Members discuss construction

By AMY GREENE
News Writer

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

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

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

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

In other Board news:

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

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

O'Donoghue explains ticket policy

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

Standing outside of Washington Hall, early Tuesday was a little intimidated by the Secret Service men eyeing every slight move I made — the suspicious looks were enough to make one a little uneasy. However, what really bothered me was the presence of protesters against Tuesday, the death penalty. Targeting Gore, they were holding the most logical course of action to take — especially since Bush is infamous for governing over the state known for executions, the death penalty. During exam and vacation periods, The Observer is a member of the conservative Supreme Court Justices if he gets the opportunity.

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

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

For those who want to see the death penalty abolished, in the U.S., the appointment of conservative justices is hardly the way to reach such ends. I’ve noticed that as hammering down the nails in the death penalty’s own coffin, or better yet, the coffin of those who would likely be executed with greater frequency and less concern.

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

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

As a pill for the abolition of the death penalty, it is frustrating to witness such ignorance of those whose actions may be potentially harmful to the long-term effects on the issue. Any kind of substantial change in policy has a better potential to down-play the massive and rising numbers of executions.

Nader appeals to students to become informed

STANFORD, Calif.

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

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

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

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

“We combine idealism with the need to put power behind truth instead of the waffling, wavering rhetoric of politicians who think they can fool you,” said Nader before his speech.

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Harvard University

Professor to defend rap artists

CAMBRIDGE

A Harvard University Law School professor has joined civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton to defend a rap group implicated in the Sept. 25 stabbing of Boston Celtic Paul Pierce.

Professor of Law Charles Ogletree, along with Sharpton and Source magazine CEO David Mays, held a press conference Tuesday afternoon, where Raymond Scott, leader of the rap group Made Men is imprisoned on unrelated assault charges. Two others affiliated with Made Men are charged with being involved in the stabbing. Scott has not been charged in the case. In a telephone interview, attorney John Sweeney, who represents Scott, said that he was pleased to have Ogletree involved. “Ogletree will work on some trial and media strategy,” Sweeney said. “Outside the correctional facility Tuesday night, Sharpton said, “There is a trend in this nation to stereotype people based on their music. dress and friends. We have to do better than that.”

BRANDES UNIVERSITY

Health Center investigates RU-486

WALTHAM, Mass

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

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Students recount trips to conventions

• Nagle, Rafter thankful for national political experience

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary's News Editor

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


"I cannot tell you how grateful I am that I was selected by the Political Science department and Saint Mary's to attend the conventions," Nagle said. "I have an aunt and uncle in Montgomery Theatre. In LaFortune at 5:00 p.m. will be speaking tonight on how to handle your case in the presence of 30,000 people who experienced the convention firsthand I can accomplish, although now for different reasons.

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

New pep band aims to boost Belle pride

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Montgomery Theatre, In LaFortune at 5:00
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In other Senate news:

♦ Dillon senator Brendan Dowdall expressed his disapp­
opment that the smaller, $50 candles had been removed from the Groto, along with their wrought-iron candelabras.

"It's very upsetting," Dowdall said. O'Donoghue explained that the candles were removed follow­
ing concerns about fire safety.

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

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

♦ Career Center director Lee Svete said that as a former science pre-profession­
al major, she noticed a lack of internships in the science fields.

Svete responded that the Career Center was aware of this need, and that the center was currently in the process of increasing contacts with alum­

ni working in those areas. Svete also noted that the cen­
ter was planning its first career fair aimed specifically at science-related jobs, initia­
tively scheduled for next spring.

♦ The recent Senate resolu­
tion to bring a mailbox back to the LaFortune Student Center was met with reservations from the local postal authori­
ties, according to Becker, who spoke with Notre Dame post­
master Mike Walsh.

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

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

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

"You can buy stamps to put on the letters, but you can't mail them, but he didn't think that was very good either. Becker later said that much of the confusion stemmed from the fact that the resolution was approved without first consulting Walsh. Becker announced to the Senate that he remains optimistic about seeing a mailbox in LaFortune in the near future.

Welcome Center at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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FAVORITE READ

University nixes summer graduation

Special to The Observer

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

"Following a review of the dwindling number of stu­
dents in attendance for the summer convocations, and after consulting with the offi­
cers and deans, I have decid­
ed that this year's summer ceremony was our last," said Hatch, who added that scheduling conflicts in the summer also had limited the participation of administra­tors and faculty in the event.

