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Bush, Gore tackle range of issues in face-off

BY BETSY ROGERS

Before an attentive crowd of some 900 ticket-holders and about 140 "town hall" audience members, Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore matched wits Tuesday, Oct. 17, discussing a wide range of substantive issues in the third and last presidential debate of the campaign season, held in the Washington University Field House.

True to predictions, Gore was more combative than he was in the Oct. 11 debate at Wake Forest University, but somewhat more subdued in his body language than during the first match, when his audible sighs and frequent head-shaking elicited considerable post-debate comment.

Bush, who some worried would fumble against Gore's superior debating skills, again avoided the fractured syntax of his past campaign appearances and, though he was generally polite, expressed exasperation with the way Gore floated the debate's rules of engagement by speaking out of turn and exceeding the time limit.

The debate began with a moment of silence honoring the late Mel Carnahan, governor of Missouri and candidate for the U.S. Senate, who was killed in a plane crash the night before on his way to a campaign rally in New Madrid, Mo.

Then it was straight to the questions — all from the town hall participants on the Field House floor, who had been selected by the Gallup organization because they were undecided voters. The first came from a woman who asked Gore how he felt about HMOs and insurance companies making critical medical decisions. "I don't feel good about it," Gore replied, asserting that "the situation has gotten completely out of hand" when doctors' medical decisions are overruled by insurance companies. Gore said he supports a strong patients' bill of rights.

Bush discussed his success in Texas passing a patients' bill of rights there with the support of Democrats and Republicans. Under this measure, he added, "the difference is I can get it done!" He added that he relished this role. "The death penalty is very serious. But I was sworn to uphold the laws in my state."

The two candidates sat on stools facing a "town hall" audience in tiered, circular rows of seats at the north end of the Field House,Jim Lehrer, executive editor and anchor of PBS' "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" moderated the debate and tried, sometimes in vain, to enforce the rules of engagement the candidates had set.

Questions from the audience addressed their queries directly to the candidates but were not allowed to engage in further exchange; their microphones were turned off as soon as they had finished their questions.

Powerful theatrical lighting bathed the candidates and the town hall set. A huge boom carrying a television camera floated above the set. Six broadcast platforms towered at the south end of the Field House, offering the major network cameras a bird's-eye view of the proceedings. A crowd of about 400 — media, dignitaries, invited guests and more than 150 Washington University students — occupied the Field House's upper bleacher seats, ushered there by 20 student volunteers.

Among the many luminaries were Democrat vice presidential candidate Joe Lieberman, former Missouri Sen. John Danforth and a large contingent from Anheuser-Busch Cos., Inc., the debates' national sponsor.

Secret Service agents surveyed the room and talked into microphones in their sleeves. Officials
More than 150 lucky students won the lottery for tickets to the Oct. 17 debate.

University lottery winners see candidates debate live

By Jessica Roberts

When Washington University made presidential debate tickets available only to students, the response was enthusiastic. Some 6,600, or more than half the University's current student population, applied for tickets. Those who registered did so with optimism, considering they knew how many tickets the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) would make available.

A high-tech lottery determined which students would receive tickets. Sue Hoseck, director of the Office of Student Records, explained that students submitted their names electronically to the debate Web site. The application process closed at noon Friday, Oct. 13. A computer then randomly assigned numbers to all the applicants, and the top 300 received notification e-mails. During the lottery, there was still no information about the number of tickets available for the debate. Stephanie N. Kurtzman, coordinator of Women's Programs and Community Service, presided over the next stage of the process. On Monday, the CPD made 100 tickets available to students for distribution. After Kurtzman notified the first 100 students from the lottery, a second group of 150 students was selected as alternates. This standby group was notified by e-mail asking them to wait in a "holding area" outside of the security perimeter in case of no-shows in the first group. In the end, more than 150 students received tickets.

Students chosen through the lottery were excited about watching the presidential debate from inside the hall. "I was honored to be selected in the debate lottery, especially knowing what the odds were," said Basy Ellenbogen, a University College in Arts & Sciences student from St. Louis. "This was the closest I've ever been to the political process. The cameras, celebrities and Secret Service agents made for a very exciting time. I was proud to be part of Washington University as it was put in the national spotlight.

