ND alum pushes for Wyoming hate-crimp bill

Mourners remember gay victim

``Dear Lord, take care of our Matt, our dear one who has passed, it reads. And please take care of us. Thank you very much. Amen.''

More than 500 people gathered at the memorial Wednesday night during a see VIGILS / page 4

``Putting nondiscrimination legislation on the books would be saying, We don't tolerate that kind of conduct here,''' she said.

She further noted that in situations where a crime is committed, punishable and can be traced to intolerance or hatred, hate-crime legislation can influence the amount of punishment afforded by the organization's judicial body.

``It's against the law to rob someone, it's against the law to kill someone, so hate-crimp legislation aggravates the punishment because we as a society see CRIMES / page 4

ND facility in Dublin to open tomorrow

The University will officially launch its new academic center in Dublin, Ireland, tomorrow with a day-long series of events featuring a lecture by Seán Ó hUigín, Ireland's ambassador to the U.S., and, later, a dedication address by Bertie Ahern, the Irish Taoiseach (prime minister).

The dedication of the Kough-Notre Dame Study Centre is located at No. 86 St. Stephen's Green in a portion of historic Newman House. It will honor Donald and Marilyn Kough, the benefactors for whom both the center and the Kough Institute for Irish Studies at Notre Dame are named.

Donald Kough is chairman of the board of the New York investment banking firm, Allen & Company Incorporated and a Life Trustee of Notre Dame. Marilyn Kough will be awarded an honorary degree by the University in a ceremony at Trinity College, Dublin, during the dedication.

The Taoiseach and two additional benefactors of the Dublin program — prominent Irish business leaders Martin Naughton, executive chairman of Glen Dimplex, and Michael Smurfit, chairman of Jefferson Smurfit Group — also will receive honorary degrees.

The opening of the Kough Centre gives Notre Dame a unique academic presence in the country with which it so long has been identified. Newman House, where in 1854 Cardinal John Henry Newman founded the original Catholic

New Earth Semester held in Biosphere

This semester, two Notre Dame juniors are discovering that college courses have much more to offer than just cracking books and sitting in classrooms.

Troy Leo and Raul Gutierrez are taking part in Notre Dame's newest study "abroad" program — spending a semester in Biosphere 2 in Oracle, Ariz. The course, known as the Earth Semester, consists of class lectures, field trips to the Sea of Cortez in Mexico and the Grand Canyon and a semester-long research project in the Biosphere or the surrounding areas.

Originally established to research the possibility of human colonization on other planets, the Biosphere facility is now under the control of Columbia University in New York and used almost exclusively for undergraduate research. The centerpiece of the campus is "Biosphere 2," a 204,000 cubic meter enclosed glass structure which contains a range of ecosystems.
What's worse, they all arose at about the same time in several corners of campus, and say to themselves:

"Dear God, what is that smell?!"

A stroll around the quadrads and sidewalks is more than a feast for the eyes — it's an olfactory catastrophe straight out of the 90s. What's worse, they all arroze at the same time in several corners of campus. There are no neutral zones.

If that ethanol smell left you queasy, take a walk to Flannery or Gass Hall for a nausea-inducing sight. Either the administration tried to cover the stench with some sewage experiment went horribly wrong — ethanol is perfumed by comparison.

Of the allegations that The Stench-emeans from North Dining Hall — well, perhaps that's a stretch. Didn't everyone get left there. But last year's Unastencher can only wish that his paramecium-like microbe rank had produced such a nasty smell. But please, don't stop at Flanner; there are plenty of other places to go around. Case in point: The parking lots at Bob's Aquatic Center and the tennis courts. Manure, anyone? Granted, no odor is immediately visible, but something reeks of excrement over there. Perhaps we need to reserve that area of campus for non-ballroom weekdays. We can only eagerly imagine the rancid rancid excitement in store for us when that smelly zone comes next semester.

Lucky West Quad residents get a special stench. Light a candle or three. Better yet, replace those white candles with something more aromatic like lavender, maybe pine-scented air freshener to hang from the nearest building.

If you're moved on to bigger and better putrid pranks, unless the intrepid Unastencher returned and made a miracle might neutralize Notre Dame's most perfect season, we suggest making your move on campus. We've made them aware of the issues and believe that reasonable people will make reasonable decisions now that everyone is aware of the issue."

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outside the Dome

Michigan State tells political candidate to change slogan

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Almost two weeks after its appearance on a Lansing billboard, a new ad decided that Republican candidate Virginia White's campaign slogan violates trademark laws.

White, a former Meridian Township clerk, has been using the slogan "Go Green! Vote White!" on her campaign paraphernalia. A billboard with the slogan was placed at the intersection of Lansing in Saginaw Highway near Clipper Street since Oct. 1.

White said she plans to change the sign Thursday, Sept. Waxman, White's campaign manager, said the candidate was notified informally by a friend in MSU's Office of University Licensing Programs, who said the slogan was a violation of trademark laws. White responded to an official notice from the university Sunday, Waxman said.

"I hope the university would have courtesy to send us something in writing," he said. "That's easier to work with my committee on." Terry Denbow, vice president for university relations, said a written notice may be issued.

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University of Minnesota

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Students travel to Chile for youth gathering

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

For 19 Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s stu-
dents, faith comes in many languages.
These students added Spanish to that list,
as they traveled to Santiago, Chile, for
“Encuentro de Jovenes” or the Continental
Youth Gathering.

The week-long event summoned stu-
dents from North, South and Central
America to participate in theological discus-
sions, community service and cultural
events.

This year’s topic reflected on the future of
the Church as it approaches the year 2000.
“Because of a common interest in God
and faith, the Church of the future will be
the youth coming together in the Kingdom
of God,” said Judy Fean, director of Campus
Ministry at Saint Mary’s, who accompanied
the students on the trip with Father Pat
Nearsy, director of campus ministry pro-
grams at Notre Dame.

Activities for the week included group dis-
cussions, group lituriges and reflections on
“Romans and Daughters of the Light”, “Open
Wide the Doors to Christ” and “Terter
Millenio Adventiero”— three church doc-
uments read by participants prior to the
start of the week.

One of the most impactful events of the
week was the day of solidarity, according to
many attendees. Participants traveled to an
orphanage in Santiago to work, dine and
talk with the children.

Participants worked alongside the chil-
dren to plant trees and dig the foundations
for a much-needed irrigation system for the
orphanage, which housed 98 children rang-
ing in age from two to 19.

“The most amazing thing was that
these children showed genuine, simple love,” said Andrea Bueno, who attended the gathering.
“We weren’t working for them, but with
them,” said fellow participant Steve Gomez. “In
every one of these children, there was a
little Jesus.

“When these children saw you, you were
their best friend.”

“They didn’t know your past, and they didn’t
care—you could go there, be loved, and
be you.”

After the day’s work, the children dined
with their new friends—a experience

that was powerful for both groups.
“Their hospitality was amazing,” Bueno
said. “The children lived under such poor
conditions that they rallied soap and toi-
let paper. When we went to the cabin to
see where the lived, they were so excited
to share that soap with us. It was incred­
ible.

Following the meal, the children pre-
sented a card with the children’s picture to
each participant and asked what they
liked best about the orphanage.

“They said, ‘Now we are friends because
we have shared together,’” Fean said.

Another key part of the experience were
the small group discussions, which posed
a challenge for many participants who did
not speak the native language. Although
three different languages were spoken
among participants at the gathering, the
group discussions were held mainly in
Spanish.

“It was difficult because I could not
always enter into the dialogue,” Fean said.

“We realized that we meet God many dif-
f erent situations. We are a global, not
North American church. It was a chal-
lenge to see the Church as global.”

Web brings bookstore alternative

By CHRIS KUSEK
News Writer

When students arrive on campus after Christmas break this year, they may not have to spend hours searching through crowded aisles in search of textbooks.