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

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

Correction

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

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

**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

Pollution adds to global warming: New evidence shows man-made pollution has "contributed substantially" to global warming and the earth is likely to get a lot hotter than scientists predicted a decade ago. The work of people associated with George Washington University and the earth is likely to get a lot hotter than scientists predicted a decade ago. The work of people associated with George Washington University and the earth is likely to get a lot hotter than scientists predicted a decade ago. The work of people associated with George Washington University and the earth is likely to get a lot hotter than scientists predicted a decade ago. The work of people associated with George Washington University and the earth is likely to get a lot hotter than scientists predicted a decade ago.

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

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

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

**IVORY COAST**

Gbagbo wins election, Guei flees

Associated Press

ABIDJAN

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

Soldiers and civilians took to the streets to celebrate, although the festivities were short-lived as supporters of one of Ivory Coast's largest political parties launched a new round of street protests to demand a new vote. Juunta leader Gen. Robert Guei, who had declared himself the winner of Sunday's presidential election, was forced from power earlier in the day when his security forces turned against him and joined thousands of unarmed demonstrators who took to the streets to back Gbagbo's bid for power.

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

The long-time left-leaning politician and former university professor had urged his followers to undertake a popular springing after Guei disbanded the country's electoral commission on Tuesday and declared himself the election winner.

More than 50 people were killed in clashes involving civilians and military since Tuesday, said Gregoire K锕al, a U.N. official in Gbagbo's Ivorian Popular Front party. The toll could not be independently confirmed.

At least three bodies were seen in downtown Abidjan, and five other people were injured.Four soldiers died in fighting early Wednesday, soldiers said. Guei's whereabouts were unclear. A former aide, Desire-Paulin Dakoury, said he remained in the presidential offices in Abidjan, Ivory Coast's main city, and "will be the one to decide when he talks and when he leaves."

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

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

Internet sells unapproved HIV tests

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J.

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

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

However, tests by the Food and Drug Administration disproved those claims, Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Christie said. Neither Christie nor the FDA could say whether the kits, which tested saliva samples, tended to give false positive or false negative results.

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

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

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

"It's imperative that we at least contact people to let them know they should not rely on them — or shouldn't have relied on them," he said. The Ana-Sal kits are made by Americare Biologicals Inc. of Miami, a subsidiary of Americare Health Scan Inc.
Talks strive for peace in troubled region

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Israeli and Palestinian troop commanders met at U.S. insistence Wednesday to try to pave the way for a truce, and relative calm prevailed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

No one was killed in clashes for the first time in a week despite sporadic exchanges of gunfire.

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

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

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

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

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

But Wednesday saw only sporadic shoot-throwing clashes.

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After nightfall Wednesday, Palestinian gunmen fired at Israeli targets from several locations. Shots were fired from the West Bank at the result of talks Clinton had with Arafat in a neighborhood of Gilo on the southern edge of Jerusalem. For the third day in a row, a Palestinian responded with tank fire.

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

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

Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami said Israel could even return to positions with a way of listening to the pope.

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

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

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

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

The scholars repeated complaints of Vatican silence over the occupation of Poland, asking whether there was further documentation "with regard to this...instead international appeals on behalf of the People of Poland.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Clinton to stump for Gore in Calif.

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

Democratic Gov. Gray Davis was among those who called for Gore campaign chairman William Daley for a visit from Gore or running mate Joseph Lieberman, but received no commitments.

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

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

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

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

South angered Gore aides last week when he told reporters Gore may need to launch an ad campaign to win the state.

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

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

Davis does not face re-election until 2002.

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

“The Gore campaign had everybody here on the ground, and the bottom line is the governor’s political operation has been the major presence here for Gore for most of the last two years,” he said.

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

White House Chief of Staff John Podesta said Clinton would direct most of his energy in the last eight years. “The Clinton administration hasn’t done anything on energy in the last eight years,” said Davis. It was a line right out of Cheney’s stump speech.

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

Later, in Eugene, Ore., Cheney’s plane was met by two fully decked out motor homes courtesy of Country Coach, a mobile home manufacturer whose chief executive officer is Jack Courtemanche, former assistant to President Reagan and chief of staff for former first lady Nancy Reagan.

