Week aims for awareness
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Kommers, noted professor of law at Notre Dame, was inaugurated into the Joseph Robbie endowed chair at the University last night.

Kommers was given the tenured position for being one of the top international scholars of the German legal system. Held in high repute by his colleagues, Kommers has been a senior fellow at universities in Germany and a member of the faculty at Catholic University of America.

Kommers gave an inaugural address to the Notre Dame faculty and members of the public.

Kommers compared the differences in the constitutional law decisions of Germany, Canada, and America to use as examples because the high courts of these three countries are the most regarded in the world, he said.

Yet, the differences in "their constitutional interpretations are different enough to engage scholarly focus."

According to Kommers, the differences in the constitutional law of the three countries can be traced to "overarching values" particular to those three countries. For example, the United States focuses on protecting liberty, while Germany looks to protect human dignity, and Canada embraces fraternity.

These peculiarities can be understood, Kommers said, when seen in light of the different histories of the three countries.

America fought a revolution, and after victory declared that there would be no censorship. The German constitution, on the other hand, "rose out of the ashes of World War II wanting to restore basic dignity."

Separate from the other two, the charter of Canada gives a respect to elective bodies. This respect cannot be found in the United States.

In Canada, Kommers said, the parliament is shown respect as a modern parliamentary democracy. It has the power to make explicit laws governing speech in order to promote its "moral and spiritual values and respect for the laws."

While in America, he said, this would not be tolerated.

To the contrary, in the case New York Times vs. Sullivan, the Supreme Court disallowed any laws granting financial compensation for libel against public officials except in cases of reckless disregard for the truth or malice.

The court stated that errors would occur in uninhibited debate, and the debate was necessary to a vibrant democracy and thus demanded priority over accidental mistakes.

The chair was endowed by Joseph Robbie, the owner of the Miami Dolphins, in honor of his son, who graduated in 1966 but passed away in 1976. Notre Dame has 103 such endowed chairs, 73 of which have been filled.

Notre Dame ranks first in doctoral recipients
By GWENDOLYN NORGLE

The University of Notre Dame ranked first by a wide margin among U.S. Catholic colleges and universities in a recent study that tracked the baccalaureate origins of doctoral recipients over the last thirty years.

The study, which surveyed 156 Catholic colleges and universities throughout the country, ranked Catholic institutions of higher learning according to the total number of undergraduates per decade who went on to earn doctorates in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. With a total number of 2,463 graduates receiving a doctorate degree, Notre Dame edged Fordham University by 600 graduates. Behind Fordham, Boston College ranked third with 1,800.

Other schools to place in the top five were St. Louis University (14th) and Loyola University (5th). Rounding out the top ten were Marquette University (6th), Georgetown University (7th), Manhattan University (8th), Catholic University of America (9th), and the University of Dayton (10th).

Notre Dame also placed first in each decade researched in the study.

According to Nathan Hatch, dean and vice president of the Graduate School, the reason Notre Dame undergraduates have been so successful in obtaining their doctorates is due to "the combination of the fact that Notre Dame attracts some of the best and brightest Catholic students."

"The graduate faculty and the graduate programs in 22 doctoral fields are models for what graduate education is," Hatch said.

When asked why he thought Georgetown ranked 7th in the study, Hatch said he thought

ND supporters
Two young Irish fans from Blossom Land Learning Center in Berrien Springs, MI enjoy the lakes.
Midterms? Bring on the plague!

Drums, please. The event which has been waiting for has finally arrived. A beer breaker is here at last and its timing could not be better— we can all use a break right now.

There have been too many consecutive sleepless nights, the laundry is piling up, and, most of us have depleted our supplies of shampoo, toothpaste, and Sudafed, not to mention money. So it's time to relax, but more importantly, it's time to restock, but more importantly, it's time to relax.

I don't know about you, but it seems like people around here have had a little edge lately. Maybe it's just my roommates and me. None of them are along fine, but these past few days have been hell.

On Tuesday night, we decided to order a pizza and since not all of us had any cash, one of my roommates wrote a check to a Papa. We know that we'd pay her back later. No big deal, or so we thought. But then my roommate walked up to the dorm room names and social security numbers to a $2.50 promissory note.

Later that same night, two of the four of us had to write papers which were due, of course, the next morning. Since we share the same computer, patience is a necessity. One of my roommates, however, sat counting "One M-i-s-s-i-s-s-i-p-p-i, two ML." while the other mate made each of us sign our names and lumping this case into the "we are college students" category.

But my roommate wandered into our room so clotted at this point that we have to wipe through our dirt with our hands. Luckily enough, one of my roommates confessed to wearing her underwear dirty laundry. Sadly enough, one of my roommates was wearing her underwear. I could only justify her actions by repulsed me, but I could only justify her actions by repulsed me, but I could only justify her actions by repulsing me.

We anticipated Friday with elation. By the time this morning came, we were hardly speaking to each other. The only reason we found to put our heads together was because we were beginning to question our posture in life as students. The insanity had to stop.

And now that the long awaited break is here, the relaxation begin. The only problem is that this break seems to be ironically timed. It seems like a vacation to me.

Israelis want separation from Palestinians to stop attacks

Tel Aviv, Israel

Five years ago, Gila Samouchi buried her sister, killed when a Muslim fundamentalist plowed a commuter bus down a ravine. On Thursday, she wept over the grave of a sister-in-law in Tel Aviv's bloody bus bombing.

