Trip to Auschwitz awakens Notre Dame students

By NATE PHILLIPS

Several Notre Dame students and faculty members recently traveled outside the cocoon of everyday life on campus to revisit the horrors of the Holocaust.

The group, organized by Notre Dame theologian professor Rabbi Michael Signer, attended a 10-day conference at the most notorious Nazi death camp Auschwitz, in Poland.

The conference's goal was to promote reflection and dialogue between Jews and Christians on the atrocities of the Holocaust.

Signer, the sponsor of the trip, got the idea for a conference five years ago while in Poland on a lecture tour. Signer met a German priest on his tour that was working toward reconciliation between Polish and German youths concerning the Holocaust. Part of the priest's work included forming discussion groups to build a greater understanding between members of the younger generation.

"I thought that it was a great idea," said Signer. "It seemed like American students would bring a fresh perspective to such a discussion."

Last March, Signer contacted the Notre Dame administration and asked the school to fund a trip to a conference for students in Poland. The conference was going to bring students from America, Poland and Germany together, in order to take a detailed look at the Holocaust. The University funded the trip for four students.

"We wanted to examine the place of the Holocaust in history," said Signer. "But more importantly, we wanted to know how to use the memory of it to promote a greater understanding among people of different religions and cultures."

Signer presented the opportunity to his classes and asked those interested to write a short essay, detailing exactly why they were interested in attending the conference. J.P. Drevline, Colleen Flood, Terry Welch and Kate Diaz were the four students chosen.

"I had a number of students that wanted to go," said Signer. "I was blown away by their courage and commitment to represent American Catholicism at this international conference."

"I wanted to go because I saw the necessity for more Christian-Jewish dialogue," said Welch. "I wanted to help in the reconciliation between the two religions."

Signer's wife, Betty, and theology professor Elizabeth Gropp also attended the conference.

The group, which left Sept. 1 and returned Sept. 10, spent several days touring small Polish towns.

The students were required to read several books and articles concerning the Holocaust and Polish, Christian and Jewish relations before attending the conference.

"I don't know what would prepare them for what they were about to experience," said blood. "I went over there pretty blind," said Flood. "I didn't know quite what to expect."

For instance, Warsaw — once 25 percent Jewish — now hosts a very small Jewish population.

"The Holocaust is still very sensitive in Poland," said Diaz. "It still seems really recent and"

Members of the Notre Dame community recently traveled to Auschwitz and had the opportunity to view gas chambers (entrance shown at left) Nazis used to exterminate Jews during the Holocaust.

Photos courtesy of Colleen Flood and Kate Diaz

Discussions address role of ROTC on campus

By TIM LOGAN

What is the place of ROTC on a Catholic university campus?

This is the question which a group of Notre Dame students considered Wednesday at a panel discussion on ROTC at the University's campus.

The talk was sponsored by Pax Christi and brought the Catholic-peace group together with ROTC students to try and find common ground.

"I don't think ROTC students at the event said that the question of how to remain true to one's Catholic faith while serving in the military was something they thought about frequently."

"I believe this is an issue which many young men and young women are struggling with on this campus," he said. "And more should see ROTC/Page 4

Unknown man assaults student

By MOLLY McVOY

An unidentified Saint Mary's student has alleged that she was assaulted near the Madeleva parking lot on Monday evening.

The student said she was assaulted by a male acquaintance between 10:30 and 11:50 p.m. Monday.

The student was found in the Angela Athletic Facility parking lot at 11:51 p.m. and taken to Saint Joseph's Medical Center where she was treated and released several hours later. The student explained that she could not recall what happened to her between the time of 10:30 p.m. when she arrived on campus and 11:51 p.m. when security found her.

She told security the suspect is known as "Tony."

According to Richard Chlebek, director of security, "She's reluctant to provide us with any more information than we have," Chlebek said.

Security on campus is alerting students to the fact that "Tony" is known to be approximately 21-years-old, six feet tall and near 165 pounds. It is believed that he drives a 1994 red Pontiac Grand Am with either an Ohio or Missouri license plate.

Chlebek explained that it is not clear whether the student will press charges or not, but she has refused to release the name of the alleged attacker.

"She doesn't want to tell us the name of the individual," he said. "I did a crime alert so that others on this campus would be aware."

The alert, a report of the
OUTSIDE THE DOME

Suspect assaults 13 Penn State women in dorm

Thirteen women were assaulted while sleeping in their unlocked dorm rooms early Sunday morning, Pennsylvania State University Police Services said.

A male Penn State student has been identified as a suspect, police said. After a request of Residence Life staff Monday, the suspect moved out of the building, said Allison Cummings, assistant director for Residence Life.

"This presence was not conducive to the comfort of the involved students. We approached him on that, and he did leave and is not returning without our staff present," Cummings said. But it is important that the suspect goes through due process before the case is discussed further.

Cummings neither confirmed nor denied would discuss the specifics of the assaults.

"Residence Life is not making any judgment on guilt or innocence; that is a criminal issue and one for Judicial Affairs as well," she said. Two students who live in the dorm would like to use her Lysol.

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Helena Payne

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ININDIANA UNIVERSITY

President halts Knight discussions

BLUMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana University president Myles Brand made one of his first appearances on the Bloomington campus Tuesday since Sunday's firing of former basketball coach Bob Knight. Brand presided over the University Faculty Council's first meeting of the semester. Before beginning the meeting, Brand told the assembled group he expects the controversy over Knight to die down. "We need very strongly to get the Bloomington community back on campus," he said.

"As You Like It"

303 Haggar College Center.

"Radium"

Brazil, 9 p.m, Snte Museum.

"A Bird's Eye View of Ophthalmology"

William Hurst, 8 a.m., 101 DeBartolo Hall.

"Book signing: Rudy Ruebling"

Ruebling, 9:30 a.m., Hammes Bookstore.

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Thursday

- Lecture: "Have in Biology," Dick Jensen, 7 p.m., Carroll Auditorium.
- Theater: "As You Like It" by William Shakespeare.
- 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall.

Friday

- Lecture: "Chicana Artists at Saint Mary's," Julie Touriffette, room 313 Haggar College Center.
- Theater: "Radium." Brazil, 9 p.m., Sinte Museum.

Saturday

- Lecture: "A Bird's Eye View of Ophthalmology" by William Hurst, 8 a.m., 101 DeBartolo Hall.
- Book signing: Rudy Rueliger, 9:30 a.m., Hammes Bookstore.

SUNDAY

- Film: Special Screening of "Black October."
- 1:30 p.m., Amorebog Audion, Sinte Museum.
- Film: "Uriah," directed by Carlos Dégorges, 4 p.m., Snite Museum.

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Penn reviews BYOB alcohol policy

Citing the ineffectiveness of the "bring your own bottle" policy, the administration is set Wednesday to propose removing the BYOB component from the University of Pennsylvania's year-old alcohol policy. When Penn implemented its new alcohol policy — with sweeping educational, disciplinary and social changes to the campus culture — last fall, officials said that BYOB was one method they would use to curb underage drinking. But a year later, officials have decided that the rule just doesn't work. BYOB rules state that every 21-year-old attending a registered on-campus party — which include fraternity parties and most other events organized by official campus groups — could bring a six-pack of beer with them and store the alcohol in their room. If any of the guests were under 21, they would be charged with a criminal offense.


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Two major Master Plan projects near completion

By JESSICA NEEDLES
News Writer

Newcomers to Saint Mary's can now avoid getting lost on campus by visiting the new Welcome Center.

The Center, originally scheduled to be ready in late August, opened Wednesday with a full staff to provide directions and answer questions. The only work left for the building is landscaping.

"It's pretty much on schedule," said Keith Dennis, vice president for Finance and Administration. "It was intended that it would be open in August, so we are a little bit behind, but not much."

"It's basically open now," said Linda Timm, vice president for Student Affairs. "It's just when you're waiting for [the] furniture and such you've ordered, you run into unexpected delays you can't do anything about."

The Welcome Center, positioned on the campus so that it will be the first visible building to newcomers, provides an opportunity for people unfamiliar with Saint Mary's to learn more about the campus and its history.

"The Welcome Center is the first place that people would visit when they are new to the campus to get a sense of the place," said Dennis. "The history display is up and it's just wonderful."

In addition to a history room, the Center contains videos and other forms of recreation. It is also open to any current student who may be curious about the history of Saint Mary's.

The building also is the new home for the director of security, Richard Chlebek, and the information switchboard has been relocated there.

"I think the building is really nice," Chlebek said. "It's a step in the right direction for the College. The center should be a symbol of Saint Mary's hospitality."

The Welcome Center is part of the Campus Master Plan, a 10-year building and renovation plan the College began construction on last year.

The Welcome Center will have an official dedication ceremony in early November, when the Board of Trustees will meet at Saint Mary's.

The Welcome Center at Saint Mary's will help visitors find their way around campus and learn about the College.

Photos by Dorothy Carder

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

The two most visible steps in Saint Mary's 10-year building project known as the Master Plan are nearly completed with the opening of the Welcome Center and the new Dalloway's Clubhouse.

The clubhouse will open for student viewing today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., the first time the building has been open to the public.

"I'm thrilled," said Keith Dennis, vice president for Finance and Administration at the College. "Both the Welcome Center and Dalloway's are just wonderful buildings."

The clubhouse is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 28 and to be in full operation Oct. 1, according to Dennis.

The building will have a function similar to that of the old Dalloway's coffeehouse. The future of the old structure, which is located near Holy Cross Hall, is still to be determined.

Although built very closely to the specifications of the old building, the new clubhouse has a larger kitchen and improved bathroom facilities. It also is more structurally stable than the original building.

"I think the location is really an improvement," Dennis said. "The kitchen is also now a full blown convertible kitchen."

Sodexho, the business that provides dining hall services on campus, will run the new building. During the hours that Sodexho is not staffing the coffeehouse, a student-run coffeehouse service is expected to operate.

The new clubhouse came in wake of some controversy surrounding the old clubhouse. The Congregation of the Holy Cross was concerned about the noise the old clubhouse generated, and the College was concerned about the stability of the building's structure. The College then decided to include a new clubhouse as part of the Master Plan.

In addition to food services, the clubhouse will serve a number of purposes for the students. Final planning for the usage and staffing of the clubhouse is still underway.