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

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

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

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

At Country Coach, Cheney’s wife Lynne single-drew out Courtemanche, saying he was “a reminder to us of days when we had a great president in Washington, President Ronald Reagan.”

Just the mention of Beagles’ name brought cheers from the crowd.

Reagan, Bush officials help Cheney

Mike Davis
Avista Laboratories Inc. CEO

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**Russian Ministry plane crashes**

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

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

The cause of the crash was not immediately known.

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

It was unclear exactly how many people were on board. Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry said the plane carried 82 people - 11 crew members and 71 passengers - but Russian military officials said there were 11 crew members and 64 passengers, the Interfax news agency reported. Russian military officials said the plane, an IL-18 transport, was at an altitude of 5,300 feet when communications with it were lost, Interfax reported. Both military and civilian personnel were aboard, the agency said.

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

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

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

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

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

Congress approves debt relief

**WASHINGTON**

President Clinton on Thursday signed a law that provides $425 million for family planning groups that advocate or participate in abortions.

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

But anti-abortion lawmakers, who have fought for the funding ban every year since 1996 when President Clinton lifted the restriction first imposed by President Reagan, won inclusion of a delay in funding until Feb. 15. Their hope is that Texas' Republican governor, George W. Bush, will be elected to the presidency and issue a new order stopping the flow of funds to family planning groups.

Clinton has pushed hard for full U.S. participation in an international family planning bill that will allow dollars in relief to some three dozen countries of what he termed as "Heavily Indebted Poor Countries."

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

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

Clinton was asked about her campaign contributions by a reporter during a news conference before she left for an appearance in France.


"It was not the case."

There was no answer at the Clinton campaign headquarters in Fremont, Calif. The group's national president, Agha Saeed, has said Palestinian leaders should pursue their own state in the West Bank and Gaza through peaceful means.

However, he told the Daily News that United Nations resolutions say Palestinians have the right to resist by "armed force."

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

Clinton has repeatedly backed Israel during the current Middle East crisis. Jewish support is crucial for Clinton, with Jews comprising 12 percent of New York voters.

"All $50,000, every penny of it, is going back."

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But she added: "Somebody was trying to take advantage of me. We have 13 days left in this election. Fasten your seat belts. You have no idea what's going to happen." Meanwhile, Clinton and the Bush presidential campaign said they were returning $1,000 donations from Abuhramam Almoudi of the American Muslim Council. The Daily News said he has donated support for Hamas, which the U.S. government considers a terrorist organization because it has taken responsibility for suicide bombings on Israeli civilian targets.

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

"Governor Bush has worked hard to bring people together and to support the administration's efforts in the Middle East peace process," Sullivan said. The Clinton campaign replied the money Tuesday. Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson said "Hillary is a strong supporter of peace and security for Israel," he said.

Lazio called the donation "blood money," and said Bush shouldn't have accepted the money either.
Clinton, GOP near tax cut deal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

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

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

The speaker removed one key obstacle by assuring Clinton that Republicans would drop several proposed labor law changes as part of the two-year, $1 increase in the $5.15-an-hour minimum wage.

Democrats had labeled those provisions unfair to workers, especially a plan to freeze the wage floor for waiters and waitresses, who also earn tips, at $2.13 an hour.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Education Secretary explains stolen funds

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Asked by Congress to explain a pair of theft schemes at his agency, Education Secretary Richard Riley said Wednesday that the "stock theft" of nearly $4 million this year has been recovered.

Riley, who blamed the incident on "placated thieves" in a long-time, career employee and "abuse of our trust," said $1.9 million in stolen grants for children who live on Indian reservations and military bases had been returned to two South Dakota school districts.

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

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

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

He offered no details on how employees or outsiders could have avoided department security, but said that "we have put stringent new measures in place."
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Howard students march in protest of classmate’s death

Hundreds want justice for student killed by police

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Third, paying a living wage would probably reduce worker illness, absenteeism and turnover, and thus increase productivity. It is not necessarily a direct trade-off between paying the living wage and increasing the cost of the product. This is a point made, for instance, by Business and Social Responsibility and the "Responsible Wealth" project of United for a Fair Economy, where businesses sign a covenant to pay a living wage. There are still more objections to paying a living wage in the apparel industry, and I will take these up next time.

