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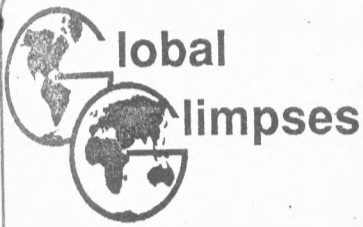


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NORTHBROOK, IL (UPI)- A new survey indicates that nation's teenagers personally are more concerned about AIDS than any other issue but say the economy should be the determining factor in selection a president.

CHICAGO (UPI)- A survey says more than half of Illinois' residents under 40 have put off visits to the doctor's office because they believe they can not afford them. The survey was conducted by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois. Fifty-four percent of the people ages 21 to 39 said they delayed getting medical care because of cost concerns. Eighty-nine percent of those interviewed said insurance coverage should be guaranteed for everyone.

CHICAGO (UPI)- Voter registration in Illinois has hit an all-time high of 6.68 million, eclipsing the mark set eight years ago when Ronald Reagan defeated Walter Mondale.

(UPI)- A poll of Illinois voters shows Democrat Bill Clinton with a double-digit lead over President Bush with just a week left in the campaign.

SPRINGFIELD, IL (UPI)- Top officials from Bill Clinton's presidential campaign criss-crossed Illinois to warn Democrats not to become complacent with a week to go before the election.

DES MOINES, IA (UPI)- President Bush zeroed in on his Democratic challenger's lack of foreign policy experience saying Ark. Gov. Bill Clinton and his running mate have "as much foreign policy experience as Millie," the White House Dog.

(UPI)- President Bush has sought to re-energize his domestic policies, saying that if re-elected he will pursue them as a "conservative activist."

'Great Debate' prepares young voters for election

Michael Sawyer
News staff writer

Questions about political issues were answered last night in "The Great Debate," sponsored by ASC, consisting of students and faculty in Wisner Auditorium. Over 175 students, faculty and administration attended the debate.

ASC members who helped organize the debate were sophomore Jeanne Williams, and juniors Chris Stevens and Jeff Scott. Scott also served as the moderator.

Representing the Republican view point were Dr. Paul Koch, of business and economics departments, Professor William Dean, acting chair of the history department and senior Mike Mathews. Those representing the Democratic views included Gina Lindsey, professor of speech communication, Mike LaReau, of the sociology department and senior Carl Schweitzer.

Scott said that panel members were not sworn to specific parties or positions, but were representing the opposing views. Scott also added that the debate was in no way an opportunity for competition or feuding between Republicans and Democrats.

When asked why Perot and his views were not represented, Scott said, "At the time that we (ASC) conceived the debate idea, Perot had not yet re-entered the race."

"By the time Perot did enter, plans were already underway and most of the issues that Perot addressed are addressed by the other candidates as well," said Scott.

Throughout the debate, Scott felt he was able to present both sides of the issues in a "posi-



Democratic panel members, senior Carl Schweitzer and Professor Gina Lindsey confer before addressing a question with co-panelist Professor Mike LaReau. (GlimmerGlass photo by Jim Bolt)

tive light."

"Our goal with this project was for both positions to be presented in the most positive way possible, to confront the students with the issues and force them to think before they vote," said Scott.

Several issues were addressed during the debate. They included the economy, foreign policy, the educational system, health care, taxes, so-

cial security and the candidates' general character, trustworthiness and integrity.

Each panel had five minutes

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to answer each of the questions directed to them.

When the question was posed to the panels about foreign pol-

icy, the Republican panel replied that as president, George Bush would be better qualified because of his global perspective rather than Bill Clinton's domestic experience. However, the Democratic representatives felt that Clinton's domestic experience was related to foreign policy.

At the end of the debate, students and faculty in the audience See Debate, Cont. on Page 6

Olivetians elected as members of Who's Who

Twenty-one students have been elected by the faculty and junior and senior members of Student Council to receive awards from Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The award recipients are as follows: Marla Asplund, Anthony Bellomy, Jennifer Black, Lori Brooks, Erik Chalfant, Debra Coomer, Karen Daugherty, Benjamin Heid, Jason Hendrick, Gene Kim, Julie Knight, Timothy Lehman, Chad Meyers, Scott Rainey, Brad Reedy, Carl Schweitzer, Cathy Lynn Seabolt, Angela Sears, Chris Shride, Tanya Trepanier, and Paul Whitelaw.

Many areas were examined for selection, including scholarship, participation and leadership in academic and extra-curricular activities, citizenship and service to Olivet, potential for See Who's Who, Cont. on Pg. 6

Patrick Thimangu
News staff writer

While President George Bush, Governor Bill Clinton and H. Ross Perot compete vigorously for the presidency of the world's most powerful democracy, voters continue to ponder the issues, making last minute decisions on who will best represent their interests in the White House.

The youth (age 18-30) have a big role to play in the presidential election not only because they make up a large part of the entire U.S. population, but because the effects of political decisions today will decide and shape their future. But how involved are the youth and what are their concerns in this election?

ASC President, Angie Sears who is also a Democrat thinks, "There will be an increase of young voters because candidates are reaching out to them."

According to Olivet graduate Melinda Harris, 23, president of the 35 member Kankakee Young Republicans Party, "The youth are more aware of politics than they used to be...thanks to MTV and 'Rock the Vote'."

Candace Sherman, 23, a social

Youth argue political issues

worker and also a graduate of Olivet, is a staunch democrat and seems to echo the same idea although she said, "The youth might not vote on strong party lines but will vote for whoever moves them inside." Sherman also explained that when the youth vote it is in most instances based on what political party to which their parents belong.

Debbie Coomer, a junior who is an undecided voter, said, "I don't feel I've enough information," while explaining that the media is not giving enough accurate information to voters.

Senior Kim Taylor feels youth "definitely are not involved enough, they don't feel their votes will mean anything."

Like their older counterparts the youth are concerned about issues that

need to be addressed during this election period. "The economy is definitely an issue." Harris said while arguing that President Bush should not be blamed entirely for the economic woes of the country.

"I feel it's not the presidency...Congress is the one that votes on the bills and it's essentially a Congress controlled by Democrats." Harris elaborated while also pointing out that Democrats are notorious for a tax and spend policy.

Sherman said, "Trickle down economics has failed and Governor Clinton has now got a published economic plan that could work." Sherman elaborated by saying that many factory workers have lost their jobs and that many middle class people have moved down to the poverty line courtesy of the Bush economic era.

Sears also felt that the economy was an important issue because "the recession will effect my ability to get a job."

"Domestic issues need to be addressed, that includes education, health care and abortion," said Sears.

Harris and Sherman felt the youth are concerned about the issue of health care. Although both of them did not claim to speak for all local youth they felt most of their concerns had a bearing to political sentiments expressed by thier age group.

Sherman, due to her social work background, felt a change has to be made regarding health care.

"There are 40 million people without health insurance in the country...national health care should be instituted. It's worked in Sweden, England and Canada therefore it can work in the U.S.," said Sherman.

"Look at how much Canadians are taxed," Harris said. Harris also argued that she did not believe that nationalization of health care was the answer to the problem, instead she felt that malpractice lawsuits had forced the prices of medical insurance to increase.

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Poll results reveal ONU students' political views

by Sarah Bennett, Opinions editor

If this year's presidential election was decided by ONU students, it would go to President Bush, according to a poll conducted by the GlimmerGlass over the past two weeks. Results also show that students are taking advantage of their right to vote and are concerned about the issues involved in the election.

The Opinions section selected a random sample of 250 on-campus and off-campus students and mailed questionnaires, 86 of which were returned anonymously. Eighty-six out of a campus population of over 2000 represents only about 4 percent; the percentage of error may be high.

On-campus students may be over-represented due to difficulties locating campus box numbers of selected off-campus students, and the percentage of students who plan to vote may be high since those people who do plan to vote may be more likely to respond.

The questions asked included:
 ■ Do you plan to vote on Nov. 3, assuming you are eligible?
 ■ If so, for whom do you plan to vote?
 ■ Are you registered with a political party, and if so, which one?
 ■ For you, what is the biggest issue in the election?

