abortion pill, mifepristone, also known as RU-486, will be available at the Brandeis Health Center sometime next year, the center is making no plans to offer the pills in the immediate future. “It’s a safety issue,” Kathleen Griffin Maloney, co-
administer of the Health Center, said. According to Maloney, the Health Center will hold off offering the pill until more information and research has been done on the effects of the newly FDA-approved pill. “I would rather err on the side of caution” she explained. Still, Maloney added that the Health Center will seriously look into offering the pill as more and more information about RU-486 becomes available. “We would want to be sure whatever is best for the students,” she said. Although RU-486 is not yet available in the Health Center, the morning-

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Students recount trips to conventions

Mary's students attended the three politically motivated conventions. Heather O'Donnell, a senior, attended the Republican National Convention in Los Angeles from August 14-27. Nagle came in close proximity to the big-money donors. It was so incredibly unified whole. Now having experienced the convention firsthand I cannot imagine them not occurring. I was in the presence of 30,000 people who believed in our democracy and the effect was breathtaking.

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary's News Editor

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


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

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

Rafter decided this summer that she wanted to get involved with the Rafter was placed with CNN. After she and several other college students helped set up CNN's compound at the convention, Rafter worked with the Larry King Live Show and brushed elbows with celebrities. "I met Jon Stewart, Ben Stein and Bob Dole," Rafter said. "I met George P. Bush. He was a really interesting guy, I worked with Ben Stein for a week because he had so many appearances."

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

All three women agreed that conventions are still as necessary today as when the political system was created, although now for different reasons.

"Conventions don't stir the same emotions that they used to and the nomination is pre-determined, but they are still important," Nagle said. "They provide an avenue for the people to come together and form a unified whole. Now having experienced the convention firsthand I cannot imagine them not occurring. I was in the presence of 30,000 people who believed in our democracy and the effort was breathtaking."

New pep band aims to boost Belle pride

By JENNIFER BAKER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Belle's spirit is on the rise now more than ever. Recently, Lynn Kachmarik, the Saint Mary's athletic director has announced she is trying to get a Belle Pep Band started. Kachmarik sent out an e-mail to Saint Mary's students and immediately nine students responded with great interest. A meeting is scheduled today at the Angela Athletic Facility to see what kind of interest there is in forming a Saint Mary's pep band. Kachmarik also talked with the director of student life at Holy Cross to see if the junior college was interested in participating as well. Kachmarik says it would be "nice community relations."

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

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

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

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

News Writer

Sustained at Finnegans?

Law students and Judicial Council Representatives will be speaking tonight on how to handle your case with St. Joseph County and ResLife

Montgomery Theatre, In LaFortune at 5:00
Senate

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In other Senate news:

- Dillon senator Brendan Dowdall expressed his disap­ pointment that the smaller, "$0" candles had been removed from the Grotto, along with their wrought-iron candleabras. "It's very upsetting," Dowdall said.

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

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

Larger, $2 candles still remain, and according to O'Donoghue, Campus Ministry will allow students to make $0 donations — or a larger donation, if they choose — for the larger candles.

- Career Center director Lee Svete spoke to the Senate about the continuing expansion of the center, encourag­ ing all students to visit — espe­ cially those unsure of their future career paths.

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

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

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

Svete responded that the Career Center was aware of this need, and that the center is currently in the process of increasing the number of alumni working in those areas.

Svete also noted that the center was planning its first career fair aimed specifically at science-related jobs, initia­tively scheduled for next spring.

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

Becker later said that much of the confusion stemmed from the idea because mailboxes in LaFortune were not used enough. The last mailbox was removed from the student cen­ter four years ago.

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

Becker also referred to an existing stamp machine, locat­ed outside the Copy Shop.

"You can buy stamps to put on the letters, but you can't mail them, but he didn't think that was very good either.

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

Welcome Center at 7 p.m.
- There will be trick-or-treat­ ing in the residence halls on Oct. 30 from 7 to 9 p.m.
- "Say What Karaoke" will be held in Dilloway's Nov. 1 and Fall Days on campus on Nov. 5.
- The Information Technology Resource Center will hold Web site workshops Nov. 8 and 9 from 7 to 9 p.m.

University nixes summer graduation

Special to The Observer

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

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

In other news:

Correction

The Observer regrets the error.

In the Feb. 23 issue, the Observer's editorials stated that the resolution would send a message to members of The Observer's staff.

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

Faculty

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

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

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

Regardless of the effect, Alexander hoped that the resolution would send a message to the students running this paper that the Saint Mary's faculty support The Observer's indepen­dence," she said.

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wise receive.

- Students are invited to join members of the board on Monday, Nov. 6 to "take a walk around campus and look at phones, lighting, and address security issues," said board president Crissie Renner. The group will be departing from the
U. N. refugee chief nominated: Former Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers was tapped Wednesday to head the U. N. refugee agency — a top U. S. job that is likely to grow more challenging as people continue to flee war and repression at home for safety abroad. Secretary-General Koofi Annan introduced Lubbers, 61, as his choice to replace Sadako Ogata of Japan as head of the agency, called the U. N. High Commissioner for Refugees. Ogata is leaving the post in December after 10 years in office.