This is due to the fact that the Internet is quickly becom­ing a viable alternative to retail

new and used textbooks.

Advertised as providing a 40 percent discount on most items, BIGWORDS sells both new and used textbooks.

While the time saved from standing in lines benefits stu-
dents greatly, the process is not without its negatives.

“You get hurt on shipping and handling time,” said Bob

Battles, a store manager at the Hammes Notre Dame

Bookstore.

While BIGWORDS does advertise that deliveries usually arrive within 24 hours, this is not guaranteed.
Furthermore, the student must know the ISBN number of the textbook he or she is ordering, or there is a good possibility of a mis-order.

When a common accounting textbook was looked up, over
27 variations of the book were found. Due to the different
pagenation of the editions, a mistaken wrong order could
cause unnecessary hassles for the student.

While BIGWORDS.com is one of the larger companies offer-
ing online textbooks to students nationally, even Notre Dame’s own bookstore is get-
ing on the web. The Hammes bookstore will offer Notre

Dame students a web site option of their own next semester. Students will be
able to order books on-line and pick them up after they are
handed.

“Students can order books and they will be here waiting,”

Battles said. “The Notre Dame bookstore provides shopping
case to students based on information provided by the

faculty.”

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say, "We especially don't accept that as a reason for the crime," she said. "In finding sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause, Notre Dame would actually be stronger in this case because in the absence of any kind of statement, there would be no punishment at all for discrimination and no way to aggravate punishment if a crime did occur," Puck said.

The University does protect individuals against discriminatory harassment on the basis of sexual orientation in its Intra-Lac policy. "Any physical conduct intentionally inflicting injury on the person or property of another, or any intentional threat of such conduct constitutes discriminatory harassment," an alleged incident of discriminatory harassment by a student will be handled in accordance with the University Disciplinary procedures."

While the policy does protect against harassment based on an individual's sexual orientation, the protection of sexual orientation still does not appear in the legally-binding, general non-discrimination clause that provides "standards... binding on all Notre Dame students wherever they may be," Murphy admitted that additional legislation in Wyoming or at Notre Dame, wherever they may say, 'We especially don't accept that does not appear in the legally-binding orientation in its du Lac policy: "Any harassment on the basis of sexual orientation still protects what happened in Laramie, Wyo., but at every chance we've had, we've tried to let people know — do anything that we can, even if it means you have anti-hate crime and non-discrimination legislation on the books," Murphy said. "We've got to be totally tolerant and loving, but we have to say, 'We don't stand for hate here or the attitudes that lead to it.'"

OUTreach3, the unrecognized gay, lesbian and bisexual campus group, also made the connection between hate-crime legislation and the inclusion of sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause. The organization issued an official statement on Shepard's death Monday. "Without this inclusion, we leave open the possibility for another incident like the one in Laramie, Wyo., to happen here at Notre Dame. There is nothing more important for the University than our standing together against intolerance and prejudice," the statement read. Student Senate also considered the possibility that the death of Shepard could be a hate crime, and according to student body vice president AndraÁ Selsak, hate crimes must be considered in the discussion of the non-discrimination clause.

The senate has set up an ad hoc committee to research issues related to the addition of sexual orientation to the clause. "The goal of the committee is to investigate as specifically as possible the clause, and hate crimes are definitely up to the non-discrimination clause issue," Selsak said. According to the University, the matter is presently being dealt with by a University organization.

The issue is currently pending before the Academic Council and will be taken up and discussed in detail among council members in the next month before the next meeting," said Dennis Brown, associate director of Public Relations.

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candlelight vigil for Shepard, who died Monday from injuries sustained in last week's assault. It was among a number of gatherings across the nation to express outrage over the attack, which police say was partially fueled by Shepard's homosexuality. "I can't stop crying. I am so devastated by this," gay actress Ellen DeGeneres told a crowd of more than 1,000 people at a rally outside the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday night. I'm begging heterosexuals to see this as a wake-up call to please stem the hate. We shouldn't be asked to change who we are.

Some gay organizations have received hate mail since the death of the 21-year-old student from Laramie, Wyo., for 18 hours. Disciplinary hearings are scheduled next week for 11 Colorado State University students in connection with a homecoming float that appeared to mock Shepard and his partner dying in a nearby hospital.

Some religious leaders say they are particularly alarmed by a Kansas pastor's plan to lead a vigil on Shepard's funeral Friday with signs reading, among other things, "No tears for homosexuals." Two young men have been arrested in the death of the 21-year-old Shepard, who investigators say was pilot-whipped and lashed to a fence post out in the desert. They Last!

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about a year if it would fit in as one of our abroad programs," he said. "It becomes a formal program in the fall of 1999." Gutierrez and Leo are on leave of absence from the University to participate in this unique program.

The classes here have given me practical field experience and the ability to understand the differing opinions and responses in the research results," said Gutierrez, a biology and environmental science major. Courses are team-taught and cross-disciplinary, ranging in subject from biology to geology to socio-economics. However, the main component of the course is the research project, which is designed and carried out by each individual student or group.

"Biosphere 2 is a unique experience for anyone interested in global management and the environment," said William Harris, executive director of the Biosphere 2 Center. "By simulating conditions that scientists expect to see on Earth within the next century, students get to be a part of ground-breaking research.

Past projects have ranged from various experiments inside the Biosphere to cataloguing the marine biology in the Sea of Cortez.

Students do not reside in the Biosphere 2 facility, but in furnished living quarters which were formerly training sites for Motorola. Students also have the opportunity to participate in recreational activities including swimming, volleyball and hiking in the nearby Catalina Mountains.

The program is open to all Notre Dame undergraduates, regardless of major.

"I hope it provides an option for a truly unique learning experience for students interested in the environment and man's involvement in the environment," Kolpa said. He noted that there are still opportunities for undergraduates to apply for upcoming semesters.

In the Oct. 6, 3 section, graduate student Bridget Green was quoted, saying, "I don't really do the bar scene as much. I pretty much go to Borders or Barnes and Noble where I can sit and actually talk to somebody." Green did not make this statement and was misquoted.

The Observer regrets the error.
Parents leave daughter at gas station

INDIANAPOLIS

Parents drove more than 200 miles Thursday before realizing their 6-year-old daughter was left behind in a gas-station bathroom. The family was reunited half a day later at the Marion County Children's Center. But the young girl was being held until her parents, Michael and Gia Longo of Fairview, Utah, stopped at an Indianapolis gas station early in the morning on the way home from vacation in Massachusetts.

Wildlife officials presume Mexican wolf dead

PHOENIX

The first Mexican gray wolf pup born in the wild in nearly 50 years is also missing. If both are dead, that leaves just five free-roaming wolves of the 11 released this year in the Apache National Forest. But U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologists aren't giving up on plans to reintroduce to wolves, which were exterminated from the Southwest decades ago by hunters and ranchers. The service plans to release about a dozen more adult wolves this winter in the rugged mountains near the New Mexico border. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Wendy Brown said that morning, "We're concerned." Brown said, "Wolves are going to die. They're going to get run over by cars sometimes or killed by other wildlife or occasionally killed by humans.

Jury awards damages to prison inmate

BOSTON

A federal jury Thursday awarded $37,300 to an inmate who said a man had shot his head in the head in 1991 because he became a prison guard and torturized him behind bars. Zeferino DePina, 24, claimed that prison officials did nothing while the guard, Filipe Monteiro, harassed and beat him at the maximum-security state prison at Walpole. The jury ordered prison Superintendent Ronald Duvall to pay the biggest share, $25,000. The director of the prison's disciplinary unit was ordered to pay $5,000. The jury found that the two men were "deliberately, recklessly or callously indifferent" to DePina's safety.

