

The Observer

VOL. XXI, NO. 35

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1986

the independent student newspaper serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's



The Observer/Fred Doble

A cut above

Joe D'Angelo, better known as "ROTC Joe," holds up a mirror for a customer Monday afternoon. "ROTC Joe," a campus celebrity.

famous for his \$5.50 military haircuts, works in the barbershop in the basement of the LaFortune Student Center.

Faculty applauds Hesburgh address

By CINDY RAUCKHORST
Senior Staff Reporter

Notre Dame's 800 faculty members gave two standing ovations to the man who has served as University president for more than three decades, during his last annual faculty address Monday in Washington Hall.

Father Theodore Hesburgh, now in his 35th and final year at the University, presently holds the longest tenure among active presidents of American universities.

Hesburgh told faculty members that the University must continue to pursue its goal of greater quality in faculty, students, administrators and trustees.

"It is the people who make the University," he said. "Of course, presidential leadership can and will help, but what is essentially needed most is continued leadership up and down the line."

The president encouraged faculty members to act as moral and intellectual leaders of the University by the Irish adage to "keep the faith, pursue the vision."

"Whatever we say, we educate by our lives," he said. "Our words speak as we teach, but our actions shout, I believe St. Augustine said."

Hesburgh said both he and Father Edmund Joyce, Notre Dame's executive vice president, have seen much progress made toward founder Father Eduard Sorlin's goal of creating a great Catholic university.

"We have seen a good measure of his dream come to reality, thanks to hundreds of valiant collaborators," the president said. "But neither of us believes that we are anywhere near the final stages of Sorlin's dream."

Together, Hesburgh and Joyce have spent more than 100 years at Notre Dame. They both arrived as undergraduates in the early 1930s.

Hesburgh recounted the history of the University's beginning in 1842 by tracing the path of Sorlin, a Holy Cross priest hailing from France.

"For half a century, he changed this place from a wilderness to a spiritual oasis for learning," Hesburgh said of Sorlin. "The University would never have made it without him."

Arson suspected cause of fire behind ACC

By MIRIAM HILL
Senior Staff Reporter

Arson is the suspected cause of a fire that damaged several boxes of construction equipment early Saturday morning behind the ACC, Notre Dame Fire Department officials said.

No one was injured in the fire, which began at about 2:20 a.m., according to Director of Fire Safety Jack Bland.

Someone apparently used gasoline or some other flammable liquid to start the fire, which destroyed at least \$2,000 worth of nuts, bolts, clamps and other materials belonging to Casteel Construction Corp., Bland said.

Notre Dame Security officers discovered the fire while on their regular patrol and immediately notified the fire department of the blaze. Three firemen extin-

guished the fire a few minutes after Security called.

Bland said the cause of the fire was difficult to determine because rain washed away much of the evidence over the weekend. Security said it has no suspects at this time.

The equipment was being used in the construction of indoor tennis courts located behind gate 6A of the ACC.

Reagan to America: Summit invitation still open to Soviets

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (ap) - President Reagan told the American people Monday that the United States and the Soviet Union "are closer than ever before" to eliminating ballistic missiles and said he remains ready "to pick up where we left off" in an attempt to break the impasse over the future of Star Wars.

In a speech broadcast nationally from the Oval Office, Reagan reviewed the collapse of his summit talks on Sunday with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Reykjavik, Iceland.

"I cannot promise, nor can any president promise, that the talks in Iceland or any future discussions with Mr. Gorbachev will lead inevitably to great breakthroughs or momentous treaty signings," Reagan said.

And he insisted that "we prefer no agreement than to bring home a bad agreement to the United States."

Reagan acknowledged that Gorbachev gave no indication "when or whether" he would come to the United States for the summit the leaders went to Iceland to prepare for.

"Our invitation stands," the president said. "We continue to believe additional meetings would be useful. But that's a decision the Soviets must make."

After refusing to compromise with Gorbachev on the testing of his hypothetical strategic defense system known formally as the Strategic Defense Initiative, Reagan said, "We are

dealing now from a position of strength, and for that reason we have it within our grasp to move speedily with the Soviets toward even more breakthroughs."

Reagan had worked on his speech up to the last hour. A U.S. official said that speechwriters reworked drafts that had been prepared in advance, and the president himself made some last-minute changes in the text that the White House customarily has ready well in advance of Reagan's delivery.

Reagan's national security adviser, Vice Adm. John M. Poindexter, told reporters Monday that U.S. arms negotiators in Geneva will try to salvage elements of the accord that won tentative approval at the summit.

Meanwhile, an official traveling with Secretary of State George P. Shultz en route with the secretary home from Brussels, Belgium said that Shultz will attend an international human rights conference in Vienna in early November, and may at that time meet with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

In his speech, Reagan said, "Our ideas are out there on the table."

He was referring to the two superpowers' unfinished agreements to phase out medium and long-range nuclear missiles by 1996.

"They won't go away," he said. "We are ready to pick up where we left off . . . So there is reason - good reason - for hope."

Reagan painted a much more optimistic picture than Shultz,

see REAGAN, page 4

Notre Dame men, women differ on Reagan's handling of pre-summit

Observer Staff Report

Men and women at Notre Dame differ substantially in their views of President Reagan's handling of the superpower pre-summit in Iceland.

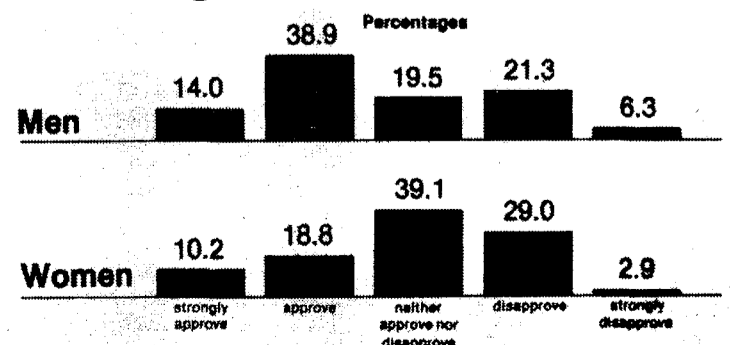
A clear majority of the 222

men surveyed Monday night approve of Reagan's handling of the summit, according to the first Observer Campus Network survey.