Paul Jacobson, a senior history and Spanish major in Arts & Sciences from Marlboro, N.J., was equally enthusiastic. "I got in as an alternate," he explained, "excited at the chance to see the debate and support Al Gore."
Welcome to ‘Spin Alley’s’ manic scene

BY JESSICA ROBERTS

A fter watching the heated, high-stakes final debate between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, “spin doctors” poured into the media filing center ready to spend a few moments with reporters and photographers in the manic intensity of “Spin Alley.”

The Recreational Gymnasium in the Athletic Complex, converted for the occasion to a bustling media room, served as the platform for spin doctors prepared to fit each member of the press who knew the third and final debate. They ranged from the traditional (former Missouri Sen. John Danforth) to the unconventional (activist Erin Brockovich). However, they shared common goals—analyzing and reiterating their candidate’s debate positions and debunking the myths of his opponent.

Secondly Housing and Urban Development Andrew Cuomo summed up the thoughts of many of the spin doctors when he said that people were willing to let what they saw in the debates be a “frame” for what happens in the voting booth.

Overall, though, the spin doctors faced party lines when it came to discussing which candidate was most successful. Bush’s experts, who included a number of political figures such as Danforth and Gov. Bill Graves (R.-Kan.), touted Bush’s success in the match. Bush’s experts asserted his strength and experience with important issues.

Gore’s group included a number of high-profile celebrities—satirist Al Franken, Star Jones and Brockovich in addition to regular Democratic supporters such as U.S. Rep. and House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt. Like Bush’s spin doctors, Gore’s backers declared their candidate the clear winner of the debate, because Gore expressed commitment to the programs people value and to the continuation of the last eight years’ economic success.

The experts were quick to point out the other candidate’s weaknesses in the debate as well. Karl Rove, director of Bush’s presidential campaign, called Gore’s performance “condemning and self-absorbed… His assaults were not put well.” Cuomo stated Bush “has ideas, but he’s unsure about what he’s talking about.”

Though the barking of third-party candidates continued to be a controversial topic, even up to the time of the debate, the majority of the spin doctors agreed that there was no place for a third candidate in this final face-off. Both Danforth and Franken cited a lack of support necessary to place an additional candidate in any of this year’s debates. “You have to ask,” Franken told, “what is the threshold for letting a third candidate or party into a debate… is there actually any support?”

A sense of urgency surrounded this year’s final debate, considered by many to be key to the election’s outcome. The chaotic atmosphere of Spin Alley reflected that belief, with the spinners jumping at the chance to assert their partisan views in the microphones of willing journalists.

Other notables drawing attention in Spin Alley included Gov. Christine Todd Whitman (R.-N.J.) and film director Rob Reiner.

Candidates’ top economic advisers spar in preliminary debate

BY HOLLY EDMONSTON

In a tone of restrained combat—keenly aware of the national economics scene—candidates’ views on economic policy in a pre-debate held at the John M. Olin School of Business Tuesday, Oct. 17, the morning of the presidential debate. In a discussion where the audience often did not know who was Lawrence Sperling and Gene Sperling discussed their candidate’s economic plans. John M. Berry, economics columnist for the Washington Post, moderated the event.


Lindsey disagreed, accusing the Gore plan of overspending. Using numbers from the Congressional Budget Office, he said that under the Gore program, the surplus will rise slightly from where we are now, around $210 billion, to $350 billion by the end of the decade. “Are we going to maintain Social Security benefits, the tightest fiscal plan on record,” asked Lindsey. “No. We are going to maintain Social Security benefits, and only political promises or by putting real assets into the system,” he asked.

Social Security was not the only point of contention. Sperling and Lindsey also held differing views on President Clinton’s recent dip into oil reserves. “The petroleum reserve is set up for war or a national crisis,” said Lindsey, citing Bush campaign opposition to the move and the way it was handled. Sperling responded that 14.6 million barrels of oil were available for home heating needs last year, as opposed to just 4 million in inventory for the coming winter season. “We acted to prevent a shortage, and I think it was reasonable under the established criteria,” he said.