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

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

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

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

ABIDJAN: Opposition leader Laurent Gbagbo claimed the presidency of the Ivory Coast on Wednesday after a tumultuous 24 hours that ended the rule of the military junta that seized power 10 months ago. Soldiers and civilians took to the streets to celebrate, although the festivities were short-lived as supporters of one of Ivory Coast's largest political parties launched a new round of street protests to demand a new vote. Junta leader Gen. Robert Guei, who had declared himself the winner of Sunday's presidential election, was forced from power earlier in the day when his security forces turned against him and joined thousands of unarmed demonstrators who took to the streets to back Gbagbo's bid for power.

Internet sells unapproved HIV tests

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

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

Stanley Lapidus, 56, pleaded guilty Wednesday to a felony charge of distributing misbranded medical devices with the intent to mislead. He said he mailed 628 kits to U.S. customers from Oct. 1997 to March 1999 without advising them that the devices lacked FDA approval.

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

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

The Ana-Sal kits are made by Americare Biologicals Inc. of Miami, a subsidiary of Americare Health Scan Inc.
Israel talks strive for peace in troubled region

Associated Press

JERUSALEM Israeli and Palestinian troop commanders met at U.S. insis­ tences on Tuesday to try to pave the way for a truce, and re­ lative calm prevailed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. No one was killed in clashes for the first time in a week, despite sporadic exchanges of gunfire.

Israel said that if there were no new outbreaks of violence, it could take a new step toward resuming peace talks. However, army officials were skeptical a cease-fire would hold for long.

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ISRAEL

VATICAN CITY

Scholars press to open archives

Catholics and Jews question Holocaust actions

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY

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

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

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

They noted the Vatican’s public silence over the Kristallnacht anti-Jewish attacks in 1938, asking: “Do the archives reveal internal discussions among the Vatican officials, including Pacelli (the pope), about the appropriate reaction to this program?”

The scholars repeated com­plaints of Vatican silence over the occupation of Poland, ask­ing whether there was further documentation “with regard to the serious…insistent internation­al appeals on behalf of the Jews.”

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

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

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

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

In last year’s “Hitler’s Pope, The Secret History of Pius XII,” British author John Cornwell charged that the pope ignored the plight of the Jews because he was anti-Semitic. The Vatican insists Pius XII worked prudently for peace, helped war victims and was thanked by Jews for his efforts.

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

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

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

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

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

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Where: LaFortune Coalition Room (2nd floor)
Who: All interested parties!

(Questions? Contact ND.vsand.1@nd.edu)
Clinton to stump for Gore in Calif.

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — President Clinton will visit California late next week to campaign for Al Gore and Democratic congressional candidates, White House officials said Wednesday, as George W. Bush’s campaign reaped its first major TV ad buy in the state.

Clinton’s decision came after pleas from Democrats who are growing anxious amid signs the presidential race is tightening in the nation’s most populous state. The narrowing also prompted Republican Bush to buy his first significant wave of advertising in California.

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

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

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RUSSIA

Group alleges Russian abuse of Chechens

Associated Press

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

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

A spokesman for Russia's human rights official in Chechnya said a copy of the report had been received on Wednesday and that there was no immediate response. The report said interviews conducted with dozens of former detainees show a "cycle of torture and extortion faced by thousands of Chechens."

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

Detainees also were subjected to humiliations such as having female inmates use and being ridden like beasts of burden by drunken guards. The report cited several male detainees as saying guards had struck severe blows to their genitals.

"They asked us if I was married or not. If someone was unmarried, they said 'You will never have children and I will kick them.'" In the testimonies, the report quoted one detainee as saying:

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

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

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

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

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

YUGOSLAVIA

Ethnic Albanians express skepticism

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meanwhile, more than 20,000 supporters of K o s o v o Albanian politician Ibrahim Rugova gathered Wednesday at Pristina's stadium for its final rally ahead of municipal elections on Saturday. Several polls show Rugova's Democratic League of Kosovo in the lead.

Rugova attracted interna­tional attention ahead of the N A T O bombing campaign for seeking a nonvio­lent resolution with Belgrade. He was once elect­ed "presi­dent" of an interna­tially unrecog­nized republic of Kosovo.

A 3 o o 0 Wednesday, Switzerland announced that it will keep lightly armed soldiers in Kosovo to help the province's N A T O-led peacekeeping force for an additional year.
GEORGIA

Russian Ministry plane crashes

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON. Congress passed a foreign aid spending bill Wednesday that gives President Clinton the full $435 million he requested to forgive debts of the world's poorest countries.

Rep. John Kasich said the support for debt relief was "a historic act of grace."