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Pope releases encyclical on anniversary

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Sounding a battle cry for his 20th anniversary as pope, John Paul II rallied his church Thursday against assaults on its fundamental beliefs, saying such attacks have sowed confusion and even despair among Catholics.

He spoke out in an encyclical, one of the most important documents a pope can issue, warning his bishops against the temptations posed by some modern schools of philosophy and theology. It did not go into specifics of church teaching formally but John Paul has repeatedly demanded fidelity.

Some theologians, however, have questioned the power and infallibility of the pope. It is only papal declarations that celebrate Mass and whether baptism, the sacrament that marks a Catholic's official entry into the church, are necessary.

The encyclical summed up one of the central themes of John Paul's long papacy — that there are unshakable truths and that positions that "question the certitudes of faith" must be rejected.

The 154-page document, the 13th encyclical of his papacy, was timed for the 20th anniversary of his election as pope. Thousands of pilgrims from Poland, his homeland, were converging on Rome for celebrations Friday, when John Paul becomes one of only a dozen popes to have served at least two decades.

The encyclical is titled "Fides et Ratio," Latin for "Faith and Reason," and grapples with the issue of relationship between faith and the modern world, when expectations have been raised by scientific and technological progress. It stresses that faith and reason are not incompatible.

He said mankind has always asked questions such as "Who am I? Where have I come from and where am I going? Why is there evil? What is the meaning of life?" But today some Catholics risk "losing their way in the shifting sands of widespread skepticism" while "many people stumble through life to the very edge of the abyss without knowing where they are going," John Paul said.

"At times, this happens because those whose vocation is to give cultural expression to their thinking no longer look to the truth, preferring quick success to the toll of patient inquiry into what makes life worth living."

The encyclical, addressed to the pope's bishops, was in effect a call to action for the proper education of Catholics.

John Paul said he encouraged scientific progress but it "should be wedded to the philosophical and ethical values which are the distinctive and indelible mark of the human being."

The Rev. Thomas Reese, a Catholic scholar in New York and editor of the weekly magazine America, published by the Jesuits, called the encyclical optimistic because it assumes people can reason their way to truth, and that by combining faith and reason, they will know how to live their lives.

The encyclical, he said, takes aim at the "theological 'isms' like relativism and deconstructionism, or whatever is called "the flavor of the month" being taught in universities.

"Most secular philosophers would have trouble with it, but they have trouble with each other, too."

Congress, Clinton reach budget agreement

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

The White House and congressional leaders struck an agreement Thursday on a $500 billion spending package that included money for school systems, farmers and the Pentagon, ending a week of election-season budget bargaining.

The deal produced a bipartisan finale to a 100-day Congress that in recent months has been riven along party lines over the possible impeachment of President Clinton. The House and Senate are expected to approve the package on comfortable margins Friday, freeing lawmakers to go home for the Nov. 3 congressional elections.

In return for cooperation, the House agreed it would not seek to block the pact, neither side pulled any punches in trouble with trouble with trouble with the House.

Congressional leaders agreed to block the House from blocking the budget agreement. The deal with Democratic leaders at the White House, Clinton cited extra spending for schools and other programs, money to buttress the International Monetary Fund's efforts to stabilize the global economy and funds for environmental programs. In doing so, the president took yet another dig at a Republican-controlled Congress he has repeated been derided for doing nothing.

When you compare where we were for eight months with where we are today and how good this is for America, these are huge victories for the American people," Clinton said.

Republicans cited their own list of triumphs. These included giving local officials broader choices in how they would use the $1.1 billion Clinton won to begin hiring 100,000 teachers. Blaming Clinton's plans for voluntary national testing of students on his fundamental beliefs, saying such attacks have sowed confusion and even despair among Catholics.

"We wanted the government to be smaller," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said with other Republican leaders at the Capitol. "We wanted less decisions in Washington. We wanted more decisions being made back home with the people."
"Scholarships 1999" lists general aid sources

By MAGGIE TINUCI

Kaplan, the test preparation company, and Simon and Schuster, the publishing firm, have recently collaborated to put out a scholarship book which promises to pinpoint the best college scholarships for students.

The book, "Scholarships 1999," will contain many of the more significant opportunities for students to receive general aid - each scholarship listed provides at least $1,000, according to Kaplan spokeswoman Andrea Wilson.

A study was released recently by the College Board which reports the average tuition for the upcoming school year will undergo a four percent increase.

The book's author, Gail Schlachter, and Reference Service Press have specialized in gathering information on scholarships since 1977.

"We are the most accurate and up-to-date resource out there. Other books list low-interest loans and small scholarships that don't put much of a dent in the typical college tuition," Wilson said.

"This particular book was written specifically for individual students," she continued.

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Despite dust from a construction site crowded centuries-old olive trees on a West Bank hilltop, where workers cleared land Thursday to make way for 1,200 new homes for Jewish settlers.

Contractors said the homes are part of a new neighborhood in an existing Jewish settlement. The nearest community is nearly a mile away, however, and peace activists said the site was for a new Jewish enclave — despite Israeli promises to the United States that it would not build new settlements.

The construction proceeded Thursday as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met in Washington with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and President Clinton. The crucial talks are aimed at ending months of stalemate to complete a deal for an Israeli troop withdrawal from 13 percent more of the West Bank.

Successive U.S. administrations have maintained that Jewish settlement construction on land Israel captured from its Arab neighbors in the 1967 Mideast war is an obstacle to peace.

The Palestinians broke off peace talks in March 1997 over settlement construction on land they want for a future Palestinian state.

The United States, trying to restart Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, has asked Israel to halt settlement construction.

"This is very dangerous and that is why there is a peace process, so such issues would be settled," Faisal Husseini, Palestinian government minister.

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North American plants absorbing greenhouse gases

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

There may be a bit of good news on the global-warming front. North America seems to be removing a substantial portion of the carbon from the air that is now beginning to absorb it in the atmosphere — almost 2 billion tons annually. A team of government and university researchers speculate that the carbon is being soaked up, at least partly, by the regrowth of plants and vegetation on abandoned farmland and previously logged forests.

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In its final report, the Senate Watergate Committee said, "Hopefully, after the furore of Watergate revelations the country can become convinced that the public can now expect, at least for some years to come, a higher standard of conduct from its public officials and business and professional leaders." The public got that "higher standard," but only for a few years. If the standards of conduct within the Beltway are now lower than they were in Watergate, the reason may simply be that those standards reflect our culture. The past two decades have brought the total cultural dominance of relativism. Asbool Manouchehri, a Worldview Foundation editor, says, "I don’t think that conduct would be right for me, but who am I to say it’s wrong for him? It’s private. And all politicians are sievey bags anyway." Charles Colson went to prison in Watergate because he misused one FBI file. The Clinton White House paraded '908 FBI files of its opponents and we do not care about it. We can expect a moral rebound from the Clinton scandals. But that recovery will last no longer than the one after Watergate unless it is based on sound principles. We can find those principles in Pope John Paul II’s 1993 encyclical, Veritatis Splendor, the Splendor of Truth. 

"The encyclical," said University of California Prof. James Q. Wilson, "is not a list of specific moral rules. It is about the universal law of nature that is discoverable by human reason. It exists in all people regardless of culture, and leads us inevitably to judge actions as right or wrong — whether their intentions and whether or not the help or harm others."

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We have to recover the conviction that "the negative precepts of the natural law ... oblige ... always and in every circumstance ... without exception, because the choice of this kind of behavior is in no case compatible with the goodness of the will of the acting person, with his vocation to life with God and in communion with his neighbor. It is prohibited — to everyone and in every case — to violate these precepts. They oblige everyone ... never to offend in anyone, beginning with oneself, the personal dignity common to all. . . . One may never choose kinds of behavior prohibited by the moral commandments expressed in the Old and New Testament" (No. 85). These principles apply not only to sex but to business and social justice. "The seventh commandment prohibits actions or enterprises which for any reason — selfish or ideological, commercial or totalitarian — lead to the enslavement of human beings, disregard for their personal dignity, buying or selling or exchanging them like merchandise. Reducing persons to a price or a source of profit is a sin against their dignity as persons and their fundamental rights." (No. 100).