Lindsey was critical of Gore’s proposed tax cuts. Often linked to specific activities, such as child care, elder care or college tuition, Lindsey said the proposals help only the select people and that 50 million taxpayers would get nothing. “What we care about is a tax code that works better for American families,” Sperling responded, “and we are targeting tax cuts for those people earning less than $100,000 per year.” Under the Bush plan, he added, surplus funds would go mostly to people at the highest income levels.

It’s been eight years of keeping our fingers crossed,” said Lindsey in summation. “We’re at $1 trillion in the hole since ’93, Medicare is still broken, and our defense and foreign policies are weaker. We need to solve these problems and we need tax reform.”

Sperling retaliated: “The problem is that the Bush plan is over budget by $1 trillion. They’re hoping the economy is just growing and growing so that all their budget projections . . . that is not a prudent way to go into the future.”

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Long hours, hard work — and the chance to be part of history

By Julie Kennedy

Long days and hard work at the University paid off in a successful and well-organized debate and, for the staff across campus who threw themselves into the effort, an opportunity to be part of a historic event.

Updated phones, staff members helped out in many ways — assisting with security, arranging parking and transportation, transforming the Field House, delivering everything for the event for posterity, printing banners and signs, organizing the student volunteers and meeting the needs of the major networks and others.

Among those pitching in to put on the presidential debate of the 2000 campaign was Alisa Schoeider, Career Center manager, who organized the student volunteers. By the Sept. 15 deadline, she had received about 600 applications, which she pre-screened. A selection committee made up of students, faculty and staff read the applications and then matched students with jobs in their areas of interest.

Then came the hard part. "I was faced with the task of booking and placing them on their scheduled shifts," Schoeider said. As of Oct. 13, about 220 students had been placed, but new needs were arising every minute. Mark Fahey, chair of the student services security department, has been on the debate since 1992. He's had to focus most of her time over the last two weeks on debate responsibilities (see separate story on page 2).

University Police Chief Don Fahey said he and his department also spent countless hours preparing. Providing security for the national and international significance is a demanding task. He bequeathed his ideas and efforts of police departments in St. Louis, St. Louis City, University City and Clayton, as well as the Secret Service, "It's a real partnership between

For basketball coaches, 'spin' and 'bounce' get new meaning

By Julie Kennedy

In the offices of the University's basketball coaches this week, "spin" and "bounce" had little to do with basketball. Instead, they took on their political meanings as coaches worked to make room for the presidential candidates.

For being annoyed, Nancy Fahey and Mark Edwards were proud of their contributions.

"It's exciting to think your office is going to be used by someone who may determine history," said Edwards, the men's head basketball coach. Fahey, head coach of the women's basketball team, said she had become accustomed to important-looking people coming in and out of her office during preparations, and to contractors crawling around and over her desk.

"We've already experimented with the entire office," Fahey said. "It's a neat experience — to be a small part of it, especially such a close race." Plus, Fahey and Edwards have granted interviews to newspapers, television and more. Givens was the extraordinaire reporter on this debate.

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Keeping his finger on the pulse of all these activities was Steve Givens, the assistant to the chair and head of the Commission on the debate. Givens served as liaison between the CPO and the University, making sure the University was doing everything it could.

The agenda for steering committee meetings typically covered facilities, media, security, ticketing, transportation and students. Givens served as resource material for this debate; he dug up records from 1992 to use as material for this debate; he offered examples, such as information about the 1992 student loans, he said.

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Givens expressed his satisfaction with the event. "I'm really happy with everyone," he said.

Mark S. Winston, a University spokesperson as well, said the debate was a "tremendous" success. He said the debate was a "tremendous" success. He said the debate was a "tremendous" success. He said the debate was a "tremendous" success. He said the debate was a "tremendous" success.