The party registration of stu-

dents proved to have an interesting sideline—not everyone registered with a certain party plans to vote for the party's candidate. Two registered Republicans have decided to vote for Clinton, and one for Perot; one Democrat is switching over this election to vote for Bush; and of the three registered Independents, two will vote for Bush and one for Clinton.

The issues represented in the bar graph were the ones most frequently mentioned by survey respondents. The economy was cited by nearly 30 percent of voters and, interestingly, was the only one that showed up among supporters of all three candidates, as well as non-voters.

Abortion was the second most frequently reported concern, and was comprised entirely of Bush supporters. Bush supporters also dominated in the third category of character/personal morality, but several undecided voters expressed concern as well.

The deficit, taxes and education show Bush supporters expressing the most concern but Clinton supporters also concerned, and health care was split. Other issues split between voters for Bush and Clinton were military spending and foreign

policy.

Bush dominated in other categories: 7% of his supporters prefer his policy on gay rights, another 7% believe his experience is an advantage, and 2% named "child care" as a concern.

Most responders named more than one area of concern. For example, the biggest issues for one student were "the economy and how we will help ourselves, and also help Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union with their new freedom." Another wrote, "I don't trust the integrity of Bill Clinton and Ross Perot. I do support the honesty of George Bush and especially Dan Quayle."

One Bush supporter who was concerned about the economy wrote, "... I know a lot of people blame Bush, but he can't do things to change and improve it if the Congress will not allow him to." Another was "amazed at the general ignorance most politicians show about the complexity of the U.S. medical field. There is no instant solution to health care problems, as some would have us believe," this student wrote.

Of course, along with such answers were the ones stating that the respondent preferred Bush because "He has the warmest smile," and "There's just something wrong with Clinton."

Clinton supporters also had

their own issues, mostly traditionally Democratic concerns. "Change" led with 29%, followed by welfare programs with 12%. Jobs, civil rights, women's issues and the environment received 6%, or one vote, each.

One Clinton supporter sees "social justice" as the key issue. "I do not believe this election can be determined by any one issue. Focusing on only one issue seems to be a way of ignoring or avoiding the complexities of life." Another, concerned about the economy, put it succinctly: "How Bush has screwed up our economy."

One student wants to "get our

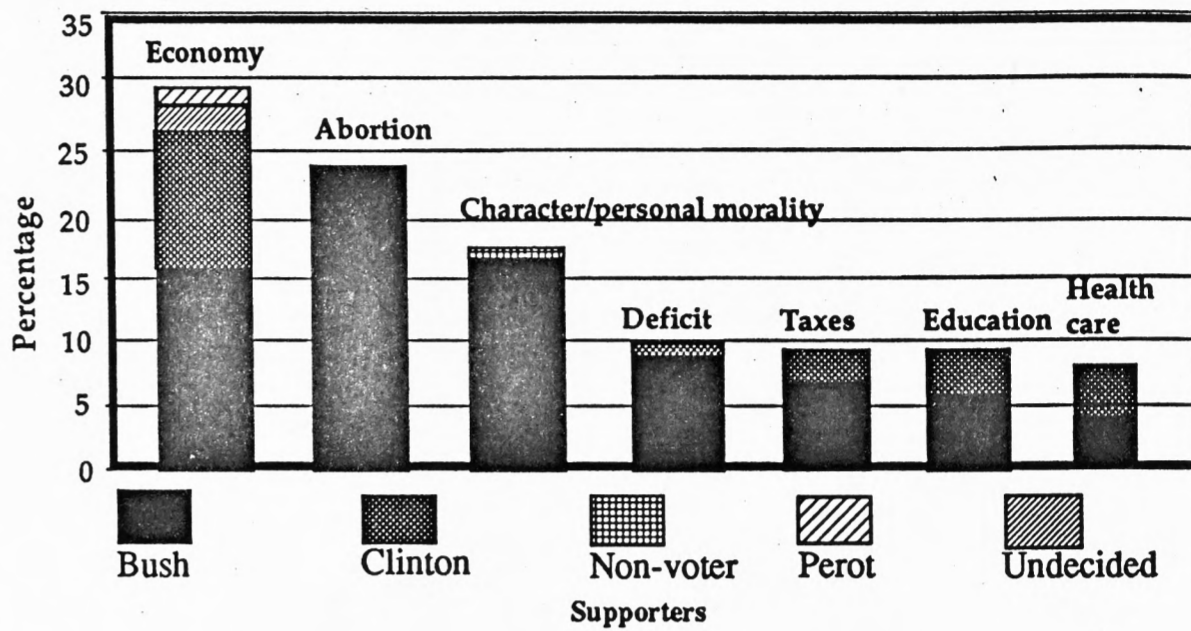
country back on top of things" and is worried about "the poor getting poorer, the rich getting richer, and the middle class paying it all." One person voting for Clinton had an interesting perspective on abortion—"If I thought Bush would (or could) actually do anything about putting a stop to abortion, I might consider voting for him. But I don't think it's too likely, so I might as well vote for someone who might get some other things accomplished."

Interestingly, 40% of the non-voters voiced concern about the candidates' personal relationship with God, the only ones to do so. One

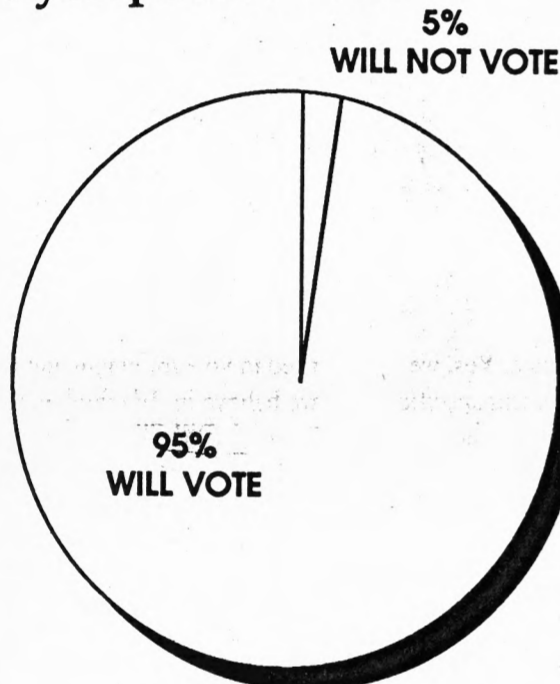
student wrote, "It's not a matter of who's going to bring down our country, it's how they will... The most important thing to keep in mind is his Christianity. If he has morals and a strong belief in Christ, everything else will fall into place."

The overriding area of concern seemed to be the economy, especially when related subjects such as taxes, jobs, military spending, the deficit, welfare, and health care are taken into consideration. Moral/character issues such as abortion, gay rights, and personal character came in second.

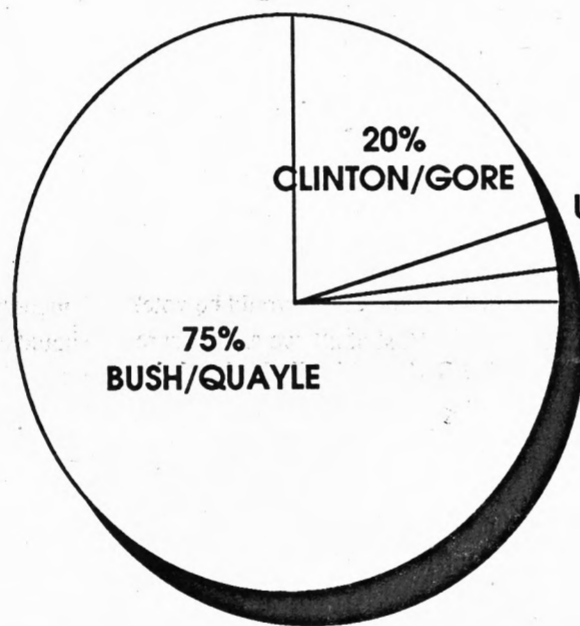
What issues in the election concern you the most?