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they were just beginning to have a dialogue about it. The conference was really a first for people to come together with an objective perspective, without placing blame on each other.

On Monday they arrived at Auschwitz I, the site of the concentration camp before attending lectures directly outside of the camp.

That night the group slept outside the camp's gates in a house that the prisoners built for a German officer.

"Visiting Auschwitz was overwhelming and very informative at the same time," said Welch. "I had no idea so many people besides Jews suffered in Auschwitz. It affected so many people.

On Tuesday, the group toured Auschwitz B, Auschwitz C sister camp and location of many of the mass executions. The students saw the basic physical details of the camp and were exposed to many of the horrors that occurred.

Towards the end of the week, speakers from around the world spoke about the Holocaust's impact on their lives. Signer gave a speech about American and Jewish theology after the war, and students had nightly roundtable discussions about their thoughts with students from Poland and Germany.

"It was really interesting to see the others students' perspectives," said Diaz. The conversations mainly focused on the way different countries dealt with the Holocaust and the struggle between Christians and Jews in Poland.

"I really saw people with little understanding of each other and of the Holocaust come to a deeper understanding of themselves and different cultures," said Signer.

Though many in the group came away from the experience with a greater understanding of themselves and the world around them, the "awakening" also raised more questions in the students' minds humanity's radical evil.

"I thought after a week I would know what happened and why it happened," said Flood. "I just walked away with a greater interest in the subject and more questions than I had when I arrived.

The group all expressed their appreciation towards Notre Dame for funding such a trip. "It was an experience that I thought can continue this program and give other students the opportunity to experience this," said Signer.

"Notre Dame is the only place where undergraduate students can go long after the meeting in Washington, D.C., and the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., and the importance the military plays in protecting the lives and rights of Americans, and innocent victims abroad.

"The harsh reality of what he had seen had changed his mind," Zilligen said.

The marine, who majors in government and theology, discussed how Catholics in the military should remain faithful to just war theory, which sets out a series of guidelines which must be met for a war to be acceptable. These include noncombatant immunity and military actions remaining in proportion to the goals of the war, among other things.

And he said that fighting for the rights of others, like Pacifism, respectively.

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be.

"Killing one's enemy makes it impossible to live Jesus' commitment to love others," Storer said.

But the focus of the event was not either side of the debate, it was to foster discussion between people on both sides. When the gathering broke up into small groups, mixes of ROTC, students, Pax Christi members, and the uninvolved, discussion flourished. The groups talked for nearly an hour, going long after the meeting was closed with a Hail Mary.

This was just the first of several discussions about ROTT which Pax Christi will hold this semester, and organizers said it was a success. "It was very encouraging, we are hopeful that we will be able to come together as Catholics and hold a certain understanding of how we are to live in the world," said Sheila de Mena, president of the peace group.

Zilligen agreed. "I think it went real well," he said. "It got a lot of people to think about things they hadn't been thinking about before.

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alleged incident, has been posted at various locations on campus.

Chlebek is encouraging students to be aware of any unusual activity on campus and to avoid walking alone.

"If you observe any suspicious behavior, please report it to security," Chlebek said. He is also asking students to come to security before trying to handle disputes on their own.

"If you're having a domestic dispute with your boyfriend, drive over to security and ask for their assistance," he said. "That will decrease your chances of being assaulted."

The Security Department is asking that anyone with information regarding the alleged assault contact the security office at 264-5000.
**World News Briefs**

Bomb strikes Jakarta building: A car bomb ripped through an underground garage in the Jakarta Stock Exchange building Wednesday, injuring at least 23 people and possibly trapping others in choking smoke, police said. Jakarta Police spokesman Lt. Col. Nur Umsani said the blast came from a pickup car and that authorities were trying to determine what type of explosive was used. "It could be a grenade, a bomb, or something electrical," he said.

France removes land mines: France has eliminated land mines from its weapons arsenal and should press other nations to do the same, a report said Wednesday. France won high marks from the National Commission for the Elimination of Anti-personnel Land Mines for destroying its arsenal of more than 1 million land mines by Dec. 20, 1999.

Hurricane off U.S. weakens: Hurricane Florence weakened into a tropical storm Wednesday afternoon, a day after being blamed for at least two deaths in North Carolina. Florence, which had sustained winds of 70 mph, could regenerate into a hurricane when it stops spinning in place off the southeast United States and moves east over warmer waters, forecasters said. "Over the last couple of days it's been mostly stationary, which has brought some of the cooler water to the surface, which has caused its weakening," said Eric Blake, meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

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Deputy killed during exercise: A sheriff's deputy was killed by a gunshot during a weakrum drill that was supposed to have been run with dummy ammunition. Authorities were still investigating Wednesday how the live round got mixed in with the blanks used for training. Clark County Deputy Bill Bowman, 36, was killed Tuesday at a mock city construction at the National Guard's Camp Riles training center. He had been a member of the special weapons and tactics team for two years in the county outside Portland. "It was a tragic accident, and nothing more than that," chief deputy Pat Detloff said.

MIT settles in death dispute: The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has agreed to pay $4.75 million and endow a scholarship in a settlement with the family of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student from the Wyoming town where he was killed. "The most important thing is that we do have the tools we need to take a strong stand before these things spread even wider," The President directed Attorney General Janet Reno to work with state and local authorities over the next three months on a plan to improve hate crimes reporting. He was joined by Sheriady Byrdsong, the widow of Ricky Byrdsong, a former Northwestern University basketball coach killed in a 1999 hate-motivated shooting rampage, and Laramie, Wyo., police investigator David O'Malley, who handled the 1998 slaying of gay college student Matthew Shepard.

**Washington**

President Bill Clinton delivers a speech in the East Room of the White House in Washington, D.C., Wednesday. His speech appealed to Congress to pass hate crime legislation.

Clinton supports hate crime bill

Armed with more data showing hate crimes often go unreported, President Clinton on Wednesday appealed to Congress to pass hate crimes legislation. "Only Congress can do what really should be done here," he said.

Only minutes later, the House agreed in a non-binding vote to make the hate crime legislation part of a defense appropriations bill. "Today, with this bill, we as a society say that we will do everything we can to protect people from these heinous acts, that we will not rest until Americans are free from all violence," said House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo.

The House vote was 232-192. This historic legislation will help fight hate crimes by strengthening the law and providing state and local prosecutors the tools they need to enforce it. Clinton said in a statement released after the vote. "The House and Senate conferees to act swiftly on this legislation so I can sign it into law!"

However, congressional sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott told Clinton at the White House on Tuesday the hate crimes provision would not be made part of the defense bill.

According to one source, Lott told Clinton, "we'll talk about it somewhere else, Mr. President," possi­bly as part of another bill. White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Wednesday's vote was a strong statement of sup­port for tougher hate crimes laws, "regardless of whatever comments were made yesterday.

"The Congress has an obligation to move on it this year," Lockhart said. Clinton convened an event at the White House to release a new report that shows information on hate crimes sometimes is not forwarded to the FBI. Victims of hate crimes tend not to report them and sometimes police lack sufficient training to handle such cases, according to the study, written by Northeastern University's Center for Criminal Justice Policy Research and by the Justice Statistics Association of Washington, D.C. The Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics paid for the report.

He said a hate crime is "an even more dangerous kind of infection" than ordinary acts of violence. "I don't think any of us believe we can ever root it out just by punishing people," Clinton said. "The most important thing is that we do have the tools we need to take a strong stand before these things spread even wider."

China slams U.S. on missile defense

China urged the United Nations on Wednesday to step in and stop the United States from deploying a missile defense system, saying the "dangerous" proposal could be detrimental to world peace.

The comments by Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan were countered by a speech from Belgium's foreign minister, who said the NATO country was not opposed to such a missile system if it contributed to stability.
Some colleges drop SAT requirement

By MARIBEL MOREY
New York

At 8 o'clock in the morning on cer-
tain Saturdays, classrooms across the
country are cluttered with rows of
identical desks. High school juniors
and seniors wait outside with their
calculators, pencils and IQ, nervous-
ly anticipating the 500 bubbles they
will have to fill in. To some students,
the SAT's are part of the college
process, but this is no longer the case
for students applying to 28 accredi-
ted American colleges and universi-
ties who have eliminated standard-
ized testing requirements.

Such universities include Indiana
State University, Wayne State Uni-
versity, City University of New
York, Middlebury College and
Dickinson College.

Six years ago, Dickinson chose to
make SAT scores an optional part of
the application.

"Dickinson has always downplayed
SATs. We've always seen those 'A' students in high school who have test
depth and don't test well, and we
tell them that it's ok," said Kristy
Leach, associate director of admis-
sions at Dickinson. "They like that
and it makes them more interested
in Dickinson."

Students have the option to submit
their scores when they apply to
Dickinson. Some students who did
not submit their scores have had the
opportunity to attend schools other-
wise unaccessible to them.

"Had we had their SAT score and
only being in the 900s, it would have
been impossible for them to attend
Dickinson," said Leach.

"It's a predictor of doing well at Saint Mary's. We would never want
to challenge a student beyond her ability," said Mary Pat Nolan,
Director of Admissions.

Because of this discrepancy
between the reported average stu-
dent SAT score, Dickinson was
recently downgraded from "highly competitive" to "less competitive" in college
ranking magazines after its first year
with this policy. Since then, however,
Dickinson has regained its place
among "highly competitive" colleges.

"They told us that if they
return the SAT scores, students who have scored 1500 or above and 200 stu-
dents who are above 1200
will be halted for now,
students who have scored high," said Bob Mundy, director of inter-

divisional operations in the Notre Dame
undergraduate admissions office. "I don't see any piece of the application
that's dropped, and the higher the SAT
score, the more likely you are to do
well here."

Mary Pat Nolan, director of admis-
sions at Saint Mary's, agrees.

"It's the only type of standardized
information a committee would
look at. Of course, the ones
who scored high," said Mundy.

"It's a good idea to have SATs as a
standard because everyone comes from different schools," said Kathy
Bekhit, a sophomore science pre-

professional major.

"It's a predictor of doing well at Saint Mary's. We would never want
a student to attend beyond her ability."
Senator: Punish alumni for selling Nebraska tickets

By LAURA ROMPF

Punishing alumni who resell their tickets would send a message that current students are disappointed about the ticket reselling, the Student senate said Wednesday night.