"If there is no ultimate truth to guide and direct political activity," John Paul tells us, "ideas and convictions can easily be manipulated for reasons of power. . . . It is about the universal law of nature that is discoverable by human reason. It exists in all people regardless of culture, and leads us inevitably to judge actions as right or wrong — whether their intentions and whether or not the help or harm others."

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The moral norm, however, is not a set of abstract principles. It is a Person. "[T]he Cruelled Christ ... the Church finds the answer to the question troubling so many people today: how can obedience to universal and unchanging moral norms respect the uniqueness . . . of the person, and not represent a threat to his freedom and dignity? . . . The Cruelled Christ reveals the authentic meaning of freedom, he lives it fully in the total gift of himself and calls his disciples to share in his freedom." (No. 85).

We suffer from a "self-christianization, which weighs heavily upon entire peoples and communities once rich in faith and Christian life. [II] involves not only the loss of faith or . . . its becoming irrelev­ant for everyday life, but also ... a decline . . . of the moral sense." (No. 106). "Plato’s question: ‘What is truth?’ says John Paul, "reflects the distressing per­plexity of a man who often no longer knows who he is, whence he comes and where he is going." (No. 94).

"I have been a Protestant minister for nearly half a century," said Rev. Harvey Chinn of Sacramento, "... I am a bet­ter Protestant for having studied this document." "Splendor of Truth," Chinn said, "is a witness that avoids beyond our pre­tenses and intellectual sophistication there shines a moral north star that never changes . . . The world needs to learn from this wise man, who speaks with clarity, understanding, compassion and authority." If you want to keep your head on straight in the Clinton era, read Veritatis Splendor. Send a copy to Bill and Hillary, and pray for them — and for your coun­try.

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From official Catholic documents.

The Loyal Dissent of Neo-Conservative Economics, Part II

Todd David Whitmore

from official Catholic documents. For John Paul and the pope who preceded him, economic rights are an integral element of the juridical framework that limits the competitive logic of the market and so helps to maintain the priority of the human person over material well-being and the common good over individual self-interest. The neo-conservatives put forth a juridical framework that does not include economic rights. In today's column I will continue the discussion of their rejection of economic rights and the status of such rejection as dissent.

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20 ROADTRIP SONGS

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2. "Life is a Highway" — Tom Cochrane
3. "American Pie" — Don McLean
4. "Only the Good Die Young" — Billy Joel
5. "All I Wanna Do" — Sheryl Crow
7. "Ants Marching" — Dave Matthews Band
8. "Friends in Low Places" — Garth Brooks
9. "These are the Days" — 10,000 Maniacs
10. "Good Riddance" (Time Of Your Life) — Green Day
11. "Mint Car" — The Cure
12. "Sweet Caroline" — Neil Diamond
13. "Take the Money and Run" — Steve Miller Band
14. "Friend of the Devil" — Grateful Dead
15. "Get Into My Car" — Billy Ocean
16. "Jack and Diane" — John Mellencamp
17. "Get Out the Map" — Indigo Girls
18. "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" — Cindi Lauper
19. "Fun, Fun, Fun" — Beach Boys
20. "Jump, Jive and Wail" — Brian Setzer Orchestra

"THE CONVERSATION:"

DEEP THOUGHTS

Where do you see yourself in five years?
Why are male/female relations at Notre Dame so warped?
Do you believe in heaven?
What's your image of God?
What's your favorite book?
What are you afraid of?
Should Clinton be impeached?
If you had three wishes, what would they be?
What is your ideal job?
Can girls and boys be "just friends?"
What's your most embarrassing moment?
What does it mean to be a true friend?
Boxers or briefs?
**THE ENTERTAINMENT:**

**CAR GAMES**

1. "I Spy" — One passenger says "I spy with my little eye, something... (fill in the blank with a color)." Everyone else then tries to guess what it is.

2. "20 Questions" — One passenger thinks of a famous person, movie, book, etc., and the other passengers try to guess what it is by asking "yes" and "no" questions.

3. "The License Plate Game" — The first person to see and identify all 50 United States' license plates wins (add Canada for an extra challenge).

4. "The ABC game" — The first person to see all 26 letters on road signs wins!

5. "Truth or Dare" — You remember this one from 4th grade slumber parties — watch out, dare in a car ride can get interesting.

6. "Mind Puzzles" — Puzzles such as: "A man was found dead in his car, with all the doors and windows locked. How was he killed?"

7. "Try to Guess the Next Song on the Radio" — Kind of resembles "Name that Tune."

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**THE LIST:**

**WHAT TO BRING**

1. Food
2. Tapes or CDs
3. Magazines and books
4. Drinks (only legal ones)
5. Driver's license
6. A radar detector
7. Cards
8. Cellular phone
9. Maps and directions
10. Paper to make window signs
11. Emergency gas money
12. Flashlight
13. Tissues
14. First aid kit
15. Emergency tool set
16. Spare tire
17. Blankets and warm clothing
18. Camera
19. Emergency phone numbers
20. Homework?????
21. Someone who's not afraid to speed
22. Someone to tell them to slow down
23. Extra set of car keys
24. Car insurance and registration
25. Your sense of humor
Football

**By NOREEN GELLESPIE**

**Convincing has been the key to success for Coach Pekarik and the Saint Mary's golf team. But it's been heavily on underclassmen to drive her team, Pekarik's consistency has been rooted most deeply in Mary Claire Hathaway and Megan Kelleher, again turned in the Belles' best rounds Wednesday at Michigan City.**

"Nobody's jumping up high, and everybody has been keeping their score pretty low where they've been," said Pekarik. "We've been consis-
tently keeping our scores under 100, which is a hallmark of the Hathaway turned in the team's leading round of Wednesday, shooting 93, fol-
ed by Kelleher with 97."

"It was well rested and ready to play," said Hathaway. "I've been concentrating on short game, and I did a good job keeping it in the fairway." Top Other top finishers included Heather Podraza, shooting 104, and Melissa Nelson, shooting 107. The Belles improved their standing to fourth in NAIA division, finishing with a team score of 399.

The Belles will most likely fin-
ish in fourth place at their final match Saturday, said Pekarik. They currently stand 100 shots behind Defiance College."

"It's an individual thing, now," said, "399 is the second best team score we've ever had as we'll shoot us 380 (on Saturday). Seeing everyone break the threshold of 90 in the final round would also be great." A third place finish, howev-
er, is nothing of a disappoint-
ment for the Belles as they close their first season.

"We have had a very successful first season, the fact that we will place in the top percentage of our conference surprises a lot of the top teams," said Pekarik.

The key to the Belles' success is the short game, according to Pekarik.

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Flawless Batch leads Lions past Favre, Packers

Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — Brett Favre made the Lions look like a rookie in the Lions' 27-17 loss Thursday night.

"I never felt like Charlie wasn't confident," said Detroit coach Bobby Ross, who benched veteran Scott Mitchell in favor of Batch after just two games. "There are just things he needs to see that he contin-
ues to see.

"This is the third straight game, Batch's third straight game, the over. In this league, that's something.

It was the second straight loss for the Packers (4-2) and dropped them further behind the Minnesota Vikings (5-0) in the division race. The Lions (2-4) fought back from a 10-0 deficit in the first half and held the Green Bay Packers to 17-7 in the fourth quar-
ter.

Batch, who was 16-of-19 for 218 yards without an intercep-
tion, rushed 19 times for 48 yards to follow rookie germane Cowell for a 6-yard touchdown pass to take a 17-13 lead in the first play of the fourth quarter. Barry Sanders, who had 155 yards on 25 carries, was held to 73 yards in another touchdown with 8:05 left.