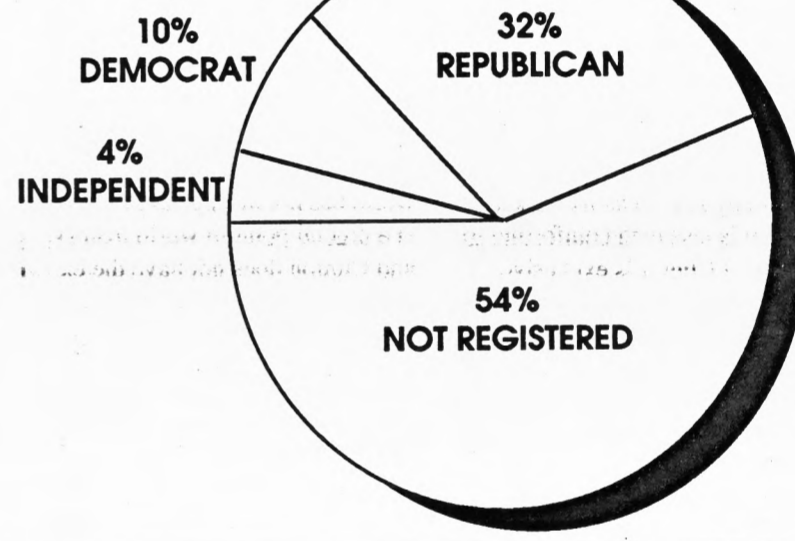
Do you plan to vote?



For whom will you vote?



Are you registered with a political party?



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Letters to the Editor

Nation's economy, 'moral structure' in trouble

Dear Editor,
 Jobs and the economy! It's on everyone's lips and it's understandable. It's tragic if you don't have a job to pay your bills, buy food, take care of yourself and your family. What has brought us to this point in America?
 I believe you and I have brought us to this point.
 About 35 years ago we were seeing beautiful things in our stores—Christmas ornaments, toys, clothes—that were all well made and very reasonable. They were made in a foreign country and they were cheaper than the items made in America, so I started buying these items. Didn't you? Millions of other Americans did the same. Countless other items flooded the marketplace over the next years.
 About nine years ago, I tried to find a pair of American shoes in a large department store. There were none. Over the next several years I became more aware of what we had done to our own American industry...
 Factories continue to close—they move to locations where labor is cheap and restrictions and enforcements are practically nil. Our country, one of many, has been devastated over

the past decade or so by factory closures. We need to tell these factories we will not buy their products when they have taken away our jobs.
 How about it, fellow Americans? Look around your homes. What do the labels read on the products you have purchased? Do the majority read "Made in America"?
 Over the years there have been problems with unions and companies and employees fighting over working conditions, money, etc. Isn't it way past time to settle these differences and make a healthy working condition in America? ... Until fair trading agreements are worked out, we need to put Americans back to work making good products at reasonable prices for fair wages.
 ... The other problem that is a plague in our nation, and in my opinion is more important than the economy, is our moral structure (or what seems to be such a lack of moral structure). And again, I believe you and I have brought our nation to this point.
 About 30 years ago, sex education in schools was being promoted. What a great idea! Why not? The first programs appeared

to be good—informative and presented in a decent way. But during the next years, sex education became a nightmare, a monster in our schools. There is so much more to teach a child than how to have sex and that using a condom promotes safe sex. What about morality in relationships?
 Oh yes, and then if things go wrong and you get pregnant, you can kill your baby. (Of course, they don't phrase it that way; they say, "We can fix the problem.") Yes, you can kill your baby, and there are those who are fighting over our tax money to kill those babies.
 Sexually transmitted diseases are rampant. AIDS is killing thousands of people... America, if we don't wake up and start educating our kids, they are going to die and we will be responsible for their ignorance, and consequently their deaths.
 ... God has shown me that if I don't stand up against the murder of these little babies, I am just as guilty as the person who aborted them. We are horrified by reports of murder in our cities, but what about the murders of babies taking place every day by methods that are so horrifying that many

nurses won't even assist?
 ... Society is teaching our children that they have a right to kill. Why is there such little regard for life and rights of others? Because it is legal to kill people...
 There are two bills ready to be presented to Congress in January. One is the Freedom of Choice Act which will allow the murder of a child with very few restrictions. The other is to legalize homosexuality and sodomy, which is a sin and abomination against God. The only way to change these conditions is to change laws. Chad Koppie is an independent candidate for the U.S. Senate, the only pro-life candidate for this office.
 There are millions of Americans who love God and America. We have been crying out to God, asking for forgiveness for our sins and the sins of our country. God has heard us and is going before us, raising up a mighty army to heal our land.
 God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16.
 --Renetta Laird
 Right to Life

Bush meets high expectations for nation's leadership

by Stephanie Burggraf, Opinions writer

This year I am voting for a president, and because I have high expectations for the president, I am left with only one candidate for whom to vote. I expect the president to be first, a leader. I expect the leader of this nation to have an understanding of duty and commitment. The president of the United States must also have experience in world politics and a record of performing under pressure. Our leader is expected to be credible and trustworthy. For these reasons there is only one candidate who can be considered "presidential." That is George Bush.

I'm looking for a leader. A look at the Democratic candidate inspires no admiration in me and is amusing at best. Bill Clinton's campaign promises sound great. This is because regardless of who you are and what you want, he has promised to give it to you. (If you are a registered voter, that is.)

Clinton is going to improve education, discover the solution to the health care crisis within the first 100 days of his administration, save the economy, conquer the national deficit and find the money to spend on innumerable other causes.

Clinton's list of promises make him sound less like a politician and more like a magician. With expectations like this, I don't know why the Democratic party did not just nominate David Copperfield. It may be because Clinton is familiar with a sleight of hand that even Copperfield is not slick enough to pull off.

This trick of the trade is commonly known as increased taxes. It is less than comforting to know that Clinton's expansive campaign promises will be coming out of my pocket. I find his economic policy to be careless at best as he creates his platform by promising to please everyone. Clinton is being led around by every interest group he bumps into. He is not the leader this country is looking for.

I find Bush's approach and his policies to be much more realistic. Bush is not spending his time kissing up to the media and patronizing the public with outrageous campaign promises. He is straightforward and to the point, presenting his platform without fanfare. And the platform makes sense to me. It is a realistic and sane means of attaining the change that this nation agrees is needed.

Bush's platform includes support of the balanced budget amendment that Clinton opposes. Bush also supports tax incentives to assist low income families in obtaining affordable health insurance. This is a much more realistic approach than Clinton's proposed move toward socialized medicine. In short, Bush

does not sway back and forth with the whim of every interest group. His realistic goals are evidence of his leadership experience.

However, leadership experience is not the limit of my expectations. The president should also exhibit an understanding of duty and commitment. This is the point on which Bush and Clinton most obviously differ. Clinton's values end at his belief in Bill Clinton. His duty is to himself alone.

How could I take seriously Clinton's oath, as president, to defend the Constitution, when oaths to country and family have obviously meant so little to him in the past? Clinton has a history of doing what pleases him, regardless of prior commitments, promises or duties.

It has been said that this election comes down to the character question. At this point, Bush is obviously the winner. His commitment to country is evidenced by a history of service and respect for duty.

Not only does Bush have a history of service, but he also has an impressive record of foreign policy experience. He has shown himself capable of operating in the arena of world politics. This is an issue that Clinton chooses to ignore.

While riding the tide of domestic discontent, Clinton seems to have forgotten about foreign policy and the important role that the United States plays in international affairs. The Cold War may be over, but the rest of the world has not disappeared. We are at a crucial point in world history, and Clinton does not have the experience or knowledge to handle this nation's foreign policy needs.

Finally, Bush is not only a trustworthy leader, familiar with national and international politics, but he is also a leader capable of performing well under pressure, as he demonstrated in Desert Storm.

Until now, I have given most of my attention to the main party candidates, but I would be remiss if I did not address another challenger, H. Ross Perot.

To be fair, there was a time, around mid-summer, when Perot had a chance. But I suppose that the grueling campaign and the hounding media are probably one of the best tests this nation has devised in order to evaluate the stamina and ability of presidential candidates. If Perot thought the campaign was tough, he doesn't want to see Washington D.C. Enough said.

Some may argue that my expectations of this nation's leader are too strenuous. But they have served me well in deducing that this year's only qualified candidate is George Bush.

Vote for nation's president, not pastor

by Carl Schweitzer and Gina Lindsey

In *Newsweek* recently we saw a photograph of an anti-gay rights march in Boston. A handwritten sign carried by a fundamentalist protester declared that God hates homosexuals.