In fact, 14 percent of the men "strongly approve" of Reagan's handling of the pre-

see SUMMIT, page 4

Student opinion of Reagan's handling of the summit



Source: Observer Campus Network

Graphic/Mark Weinholt

In Brief

Saint Mary's Beautiful Room Contest winners have been announced by the college's hall vice-presidents: Lisa Kline of 420 Regina South received the Most Beautiful Room title; Nicole Bonnacchi of 416 Holy Cross won the Most Unique Room title; Debra DeFlora, Ana Cote, Jeanne Marie Burke, Julie Bennett, and Linda Croft of 427 Holy Cross received the Cutest Room title; Landry Clement, Alica Hardy, Patricia Mulvihill, and Ann Norton of 326 Holy Cross earned the Party Room title; Patricia Walsh and Amanda Bretzlaff of 303 Holy Cross won the Saint Mary's Spirited Room title; and Sarah Hughes and Laura Jacob of 326 McCandless received the "I Don't Care" Room title. *-The Observer*

Notre Dame's Department of Development has set an institutional record in fund-raising for the second straight fiscal year, according to a report by Joseph Sandman, director. Cash income has doubled in two years from \$24.2 million in fiscal year 1984 to \$48.3 million in fiscal year 1986. The 1986 figure is 43 percent more than the previous record-setting total in fiscal 1985. Notre Dame is ranked among the top 20 private institutions of higher learning in the country in terms of endowment and amount of annual cash gifts received. *-The Observer*

Beverly Nitschke of South Bend, a doctoral candidate in liturgical studies at Notre Dame, has been awarded a fellowship for the 1986-87 academic year by the Educational Foundation of the American Association of University Women. She is one of 164 American and international women to receive fellowships and grants from the foundation for academic study this year. *-The Observer*

Saint Mary's Fall Day on Campus, Sunday, was a tremendous success according to Mary Ann Rowen, Director of Admissions for the College. High school seniors left Saint Mary's feeling well-informed about Saint Mary's and its programs and excited about the prospect of attending Saint Mary's, thanks to the total college effort put forth by faculty, students and administrators, Rowen said. The largest number ever attended, Rowen added, with over 160 high school seniors. The Student Activities Board members guided tours of the campus and residence halls. The seniors also had a panel discussion with Saint Mary's students while their parents discussed their concerns with parents of current Saint Mary's students. *-The Observer*

Gripe Night results were reported at the Saint Mary's Board of Governance meeting held on Sunday. Student Body President Jeanne Heller said the most frequent complaints concerned housekeeping, academic policies, parlators and student parking. Suggestions were made pertaining to changes in the grading system, rotation of names during registration and changes in the dining hall hours. The upcoming United Way fundraiser was also discussed. Sarah Cook, Vice President of Student Affairs, said the goal of the campaign is to raise \$1800 through various activities including a wishing well in front of Haggard Center, a series of movies and door-to-door donations. *-The Observer*

Of Interest

"That's Entertainment," featuring pianist Bob Corrigan, will be performed at Haggard Center's Chameleon Room tonite at 8. The free event is sponsored by the Saint Mary's student government. Refreshments will be provided. *-The Observer*

"Cell Separations: Inside and Out" will be focused on by Douglas Lauffenburger, associate professor of chemical engineering at the University of Pennsylvania, today at 3:30 p.m. in 356 Fitzpatrick. Lauffenburger is known for his research contributions to bioengineering and mathematical aspects of biology. He is the author of about 40 research publications. *-The Observer*

Weather

Stressed students preparing for midterms may be driven over the edge by a small decision today: to take the umbrella or not to take the umbrella. There is a 50 percent chance of rain today with highs expected in the mid 40s. Tonite the low will sink into the mid 30s.



The Observer

Design Editor..... Tracy Schindele	Accent Layout..... Sharon Emmite
Design Assistant... Mike "Moj" Mojica	Typists..... Ester Ivory
Layout Staff..... Chirs Reradon	ND Day Editor..... Kim Yuratovac
News Editor..... Mary Heilman	SMC Day Editor..... Karen Webb
Copy Editor..... Patty Censky Monique Kelly
Rachael Jarson	Ad Design..... Sharon Emmite
Heidi Traxler	Photographer..... David Fischer

OCN Hall Reps: Peter hartweger, Lisa Hollenbeck, Diane Dutart, John Failor

The Observer (USPS 599 2-4000) is published Monday through Friday except during exam and vacation periods. The Observer is published by the students of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. Subscriptions may be purchased for \$40 per year (\$25 per semester) by writing The Observer, P.O. Box Q, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556.

The Observer is a member of The Associated Press. All reproduction rights are reserved.

Conservatism dominates America as country swings to the right

This summer I worked at a press syndicate in New York City and spent a lot of time reading through the editorial columns they sent out to newspapers. When a subject appeared that demonstrated the gradual tyranny of conservative opinion on Americans' basic personal rights, I put the article in a file folder. By the end of the summer, the folder was bulging.