Todd David Whitmore is an associate professor in the theology department. His column appears every other Thursday.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Candidate failing to address young voters

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

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

When you open up the newspaper and read a story about the latest polls, the first thing you notice is that the candidates on either side of the political spectrum are more interested in whom they think are most likely to vote. It is only when you turn over the page that you realize that many of the issues that young people care about are not even considered by the mainstream media.

People often say that those are whom we love and also those that are beyond our present appreciation that make us grow in order to possess them. These kinds of commitments make available to us larger gifts, unrequested ones and loving someone. It is far easier to like than to love one today, has to do with differences between liking and loving someone. It is easy to appreciate and do things for people because we are committed to be good to them. It is not the goodness in them which links us together: it must also be the goodness in us.

These kinds of commitments are foreign to our world. Our relationships are commonly us-centered, we ask greedily, in a sense, without considering what is good in the grand scheme. In fact, the greater gifts in life are not those we ask for, but those that are beyond our present appreciation that make us grow in order to possess them. These kinds of commitments make available to us larger gifts, unrequested ones and loving someone.

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

It is not meant to be that all of our relations appear as bonds. Such would create an insinuare atmosphere. We must think about some bonds, some real ones that have lasting claim upon us. Failure to make them means that we shall turn into heartless consumers of other people. These bonds are usually with someone of the opposite sex, or the very best same-sex friendships.

The potential for these bonds, then, must be the light in which we match each other. We are not being fulfilled by the demands of our hormones so that we ignore the more subtle and serious demands of our souls.

When we of the Notre Dame community stop posturing and begin to stop looking at people in terms of the benefits they provide for us, something frightening might happen. We might get to see others as objects and just start to be real people.

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October 20, 2000

Voting for third parties sends message

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

Please realize that the last Democrat to win Indiana when running for president was Lyndon Johnson, 36 years ago and the one before him was Ford in 1936. All the polls show that Indiana is solidly in Bush's camp — so much so that Gore won't waste any money campaigning and Bush doesn't have to. So if you strongly feel that the Republicans have been giving lip service only to pro-life issues with the notion that you have nowhere else to go (Bush does not see a way to reverse the FDA's horrible decision about RU-486 and doesn't think the country is ready for a human rights amendment and would not have a pro-life litmus test for Supreme Court judges) then you should vote for Buchanan. Buchanan is for America's first, Bush will still carry Indiana, but if Buchanan gets a respectable percentage it will send a message to the Republican party.

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

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October 25, 2000

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

By JUDE SEYMOUR
Scene Movie Critic

In many ways it is harder to write a review about a terrible movie than a great movie. Questions abound. Is it the reviewer who has missed the point, or the movie? In this case, the movie must be faulted. It is not some sort of ego­
listic romp that has led to this conclusion, it is instead the movie's underlying premise to insult the moviegoer's basic or what would normally be considered nonessential character of daily life for the Travis family.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He runs away from everything and everyone and goes to see Bree. However, Bree's intentions have already been made clear (this is somewhat surprising for a Bette character) she is playing the field with everyone.

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

In "Dr.T's" case, it is more frustrating to watch a movie continue towards its end­
ing than it would be to see the last fifteen minutes of the film cut, leaving the audience to speculate as to what happens.

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

The only other remarkable aspect is the live birth of a baby. It was captivating, clear­
erly, history seems to project that upper middle class women like this will continue to have the world cater to them.

"Dr.T & the Women"

By CASEY K. McCLUSKEY
Scene Movie Critic

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

Eugene Simonet (Kevin Spacey, "American Beauty"), is a seventh grade Social Studies teacher who gives his students a special assignment on the first day of school: come up with a plan to change the world and put it into action. One boy in the class, Trevor (Haley Joel Osment, "The Sixth Sense"), takes this assignment very seriously and comes up with the concept of "pay it forward."

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

Trevor puts his plan into action, thus building a long chain of paying it forward.

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

Leder ("Deep Impact") is not such a director. The only saving grace in this film is the acting by the two lead males, Spacey and Osment. It is disappointing, however, that these two highly respected actors would choose such a film to be in. Helen Hunt plays Trevor's mum and, although she's not been so good up to now.

If there is nothing of interest to see in the movie theaters, go to video, or a Discovery Channel, or your time. "Pay It Forward" most cer­
tainly is not.
**Movie Review**

**Allen and Oldman act out in ‘Contender’**

By JUDE SEYMOUR

*Scene Movie Critic*

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

In the “The Contender,” the Jackson (Jeff Bridges) nomination Senator Laine Hanson (Sam Elliott) to replace his deceased vice president passes the House of Representatives.