The sign also used a reference from Leviticus to support its argument. We were outraged that someone calling himself a Christian could declare, publicly no less, that God hates anyone, and find biblical references to back it up!

As we read the article, we smugly assured ourselves that at least we are not like that at Olivet! However, we may not be as far from this mindset as we think. This became painfully clear when we found a pamphlet left for us with the warning: "Christian beware . . . to vote for Bill Clinton is to sin against God."

By now everyone should have an adequate grasp of the main issues of the 1992 presidential election. The one thing we cannot seem to get past, however, is the idea that voting creates a spiritual dilemma for the Christian citizen—as in the pamphlet, to vote for George Bush is to be "in accord with righteousness." But we do not believe that choosing a president should be a religious issue.

For example, we do not need to know about the spiritual life of a plumber. Sure, we want to know that he or she is honest and trustworthy, so that we do not get plastic pipes installed when we have paid for copper. But mostly we want to know that he or she can get the job done. Granted, the job of president is monolithic, but there are essential qualifications which one should look for in each applicant; the president needs to be

a good communicator, a diplomat, an ambassador, a legislator, a person of vision, an economist, a representative of citizens' needs, etc. The question remains, then, which candidate will most effectively perform these duties, not which man is the better Christian, Bill Clinton or George Bush.

Moreover, we are not choosing the nation's pastor next week, we are choosing a president. With the separation of church and state, it is not necessary for us to make a religious decision. And as Christian ethics scholar Dr. David Kale suggests, if voting were a spiritual endeavor, all true Christians would have to vote for the same candidate, which is not the case.

Of course, Kale says, there are spiritual issues incorporated into each party's platform, issues that demand value-based judgments, but no more on one side than the other. If the Republicans are against a liberal stance on homosexuality and abortion, for example, the Democrats support social programs to relieve the suffering of the impoverished and underprivileged, as Christ commands. And in any case, it is impossible to tell which candidate is holier; all we know is that they are both church-goers and both profess to be "religious."

But people still insist upon dragging God into this campaign. So let us ask ourselves, if Jesus were a citizen of the United States in 1992, for whom would he vote?

First of all, we are not sure that God would sully his hands by being involved in an election characterized by political mudslinging and dehumanizing smears.

On the other hand, He did seem to have a healthy respect for government and its operations (did He not say "Render unto Caesar . . .?"), so He probably would do His duty as a taxpaying citizen and vote on Nov. 3. And given all of His statements about washing the feet of the poor and afflicted and the meek inheriting the earth and serving the least among us as we would serve Him, we can infer that He would want His tax money spent on the causes highlighted in the Democratic platform.

Consequently, we feel that He would vote for Bill Clinton. Further, as an ONU student wisely surmised, Jesus was a carpenter, so that makes Him a construction worker who would be put back to work by Bill Clinton building new roads, bridges, and high-speed rail systems!

This brings us to the main argument of the "Christians beware . . ." pamphlet and, arguably, to the most pertinent issue of the 1992 election—the recession. The tract argues that the only reason that Christians might consider voting for Clinton is because the economy is so dismal. It says, therefore, that to vote for Clinton is to be motivated by the love of money which, of course, is the root of all evil.

HELLO! Couldn't one just as easily say that George Bush represents the "love of money" exhibited by the nation's wealthy elite?

But the point is that it is inappropriate to deify the position of president so that Christians are forced to vote for a "godly" or "ungodly" candidate. Yes, we should ethically assess specific issues, but the bottom-line question in choosing a president is who will do his job most effectively, and who will best address our needs. We believe that

Bill Clinton is that man.

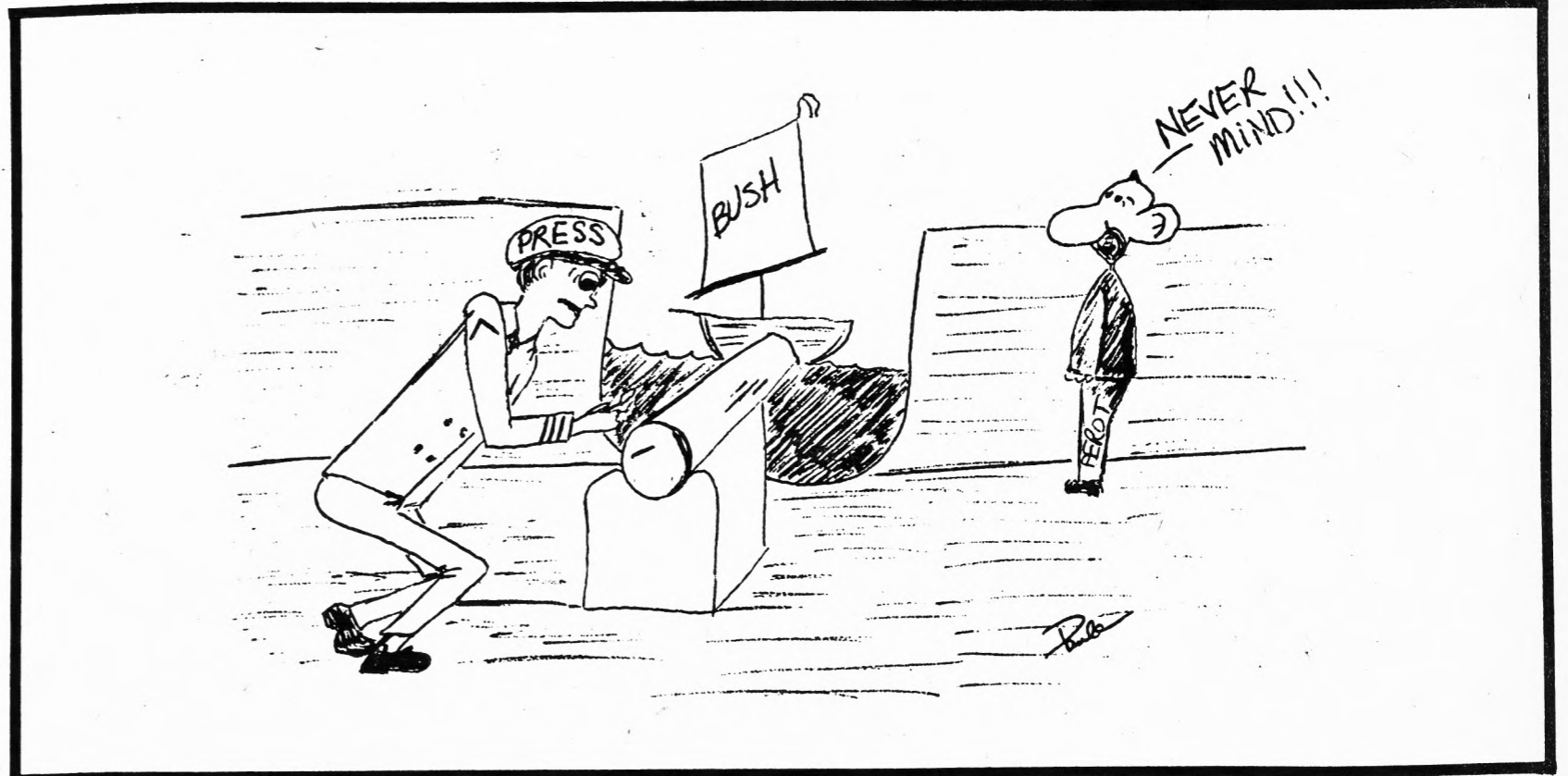
An abridged list of Clinton's goals includes economic recovery through defense cuts, revitalization of cities, encouragement of private investment, better access to world markets, and the creation of new jobs from rebuilding the country's infrastructure. He also advocates tax fairness, abolition of the present welfare system, job training, family leave, education reform through increased standards and a national service program to payback student loans. Clinton's plan will also provide quality, affordable health care by controlling costs and phasing in universal access to basic medical coverage. Finally, the Democratic platform is strongly committed to environmental protection and energy efficiency.

Also, we find it peculiar that young people who are by nature idealistic and visionary, and who historically have been the most stringent advocates of social reform, are so complacently conservative (complacently being the operative word for most folks around here!)