Basketball coaches Mark Edwards and Nancy Fahey show off their newest autographs. They vacated their offices for presidential candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore.
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would. But he argued that making University employees, carpenters, electricians and technicians — host of other workers began debate preparations in earnest. In the Field House, University employees installed special air-conditioning ducts to keep the room at 64 degrees so the candidates would remain comfortable under the studio lights. They also built 3 miles of fiber-optic cables — about the distance between St. Louis and Wright City — and installed 4,000 electrical outlets.

Top Cat Lawn Service Inc. planted masses of blue and yellow mums, mulched the flowerbeds and watered the grass greens. "In general, they freshened up the place," Rackers said.

The presidential debate required the use of 5,000,000 watts of electricity, almost double normal at the Athletic Complex. A huge effort transformed Field House into a TV set.
The 2000 Presidential Debate at Washington University in St. Louis

The American Presidents Portrait Exhibit is on view in the Field House until Monday, Oct. 23. A nationally touring project, the exhibit is a joint effort of C-SPAN public affairs cable channel and the White House Historical Association. It was on display at the White House Visitor’s Center before coming to St. Louis.

The Canine Unit of the Lambert - St. Louis International Airport police was on duty during the debate, including officer Rodney Gilliam and his dog, Buddy.

Members of the media receive a pre-debate briefing from the Commission on Presidential Debates outside the Athletic Complex.

Electricians assemble the light rigging for the debate’s town hall set.

Workers assemble the town hall debate set, with tiered seats ringing the candidates’ positions, at the north end of the Field House.

While flags flew at half-mast, about 175 students gathered on campaign adviser Chris Sifford who were killed in a plane crash afternoon vigil Oct. 17 about Carnahan’s support for education.
Members of the undergraduate Debate and Forensics Team pay close attention to the presidential candidates' performance as part of DebateWatch 2000. Numerous groups on campus and throughout St. Louis took part in the program encouraging people to watch the televised debate in small groups, discuss the issues and answer a national survey.

Vice President Al Gore shows off a University sweatshirt with Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton and, at far right, Student Union President Michelle Purdy.

Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton welcomes the debate audience to Washington University, flanked by, from left, Student Union President Michelle Purdy; Robert H. Waterston, M.D., the James S. McDonnell Professor and head of genetics; and Frank J. Fahrenkopf Jr. and Paul G. Kirk Jr. of the Commission on Presidential Debates.

Members of the University community had the opportunity to watch the debate at six remote sites on the Hilltop and Medical campuses including Graham Chapel (above).

Texas Gov. George W. Bush receives a tote bag commemorating the debate as (from left) Michelle Purdy, Jessica Logan, Leah Schmidt, Risa Zwerling-Wrighton, Mark S. Wrighton and Laura Bush, the governor's wife, look on.
Debate focuses media spotlight on University

**BY DEBORAH BURGESS**

Bob Roy had simple goals for the third presidential debate: “You want to make sure the microphones stay on, the cameras don’t fail.” But as the pool producer controlling the camera coverage for all five major networks — ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN and Fox — for the third and final presidential debate, Roy spent weeks ensuring his goals were met. The five networks, Roy explained, divide responsibility for the bulk of the coverage of major events like conventions, debates, election nights and “a whole host of other things that involve the day-to-day business in Washington.”

“This is one of those events that you want to make sure doesn’t get messed up. In terms of visibility and importance, it’s big. In terms of complexity, it’s not that big,” said this ABC producer, who has 32 years of experience in the television industry.

For the nine-camera shoot, Roy relied on the production executive, the director of the associate director, the technical director, a crew of 28 (including camera operators, sound engineers and lighting experts), a satellite pool, the pool truck and a trailer to get the job done. Three Washington University students — Ross Bougherton, Abby Conway and John Heys — also helped.

Given the town hall format, “the challenge is that we set ourselves to try to figure out some way to cover this event so that it’s accessible to all the technology,” he said. After the debate, Roy concluded that “it went well.”

In addition to the network pool crews based in the truck behind the Athletic Complex, six networks — the five major networks and C-SPAN — also had platforms in the debate hall for individual coverage.