"I heard a good suggestion to make the Tennessee game Parent’s Weekend next year," said Pangborn Hall senator Katynas Bykutis. "It’s less likely parents would sell their tickets, and if that was done, the alumni would realize they missed their chance to attend a big game."

Senators agreed this would send a clear message to alumni and possibly stop the problem of ticket reselling.

"The tragedy this weekend wasn’t the game, it was that we lost our stadium," said Dillon Hall senator Brendan Dowdall.

"The team fought well and I know this week they will fight again."

In other senate news:

♦ The committee on academic affairs said they are waiting to hear back from Susan Roberts, the academic delegate to the academic council, to set up a meeting to discuss the possible loss of a study day during finals week in the fall 2001 semester. They are also looking into altering the Tuesday/Thursday class schedule to allow students a 30-minute lunch break when students could at least get Grab ‘N Go.

♦ The committee on University affairs has compared phone rates with those of other schools and is meeting with Broadwing, the long distance phone company that is meeting with them. They are also in place at North Dining Hall, which should make the pasta room easier to maneuver.

Tuesday, September 14

5:30 p.m. Mariachi San Miguel and Inauguration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Fieldhouse Mall
William Coughlin Book Talk and Signing, Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore
7:00 p.m. Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 1, RSRC
7:30 p.m. "As You Like It", Washington Hall*
8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Open Rec Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
9:00 p.m. Acoustic Café, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
10:30 p.m. Movies, "Gone in 60 seconds", DeBartolo 101* and "28 Days", DeBartolo 155*

Thursday, September 16

7:30 p.m. Play, "As You Like It", Washington Hall*
8:00 p.m. Movies, "Gone in 60 seconds", DeBartolo 101* and "28 Days", DeBartolo 155*
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Friday, September 15

5:00 p.m. Murray Sperber Book Talk and Signing, Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore
6:15 p.m. Flipside Golf Outing, Meet at Library Circle*
6:30 p.m. Football Pep Rally, Joyce Center
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Open Rec Badminton, Court 2, RSRC
7:30 p.m. Play, "As You Like It", Washington Hall*
8:00 p.m. Movies, "Gone in 60 seconds", DeBartolo 101* and "28 Days", DeBartolo 155*
8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center
9:00 p.m. LaFun Coffeehouse featuring the jazz music of The Pat Helden Quartet, LaFortune Ballroom
9:00 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Bye Bye Brazil", Snite Museum*
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*Denotes admission charge for ND/SMC students

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To add an event to further calendars, please send the details about the activity to sao@nd.edu.

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Cheney: News has become trivial

Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney lashed out at news organizations Wednesday, saying they focus too much on "absolutely trivial issues" during election campaigns.

Cheney, speaking to a business club during a campaign swing through western Michigan, said intense competition among news outlets apparently has changed the way that campaigns are covered, even when compared with election coverage done only a few years ago.

"The way that works serves to distract everybody and to take the focus off the basic issues that we ought to be concerned about," Cheney said.

Cheney said many complex issues such as taxes, the Social Security system, Medicare and military readiness are difficult and time-consuming for journalists to report on. "It's much easier, frankly, to cover some of the trivial stuff that from time to time seems to dominate campaign news coverage and we get one of these feeding frenzies," he said.

"But it is unfortunate because what happens is, it does not lead to informed debate and dialogue. It means you've got this huge news mechanism, now it's a media mechanism, discussing trivia. It's a source of some frustration, " he said.

While acknowledging the importance of press freedom, Cheney said there should be some degree of accountability with respect to how they perform during the course of an election.

He chided reporters whose work is critical of elected officials for being Monday-morning quarterback.

"It's always fascinating for me to watch and see that those of us who get in the arena, put our names on the ballot, go out and slug it out every day for something we believe in, spend all of our time being critiqued by people who've never been in the arena, never will get in the arena, sit in the bleachers and do well second-guessing," Cheney said.

Gore platform focuses on education issues

Associated Press

LOWISTON, Maine

Al Gore rolled off a borrowed sofa bed at 6 a.m. and into an 18-hour grit-to-glitz jumble of campaigning.

Before the Boston ferry ride, the wharf-side rally and the $1 million supper concert with James Taylor, the Democratic presidential nominee spent eight hours bustling around Lewiston High School's chalk-dusty classrooms, pushing his campaign proposals to make higher education more accessible and affordable.

Fifty-five days to the election, Gore's day began after four hours sleep at the home of Lewiston High teachers Dan and Susan Jalbert. Twelve-year-old daughter Marissa lent him her study room for the night.

"Getting a diploma is not the end of an education, but just the beginning," the vice president said at the school. "We need to make college education and skill training available for a lifetime."

In his education debate with Republican rival George W. Bush, Gore hopes to prevail with proposals to make up to $10,000 in tuition expenses tax deductible and to offer a credit to people without enough income to benefit from the deduction.

Also included in the $170 billion additional federal spending that Gore has proposed for education over 10 years, is a 401(k)-style system letting parents and working professionals eyeing advanced degrees -- a tax-free, inflation-protected nest egg for tuition.

Teaching an hourlong American history class under the gaze of news cameras, Gore anxiously -- but with no flubs -- helped students with questions on everything from voting age changes to an Elvis letter on patriotism.

"I'm glad I picked one I happened to know," he quipped, taking a question on how vice presidents were selected in pre-Electoral College days.

In another classroom, Gore, fatigue etched around his eyes, took a desk under a picture labeled "Prehistoric Man."

He put a rambling, wistful twist on his proposal for "a national expectation" that schools bring parents in at the beginning of each school year to sign agreements on discipline standards and encourage involvement in the life of the school.
Calendar of Events
August 28-September 18
103 Hesburgh Library
Freshmen Retreat #30 Sign-up
Targeted Dorms: Badin, Keenan, Lewis,
O'Neill, Pasquerilla East, St. Edward's,
Morrissey, Walsh, and Zahm

Sunday, September 17, 1:30 pm
Keenan-Stanford Chapel
Spanish Mass
Presider: Rev. Felipe Morel

Sunday, September 17, 7:30 pm
Montgomery Theater
African Spirituality
Sankofa Scholars Honors Assembly

Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 pm
Walsh Hall Chapel
Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 pm
Siegfried Hall Chapel
Confirmation Session #1

Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 pm
Walsh Hall Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Weekend Presiders
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Saturday, September 16 Mass
30 minutes after games
Most Rev. Robert N. Lynch
Bishop, St. Petersburg, Florida

Sunday, September 17 Mass
8:00 a.m.
Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, c.s.c.
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Richard V. Warner, c.s.c.
11:45 a.m.
Rev. Thomas P. Doyle, c.s.c.

Stepan Center
Saturday, September 16 Mass
45 minutes after games
Rev. John A. Herman, c.s.c.

Scripture Readings
for this Coming Sunday
1st Reading  Is 50: 5-9a
2nd Reading  Jas 2: 14-18
Gospel    Mk 8: 27-35

World Youth Day:
Bringing it Home
by Fr. Bill Wack, csc

"At the end of this World Youth Day, as I look at you now, at your young faces, at your
genuine enthusiasm, from the depths of my heart I want to give thanks to God for the gift of
youth, which continues to be present in the church and in the world because of you."

Thus Pope John Paul II concluded his homily at a Mass in a huge field just outside Rome
with two million young people from all over the world a few weeks ago. He spoke in glowing
terms about how youth and young adults are stepping up more and more and embracing the
Gospel of peace and love. Looking out over the vast throng ("a carpet of humanity", in his
own words), the Pope was visibly moved and thanking us for coming and for following Christ.
I was privileged to attend WYD in Rome this month with several students from this
community. We had been planning and praying for this trip since before last Christmas. We
wanted to go for ourselves and for our school. We joined people from over 160 countries and
added our voice to theirs in a single song of praise to God. We went as pilgrims, not as
tourists. We left renewed and challenged, ready to carry the message to all parts of the globe.

And what was the message?

"Today you have come together to declare that in the new century you
will not let yourselves be made into tools of violence and destruction; you
will defend peace, paying the price in your person if need be."

- Pope John Paul II to the 2 million young people
gathered in Rome this summer for World Youth Day.

wait for others to lead. The youth are not just the future of the church. We are the church
now. Again and again in his three major speeches, the Pope challenged us with words that
were direct and non-apologetic. He wasn't suggesting anything; he was stating a fact:

"Dear young people of the century now beginning, in saying ‘yes’ to
Christ you say ‘yes’ to all your noblest ideals. I pray that he will
reign in your hearts...Have no fear of entrusting yourselves to him! He
will guide you, he will grant you the strength to follow him every day
and in every situation."

- Pope John Paul II, World Youth Day
Judge frees scientist Wen Ho Lee

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

Nine months after he was branded a threat to national security and sent to prison, Wen Ho Lee was set free Wednesday with an apology from a judge who said the government’s actions "embarrassed our entire nation."

Supporters cheered as a smiling Lee left the courthouse alongside his family and attorneys. He thanked his supporters and said, "I’m very happy to go home with my wife and children today."

"With a chuckle, he added: "The next few days, I’m going fishing."

A few hours later, the diminutive, graying scientist was swamped by a crowd of about 150 supporters in the back yard of his neighbors, who waved flags and signs and sang "For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow."

The last nine months were pretty tough for me," he said. "but I survived."

Lee, 60, pleaded guilty to a single count of mishandling nuclear secrets as the government all but abandoned its crumbling case against the former Los Alamos scientist.

Under the terms of the plea bargain, he was sentenced to 278 days — essentially the time served since his arrest last December.

Lee agreed to cooperate with the government and tell them everything he knows about seven missing tapes.

The government said that the fate of the tapes was paramount and that Lee’s willingness to explain what happened to them was the turning point in 2-month-old plea discussions.

Judge James A. Green had read a statement in court in which he said Lee "indicated a desire to cooperate with this government and to tell them everything he knows about seven missing tapes."

"I sincerely apologize to you, Dr. Lee," the judge said. "I think the damage that was done to you and to your family was very real."

The former Los Alamos scientist, who waved flags and signs and about 150 supporters in the back yard of his neighbors, said the damage was "pretty tough for me," he said.

"I didn’t know the tape was a CIA tape," he added.