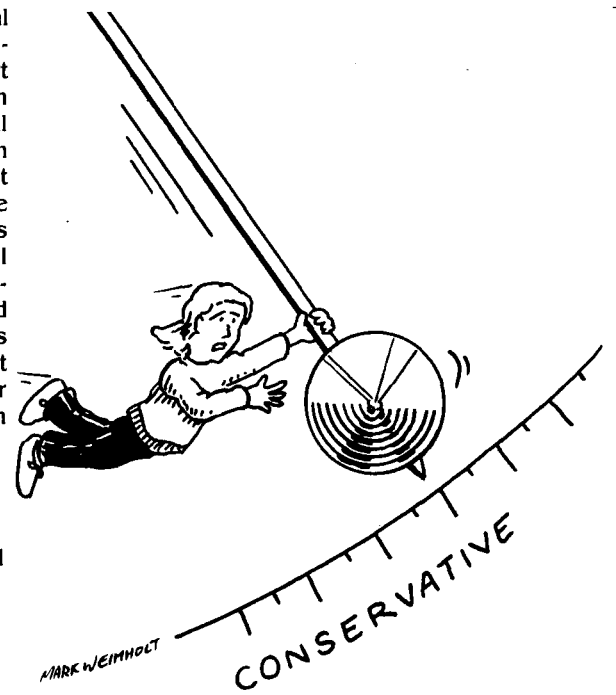
Mary Jacoby
Accent Editor



The list of news events illustrating '80s social conservatism which appeared just over the summer is long. The United States Supreme Court upholds a Georgia law banning sodomy-between heterosexuals as well as homosexuals. The moral beliefs surrounding sodomy are not the question here. Rather, what's important is that the highest court in the country has technically affirmed the right of police to enter private citizens' bedrooms and prosecute them according to their sexual preferences. It doesn't seem to matter to the Supreme Court that it's going a bit far to try and regulate the manner in which consenting adults engage in sex. What I find oppressive is the fact that the courts can even consider it within their jurisdiction to impose their view of morality on citizens.

And there's more. Censorship is rearing its ugly head again these days in a much more subtle-and dangerous-manner than book burnings and such. A pretentiously named organization called the National Federation of Decency was able to persuade Attorney General Edmund Meese's Commission on Pornography that 7-Eleven stores were distributors of porn because they sold Playboy and Penthouse magazines. The commission subsequently sent a letter to Southland Corporation, 7-Eleven's parent company, indicating they might be listed as sellers of pornography in the Commission's final report. No company wants the red-tape and bad publicity of legal and government hassles hanging over its head. Of course 7-Eleven dropped Playboy and Penthouse from its shelves. Meese's government commission succeeded in determining both the merchandise a private company wished to sell and the type of publication many members of the public wished to buy.

Speaking of Meese's so-called porn commission, on what grounds can the government justify assembling 11 "experts" who heard the testimony of 208 "victims" of pornography only to conclude that pornography is "harmful?" One so-called witness testified that as a "normal, healthy" boy of 12 he found a deck of cards depicting hard-core pornographic scenes. He claimed that his subsequent record of shoplifting, homosexual encounters, drug-taking and even "watching R-rated movies on HBO and Showtime cable" was caused by the set of cards. According to a July



article in The New Republic, much of the man's testimony had been written by the commission's staff.

So my consolation is that the current socially conservative atmosphere, like the liberality of the '60s and '70s, will probably eventually wear itself out. As far as I can tell from my study of American history, national moods seem to move in cycles. Ten years from now the pendulum will likely have swung too far in the opposite direction, and you'll find me railing against the ridiculously liberal attitudes dominating American life. Why can't we just find a happy medium and stay there?

A final discouragement to rationality arrives in the form of the religious fundamentalist Pat Robertson, who many expect to run for president in '88. How can any reasonable person, no matter how religious he or she may be, take seriously a man who claims in a fund-raising letter about the Michigan delegate selection process that "We saw the hand of God going before us in Michigan, affirming our every step?" Who is to say what God is thinking? For that matter, who is to say conclusively that there even is a God?

Stash your trash.

Erasmus Books
1027 E. Wayne
Tues. - Sun., noon-6
1 block south of Jefferson & Eddy
Used & out of print books bought, sold, searched
232-8444

8-5 MON.-SAT.
EVENINGS BY APPT.

(219) 239-5144



UNIVERSITY HAIR STYLISTS
FULL SERVICE UNISEX CENTER
HAIR CUTTING SPECIALISTS

**CURRENTLY IN BADIN HALL...
SOON TO BE IN LAFORTUNE**

Nickie's dodges demolition for now

By MARILYN BENCHIK
Assistant Saint Mary's Editor

Nickie's, an established student bar, temporarily was spared the wrecking ball at South Bend's Code Enforcement hearing Monday.

Proceedings officer Larry Clifford, however, determined the cost for repair presented by Nickie's owner Nick Bilello and by Code Enforcement Committee Inspector Stanley Molenda must be more consistent in order for the tavern to avoid demolition.

Molenda reported the cost for repair of the building would equal \$35,000.

Larry Spromberg, Bilello's contractor, estimated the cost of repair for the facility to be \$5,000.

"There has to be some sort of agreement. Either there is one list which both parties agree on or two separate lists. If there are two separate lists, I'll agree upon which figures will be used as the estimate," Clifford said.

Problems with the building include holes in the main roof, a rotted roof on a first story addition, missing gutters, buckled

walls, peeling paint, extensive water damage and trash and debris inside, according to Molenda.

Molenda inspected the interior of the building on Aug. 28. "There was an indication of rodents, but I did not see any myself," he said.

"There was evidence to the police department the building had been broken into. Rooms (on the second floor) looked like they were being occupied. We were afraid gangs were trying to get in," Molenda said.

Bilello said many of the problems concerning the condition of the building were the fault of the neighborhood.

"After the bar closed, vandals looted the property when I was out of town, and neighbors used the area as a local dump service," Bilello said.

"The repair needs are cosmetic," Bilello said. "No work has been done because I want to wait until I decide what I want to do with the property."

Spromberg worked on the facility a number of times over the last 20 years.

"Most of the work that needs to be completed is cosmetic. The

building looks quite sound to me aside from the holes in the roofing which were formed by the weather," said Spromberg.

Spromberg admitted he has had no prior experience in roofing a building and is a professional plumbing and heating contractor.