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

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

The foreign aid bill, which passed the House by a 307-101 vote and later the Senate by 65-27, also increases military aid to $300 million for a new order stopping the flow of funds to family planning groups.

Clinton has pushed hard for full U.S. participation in an international team to offer billions of dollars in relief to some of the world's poorest countries. "This is the most important foreign policy initiative for the new millennium," Clinton said.

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H. Clinton returns contribution

NEW YORK

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

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

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

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

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

The site offers to deliver the votes to any corporation or individual, but it hasn't identified voters, bidders or said when the votes would be sold.

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

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

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

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Clinton, GOP near tax cut deal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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Howard students march in protest of classmate’s death

Hundreds want justice for student killed by police

WASHINGTON

Hundreds of university students marched through the streets of the nation’s capital Wednesday demanding justice for a black classmate killed by a police officer in a suburban county.

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

In the midst of a campus rally to condemn the Sept. 1 shooting death of Prince Jones, 25. Simmons led students on an impromptu march with police escorts to the Justice Department.

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

The case involves a nighttime police operation that began in Maryland and ended in Virginia. Police said Carlton Jones, corporal in the Prince George’s County, Md., police force driving an unmarked vehicle, followed Prince Jones, 25, into Fairfax County, Va., because the officer believed Jones’ Jeep was involved in two earlier incidents in which police cars allegedly were rammed by a Jeep similar to Jones’.

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

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

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

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

Lee, the assistant attorney general, told the Howard students the FBI monitored the Fairfax County inquiry and will review its findings while conducting its own investigation. Justice spokeswoman Kara Peterman said Prince Jones and Carlton Jones are black. Horan is white.

“We believe strongly if it was a white person who had been shot in that county, [the shooter] would have been prosecuted,” said Ted Williams, a lawyer representing Prince Jones’ family.
In an earlier column I wrote that the right to a living wage is, among other things, a right to life and I promised to reply to objections to the idea of a living wage.

**Objection No. 1:** The living wage cannot be measured. Reply: There are at present a variety of measures of the living wage. The two basic types are the "food basket" approach and the multiplier approach. The former develops a full list of goods—for instance, clothing, food, housing—keeping with the basic human dignity. The list is minimal. For instance, one measure of clothing is three sets, one for on, one for off (being cleaned) and one for good (for instance, church and wedding). The food basket approach then figures what a living wage would be for a 48-hour work-week to purchase those basic goods in the region in question. The multiplier approach simply takes one item in the basket, usually food or nutritional intake and multiplies by a particular number to get a rough estimate of what it costs to live. The food basket approach provides more detail, the multiplier approach is easier to carry out.

**Objection No. 2:** But there is no formula on which everyone agrees. Reply: There is truth to all on which everyone agrees, particularly economists. Corporations moved production to third-world companies before everyone agreed to the practice. The key is to test the formula over time to determine which are relatively trustworthy. As in any case of human action on a large scale, waiting for total agreement means that no action is taken, which may be the intent of this objection. Corporate representatives of the Fair Labor Association, for instance, squelched the issue of the living wage before there could even be any conversation about it. Once one enters into conversation and serious study on the matter, it becomes evident that relatively trustworthy formulae can be developed. Some—such as Ruth Rosenbaum's "Purchasing Power Index" or PPI—already have been developed and are being used in the field.

**Objection No. 3:** But third world workers are already much better off because of first world supported manufacturing. Why press on to the question of a living wage? Reply: It is indeed the case that workers in the United States are much better off than before. By itself, this is good. But the way in which the objection is stated begs two points. First, human dignity requires being better off in more than material ways. This is what Paul Viitas means when he discusses "integral development." Popes and others have indicated concern about how industrialization and the urbanization it brings disrupts patterns of communal life that enhance human dignity. Second, being "better off" begs the question of whether the situation is adequate.

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

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

**Objection No. 4:** But paying a living wage would increase the price of the product and therefore decrease demand, which in turn would mean fewer jobs for those we are making better off. Reply: Three points in reply. First, it is not necessarily the case that increased cost has to be passed on to the consumer. Other areas in the production-consumption chain can absorb the cost, for instance executive pay and perks.

My recommendation with regard to Notre Dame's case is that Notre Dame initiate the process by agreeing to take less of a percentage of the profits if, for instance, Champion and adidas agree to use some of their profit margin towards a living wage for workers. If some of the cost is passed on to consumers, it will be less in this case than otherwise.

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

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

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

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**Quote of the Day**

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

F. Scott Fitzgerald

author
Candiates failing to address young voters

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

Just look at this year’s election. While both candidates give lip service to the issues and say that they will do it, as if you care about young voters, neither candidate really addresses many of the issues that young voters would like to see addressed.