"(Batch) gives you an ability to do some things," Ross said of his second-round draft pick out of Eastern Michigan. "You can move him in the pocket, you can sprint him some. It's just very gratifying to have a young man like that to work with. I love just him."

It was the third straight game in which Detroit has thrown three interceptions. His third against Detroit set up Jason Hanson's 36-yard field goal to ice the victory with 2:08 remaining. Favre, who was 22-of-43 for 308 yards, yards, had a 67-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Freeman in the first quarter and another to Freeman with three seconds left in the game. Favre has thrown 17 inter-
ceptions against 14 touchdowns in the Packers Silverdome. Last season, he also had an ugly day at the

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Enberg and Haden to visit Notre Dame

Special to The Observer

NFC Sports announcer Dick Enberg and Pat Haden will serve as co-hosts for a symposium titled, "The Influence of Television Sports on Modern Society," sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Athletic Department.

The event, which is open to the public, will be held at 3 p.m. on October 30, at the Jordan Auditorium in the College of Business Administration.

Enberg earned his bachelor's degree in health science from Central Michigan in 1957, his master's in health science from Indiana in 1959 — and his doctorate in health science from Indiana in 1961. He's the winner of nine Emmy Awards and three times has been named Sportscaster of the Year.

Enberg returned to Notre Dame football broadcasts in 1998 after also calling play by play in 1991 and '92, the first two seasons of Notre Dame's contract with NBC Sports. He has been with NBC since 1975, began his career as a college basketball announcer, has been extensively involved in NBC's last three Summer Olympics coverage, has worked eight Super Bowls — and also has been a constant with NBC's coverage of tennis and golf.

Haden was awarded a bachelor's in English literature from Southern California in 1975, a bachelor's in philosophy, politics and economics from Oxford University in England in 1978 and a J.D. from Loyola Law School in 1982. He was an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship Winner in 1975 and was named to the GTE Academic All-America Hall of Fame in 1988.

Haden joined NBC Sports in '88, though he previously worked Notre Dame football games as analyst for CBS (1982-1995). The former USC quarterback led the Trojans to two national titles and three Rose Bowl appearances. He also played seven seasons in the National Football League with the Los Angeles Rams, spent the last eight years as an NFL analyst for TNT Sports.

Haden became a general partner in the venture-capital firm of Isidron, Lewis & Haden in 1987 and serves on the boards of directors of seven portfolio companies. He is currently of counsel to the Los Angeles law firm of Fisher & McFarren.

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NFL

Bledsoe hungry for tuna

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — Drew Bledsoe isn't himself. The quarterback didn't win himself the first time he played against his former coach, Bill Parcells, and the New York Jets. The normally calm quarterback was fired up and his passes were misfiring.

When Bledsoe and the New England Patriots face them at home Monday night, he should be much different. He is at the top of the game and in control of his team and his emotions.

"You're always learning in this league," Bledsoe said Thursday.

"For me to be successful ... I'm pretty level-headed."

He's been very steady all season, his second under coach Pete Carroll, especially in last Sunday's 40-10 rout of the Kansas City Chiefs and the NFL's No. 1 defense. He completed 17 of 26 passes for 226 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions, and led the Patriots on seven straight scoring drives.

That performance was nothing like the way he played in the third game last season when Parcells, in his first year as coach of the Jets after four seasons with the Patriots, came to town.

Bledsoe didn't always appreciate Parcells' high-volume approach and was eager to succeed against his former coach.

Instead, he was 16-for-34 for 162 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions as the Patriots had to go to overtime to win 27-24.

Now, though, he credits Parcells with helping him develop.

"I had to learn some toughness. Monday night, I had to have a thick skin, because he challenged you," Bledsoe said. "You learn to play with some distractions during practice during the week and I think that has a positive affect on me and on this team.

"Outside of the ways that the messages were delivered, those messages that both Bill and Pete have tried to address are pretty much the same.

"Bledsoe has been consistent all season, completing at least 60 percent of his passes and throwing no interceptions in four of his five games. He's thrown for eight touchdowns, three interceptions and an average of 260 yards per game.

"It's really come together for him," Patriots linebacfer Ted Johnson said. "I've never seen him play with this much confidence.

Bledsoe, who has missed just four games out of a possible 85 in his six pro seasons, is set to make his 50th consecutive start, the longest current streak in the AFC, on Monday night.

"Just being out there more and more and more makes you more capable of deciding the things because you begin to gain an understanding," Parcells said. "It's really called a maturation process. You have to remember, he was only 20 (actually 21) years old when we got him.

Bledsoe was Parcells' first pick as coach of the Patriots, taking him with the opening choice in the 1993 draft. Bledsoe threw two scoring passes on opening day, but the Patriots lost their first four games with him at quarterback.

They finished 5-11 but, in his fourth season, they went to the Super Bowl, losing to Green Bay. Carroll took over the next season and new the Patriots (4-1) have a realistic chance of returning to the championship game.

"We're still a young team but we are a little more battle-hardened than a team that has an average age normally would be," Bledsoe said. "The important thing for me is to approach each game in the same fashion and, ultimately, to go out and get the win and make the correct decisions and the correct throws.

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*Watch for a schedule change October 25th*
The NBA's basketball lockout talks turn nasty

Associated Press

NEW YORK — On the day before the NBA was to respond to the players' latest offer, union director Billy Hunter said the talks were in “tremendous” disarray, with Knick president Dave Checketts showing the league is intent on breaking the union.

Checkett's run 1994-95, and said baseball owners made a mistake by settling too soon.

“’We must keep them out as long as it takes,” he said.

In his response, Hunter said, “The NBA and its owners will stop at nothing short of breaking the union and the morale of the players.”

The harsh words symbolized a heightened atmosphere of tension surrounding the lockout, which went through its 107th day Thursday. The NBA has already canceled the first two weeks of the season, and more games will be lost if the sides can't reach agreement soon on a new collective bargaining agreement.

Negotiators for the league spent Thursday working on a compromise that would be sent to the union Friday. A key factor to watch for was whether the owners latched onto the union's proposal for a luxury tax on high-end salaries to slow player payroll growth.

Judging from the comments made by Checkett's, the owners don’t seem willing to give much ground.

"If we learned anything from baseball, it is that we must keep them out as long as it takes. They didn’t hold them out long enough,” Checketts said.

"Even though we’d like to say we learned from baseball — which they did to the World Series and when they went through this long labor situation, it ruined the sport.”

Checkett said at a breakfast symposium in New York, “It ruined fan interest. People were angry at the game. But the reality is, once they had incurred that damage, the mistake they made was coming back too late, too soon, and not getting a labor agreement that they could live with for the next century.”

Hunter issued a statement in response:

"Our players desperately want to play the ball. The fans want to see it play. But currently the owners want to shut it down, according to Mr. Checketts. It’s unfortunate and very apparent from his remarks that the NBA and its owners will stop at nothing short of breaking the union and the morale of the players.

Our most recent proposal was extremely fair, and submitted with the intent of bringing compromise,” Hunter said.

Despite an internal gag order prohibiting NBA employees from commenting about the lockout, Checkett's will not be filed, league spokesmen Chris Brienza said.

The union, meanwhile, had a new skirmish to deal with. Agent Stephen Woods, who represents Kevin Willis of Toronto and Willie Burton of Minnesota, and other arbitration agencies with the National Labor Relations Board accusing the union of mismanaging negotiations with the NBA.

Woods believes union leadership is overmatched by NBA commissioner David Stern and the 29 team owners.