Students of any university are mainly there for career preparation. Therefore, some of their biggest concerns should be about education reform and student loan programs, the state of the economy and the availability of jobs, taxes on middle incomes and health care costs, and environmental issues.

With these things in mind, it would seem that voting for anyone besides Bill Clinton would be to vote against ourselves. We need to vote for whom and what we believe in. We think the right person is Bill Clinton.

If you agree and choose to vote for him, we promise you won't be eternally condemned for it.



Perot offers economic plan, new approach

by Patrick L. Thimangu, News writer

When H. Ross Perot re-entered the presidential race it was argued he would not register more than single digit points on any election poll in this country.

Not only was Perot labeled a quitter, but he was called a cold businessman with dictatorial tendencies, and most recently has been described as a man suffering from conspiracy paranoia.

Despite those allegations (or facts, depending on who one believes), Perot continues to edge up in the polls, and his infomercials continue to attain superior ratings on national television, a fact media experts are finding hard to comprehend. How can political ads attract such attention, especially Perot's?

It is plain and simple. Americans are just displaying what has made them so distinct from

most nations: the adventurous spirit that has always led them to look for better ways of doing things, even if it means changing the approach of well established systems like government.

Perot happens to be just that kind of alternative in the sense that he offers a different approach to a government plagued with party gridlock, wasteful bureaucracy and thousands of plans which even President Bush admits cannot be implemented.

The fact that Perot has addressed the issues of the towering \$4 trillion deficit, the deteriorating economy, and the "big sucking sound" that will be made by American jobs rushing to foreign countries, while being

important, is not what makes him the best candidate.

Efficiency, innovation, purposefulness and old-fashioned patriotism are the qualities that make Perot a good contender for the White House. While his opponents argue that he has no political experience, it could be his asset, in that change is best brought about by one outside the system.

Government is not business or politics, so Perot can't run it. Said who?

If lobbyists for foreign countries and foreign corporations can work for the Bush and Clinton campaigns while also making deals that end up backfiring on American companies, then

Americans need to have a President who can tell the head from the tail of business. Why let amateurs do things?

In the Michigan debate, Bush admitted there were individuals working in political parties while also lobbying for foreign countries, but quickly pointed out that there was nothing illegal about it. This is the kind of thing Perot questions.

Why should the political process be influenced by foreign countries through lobbyists? In whose interest do those people work?

Perot's purpose is explained in plain, ordinary talk. Perot is getting into politics to change things, something he has already done by forcing Bush and Clinton to seriously talk about the economy, and by also daring to ignore

the press, which has tended to force the issues on people.

Perot has also created an economic plan that would erase the deficit in five years and has challenged Bush and Clinton to come up with something better; this they have failed to do. His proposals call for a decrease in defense spending by reducing forces in Europe and by asking Asia and Europe to pay \$100 billion towards their own defense.

Unlike the other candidates, who have promised not to tax or to only tax the rich, Perot more realistically proposes to raise taxes for those who earn more than \$55,000 annually, while also increasing the gas federal tax by ten cents every year for the next five years.

By creating urban enterprise zones, eliminating capital

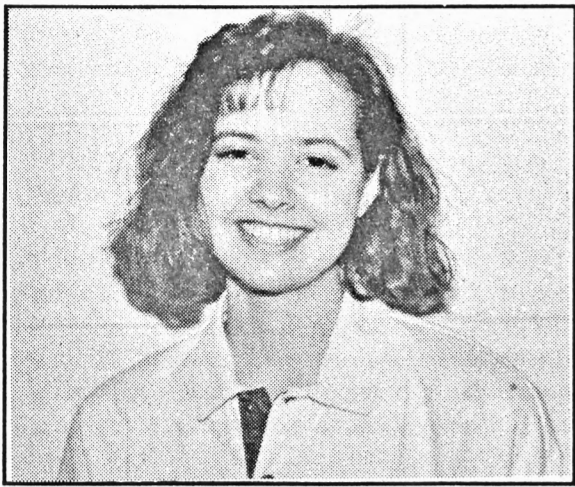
gains tax on small investors, offering gains tax for machinery and equipment and reducing tax for long term investments, Perot hopes to kick-start the economy, get Americans back to work, and at the end of it all have a surplus of \$10 billion.

Judging by his success in business, Perot could do it, and because he has promised not to run for presidency again, it would mean that the sacrifices he calls for will last for only five years.

Voters therefore have the options of either electing a man who has failed to implement programs he has, one who owes so much to different groups that he fails to really pin-point objectives and directions, or Ross Perot, who is asking for a different approach to government.

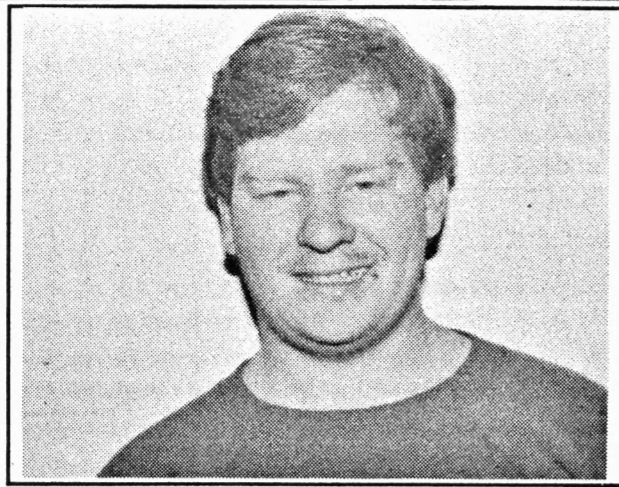
Voices

What are the important issues in the election and why?



Name: Vicki Dishon
Class: Sophomore
Major: Biology

"As Christians, in any election our top priority needs to be looking at what the candidates support to see how that matches our Christian values. The overall stand that Bush and Quayle take is closest to my ethical standards."



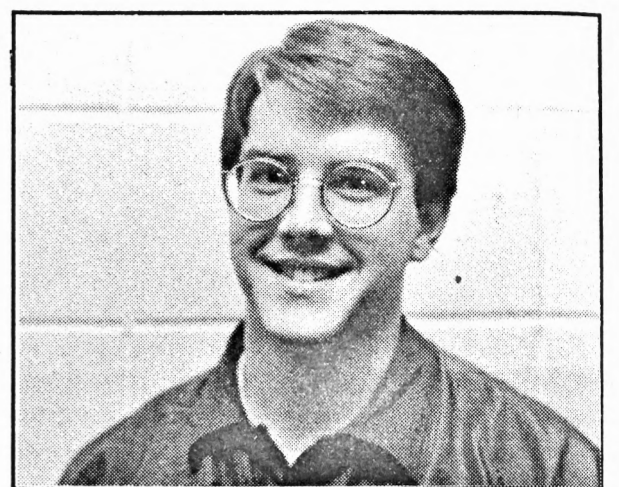
Name: Glen Sheets
Class: Senior
Major: Psychology

"America is still the greatest country in the world, but something must be done about the \$4 trillion deficit. The way to fix it is not to whine about Japanese competition, but to fix it by creating jobs, stimulating economic growth, and cutting corporate taxes."



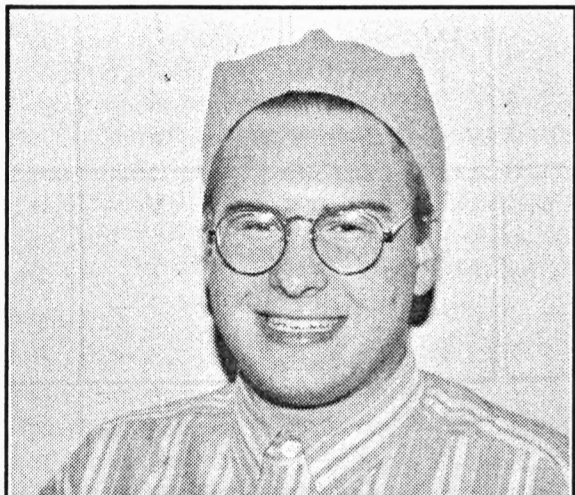
Name: Jill Hunerdosse
Class: Junior
Major: English

"There are several issues, but two most important ones. I believe very strongly in the family and the sanctity of life. Education is also very important. I believe not enough emphasis is put on education, and I think the president and first lady are very passionate about it."