"We have to kick all the Palestinians out. I don't want to see them near me," said one of Mrs. Samouchi's three sons, 25-year-old Moti, as the coffin draped with a blue-and-white Israeli flag was lowered to the ground.

Two hezbollahi militant groups, al-Aqsa Martyrs and Hamas, have claimed responsibility for the attacks, but a growing sense among Israelis that this break seems to be ironically timed like the two feuding peoples will stop the violence.

In a first step, Rahin's government on Thursday ordered the American Bank and autonomous Gaza Strip sealed indefinitely, barring thousands of Palestinian laborers from work in Israel.

Rahin also hinted that he wants to move Jewish settlers out of Palestinian areas earlier than 1999, the date foreseen for implementation of the peace accord in the Israel-PLO accord.

The persistent violence may have him no choice but to act quickly, since each atrocity breeds more bloodshed and more violence support for making peace with the Palestinians.

In an opinion poll in the Yediot Aharonoth daily, 85 percent supported the closure of the territories and 71 percent favored the idea of sending the army into the Gaza Strip to "liquidate terrorists." The poll of 502 people, taken Wednesday night, had a margin of error of four percentage points.

At the burial of Mrs. Samouchi's sister-in-law, 56-year-old Pazi Vader from the Tel Aviv suburb of Givataim, angered and frustration filled the air.

"It's a lot much more than we take," wailed some among the 300 mourners.

"I will avenge my sister," he shouted one of Mrs. Vader's three sons, 25-year-old Moti, as the coffin draped with a blue-and-white Israeli flag was lowered to the ground.

"I don't want to see them near me," said another Vader, 25-year-old Pua Yader, 56-year-old Phelan isn't particular religious, but he credits Sister Ancilla's prison mission at the Manhattan Correctional Institute with getting him to give up devil worship.

Robber offers nuns mythical fortune

Mansfield, Ohio

It seemed like a nice offer to some nuns. He just may not have the $1 million to give. Thomas Phelan, a convicted robber, said in interviews Wednesday he would donate $700,000 in property and $326,000 in cash at a reception scheduled for the prison where he said he inherited the money from his mother. But a relative who spoke on the condition of anonymity told The Associated Press today that Phelan has no legitimate source to give. Phelan, 42, of St. Louis, had said he inherited the money and led in Trumpull County from his mother, who died two months ago. The Trumbull County auditor's office said today the property listed in the name of Phelan's late mother, Hilda and a 500-mile trip from Maghreb.

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Several police officers were waiting for an arrival when a police car pulled up to the hotel.

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Clinton signs $60 billion bill

By SUSANNE SCHAFER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON More than 100,000 U.S. troops are being taken off alert for possible movement to the Persian Gulf now that Iraq's threat to Kuwait has abated, the Pentagon announced on Thursday.

Later, 13,000 soldiers including 5,000 already on ground in the area and 270 aircraft will be moved into the region to conduct exercises for an undetermined period.

At one time, the Pentagon had envisioned sending some 150,000 men and women in the event a ground war against Iraq broke out.

"The vast preponderance of forces are being taken off alert and will not deploy," said Lt. Gen. Howell E. Estes, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Estes told a Pentagon briefing that the threat Iraq once posed to Kuwait when it massed nearly 75,000 troops on its southern border is receding.

"The threat ... is not totally eliminated," Estes said, "but the change in our posture allows us to make some changes in our forces." he said.

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Associated Press

FRAMINGHAM, Mass. President Clinton signed a bill Tuesday sealing the promises of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and other endangered Democrats are gaining in popularity as Election Day approaches.

"The fog is beginning to clear," said Kennedy, "and the public is saying they want change from some of the politicians they have known."
Dutch mercy killing shown in documentary

By JENIFER CHAO
Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Dutch television viewers Thursday night saw the first televised case of mercy killing. The one-hour documentary, "Death Upon Request," chronicled the story of Wilfred van Oijen, a 63-year-old Amsterdam man who suffered from the degenerative muscle disorder Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

ALS is also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, after the famous New York Yankee baseball player whose brilliant career was cut short because of it.

The documentary was produced by the Dutch IKON broadcasting association for the approval of the patient and his physician.

The video sequences took Van Wendel de Joode from the required counseling sessions with physicians in late 1993 through his birthday night, March 4, when he died by lethal injections administered by his personal physician Dr. Wilfred van Oijen.

The disease had caused Van Wendel de Joode to deteriorate so much that he had to communicate by pointing at an alphabet board on his lap. "Let's not put this off," were his last words to the doctor. The video showed Van Wendel de Joode dying with his wife Anthoniette standing by.

Anthoniette rested her head warily on the physician's arm as he injected a sleeping drug into her husband's left arm.

"So peaceful . . . He looked so relaxed," said Anthoniette, as she watched her husband slowly lose consciousness after the first injection.

After caressing her husband's arm and kissing him on the cheek, Anthoniette began to weep while nervously puffing on a cigarette held in her shaking hand.

"We've done everything together, only I can't go with him now . . . It's finally over. It's finished," she said as the doctor pronounced her husband dead.

"It's so beautiful like this. He didn't feel anything. That's why it should be this way.

While mercy killing is still officially illegal in the country, doctors are guaranteed immunity from prosecution if they follow the euthanasia policy, the most liberal in the industrialized world, and report all cases to authorities.