They’re still using rotary phones as they do in the 1994-95 era,” Woods said. "I don’t think (union president) Patrick Ewing and (executive board member) Alonzo Mourning are equipped to make a $1 billion deal. I don’t want to be on the bus going over the cliff with Patrick Ewing and Alonzo Mourning driving it.”

Woods, who has been a vocal critic of the union since the lockout began July 1, has been threatened with decertification.

Amid all the squabbling, both sides were still awaiting a ruling from arbitrator John Peick on the union’s grievance over whether more than 200 players with guaranteed contracts should be paid during the lockout.

The offensive has to create more opportunities for themselves,” Wagner said.

"There is room for improvement in our team self-confidence in our ability to win because I think we are at the level of our competition but are not putting out our best effort,” said defender and midfielder Mary Hoffman.

Playing and hoping to improve a lackluster record is not the only benefit the Belles see with the break.

The team will also have bonding time, a possible road trip to Chicago, and plenty of time to catch up on homework.

"I am looking forward to bonding with the team. We know how everyone is on the field, so now we get to see how everyone is personalized in every day life,” said freshman midfielder Melissa Wychocki.

The Observer • SPORTS

Team to work hard over break

By KATIE FURMAN

While the Saint Mary’s women travel home for fall break, the Belles’ soccer team will be working as hard as ever, not experiencing a break of their own until Thanksgiving.

Accompanying the continuous training will be four games, two at home and two away.

"We will work on the basics, dribbling, passing and marking,” coach Bob Sharp said.

Then we always try to work on scrimmages and begin more specific offensive tactics.

Throughout the week, the women will practice once a day on days they don’t have games.

The first game, at noon on Saturday, is against Alma College at home. The Saint Mary’s record currently stands at 4-9.

"I think that it’s an even-up game," said Sharp. "We aren’t going to play anything special, it will come down to the strongest team and it will be us."

The second, on Monday, is against Rockford College in enemy territory. Rockford coached by Lee Carley, has finished second in the conference for the past two years and is looking to take it this year.

The team has two returning all conference players as well as many women with years of experience.

On Wednesday the Belles will face Hope College at home. The Final Four record is 2-2-1 in league play. The final game over break is on the 24th at DePauw College at noon. This could be a chance for the Belles to add to their win column. The Lady Jackets have yet to win a league game in five attempts.

While the Belles’ soccer season has been extremely successful, many players have also seen a significant improvement since the beginning of the season.

"I think they have worked well as a team this year. On the field they look like they are working hard and working together to achieve their goal of getting the W,” said team manager Nicole Longo. "The score of the game sometimes doesn’t do them justice as to how hard they are working and how well they are playing.”

Goalkeeper Jo Wagner also noted improvements over the course of the season.

"We have improved our passing and talking on the field,” she said. "We also have gleaned as a team.”

With all the improvement, however, there is still much room for further work.

"We have to work on finishing offensive opportunities and
defensive opportunities and the offense has to create more opportunities for themselves.” Wagner said.

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While the Saint Mary’s soccer team will be spending its fall break in South Bend preparing for the remainder of its schedule.

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**NBA**

Jury finds in favor of Jordan

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A jury ruled in favor of Michael Jordan on Thursday in a breach-of-contract lawsuit that accused him of breaking a deal to star in a 1991 basketball movie that ended up falling through without him.

The Cook County jury, also ruling on a counterclaim Jordan filed, found the producers of "Heaven is a Place on Earth" falsely informed the Bulls superstar that they had obtained sufficient financing for the film.

The jury awarded Jordan $50,000 in compensatory damages for the fee Jordan was paid — and then gave back — to Heaven Corp. He was awarded no punitive damages.

The jury deliberated about seven hours.

"From the very beginning, I have believed that once this fact became apparent, there would be no doubt that this was nothing more than an attempt to realize personal gain at my expense," Jordan said in a written statement. "I will never back down in the face of this kind of personal attack.

Jordan, who sat in the courtroom nearly every day, testified that the July 1989 refusal to appear in the movie and that both sides had agreed to postpone filming, which was to have started in 1989.

Filmmakers Bandy Fried and Keith Stark alleged that Jordan, swayed by agent David Falk, was holding out for a better opportunity than the $350,000 he was to have received.

The movie received no national distribution and went almost straight to video after earning just $16,000.

The plaintiffs argued that Jordan could have made the film a blockbuster, which it didn't achieve with its role going to former Loyola Marymount basketball star Bo Kimble.

"Is there any real doubt, does it?" plaintiffs' lawyer Dean Dickie said during the trial.

Falk, Jordan's longtime agent, initially was listed as a defendant but Judge Richard Neville ordered him removed from the case because he was acting under Jordan's authorization.

Dickie, who acknowledged that putting Jordan on trial in Chicago was to "try and use God in Heaven," instead tried to shift the focus to Falk, portraying him as a greedy wheeler-dealer who was looking out of business when it was clear Jordan could do better.

**NHL**

Jagr is Penguins' highest-paid

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Two-time NHL scoring champion Jaromir Jagr's $4.788,491 salary is more money than that of any teammate, according to the National Hockey League Players Association's annual compensation survey.

But that's a misstep — Jagr is only the Penguins' highest-paid active player.

The Penguins still owe retired star Mario Lemieux $27.9 million in deferred money, or enough that it would put him atop the survey if he were still playing.

And, yes, the Penguins are still playing — and paying — even though they filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Tuesday for the second time in their 31-year-old histo-

Co-owner Roger Rooney lent the team $2.5 million — at 8 percent interest, so he reaped in two months — to meet Thursday's $200,000 payroll, the first due this season.

Jagr became the Penguins' highest-paid player by negotiating a $38 million, four-year contract that carries him in line with the league's top luxury-gold.

It was the last multiyear contract negotiated by a Penguins player before the team's fiscal woes worsened, leaving general manager Craig Patrick unable to pursue big-name free agents.

And not only did the Penguins fail to sign any feeble-face free agents, they lost star center Ron Francis to Carolina's $28 million, four-year offer. At $5 million per year, Francis makes more than any other Penguins player, even Jagr.

Unlike past seasons, when the Penguins often had three or four of the NHL's top 20 paid players, only Jagr makes the list this season at No. 17.

Seventh overall of the Detroit Red Wings is the NHL's top-paid player at $14 million, or more than $5 million more than any other player. His compensation swelled to an NBA-like level last season after the Red Wings lured him with a record-market-value offer from the Carolina Hurricanes that included an $14 million signing bonus.

Jagr, who sits in the top 10 are Paul Kariya, Anaheim, $8.5 million; Eric Lindros, Philadelphia, $8.5 million; Dominik Hasek, Buffalo, $8.4 million; Mats Sundin, Toronto, $6.5 million; Peter Forsberg, Colorado, $6 million; Doug Gilmour, Toronto, $5.5 million; Wayne Gretzky, New York Rangers, $5 million; Martin Brodeur, New Jersey, $5.5 million; and Curtis Joseph, Toronto, $5.5 million.

Second to Jagr among the Penguins is defensive forward Kevin Hatcher at $9.2 million, fol-

owed by goaltender Tom Barrasso at $7.22 million. The team's only other million-dollar players are forward Stu Barnes, $1.5 million and defenseman Dominik Haakansson, $1.1 million.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

Yankees' success ignites New York

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fans at a City Hall pep rally for the New York Yankees paid tribute to the team's best player ever, centerfielder Derek Jeter.

Strawberry while boosters in the Bronx, predicting some who had slept outside all night — learned whether they'd won a chance to buy World Series tickets.

The overflow crowds in both venues were evidence of the mania surrounding a team which won 114 games during the regular season, more than any team in America League history.

Perusing the expectations of fans were leaving no room for the vagaries of chance that affect sports, pitcher David Wells warned fans at City Hall to be cautious.

The San Diego native said his two seasons in New York, which included a rare perfect game this May against the Minnesota Twins, were the best years of his life.