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

Runyon and the subcommittee look to “obliterate a life,” permanently ending the reputation of Hanson while simultaneously promoting their choice for vice president, Senator Jack Lurie. Joan Allen’s acting often captivated Lurie, a former film critic for ABC radio. He stepped down from criticism to write and direct “The Contender,” a movie he pitched as a vehicle for Joan Allen to star in. He cornered Allen at an awards presentation, and then got Bridges, Oldman, Sam Elliott and Christian Slater to commit based on Allen’s acceptance.

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

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

**“The Contender”**

directed by Christian Slater is hopelessly outmatched and is less convincing than the late TV series “A L F .” Max Wright, the Tanner father on “Full House,” will be remembered for “The Ladies Man.”

The movie’s tension is based on the sexual indiscretion. “They” couldn’t be a woman, the President quips. He insists that Senator Hanson should stick to her inattention and “refuse to be embarrassed.” Everyone else is not convinced. Sam Elliott (“The Big Lebowski”), as the President’s political strategist, feels the private life of Senator Hanson became the public’s concern once he was thrust into the spotlight. Hanson refuses to answer the House’s inquiries about the sexual recklessness because it is “beneath her dignity” and a double standard for society to promote a man’s sexual life but condemn a woman’s.

The controversy of ‘The Ladies Man’ has been criticized by some as a plot device and suspense as plot advancement. Lurie introduces political “spins” that help along the plot. The movie’s plot: a girl’s death makes “spins” that help along the movie’s plot: a girl’s death makes Senator Hubble an unlikely hero; a Washington Post article submitted by Runyon makes the Friday afternoon edition, giving the public a weekend of speculation, thereby threatening to ruin Senator Hanson.

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Unfortunately, the movie turns to a weak, Frank Capra-style ending to solve its tension. Hanson reveals what actually happened that night back in the fraternity house and the President delivers an impassioned speech to the House that reminds one of Kane Rockes instead of Bill Clinton. It does not hurt the overall effect of the movie’s 90-minute running time, however.

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

**“The Ladies Man”**

**Movie Review**

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

By JEFFREY Q. IRISH

*Scene Movie Critic*

Let’s get one thing straight. “The Ladies Man” is not a bad film. In fact, as far as filmmaking goes, it’s a success. It doesn’t have well-developed characters, good direction or acting, or even a decent plot. But, then again, it wasn’t made with the intention of being a good film. It was made as an extension of a “Saturday Night Live” skit with the intention of getting some good laughs and, for the most part, the movie succeeds.

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

The plot (or lack thereof) revolves around Phelps’ radio talk show “The Ladies Man.” On the show, people call in to get Phelps’ advice on sex and relationships. Phelps advises almost never works and makes much of the film’s comedy. He is also so naive that he doesn’t understand that he can’t use foul language.

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

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

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

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

One of the many women Phelps sleeps with is the wife (Tiffani-Amber Thiessen, of “Beverly Hills 90210” fame) of a Greco-Roman wrestler named Brian Delune (played by the always-funny Will Ferrell, also of “SNL“). Delune is so angry that he forms a help group for other men whose wives have been “victimized” by Phelps. In an ensuing scene, the help group does a horrible musical knockoff of a “West Side Story” song that wastes 10 minutes of everyone’s time. This scene utterly kills the movie’s momentum.

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

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

Associated Press

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

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

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

"I haven't taken a week off since the PGA. I've never played that many in a row," said Beckman, at a table and shifted his eyes from the PGA Tour money list to the prize distribution chart.

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

He has finished in the top 30 in six of his last seven tournaments, picking up $171,560 more than he won all of last year as a rookie — and now he has a chance to do what he never dreamed possible just two months ago.

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

"If I were playing in a minor league, I never dreamed just to play in the top 125," Beckman said.

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

"The last round, I'm giving away two shots every week," he moaned. "That's cost me about $500,000. But if I were playing poorly, it might make a difference.

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

Cameron Beckman

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

Last week in Tampa, Beckman three-putted the final hole of the week, which Am ericans rarely win for national sports governing bodies to have many medals are won. Critics said the "money-for-medals" plan was unfair to smaller sports such as archery and table tennis.

