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moscow -- the soviet union will release all people regarded in the west as political prisoners by the end of the year, chancellor helmut kohl of west germany said wednesday after talks with president mikhail gorbachev.

such a dramatic move would be one of the boldest signs yet from gorbachev that he seeks a clear break with past kemlin human rights practices that have included imprisonment of dissenters from communist party policy. however, foreign ministry spokesman gennady gerasimov refused to confirm or deny that a release of political prisoners is imminent.

told reporters there are about two dozen such prisoners. estimates from human rights groups abroad vary from 150 to more than 500. gerasimov said the fate of the prisoners was not on the agenda of the soviet-west german negotiations that brought kohl to moscow.

kohl's announcement was welcomed by soviet human rights activist andrei sakharov, the reagan administration and amnesty international.

"certainly we await the release of all of them (prisoners) and their rehabilitation," said sakharov, the 1975 nobel peace prize laureate.

in the past three days, kohl held 10 hours of talks with gorbachev, clearing the way for other top kremlin officials.

"the soviets confirmed that they will release before the end of the year all political prisoners as we understand it in the west," kohl said.

kohl would not say whether the promise came from gorbachev, only that it was made during the talks.

asked how many people may be freed, kohl's foreign minister, hans-dietrich genscher, said: "we are not in a position to give final figures."

neither kohl nor genscher identified prisoners who might be released. it was not clear how many soviets classified in the west as political prisoners, might be freed, since some have been sentenced on criminal charges, including espionage.

arts and letters enrollment continues increasing trend

by michael wells

the recently released registrar's enrollment report shows a continued increase in the number of students in the college of arts and letters, and in the department of government in particular, leaving understaffed administrators wondering if the trend will continue.

the report indicates that arts and letters is the most popular college among notre dame students, with an enrollment of 2,585, and shows the college of business as coming in second with 1,493 students.

the high number of students declaring arts and letters majors marks an upswing which has taken place over the last ten years, according to robert waddick, assistant dean of the college of arts and letters.

"what has happened is that the size of this college has increased by almost a thousand," waddick said. "we're a thousand students over what we were, without an increase in faculty."

hall trespasser pleads guilty

by regisnoccia

a south bend man pleaded guilty tuesday to a charge of criminal trespass committed last jan. 21 in cavanaugh hall, said phil johnson, assistant director of security.

james walker, 19, pleaded guilty before the st. joseph county misdemeanors court and was given a $125 fine. a 30-day jail sentence was suspended, johnson said.

a juvenile who was arrested with walker in the jan. 21 incident was also charged, he said. the juvenile, whose name was not released, pleaded guilty to trespassing.

the juvenile had served two days in jail and was sentenced to receive probation.

can you taste it yet?

mary carol daly waits for her milkshake to be made yesterday in the basement of lafortune student center.

mock debate captures campaign spirit

by daveJacobson

the presidential debates between george bush and michael dukakis may no longer be on television, but they are still going on at notre dame.

wednesday night a mock debate was held in grace hall's insurance.

the bush team of zahn sophomore tom ehhardt and flanner junior matt schlapp handled questions and presented the vice president's views.

the dukakis team also answered questions, but did not have as much information available as the bush camp. flanner sophomore mark bettencourt and ted oberstar, a junior from grace, represented the democratic ticket.

what the grace debate lacked in insight to each can

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the contenders from the mock press conference yesterday at grace pit from 1 to 9
**In Brief**

**Shirley Temple Black** says she and the president of the United States made beautiful music together, even if the movie was awful. The former child star said was that man.

The Soviet Union will launch its space shuttle Buran on an unannounced mission this week, following months of delays similar to those that plagued the maiden voyage of its U.S. counterpart. A government commission set the launch for 6:23 a.m. Moscow time Saturday (11:23 p.m. EDT Friday) after receiving reports from specialists following several thousand tests of the Buran and its booster rocket, the Energia, the official news agency Tass reported. -Associated Press

**Of Interest**

**Dirty Book Sale** today until 3:30 p.m. at the Library Concours. Clean up now on low priced, abused, but readable books. -The Observer

**Palestinian Dilemma:** Prospects for Peace is a community forum sponsored by the Institute for International Peace Studies at 7:30 p.m. today in the Center for Continuing Education Auditorium. -The Observer

**Student Art Forum** will meet today at 6:30 p.m. in the Snite Museum of Art. -The Observer

**Black Cultural Arts** Fashion Show tryouts will take place this mid-November, but you must sign up before Nov. 4. For modeling information call Delia Loxone at 217-8346. For other info call Carla Morris at 496-4886. -The Observer

**Grace Hall Debates** continue today at 9 p.m. in the Pit of Grace Hall. Today’s issue will be a seven day waiting period for the purchase of handguns. -The Observer

**Volunteers of the Homeless** meet for a training session today at the Gilbert Center on 255 Alumni Hall for a presentation by Father Leveille on the demonstration of the various French-Canadian accents. -The Observer

**A Lutheran Volunteer Corps** representative will be at the Center for Social Concerns today from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Interested juniors and seniors should stop by today. -The Observer