When you open up the newspaper and read about the latest speech or rally by either of the candidates, you will most likely see the following main issues being brought up: Social Security, health insurance, education and prescription drug plans, only two of which (education and health insurance) could be considered to be of interest to voters in the 18-25 year-old block. In addition, the candidates, when addressing these issues, further alienate younger voters by aiming their arguments at older voters, instead of addressing them in ways in which these issues affect younger voters. They instead choose to focus on and deliver their messages towards what they see as the key demographic in this election: the middle-aged. We don’t want Gore (or Bush) and so will vote for the other candidate.

Many of the issues that young voters care about receive little to no attention or argument. I know that when I have political discussions with my friends, we talk about issues such as the Internet and its regulation, globalization, free market economies, and the environment instead of prescription drugs and Social Security. Why is this?

Since, I won’t spend Social Security for another five decades (or possibly never), I don’t really care about it. I care more about whether or not Napolitano is going to remain legal or whether air pollution in Texas is being reduced. I and I am sure that a lot of other young voters will agree with me. Politicians are so distanced from young voters that it may actually create a generation of voters who will not vote in the midterm elections and will try to be heard as well.

Eris English
Pasquerilla East Hall
October 25, 2000

Voting for third parties sends message

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

Please realize that the last Democrat to win Indiana when running for president was Lyndon Johnson, 36 years ago and the one before him was FDR in 1936. All the polls show that Indiana is solidly in Bush’s camp — so much so that Gore won’t waste any money campaigning and Bush doesn’t have to. So if you strongly feel that the Republicans have been giving lip service only to pro-life issues with the notion that you have nowhere else to go (Bush does not see a way to reverse the FDA’s horrible decision about RU-486 and doesn’t think the country is ready for a human rights amendment and would not have a pro-life litmus test for Supreme Court judgeships if elected)

If you disagree with a party that is in favor of NAFTA, GATT and the WTO codding to the second evil empire (175 percent of a Journal-Gazette poll did not like the China trade deal) then you should vote for Buchanan. Buchanan is for America’s first, Buchanan will still carry Indiana, but if Buchanan gets a respectable percentage it will send a message to the Republican party.

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

Paul Reszel
Fort Wayne, Ind.
October 25, 2000

Upset about the resurgence of violence in the Middle East?

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movie review

‘Forward’ suffers from sentimental overkill

By CASEY K. McCLUSKEY
Some Movie Critic

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

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

One boy in the class, Trevor (Haley Joel Osment, “The Sixth Sense”), takes this assignment very seriously and comes up with the concept of “Pay it forward.”

Trevor puts his plan into action, thus beginning a chain of paying it forward. The concept of the film is an intriguing one because it relies on the notion of the goodness of human nature. It takes a very special director to make this feel-good concept and make it into a film that is devoid of over-sentimental emotion.

Leder (“Deep Impact”) is not such a director. The only saving grace in this film is the acting by the two lead males, Robert Altman’s latest film fails in many ways. The only one who seems to have gotten through the film is the audience, who are left with a bad aftertaste from the film’s underlying premise to install the moviemaker’s basic intelligence (among other things).

“Pay It Forward”

out of five shamrocks

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

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

“If there is nothing of interest to see in the movie theaters, go to the video store and rent a film that is worth your time. ‘Pay It Forward’ most certainly isn’t.”

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

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Some Movie Critic

In many ways it is harder to write a review about a terrible movie than a great movie. Questions abound. Is it the reviewer who has missed the point, or the movie? In this case, the movie must be faulted. It is not some sort of eugenicist ronp that has led to this conclusion, it is instead the movie’s underlying premise to install the moviemaker’s basic intelligence (among other things).

“This is the most ridiculous thing I’ve ever heard,” Connie Travis (Tara Reid of “American Pie”) remarks about halfway through the film. She is obviously not talking about the movie’s structure or what she sees is ‘the concept of the movie’ to believe, but instead about some nonessential item of daily life for the Travis family.

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

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

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

The only one who seems to care is Dr. Sully Travis (Richard Gere, “Pretty Woman”), who blames himself for his wife’s illness. The illness itself is quite unbelievable. For the money Travis is probably forking over, the diagnosis is oddly based on a Greek mythological legend: Kate’s illness is called “Hestia’s disease,” a disease that only afflicts upper class women who have had “everything they need… [and] are loved too much.” Making up diseases to stimulate a movie’s plot seems like bad form.

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

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

As soon as things seem to be on an upswing for Dr. Travis, they quickly hit unbelievable lows. His daughter’s (Kate Hudson, “Almost Famous”) marriage is a sham; she is a lesbian with her maid of honor, Marilyn (Liv Tyler, “Armageddon”). It rains on the outdoor wedding. And his coworker, Carolyn (Shelly Long), tries to seduce him in a weak moment. He runs away from everything and everyone and goes to see Bree. However, Bree’s intentions have already been made clear (this is somewhat surprising for a (funny character) she is playing the field with everyone.

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

In “Dr. T,” case, it is more frustrating to watch a movie continue towards its end than it would be to see the last fifteen minutes of the film cut, leaving the audience to speculate as to what happens.