Name: Shalom Renner
Class: Sophomore
Major: Theology

"Since the economy plays a vital role in all aspects of the country's life, it is ridiculous to believe that a party which has betrayed the future generations in order to gratify its own lust for money would so suddenly change its perspective in order to protect the common man."



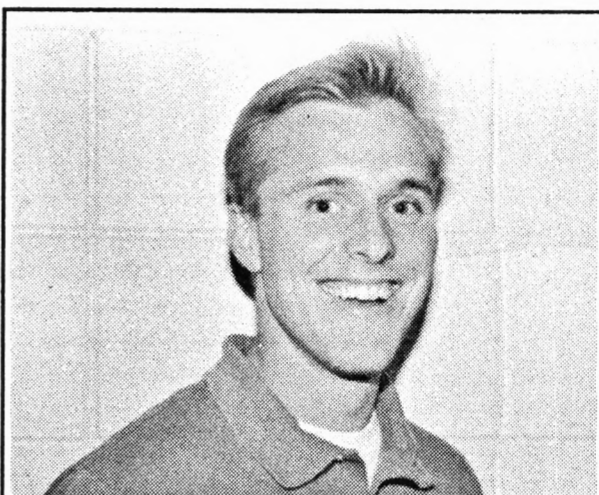
Name: Michael Sawyer
Class: Freshman
Major: English/Speech Communications

"I think we need to get out of the slump we're in now and get some new blood, new leadership, in the office."



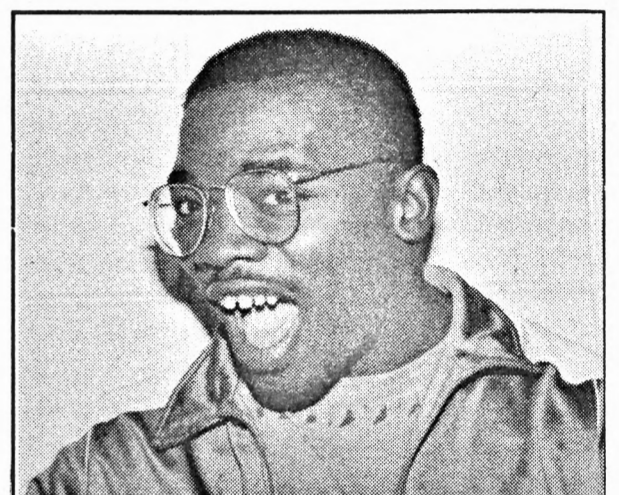
Name: Jodi Goble
Class: Junior
Major: Music

"Personally, if I could find a campaign sticker for him, I would vote for Charlie Brown. He's about as politically profound as the three candidates running, and a whole lot cuter."



Name: Dan Phillips
Class: Senior
Major: Religion

"I think that in this election, where every candidate has an economic plan, we need to look beyond that and evaluate their moral stances. Bush has the best morals, both personally and in his platform."



Name: Ranier Caldwell
Class: Junior
Major: Communication

"Education is an important issue for me because even though I am almost done with school, candidates' actions will affect the generation behind me, the one I will depend on to take care of me in the future. I am also worried about which candidate will address Black America."

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Debates set agenda

Dean Gebert
Staff writer

In a final, frantic dash to the Nov. 3 elections, the presidential candidates engaged in a series of three debates spanning across a nine day period.

These debates, held on college campuses in St. Louis (American University), East Lansing (Michigan State University), and Boston (Boston University) have been the subject of conversation and controversy for most Americans during the past week and a half.

Debates in the past have helped the public decide for whom to cast their vote. In the Carter/Reagan debates, Reagan took control early and appeared to be self-assured and confident while Carter seemed to be preachy and pressing in regard to the issues.

The Bush/Dukakis debates showed Dukakis as impersonal, while Bush was concerned with the welfare of the American people. Similarly, the Bush/Clinton debates aided Americans in making their decision.

Mark Mousa, a sophomore transfer student said, "...they (the debates) helped me solidify my decision as to which candidate I'm voting for."

All three parties expressed concern for preserving the environment, limiting tax increases and balancing the growing deficit of the United States. However, each group of candidates had their own agenda for the debates.

Bush and Quayle were determined to undermine Clinton's reliability by pushing the theme of trust. Bush, from the onset of the debates, sharply assaulted Clinton's record as governor in Arkansas and his constantly changing position on dodging the draft. Bush claims that "...he'll do for the United States what he did for Arkansas. We do not want to be the lowest of the low."

Even Perot sided with Bush on this point, saying that he does not believe that being governor of Arkansas is appropriate training for leading the United States. He equated it to managing a store on the corner in a small town as opposed to managing a Wal-Mart store.

Clinton and Gore, on the other

hand, tried to show that Bush was unable to balance the budget and keep the economy on an even keel. Clinton said that he, "can't believe that he (Bush), is accusing me of getting on both sides. He said Trickle-down Economics was Voodoo Economics, now he's its biggest practitioner."

Clinton said that he plans to deviate from Trickle-down Economics, which he thinks does not work, and plans on asking the wealthy Americans, not the middle-class, to pay their share in taxes.

Clinton also accused the Bush administration of "coddling" Saddam Hussein prior to the American attack on Hussein's forces. Perot had the sharpest remarks this subject, demanding Bush to release incriminating, sealed documents pertaining to the Kuwait invasion. Perot claims to have read these papers and says that the American people have the right to know "what really happened."

Perot and Stockdale tried to steer clear of the mudslinging and stay focused on the issues, particularly the economics of the United States. Both the presidential candidate and his running-mate drew laughter and applause from the audience through their colorful language and their straightforward approach to the campaign. Perot, in one of his speeches, said that if Bush implements NAFTA, (North American Free Trade Agreement), Americans will "hear a giant sucking sound of jobs being pulled out of our country." He also explained that he was upset with the Republican party due to the great lengths they took to destroy his character earlier in the year.

The vice presidential candidates had their share of tricks up their political sleeves, as well. Quayle was attacking Gore by asking people if they trust the Democratic candidates enough to run the United States, while Gore was gunning for Clinton by asking when the Republican candidates were going to start worrying about the American people.

During the course of the evening, Stockdale stayed away from criticizing the other two candidates, for the most part, saying that he felt like "an observer at a Ping-Pong game." He went on to say that his rivals are prime examples of the problems in Washington.

What happens behind the curtain

Jantell Conder
Staff writer

Voting time is here again, and for registered voters of Bourbonnais' precinct #10, the place to be on Nov. 3 is Maternity BVM School, located to the north of the ONU campus, behind Maternity BVM church.

The school will open the doors to the main foyer at 6 a.m., and close at 7 p.m. The school will function as a polling place where students and other residents of district 10 can cast their ballot for the next president and other elected officials.

According to Ester Fox, administrative assistant to Kankakee County Clerk, Bruce Clark, the voting process is easy enough to allow participation from everyone. There are some steps that voters need to be aware of, said Fox.

Upon entering the polling room, there will be a long table with five persons seated to assist the voter. Everyone must go to this table to begin the voting process. Each member at this table has a specific function.

The first judge will take the voter's name, hand out a voting application, and ask the voter if a voting demonstration is desired.

The next two judges work together to find the voter's name in binder books which are comprised of several volumes of registered voters in the precinct. Once the name has been found, it is read aloud and the voter must sign his or her name in full view of the judges. One more step is necessary before the voter receives a ballot.

The fourth judge takes the voter's application and replaces it with a ballot and envelope which is initiated by the judge. The voter then heads off to make their decisions behind a heavy curtain.

After the votes have been cast, the voter emerges from behind the curtain and hands the ballot to the fifth and final judge, who checks to make sure both ballot and envelope have been initiated by a judge. Finally, the judge tears the stub from the ballot which is handed to the voter for his or her records, then drops the sealed envelope, containing the ballot, into the ballot box. Fox said that all precinct judges are recommended by the state board of elections. Both parties are represented to promote fairness. In this election, the five judges consist of three Republicans and two Democrats.