"I was just following a prescribed procedure," he said.

Lee, a Taiwanese-born naturalized U.S. citizen, read a statement in court in which he admitted using an unsecured computer to download a national-defense document onto a tape.

"He said he knew his possession of the tape outside of the top-secret area where he worked was unauthorized."

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Gore associate unexpectedly receives Bush debate plans

WASHINGTON

A package containing documents and a videotape relating to George W. Bush's debate preparations was mysteriously delivered to a Gore confidant Wednesday. The FBI was asked to investigate.

It was unclear whether the material was legitimate.

Tom Downey, a former congressman who has been helping the vice president prepare for debates against Bush, turned the material over to his lawyer. The attorney gave the package to the FBI to determine whether the documents and tape were "illegally obtained from the Bush campaign," said Gore spokesman Mark Fabiani. "Clearly, this is something that should not have been sent to me.

Downey said in a statement. "I have directed that all of the materials be turned over to law enforcement officials where they can deal with them appropriately."

Fabiani said Gore's staff did not know for certain whether the package was a hoax or actual Bush campaign material. Downey, however, has told associates he is convinced the material is legitimate, in part because he saw Bush in what appeared to be a mock debate with Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., who is serving as Gore's stand-in during Bush debate sessions, according to two Democratic lawyers who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Using these materials was never an option," said Downey, who had been playing Bush in Gore's debate preparations. "To do so would dishonor a great American tradition of open and honest debates.

Gore chairman William Daley called Bush chairman Don Evans to notify him about the package.

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said: "We would like to review the material. Our attorneys have asked to review it."

Bush communications director Karen Hughes said the campaign is not conducting an internal investigation because people who had "legitimate access" to the tapes were few.

Fabiani said: "Clearly, this is something that should not have been sent to me."
Judge: Buchanan is Reform nominee

Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — A California judge declared Pat Buchanan the true Reform Party presidential nominee on Wednesday, dealing another setback to rival John Hagelin.

Superior Court Judge James Wright ordered Hagelin not to campaign as the party's nominee, and Hagelin said he would honor that ruling, both in California and nationwide. In the meantime, his lawyer said he would seek to delay the force of the ruling while appealing it.

Hagelin said he would continue to campaign as the Natural Law Party candidate and also would seek broader support.

"We're moving ahead dynamically with what we hope will be a very high-profile campaign," he said in a telephone interview.

"The Reform Party that we knew and loved under Ross Perot has been killed," he said.

The judge's ruling came one day after the Federal Election Commission (FEC) in Washington said in a preliminary ruling that $12.6 million in federal campaign funds belong to Buchanan.

Final FEC approval, expected Thursday, would authorize the Treasury to send Buchanan a check, though Hagelin's campaign as the party's nominee of the Reform Party, "is seeking energetic and motivated students interested in serving on the STUDENT WELLNESS ADVISORY BOARD

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Selma readies for first black mayor

Associated Press

SELMA, Ala. — The former segregationist ousted as mayor after 36 years in office on Wednesday offered encouragement to the man who will become the city's first black mayor, saying "blacks can govern as well as whites."

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"This is a huge victory for the Reform Party and our campaign," Bay Buchanan, the candidate's sister and campaign chairwoman, said of Wednesday's ruling by the judge. "This decision, together with the Federal Election Commission ruling, settles once and for all that Pat Buchanan is the nominee of the Reform Party."

Wright ruled that when the party's national convention split in two in Long Beach last month, the faction aligned with Buchanan conducted the proper convention in keeping with the party's constitution.

But after watching many Selma citizens celebrate Perkins' victory in city streets late into election night, Selma store owner Mary Hayes, a Selma store owner.

The truth is, in this town, black and white, we're going to live and die together. As soon as everybody understands that, the better off we will all be," said Hayes, who is black.

Aryan leader Butler challenges judgement against supremacists

Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler on Wednesday filed a notice of his intent to appeal last week's $6.3 million judgment against his white supremacist sect.

The move was expected to delay by at least two weeks the court-ordered sale of the group's northern Idaho compound near Hayden Lake, Kootenai County Sheriff Rocky Watson said.

Butler, his organization and its corporate entity, Saphire, Inc., were found negligent in selecting and overseeing security guards who assaulted a mother and son, Victoria and Jason Keenan, outside the compound in 1998.

A copy of the appeal notice, which Watson said included an appeal bond that would shield Aryan Nations property from seizure pending the outcome of the appeal.

On the notice, Butler states that he is exempt from paying various filing fees due to indigence. A handwritten portion appears at the Idaho Supreme Court is expected to be based on "all issues."

Plaintiffs lawyer Kenneth Howard, reached at his Coeur d'Alene home, said he expected the judge to prevail in any appeal.

Morris bean, the civil rights lawyer who led the plaintiffs' legal team, has said he expected the judgment to bring a quick end to the Aryan Nations and its racist, anti-Semitic message.

A court order giving the sheriff's department authority to seize assets was signed August 12, and indicated he planned to begin removing property from the compound in the next few days.

Butler has been ordered to appear at an Oct. 13 hearing to testify under oath about his assets.
Further praising Notre Dame

Although it may be unfeasible to write good things about Notre Dame. I'm going to continue to do so, until someone takes away my ink pen (sorry to put in a reference to the Dark Ages, but people my age actually used them in former days).

Within the past week, a college football team, the north of us, which I won't name, but which has a lot of cow grazing on their campuses and people actually get academic credit for making them, enrolled two football stars with dubious citizenship honors. Both players were football stars.

Both also were charged with sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl. The one player was admitted after he pled no contest (guilty) to a reduced charge, the other player is arguing to withdraw his statement that the sex was consensual. As bad as these college admissions were (I suppose they had to hurry before Tennessee or Florida State grabbed them), what was worse were the comments from the Vice President of University Relations: "We admitted (these players) because we thought they deserved an educational opportunity." Right. And, how many more predatory assailants, who can't pass and throw, are there on our college campus? I've read that V.P. I'd be asking for a big raise, after being forced to compromise my integrity in such a way.

Contemporaneously, a little south of here, there was turmoil on the campus of one of the other top universities in the country. It seems that this college, for the past three decades, has had a coach with a split personality. Part of this guy—the biggest part, perhaps—is kind, thrifty, charitable and most of those other Boy Scout-type things (I left out obedient). Another part of this guy is Mike Tyson on a bad day. While I was watching this guy's valedictorian interview with ESPN, I got a phone call and muted the volume—watching him, without hearing his words, is pretty frightening. This is not a guy you want to cross. And he claims to do nothing worse than what "zero tolerance" means! I can't help but think what it means—Earth to Bobby: It means what you've been preaching for the past four decades. It means blowing a gasket when some one says, "Whazzup, Kid." Notre Dame is not a perfect place, but we don't recruit players out of the felony courts and we don't have hoosepires demanding the ousting of the O'Neill. And we didn't bring in Randy Moss, even though he might have been worth a few wows and the prior coach was willing to adopt him. While we didn't get the win we wanted on Saturday. I could not be more proud of the fight after the 21-21 Nebraska tie. I saw more hitting, passion and will to win that I can remember. I also made up my mind that I don't want Anthony Denman to be the Bo Bo keybo to ever become mad at me.

There were heroes all over the place. And when I say heroes I mean heroes. We have some more heroes every week, a college to college program on the greatest campus in the country. Go Irish.

Cappy Gagnon, '96, wonder if "Summer Illusion" will be writing any follow-up stories about college admissions. The stories expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Discussing the future of Social Security

Securing Social Security's future for working people

There is a simple fix to all the problems in our economy. Simply throw away that notion of "is your association unorganized"? If so, take a few trillion dollars. Are you looking for a solution to a problem? Don't attempt to be efficient and logical, instead take 2.3 trillion dollars of taxpayers' money. That will keep the program afloat for a while.

This is exactly what Al Gore and the Democratic party would have you believe. The same party that wants to raise your taxes, since they know how to spend the money they say you would lose, would like to fix the Social Security problem by giving it 2.3 trillion dollars, which they say should keep it afloat until 2034.

I am glad the Federal government is so efficient with funds and has an extra 2.3 trillion to "patch" the Social Security system with. Another approach to the problem is to solve it, not patch it. Instead of giving the system more money, the structure of the system is reorganized. Almost seems too easy.

Governor George W. Bush has a detailed plan in which there are no changes in existing benefits for retirees or near-retirees, payroll taxes will not be increased and where individuals get control over the investing of their own Social Security funds.

What a novel idea, you get to control your own money.

Under the current system, Social Security benefits will exceed contributions by 2015 and the entire system will be bankrupt by 2037. Add to this the fact that the baby boom generation will begin draining from Social Security only eight years from now and one must ask what the Clinton-Gore administration has done in the last eight years. The answer is simple: they approved the current pension system by the Retirement Protection Act of 1994.

Governor Bush knows that the present government is inefficient with investing and spending money (as is obvious by Al Gore’s plan). Bush would have been too much of a risk. Or maybe it would be too risky to pass any legislation regarding the economy, after all, it is doing just fine now.

When I retire, I would like to believe that I will be able to receive the Social Security benefits that I have already began to pay for. I would also like to believe that in doing so I am not stealing funds from my children. I want to believe that my country can wisely invest money and give the money to private organizations and individuals that can do so. I would like to believe that the decision we make today will be looked upon as a step towards educating spent decisions in the future.

A vote for George W. Bush is a vote for an educated, active government rather than an overspending, overtaxing government that settles for mediocrity. By rejuvenating and streamlining the Social Security system, Governor Bush will not only solve the Social Security problem, but he will also set a model for governmental reform. A vote for George W. Bush is a vote for the future of Social Security and the future of America.

Greg Kelly and Andy Harms are members of the College Republicans. Their column will appear every Thursday in the Political Face-off.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Greg Kelly
College Democrats

Amused by disparaging comments

It is truly disheartening to sit down and read a column written by a Saint Mary's student that completely bashes a Saint Mary's College sports team — especially on game day.

Today the SMC volleyball team played our home opener against Kalamazoo College in the midst of an article portraying our team as possessing elementary level skills. As athletes at SMCC we choose to play solely for the love of the game and nothing less. We aren't scholarship players, we don't get any perks for being on the team and the recognition we get on a broad spectrum of our commitment and dedication is minimal. But this doesn't matter to us because we find self-satisfaction in knowing that we do devote ourselves to whole-heartedly.