That policy requires that physicians performing the act have a longstanding clinical relationship with the patient, that they must suffer from an irremediable illness and must repeatedly and lucidly ask for death.

The program drew angry re­marks from anti-euthanasia physicians.

"It's a terrible thing that this euthanasia is being brought into the family living room so that everyone can see," said Dr. Karel Gunning of the anti-euthanasia Dutch Doctors Union.

"We can't think of anything better than that," said Anthoniette, as she watched her husband die.

"I can go to the Persian Gulf and feel a lot safer than someone on a repair ship or a rescue ship," said Stephanie Corvin of Chesapeake, whose husband, Darrel, is a machinist mate aboard the nuclear-powered ship.

Cmdr. Kevin Wensing, a spokesman for the Navy's Atlantic Fleet air force, said the caller said only that there was a bomb aboard the ship.

"There was no indication of what person's motive could have been," he said.

In March, the Eisenhower became the first U.S. combat ship to take women as crew members.

Last month, about 300 women went on a trip of about 10 days to Haiti to deliver members of the Army's 10th Mountain Division. Women serve on non-combat vessels since the Carter administration.
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Chile’s economy grows

By JAMIE HEISLER
News Writer

The relationships between stability in countries in Latin America can be best illustrated by examining the case of Chile, according to Claude Malvin Fano, the executive director of the World Bank at the time.

Fano said the World Bank has been observing Chile’s economic growth for several years and is now following a period of stability under President Patricio Aylwin. Fano said the period of stability has been characterized by three periods of growth.

The first period of growth, from 1973 to 1979, was characterized by the leadership of the government under the military, which did not have the resources to maintain the stability of the economy.

The second period of growth, from 1980 to 1985, was characterized by the leadership of the civilian government, which did not have the resources to maintain the stability of the economy.

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Media hinders jury selection

By LINDA DEUTSCH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Overwhelmed by publicity so wide-ranging he’s gotten news clippings from Tibet, O.J. Simpson’s defense lawyer Monday said he fears the media will undermine jury selection in the First Amendment.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito said he closed the period of voir dire, in which prospective jurors are asked whether they can still be impartial despite intensive coverage of the case.

Reporters will be allowed back in the courtroom Wednesday when prospective jurors are quizzed about other matters.

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Humorous stunts have always risen above issues

About a decade ago, I let a Colorado College student read the manuscript of a novel I was working on, about college life in the Sixties. She enjoyed it, she reported. And, curiously, it had really opened her eyes to something, she added.

"I'd always kind of had the impression that you guys were totally obsessed with the war, you know?" she said. "And then I read this, and it occurred to me that, well, of course, you were just as concerned with who was sleeping with who and who was fighting with their parents and who was about to flunk out, and all that mundane kind of college stuff. It was obvious: Of course you were just as concerned with who was sleeping with who and who was fighting with their parents and who was about to flunk out, and that mundane kind of college stuff. It was obvious.

"Of course you had regular lives going on at the same time. I'd just never thought of it that way."

 Pete Peterson

It was, she realized, pretty easy to grow your hair long and carry a guitar across your shoulder. It didn’t mean you intended to dedicate your entire life to the cause of pacifism, any more than putting a solar energy bumper sticker on your car 15 years later meant you weren’t going to put gas in it. And yet it wasn’t hypocritical either. It’s just believing in something doesn’t require total, 24-hour obsessive dedication.

Of course we were interested in other things. We took the time to be epistemically irresponsible and to be selfish, because those things matter, too. And—death and destruction on the other side of the globe notwithstanding—we were even occasionally silly.

For example, once we even had a couple of guys run for Student Body President and Vice President on the promise that they would bring the Rolling Stones to campus for a concert. That was their whole platform: That they would skip all the student government chitchat and just produce this incredible, improbably major concert at Notre Dame. It was ridiculous and silly and fun, and some students even carried the joke to an extreme by voting for this asinine platform.

Not enough that they even came close to getting elected, of course. We may have been silly, but we weren’t a bunch of total idiots.

But, still, not every event was earth-shattering back then, and we tried to deal with the mundane of everyday life with a touch of humor whenever possible.

For instance, Flanner Hall was the site of a dedication ceremony 25 years ago, on November 2, 1969. The two new dorms were finished, and everything had gone perfectly. Well, with a few minor exceptions.

Like the Grace and Flanner cornerstone-stones being abducted shortly before the ceremony. According to a note sent in the administration, they were being held by some of those politically radical student revolutionaries you may have heard of, and there was a list of four demands. None of them had anything to do with Vietnam. They were: Better food in the dining halls, an improved laundry system, lower prices in the Bookstore and a rebate for Grace residents.

Well, as you can plainly tell, the first three demands were met at once, which is why students today have superb food, an incredible laundry service, a Bookstore in which prices are set with the student budget in mind. And that may tell you what happened to the idea of giving Grace residents a rebate.

In fact, the Grace students had a pretty good gripe. About two weeks before school started, those scheduled to live in Tower C were notified that they would have to move into the new dorms after all. Some 80 freshmen and a number of upperclassmen found themselves living in the lounges of various residence halls around campus, while the WSND studies stayed put in the tower of O'Shag.