"No matter what goes on, just be proud of what we did this year," said Wells, who is sched-

uled to pitch the Series opener.

Wells and fellow pitcher David Cone stood smiling on a podium, flanked by baseball caps to several thousand fans who shared a strawberry cheesecake that hon-

ored Strawberry, the Yankees left fielder who is recovering from cancer.

More anxious was the mood outside Yankee Stadium, where fans from the well-fed to the homeless hoped to get a num-

ber which would allow them to line up for a maximum of two tickets.

The wristband system was an effort to avoid the chaos that occurred at Yankee Stadium no years ago, when fans trying to buy World Series tickets created a near-riot.

The supply of tickets was 50,000 bands ran 2:30, 5:00, 7:00, 9:30, 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00. Police warned fans that steps to the pens were taken to prevent a near-riot.

The pens were around Dickey, who acknowledged that putting Jordan on trial in Chicago was to "try and use God in Heaven," instead tried to shift the focus to Falk, portraying him as a greedy wheeler-dealer who was looking out of business when it was clear Jordan could do better.

"I spent the night here, it was like a pig pen, like being in Hell," said Kevin O'Keefe, 21.

He left his pen to use the facilities and because portable toilets outside the stadiums were overflowing and people were starting to use bottles.

"It was disgusting, really stink-

ing," Steven Butterfield said.

Police guarding the pens required paperwork of fans who might get close inside each one to leave behind no hint they left and planned to return.

O'Keefe, who was giving up two tickets to the second game because he had four people inside each one to leave behind on if he flew out and planned to return.

Patty Temple, didn't show up to line up for tickets because she and a friend could drive from Andover, N.J., at 4:30 a.m. They'd left their pens at a nearby bar before hitting the lottery for a pair.

The pens were the best.

"Everyone was really cool, there was no rowdiness," Temple said.

The two women hoped to buy two tickets each, including one for Mrs. Temple's husband. "But if we only get two tickets, my wife's going to be disappointed, just too bad, we did the waiting," Temple said.

For those unwilling to camp out, others were waiting on the street for sky-high prices.

A firm called Ticketmaster U.S.A. was asking $2,500 for field box seats $300 for upper level box seats and $315 for corner seats, said a man who answered his phone.

"I'm going to have to go for $300, a broker said.

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By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Over fall break, the Notre Dame volleyball team will be in full swing, looking to get back on track after their first ever Big East Conference loss last weekend.

The Fighting Irish head to North Carolina this weekend to square off with Duke and North Carolina. Wednesday, they face number-ranked Florida in Gainesville. They will then return home for conference matches against Providence and Boston College.

“I think winning some matches is critical for us. Anytime we can go out and win, that helps our confidence level,” said head coach Debbie Brown. “They are all very big challenges for us. Certainly North Carolina and Florida are both doing very well and are on big win streaks, but this is a great challenge.”

The Irish are coming off a disappointing stretch last week, in which they lost three of four matches on the road, dropping them to 3-8 overall and 3-1 in the Big East. They fell to State, Florida, and Providence. After coming back to win their first conference loss for the Tar Heels with a kill average of .255, and rank second in blocking with 3.5 per game.

Freshman Kristy Krehe, junior Mary Leffers and senior middle hitter Lindsay Trakell are second through fourth, respectively, in the Big East in conference matches. Leffers is also fourth in blocking with 1.36 per game.

Treadwell, a middle blocker, leads the Irish starters with a hitting percentage of .358, finds herself at the top of the Irish record books in career dig percentage. Treadwell is also first on this year’s team in digs and kills.

“Our goals are to go out and compete against those teams and come back from a bad weekend,” said freshmen Ivery and Peifer.

“We want to have better game plans and fewer hitting errors,” said Brown. “I think we’re still somewhat consistent in some areas, but I think we have people who are capable, but we’re not doing all we can to get the job done.”

The squad begins its road trip against the Duke Blue Devils, coached by Dr. Jennifer Bubala. The Blue Devils are one of the few Big East teams the Irish beat the Tar Heels with a kill average of 4.24 per game, second in the conference.

Tomorrow night, we just have to take it at a match and a time that works, but we can’t really keep the focus on that,” said senior Sette.

The loss to Connecticut ended Notre Dame’s 78-match win streak in ACC conference opponents, which was the second-longest in NCAA college volleyball history. It was also the first conference loss for the Tar Heels since 2010, who is in her eighth-year as head coach.

Strong one area for the Irish in the past few matches has been the net. They have been unbeatable so far this season at home, with an 11-0 record. The Tar Heels are currently on a 13-match win streak, the longest in school history.

Sophomore outside hitter Casey Simpson leads the Tar Heels with a kill average of .294 per game, second in the ACC. North Carolina leads its conference in assists at 12.3 per game. Erin Berg, a senior, is averaging over 13 assists per game and is closing in on the 3,000-career assists mark.

The Florida Gators will be the last road opponent for Notre Dame until Nov. 14. The Gators are 15-2 overall, and 6-0 in the Southeastern Conference. Head coach Mary Wise has put together a stellar 236-25 record in her seven years at Florida, with the team qualifying for the NCAA semifinals in four of the past six seasons. The Irish fell to the Gators last season in four sets.

Junior opposite player Jenny Tory also poses a threat, holding a 17-3 start overall, including 16-2 in conference play.

“We’re just getting frustrated. We have to be calm.” said Joye. “If we don’t get back to the right mind, we can’t win a match. We’re just getting frustrated.”

The Belles hope to be calmed down by the time they travel to Olivet tomorrow.

They have only six more matches left to reach their goal of at least 100 wins.

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Irish center Ben Simon and the hockey team hope to continue their CHAA success this weekend when they take on the Bulldogs of Ferris State and the Lakers of Lake Superior State. The team carries a 2-0 record in CHAA play.

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"If I can skate 12 forwards every night and win, I'm going to skate 12 forwards," Poulin said.

Sophomore Matt Van Arkel also looks to continue his solid play. He is one of the members of the tough and productive third line for the Irish, along with freshman center Brett Henning and sophomore wing Jay Kopischke.

Van Arkel's power-play goal versus the Lakers last Friday night gave the Irish a 3-1 lead late in the second period. Van Arkel earned the goal by doing the things he so consistently is able to do - fight through checks, get to loose pucks and constantly drive to the net.

Last weekend's triumphs revealed yet another positive in this young season, and that is solid, disciplined team play. For one, the Irish played a tight third period versus the Lakers, one in which they had to protect a one-goal lead for the last 17 minutes. They protected that lead mainly by winning faceoffs in their own end, and by the defensemen and the goaltender never being caught out of position.

"It was good for us to win a game like that," said Poulin after Friday's tense win. "You have to learn to win different kinds of games."

The other evidence of good team play came on special teams, especially on the power play. Last weekend, the Irish scored five goals in the two games on the power play by moving the puck well and by taking good shots.

As a unit, the Irish will only get better, says freshman center David Inman, who scored the first two goals of his career last weekend versus Western Michigan.

"We're getting better every night," said Inman. "We're just starting to gel as a team."

The Observer wishes you a wonderful fall break.
Play safe!!!!
**Soccer**

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us goalies.

The Huskies are led by freshman Mary-Frances Monroe, who has started 13 matches.

Junior Jenny Heft leads the Irish and is third in the country with 17 goals and 13 assists.

Notre Dame, on the other hand, enters the game as the nation’s top-ranked offense. Freshman goalkeeper Anne-Elizabeth Eker is also off to a quick start, boasting a 0.67 goals against average in 13 games.

Notre Dame’s defense is as tough as Brook. Grubb leads an experienced group that is fifth in the nation in goal defense with a 0.35 goals against average.

Grubb and senior Elizabeth Wagner have combined for 10 shutouts.

The Irish have allowed just one goal in their last eight opponents, outscoring them by a combined 38-1.