The column that appeared on Sept. 12, was false, assuming that athletic skills and depth. "Our team that could compete at any collegiate level, hands down. It's an insult for these athletes to be told that they "lack basic skills and depth." Our team may not have the stellar talent that a few individuals on the team do, but they most certainly don't lack basic skills either. Our record is not reflective of the team we are and once again it's insulting for anyone to assume that just because our record is 0-7 at the very beginning of our season that this will reflect the two months of competition we have left. 0-7 means nothing to us — we may be winless for all technical purposes but each game has been a step towards victory for our team. We have heart and desire that could rival any school at any level and we believe in the program afloat.

So I hope you do take the time to read the next article and perhaps reconsider your comments, because the truth is in action. You just might be surprised.

Victoria Battico
Le Mans Hall
Alicia Meyers
Holy Cross Hall
Gregory Kelly
September 12, 2000
**MOVIE REVIEW**

*Excess subplots make 'Gun' misfire*

By JUDE SYMOUR  
News Movie Critic

"The Way of the Gun" is the directorial debut of Christopher McQuarrie, the writer of 1995's surprise wonder, "The Usual Suspects." Assessing the intray way that "Suspects" was put together put false expectations on this movie. Unfortunately, McQuarrie tries to throw in too many stories, which leave the audience more confused than enthrilled.

The story centers around two kidnappers, "Mr. Parker" (Ryan Philippines of "Crash Intention") and "Mr. Longhough" (Benicio Del Toro in the aforementioned "The Usual Suspects"). Parker and Longhough announce early on that they have mugged out their life's destiny, these lives have no purpose. Being representative of that fact, their course of action is he drifers and to make money only when needed.

It is during one of the movie's finer points, an appointment at a secrete donjon clinic, that the preliminary plot for the rest of the movie is outlined.

The two vagrants overhear a conversation in which a doctor discusses a girl (played by Juliette Lewis) he knows, who was paid one million dollars to carry a baby for a rich but undeferent couple. The two decide there is one chance at anything resembling a meaningful life lies in the successful kidnapping and eventual ransom of this girl.

Being essentially inexperienced, their im-

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**VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK**

Winset and Keitel add intensity to impassioned "Smoke!"

By MATT NANDA  
Movie News Editor

It's comforting to see a talented actor recreate the transgressive heights of mass-market success. After "Titanic," audiences were perfectly prepared to condemn Kate Winslet in the same pit of hale-bred obscurity Leonardo DiCaprio seems to belong in these days. Fortunately, Winslet didn't sink with the ship.

"Holy Smoke!" is the entrancing story of two zealots on a collision course with fair Ruth, played by Winslet, is a young Australian who finds what she believes to be the path to enlightenment through the influence of a Guru while on holiday in India. Roused by this turn of events, Ruth (played by Juliette Lewis) in India to bring her daughter home. "Mum" cooks up a plot to lure Ruth home and hires top cop "exiter" P. I. Waters (Harvey Keitel) to bring her daughter to reason.

A shootout between the kidnappers and Robin's security team is particularly enthralling. It is essentially a bullfight, with cars replacing the bullfighting of the matadors (in this case, the kidnappers). Using the slow moving car as their defense, it is exciting to watch the kidnappers take positions and reconsider actions as the car slowly moves down a tight alleyway.

Another positive aspect of this movie is the acting of Ryan Philippines. Philippines is known for his "If" roles in "Crash Intention" and "I Know What You Did Last Summer," really extends himself here. Not only did he invent and perfect an accent, but his delivery of lines is uncharacteristic and brilliant. Anyone still unentertained by Philippines's merit in Hollywood should be won over by this role.

"The Way of the Gun" has a lot going for it. The plot is enthralling, the characters are likable and the movie moves smoothly for the first 30 minutes. It would have taken a more confident director, willing to edit his project a little more thoroughly, to make it enjoyable.

Instead, McQuarrie lets his debut become mired in an entanglement of unnecessary subplots, and the excitement is consequently drained from the movie. A better recommendation for anyone interested in this type of movie is undoubtedly Sam Peckinpah's 1969 western "The Wild Bunch."
Poorly-scripted 'Betty' lacks focus

By MATT CACCAMO
Scene Movie Critic

Without a doubt, "Nurse Betty" is a different type of movie. It's not very good, but it is different. Perhaps it's best to start with the story. The film centers on Betty (Renee Zellweger), a sweet, young waitress who finds happiness and escape from her abusive marriage in a typically ridiculous soap opera. Without revealing too much of the convoluted plot that follows, Zellweger's animal of a husband is killed by a father-son hit man team played painfully by Morgan Freeman and Chris Rock. In the mix-up that follows, Betty drives from Kansas to Los Angeles to find the soap opera character (Greg Kinnear) she has fallen in love with.

"Nurse Betty"

out of five stars

Director: Neil LaBute
Starring: Renee Zellweger, Morgan Freeman, Chris Rock and Greg Kinnear

Chris Rock (left) and Morgan Freeman play a father-son hitman team intent on tracking down Renee Zellweger's Betty character, who witnessed a murder.

The hit men follow her because she was a witness to their crime, even if she doesn't know it.

The film becomes two stories that don't belong in the same script together. The first is of Betty's post-traumatic trip to Los Angeles and her ensuing relationship with the soap opera star.

This part of the film doesn't work in large part because of Zellweger's performance. She, in a sense, plays the same character that she's played ever since "Jerry Maguire." While she looks grown up, she acts like a young, naive girl wishing to be swept away in a romantic flurry.

In reality, she's meant to play a delusional young woman who has sadly lived her married life through the television. Zellweger never gets a handle on Betty's character, and her scenes suffer because of it.

The other half of the film follows Rock and Freeman as they travel across the country in search of Betty. These two are never on screen without the other through the entire movie, so it is best to judge their performances as one. In that sense, their collective performance fails miserably. Instead of watching a father-son hitman team, one gets the feeling of watching Freeman coach Rock on how to act.

Rock is terribly out of place in a film that doesn't allow him to be funny. He's a comedian, after all Freeman, on the other hand, is too classy an actor to be stuck lecturing Rock for two hours. He becomes more of a baby-sitter than a hitman.

The only redeeming performance "Nurse Betty" offers is that of Kinnear. He somehow rises above a poor script and limited screen time to effectively portray a rich, egotistical soap actor who finds a strange joy in playing along with Betty's delusional behavior. Despite the character he plays, Kinnear gives the only believable performance in the film and further his successful transition to the big screen.

"Nurse Betty" is a black comedy.

The problem is that it's very difficult to figure out what the director, Neil LaBute, is trying to comment on. He most glaringly ridicules the degree to which the American public gets wrapped up in soap operas, the worst of television.

This message could have worked, but LaBute goes over the top in trying to make it funny and, in the process, loses the truth behind it. His film ends up being neither a comedy nor a sharp social commentary.

This film is particularly disappointing because it came to theaters this past week riding high off a spring pre-release that earned it the top screen-writing prize at the Cannes Film Festival. Usually success at Cannes translates into critical success and, often times, box-office success in American movie theaters. "Nurse Betty" will most likely fail that test.

In the end, "Betty" falls short where last year's "American Beauty" succeeded to great effect: making a taunting and sometimes humorous comment about the below-the-surface sickness of an American society all too interested in sex, violence and fantasy. Instead, "Nurse Betty" is a film that makes its actors look bad and leaves its audience unsatisfied.

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indians, on the other hand, avoided the dominating stances that have marked his career. On Saturday, the ninth consecutive decision, pitching shuffled ball into the eighth inning to lead the New York Yankees.

Ripken, though, had a shaky eight and a shaky ninth before the game ended.

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Major League Baseball

Canseco settles into role as Yankees' DH

Associated Press

NEW YORK—In a corner of the New York Yankees' clubhouse, Jose Canseco got up from his chair, and made a proclamation.

"I'm going for the record," he said. "Most DL trips with 500 home runs."

Canseco, who has 446 homers and 11 stints on the disabled list, claimed him on waivers from Tampa Bay.

He was 3-for-3 with three RBIs and three runs scored in Tuesday night's 10-2 win over Toronto, and was back in the lineup at designated hitter Wednesday night.

"I didn't expect to play today. I don't take it for granted," Canseco said before Wednesday's game. "You have players here who are everyday players and do a great job at it." Humble one moment, he can be among baseball's most boastful the next.

"I've been from the best player in the world to a bum, washed up," he said. "I've been through so much in the game, more probably than anybody else."

Yankees manager Joe Torre was surprised when his general manager, Brian Cashman, claimed Canseco, a move made to prevent him going to a team the Yankees could later battle for the AL pennant.

It's turned into a pleasant surprise, adding pop to an offense that's slumped in several stretches. Canseco says he doesn't know if he'll be picked for the 25-man postseason roster, but Torre made it sound as if the 36-year-old player is a shoo-in because he's a power threat.

"Even when he doesn't swing the bat," Torre said.

As a DH, Canseco partly fills the void caused by Darryl Strawberry's season-long suspension. Strawberry hit three homers against Baltimore in the 1996 playoffs, and two in the postseason last year, one against Texas, another against Boston.

Torre also remembered how Strawberry pinch hit and walked against Greg Maddux in the eighth inning of last year's World Series opener, giving New York two on and no outs as it overcame a 1-0 deficit to beat the Braves 4-1.

"As opposed to Darryl, where he's a one-sided hitter, he's a power hitter for the AL pennant," Torre said.

That makes it likely both Canseco and Glenallen Hill will be on the postseason roster, with Hill DHing and the other pinch hitting. David Justice will be the third outfielder, joining Bernie Williams and Paul O'Neill.

Canseco hasn't been to the playoffs since 1996, when he helped Oakland go to the World Series for the third straight year.

"I want to be in the lineup every day," he said. "I want to help the team, day in, day out. I'm a proven power hitter. If I'm not in the game, I don't feel I'm contributing."

If not for injuries, Canseco, not Ken Griffey Jr. and Mark McGwire, might be the person aiming for Hank Aaron's career home run record of 755. His hit is like a trip through a medical dictionary.