"I think the USOC for a long time has been more process-oriented than a business model, and that creates some conflicts," USA Gymnastics President Bob Colarossi said.

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

"The organization deserves the opportunity to re-examine its commitment to change," Blake said.

"I've freed them of the burden of having to worry about Norm Blake.

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

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

"We need someone with broad business experience," USOC President Bill Hybilsaid.

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

Torre’s bullpen was close to perfect as the Yankees extend- ed their World Series lead to 3-1.

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

Torre started the battery Neagle in Game 4 but took note when Mike Piazza crashed a two-run homer against the left-hander.

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decided until a hearing is held to
owner Glen Taylor and general
glion. Possible suspensions fo r
feiting the team's next five first-
David Stern hasn't finished ham­
making a secret deal w ith  Joe
learned what their penalty is for
Stern came down hard
Wednesday on the Timberwolves, 
voiding Smith's contract and for­

$2.5 million contract. Stern went
further, voiding Smith's last
two contracts and thereby strip­

Smith and the

The Knicks and Dallas

money is probably the least
shows that the commissioner is
ing across the page and the draft

quickly indicating an interest in
Smith. The Chicago Bulls, who can
Smith more than any other
team, said they would not com­
pay Smith more than any other

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

NBA arbitrator Kenneth Dam
found that Smith and the
Timberwolves entered into a sepa­
rate, secret agreement to guar­
anteed Smith a lucrative long­
term deal beginning with the
2001-02 season.
The league has long suspected that such secret agreements exist, but no team had ever been caught before.

"This [penalty] reflects the seri­
ousness of a finding of circumven­
tion," NBA attorney Joel Litvin said.

Happy Birthday
Heyl!

Friday, October 27
4:00 p.m. Keenan Great Pumpkin,
Keenan
5:00 p.m. Women's Swimming vs. Miami (Fla.), Rolfs Aquatic Center
6:00 p.m. Men's Swimming vs. Kalamazoo, Rolfs Aquatic Center
6:30 p.m. Football Pep Rally, Joyce Center
7:00 p.m. International Coffee House
presents an Acoustical Performance
of Popular French Songs, CSC
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Open Rec Badminton,
Court 2, Rolfs
7:05 p.m. Men's Hockey Game vs.
Michigan State, Joyce Center Fieldhouse*
7:30 p.m. Men's Soccer Game vs. West Virginia, Alumni Field
7:45 p.m. Kickoff 2000, (Basketball),
Joyce Center Arena
8:00 p.m. ND Glee Club Fall Concert,
Washington Hall*
8:00 p.m. Movie, "The Patriot", DeBartolo 101*
8:00 p.m. Movie, "The Exorcist", DeBartolo 155*
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Thursday, October 26
7:00 p.m. Film, "Dr. Strangelove",
Hesburgh Library Auditorium
7:00 p.m. Sophomore Class Dinner,
LaFortune Ballroom (admission
includes a pass to "The Patriot" on
Thurs.)
7:00 p.m. "Introduction to Natural Family
Planning", LaFortune Student Center
Montgomery Theatre
7:05 p.m. Men's Hockey Game vs.
Michigan State, Joyce Center Fieldhouse*
8:00 p.m. ND Glee Club Fall Concert,
Washington Hall*
8:00 p.m. Chicago Bulls vs. Indiana
Pacers, Joyce Center Arena*
8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Open Rec
Lacrosse, Court 1, Rolfs Sports
Recreation Center
8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards
games open, LaFortune Student Center
9:00 p.m. Acoustic Café, LaFortune
Student Center Huddle
10:30 p.m. Movie, "The Patriot",
DeBartolo 101* and "The Exorcist",
DeBartolo 155*

Saturday, October 28
8:00 p.m. Movie, "The Patriot", DeBartolo
101* and "The Exorcist", DeBartolo 155*
8:00 p.m. "Blak Images, Washington Hall*
8:00 p.m. "The Exorcist", DeBartolo
8:00 p.m. Cinema at the Snite, "Princess
Montonke", Snite Museum*
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. De Playa's Ball
70's Dance, Center for Social Concerns
10:30 p.m. Movie, "The Patriot", DeBartolo
101* and "The Exorcist", DeBartolo 155*