"**Il Cercle Français**" will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in 205 Alumni Hall for a presentation by Father Leveille on "The Provision of Quebec and Ha People," along with a demonstration of the various French-Canadian accents. -The Observer

**Sottovento**, a Latin American band, will perform in the Snite’s Annenberg Auditorium this Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at for door for $4. A workshop will be held on Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to noon in the SUB Office, LaFortune Student Center. -The Observer

**Observer Of Interests** and other public service announcements may be submitted at The Observer main office on the third floor of LaFortune Student Center until 1 p.m. prior to the date of publication. Of Interest announcements free, campus-wide events of general interest. Lecture Circuit announces on-campus and local lecturers. Campus announces other events of general interest, free or paid. The Observer reserves the right to edit all submitted materials and determine if and where announcements will be published. -The Observer

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Democracy in action. It's wonderful. We get to see candidates aspiring for higher office walls in controversy for months. If we want a real mock election, we should have one for the office of the president of the University of Notre Dame.

Move over Monk, Beauchamp wants a rematch. Only this time we should have a true democratic election. Not only the board of trustees, but also the faculty, staff and students should get a vote. It should be run just like the present presidential election with months of campaigning. The candidates could hold debates to have their words scrutinized by campus political experts, and could have certain local campus newspapers misconstrue and misquote their ideas, just like the real thing.

Our candidates could form political parties and affiliations. Of course, the two dominating organizations would probably be the Democratic Administration for a Dry Campus and the Republican Party Against Student Rights.

Unfortunately, all sort of cult factions may spring up that could spoil the election, such as the Students For an Open Administration. This radical cult wishes for the administration to actually explain its actions, and open a dialogue with the students. These far left liberals just do not understand the American democratic process. Once our leader is elected, he no longer needs to explain his actions to his constituency.

Monk, as the incumbent, would give weekly radio addresses on WNPY to the student body and deny allegations that Notre Dame is investing in South African companies that are supporting apartheid. Say it ain’t so, Monk.

A popular issue on the campaign trail would undoubtedly be the student furlough program. Under Pro-Lefflers, the vice-president student affairs was allowed to give weekend passes to felons such as alcohol policy abusers, quiet hours offenders and campus parking violators.

In an attempt to capture the endorsement of the Notre Dame Police and Security, candidate Father Tyson could oppose the release of these thugs in a public display of his tough guy stance on crime.

The problem with this election is that it will be full of ugly mudslinging. The debates are bound to be dominated by quips like, "I knew Father Hesburgh. I worked with Father Hesburgh. Father Hesburgh was a friend of mine, and let me tell you, you're no Father Hesburgh." Issues such as the growing University endowment are likely to be hot items. Should tuition be raised? Some candidates will say emphatically, "I will not raise your tuition!" Others would have to support the freedom of the press to print alcohol advertisements.

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Foundation director Alas spreads 'Liberation Theology'

By ASHOK RODRIGUEZ
Staff Reporter

Father Jose Inocencio Alas, executive director of Fundacion Centroamericana, spoke on "Liberation Theology, Christian Base Communities, and the Salvadoran Revolution" at the Center for Social Concerns Wednesday.

Alas worked with the lower classes in El Salvador from 1967 until 1977. There, ministering to a parish of 45,000, he helped spread Liberation Theology throughout Salvadoran society.

According to Alas, Liberation Theology concentrates on the strength of people as a community. It holds that people have introduced the structures of sin in the world, said Alas, and that these structures cause poverty, oppression, and injustice. Finally, it states that society must reform, he said.

"In order to go back to the plan of God, what we need is..." Alas noted the need for community in El Salvador, where he says 70,000 people have been killed by death squads in recent years.

He insisted there is still hope in Central America, saying that "in Central America we are working for the present time... but at the same time we are working for our future."

When asked what a United States church member could do, Alas replied that "as a person of faith, one must contribute to the foreign policy of the country." Alas had earlier criticized U.S. aid to the El Salvador government responsible for many of the killings.

Alas will be speaking again today at the Kellogg Institute at 12 p.m.

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ND law prof named Asst. Attorney General

By JEFF SWANSON

Douglas Kmiec, a Notre Dame Professor of Law, was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate on October 14 as Assistant Attorney General. Nominated by President Reagan, Kmiec has worked for the Office of Legal Counsel and was a White House Fellow. A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1980, Kmiec specializes in property law and land use planning. Kmiec said that he sees his new position as "an important responsibility" which entails "the presentation of legal vice to the President and Attorney General." He is currently on leave from Notre Dame and is scheduled to return in the fall of 1989.

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Phelps called this year's schedule "the best we've ever played" and is not afraid of the challenge it will be for the team. "By March, with time and patience, these guys will be able to handle anything."

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sions Office has deliberately upped the number of ALs,” Rather, he said, he sees both increased inter-college trans-
fers and second-semester changes in freshman intents as the two principle sources of the extra students.

One other reason to which Wadlick attributes the dra-
matic increases is the increasing number of women admitted to the University over the last several years. “Women favor liberal arts,” he said. One statistical indication of this is that while in 1968 the College of Arts and Letters had 44 per-
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swered rationally.

The format was also much less restricted than the actual debates and resulted in more open dialogue between both sides.