Canseco fractured his left hand in 1989, had a protruding disc in his back in 1990, a torn right elbow ligament in 1991, a groin strain and rib injury in 1992, a strained right hip flexor and a ruptured disc in 1996, back spasms in 1997, a herniated disc in 1999 and a strained left heel this year.


NFC

Former Jet Gastineau sentenced to prison

Associated Press

NEW YORK—Former Jets star Mark Gastineau was sentenced Wednesday to 18 months in jail for failing to complete an anger-management course after hitting his estranged wife.

Gastineau admitted in May that he had violated terms of his probation following a guilty plea to misdemeanor assault in October 1998. So, he was ordered to spend a year in a treatment center but left after about four months, prosecutors said.

Gastineau's lawyer, Sharyn Stein, asked the judge to give the former defensive lineman another chance to straighten out his life. "He's a changed man," she said.

But Manhattan criminal court Judge A. Kirke Bartley told Gastineau, "I have given you beyond a second and third chance."

The problems grew out of Gastineau's floating of a 1998 court order of protection to stay away from his estranged wife, Patricia Schorr.

She obtained the order after the 6-foot-5 Gastineau, who was 270 pounds during his football career, hit her and threatened her with a glass cocktail table.

In April this year, Bartley ordered Gastineau to spend a year at the Hope Christian Center, a Bronx treatment facility. If he failed to finish the program, the judge said, Gastineau was "surely" going to jail.

On Aug. 22, the 43-year-old Gastineau walked away from the program after threatening another resident. Assistant District Attorney Angela Albertus said in a recent interview, she reminded the judge of his warning to the former football star.

Gastineau, who played for the Jets for 10 years and retired in 1984, had previously been found guilty of assault in 1984 and was sentenced to three years' probation in 1993 on drug charges.

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**Williams will play despite foot injury**

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans Saints running back Ricky Williams thought he had bruised his foot in the first game of the season. It was painful, but he kept playing.

Turns out, Williams actually chipped a bone in the foot. It’s still painful, but he still plans to keep playing.

"It’s not that bad, it’s nothing — I’m worried about," Williams said Wednesday. "I haven’t missed a practice. I haven’t missed any work, I’m not going to miss a game."

The 1998 Heisman Trophy winner was listed as probable on Wednesday’s injury report to the league. The Saints classified the injury as minor and so did Williams.

"It was swollen at first and sore, but nothing bad," Williams said. "It doesn’t affect my running."

Williams didn’t want to say which foot was injured, saying he didn’t want Seattle players trying to step on it during Sunday’s game against the Seahawks.

"I’m sure they would try to if they could," Williams said.

Williams’ rookie season got off to a poor start when he was injured in the first pre-season game. The high ankle sprain he suffered in that game bothered him for weeks.

He also was slowed by a hyperextended elbow and turf toe. His latest injury did not spark anxiety, however.

"I practiced all week," Williams said. "It didn’t stop me from doing anything so I wasn’t worried about it."

Going into Sunday’s game, Williams is No. 7 in the NFL in rushing, right in the NFC in total yards from scrimmage.

Although Williams has not rushed for 100 yards this season — he had 50 yards on 24 carries against San Diego last week, and 84 yards on 20 carries the first week against Detroit — his role has expanded and he remains a key to the Saints offense.

Williams had four receptions for 29 yards against the Lions, 27 yards receiving, including a 13-yard touchdown catch, against the Chargers.

Even when Williams does not break free for a big gain, the constant pounding wears down an opponent and also allows the Saints to control the ball for a longer time, coach Jim Haslett said.

"Any player that doesn’t participate in training camp, regardless of what age they’re at, it’s difficult for them at the start of the season," Bledsoe said. "You just don’t walk in, so I think it’s a little bit of a process."

Trying to increase mobility has been a process for Bledsoe, who realizes he’ll never be a running threat like Minnesota quarterback Daunte Culpepper, who faces the Patriots on Sunday.

Bledsoe has been working on improving his footwork with quarterbacks coach Dick Rehbein.

"Does it mean I’m going to become a scrambling quarterback?" Bledsoe said. "No. I think everybody recognizes that I have some limitations in that area. But there are times when I can buy a little more time and try and make something out of a play that’s broken down."

Bledsoe rushed for just 37 yards on 21 carries in his first seven seasons. This season, he’s gained 40 yards on 11 carries trying to escape defenders.

**Patriots rotate linemen**

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — New England’s Drew Bledsoe will not be mistaken for Steve Young, a quarterback who weaved through defenders as a runner and picked them apart with passes.

But if the lumbering Bledsoe keeps getting slammed to the ground, he could end up like Young, who retired after last season following his fourth concussion in three years.

"I’ve always subscribed to the philosophy that, as a pocket passer, I’ve got my space in the pocket and my linemen need to know where I am and I still believe that that’s true," Bledsoe said Wednesday. "It makes it easier for them for them to do their job."

Bledsoe, who has been sacked six times in each of the Patriots’ two games, has tried to move around in the pocket more, but his safety is far from guaranteed.

The Patriots’ offensive line blocked poorly in an opening 21-16 loss to Tampa Bay. New England’s line improved in Monday night’s 20-19 loss to the New York Jets, as coach Bill Belichick continued to rotate players while seeking the best combination.

Right tackle Grant Williams didn’t think the changes dramatically affected the line’s cohesiveness. But the line allowed two sacks when the Patriots were trying to overtake New York on their last drive.

Williams and left tackle Bruce Armstrong, a 14-year veteran, have most of training camp with physical problems. In his search for consistency against the Jets, Belichick started Sale Isaia, a guard who was the Patriots to pick up less than two weeks earlier.

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Maddux blanks Marlins for second straight shutout

Associated Press

ATLANTA Greg Maddux pitched a four-hitter for his second consecutive shutout as the Atlanta Braves blanked the Florida Marlins 4-0 Wednesday night.

The Braves, who snapped a three-game losing skid, maintained a two-game lead over New York in the N.L. East. The Mets beat Milwaukee 7-4 in 14 innings.

Maddux (15-8) pitched his third shutout of the season in running his scoreless streak to 22 2-3 innings for his third straight win. It was his fifth complete game and 99th of his career.

The four-time N.L. Cy Young winner faced only 29 batters, giving up singles to Henry Rodriguez in the fifth, Luis Castillo in the sixth and pinch-hitter Mark Kotsay in the ninth, and a double by Mike Lowell in the eighth. Maddux struck out four and walked none.

Maddux threw 89 pitches, 60 for strikes, with 12 groundballs, six outs, struck out four and walked none.

The Braves scored a run in the second when Chipper Jones broke up a 1-0 pitch with a double and scored on pinch-hitter Mark Loretta's sacrifice fly.

In the fifth, Lora hit his second homer of the season to give the Expos a 2-2 lead. Lira left in the fifth after the first four hitters reached base, capped by Boles' triple and an RBI single by Burrell that tied it at 5.

Cardinals 9, Pirates 5

Mark McGwire, hobbled by a sore knee, grounded a single to right foot.

Rolen, who began the game on first base, was 2-for-5 with a triple and an RBI single by Burrell that tied it at 5.

Bruce Chen (7-2) got the win despite giving up just one run and allowing the Expos to take a 2-2 lead. Guererro's two-run triple in the sixth finished Chen's streak of 20 2-3 scoreless innings.

Chen gave up seven hits and walked two. He ended his hitless string and gave him his first victory since Aug 6.

Lira hit a home run in the fourth for a 4-2 lead. Ray Lankford had an RBI single in the fifth and Mike Maddux hit a sacrifice fly to make it 6-2.

Edmonds singled in a run in the sixth and Shawn Dunston hit a two-run homer, his 12th, in the seventh. Dunston came into the game to replace Lankford, who slightly strained his right hamstring running to first base on a single.

Adrian Brown hit RBI singles in the fifth and seventh for Pittsburgh. The Pirates had the bases loaded with nobody out in the eighth but got just one run when John Wehner grounded into a double play.

Reds 3, Cubs 2

Beno Stenson had four hits and Rob Bell made a strong case for returning to the starting rotation as Cincinnati beat Chicago.

Stenson drove in four runs, including a two-run homer, and Alex Orsos also had four hits for the Reds.

Bell hit a two-run homer, his 12th, in the fifth inning last Wednesday, started the rotation as Cincinnati beat St. Louis over Pittsburgh.

The Cardinals completed a three-game sweep and cut their magic number for clinching the N.L. Central to six over Cincinnati.

Pittsburgh lost its fifth in a row.

Hank Akil helped his career high for strikeouts with 11 in 6-2-3 innings. He has two wins in his last 10 starts, both over Pittsburgh.

McGwire, basing on the starting lineup as the Cardinals' shortstop and No. 2 hitter, singled off Todd Rohrig (1-0) and drove in a run.

Bell made his first base hit of his right foot.

bell allowed six hits, walked and struck out six in his first career complete game. In his last outing, against the New York Mets, Bell walked four and gave up five runs in 1 1-3 innings.

Chris Symes had a two-run homer and Sean Casey drove in two with a single and a sacrifice fly.

The Reds batted around in the third, scoring four runs, to chase Jamie Arnold (6-3), who allowed five runs on seven hits and a walk in 2 2-3 innings.

Chuigue in the third left the first when Eric Young walked, stole second, advanced to third on Ricky Gutiérrez' sacrifice bunt and scored on Sammy Sosa's double to left field.

Shane Andrews led off the second with his 11th home run, his first since May 11 after being on the disabled list more than three months with a herniated disk that required surgery.

Mets 4, Brewers 1

After putting New York in an early hole with a home run in the fourth inning, Jay Payton scored before it got too late.

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NASCAR

Winless Waltrip will race for Earnhardt in 2001

Associated Press

MOORESVILLE, N.C.

Winless in 454 Winston Cup races, Michael Waltrip is expecting to finally find his way to Victory Lane as an employee of Dale Earnhardt Inc.

Waltrip, ranked fifth on the Checkerboard, posted three-time Winston Cup champion Darrell Waltrip and a 15-year NASCAR veteran, will join Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Steve Park as drivers for DEI.

Waltrip, younger brother of current owner, Jim Smith of Ultra Motorsports, drives his Chevrolet Monte Carlo for Richard Childress Racing. Since Earnhardt Jr. has two wins this season and Park has one, Waltrip said he realized what would be expected of him. Waltrip now leads all active drivers with the most starts without a victory.