In addition to the five judges that will be present on election day, there will be "pollwatchers". These men and women are paid by their respective parties to observe the activity in the polling room. Their purpose in the election is to make sure that the voting is on the up and up.

"They may not in any way interfere with the flow of voting—they can only watch," said Fox.

Voters must use the south entrance of BVM, because school is in session in other parts of the building. Father Tom Von Behren, assistant Bishop of BVM Church, suggested that ONU students use the path located behind Miller Business Center for easy access. He also adds that the athletes entering from the gym are more than welcome to "jump the fence."

Voting has taken place at the school for as long as Von Behren can remember. The location was chosen for non-political reasons. Factors in choosing the location include: wheelchair accessibility, ample parking, building availability, and administrative willingness to rent. Von Behren said that he hopes to see his fellow voters at the polls.

Regular season ends for soccer team

Jay Phillips
Assistant sports editor

Olivet's soccer team finished its regular season play last night with a record of 6-9-3.

The Tigers lost three and tied in one of their last four games.

The Tigers' final game of the season was against National Louis University. Olivet lost 5-0 as National Louis scored two goals in the first half and three in the second to come away with the victory.

Preceding the National Louis game was the Oct. 26 game against St. Francis College. Olivet lost the game by the narrow margin of 4-3. Sophomore Tom Butterfield scored Olivet's first goal of the game assisted by junior Justin Spackey.

The second goal was the result of Brian Wardlaw being tripped in the penalty box as Spackey scored off a blocked penalty kick. Butterfield came through again by scoring the third and final goal for Olivet assisted by Kevin Wardlaw.

On Oct. 24 the team tied Grand Rapids Baptist College 3-3.

The game was a back and forth battle from start to finish. Butterfield scored Olivet's first goal unassisted. Kevin Wardlaw scored the Tigers' second goal of the game. His goal was also unassisted. The third goal of the game came from senior Rodney Durbin assisted by freshman Brian Wardlaw.

On Oct. 21 the Tigers lost to Trinity Christian College 4-1. Kevin Wardlaw scored ONU's lone goal while Jack Ratliff received the assist.

"I'm disappointed in the team's season record because it is the second worst season we've had

since I started coaching," said Head Coach Larry Cary. Cary added, "Another reason I was disappointed was the fact that we had such a good start and then we hit a slump."

The regular season may be over but National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) tournament is yet to come for ONU. The team will be traveling to Missouri to play Greenville College on Nov. 6.

Golf finishes third in CCGO

Nyla Crum
Sports writer

The golf team, coached by Larry Watson, finished third this season in the Chicagoland Collegiate Golf Conference. The team consisted of 5 players: senior Mark Atkinson, junior Tim Atkinson, junior Jason Shaw, freshman Craig Harden, and freshman Ryan Newell.

The conference included seven schools. Olivet, St. Francis, Trinity, Rockford, North Eastern Ill., Depaul, and Loyola. Loyola took first and DePaul took second. Olivet finished only one point behind Depaul to take third. Craig Harden placed fifth, and Ryan Newell placed sixth overall.

Mark Atkinson is the only senior on the team this year. Atkinson has played for Olivet all four years and Coach Watson said he is "a great player, and good guy to have around."

The team's next big tournament is the District 20 on April 26 and 27 when the new season begins.

"We are the team to beat," stated Watson. If the team wins the District they will then represent District 20 at the National Conference in Jacksonville, Fla. on June 1-4, 1993.

Lady Tigers struggling through season

Nyla Crum
Sports writer

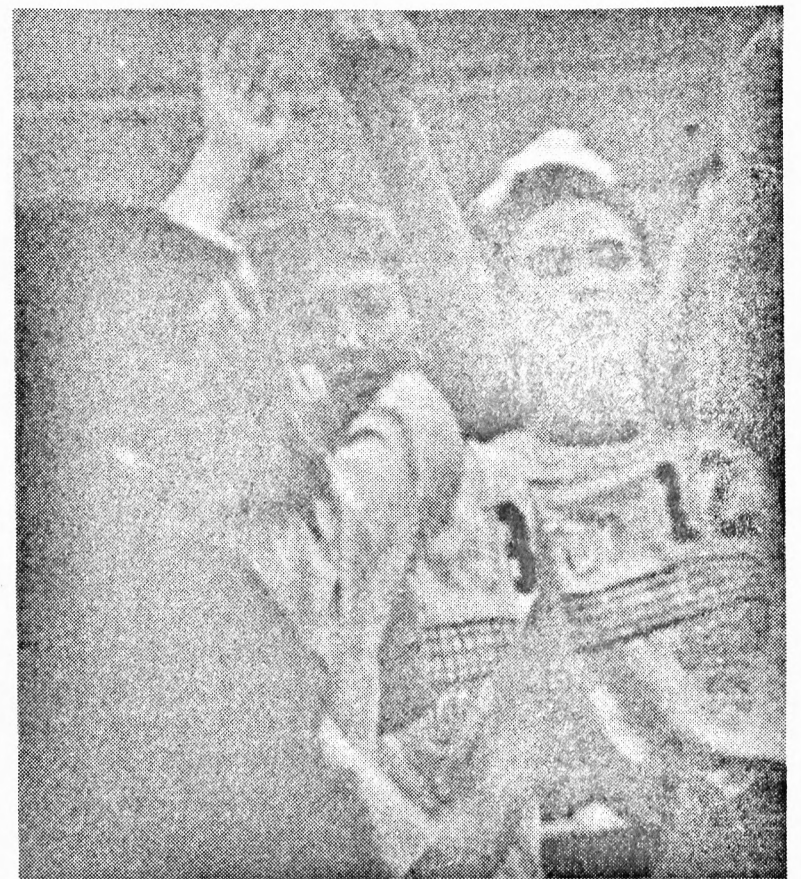
With seven matches to go in the season, the women's volleyball record is 5-18. The Lady Tigers lost to Trinity Christian last week (6-16, 9-15, 13-15), but they bounced back to defeat Grand Rapids (15-8, 15-3, 17-15) last Saturday. ONU also played Grace College last Saturday, but they fell 15-11, 1-15, 7-15, and 5-15.

The women "...just need to get out of the rut they are in," said coach Brenda Patterson. Hopefully they will do so before they play Judson College and Trinity College, the two toughest teams to beat according to Patterson.

"I feel we can win six out of the seven remaining matches, it may sound unrealistic, but we can do it," Patterson said.

At the end of this season Coach Patterson will be losing four seniors. However Patterson said she has confidence in the younger returning players.

"We will be hurting for awhile, but I have confidence in freshman Stacey Mann. She has great ability to play the game and has strong leadership qualities. Stacey knows how to get into the game and does an excellent job of giving her all every game," Patterson said.



Head coach Brenda Patterson instructs her team at a recent game (Glimmer-Glass photo by Jeremy Harrison)

Cross country competes at home

Chris Habedank
Sports writer

Olivet's cross country team hosted the ONU Great Midwest Classic on Saturday Oct. 24 at the Kankakee State Park.

The women finished fifth out of 17 teams with 131 points and the men finished third out of 12 teams with 90 points.

In the 5,000 meter run Jenny Kohl finished tenth with a time of 19:51, senior captain Jennifer Alberts finished 26th with a time of 21:08, Charity Kolakowski finished 32rd with a time of 21:24, and Renee Vandenoever finished 37th with a time of 21:43.

In the lead for the men was senior captain Mark Jones, who finished eighth after 8,000 meters with a time of 26:15. Mike Callarman finished 15th with a time of 27:03, Kevin Christopherson finished 20th with a time of 27:37.

Kabala Murphy finished 21st with a time of 27:43, and Preston Provost finished 33rd with a time of 28:14.

The next meet for the Tigers is the CCAC/NAIA District meet on Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Kankakee River State Park.



Renee Vandenoever takes a break after running a strenuous race (Glimmer-Glass photo by Jeremy Harrison)

Women's tennis takes third in districts despite youth

Lori Brooks
Executive editor

The women's tennis team, equipped with only one senior this year, finished third out of eight teams at Districts held at Sagamon State University in Springfield Oct. 15-16.