Each side was given time at the end to discuss topics it felt was left out. The Bush team used the opportunity to defend Quayle, while the Dukakis side countered by claiming that Bennett has a better record.

After the debate ended, Lapsley thanked the several dozen students who attended and congratulated both teams for handling the event with professionalism.

Future Hall Fellow events in-
clude a discussion of what Notre Dame students are like and a lecture on the role of wo-
men in the Catholic Church.

In fact, the trend is relatively new for the University, Wad-
dick said. “If you go back to 1978, we were dropping and the others were going up,” he said, referring to the enrollment in the College of Arts and Letters.

Within the college, government is the most popular major. Perry Arnold, chair-
man of the department of gov-
ernment and international studies, said he saw the popularity as “a long-term growth of the major.”

“This has always been a more popular major, although it does seem to be getting in-
creasingly popular,” said Ar-
nold. “I wonder if government isn’t seen by Notre Dame stu-
dents as a more practical major,” said Arnold, indicat-
ing that parental pressure and job concerns may influence students to choose more “hard-
headed” majors.

Monique Headly, a senior government major, said she chose the department mainly out of interest. “I’ve just al-
ways been interested in politics, comparatively speak-
ing, between Europe, South America, Africa. I like to know what’s going on. As to the fu-
ture, she says, “My career goal when I chose government ini-
tially was law, but at this point it’s constantly changing.”

Another senior in the depart-
tive, Dave Reider, also said he has always been interested in politics, but is looking towards a career. “People gen-
erally think a government major isn’t very practical, job-
wise,” Reider said. “But I can’t think of a major that’s better for someone looking for a job in foreign service or public ser-
vice. It prepares them best.”

In terms of career possibili-
ties for Arts and Letters majors on the whole, Wadlick said many businesses these days are also looking for liberal arts graduates—especially in jobs which require human relations skills. “The attitude of some corporations is that we can teach them the business back-
ground,” Wadlick said.

“I think that some of the kids have realized that a liberal arts education is not the kiss of death in the job market,” said Wadlick.
Bangladesh mission strives for progress

The daily expenses of an international traveler in our fast-moving world equal or surpass the average annual salary of a Bangladesh laborer. Statistics like that are nearly impossible to fathom. There is no easy solution to the dilemma posed by poverty and terrible unequal distribution and use of world resources. That seems to be a fact of life in our modern world.

David Schlaver

guest column

One hundred thirty-five years ago the first Holy Cross fathers, brothers and sisters landed near Chittagong on the Bay of Bengal to assist in the Christian missions of the distant Indian province of East Bengal. In this past half-century that land has undergone major changes in government (from India to East Pakistan to Bangladesh) and experienced great growth in population. But true progress on the human front has been hard to find.

Bangladesh was born as a nation in December 1971. Even now, well into its adolescence, this small Wisconsin-sized country seems to have nothing to offer the world, except people. We only received fleeting reports about its frequent destructions like the worst flooding in history last month which has left 30 million of its 110 million people homeless. Of those people, 15 million are Muslims, 13 million are Hindus, and the rest Buddhists, various tribal religions, and a mere handful of Christians-about 270,000 covering many denominations.

In the same half-century of political changes, the local church has taken shape and now flourishes. The number of Catholic Christians is still small: less than one-twentieth of one percent. But the roots of the Church, deepened by 400 years, the faith is firmly planted, and Holy Cross has been an integral part of the growth of that local church for 135 years.

Father Sorin himself was asked to go to Bengal in 1852, merely ten years after founding the University of Notre Dame. He politely refused, saying that there was enough missionary work to be done right here. Another took his place and the Holy Cross presence on the opposite side of the globe was assured.

Education has been a priority from the first days in Bengal, pioneered by the sisters at the elementary level and the brothers at the secondary level. Five excellent high schools and two major technical schools are sponsored by the brothers and one by the sisters. In addition, the fathers administer Notre Dame College and the sisters Holy Cross College, both tops in their field.

Holy Cross has also founded and maintained hospitals, dispensaries and medical programs and worked in areas of development and justice, technical training and basic literacy. These projects have always benefited people of all religions. Generous support for them has come from friends of Holy Cross all over the North American continent.

Among the small Catholic population, Holy Cross religious have labored to found local communities of religious to build up the diocesan clergy, and to train church leaders in seminaries and catechetical centers. Holy Cross priests have also assisted the bishops of three dioceses in maintaining extensive parishes serving many Catholics. The only actual "conversion" work was done among the tribal peoples who have become the "new" Christians during the last century.

Scores of Holy Cross religious have spent their entire lives in service of the people of Bangladesh. They have been sent to bring the gospel to them, to teach and heal them, and to give them hope.

In December, two new Holy Cross vice-provinces will be launched. The Vice-Provinces of Priests will have over 50 professed members and the Vice-Province of Brothers over 40. In both groups the majority of members are now Bangladeshis. In addition, the Sisters of the Holy Cross have about 25 members of whom more than half are Bangladeshis, and the Canadian Sisters number about ten.