Residents of floors 2 through 6, the administration promised, would be in their rooms by October 1, with the rest scheduled to move in by the 15th, and the estimates were only off by about a week. Even so, moving into a partially finished dorm meant lacking the physical facilities because the elevators weren’t running yet and having to find a bathroom on a floor where the plumbing had been hooked up. Not to mention living in a room where not all of the furniture had arrived.

So the students of Grace Hall had a pretty good argument in favor of getting some of their money back. But the food didn’t really get any better for a long time, the laundry stayed pretty much the same, the Bookstore prices continued to rise and the Grace students didn’t get any rebates. I never heard what happened to the cornerstone-stones, except that the administration didn’t seem too concerned about recovering them.

On the other hand, they obviously didn’t have the corners of Flanner and Grace with something. Maybe they made a secret deal with the cornerstone-nappers. Maybe they promised them that, if they ever decided to bunt everybody out of a dorm to turn it into office space, they wouldn’t pick on Grace.

After all, even a university administration can have a wacky sense of humor, right?

Peter Peterson, ‘71, is Bookdrop Services Manager at the Press-Republican in Plattsburgh, N.Y.
Would you write those things about your mother?

Dear Editor:

To not protect the hall notes of Alumni and Carroll after their content was made public would imply just as much of a sincere material they contained. I trained to be Notre Dame because I wanted to attend the Catholic University, a university where I was not examined among my peers.

An alumni of Alumni and Carroll that truly believes this material is only representative of the University. It is impossible to blindly accept what was printed as the truth. These views were presented not only offensive to women, but should really involve the challenges anyone who possesses an ounce of compassion. Were the writers of this material so proud of their work that they included their names?

While Shafi Ladha might try and defend such material with humor, people must recognize this material for what it is—sexist. Women don’t accept any humor, they consider it, and quite literally, sexist.

The view presented were not transferred to Notre Dame beliefs. This material is sexist. And defending such material as defamatory of women, those who are simply amused by the sexual assault, the group drugs and to their friends, to his mother, to Notre Dame? Does doing so make him a man? Hopefully, people like Rosenam Ybarra will never have to experience something like this Notre Dame again, and the persons responsible for this material will indeed “learn the true definition of a woman.”

MATTHEW MACLEAN Sophomore Off-Campus

Intolerance abounds

Dear Editor:

The reading of Alumni and Carroll “hall notes” during the Women’s Sexual assault week has only affected individual halls but rather as an indication of the normative stereotypes of women on campus. The examination of these notes should serve as a seal against these attacks, who those of us, as the advocates of women, who are simply amused by the sexual assault, the group drugs and to their friends, to his mother, to Notre Dame? Does doing so make him a man? Hopefully, people like Rosenam Ybarra will never have to experience something like this Notre Dame again, and the persons responsible for this material will indeed “learn the true definition of a woman.”

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A primary tenant of any democratic state is the right of individuals to individual liberty. The power to control one’s life is an absolute right, both in America and in this University.

Obviously, however, there are some areas where an individual’s sphere of privacy infringes upon the social good; it is an individual who deals with such infringements. An individual’s right to drive 100 miles per hour in a residential zone is weighed against the community’s right to reasonably safe streets, and, as it turns out, the legislative bodies in America have largely ruled on one side. The right to privacy, furthermore, has become an individual’s right to walk into his or her house and smoke cigarettes. The owner of the house has the legal right to define allowable conduct in his or her house.

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Education is not a destination, but a process that engages individuals in acquiring the knowledge and skills that they need to function effectively as members of their communities and societies. 

JENNIFER MOORE Cherry Hill

CHRISTIAN IDEALS ABSENT

Dear Editor:

How are you! I became a Christian two years ago, and I have since been motivated to improve the way that I live. I have started attending a church, and I have taken the Bible to heart. I have also started volunteering at my church, and I have been able to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

I am writing to you today because I am concerned about the way that the world is going today. I believe that there is a lot of sin and corruption in the world, and I feel that we need to do more to help people. I have been thinking about this issue for a long time, and I have come to the conclusion that the Church needs to be more active in helping people.

I am writing to you because I believe that you can help me. I am looking for ways that the Church can do more to help people, and I would like to hear your thoughts on this issue.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Computer music will kick off haunting evening at Washington Hall on Halloween

By DAN CICHALSKI

It can set the mood for the evening or help one relax after a tough week of midterms. From colonial anthems to the Negro spirituals to today's alternative sounds, music provided entertainment and solace for people around the world. Everybody enjoys listening to music.

Computer music is growing rapidly in popularity and gaining world-wide recognition. Within the last month, the World Conference of Computer Music was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, and attended by the most prominent figures in this field. Now this blend of technology and the arts is coming to Notre Dame.

At 8p.m. on Monday, October 31, a Concert of Computer Music will be held in Washington Hall. Associate Professor of Music, Paul Johnson, is the local coordinator responsible for bringing this concert to the students of Notre Dame.

"Computer music is a very hot topic right now. Virtually everyone has heard computer performance of music on popular radio, and everyone is computeriterate," said Johnson. He also said that this concert will appeal to a lot of "students, tech types, rock bands, and students with synthesizers." Basically, there is something for everyone.

The music that will be performed at the concert has been selected from the recent World Conference and represents the most advanced musical use of the computer to date. Paul Lansky, a professor at Princeton University will be on hand to present each composition, some of which are his own.