"I can't tell you how great I feel," Waltrip said. "The track record here with Dale Jr. and Steve Park being successful, I think we're going to be a winner before too long."

The move signifies an end to Earnhardt's 15-year association with the Busch Grand National Series. DEI has fielded a Busch car since 1992, but is driving this next season in favor of three Winston Cup cars.

Since the engines and setups differ between Busch and Winston Cup cars, Earnhardt said he wasn't able to gain anything despite having a Busch car. Now that the third team will be a Winston Cup car, he said all three teams can exchange information.

Ron Hornaday, who now drives the Busch car for DEI, wasn't considered to stay in the car when it moves to Winston Cup next season, Earnhardt said. "There will be other opportunities for Ron."

"I just felt that going with Mike was the best thing to do. I was more comfortable with a veteran. I don't like to wait too long to win," Earnhardt and Waltrip had discussed merging earlier this season, but no deal was ever worked out. Waltrip then agreed in July to a one-year contract extension with current owner, Jim Smith of Ultra Motorsports.

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Reed steps in for injured Westbrook

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ASHBURN, Va.

Andre Reed will get a chance to show he can still play when Washington plays Dallas on Monday night.

"Everybody thought I was gone, that I kind of jumped ship," said Reed, the receiver who signed a reported one-year, $500,000 deal with the Redskins on Tuesday. "The coaches are confident I can step in and do the job, and that's what I'm going to do."

Washington acquired the 16-year veteran after Michael Westbrook went down with a season-ending knee injury Sunday in a 13-10 loss to Detroit. Redskins coach Norv Turner said Ivory's success stepping in last week's starting role, and that Reed will be used in three- and four-receiver sets. Albert Connell is the other starter.

"The coaches are confident I can step in and do the job," Reed said. "The opportunity is there."

Washington had the NFL record of 12-14-1, which is the fourth-best total in NFL history. The seven-time Pro Bowl selection played in four Super Bowls. He caught 52 passes for 536 yards last season. But his performance was overshadowed by the emergence of Eric Moulds (63 catches, 994 yards, 13 touchdowns) and Peerless Price (31 catches, 393 yards, three touchdowns). Reed asked to be released after the season with a year left on his contract, and the Bills put him on waivers with Bruce Smith and Thurman Thomas.

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Olympics

IOC confident in Sydney plan

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — Sydney is ready to put on a great show that won't be tarnished by the transport problems that dogged the street look of the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch said Thursday.

At a news conference on the eve of his final Games as International Olympic Committee leader, Samaranch also defended the Australian swimming icon Dawn Fraser to sit with him at Friday night's opening ceremony apparently ruling her out as the final torch-bearer.

Under often hostile questioning, Samaranch also defended the IOC's anti-doping efforts and his intervention on behalf of Olympic officials accused of criminal activity.

"Sydney is ready," Samaranch said. "The Olympic continent is satisfied and confident that arrangements are in place for a very highly successful Games."

The enthusiasm of the people is outstanding. The weather should be fine."

"Sydney is very different from Atlanta," he added. "The look of the games is fantastic, with banners and so on. But wait until Oct. 1. I to know my impression of the games."

Samaranch and the IOC were critical of the "look of the games" in Atlanta, where parts of the city were taken over by street vendors and out-of-control commercialism. Tight restrictions were placed on such activity.

Like Atlanta, Sydney has experienced problems with the Olympic transport system. Dozens of drivers quit the bus service, saying they were angry about working conditions and timetables.

But Samaranch said he had been assured by Sydney Olympic Minister Michael Knight that "transport will not be a problem during the games."

"Every games is the same," Samaranch said. "At the beginning we have transportation problems. Yes, they have problems. I think they are solving the problems."

Meanwhile, Samaranch said his wife, Maria Teresa, was ill and would not travel to Sydney. He invited Fraser, who won four Olympic gold medals and four silver medals in swimming in the 1960s, to be his guest at Friday's ceremony.

"She accepted," he said. "She will be the Olympic first lady."

Fraser has been one of the most frequently mentioned candidates for the honor of lighting the Olympic flame, but that now appeared unlikely.

The Salt Lake City bribery scandal flared again at IOC meetings this week, with Utah organizers warning the IOC to brace for the release of thousands of pages of documents related to the government investigation.

Samaranch said the IOC would work with Salt Lake organizing committee president Mitt Romney to see if the documents can be screened for any false information ahead of the Games.

"To attack members of the IOC only with rumors not facts -- we cannot accept," he said.

One member, Lambis Nikolaou of Greece, said the IOC should move its 2002 general assembly from Salt Lake to Lausanne, Switzerland. But Samaranch said, "The session of February 2002 will be in Salt Lake City."

Samaranch, who steps down in July after 21 years as IOC president, was asked whether he would attend the Salt Lake Games.

"If I am invited, yes," he said. "I am waiting for an invitation."

Samaranch was asked about a report from a corruption watchdog group called Transparency International. At a news conference Wednesday in Berlin, Peter Eiger, chairman of the group, said, "On the eve of the Olympic Games, it is worth recording that some of the leaders of the bribe-scarred IOC are still running the show."

Samaranch said he was unaware of the report and could not comment.

"We are not very worried," he said. "We are used to read, to see rumors, and so on that are not true."

Samaranch also announced he was inviting Australian swimming icon Dawn Fraser to sit with him at Friday night's opening ceremony apparently ruling her out as the final torch-bearer.

Critics say the test is ineffective because it detects the use of EPO going back only a few days, while another test -- bypassed by the IOC -- could trace the drug back as far as 28 days.

"The most important thing for us is to make sure the first tests we do stand up to the barrage of legal challenges I expect will arise," said IOC vice president Dick Pound, head of the new World Anti-Doping Agency. "Science may improve over time so we can get a better reach back."

Samaranch also faced several questions about Mohammad "Bob" Hasan, the IOC member from Indonesia, who is under detention in Jakarta awaiting trial next week on corruption charges.

Samaranch wrote to the Indonesian president earlier this year on behalf of Hasan. The Indonesian government criticized Samaranch this week for trying to get Hasan released to attend the Sydney Games.

Teammates say Aikman will return Sunday

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Troy Aikman's teammates believe he'll be back in the starting lineup for the Dallas Cowboys' next game.

Coach Dave Campo, however, wasn't ready after just one practice to say for sure that Aikman will be the starting quarterback Monday night at Washington.

"He looked good today," Campo said. "We're very fortunate to have an extra day. That gives us a little bit more evaluation time."

Aikman returned to the practice field Wednesday for the first time since suffering his eighth career concussion in the season-opening 41-14 loss to Philadelphia on Sept. 3. He split snaps with Randall Cunningham during the nearly two-hour session.

"Troy's Troy. He came out there, threw the ball around and looked like his old self," said tight end Dave LaFleur.

Center Mark Stepnegski said Aikman didn't say anything about headaches and seemed like himself during the workout.

"I don't expect him not to play," tight end Jackie Harris said. "It was good to see him back out there, moving around and throwing the ball."

Campo wouldn't say if Aikman and Cunningham would continue sharing time in practice this week, and wasn't committed when he would decide who will play at Washington.

"We'll have to make a decision when it's good to make a decision," Campo said.

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Bush brothers star in pros, college

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Bush had an interception, five pass breakups and a forced fumble. He also had a nifty special teams play when he walked the fine line between the end zone and 1-yard line after fielding a UCF punt.

With the ball in his hands and his momentum carrying him into the end zone, he flipped the ball backward where a teammate dove to bury Northwestern State at its 3-yard line. That play helped UCF cling to a 9-0 lead at the half.

Bush's career has been steady, yet unspectacular. He started 11 games last year and made 39 tackles and six pass breakups, one more than he had Saturday.

Chizik said consistency has always been Bush's biggest hurdle, but he saw that change in fall camp when he was making plays on a regular basis. Although sophomore Asante Samuel opened the season starting at strongside cornerback, Bush earned the No. 1 job as Northwestern State and has it again for Saturday's game at Akron.

"He's always had the ability to do some very good things," Chizik said. "I think competition always creates the best in people. I have good competition going on at that position right now. He's a guy who's made plays in practice and we continuously talk about being able to, on a consistent basis, make plays. He finally did it Saturday night. I don't think it was really a surprise. It was just a matter of when he was ready to do it."

It matters little to Chizik who starts, but he said it's important to the players to achieve that status. Each cornerback will see an equal amount of game time, so Chizik makes it simple: whoever performs the best gets to start the next week.

Bush has no problem with this approach.

"(Chizik) said you just have to go out there and make the best of it and make plays," Bush said. "That's all he's concerned about. It makes both of us go out there and play even harder because both of us want to start. It makes us want to go out there and make something happen."

Besides the competition factor, Chizik also likes the attitude he sees from his cornerbacks. Bush has maintained a positive outlook even if he has to battle an inexperienced underclassman for playing time. Attitude, Chizik said, is half the battle.

"Davin's always been a great kid to work with," Chizik said. "He's always done everything I've asked him to do."

Kruczek also has been impressed with Bush's mature approach to the game this season.

"His personality changed," Kruczek said. "I don't know what it is. He changed overnight. I really enjoy being around him. He's grown up and it's gratifying to see that."

The other solution has been junior Aug. 25, the Hawkeyes have seen three of their starting defenders go down with injuries.

First it was freshman Katie Poole, who suffered a season-ending stress fracture in her foot, and will probably redshirt this season.

Next, it was sophomore Teasa Price, who suffered a second-degree MCL tear in her knee during a routine slide tackle in the Utah State game.

"It was a freak soccer accident. She caught it just right," Chizik said. "Something just had to give, and it happened to be Teasa's knee," coach Wendy Logan said.

And finally, the last blow was to Lindsey May, who went down with a foot injury in the game against Iowa State last Friday.

In addition to losing these three key players, Joni Anderson, one of the Hawkeyes' defensive leaders last season, suffered a foot injury last spring. Anderson has yet to see the field this season because of the nagging injury.

"Her injury in the spring slowed down her conditioning this summer, and so she wasn't in any kind of soccer shape when she went back," Logan said. "Her injury is definitely a loss to the team."