Sunday, Oct. 23, was "Massion Sunday" around the world. At Notre Dame we celebrated this significant part of the history of Holy Cross which links us here at Notre Dame with a church and people in far away Bengal. We welcomed Fr. Frank Quintsman to Sacred Heart Church that weekend. He spent six years in Bangladesh (1979-85) and now serves as novice director for Holy Cross in Colorado.

Holy Cross is proud of Fr. Frank's work in Bangladesh as pastor and fellow traveler with a people struggling to improve their lot and deepen their faith. He learned their language and listened to their problems; he gave them his full attention and love and in the process found that they gave him much more in return.

The work of one individual or even a whole group of the same religious order in a radically different environment seems like a mission impossible. Yet, as Mother Theresa says so simply and directly: "If we don't do it, then the ocean would have one less drop." And that could be a worse tragedy for us than the misfortunes we see others suffering all over our world.

Pray for our distant brothers and sisters and for those who serve in their midst. And help them material or if we can. We are linked to them forever in our God's provident plan.

Father Schlaver served in Bangladesh (1979-81) before becoming director of Notre Dame Campus Ministry. He is now editor and publisher at Ave Maria Press on campus.

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Grad students must assimilate at ND

Most people are unaware that Notre Dame has not just one campus, but two campuses. The second campus is made up of three dorms: Brownson Hall, St. Joseph's, and O'Hara-Grace.

Victor J. Krebs
metanoia

Brownson Hall is right behind the Dome, in the very heart of the Notre Dame campus. O'Hara-Grace is just across the street from Knott and Siegfried. And St. Joseph's is right next to St. Joseph's Lake, not any farther than Holy Cross or Carroll Hall are from some parts of the campus. These three dorms are graduate dorms; yet the fact is, graduate dorms are not considered on-campus.

Nobody seems to know where these dorms are. Campus announcements never get there. When student campus mailings are sent out, graduate dorms are hardly ever included; football ticket applications, for example, were mailed at the beginning of the semester to all on-campus students, except graduate dorms. For all practical purposes, it is as if graduate dorms make up a separate campus.

But why are graduate dorms not considered part of the Notre Dame campus? The problem here lies not only on campus but on campus itself. Not on the differences which separate graduate students from the rest (an assumption that graduate students are not considered part of the Notre Dame student body), but rather on the peculiarly neglected situation of graduate students at Notre Dame: it creates a spiritual and psychological distance between graduate students and the rest of the community.

"Graduate students exist, yes," you will told, "we know they are around (or at least we think we do, every now and then), but for all practical purposes, they are not really there. And that is natural of course since they are different. They are older, they spend all their time doing research and reading books, and they are not interested in what goes on in the community."

That is the stereotype, and it defines the general "graduate student" mindset in our community. At the suggestion that graduate students are not different, we will told, "we know they are around, we know they are interested in what goes on in the community, but they are not actually there."

So the stereotype is true. It is the general feeling which brought my perception of our system into question. During my first weeks at Notre Dame, the night before we were sent to the hospital, the nurse shook her head and said, "Those won’t be necessary. You’re impressed, and at the same time, one cannot help but question our system, and wonder if Notre Dame is in stark contrast to that of the NHS.

Is it asking too much of the richest, most technologically advanced nation on earth to provide all its citizens with a national health plan? It not only makes sense from a moral standpoint—after all, should health care, a basic human necessity, really be contingent upon an individual’s ability to pay?—but it makes economic sense as well. As the British can draw from the national resources and everyone pays into the system, costs are much lower and everyone is covered. By contrast, the percentage of GNP spent on health care in Great Britain is 5.9 percent, and everyone is covered. By contrast, Americans pay 10.5 percent of its GNP for health care, yet those who can’t pay don’t have health care. The British system is far more just.

National health plan makes sense

Socialized medicine. For Americans, these words wreak havoc upon our in­tellectual, moral, and institutional polit­ical responses. Anything "socialized" must certainly connote communism, and as every red-blooded, flag-waving American understands, this must be a bad thing. But there is more to consider. Socialized medicine is the name of the method, one, which tends to be. But if Notre Dame wants her students to feel that they can start finding their place in this community. There is no denying that graduate students are in many respects differ­ent, and as such they have different needs that must be attended to. Some radical changes will need to be made, no doubt. And these changes cannot be limited to the campus itself but must extend to the aca­demic programs. The living conditions of graduate students must improve at every level.

The change that is needed will be painful, as any change in the status quo tends to be. But if Notre Dame wants to become an important graduate institu­tion, a rich and vital intellectual cen­ter, we need to begin thinking about graduate students’ needs, academic and personal, and about how to meet them.

If we are committed to the growth of the graduate school, we must begin to think differently. The "graduate student" mindset must be shed by all, graduate students, undergraduates, and the University administration as well.

In the end, we will all benefit from that.

Victor J. Krebs is a graduate student and a member of the Editorial Board of the Graduate Student Union. Viewpoint Thursday, October 27, 1988

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**Mud-slinging Mom breaks sit-com mold**

Remember when TV moms were perfect? Mrs. Brady never flew off the handle when her kids swore (you know, "Bobby's a stinker."). And only Maggie Seaver would ground herself for lying to prove a point; however, those days of life in Xanadu are over. This year one TV mom dares to call her children "three little mooches who suck ourselves dry." That woman could only be Roseanne Barr.