Johnson explained, "The music that will be played at the concert will be very new, and sometimes difficult to understand. Paul Lansky is one of the best known composers of computer music in the world, and he is going to introduce each piece, giving a guide to how you might listen from someone who is really on the inside of the subject."

While many people believe that computer music is actually written by the computer, this notion is not entirely true. Some compositions are entirely the work of a machine, but most composers use the computer as an aide to control synthesizers or model sound in numbers before generating the sound itself.

Notre Dame Players tell spooky tales

By LARRY WARD

Almost everyone on campus has heard the many stories that Washington Hall is haunted by numerous ghosts. Supposedly, Notre Dame football legend George Gipp, the Gipper himself haunts the theater from time to time.

Gipp died at the age of 25, two weeks after he was selected as Notre Dame's first All-American.

Reportedly, his dying wish was a request of Knute Rockne, "when the team is up against it, when things are wrong and the breaks are beating the boys out of them to go in there with all they've got and win just one for the Gipper.

To this day, The Gipper is said to "haunt" Washington Hall.

Whether or not the stories of these hauntings are true, it seems inevitable that each year, on Halloween night, many Domeers try to break into Washington Hall in order to try to spot an apparition.

Are you looking for something exciting and scary to do on Halloween night that does not include breaking and entering?

If so, plan on heading over to Washington Hall to see the Notre Dame Players put on the Halloween Candlelight Ghost Story Reading.

This year in order to prevent the illegal yearly event, October 31 tradition of breaking into Washington Hall, the Notre Dame Players have decided to provide the student body with a legal event that is sure to prove an enjoyable and frightening evening.

The Players have spent much time planning the first ever "Halloween Candlelight Ghost Story Reading." The event, which begins at 11p.m. October 31 and ends at 12:30 a.m. the following day, will consist of readings of six or seven "ghost stories" written by authors such as the haunting Edgar Allan Poe and the spine-chilling Stephen King.

Each of the stories will be read by a member of the troupe. Only candlelight will be provided in order to promote the true haunting spirit of Halloween.

All students are encouraged by Co-President of the ND Players, Stephen Susco, to attend the reading.

A nominal admission fee of $1 will be charged in order to cover the cost of advertising for the event.

Susco also encourages people to come dressed in appropriate attire.

So, get out the face paint, the Dracula costume, the witch's hat, or any other accessory that will help you create the perfect Halloween costume and get ready to lead on over to the Halloween Ghost Story Reading.

Susco said, "I think the Halloween Ghost Story Reading will be an enjoyable event and I encourage everyone to attend."

So if you are looking for a way to ring in the second half of the semester, plan on attending the Halloween Ghost Story Reading. Who knows, maybe you'll even see the Gipper?
Public Library launches series of bone-chilling events

By JOEY CRAWFORD

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The competition was open to both high school students and adults. Copies of his novels will be available for sale and author signing.

This free event will be held on Wednesday, October 26 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium on the lower level.

If you miss Dr. Mclnerny at the Public Library, he will be appearing in Michigan City and at Ball State University, or just look for him in your next Philosophy class, Dr. Mclnerny.

Coming to a Classroom Near You

Three Halloween programs for children are slated for the week prior to Halloween's Eve. "Halloween Garden" is a fun-filled hour for children ages 7 and up. The activity is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, at 4 p.m.

The Francis Branch of the Library, 52655 North Ironwood, will host this exciting hour of creating ghastly ghosts and goblets. Reservations for the event can be made in advance by calling 282-4641.

On Thursday, October 27 at 3:30 p.m., the River Park Branch of the Library, 2022 Mishawaka Avenue, will sponsor a children's program on Pumpkin Painting.

This activity is open to children ages 4 and up. Children are asked to bring their own pumpkins.

The library will supply paints and assorted refreshments. Space for this event is limited so pick up a free ticket at the River Park checkout desk and join the fun.

"Spider Webb, Magician and Clown" will conclude the children's series. Spider Webb will perform on Thursday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. This event, which will be held in the Western Branch, 611 S. Lombardy, should be a lot of fun for the entire family.

A women's group is also celebrating the Halloween season by offering the program, "Women, Friendship and Quilting.

The history of quilting and how quilts brought women together will be the major topics for discussion. Celebrate women and their quilts at the River Park Branch on Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m.

All of these events are free and pre-registration is not required unless otherwise noted. For further information, please call 282-4649.

So if you will be in the South Bend area during the Halloween season, come join the library in celebrating this festive season.

Fun of Terror-ific season never dies

By PATTI CARSON

Saint Mary's Accent Editor

You are never too old to celebrate Halloween. That is why the Saint Mary's College Student Activities Board (SAB), Residence Hall Association (RHA), and Dalloway's Coffee House are co-sponsoring "Terrifying Tales and Ghoulish Grub" on Monday Night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m at Dalloway's.

Students may partake of the festivities for only $. Students may partake of the festivities for only $. Those festivities include a costume contest, ghost stories, pumpkin carving, and the mysterious Ghostly Grab Bag.

And since we are rather old for trick-or-treating, we can fill our stomachs with food (instead of pure candy) at Dalloway's.

Candy corn, caramel apples, hot apple cider, hot chocolate, and other ghoulish grub will be available for the taking. The coffee house will also be open as usual to provide coffee as normal.

"SAB has been planning this event along with RHA for quite a while," said Marlene Johnson, SAB assistant director.