More than 600 journalists cover the debate in the media filing center. The center contained 202 tables, 1,500 phone lines and 1,200 electrical outlets. Media viewed the debate on 43 monitors placed throughout the room.

This final debate had a TV audience of 37.6 million, according to Broadcasting & Cable Online. Roy and his crew were among the more than 1,650 journalists from about 300 media organizations covering this debate.

Print, television, radio and Internet-based journalists from across the country and around the world convened in the Athletic Complex.


Local and regional coverage came from all five local television stations, numerous local radio stations, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the Columbia Missourian, DaQueen Evening Call, St. Louis Journalism Review, the Riverfront Times, Springfield News Leader and West End-Clayton Word, among others.

The largest contingents receiving credentials came from the major networks: about 89 from ABC, 54 from CBS, 78 from CNN, 128 from Fox and 96 from NBC.

Changes in technology were evident this election year in the credentialing of Internet companies, including 360tshophq.com, ECAMagazine.com, Hotline, Jewishweb.net, Missourinet.com, Salon.com, StLouisPostDispatch.com, SpeakOut.com, TimesPost.com and Women.com.

About 21 Washington University students attended this debate. First-year student Andy Kling, a photographer with Student Life, said that “anywhere that something is happening, we should have people.” He found covering this campus event to be “eye-opening, witnessing the size of a national debate and the convergence of the all the media organizations and political figures.”

Elisabeth Bolwin with The Columbia Missourian said her coverage concentrated on “getting people’s voices” in her coverage. The experience, she said, “really taught me the power of the media.”

Among those interested in foreign politics were journalists from the host of media were Tron Welch, the ABC producer; freshly minted through the lottery; and Michelle Rand, producer of the Student Union. Faculty members also found themselves in the spotlight, including David Cooper Harvey Professor of English in Arts and Sciences and an expert on political rhetoric, who remained in Spingil until about 11 p.m. to provide interviews to AP, Reuters, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and several other media organizations.

International journalists soak up American political scene

**BY DEBORAH BURGESS**

Among the many international journalists covering the third presidential debate, a notable number of interest was a group of 28 print and broadcast representatives from France, Argentina, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Brazil, Germany, India, Japan, Sweden and Poland. Most of the journalists came from their institutions in Washington, D.C., but Katsuyoshi Seimiya traveled from Japan.

Organized by the U.S. Department of State’s Foreign Press Center, the group attended a special briefing on the debates by James W. Davis, Ph.D., professor of political science in Arts & Sciences, and on U.S. foreign policy by Henry W. Berger, Ph.D., associate professor of history in Arts & Sciences.

Andrew Sobel, Ph.D., associate professor of political science and a resident fellow in the Center in Political Economy in Arts & Sciences, moderated the questions.

Matt Tornier with the Finnish Broadcasting Company came for a six-minute television story not on the debate but on the issues in the battleground state of Missouri and on Missouri voters.

Finland, he said, is interested in this national election “because it’s the only country represented at the moment. And whoever the president, he has a lot of things to influence the world.”

Srividh Krishnaswami, a correspondent with The Hindu, India’s English newspaper, The Hindu, looked forward to covering the final debate. "This is the final time they will be facing each other. Today they will be talking to each other. And the rest of the campaign they will be talking at each other. And from an overseas point of view, this is a chance for the leaders to know what is being said on foreign policy. Debates have utility.”

India, he said, is always interested in the directions of American foreign policy. And now is a time of particular interest. “We have had continuity of U.S. foreign policy for eight years, and now there is a prospect for change. So people are interested in seeing what the parameters of the change could be.”

Visiting the journalists for this briefing and reception were about 40 Washington University students.

Freshman Cristina Capelo, from Venezuela came because of her interest in foreign politics, while fellow first-year student Agnes Annus came to provide “you assistance to the reporters from her home country of Hungary.”

Celia Ellenberg, a student from Philadelphia in the Arts & Sciences, was interested in comparing the political processes of the United States and Canada. "I he following this election with great interest because it’s important that we implement policies that lift people up, give them the opportunity to make the maximum use of their potential as individuals.”