Joe Bucolo

To Be Continued

On Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. after "Who's the Boss?" ABC airs TV's most realistic sitcom and surest hit, "Roseanne." The show stars Barr as Roseanne Parker, a loving, caring, and sarcastic mother of three. Dan (John Goodman) is Roseanne's husband who has a hard time finding a job and an even harder time holding on to one. The three "mooches" are Becky (Lecy Goranson), Darlene (Sarah Gilbert), and D.J. (Michael Fishman). The series also features Roseanne's sister Jackie (Laurie Metcalf) and friend Crystal (Natalie West), who work with Roseanne at the factory.

What makes the show so appealing is its sarcastically-tainted sense of realism. Gone are the traditional sitcom plots like brothers becoming each other's slaves for life or mothers and daughters spending the day at the hair salon. This show has the unique ability to find the humor in common, everyday situations. One plot in which the children are misbehaving provokes Roseanne to declare, "This is why some species eat their young." The kids on this show talk back. When Darlene asks Roseanne why she's so mean, the mother replies, "Because I hate kids and I'm not your real mom." Darlene does not mind. "Then at least there's hope." While Dan tries to pay off some of the Parkers' many bills, Roseanne tells him about her own personal method: "You pay the ones marked 'final notice' and throw the rest away." The children are soon fighting again and, after D.J. says that Becky hates him, Roseanne responds, "You go right ahead and hate her back."

Just as Roseanne's relationship with her children is far from harmonious, her relationship with Dan is subject to her own moods. When Dan decides to apply for a job, she says, "You're not going to get it." Dan replies, "Well, there's a lot of guys kidnap young and they're all a lot better than you, I bet."

Beneath this surface of diversity mud-slinging, which reminds one of the upcoming presidential election, the Parkers are a loving family. Viewers watch as Roseanne helps her children with homework, encourages them to participate in household chores, and helps them to believe in themselves. In one scene during which Dan and Roseanne are fighting, D.J. cuts himself and the fight takes a back seat as Roseanne and Dan confront their son only as parents can.

The performances are wonderful. While Barr still tends to act from time to time as if she were doing stand-up comedy, she is a natural in this role. (She should be; it was made for her.) She is a mother to whom viewers can relate. Goodman is also quite good as Dan. He is able to play off Barry and portray a caring, individualistic husband. A final word must be said about the show's sets. The Parker residence is messy and always upset; things aren't always in their places--in fact, they seldom are. This is a refreshing switch form the glamorous, unrealistic homes depicted on other shows.

"Roseanne" is a witty, wonderful comedy that makes even the most routine of incidents seem funny. When a saleslady tells Roseanne the fastest way to a man's heart is through the use of perfume, Roseanne smugly suggests it is through his chest. ABC knows better. It knows the quickest way to the viewers' hearts is "Roseanne."

Stay Tuned: Tonight, Valerie's fate is revealed in "Knots Landing" begins its new season on CBS. "Dallas" and "Falcon Crest" begin their seasons tomorrow night. "Cheers" presents its season premiere tonight followed by an all-new episode of "Dear John." Get the VCR ready, because on Nov. 13, ABC begins "War and Remembrance," its 3-hour blockbuster mini-series.

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Industry Diamond Series sparkles at Moreau Gallery

PATTY O'NEIL

assistant writer

The Saint Mary's College art gallery has existed for thirty-three years and is known about its existence. This could be due to the fact that it is difficult to find. The Moreau Gallery is located in the basement of Moreau, and the Little Theatre and Hammes Galleries are on the main floor just outside of the Little Theatre Auditorium. There are new shows held every month. This month the Industrial Diamond Series by Chris Rockmore is being shown in Moreau Gallery, and "Perhaps Civilization is a Lie" by Bill Tourtillote is being shown in Little Theatre Gallery. On Oct. 7 there was an opening reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for Therese Zemlin's "Cast Paper Installation" and Maria Gonzalez's "Photography" in Moreau Gallery.

The Gallery likes to represent local, regional, and national artwork. This is accomplished by sending out exhibition screenings, which ask for slides and resumes from artists around the country. The Gallery Board, which is comprised of faculty members, students, and selected community representatives, then votes for the top exhibits based on the information they receive.

Bill Tourtillote, director of the art gallery, said there is generally a good turnout for the receptions by students. He also said that the Gallery is striving to show more contemporary work, and that "we are trying to challenge and stimulate people. They don't have to necessarily like what they see, just as long as they experience it."

Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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**Denver is a team in disarray**

Elway's return may spark the defending AFC champs

Associated Press

DENVER-- The Denver Broncos have placed running back Calvin Thomas on waivers and are expected to activate strong safety Dennis Smith this week if Smith's nagging hamstring injury is healed.

Despite the Broncos' poor play in last week's 39-21 loss at Pittsburgh, Coach Dan Reeves planned no shakeups in the starting lineup, except for those necessitated by injury, for Monday night's game at Indianapolis.

Pro Bowl linebacker Karl Mecklenburg will be sidelined six weeks after re-fracturing his right thumb and undergoing surgery. To replace him, the Broncos will shift strong inside linebacker Rick Dennison to Mecklenburg's spot at weak-side linebacker, and Bruce Klostermann will move up to fill Dennison's spot.