"For a structure this size, demolition would cost about \$10,000," said Molenda.

Neighbors were allowed to comment. "The business in the neighborhood should benefit the people living there. The business should be just as concerned about the neighborhood as they are about the actual business," said Renelda Robinson, director of the North East Neighborhood Center.

Nickie's regained its license from the Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Commission in May, after the bar was closed for 10 months following state liquor law violations.

The tavern had been unable to open because of the dangerous condition of the building.

Clifford added the estimates are due by Oct. 20.



AP Photo

Victim carried from rubble

Rescue workers carry the body of an unidentified woman pulled from the rubble of the Ruben Diario in San Salvador following a Friday earthquake. The woman and at least 889 others died in the earthquake.

Annual Founder's Day to be celebrated today

By KAREN THOMPSON
News Staff

The annual Saint Mary's Founder's Day commemoration will be celebrated today at the College with a candlelight dinner, slide shows, birthday cakes and musical entertainment.

"Founder's Day is a time for us to honor the college and all those who have given to it and made it what it is today," stated Lisa Lawler, Traditional Events Commissioner of the Student Government.

October 14 was chosen for the celebration commemorating Saint Mary's birthday because it coincides with the feast day of Fr. Edward Sorin, one of the college's co-founders, Lawler said. This year's Founder's Day marks the 142nd birthday of the college.

"This is our opportunity to give something back to the school,"

Lawler said. "The school has really progressed and it is interesting to see all of the changes that have taken place," she added.

Citing the many changes Saint Mary's has undergone, Lawler pointed out that in 1899 telephones were installed on campus, in 1963 uniforms were abolished and, at one time, students were required to write home each week.

Events to honor the College and its past included a Mass at Holy Cross Hall on Sunday evening with a reception following. Today a display of the College's history will be held at the Cushwa-Leighton library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tonight Saga will provide a candlelight dinner for the students. A slide show, "The History of St. Mary's College", will be shown at 7 p.m. in the parlor of Haggard College Center.

Banned group looking at options

By CLIFF STEVENS
Senior Staff Reporter

Former members of the banned group RASTA are weighing the options available for continuing the group's work if the the Office of Student Affairs rejects their appeal for reinstatement, according to Sean Evers, former co-leader of the group.

Although no definite plans have been made, pending decision on the appeal, Evers said possible options include working through an existing campus group with compatible goals or forming a new organization.

"The options open depend on the decision," he said.

Rally Against Starvation (RASTA) was banned by the University for the presence of alcohol and drug use at an event held by the group last year.

The Overseas Development

Network has expressed an interest in working with the former members of RASTA, said Evers. But former RASTA member Rafael Benavente said he doubted other groups could achieve the banned group's goals.

"I don't think the goals of other groups could match what we were after," he said.

Evers said he found no reason to believe the University would prohibit the formation of a new group with the same cause as RASTA.

"I presume that they could not refuse a new group with the same goal to aid starving people and promote the culture of Africa," he said.

The prime objective of the group's former members, however, will be obtaining the reinstatement of RASTA until the decision is made, said Evers.

Evers said approximately 20

former members have regularly gathered informally to discuss the group's future and work for reinstatement.

He said such efforts resulted in the drafting of the appeal letter submitted Sept. 26 to Father David Tyson, vice president for student affairs.

Evers questioned the delay in Tyson's response. He said the Office of Student Affairs failed to deliver its promise to return a decision by the end of last week.

Tyson's secretary said Tyson was busy in meetings and unavailable for comment Monday. She was unable to say whether a decision had been reached on the appeal.

But Evers said former members remain committed to the banned group despite the delay.

"The longer we have to wait, the more determined we are to get our group back together again," said Evers. "Interest is definitely not dying out."

Problems with parietals proposal debated at Student Senate meeting

By TRIPP BALTZ
News Editor

Problems with the Student Senate's parietals proposal were discussed at Monday night's senate meeting.

Last week the Campus Life Council decided to delay until its next meeting a vote on the proposal, which seeks to lengthen visitation hours and reduce the punishment for overnight parietals violations.

"My perception is that we hadn't discussed it enough amongst ourselves," Student Body President Mike Switek said. "But we're definitely not going to give up on it," he added.

Switek said he believes the resolution should be rewritten before it goes before the CLC again.

Student Senator Brian Holst, one of the CLC student representatives, said part of the debate on the proposal involved "students disagreeing with students."

"It didn't look good for our cause," he added.

Holst said the CLC never really discussed the "fundamental issue" of parietals, but rather the wording of the proposal. "To this day, I still don't know if the administration agrees with us on the severity of parietals punishments," he added.

Judicial Commissioner Maria Cintron said the administration does not feel that in every case an overnight parietals violation necessarily involves dismissal or suspension. "Why is there an option for suspension or dismissal?" she asked.

Holst said it was important the proposal do more than just change wording. "If it's a cosmetic change, all we're doing is fooling the students."

Cintron said it would be not be possible to get a change in the philosophy of the current parietals violation. "There's no way," she said.

According to Cintron, John Goldrick, associate vice president for residence life, said two

out of every four overnight parietals violations result in suspension or dismissal.

Student Senator John Gardiner pointed out that the body was usually arguing semantics on the parietals issue. "We don't want to get too lofty," he added.

Senior Class President Dave Miklos questioned whether other student representatives had an issue "more pressing" than parietals.

Switek responded that the senate should begin working on more worthwhile issues.

In other business, Switek announced Vice President for Student Affairs Father David Tyson has not yet responded to an appeal by RASTA for reinstatement. "What I'd like to do," said Switek, "is send a letter encouraging (the administration) to review their case."

Switek said he would write the letter in the next few days and have it available in his office for senate members to sign.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Featuring

Rob Corrigan
(the piano man)

Tues. October 14, 1986
8 p.m.