"SAB and RHA members wanted to have an event planned for students right after break. Last year, SAB planned the Masquerade Ball around Halloween time.

This year, since we are here on the actual day of Halloween, we wanted to celebrate," she said.

One of the featured events of the evening is ghost stories. But these are not just any ghost stories.

"RHA and SAB are employing the talent of a husband and wife team who tell their scary stories as a team. The couple has been here two or three times to tell their stories in the past few years. Since they've been so successful, we've invited them again," Johnson said.

One of the places to be is Dalloway's on Monday night. Some Holy Cross Hall students, however, will be staying in their dorms to hand out candy to the children of Saint Mary's professors.

Holy Cross students who are interested may sign up on the doors near the front desk of the dorm.

Students should take advantage of the many Halloween activities being offered on both the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses. Remember, you are never too old to celebrate Halloween.

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McNair chasing record

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

Associated Press

LORMAN, Miss.

When Steve "Air" McNair became Colorado's quarterback, he didn't have the flash of the rest of the NFL's top five. He wasn't even the most talented player on his team.

But McNair has taken a different route to the top, and that means the NFL.

"I'm a scrambler as well," McNair said. "I elude the rush and I'm not afraid to use my yards on the ground as well."

This season, McNair already has four 100-yard rushing games, including three in which he also threw for more than 300 yards. He's thrown for 2,704 yards and 28 touchdowns and rushed for 672 yards and six touchdowns.

Defter will keep his career passing record of 15,031 yards. But the minus-366 career yards rushing brought his total offense numbers down.

Defter said Thursday that he hasn't had time to think about his total offense record being broken. But he said he has heard about McNair, and seen him on TV.

"He's a real athlete. He's the main focus of their team. They just give (McNair) the ball and let him go with it," Defter said. "He mixes it up pretty good. Most of my rushing yards were minus."

Even though McNair (5-2) is hosting Southern University, the top-ranked defense in Division I-AA (the 227 yards per game), McNair will likely break Defter's record Saturday.

"Our offense is basically wide open. If we execute as good as we can, we can record will take care of itself," said McNair, averaging 482.3 total yards per game and 319 in his 38-game career.

McNair is on pace to break the season and career records for total offense per game.

Former Mississippi Valley State quarterback Willie Totten, who threw most of his passes to Jerry Rice, holds the career mark at 325 yards per game. David Klinger set the single-season record of 474.6 yards per game at Houston in 1990, the same year Defter won the Heisman.

The wacky WAC is now the wonderful WAC. And there's plenty of proof.

WAC teams are ranked in The Associated Press poll. No. 12 Colorado State (7-0) and No. 18 Utah (6-1) meet Saturday in the only clash of unbeaten teams.

"No question, this is the best this league has ever been from top to bottom," said BYU coach LaVell Edwards, who has been at the school since the WAC started in 1962.

"You go through this league, and everybody's better. The top teams are better, the middle teams are better, and the bottom teams are better."

CSU gearing up for Utah

By JOE WHEELAN

Associated Press

FORT COLLINS, Colo.

Those helmets with the nifty gold ram's horns are suddenly looking a lot cooler.

With Colorado's season on hold because of a 3-year-old record, the Rams (5-0, 2-0 in the WAC) have returned in a long time.

Kari Niedan of the Fort Collins Convention and Visitors Bureau said requests for lodging during home games have picked up sharply. Many callers are alumni who hadn't returned in a long time.

"It's great that the team is winning, but certainly the national exposure is great for all of Fort Collins," she said.

This weekend, the Rams (5-0 in the Western Athletic Conference) play host to No. 18 Utah (6-0, 3-0), whose 37 points-per-game offense will be a challenge for CSU's frail defense.

Hughes Stadium groundskeepers are getting up to 3,500 bleachers in back of the end zones. A capacity crowd of 19,000 is expected.

"This game will be as big for us here as any Orange Bowl game," Colorado State coach Sonny Lubick said.

The 37-year-old Lubick is well-acquainted with the Orange Bowl. He was defensive coordinator for Miami from 1980-83, before going to Stanford as an assistant and then to Miami. Under CSU coach Leon Fuller, Lubick's offenses were the most productive in Rams history.

When he returned to CSU last season, signing a five-year contract, task coach Earle Bruce had been fired for punching and verbally abusing players, and morale was low.

But Bruce had built the foundation for that program even though during his last year, in 1992, his team finished 5-7. In four years at CSU, he built a 22-24-1 record and took CSU to its second-ever bowl appearance, the 1990 Freedom Bowl, where CSU beat Oregon, 32-31.

Fort Collins is a distinct change from Miami. Located 65 miles northwest of Fort Collins, Colorado is a city of about 100,000 — including 21,000 CSU students — at the base of the Rocky Mountain foothills.

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Mondesi voted NL ‘Rookie of the Year’

By BEN WALKER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK  
Outfielder Raúl Mondesi unanimously won the NL rookie of the year award Thursday, the third straight Los Angeles winner of an honor the Dodgers have dominated since its inception.

The Dodgers have had the top rookie 14 times since Jackie Robinson — for whom the prize is now named — won the initial award in 1947 with Brooklyn. No other NL team has won more than six.

Mondesi, who batted .306 and led major league outfielders with 16 assists, was the seventh unanimous winner in the NL. Dodgers catcher Mike Piazza was a unanimous winner last year, and Los Angeles first baseman Eric Karros won in a closer vote in 1992.