ONU's number two seed doubles, freshman Kim Tucker and sophomore Tracy Tolin, who won one match this year, and number three seed doubles sophomore Bobette Bouton and senior Nikki Shiraki went to the finals and were defeated by Sagamon State, who took first place. In addition, three of the six singles ended up in the semi-finals, Coach

Kimberly Campbell said. According to Campbell, the team faced many tough teams this year whose players were often on scholarship. Sagamon State is no exception. However, this did not stop the team from working very hard, Campbell said.

"We only have one senior this year, so we are looking for a good season next year," Campbell said. That lone senior is Shiraki.

"We'll miss Nikki," said Campbell. "She's an unbelievably consistent player and a good stabilizing factor for the team."

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Issues

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Education was another issue of importance to the youth. "We need to have funding for schools across the board so that students in all schools get equal amounts of money," Harris said. Although Harris admitted she was not conversant with the fine lines of either the Clinton plan or education plan.

An issue both Harris and Sherman felt was not of political concern was the abortion debate. Unlike most conservative Republicans young Republicans are split on the abortion issue. Some members are pro-choice and others are pro-life. Sherman also felt young democrats were the same but added, "It's unfortunate abortion is a political issue...it's an issue because it has been ruled upon by the High Court."

Foreign policy was treated with different perspectives by Harris and Sherman. "It's beautiful communism is over...the president says children no longer have to hide under their desks in fear of being killed on the streets," Sherman said. Sherman

also said that the president needs to concentrate on what is happening at home.

"With the fall of communism we have opened up a global economy," Harris said, "the country still needs a president who is conversant with foreign policy."

Taylor agreed with Harris on the issue of foreign policy. "With a world so open we need a strong foreign policy leader," said Taylor.

On the issue of gay rights, the two agreed. "If the person is willing to serve his or her country sexual preference is not an issue," Harris said while saying that members of her party were split on the issue, some supporting gays in the military and others against it.

How about character of the leadership? "Governor Clinton is as trustworthy as they come," Sherman said. Sherman emphasized that candidates are "picked to the bone", although they are as human as anybody else and might have made mistakes which have no rele-

vance to the current elections.

Youth are concerned about family issues as well. Harris and Sherman both agreed that a family consists of all components; father, mother and children, although may also consist of a single parent. Love, care and responsibility were essential ingredients of the family.

In connection, Sherman said the government had a role to play in the affairs of the family. Sherman cited the Family Bill as one of the initiatives Democrats have made to improve family values.

"The problem with Democrats is that they want programs for everything, and they like big government," Harris said. Harris explained that families could be strengthened from within rather than by getting involved with the government.

Although all the sources had political views that might agree with people their age, they can not be held as a standard in which to make conclusions due to the diversity of youth.

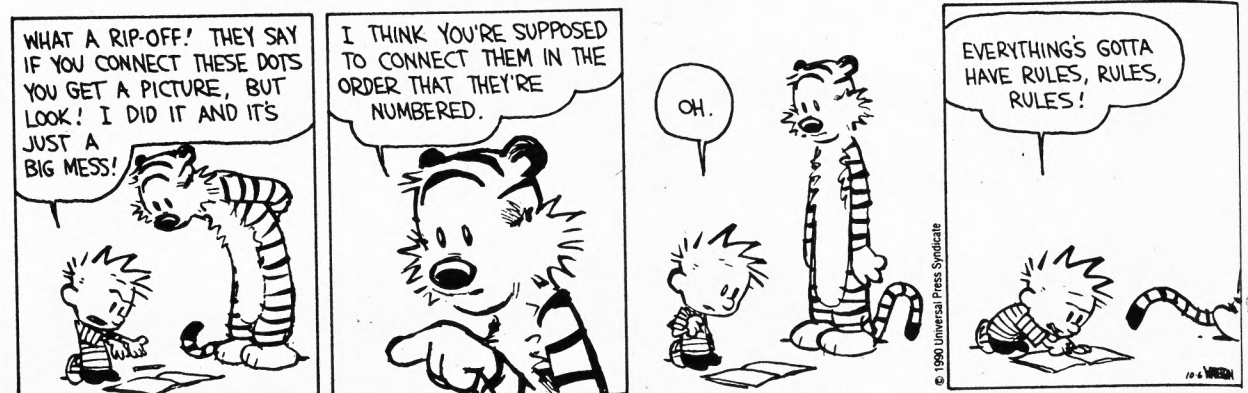
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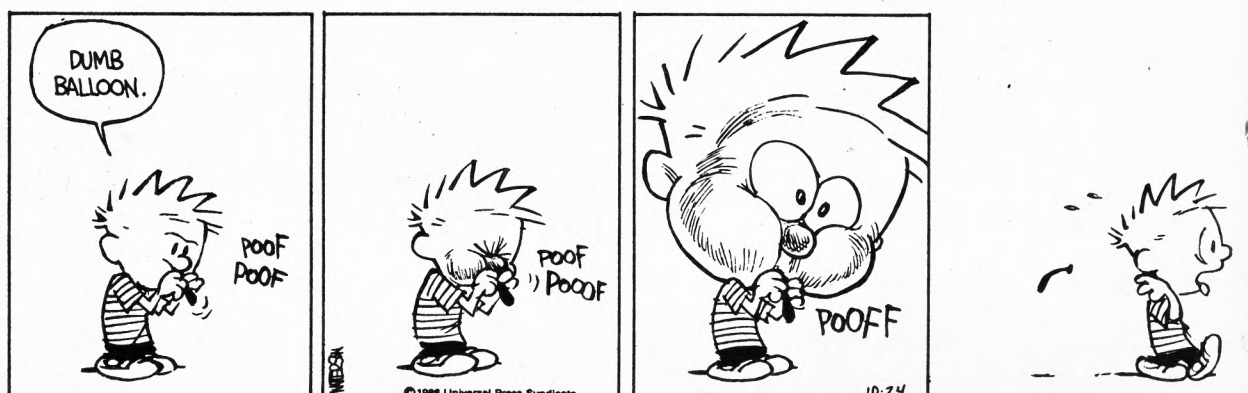
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Financial aid clarifications

In the Oct. 15 issue of the *GlimmerGlass*, Associate Director of Financial Aid John Nutter was incorrectly referred to as "John Sutter."

The Monetary Award Program deductions were decreased by \$210 only for Olivet students who had the maximum dollar awards. The decrease was prorated for other students based on the total award.

Students cannot automatically apply for additional Stafford loans because of a decreased MAP award. The possibility is directly dependent on the student's need and eligibility for the loan.

Who's Who

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future achievement and spiritual life and contribution. It is also necessary to have a 3.0 GPA. This award is particularly significant at ONU because students are elected by faculty and students who know them.

The Who's Who certificates will be given to all recipients at the awards chapel in April.

Debate

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were given the opportunity to direct questions to both sides.

"Ultimately, this was just the first step for ASC in encouraging communication between the students and the faculty concerning current events and world issues," Scott said.

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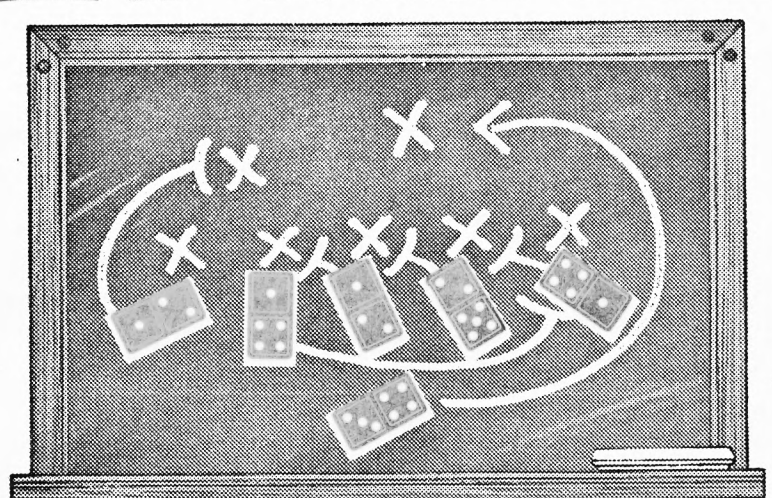
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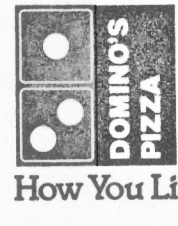
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