Richard Gere is surprisingly the only bright spot in this movie. An actor who has turned in more than his fair share of flat performances, he comes through in this role. The only other remarkable aspect is the live birth of a baby. It was captivating, clear and a Discovery channel special and breathtaking to watch.

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

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

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

“I think that everyone and everyone and those who have not ‘everything they need… [and] are loved too much’ can relate to the main character of this film,” said a critic.

“The only saving grace in this film is the acting by the two lead males, Robert Altman’s latest film fails in many ways.”
MOVIE REVIEW

Allen and Oldman act out in ‘Contender’

By JUDE SEYMOUR
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Only twice in reality, and once in the movie, has there been a hearing to determine a possible replacement for the vice president. Gerald Ford chose Nelson A. Rockefelder, and a hearing was chartered to determine if he would be a suitable replacement.

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

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

Runyon and the subcommittee look to “obliterate a life,” permanently splitting the reputation of Hanson while simultaneously promoting their choice for vice president. Senator Jack Hathaway (William Petersen of “Face/Off”), a talented actor with a plethora of great supporting roles, shines as the lead.

By JEFFREY O. IRISH
Some Movie Critic

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

The plot (or lack thereof) revolves around Phelps’ radio talk show “The Ladies Man.” He stepped down from criticism to write and direct “The Contender,” a movie he pitched as a vehicle for Joan Allen to star. He cornered Allen at an awards presentation, and then got Bridges, Oldman, Sam Elliott and Christian Slater to commit based on Allen’s acceptance.

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

Euan-lewobhowski’s an actor who has mastered not only speech but also facial expressions that tell much more than words.

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

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

Besides spectacular acting, the story is plot-literate thorough. Lurie is able to satisfy both the political story line and examine some of a movie’s keys to success: sex as a plot device and suspense as plot advancement.

Lurie introduces political “spins” that help along the movie’s plot: a girl’s death makes Senator, Hailaway an unlikely hero; a Washington Post article submitted by Runyon makes the Friday afternoon edition, giving the public a weekend of speculation, thereby threatening to ruin Senator Hanson. The movie’s tension is based on the sexual indiscretion: “The Ladies Man.”

The plot revolves around Phelps’ radio talk show “The Ladies Man.” Phelps recommends a lovely womanizer (Gary Oldman), who seems to be stuck in a different decade. Much like Mike Myers’ Austin Powers character, Leon Phelps (Tim Robbins), is loveable womanizer who doesn’t mean to hurt the women he does the wrong to.

The plot, or lack thereof, revolves around Phelps’ radio talk show “The Ladies Man.” On the show, people call in to get Phelps’ advice on sex and relationships.

Phelps’ advice almost never works, and provides much of the film’s comedy. He is also so naive that he can’t use foul language around women.

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

Karyn Parsons (Hillary from “The Fresh Prince of Bel Air”) plays Phelps’ producer and only friend, Julie. She loves Phelps, but he does not see this because he’s too busy trying to attract “bus stop skanks.” At times, he seems downright obsessed with bus stop skanks.

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

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

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

Delune is so angry that he forms a help group for other men whose wives have been “victimized” by Phelps. In an ensuing scene, the help group does a horrible musical knockoff of a “West Side Story” song that wastes 10 minutes of everyone’s time. This scene utterly kills the movie’s momentum.

It seems as though other critics have only given “The Ladies Man” one or two stars. Roger Ebert, of the Chicago-Sun Times, gave it one and spent the rest of the column bashing every film “SNL” has made. Although “Coneheads,” “Stuart Saves His Family,” “It’s Pat: the Blues Brothers” are some of the worst comedies in cinematic history, “A Night at the Roxbury” and “Ladies Man” deserve some credit.

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

“Ladies Man”

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

“Ladies Man” out of five shamarocks

“Ladies Man” turns in a winning performance as Laine Hanson, a Senator caught up in a sex scandal, in Rod Lurie’s political drama “The Contender.”

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Tim Meadows stars in the “SNL” skit-turned-movie “The Ladies Man.”

Movie Review

Despite its ‘SNL’ origins, ‘Ladies Man’ garners some laughs

By JEFFREY Q. IRISH
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NHL

Los Angeles glides past Anaheim with 6-2 victory

Associated Press

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LOS ANGELES: Bryan Smolinski scored a third-period goal, and Los Angeles held off a strong fourth-period rally by Anaheim to win 6-2.

Smolinski's one-timer on goalie Mike Dunham at 9:25 of the third period provided the Kings with a 5-2 lead, their largest of the game. Smolinski has two goals in the Kings' last six games.

Colorado had its chances in the scoreless first period, but the Kings killed off the only power-play opportunity the Avalanche had. Aronson had a close chance on a 2-on-1 break at 6:30, but goalie Patrick Roy stopped his effort.

Los Angeles, which has won two straight, gets another chance to take advantage of a divisional opponent when it faces Vancouver, which came into the game with a four-game winning streak.