"I want to say thank you to my teammates," Mondesi said from his home in the Dominican Republic. "They tell me, 'You've got to play hard because you've got a chance to win rookie of the year.' I played hard every day, that's why I won.

"I want to thank the president of the NL Baseball Writers Association of America and the players again, when he met with school officials in coming days to review last year's academic records for the team."

There are 16 players on the team, which finished last season 27-8 with a No. 5 ranking. It is widely viewed as a possible contender for the NCAA Final Four this season.

Guinn said Mondesi was "committed to the primary responsibility. He said he will meet with school officials in coming days to review last year's academic records for the team.

"We will take whatever corrective measures may be needed to ensure the academic integrity of our program," said Michael Hooker, the university president.

The newspaper raised questions over whether the school, in its successful pursuit of basketball success in recent years, has given short shrift to academics.

The Boost Globe said four Massachusetts players, including star sophomore center Marcus Landry, had been put on academic probation when their overall grade-point averages slipped below 2.0, or 60. It said three others, including senior co-captains Lou Roe, had been given warnings when their averages fell below that mark during the semester. "It's so disappointing," said Hall of Famer Bill Walton, who graduated with a major in history and honors at UCLA.

"These students are athletes in every opportunity to make it."

They offered a bizarre string of events that began last Friday when former coach Rollie Massimino agreed to take a $1.8 million buyout to make way for a new coach.

As late as Thursday morning, UNLV interim president Kenny Guinn said the university would seek an interim coach for the upcoming season and put off hiring a permanent coach until next year.

In an interview pressed for Mondesi's hiring with both Guinn and athletic director Jim Weaver during meetings Thursday and talks resumed in an effort to bring Mondesi in as the new coach.

"They made some very valid points about interim coaches versus permanent coaches," Guinn said.

Coach of other sports at UNLV also met Thursday and said they wanted Mondesi to be the permanent coach.

The announcement of an offer to Mondesi, an assistant to Jerry Tarkanian at UNLV for 12 years, came less than 24 hours after Weaver resigned and Guinn said that Mondesi would not be hired for the upcoming season.

Guinn said at the time that he would hire an interim coach for the upcoming season because he didn't want to make it appear that Weaver resigned because of a personality conflict that kept Guinn from accepting the job.

"I cannot let this appear that because I didn't hire Tim Mondesi as a coach that Jim Weaver is resigning as athletic director," Guinn said Wednesday night. "I can't be a part of it. I won't be a part of it."

Mondesi offered an NL job on an intern basis.

Charlotte Hornets director of player personnel Dave Cowens said Thursday that Allen, a scout for the team, was offered the job.

Earlier Thursday, there were reports that Sonny Allen, a former coach at Old Dominion, Southern Methodist and Nevada-Reno, had been offered the job an intern basis.

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Redskins rally around Frerotte

By JONATHAN MOORE

ASHBURN, Va. — The Washington Redskins hope rookie quarterback Gus Frerotte will display preseason form in a midseason game.

"It creates excitement, without a doubt, because he's coming out of nowhere," said Redskins wide receiver Henry Ellard. "Something new creates excitement, even through this team is 1-6. We need some kind of excitement to get something going."

Coach Norv Turner said Frerotte, a seventh-round draft pick out of Tulia, will start against the Indianapolis Colts in place of pick Heath Shuler, who is out with a sprained ankle.

The decision came as a surprise because the second-string quarterback, John Friesz, is a veteran who started the first four games of the season and has the team's only win of the year, against New York.

Turner said Frerotte has played well in practice and the preseason and deserves a chance to start. Coaches also want to see if Frerotte's talents hold up under the pressure of an NFL game.

"I think it can create a little bit of excitement," Turner said of Frerotte starting. "It's not long-lasting, but it certainly makes it interesting."

Patriots as hard as any leader of the New England Patriots hope for season to turn over

By HOWARD ULMAN

FOXBORO, Mass. — A five-cushit quilted Drew Bledsoe's chin. A subdued voice and downward glance showed Bill Parcells' frustration.

The road from pushover to playoff contender isn't so smooth after all. Two straight mistake-filled losses hit the two leaders of the New England Patriots as hard as an unblocked blitzer.

"I don't think we've been fortunate," Parcells said quietly. "I would say that I'm disappointed with the turn of events."

The Patriots' 3-2 start was their best since 1987. They had just won three consecutive close games, two on the road. Bledsoe had thrown for more yards than anyone in the NFL.

There was serious talk about reaching their first playoff berth in eight years. And, for the first time in the team's 35-year history, all eight home games were guaranteed sellouts before the first one was played.

Expectations were growing in the Patriots' second season under Parcells, who coached the New York Giants to two Super Bowl titles. He took over a 2-14 team and led it to 5-11 record last year.

Only 15 players remain from the pre-Parcells days. But the team is plagued by the inconsistency of young starters.

The Patriots committed four turnovers in each of the losses to the Los Angeles Raiders and New York Jets.

"I was hopeful in that regard," Parcells said when asked if he felt the winning streak would snowball.

"I think it tends to hit you a little bit harder after you've had some success," Bledsoe said of the losing streak. "We're to the point now where we expect to be able to win ballgames and to go out and kind of beat ourselves with the turnovers we have in very frustrating." The Patriots, idle this weekend, have extra time to work on the problems that contributed to their 3-4 record, two games out of the AFC East lead.