The loss of players to injury has caused a couple of the players to engage in a kind of game of musical chairs to help fill in the vacant spots. The two most noteworthy changes have been the shuffling around of senior Lindsey Wolman and sophomore Emily Jorgensen.

Wolman began the season as a forward and sometimes a midfielder, but when the defense started to thin out before the St. Louis game on Sept. 10, Logan looked to Wolman to fill in at a defensive position.

"Lindy has been the biggest change. It is a give-and-take situation. We lose a lot with her in the back because we lose an attacking dimension, but she gives us what we need in the back," Logan said.

Wolman said that the most important thing is "to keep the rhythm going" as players go down with injuries.

"The biggest difference is that we are doing good. Whatever helps the team," Wolman said about her position switch.

The other solution has been Jorgensen, who was slotted in as a midfielder in the fall and moved to a defensive position at the beginning of the season. She had no much action there before Poole went down in the first game of the season and the team looked to Jorgensen to fill the gap in the back.

Jorgensen said that the two positions are not extremely different, so the change was not difficult for her.

"The biggest difference is the fact that you don't get to see the goal and get into the offense. Defense is the more of what I am worried about," Jorgensen said.
MARTINEZ TO PITCH AMID RACIAL CONTROVERSY

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

As if there wasn’t enough bad blood between Pedro Martinez and the Cleveland Indians, now this.

Martinez revealed on Wednesday that he got ready to pitch in relief for the Boston Red Sox during Game 5 of the AL playoffs at Jacobs Field last October, he was showered with racial slurs by some fans and received one death threat.

"I remember being told when I was warming up, ‘You’re going to be shot,’” Martinez told Boston reporters. "They were calling me ‘beaver’ and saying, ‘Go back to your country, you don’t belong in this country.’ That came from fans who probably just wanted me to get out of there. They said so much discriminating stuff to me, it would sound unreal. It was the first time I ever heard such things, and I heard them here in Cleveland.

It’s the second time in three years that a pitcher has accused fans sitting in the right-field corner in Cleveland of verbally taunting them during the postseason.

Toronto’s David Wells, then with the New York Yankees, said Indians fans sitting near the visitors’ bullpen made vulgar remarks to him before Game 5 of the ALCS in 1998.

Martinez managed to block out the crowd and pitched six no-hit innings last October as the Red Sox completed their improbable comeback from a 2-0 deficit to beat the Indians in six games.

Martinez dismissed the taunts as fans caught up in the excitement of rooting for the Indians.

"It’s normal in sports to have your fans in your home town get on the visiting players. That’s how I take it. They just said some things because they knew I could probably beat up on the Cleveland Indians,” Martinez said.

"I don’t pay attention. I would just say those were the crazy fans with a lot to drink and who knows what else,” he said.

Martinez has owned the Indians throughout his career, going 8-0 with a 1.47 ERA, including two wins in last year’s playoffs.

Martinez never mentioned the taunting last October or in April when he pitched at Jacobs Field earlier this year.

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Red Sox pitcher

"I spent the last two weeks of 1999 with Oakland but became expendable when the Raiders made Sebastian Janikowski their first-round pick in April,” Gruden said with the fleeting job security of an NFL kicker.

"I would have been expendable even if Gruden had given me a chance to play," said Martinez, who was cut in late September after making 10 of 12 field goals.

"I have no score to settle with Gruden, who was fired by Davis four games into his second season as a head coach.

"I think I have a bond with Coach Shahnahan,” Nedney said.

"You’re not at the level as long as I am yet, but we’re both on the same page,” he said.

"Let’s just put it this way, if I didn’t make any field goals, he’d still be on our team,” Shahnahan said.

"I was a slam dunk as soon as he tried out. On the serious side, he came in and really did well.”

While Nedney made a good first impression by converting two 53-yard field goals in practice Wednesday, Shahnahan publicly about his injury for the first time.

"I remember that,” Gruden said Wednesday. "I would just tell Joe, the feeling’s mutual.”

Nedney’s history with the Raiders gained him instant credibility with Broncos coach Mike Shanahan, who was fired by Davis four games into his second season as a head coach.

"I tell him I have a bond with Coach Shanahan," Nedney said.

"I don’t pay attention. I just go out there and do the job I was hired to do".

"Cleveland is a town you get on the visiting players. That’s how I take it. They knew I could probably beat up on the Clevelanders. That’s how I take it. They wanted to get on the field as fast as I can,” he said.
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Are you weary?
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Mt 11:28-9

Are you lost?
I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. Jn 14:6

Are you lonely?
I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you... Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. Jn 14:18, 27
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Bob Knight bid farewell to Indiana University, saluting cheering students and urging them to forget about the freshman who played part in the coach's firing.

"Let that kid be a student and let him get on with life," Knight said Wednesday night. "This thing, believe me, had happened to me long before that situation took place. That kid is not responsible for my not coaching at Indiana, and make sure you understand that.

The peaceful crowd at Dunn Meadow was estimated by police at about 6,000. Some students watched from the roof of a fraternity house across the street. Others climbed trees that ringed the meadow, the site of many campus protests in the 1960s and '70s. Many honk­ed signs of support for Knight, who was fired Sunday for violating a zero-tolerance behavior policy imposed by university president Myles Brand. Knight never mentioned Brand by name, and he took only a few brief jabs at the administration in his 20-minute talk.

"This is a great university," he said. "I love this university, its students, its men and women, its faculty and administra­tions, its students, its students. This university is a great university, and I'm trying to do the very best I can for the university." said Wednesday night. "This thing, believe me, had happened to me long before that situation took place. That kid is not responsible for my not coaching at Indiana, and make sure you understand that.

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Ratay wins medalist honors

Notre Dame junior Steve Ratay had a stellar 1999 fall season and opened the 2000 campaign in similar fashion over the weekend by sharing medalist honors at the 2000 Badger Invitational, held at the par-72, 6,880-yard University Ridge Golf Course.

Ratay's four-under 212 - backed by matching 225s from senior Alex Kent and sophomore Brandon Lunke landed Notre Dame in a fourth-place finish at the 15-team event, six strokes behind Toledo. Host Wisconsin finished first at 860, six shots ahead of Penn State.

"Steve had a solid tournament," said Lunke. "It was a good first tournament. It was windy, and the course was hard, so I think we can improve."

Ratay - whose 1999 fall season in four events with the Irish included a medalist finish, a runner-up showing and a fifth-place finish - opened play on Saturday with rounds of 71-70 for a one-stroke cushion on the Irish at the 1999-2000 Marshall Invitational. Ratay's four-under showing ties the Irish 54-hole record for best score in relation to par, equaling the mark set by three others.

Notre Dame's final-round 292 yielded an 881 total (+17), the ninth-best 54-hole score in Notre Dame history, trailing only the four-under 209 posted by Jeff Connell at the 1997-98 Marshall Invitational. Ratay's four-under 212 topped the Irish 54-hole record for best score in relation to par, equaling the mark set by three others.

Senior Adam Anderson (83-81-76) rounded out the Notre Dame roster, finishing tied for 29th at 225: 296-293 to stand in fourth place.

Kent used three rounds of 74-74-76 while Lunke shot 76-74-72 to finish third in 23rd, 222.

Freshman Peter Rivas (New Orleans, La.) had a solid debut to his Irish career, carding three 75s to finish tied for 29th at 225. Senior Adam Anderson (83-81-76) rounded out the Notre Dame contingent.

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White Sox discover fountain of youth

Frank Thomas had topped 200 home runs since 1997. He is currently leading the league in both home runs and runs batted in — no small feat for a man who won back-to-back Most Valuable Player awards in 1993 and '94.

The youth movement was perhaps the biggest question mark as the team dropped former all-stars as rapidly as the Bears receiving corps dropped passers. Young outfielders Carlos Lee and Magglio Ordonez are providing more movement than the local power company.

The bullpen is perhaps the league's deepest — no small thanks to the heavily criticized trade in 1997 that netted the team closers Keith Foulke and Bobby Howry, as well as second baseman Lorenzo Barcelo.

Perhaps most impressive has been the team's maturity. Despite huge success early on, the young team has worked through injuries to its top two pitchers, the trade in starting catcher and inconsistency among its young starters. Following the demolition of both his World Champion Ball Anteck and contender the San Francisco 100 to a nine month period. Jerry Reinsdorf was about as shocked as he was either hit. 300 or slugged at least 20 home runs. The pitching staff has holes, but still has performed well enough to win.

The team that looked headed to the basement is entering the playoffs. After years of coming out to watch the team struggle, I'd be in the stands watching this team succeed. It is all the sweeter for myself and other longtime fans devoted to this team. We watched Baldwin and Siroka as they shuffled between Chicago and triple-A Nashville. We watched all-star second baseman Durham struggle to learn the game never before played the game never before played. We watched all-star second baseman Durham struggle to learn. We watched all-star second baseman Durham struggle to learn. We watched all-star second baseman Durham struggle to learn. We watched all-star second baseman Durham struggle to learn. We watched all-star second baseman Durham struggle to learn. We watched all-star second baseman Durham struggle to learn.

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sophomore defensive end Ryan Roberts said. "He's a really proud guy. He loves football. He's out there coaching. He's not in full pads but he's wearing his helmet and he's out there supporting everybody."

Irons said he has no choice but to support his teammates. "I know how hard they've worked and the commitment they put into preparing for this game," he said.

Irons knows how hard his teammates worked because he worked just as hard. He spent just as many hours in the weight room. He ran just as many wind sprints and he sweated through the same two-a-day summer practices.

Before the injury, he could inspire and lead his teammates with his extra physical effort. Now he has to lead with his words and his spirit.

"For me, I just have to take a different approach in my role as a captain," he said. "In the past I have been able to lead by example. Now I have to lead with emotion by encouraging my teammates and getting everybody focused and ready to play."

Davie added: "Grant Irons has been there every second. Obviously he hasn't had pads on and he's not practicing but he's just been tremendous."

You wouldn't expect any less from a leader like Grant Irons.

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Senior co-captain Grant Irons cheers on his team from the sideline during the season-opening win over Texas A&M. Irons is likely sidelined for the remainder of the season with a dislocated shoulder.

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15. Part of a temple's decor 
21. Kind of center 
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29. Warmth subject 
31. Some health food stores 
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39. 23 Word with you

Down
1. Rainy day sight
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36. Disciple of the socciates
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