Johnson scored after a shot by Paul Kariya banked off the boards and caromed off goalie Mike Dunham. Johnson swept in and backhanded the puck into the net. It was his fifth goal of the season.

Avalanche 2, Predators 1

Peter Forsberg, who had a power-play goal in overtime against Chris Drury in the final two minutes of the game, extended his unbeaten streak to nine games as well as Colorado's first one.

The Kings had an 197-foot advantage in the shot column, but never could get the win. The Kings' only goal came from Belfour, who beat goalie Mike Dunham. Belfour stopped 19 shots as the Predators improved to 2-0-0-1 against the Kings.

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The Kings had a 2-1 lead just 1:05 into the third. He took a pass from Doug Gilmour, who got the puck out of the net, and skated in front and banked the puck off the Thrashers defender Pohls.

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PG A Tour

Beckman closes in on secure spot

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

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Cameron Beckman

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

Last week in Tampa, Beckman three-putted the final hole and came within a foot of tying for 19th. He figured it cost him $15,000.

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

Ten weeks ago in Canada, the 30-year-old Beckman mailed in his application for the toughest tournament in golf - PGA Tour qualifying school, which features six rounds of do-or-die competition. Only the top 40 get exempt status on tour, while the rest go to the minor leagues or play only in those tournaments that have room.

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

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

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

"Beckman is not alone, and it's not just the top 125. Rocco Mediate, Scott Hoch and Tom Scherrer will be among those trying to play well enough - and earn enough - to finish in the top 30 on the money list and get into the $5 million Tour Championship next week in Atlanta.

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

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

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Olympics

Blake resigns amidst criticism of methods

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

"I think the USOC for a long time has been more process-oriented than a business model, and that creates some conflicts," USA Gymnastics President Bob Colarossi said. "I have a tremendous amount of respect for Norm. I am sorry to see him leave. I think he was a breath of fresh air."

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

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

Blake took over the USOC in February after a bribery scandal enveloped the Salt Lake City Games. He was expected to make the not-for-profit organization more like a professional sports league, with a paid staff rather than volunteers handling training, team selection and other issues for U.S. teams in the Olympics and Pan American Games.

Blake will remain in place until a successor is picked and trained. There is no timetable for his replacement, and Olympic officials were confident his resignation would not hinder preparation for the Winter Games.

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

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Drug bingie lands strawberry in jail

Associated Press

July 30, 2000

By Russ Leffingwell

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Strawberry's defense attorney said he could not be reached for comment on the latest charges.

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**NBA**

Stern penalizes Timberwolves

Associated Press

NEW YORK

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

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

He also fined the team $3.5 million. Possible suspensions for owner Glen Taylor and general manager Kevin McHale won't be decided until a hearing is held to determine who had knowledge of the secret contract agreement.

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

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

Under an arbitrator's ruling announced Monday, Stern had the right to void Smith's one-year, $2.5 million contract. Stern went even further, voiding Smith's last two contracts and thereby stripping Smith of his Larry Bird rights, which would have allowed him to sign a lucrative extension with the Timberwolves next summer.

The NBA also asked the players association to "impose appropriate discipline" against Eric Fleisher, a former Timberwolves executive.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**NFL**

Green steps in for injured Warner

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

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

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

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

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

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

After an awkwardly stepped ball sent Warner to the sidelines in Kansas City, Green demonstrated he could still handle the system he was once supposed to direct. He complet- ed 15 of 21 passes for 265 yards and three touchdowns.

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

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

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

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

"Green has a different jersey number," Mariucci said. "Other than that, he's very similar."
Murphy picked best in conference, Irish slated to finish third

Special to The Observer

Troy Murphy, the Notre Dame forward who was the 1999-2000 Big East Player of the Year by a vote of the league’s head coaches.

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

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

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

Greer shared the 1999-00 Big East Most Improved Player award with Seton Hall guard Shaheen Holloway. A 6-5 forward, Greer averaged 18.1 points and 9.8 rebounds for the Panthers. He was third in overall scoring and second to Murphy in rebounding. Greer was the first Pittsburgher to finish in the top 10 in scoring and rebounding since Forward Shaheed Davis in 1992-93.

Bell was the 1999-00 Big East Rookie of the Year. He set a league freshman scoring record, averaging 20.1 points in conference games. The 6-1 native of Minneapolis, Minn. set a Boston College freshman scoring record with 21.7 points last season. He averaged 26 points, 12 rebounds and 6.1 blocks as a senior. The native of Philadelphia, Pa. was also a member of the McDonald’s and USA Today All-America teams. He is the third Seton Hall player (Luther Wright, 1991-92; Terry Dezute, 1996-97) to earn preseason rookie recognition.

Irish pegged for third in league

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

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

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

The balloting in the West Division was much closer among the top four teams. Seton Hall won the overall voting tally, though Georgetown had a 3-4 advantage in first-place votes. Notre Dame had three first-place votes and placed third. Syracuse was at the top of two ballots and finished fourth. Pittsburgh was fifth, followed by West Virginia and Rutgers.