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The St. Louis Rams can

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only hope their new backup
quarterback turns out as well
as the last one.
Just last season, Trent
Green was supposed to be
The Man in St. Louis. Then,
a knee injury in preseason
knocked Green out for the
year, and allowed former
AFC South backfield
Baltimore Ravens

8:30 p.m.-Midnight ND Express Billiards
FREE POOL, LaFortune Student Center
8:30 p.m. 112th annual Sorin Talent
Show, Sorin Hall Front Lawn
9:00 p.m. Game at the Snite, "Princess
Montonke", Snite Museum*
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Flipside Hallow­
een Party, LaFortune Student Center*
10:00 p.m. Tom De Luca, Hypnotist,
Stapen Center
10:30 p.m. Movie, "The Patriot", and
"The Exorcist", DeBartolo 101/155*
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Murphy picked best in conference, Irish slated to finish third

Special to The Observer

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

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

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

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

Greer shared the 1999-00 Big East Most Improved Player award with Seton Hall guard Shaheen Holloway. A 6-5 forward, Greer averaged 18.1 points and 9.8 rebounds for the Pirates. He was third in overall scoring and second to Murphy in rebounding. Greer was the first Pittsburgh player to finish in the top 10 in scoring and rebounding since 1991-92.

Bell was the 1999-00 Big East Rookie of the Year. He set a league freshman scoring record, averaging 20.3 points in conference games. The 6-1 native of Minneapolis, Minn. set a Boston College freshman scoring record with 508 points despite missing the last three games of the season with a knee injury.

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

Lane was the leading scorer on last season's Pirate squad that finished 22-10 and advanced to the East Region semifinals of the NCAA Tournament. A native of Fridley, Minn., he averaged 15.3 points and led all league players with 91 three-point baskets.

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

Irish pegged for third in league

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

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

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

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

Troy Bell, Boston College

Kevin Braswell, Georgetown

Ricardo Greer, Pittsburgh

Darius Lane, Seton Hall

2000-01 Preseason All-BIG EAST Second Team

Albert Mouring, Connecticut

Ruben Boumtje Boumtje, Georgetown

Lee Scruggs, Georgetown

Samuel Dalembert, Seton Hall

Michael Bradley, Villanova

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How Do You Know?
by Fr. Bill Wack, c.s.c.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. What do I want to do? What gives me joy in life?
2. Where are my talents and abilities taking me? How can I best use the gifts God has given me for the good of others?
3. What do others (i.e., those who know me well) think I should do?

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

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

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

Yankees take commanding 3-1 lead over crosstown foes

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

Associated Press

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

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

Over the past four days, the Yankees got right back on track in taking a 3-1 lead in this Subway Series. Jeter homered and tripled, and Mariano Rivera finished off 4 ²/₃ scoreless innings by the Yankees bullpen.

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

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Derek Jeter
Yankees shortstop

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

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

Jeter stepped in and, with many fans still getting settled, launched a drive to deep left. Among those to cheer was one of his best friends, Seattle shortstop Alex Rodriguez, from the front row.

It was a stunning blow, and only the eighth time World Series Game 4 had started with home run, and the first since Rickey Henderson did it for Oakland in 1989.

The hit also signaled the Yankees, and trotted home as Luis Sojo grounded out.

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

Slumping Timo Perez opened the third with a single up the middle and Piazza, who hit a long drive that hooked foul his first time up, lined a 75 mph changeup into the bleachers in left-center field.

Piazza's second two-run homer of the Series also marked his fourth home run of this postseason — a lot of production from the All-Star catcher who went into this October batting only .213 (2-0 for 7-2) with two homers in past postseasons.

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David Overbeeke (Gen. Manager E-business, GE Aircraft Engines)
"Business to Business E-commerce"

September 29
Geoff Robertson (Vice President of Engineering, mvp.com)
"Starting a B2C Company"

October 6
Michael Cullinane (Chief Financial Officer, divem interVentures)
"How to Value an E-business"

October 27
Colleen Sullivan (Dir. of Information Systems, Altel Communications)
"Date Warehousing and Mining for Building Business Intelligence"

November 3
Rick Spurr (Senior Vice President, Entrust Technologies)
"Internet Security Threats and Measures to Deal with Them"

November 10
Reuben Slone (Vice President of Global E-business, Whirlpool)
"Supply Chain Management"

November 17
Cheryl Flettacker (Manager, PricewaterhouseCoopers)
"Conducting E-business Assessment"

Dr. Anatole Gershman (Director, Andersen Consulting)
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Due to food and space limitations, please reserve your spot by 5pm, Monday, October 30th by phone (631-5293) or e-mail (Cahill.19@nd.edu).
Burst pipe floods locker room

**Damaged clubhouse strands Yankees on field at Shea**

NEW YORK

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

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

Ruthe Tchermak, Je ter is about to leave the game since Pete Rose in 1972.