Quarterback John Elway, who sat out the loss to Pittsburgh, should return to action Monday night.

"Hopefully, John will be ready," Reeves said Wednesday. "We'll practice him today and by Monday he should be close to 100 percent. Other than accommodations for injuries, I don't foresee any changes in the starting lineup.

The Broncos created two roster spots when they put Mecklenburg on injured reserve and released Thomas, but Reeves was vague about how, or when, those two spots would be filled.

Smith, a starter who has been plagued by injury the past few seasons, seemed the likeliest prospect to be activated.

"We feel like Dennis should be 100 percent, but we won't know for sure until he practices," Reeves said. "We felt like he was ready to go two weeks ago, too, and he had some problems with his leg then."

Wide receiver Steve Watson, out with a neck injury, is another candidate as are linebackers Steve Bryan and Randy Thorston.

Reeves seemed in no particular hurry to replace Mecklenburg with another linebacker.

"We could go with six linebackers for a while," he said. "We're just not sure when the Munford could come back in two weeks."

When the Broncos acquired Thomas three weeks ago from the Chicago Bears, the fullback was expected to finally provide Denver with the big back they had been lacking. It didn't work out that way. Thomas' inactivity on Sunday to make a first down on a fourth-and-one play--when he ran to the wrong hole--apparently hastened his departure.

Asked his reasons for cutting Thomas, Reeves said, "We felt like we had to make room for people coming back. We felt it was a luxury apparently hastened his departure."

Reeves branded the AFC West "the worst division in the league right now. Just look at the records. Nobody has played anybody. Nobody is really out of it, either."

Denver and Seattle lead the division, both with 4-4 records.

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**SMC volleyball defeats Bethel and Manchester**

By ELIZABETH VAN DER SAVEL

Sports Writer

In a season plagued by injuries, the Saint Mary's Belles have had difficulties playing to their full capacity, but through determination and leadership they recently posted two big victories.

On Oct. 13 the Belles clinched victory over Bethel College in a tedious and exhausting four-game match. Saint Mary's took an early lead, winning the first game 15-2. The team struggled in the second game, losing 9-15, but they came back strong winning the final two straight games and the match 15-10 and 15-13.

Tuesday night at Angela Athletic Center the Belles played host to Manchester in a match that stretched to five games. SMC started strong with great blocking and spiking by Katy Killilea and Michelle Sibilsky, which allowed for a first game victory of 15-9. For much of the second game there was a tied score, but Manchester held on and rallied back, winning both the second and third games 9-15 and 6-15. Saint Mary's showed determination and strong serving in winning the fourth game 15-11 and tying the game score. Senior captain Tami Suth's powerful serving, despite a broken finger, assisted the Belles in gaining a 7-0 lead in the fifth game.

"Tami Suth really made a difference," said Head Coach Sue Medley.

Mary Macdiermid displayed superb execution at the net and played a significant role in the Belles fifth game victory 15-9.

"Lately, we have not played up to our potential, but we have been able to pull out of bad situations," Medley said.

The Belles are hoping for a crowd and lots of support in their tourney on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30 at 5:00 in Angela.
Tommy Lasorda, shown here getting down at a Los Angeles nightclub after the Dodgers’ World Series triumph, has further reason to celebrate after being named National League Manager of the Year yesterday. A related story can be found at right.

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the college for which he would perform. He chose Notre Dame, under the tutelage of since-departed Gerry Faust. But despite four years in a reserve role, Belles never even considered transferring to another school.

“I had a choice to go pretty much anywhere I wanted,” said Belles. “I decided to come here and so I just decided to stick it out. I’m getting enough (playing) time where I’m helping the team and I think that’s all that matters now.”

Strong believes this willingness to “stick it out” is one of Belles’ greatest attributes. He likens the senior’s role on the team to that of a baseball utility player, truly a valuable asset for a Division I football program such as Notre Dame.

“Steve Belles is a true Notre Dame football player,” asserted the second-year coach, “because he’s accepted his role and he’s continued to work and improve. He’s also been unfailingly from the standpoint of wherever we want to play him, he’s been willing to play there. He’s given of himself to help this football team be a better team. That’s what Notre Dame’s all about.”

Considering the rash of injuries the Irish backfield has been subjected to this season and the abundance of quarterbacks on the roster, Belles is expected to see more action at halfback and tailback. Right now, we’re just gonna work him at those two positions,” said Strong. “He’ll spend a little more time at the tailback position, but he’s also getting ample work at quarterback. Wherever Coach Holtz feels like Steve can help the team in that particular time and situation, that’s where he’s gonna be.”

“There’s really no telling where you’re gonna see him at,” continued Strong. “I think he’d be a great defensive end, too, if we put him over there.”

For his part, the utility role suits Belles just fine.

“I feel like the big utilityman for Notre Dame,” said Belles. “Whatever it takes, I’ll get it done out there.”