The Irish have grown up a lot since the Carolina tailspin and are poised and ready for a win on the road against Connecticut.

The Irish will take on last year’s Big East offensive player of the year and rookie of the year Kelly Marguerite Smith of the Seton Hall Pirates on Wednesday. The two teams will play a six-game road trip with games at Michigan on Friday, Oct. 25, at the Big East Classic on Saturday, Oct. 25. The four games over the weekend are important as the Irish have just two regular season games left following the road trip.

Despite having to travel and compete on the same day, the Irish remain optimistic.

“I think we have a really good chance (to beat Miami) because we have such a good team this year,” senior Brittainy Kline said. “We thought it was going to be tough. Ms. Kline said, we still have a shot and we still have a shot.”

The Irish need to score consistently. According to women’s basketball coach Mickey McNett, the biggest problem is the inability to score consistently.

“T rattled,” McNett said. “We were like, ‘How are we going to have our season?'”

Despite having to travel and compete on the same day, the Irish remain optimistic.

“Last year was really good because the traveling was good. This year we get in good training and it also helped us grow stronger,” Kline said.

Next Friday’s meet against Air Force and Army should prove to be a little easier on the women and a challenge for the men, according to men’s and women’s assistant coach Jennings.

“We’re looking for everybody to step it up a notch. The younger guys are toujours for the younger guys and give them guidance,” Jennings said.

“It’s a big meet because it’s the one we get in good training (Air Force) pretty soundly on the scoreboard last year, there were a lot of close races,” senior co-captain Nadeem achieved international recognition for leadership in shared water resources. Mr. Durnil has also served as the Maryland Republican State Chairman, and on the Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee. Mr. Durnil is the author of The Making of a Conservative Environmentalist and Is America Beyond Reform? The title of his presentation is “Reflections of a Conservative Environmentalist.” Mr. Durnil’s books will be available for sale at the event and he will be happy to sign a copy. This presentation is also possible due to the support of the Law School.

The Environmental Law Society is proud to welcome Gordon K. Durnil to Notre Dame Law School on Wednesday, October 28, 1998, at 7:15 p.m. in the Joyce Center Ballroom.

Mr. Durnil served as United States Chairman of the International Joint Commission for four and one-half years. As Chairman, he achieved international recognition for leadership in shared water resources. Mr. Durnil has also served as the Maryland Republican State Chairman, and on the Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee. Mr. Durnil is the author of The Making of a Conservative Environmentalist and Is America Beyond Reform? The title of his presentation is “Reflections of a Conservative Environmentalist.” Mr. Durnil’s books will be available for sale at the event and he will be happy to sign a copy. This presentation is also possible due to the support of the Law School.

**Irish splash into exciting break**

by WES RICHARDSON

The women’s swim team travels today to take on Big East rival Miami, then will remain in Florida for a week of intense training.

Both the men’s and women’s teams will return Friday to Notre Dame to host Air Force and Army.

The meet at Miami should provide a formidable challenge, according to women’s head coach Budlyc Weather.

The Hurricanes feature the nation’s third-ranked offense. Junior Gina Kveton has been hurting us all season.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY
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Happy Birthday! This will be a year of great progress for you if you follow through on all the ideas that occur to you. It will be easy to achieve your goals if you have the drive, the determination and the adventurousness to make things happen. If you put just a bit of your energy and time to be spent wisely, you'll keep happy. Go after your dreams. Use your intuition to get the ball rolling.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Get down to business and get yourself on track. If you don't, you will lose your skills. You will do well to keep your work schedules straight.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You are able to do so well professionally it will be quite evident. Spend time on those hobbies that you enjoy most. The people you live with will be hard-pressed today. Go after your dreams. Use your intuition to get the ball rolling.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Talk about a good year! This is expected to be a very productive year for you. Your confidence will be all the way up and your energy will be high.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You are likely to have your way this year. However, you don't need to come off as strong. You are very much able to work behind the scenes.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be happy to hear that you will be able to shine this year. Your confidence will be quite high.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will have a good year. Your confidence will be all the way up and your energy will be high.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This year you will be quite busy. You will be working on new projects and you will be able to expand your network.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have a good year. Your confidence will be all the way up and your energy will be high.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have a good year. Your confidence will be all the way up and your energy will be high.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have a good year. Your confidence will be all the way up and your energy will be high.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have a good year. Your confidence will be all the way up and your energy will be high.

 Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You will have a good year. Your confidence will be all the way up and your energy will be high.

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Irish seek revenge against no. 4 UConn

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The true sign of a championship caliber team is the ability to win the big game. The second-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team will be faced that challenge this afternoon when they take on the fourth-ranked Connecticut Huskies in Hartford.

"We're happy with where we are right now," Irish co-captain Jen Grubb said. "But this will be one of our biggest tests so far this season."

Both teams have a lot at stake heading into the showdown. The Irish are out to avenge last year's 2-1 loss in the NCAA semifinals and both teams are undefeated in Big East so far this season. The Irish are a perfect 7-0, while UConn boasts an equally impeccable 6-0 conference record. The Irish hold a 6-2 edge in the all-time series.

"This is a big game for us," sophomore Mestis Erikson said. "The team is really starting to come together and we're playing well."

Notre Dame defeated UConn 1-0 last year at Alumni Field and dominated the Huskies several weeks later en route to a 6-1 victory and third-straight Big East Championship.

UConn, however, will be a formidable opponent for the Irish. Maryland snapped Connecticut's 12-game win streak by playing the Huskies.

Walton, team look to kick past charging Huskies

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

Everyone is always looking to unseat the best. And that is exactly what Notre Dame will attempt to do.

The luck of the Irish couldn't have any stronger right now, as they believe they have the necessary confidence to topple No. 1 Connecticut tonight at Alumni Field.

This is an Irish team struggling in Big East conference play this season, posting an unimpressive 2-2-2 mark. But this is also a team with the chance to begin its final stretch of games, coincidentally all Big East games, with the greatest of wins.

"We feel we can beat this team," said Shane Walton. The freshman forward has been the biggest surprise of the season for Notre Dame, leading the team with nine goals and 23 points.

"We know that there isn't anyone that can really stop us," he said.

Stopping the opposition is exactly what the Huskies have been able to do thus far. Second-year head coach Ray Reid's team is undefeated in 12 games, including a 7-0-0 record in the Big East.

The Husky domination in conference play will pose a monumental challenge to the Irish. Connecticut has outscored its opponents in the Big East.

Irish mid-fielder Anne Makinen attempts to pass the ball in a recent game. The Irish take on the Huskies of UConn this afternoon at home.

Icemen to play first CCHA away games

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

After beginning conference play with consecutive wins for the first time in recent memory, the Irish will look to solidify their place atop the CCHA when they take on the Ferris State Bulldogs and the Lake Superior State Lakers on the road this weekend.

On Friday, the Irish travel to Big Rapids, Mich. to play Ferris State for the first time this season.

Saturday, the Irish will rematch Lake Superior, this time in Sault Ste. Marie. Last weekend's matchup against the Lakers was a typical CCHA battle, a high-intensity game with a lot of physical play.

With the 4-2 win last Friday night at the Joyce Center, Notre Dame ended an eight-game winless streak against the Bulldogs and the Lake Superior State Icemen to play first CCHA away games.

That win plus two CCHA victories jumped the 3-0 Irish to an 11th-place ranking in the USA Today/American Hockey Magazine Poll.

Last season was one in which the Irish made great strides towards establishing themselves as a power in the CCHA. The greatest stride was the ability to win on the road against quality opponents.

In the CCHA alone last season, the Irish tallied eight wins on the road, an impressive number for a team who finished the season below .500.

Already this season, the Irish have won a game on the road versus the [now] 12th-ranked Badgers of Wisconsin.