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

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

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

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

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

Another night, another pitcher. This is my fifth.

"I've only played four years before you can be considered a Yankee great," he said back in July after winning the MVP award in the All-Star game. "I've only played four years."

Jeter called the kid, Jeter still calls his manager Mr. Torre.

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

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

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

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

NOTES:
♦ Speaking of the progression of the team’s quarterbacks, Davie said, “With Matt LoVecchio, ArnazBattle, Carlyle Holiday and Jared Clark there’s a bunch of guys there that can do the things we want to do on offense.”

Conspicuously missing from that list was current backup Gary Godsey.

Davie announced that he would meet with Godsey after the Air Force game regarding Godsey’s future, whether it be at quarterback or tight end — where the sophomore played as a freshman.

“He’s a quarterback this week and we’re going to evaluate that whole situation next week when we have a little more time,” Davie said.

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Irish need stellar Big East showing to look ahead to Nationals

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"She [Jenifer] has got to step up big-time. She's capable of being in the top 10," Connelly said. "Megan and Rachel are capable of being in the top 20, and so is Chrissy if she has her best race."

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

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

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

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

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THE OBSERVER ◆ SPORTS
Keough wins but cannot score enough to reach playoffs

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

The heavily favored Keough team came out flat, going three-and-out on its first possession and spoiling a golden opportunity when it recovered a fumble on O’Neill’s 25-yard line. On these two drives, Keough went away from its strong running game of Kevin McKee, Mike Perrone, and Ryan Yorkery. Instead, it tried to open up its offense with passing plays that were quickly snubbed by the powerful pass rush of the Angry Mob defense.

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

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

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

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

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

Dasso reaches quarterfinals of All-American Championship

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“It was a good match,” Louderback said. “Kahvaria hit the ball bigger than I’ve ever seen her hit it. She played Michelle very well.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The tournament pitted the Irish against New Mexico, Colorado State and Colorado.

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

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

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

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

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

The Irish will end their fall play with a tournament at Michigan next weekend.
Irish face off against No. 7 Michigan State on home ice

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

However, none of those wins have come at the Joyce Center. Blackburn has a 4-0-1 record against Notre Dame in his career.

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

But according to Globke, the coaches have not made a decision on the starting goalie. Dunlop said, "This year, we are experienced offensively, and that has translated to more scoring opportunities."

"Every game we have improved," Globke said. "We have got to be ready every night. Any team can win in the CCHA."
Irish aim for upset victory in conference meet

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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Mahan and classmate Marc Striowski have outdone expectations. Heading into the conference meet, both are sure bets to be at the front of the pack.

"I know Luke Watson and Marc Striowski are going to run well," Plano said of his leading duo.

Watson has captured three individual titles this season and placed fourth in the Pre-National Meet. Striowski took 10th in the Pre-National Meet.

"Keith Kelly [Providence] is the favorite," Watson said. "He finished ninth in the nation last year at nationals, so I'm going to key on him and see where that takes me.

The third and fourth runners for the Irish — Pat Conway and Todd Mobley — will also have heavy loads to carry in the 10,000-meter race.

"Pat Conway and Todd Mobley have run consistently all year," Plano said. "But we're going to have to have a much better fifth man."

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

Notre Dame will race time-runners Friday, so if any one of the final five runners has a career day, the Irish should be in good shape.

Mahan battles through troubles to start on Irish line

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Associate Sports Editor

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

Mahan earns his second career start after also earning the nod last year against Boston College.

While cheering fans in the student section will see a player who made 100 pancake blocks in each of his final two seasons, Jenks with current Irish teammate Andy Wurze — responded with a senior season for the record books. Mahan started on both the defensive and offensive lines.

As a senior, Mahan's blocking helped Jenks to a 14-0 record and a state championship. Some in Tulsa consider that team the greatest in Oklahoma history.

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