Dodgers’ Lasorda voted best in NL

Associated Press

NEW YORK-- Tommy Lasorda, who led Los Angeles to the World Series championship and their sixth National League West title in 12 years, was named NL Manager of the Year Wednesday by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Lasorda received 101 points in balloting by a committee of two writers from each NL city. He had 19 first-place votes and was named on 23 of 24 ballots. It was the second time Lasorda was voted manager of the year. He won the award in 1985, its initial year.

Jim Leyland of Pittsburgh was second with 36 points after leading the Pirates to an 85-75 record and second place in the East behind the New York Mets.

Davey Johnson, who led the Mets to a league-leading 100-60 record and their second East title in three years, was third with 36 points.

Jack McKeon, who took over the Padres from Larry Bowa on May 28, was fourth with 27 points. San Diego was 67-48 under McKeon and had the second-best record in the league over the final four months of the season.

Lasorda learned that he had won while flying to Los Angeles after the Dodgers had been honored Wednesday at the White House.

“This completes my day—one of the greatest days of my life,” the Dodger manager told Jack Lang, secretary-treasurer of the writers’ group.

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Women's soccer takes two of three
By COLLEEN HENNESSEY
Sports Writer
The Notre Dame women's soccer team improved its record to 13-3-1 over fall break, but there are some that would argue that it should rightfully read 14-3.

The 1-0 win over St. Benedict's and a 2-0 defeat of Bowling Green pose no difficulties, but a tough 1-1 tie with Saint Mary's leaves Irish Head coach Dennis Grace fuming. "It was a horrible call, a crucial call to determine the game," he said.

"It was a free goal, an unjustified penalty kick that at best should have been an indirect from outside the box," he said of the controversial foul that led to the tie.

One thing Grace cannot be upset over is the team defense that has played recently. "For all practical purposes, we've shut out our last three opponents," he insists. "And those shutouts are very important to us because if we go into the game with a shutout attitude, we can't lose, and it looks things defensively." The team will take to the road on Friday, heading for Bowling Green.

"Right now we're not sure of our ranking in the tournament," said Grace. "It's going to be a tremendous challenge." The Irish have been preparing for the weekend by working on one of Grace's pet Peeves—poor offensive and defensive transitions, specifically getting the attacking players to move back to effectively block the counter attack.

"Our transitions were definitely a big problem on Sunday (against St. Benedict)," said junior K.T. Sullivan. "Coach has had us working on it all week and I think we'll do well this weekend."

"We have to work in terms of team defense and team offense," Grace said. "We think of our defense as 11 bodies. I'm comfortable with how the team is responding."

The Irish are hoping to see the return of stopper Michelle Richards this weekend, who is out with an ankle injury sustained in the Saint Mary's game.

"She still isn't practicing," said Sullivan. "But we hope to have her back because she is an important factor."

Because of scheduling problems Grace will not be accompanying the team to Dayton, heading to Miami with the team instead. Assistant coach Neil Schmidt will take over.

All in all, the Irish are optimistic. They have reason to be as they have outscored their opponents this season by at least 50-12.

"I really think we could surprise some people," said Grace.

ND women's tennis sweeps MCC
By CHRIS COONEY
Sports Writer
The Notre Dame women's tennis team dominated the Midwestern Collegiate Conference tournament held Oct. 21-23 as they swept their opponents despite missing four of their best players.

The Irish finished with an impressive record of 18-0.

"We played well as a whole and could not single one person out," said coach Michele Gelfman. "We won as a team."

"The tournament was especially difficult because we were forced to switch our lineup at the last minute," Gelfman continued. "I was really proud of how everyone came through."

The Irish were without their number one singles player, Caee Cahill, who was ill. In addition, Ann Bradshaw was out with a sprained ankle and Natalie Illig could not compete for personal reasons. Junior captain Alice Lebre was still sidelined with a back injury, was also missing from the lineup.

Katie Clark took Cahill's place in the top position, followed by Tracy Barton, Kristy Doran, Kim Pacella, Tyler Musleh, and Cathy Bradshaw.

Gelfman was especially pleased with the performance of the doubles teams of Barton-Doran, Pacella-Musleh, and Musleh with Anne Marie Dega.

"The doubles were difficult because the girls had to play with new partners, people they had never played with before," Gelfman said.

"Our number five doubles team (Musleh and Dega) had to move up and play the number three teams from all the other schools. They played exceptionally well," Gelfman added.

The Irish travel to Houston Wednesday - Friday to compete in the Rice Tennis Classic where they will face teams ranked among the top twenty in the nation.

"The caliber of competition will be much higher," remarked Gelfman. "Hopefully the girls will be fully recovered in time."
ND lacrosse to face powerful Johns Hopkins

By PETE LaFLEUR
Sports Writer

An article in the Literary Digest describes lacrosse as "a game for those who enjoy speed, thrills, power, keen competition, solid impact, courage and precision, endurance and fair play."

And the team that in many people's minds best exemplifies these qualities, Johns Hopkins University, will take on Notre Dame here Friday night in what is easily the biggest game in Irish lacrosse history.

Hopkins has turned their mastering of the fundamentals into 42 national titles (three of the last five) and countless All-Americans. No class has ever graduated from Hopkins without a national title, thus laying the foundation for a tradition that is seemingly unmatched in collegiate sports.