Discussion after the briefings covered a range of topics: Social Security, the effect of the tragic death of Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan on the U.S. Senate race, the impact of renewed violence in the Middle East and Democratic vice-presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman, the potential impact on the election of any U.S. retaliation for the suspected suicide attack on the USS Cole, the amount of credit Gore can claim for the country’s strong economy, and the differences between the presidential candidates.

Also on the itinerary for this group of international journalists was the "pre-debate" discussion between the presidential candidates’ top economic advisors and the debate itself (see story on page 3).
By David Linsie

A small but impassioned group of demonstrators gathered at St. Louis and around the country gathered south of the intersection of Big Bend and Forsyth boulevards before and during Oct. 17 presidential debate to expose a variety of causes, but the protest focused mainly on the exclusion of Ralph Nader from the debate.

Joe Strom, the University's chief of police, said that the highest estimate he had heard of the demonstrators' numbers was 600. Pleased that the evening ended without any major incidents, he credited the planning and coordination of University departments with state and local police agencies.

At 15 p.m., demonstrators marched up to the police line on Big Bend Boulevard. They carried a figure in a pin-striped suit with a pig's head, representing corporate greed and other large dummies. They also waved banners advocating Nader, the Green Party and an end to the war in Iraq. Other banners opposed militarism and supported animal rights.

After banging their drums and chanting for a few minutes, the marchers moved to Northside Park on the west side of Big Bend, which had been chosen by the umbrella protest organization "O17" because its organizers thought there were many restrictions on the University's public demonstration area in the intramural fields.

The atmosphere in the park was relaxed on this sunny afternoon. Residents of surrounding houses watched from their front steps. Children rode their bicycles, "ของเรา" and the street, and people walked their dogs. Security was low-key, with a single University police car occasionally circling the park.

Ralph Nader arrived at about 3 p.m. He was introduced by Missouri Green Party gubernatorial candidate Zaki Baruti, who first called for a moment of silence for Gov. Mel Carnahan and those who perished with him in a plane crash Oct. 16.

Nader spoke for about 50 minutes. He said that because he was barred from the debates, people were deprived of all discussion of issues close to them. "Bush and Gore will never discuss the concentrated economic power that leads to so much social injustice in this country," he said.

Nader told the cheering crowd that he had just filed suit against the Commission on Presidential Debates for excluding him from the debate that will be held Oct. 3.

"Denouncing big corporations as part of the political process, Nader laid out his major proposals, including public financing of political campaigns, stronger environmental laws and national health insurance.

Kathy LoCachry of St. Louis was hearing the speech for the second time that day. She had been at Nader's afternoon rally at St. Louis' Scottish Rite Temple. "He would have had a good chance to win if he had been allowed in the debates," she said. "He's the only one who can save this country in the direction it needs to go."

Nearby stood Alison Strom, who was wearing a Gore bumper sticker. She is a resident advisor at the University and had come over from the South 40 with some of her first-year students. She did not think that Nader's exclusion from the debates was unfair, even if it did seem that some issues would not be brought up. "A rule's a rule," she said. "If he doesn't have enough support."

Luke Epplin, a senior, was supported by Nader's campaign announcement that he would win in Missouri. "It's exciting," Epplin said. "I read an article in Harper's in which he said he wanted to be the alternative to president, not the president."

At about 7 p.m., the demonstrators returned to Northmoor Park moved onto Big Bend Boulevard and approached the police line again. The line of state and St. Louis County police was reinforced, and the Emergency Support Team, a group of student volunteers trained in emergency medicine, moved to a safety position and laid out their equipment. The marchers drummed and chanted out of sight and carrying Plexiglas shields, continued to chant and wave their placards at cars passing on Skinker. At 8 p.m., the marchers walked east on Wydown Boulevard to Skinker Boulevard and up to the corner of Forsyth, where they arrived about 9:15 p.m.