2000-01 Big East Preseason Coaches’ Poll

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MEN’S BASKETBALL

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

Griffin was chosen as Parade Magazine’s National Player of the Year following last season. He averaged 26 points, 12 rebounds and 6.1 blocked shots as a senior. The native of New York City, N.Y. was also a member of the McDonald’s and USA Today All-America teams. He is the third Seton Hall player (Kevin Braswell, 1999-00) to earn Big East rookie recognition.

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

2. Where are my talents and abilities taking me? How can I best use the gifts God has given me for the good of others?

3. What do others (i.e., those who know me well) think I should do?

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

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

God is definitely calling you. Everyone has a vocation. How do you know what yours is? Listen, ask, and act.
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Yankees taking command d-3 lead over crosstown foes

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or first pitch of
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Mets third defeat

NEW YORK

Derek Jeter and the New York Yankees wasted no time
wasting a message: first pitch, first inning, home run.
Jeter led off with a drive over the left-field fence and
the Yankees led the rest of the way, beating the New York
Mets 3-2 Wednesday night in Game 3 to move within one
victory of their third straight World Series championship.

Derek Jeter's hitting streak in World Series play to 13 games.
In the second, O'Neill tripled for the second straight day —
After not hitting since July 23, 1999 — and, following an
intentional walk to Jorge Posada, scored on Scott
Brown's sacrifice fly.

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

As Latinos Sejo grounded out. Mets fans did not seem
daubed, probably figuring their team would have a
chance to get back into the game against Neagle.

They were right.

Slumping Timo Perez opened the third with a single. He
hit long drive that hooked foul his first time up, lined a
75 mph changeup into the bleachers in left-center field.
Piazza's second two-run
homer of the Series also
marked his fourth home run
of this postseason — a lot of
production from the All-Star
catcher who went into this
October batting only .112
(for-57) with two homers in
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NEW YORK

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

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

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

"We've been fortunate the last few years," he said in front of the Yankees' dugout, seconds after the final out. "These Yankees are on the verge of becoming one of baseball's greatest teams, one of only four to win the Series in three straight years."

Huth and Gehrig never did it. Neither did Heggie or Thurman. Jeter is about to celebrate his 31st birthday on Friday and is one of the key reasons the Yankees are in the World Series once again.

"You can play for a lot of years before you can be considered a Yankee great," he said back in July after winning his fourth MVP award. "It's a little scary just the right time for a Wisconsin beer to loosen the tension. Just before Mike Pizza grounded out in the eighth, Jeter ran in to the mound to say a few words to Mariano Rivera.

"I've been known to swing at the first pitch. When you're playing these types of games, when runs can be kind of hard to come by, you want to score early. It was huge for us," Jones said.

Jeter's performance earns comparisons to DiMaggio, helped moved the Yankees on the verge of becoming one of baseball's greatest teams, one of only four to win the Series in three straight years.

Associated Press

Burst pipe floods locker room

NEW YORK

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

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

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

When firefighters opened a standpipe to douse the smoky fire, pressure built up in another pipe over the Yankees' clubhouse, he said. That pipe burst, causing the flood.

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

Alderson said police were satisfied the fire was deliberately set, and there would be no further investigation. The clubhouse will be ready for Thursday's Game 5.

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

NOTES:

- Speaking of the progression of the team’s quarterbacks, Davie said, “With (Matti Loveccio, Arnaz Battle, Carlyle Holiday) and Jared Clark there’s a bunch of guys there that can do the things we want to do on offense.” Consistently missing from that list was current backup Gary Godsey.

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

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Irish need stellar Big East showing to look ahead to Nationals

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

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

The Irish, who earned an at-large bid for the NCAA Championships in '99, are in danger of missing out on nationals this season. They finished a disappointing 33rd of 60 at the Pre-National Meet, one of the best indicators of who the national's top teams are.

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

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

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

"Boston College or Georgetown is probably the favorite," Connelly said. "We've got to look at West Virginia and Providence and Villanova. Those would be the teams to focus on to try to beat."

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

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

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

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Keough wins but cannot score enough to reach playoffs

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

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

When they squared off in their final regular season game of interhall play, Keough needed to defeat O'Neill by 18 points in order to advance to the playoffs ahead of Stanford.

O'Neill, meanwhile, was winless on the season and playing for pride and the chance to spoil its neighbor dorm's hopes of advancing.

The game left a sour taste in the mouths of both teams. Keough soundly defeated their rivals, but fell two points short of advancing to the next round.

O'Neill failed to win its final game. But the Angry Mob managed to dash Keough's hopes of making the playoffs.