Haggard College Center
Chamblain Room

Refreshments Admission free

NATO: Superpowers should continue talks

Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium
America's NATO allies expressed disappointment Monday that promising arms reduction initiatives were derailed at Reykjavik by a dispute over "Star Wars." They also urged the superpowers to move quickly toward reaching agreement.

The allies, briefed on the weekend superpower summit on Monday by Secretary of State George Shultz, expressed particular disappointment that an agreement was blocked to rid Europe of medium-range U.S. and Soviet missiles.

That accord was part of a package tentatively agreed to by President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev before the talks in Iceland foundered over Star Wars, or the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative for a space-based defense against nuclear rockets.

In what appeared to be an allusion to Reagan's insistence on his Star Wars program, NATO Secretary-General Lord Carrington said in a statement the allies "felt that the opportunity to make progress in some areas should not be made hostage to difficulties in other, unrelated ones."

Shultz flew to Brussels from Reykjavik early Monday and met with North Atlantic Treaty Organization foreign ministers and other allied representatives for about three hours.

Shultz acknowledged there was disappointment with the out-

come of the summit, telling a news conference, "Of course people would like to have had final closure" of the agreements on medium-range missiles and a 50 percent cutback on long-range weapons.

Carrington's statement, which also expressed "warm appreciation" to Reagan for his efforts at Reykjavik, said, "We were pleased to note that the U.S. nuclear arms negotiators will return to Geneva with instructions to build upon the progress made in Reykjavik."

Britain's representative at the Shultz meeting, Foreign Office Minister of State Tim Renton, told a news conference "Now we must maintain the momentum. . . . It is not the end of the play. We hope to take up the next act quickly."

Renton gave Reagan "full marks" for his Reykjavik effort.

West Germany's foreign minister, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, said, "We absolutely have to keep on talking. There can be no standstill. We must pursue talks on the basis of Reykjavik. Everybody agrees the meeting was right and useful because many positions came closer, which one day might form the basis for an agreement."

Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti of Italy denied some European press assessment that Reykjavik was a failure, saying, "More was done in Reykjavik than was thinkable. Why was there no conclusion? Because everyone knew that conclusions would come from the real summit."



AP Photo

Better days?

President Ronald Reagan walks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to his waiting car, after their third session of talks at the Hofdi in Reykjavik Sunday. The negotiations later

broke down when the two reached an impasse over Reagan's "Star Wars." NATO countries reacted with disappointment. Story at right.

Summit

continued from page 1

summit and another 38.9 percent approve. Only 21.3 percent of the males disapprove, and 6.3 percent "strongly disapprove."

The remaining 19.5 percent neither approve nor disapprove of Reagan's performance.

Among the 71 women surveyed, 39.1 percent neither approve nor disapprove of Reagan's handling of the summit. Those disapproving made up 29 percent of the women, with those "strongly disapproving" composing 2.9 percent of the women.

Only 18.8 percent of the women approve, with 10.2 percent saying they "strongly approve."

Still, Reagan enjoys the support of both men and women in the area of foreign policy. Strongly approving of his foreign policy were 11.3 percent of the men and 11.6 percent of the women surveyed.

Another 51.3 percent of the men and 40.6 percent of the women approve of his foreign policy.

A mere 1.8 percent of the men and 2.9 percent of the women "strongly disapprove" of Reagan's foreign policy. Another 20.3 percent of the males and 26.1 disapprove. The remaining 15.3 of the men and 18.8 percent of the females neither approve nor disapprove.

Notre Dame students also support Reagan's refusal to limit the development of the Strategic Defense Initiative,

commonly known as "Star Wars."

Among males, 34.5 percent agree with Reagan, 23.2 percent partially agree, 17.3 percent partially disagree, 21.8 percent disagree and 3.2 percent did not know.

Among females, support of Reagan's position on the SDI's development is still considerable, but much less than among males. Agreeing with Reagan's position were 22.5 percent of the females with 22.5 percent partially agreeing, 14.1 percent partially disagreeing, 18.4 percent disagreeing and 22.5 not knowing.

53.6 percent of males identify themselves as Republicans

More men than women watched Reagan's national televised address Monday night. Only 10.0 percent of the females watched the entire speech while 18.5 percent of the males watched it. Another 27 percent of the males watched a portion of the speech compared to only 7.1 percent of the females. The remaining students did not see any of the address.

More men said they were familiar with the SDI than women. Only 26.9 percent of the females said they were familiar with the SDI with another 56.7 saying they were somewhat familiar. Among men, 60.9 percent said they were familiar with SDI and an-

other 36.3 percent saying they were somewhat familiar.

Not being familiar with the SDI were 16.4 percent of the females and 2.8 percent of the males.

Large majorities of the men and women surveyed said they approve of Reagan's policies in general.

Among men, 12 percent strongly approve of Reagan's policies, 55.8 percent approve, 15.2 percent disapprove, 2.7 percent disapprove and 14.3 neither approve nor disapprove.

With 12.9 percent of women strongly approving of Reagan's policies in general, another 42.9 approve, 22.8 percent disapprove, 4.3 percent strongly disapprove and 17.1 percent neither approve or disapprove.

Indicating the level of support Reagan enjoys with both Notre Dame men and women, a majority of men and women surveyed identified their political party affiliation as Republican.

Among males, 53.6 percent consider themselves to be Republicans, 25.7 percent independents and 15.8 Democrats. The remainder of those surveyed, 4.9 percent, identified themselves as affiliating with other political parties.

Among females, 50.7 percent identify themselves as Republicans, 24.6 percent independents, 21.7 Democrats and 3 percent having other political-party affiliation.

A majority of both men and women said they were registered to vote and planned to vote in the November general elections.

successful outcome and said the United States is pursuing the "Star Wars" program without a sense of reality.

Vice President George Bush said Monday he feels the Soviets must be convinced that "... SDI is not a threat to Soviet missiles on the ground. SDI is not a threat to the Russian population. It is

simply a defense against weapons that have been launched. It is more important to put weapons at risk, not people."