The demonstrators, fewer in number at the time, continued to chant and drum and wave their placards at cars passing on Skinker. Around midnight the crowd dispersed.

Official protest draws speakers but few listeners

By Deborah Burgin

Only a fraction of the groups registered to speak at Washington University's official demonstration area took to the stage because there were few listeners for their messages. But these groups, with their mix of messages, persevered until about 7 p.m.

One group of students from the University of Southern Mississippi drove 10 hours from Hattiesburg to participate. Their goal, according to Kim Jacobs, Lisa Fisdon and Sarah Manley, was to "be a voice to speak, particularly among those ages 18-24. Statistically less than half of eligible voters in this age group register to vote, and only 16.6 percent actually vote. We want to change that. If we could all come together, we would be the second-largest voting block in the country."

Veterans' issues, which neither Mr. Gore nor Mr. Bush have mentioned during this entire campaign, were of major concern to the Vietnam veterans. "They're going to have to turn around and address our issues. There are just too many of us. We have 3,000 homeless veterans in St. Louis alone. And one-third of our entire homeless population through the United States are veterans," said Thomas Knapp represented Libertarians for Open Debates, expressing the same concern voiced by Ralph Nader's Green Party supporters. "We believe that the American people deserve to hear Harry Browne's message and protest his exclusion from the debates."

Dr. Jiang represented the Falun Gong in China. "We want world leaders to express their concern with the situation in China," he said. "We are not an evil cult, and we are not anti-government. All we want is the freedom to practice truthfulness, compassion and tolerance." From the opening of the demonstration area at 4 p.m. to about 7:30 p.m., he said about 25 fellow practitioners practiced the "gentle exercises" that are part of Falun Gong's "meditation for mind, body and spirit."

A local chapter of the American Anti-Discrimination Committee came to "denounce the use of force in the Middle East and for a just U.S. policy in the Middle East. We would like to see a real debate on giving billions of dollars of aid to Israel so they can use it to kill Palestinians."

"Being for life is not a Republican issue. It's not an issue for Democrats. It's an issue for everyone," said David Schuster, a law student who is a member of the Boston group. "No other industry has to fight the weather and have such a volatile price deal. Speaking for farmers, we don't have a good economy."

The Mars Society, whose members traveled as long as 4 hours from Ohio, took to the stage to push for the exploration and settlement of Mars. Their bumper sticker read "Mars or Bust."

Garnering the most heated reaction from the students and public in the demonstration area was a small band of anti-gay protestors with inflammatory slogans.

Among the students who came to hear the voices of these different protest groups was senior N'Jaye Patter. "I think for democracy to be truly effective we need as many dissenting opinions as possible. In fact, I think it is dissent that is the cornerstone of democracy."

Practitioners of Falun Gong hold a peaceful protest in the official demonstration area on the University's intramural fields. The group was protesting the Chinese government's treatment of sect members.

Widespread interest Students across campus watched the debate either at one of the remote sites or in their rooms, in Koenig Residence Hall (above, from left), freshmen Janet Silverman, Rachel Hewitt and Seth Bloom tune in, along with freshman Joe Blasi (back to camera).
A na"ive young monarch with unerring instincts, true love blotting out ruthless considerations, features roaming an enchanted forest — rarely has the magic of the theater been quite so magical as in the American Repertory Theatre (ART) production of "The King Stag." The show, directed by Andre Serban and designed by Julie Taymor (the Tony Award-winning genius behind Disney's "The Lion King," theatrical, and video version of "The Lion King"), comes to Edison Theatre this month, sponsored by the Stag Society and the School of Art.

Performances of this special family event begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. Set in the Oriental kingdom of Serendippo, "The King Stag" tells the story of young King Deramo, who, aided by a magical statue, will allow him to transfer his soul into the body of any dead creature, challenging him to enter the body of a stag.

Deramo obliges, and the traitor Tartaglia quickly repeats the king's magic, implanting his soul into the king's temporarily abandoned frame. "The King Stag," written by the 18th-century Italian dramatist Carlo Gozzi, is a noblemen whose aristocratic family had fallen on hard times. Gozzi sought to reappropriate the lively Fable tradition of 18th-century literature and theater as a medium for growth and self-discovery.