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

Thursday, October 26, 2000

*Photo Credit: The Observer*
Dasso reaches quarterfinals of All-American Championship

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After a difficult start in their first match in September Cunha and Guy have stepped up their play in each of the last three tournaments. "Guy and Cunha struggle early on but once they played in the WTT National Collegiate Championships at Stanford they have turned it on and have been playing great tennis," Louderback said. "I am looking for them to get better and better."

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

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

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

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

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

When the season began, coach Dave Poulin said Tony Zasowski was the starting goaltender but Zasowski wasn't effective, giving up 10 goals in two games.

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

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

But according to Kimento, the coaches have not made a decision on the starting goalie.

Offensively, the Irish have played well over the past three games. Dunlop brings a three-game scoring streak into tonight's matchup.

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

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Also helping out offensively for Notre Dame has been Freshman Ryan Globke. Globke was named CCHA Rookie of the Week. Globke is second in scoring on the team, and brings in a four-game scoring streak into the MSU game.

The Spartans are led by senior goaltender Joe Blackburn. Blackburn has a 4-0-1 record against Notre Dame in his career.

However, none of those wins have come at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame is 1-1-3 in their last five games against Michigan State in the Joyce Center. The last time MSU won at Notre Dame was in Oct. 1997.

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

"Every game we have improved," Kimento said. "We have got to be ready every night. Any team can win in the CCHA."
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jerry Smith, Lou Diamond Phillips, Hillary Clinton, Pat Sajak, Cary Elwes, Bob Huggins

Happy Birthday! Don't waste, or you will miss out on the opportunities surrounding you this year. You don't want to have to go back and start all over, so lay all your cards on the table, plan your actions thoroughly and be precise in your execution. The more preparation and development you do, the better things will turn out for you. Your numbers are 13, 35, 36, 40.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will find it easy to clear up old jobs. Your nature is more than eager to speed time passing. Don't talk formula or bring up important papers. Talk to those with more experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get out and mingle with those you can be quirky. It's a good day to clear up a silver. Your personal problems are easier to solve than usual. You may be at risk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get out to see friends or relatives you don't want to have to go back and start all over, so lay all your cards on the table, plan your actions thoroughly and be precise in your execution. The more preparation and development you do, the better things will turn out for you. Your numbers are 13, 35, 36, 40.

You are very impressed and usually don't push your luck with your partners. Take care of arrangements that you have made. Your time will work against you. Take new direction professionally. Someone important may be watching you. You should avoid letting others in on your personal life. Your reputation may be at stake. You will try off the handle if you don't have enough to go on.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's best not to upset the applicant. Go with the flow. You will have opportunities to meet romantic partners if you get out and mingle with those who have a chance to impress you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Travel to see friends or relatives you don't get to see that often. You may want to concentrate on those you are interested in making a new direction professionally.

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

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

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SPORTS

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish aim for upset victory in conference meet

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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The Notre Dame men's cross country team is after its second straight Big East Championship, but it heads into the race a clear underdog.

Notre Dame is ranked 17th in the nation, well behind fourth-ranked Providence and eighth-ranked Georgetown. At No. 21, Villanova is no push-over, either.

"It's going to be a real dogfight between four schools — Villanova, Georgetown, Providence and ourselves," head coach Joe Plano said.

With four league schools ranked in the top-25, the Big East is among the nation's most talent-loaded conferences.

"The Big East is a loaded field this year," junior Luke Watson said. "It's one of the strongest conferences in the country.

The Irish lost the brunt of their varsity squad to graduation or injury, including All-American Ryan Shay, leaving the still-solid squad in search of young runners to step up.

Midway through the season, 10,000-meter runner, Todd Mobley, said of his leading Irish runners Friday, "We're going to have to have a much better fifth man."

In the Pre-National Meet earlier this month, there was a big drop-off after the top four finishers. The fourth fastest Notre Dame runner, Todd Mobley, placed 100th, while the fifth Irish runner, Sean Zander, took 222nd.

"It's huge in my senior year," Mahan said. "Everybody at Notre Dame was great to me, it made it a lot easier on me."

After his freshman season, the coaching staff made the decision to move Mahan to offense as a sophomore. Playing tackle, he played in each of the team's first 11 games, rotating with John Teasdale.

"Since high school I have gotten a lot bigger — I've gained probably 60 pounds," he said. The coaches have taught me a lot of technique, it's all worked out from the University in 1994. His father, uncle and great uncle also graduated from the University in 1994. His father, uncle and great uncle also attended Notre Dame.

In addition to playing for the team he grew up cheering for, Mahan feels that his late father would be pleased by his choice in colleges.

"Growing up I was always a big Notre Dame Family Fan. It's huge in my family."

Sean Mahan
Irish left guard

FOOTBALL

Mahan battles through troubles to start on Irish line

By NOAH AMSTADTER
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When the Irish offense takes the field Saturday in Notre Dame Stadium, junior Sean Mahan will be making his first start of the season at left guard in place of Jim Jones, who is out with turf toe.

Mahan earns his second career start after also earning the nod last year or Jim Jones, who is out with turf toe.

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