"It's a big situation, so we're having a few problems, so maybe it's a blessing in disguise," Parcells said, noting that the Patriots were missing both starting wide receivers for almost the entire Jets game. "The defense had a bad day at the Meadowlands. He threw for a season-low 292 yards, was sacked three times and fumbled twice in last Sunday's 24-17 loss to the Jets. Two blitzers popped him hard after coming through untouched. One solid hit opened the gash on his chin.

"It's not unfriendly," Bledsoe said of the решил. "I'm disappointed with the way he feels the Lions let him hang during the offseason, especially after they told him he was definitive about his future."

"All of our conversations with management was, 'Hey, you're our guy. We may lose Sean Jones, we may even lose Warren (Moon), but we want you here,'" Fullerton said.

"It made sense. Even though Fullerton is 33, he is among the NFL's top pass-rushers. In the previous four seasons, he averaged 10 sacks a season.

The reassurances made Fuller feel good until he started getting signals that made him wonder.

First, negotiations on a new contract went slowly. The Oilers took their time giving Fuller a proposal and when they did, he was insulated fairly well.

Fuller was under the impression he would get the protected designation. He was, in a kind of see their rationale, he said. "He (Montgomery) had a good year last year... and now's a younger player. They were simply looking at it that way."

Patriots hope for season to turn over

By JOHN F. BONFATTI

PHILADELPHIA — After eight years with the Houston Oilers, Bill Fuller thought his friends in the organization would inform him about the team's plans. He was wrong.

And so Fuller admits he's anxious to do something well for his new team, the Philadelphia Eagles, when they play the Oilers on Monday night.

"I think everybody's real excited to see how he's going to perform," Mitchell said. "We can't wait to see him performing real well in preseason. He's been doing real good in practice, and everybody just wants to see if he can do it when it's happening for real."

Fuller was not unhappy with the Eagles (4-2), especially when he sees how the Oilers (1-5) have unraveled.

"I couldn't ask for a smoother transition, both football-wise and off the field," Fuller said, tied for second in the NFL with seven sacks. "It's worked out real good."

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**Sports Writer with a match versus Xavier on**

*By Betsy Baker*

With a week of practice under their belts, the team has an 18-1 record into the weekend with wins over 103 straight games with the mightiest marks in college sports came tumbling down.

North Carolina's streak of 101 games without a loss ended with a 3-2 loss to Duke. That made it only two losses in 206 games. North Carolina had not lost since Sept. 22, 1990, when it fell to Connecticut. Before that defeat, the Tar Heels had reeled off 103 straight games without a loss by top-ranked North Carolina may have Irish eyes looking in yet another direction—toward a first-ever No. 1 ranking.

**HOMER INN: Purdue is the team that will be the match against Xavier on Friday night. Although Xavier does not have the national ranking and recognition of the Irish, they will bring a 15-6 record to South Bend. The Irish have had great past success with Xavier, winning 8 of 9 matches against them, including the last five in a row. Xavier's strength lies in their ball control and defensive skills, as shown by their team leader sophomore setter Susie Checkett, who has 918 assists and 182 digs. Checkett is also third in the MCC in hitting percentage with .389.

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**Weekend wins needed for jump**

*By Rian Akey, Associated Press Editor*

As if the Notre Dame women's soccer team didn't already have to worry about looking past their games against Ohio State and Detroit Mercy this weekend, a loss to Duke by top-ranked North Carolina may have Irish eyes looking in yet another direction—toward a first-ever No. 1 ranking.

With a 13-0-1 record which includes a 6-0-1 mark against top-20 teams, a home sweep this weekend would make No. 2 Notre Dame the only major undefeated team in the country. Having thrashed No. 4 Duke 5-0 earlier this season, the Irish would be seriously considered to replace North Carolina at the top of the polls.

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**11th-ranked Irish open MCC play**

*By Betsy Baker, Sports Writer*

The 11th-ranked Notre Dame volleyball team begins Midwestern Collegiate Conference action this weekend with a match versus Xavier on Friday night and Butler on Saturday night.

Coming off a victorious road trip last weekend with wins over 14th-ranked Texas and Texas A&M, the Irish will bring an 18-1 record into the weekend. With a week of practice under their belts, the team has been improving and is ready to show who's at the top of the conference.

Irish head coach Debbie Brown said that practice has gone well this week, and they have been focusing on improving each day.

"We tried to work on a specific area each day this week," said Brown, "and I'm confident we've fixed some of our weaknesses." The Irish have proven to be a force to reckon with in the MCC, as they have won 24 consecutive conference games. 17 of those games have been in the regular season, and seven have been in MCC post-season tournament play. The Irish have claimed three consecutive MCC tournament and regular season titles, and look to do the same this season.

Their first obstacle to doing that will be the match against Xavier on Friday night. Although Xavier does not have the national ranking and recognition of the Irish, they will bring a 15-6 record to South Bend. The Irish have had great past success with Xavier, winning 8 of 9 matches against them, including the last five in a row. Xavier's strength lies in their ball control and defensive skills, as shown by their team leader sophomore setter Susie Checkett, who has 918 assists and 182 digs. Checkett is also third in the MCC in hitting percentage with .389.

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

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Of note...

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