Reagan's handling of the arms control issues drew mixed reviews among members of Congress, although the comments generally followed party lines.

Reagan

continued from page 1

who announced the collapse of the summit talks 28 hours earlier, saying there were no plans for resumption of bargaining. "We made progress in

EXPLORE THE

Part Time

ALTERNATIVE

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1986
4:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

If you have good reading skills, a pleasant voice and enjoy talking on the phone... you don't have to work impossible hours in a fast-food sweatbox to earn the extra money you need.

You can earn much more per hour and learn a valuable new skill with The Signature Group in South Bend. We even pay you while we train you to call our customers nationwide to provide information on the club memberships & services we offer.

NO SALES EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY! You will earn a guaranteed hourly rate of \$4.50 per hour right from the start with your first increase after only 8 weeks and another at six months.

Variety of shifts available to fit your schedule:

- Monday thru Friday 10 AM-3 PM—Perfect for moms with school age children.
- Wednesday thru Friday 5 PM-10 PM & Saturday 10 AM-6 PM OR
- Monday & Tuesday 5 PM-10 PM & Sunday 10 AM-6 PM—Ideal for students & moonlighters.

Come see our modern offices and equipment—learn how you can earn paid holidays & vacations, win contests and great promotional prizes!

Come to our OPEN HOUSE:

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15
TIME: 4:00 PM-8:00 PM
PLACE: THE SIGNATURE GROUP
851 S. MARIETTA
MONROE INDUSTRIAL PARK

DIRECTIONS:
2 blocks west of Farmer's Market on Lincoln Way East.

THE

SIGNATURE

GROUP

An Equal Opportunity Employer

Question of the week:

Students offer predictions on World Series champion

Viewpoint will be focusing on one timely campus, national or international issue each Tuesday in the "Question of the week" section. We would like you to address these issues.

Responses must not exceed 100 words and must list name, major, hall and year.

Viewpoint will print as many legitimate responses as space allows each Monday. In the event that all submissions cannot be printed, those appearing in Viewpoint will be representative of all responses.

Responses to last week's question can be found below and right. Look for a new "Question of the week" after break.

The Viewpoint Department also will take suggestions for future "Questions of the week."

The California Angels in six games. "Their pitching staff is stacked and they have a potent offensive line-up."

Tom Byrne
Junior-Business
Zahm Hall

The New York Mets in six games. "The Mets will win because this season they have kept a consistent, outstanding record. They have let this slip a few times, but they will come back."

Mark Bayne
Freshmen Year of Studies
Pangborn Hall

The New York Mets in seven games. "My history teacher likes them. When he's in a good mood, I'm in a good mood."

Edward Spinelli
Junior-History
Grace Hall

The Houston Astros in six games. "Mike Scott will win the first game (over California) and come back in game four to put it out of reach."

Larry Playford
Freshmen Year of Studies
Dillon Hall

P.O. Box Q

Educators deserving of increased attention

Dear Editor:

As I read the Oct. 6 The Observer article, concerning the worth of teachers, I was pleased to find that some of the press given those involved in education can be positive, not derogatory. Much has been written about the shortcomings of U.S. teachers and the educational system as a whole. Certainly some of these points merit the concern and attention they have generated. Still, both sides of the argument need to be voiced.

The teachers who provide students of all ages with the opportunity to learn and grow deserve more credit than they often get. Their contribution is vital to young people and to society. The realization that they can and do make a difference in the lives of their students is truly a motivating factor for those dedicated to being a part of education. Often this belief deters educators from seeking employment in the more lucrative business world. Teachers are not in their profession because

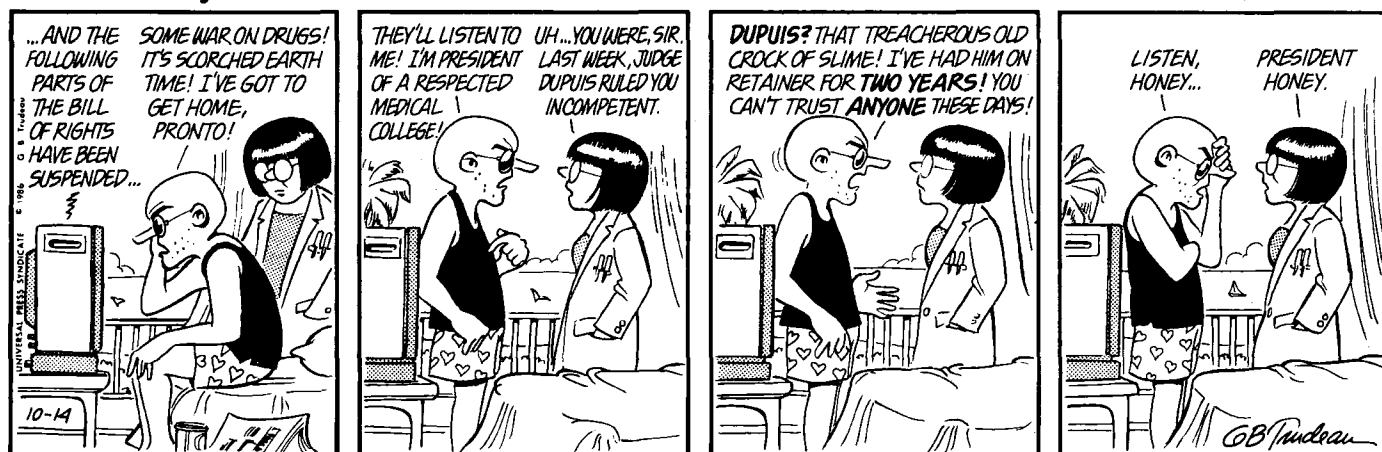
they "can't do," but rather because they see what they can do.