"They (Hopkins) have a little bit of the mysticism that Notre Dame does in football. In fact, many even refer to them as the 'Notre Dame of college lacrosse,'" said Irish first year coach Kevin Corrigan.

While Johns Hopkins has perennially participated in the NCAA Final Four, Notre Dame has only been a varsity sport for nine years and has come close the last two years to capturing the NCAA Tournament's Western bid. Although the fall season for lacrosse is only for exhibition, Corrigan says the Irish should be ready to play to the capacity opponent as Hopkins.

"We are committed to playing this game to show that this is the direction we want to go," he said. "This is a great opportunity for our kids and I expect they'll have great intensity. I worry about our execution but not our intensity."

Hopkins' visit takes on even further significance when applied to the Midwest and future Irish recruiting. After playing the Irish, the Blue Jays will travel to East Lansing for a game with Michigan State. The Spartans are expected to attend the game in South Bend as are several high school groups from the Chicago area.

"It's great for Hopkins to come out. They're doing this to help the lacrosse in the Midwest and it's going to be a great help to us," Corrigan said. "The game will help legitimize our program and we will use it as a selling point to high school kids by showing them we can do something like this." Rich O'Leary, who coached the Irish for 18 years before recently leaving to concentrate on his position at non-varsity athletics, said the Johns Hopkins game is a tribute to all those who have participated in the program during its 25 years.

"This game puts Notre Dame in a different perspective nationally and that is a credit to all those who participated in Notre Dame lacrosse at all levels. This one game isn't going to make Notre Dame's future, but you have to be confident with this kind of effort."

Senior tri-captain John Olmstead said that the team is well aware of the game's significance. He said that a new coach and a game of this magnitude combine to suggest the dawning of a "new era" in Irish lacrosse.

"Everyone associated with lacrosse knows what Johns Hopkins is all about and it will just be an incredible experience to be on the same field as them," Olmstead said. "But at the same time we have hope. We've worked very hard this fall and overall it's not whether we win or lose but how this propels us into the spring."

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**Notre Dame**
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Not your average backup QB

Steve Belles moonlights at tailback and special teams

BY FRANK PASTOR
Sports Writer

He is Notre Dame's "Mr. Versatility."

His name is Steve Belles, but his teammates call him "the Jim Jensen of Notre Dame," referring to the Miami Dolphins' do-it-all, utility specialist.

There's little Belles doesn't do for the Irish football team. In addition to his reserve role behind Tony Rice and Kent Graham at quarterback, Belles can be found on the special teams as well as in late-game stints at the halfback position. Coaches consider him to be a great competitor, and everyone is talking about the bowl games, the second half. The Belles' play demonstrated their ability to connect with one another.

"Indiana has improved since last year," said Van Meter. "Our quality of play has improved during the two years I've been here."

Coming off a win should help the Belles' confidence in their approach to this weekend against the College of Wooster and Oberlin College. Both are NCAA Division III teams.

"This should be a good measuring point for us to play against Division III schools," said Van Meter.

The Belles' final games will be away on Saturday and Sunday.

Steve Belles has been a key figure on the Irish special teams this year and is two for four passing with two touchdowns. Frank Pastor features Notre Dame's utilityman at left.

No radical changes in Irish kicking game...yet

As Notre Dame continues to strive for the national championship, the kicking game has become a prime target for scrutiny and criticism by watchers of the Irish football team.

"We have a very good kicking game," Head Coach Lou Holtz said in defense of his team. "Our kicking hasn't been good, but our kicking game has impressed me."

Fullback Anthony Johnson, who first saw action on kickoffs against Air Force last Saturday, may have more opportunities Saturday against Navy in Baltimore, but, contrary to rumors that say otherwise, Holtz says he will still go with the combination of Reggie Ho and Billy Hackett that has won the Irish through the first seven games of the season.

"I think it's a little premature to be making any radical changes on our team," Holtz said. "We might have Anthony Johnson trying a punt after, a short field goal, maybe some kickoffs, but we're still going to see Reggie Ho and Billy Hackett kicking."

Johnson also practiced punting during Wednesday's practice, but Jim Sexton still holds down the job for Notre Dame.

"Jim Sexton has been doing a nice job," Holtz said. "He's averaging about 40 yards a punt, and we haven't had one blocked this season, so I can't really complain there."

Theresa Kelly
Football Notebook

"We're third in the nation in punt returns, I think we're seventh in kickoff returns, no blocked punts, no really long runbacks," Holtz continued. "So you can't say we're having too much trouble with the kicking game. Maybe the kickers, but not the kicking game."

Although Holtz says his prime concern is Navy, and everyone is talking about the bowl games, the schedulers are looking ahead to the 1989 Kickoff Classic to be played next August. One rumored matchup pits the Irish against UCLA, currently the top-ranked team in the country.

"This comes up every year," Holtz said. "My first year here, we weren't good enough, we didn't earn the opportunity to play the game. Last year, we were concerned with playing in a bowl game, but I still didn't think we earned the chance.

"This year, I think we've earned the chance, but it's not my decision to make; it's an administrative decision."

Texas A&M, which defeated the Irish in the Cotton Bowl, played Nebraska in the 1988 Kickoff Classic. ...