The American Repertory Company brings Carlo Gozzi's 18th-century fable "The King Stag" to life at Edison Theatre Oct. 27-29. The show features costumes, masks and puppetry designed by Tony Award-winner Julie Taymor, who received international acclaim for her theatrical version of Disney's "The Lion King."

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Wednesday, Nov. 1
7 p.m. Eleanor Astin Film Series. Short films and video by artists exploring the context of female art in the 19th and 20th centuries. Gallery of Art. 952-4949.

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"Gringuito" "Narcopolis" "Europea" "Welfare Reform" "Kazari" "A Bug's Life"

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Activist speaks Oct. 25

Bernice Johnson Reagon, Ph.D., founder and performer of the famed a cappella ensemble Sweet Honey in the Rock, will deliver the Black Arts & Sciences Festival address for the Assembly Series Oct. 25, in Graham Chapel. The talk is free and open to the public.

Reagon is a singer, composer, cultural historian, curator and activist. Reagon is the Distinguished Professor of History at American University in Washington, D.C., specializing in the history of African-American culture; and also holds the position of emerita at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. She is best known as a performer with Sweet Honey in the Rock, which she formed in 1973.

Reagon's solo work has been featured in several award-winning documentaries, including "The Songs Are Free: Bernice Johnson Reagon With Bill Monroe," wearing her curator's robe at the historic Howard Theatre, Bernice Johnson Reagon produced and hosted a National Public Radio's American Lone Star Award-winning American Sacred Music Traditions, a series for which she received the 1994 Peabody Award.

In 1990, Reagon was awarded the MacArthur Fellowship, also known as the genius grant, for her work as an artist and scholar of African-American culture. For more information, visit the Web site (http://wpsa.wustl.edu/assembly) or call 935-3285.

Awards and more...

Worship

Friday, Oct. 20
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass. Catholic Student Center, 6352 Forsyth Blvd. Cost: $5.

Saturday, Oct. 21
11 a.m. Holy Cross Mass. Catholic Student Center, 6352 Forsyth Blvd.
4 p.m. Voluntary, Illinois Wesleyan University UIFA. Holmes Lounge, Ridgley Hall.

Wednesday, Oct. 25
7 p.m. Women's soccer vs. Walsh College (Mich). Francis Field. Cost: $5-

Saturday, Oct. 28

The volleyball team wrapped up its league championship title of the season with a 4-0 weekend at the Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill. The Bears' big weekend was a result of splitting the weekend, as they displayed three solid come-from-behind wins, including defeating No. 15 Wisconsin-River Falls, ranked 11th nationally on the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

The Bears began the weekend with a 3-0 victory over St. Norbert College (Wis.). After mauling St. Norbert the first two games, 15-6 and 15-4, WU came back from a 13-4 deficit in the third and final game for the win, 16-14 to take the match in three. WU pulled off another game against Carthage College (Ill.) in the second match Oct. 13. It was game three that provided the toughest test of the weekend, as the Bears' defense, led by Wisconsin-River Falls. WU pulled off another game before the comeback against Augustana College (Ill.) in the second match Oct. 14.

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University’s leaders enjoy ‘Brown Hall’ debate

While the Athletic Complex hosted its town hall meeting, the side of the Hilltop-Campus held its own special forum, a “Brown Hall Debate.”

Gathering for a pre-debate box dinner, pre- and post-debate commentary from noted faculty, and, of course, the debate itself, were 16 special guests — members of the Board of Trustees, Alumni Board of Governors, Eliot Society, national councils and deans of the faculty.

The presidential candidates were not the only ones taking part in the evening's activities; guests received a Food-for-Debate card — each stating a position on a topic of national importance. Examples included: "The Economy: The Free Market Position." "The Environment: Put Environmental Protection in Perspective." and "The Federal Budget: Easy Answers to Domestic Problems."

An invitation to discuss these topics with others was also included, as was a ticket to an upcoming event.

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