I think it is important, perhaps imperative, for the students at a university such as Notre Dame to be aware of this point. The vast majority of graduates from this campus will not become teachers on an elementary or secondary level. Instead, they will direct their efforts and talents towards careers outside the classroom, careers which will lead them to positions of influence and responsibility. Hopefully those who have benefited and profited more than most from the education they have received will not disregard the roles teachers played in helping them achieve their goals. For if we do not recognize the importance of strong educators, and if we do not put forth the efforts needed to encourage qualified people to accept the challenges of the teaching profession, then future students will be subjected to a second-rate education. It is up to those outside the world of education to make sure teachers receive the credit and rewards they earn and deserve.

Mike Smith
Graduate Student



Doonesbury



Garry Trudeau

Quote of the day

"Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects."

Will Rogers
(1879 - 1935)

Minority quota system no longer important?

The following is a satire on the Reagan administration's affirmative action policies.

There is a lot of talk going around about abolishing affirmative action and the quota system. Apparently, the Reagan administration thinks affirmative action and quotas are outdated and unneeded programs. This presumably stems from an attitude affirming that unequal opportunity due to racism and discrimination has been neutralized during a mere twenty years of equality under the law.

Michael Froning in the minority

Knowing that equality under the law does not automatically eradicate racism, and thus unequal opportunity, and thinking there was some merit to opening doors where they were closed before, I was surprised when I heard these rumors. So I decided to call the White House and find out exactly why our government wants to scrap these programs.

To my surprise, the White House has a special representative, whose sole purpose is to explain the administration's position on this issue.

"What it all comes down to," the representative told me, "is that we believe everyone is basically equal now. A mere 20 years of equality under the law has affected such an attitude change that we have succeeded in creating a multiracial society free from racism and discrimination leading to unequal opportunity."

"Are you saying that there is absolutely no inequality or discrimination in the United States?" I asked incredulously.

"Don't be absurd!" the representative replied. "Of course, in a free society, there are bound to be a few minor inequalities, or even a few scattered cases of discrimination, but certainly no real problems exist."

"Then why is the poverty rate of blacks 31 percent and that of Hispanics 29 percent while the poverty rate among whites is only 11 percent?"

"Why is the median family income for blacks only \$16,610 for compared with \$29,152 for whites?"

"Why is per capita income only \$6,840 for blacks, \$6,610 for Hispanics and \$11,670 for whites?"

"Why then is the median net worth of white households \$39,135 while the median net worths of black and Hispanic households are \$3,397 and \$4,913 respectively?"

"Why is the unemployment rate only seven percent among white teenagers compared with 41 percent among black teenagers?"

"And why, if blacks represent roughly ten percent of the total population, do they represent less than three percent of all doctors, lawyers, television and radio station owners, and less than one percent of all elected officials in the United States?" I prompted.

"It is mostly because of government funded programs and government interference," the representative told me. "Such a high proportion of minorities require federal assistance and intervention, that a system of dependency is created which is destroying the family and the

incentive to work in many minority communities. We are thinking of cutting out welfare in addition to affirmative action and quotas. That should provide the incentive to put poor minority communities back on their feet."

"So you don't think any of those statistics I mentioned or the problems in minority communities have anything to do with, say, unequal opportunity resulting from racism or discrimination?"

"There is absolutely no connection," the representative replied. "You see, ever since Civil Rights was instituted 20 years ago, society has miraculously reformed itself so that there is virtually no discrimination or unequal opportunity as there was before the Civil Rights movement. That is why we don't need these programs anymore. Let me give you an example. What university do you attend?"

"The University of Notre Dame," I replied proudly.

"Perfect! Do you see any discrimination there?"

"Well, no..." I started.

"You see? Why should we have these ridiculous programs, when there is no discrimination to begin with?" the representative exclaimed excitedly.

"Well, actually," I said, "there are precious few minorities at Notre Dame to discriminate against. You see, Notre Dame doesn't actively recruit qualified minorities as other institutions do. Probably the only thing that would make them do so is a quota."

"Ah, but here is the clincher," the representative said. "Quotas are no good because they advocate reverse discrimination."

"But qualified people get rejected from universities or jobs every year, simply because more than enough qualified people apply. I though quotas simply gave qualified minorities an opportunity where there was none before?"

"Actually, that is a widespread misconception. Quotas keep qualified whites from getting what they deserve. The opportunity is there for the minorities, they just won't take it."

"You see, we can't keep asking the white majority to make sacrifices for the minorities through affirmative action, quotas or taxes that pay for social programs, college loans or job training programs. It is time for the minorities to start doing these things for themselves. They have constitutional equality, what more do they want? Our administration does not advocate giving things away on a silver platter. We believe in a strong work ethic."

"So what you are saying is that all the previous programs instituted to help minorities have at best worsened the situation and that we should eliminate or drastically reduce their practice, thus giving minorities the incentive to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps?"

"Precisely."

"But the people these programs intend to help are in bare feet!"

"Sorry, that is not our problem. Maybe you could try K-MART for cheap footwear?"

Michael Froning is a junior French and Black Studies major and is a regular Viewpoint columnist.

P.O. Box Q

Recruiter is impressed with N.D. atmosphere

Dear Editor:

I recently completed my first visit to your beautiful campus in my role as a recruiter for Arthur Andersen & Co.'s New York office.

I, like countless others, grew up knowing of the legend of Notre Dame University and its special place in history. But that, of course, was primarily due to your athletic programs.

What impressed me, however, went far, far beyond sports. What impressed me was the quality of the people I met and the obvious pride, loyalty and spirit that permeates the atmosphere. It must be a very special place, and I trust that all the students will learn to appreciate it in years to come.

While I won't go as far as to say that I will start rooting for Digger's Fighting Irish (I am a graduate of St. John's University), I will never forget what I saw and felt at Notre Dame. I want to thank all the students that I personally met for their kindness and hospitality.

I wish all of you the very best of health and happiness as you go forward in life.

P.S. Ok, I'll compromise. Since St. John's does not have a football team, I will root for yours.

Thomas J. Madera
Recruiting Manager
Arthur Andersen & Co.

Oktoberfest involves beer despite new name

Dear Editor:

In Wednesday's Observer, Katie Sullivan reported on the upcoming "Fall Festival" at Saint Mary's College. In her article, Sullivan states that "although Germans refer to such an event as Oktoberfest (sic.), the Saint Mary's College event is called Fall Fest to avoid the image of beer, according to (Traditional Events Commissioner) Lisa Lawler."

I have two objections to the renaming of Saint Mary's Oktoberfest. First, it seems to me that such a renaming is an insult to the German heritage and tradition which stands behind the event. Is Saint Mary's trying to distance itself from the German roots of an October celebration? If so, they are not doing such a good job. "Fall Fest" will, in fact, feature German food, a German band, and a beer garden. Or is Saint Mary's implying that because something is German (i.e. has a German name) it will necessarily lead to the abuse of alcohol? Clearly, Saint Mary's must believe this to be the case, since alcohol will be consumed at the event regardless of its name; and I assume that elimination of the abuse of alcohol is the goal of administration policy in this area. However, this then leads one to the unfortunate conclusion that Saint Mary's regards anything German as contributing to alcohol abuse. I know I speak for many German-Americans when I object to such an unfair prejudice.

My second objection stems from the logic behind the renaming of Saint Mary's Oktoberfest. Such a move seems very hypocritical and questionable if its purpose is to "avoid the image of beer" when there will, in fact, be a beer garden at the event. What is wrong with facing up to the plain truth of the matter: beer will be available to students who are of legal

drinking age? The renaming of Oktoberfest seems to be yet another symptom of the tendency for the administrations at both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame to sweep problems under the proverbial rug. The problem of alcohol abuse will never be solved if it is never honestly examined.

I hope that the Traditional Events Commission of Saint Mary's will take these objections of mine into consideration and restore "Fall Fest" with its rightful name of "Oktoberfest."

Dave Lennert
Pangborn Hall

Off-campus students not 'advertising' crime

Dear Editor:

In her article of Oct. 7, Carole Roos expressed her fear of off-campus student housing crime spreading to residential homes. She believes that thieves are lured to the student homes by the students' "advertising" of their homes, be it by parties or banners, and their irresponsible behavior. It is obvious that there are many things Roos failed to notice.

It is important to realize that certain students have special needs. The University cannot house all of its students, and thus some upper classmen and graduate students entertain the need for off-campus student housing. These off-campus students can behave just as well if not better than any normal citizen, but it should be realized that parties are an integral part of the college learning experience. Parties teach students to function socially. Residents shouldn't complain. Notre Dame is the largest employer in the city of South Bend and the foundation around which the city was built. It is my belief that students make South Bend a nicer place to live. It should be noted that crime can be found anywhere in the U.S.; we are no exception. Instead of placing the blame on the presence of students, residents like Carole Roos should try to find solutions to the crime problem.

Ted Sheehan
Flanner Hall

Griffin lecture story different from speech

Dear Editor:

I was puzzled and disturbed to read Mary-Sarah Reardon's article, "Female Emotions Lead Judgements," supposedly a summary of Assistant Professor Leslie Griffin's lecture, "Women and Morality," given on Oct. 8 at Saint Mary's. I attended the lecture, and I assure you that Reardon severely distorted Professor Griffin's message. The lecture was a fine, comprehensive review of traditional and recent theories of women's morality. The balance of my letter corrects the article's main inaccuracies.

First, Griffin discussed theoretical views of women's morality; she did not present a conclusive statement of it as Reardon's title implies. For example, she reviewed some of the traditional depreciations of women's morality made by prominent male philosophers and theologians.

Second, Reardon's most egregious error was her misrepresentation of Griffin's reference to Freud. According to Reardon, Griffin agreed with Freud's view that "the

main difference between men and women is that women use more emotion in their judgements." The truth is that Griffin criticized this view. She cited it as one way that women's morality has been maligned by male philosophers.

Third, Griffin did not express agreement with any of the moral theorists she analyzed, including Lawrence Kohlberg and Carol Gilligan. She appealed for careful, critical analysis of the new moral theorists, such as Gilligan in order to avoid the kind of stereotyping that limits traditional theories.

Fourth, Reardon neglected to report the most innovative point of Griffin's talk: her counsel to seek reconciliation between the overly one-sided "male" and "female" moral theories of the past and present. In short, Griffin's lecture was one of the best I've heard on the subject.

Finally, I commend the editors of The Observer for covering Griffin's lecture. Accurate reporting, however, requires attentive listening. You should remind your reporters that getting the facts straight the first time is the trademark of professional journalism.

Suzanne M. Marilley
Assistant Professor
Department of Government

Student knowledge of U.S. action important

Dear Editor:

On October 1, the U.S. began sending its 1 million dollars of military aid to counterrevolutionaries in Honduras and Costa Rica as part of its effort to undercut the Nicaraguan Sandinista Government.

Other elements in this effort include: A U.S. trade embargo against Nicaragua, a U.S. denial to Nicaragua of international loans, 34,000 U.S. troops and more naval based fire power than was ever used in Vietnam surrounding Nicaragua.

Is the U.S. protecting a people from a Soviet rooted threat or replacing a reformist government with one favorable to U.S. interests at the expense of its own people?

It is of highest importance that U.S. citizens (including NDSMC students) are aware of the options and implications of this unsteady flammable situation.

John Raven
Member, Student Organization for Latin America

Neighborhood is vital in fight against crime

Dear Editor:

This is written in response to Carole Roos' letter regarding student houses and crime.

I happen to be the victim of the "\$7,000 worth of jewelry and other items" stolen from my ex-off-campus residence and would like to shed a different light on the subject.

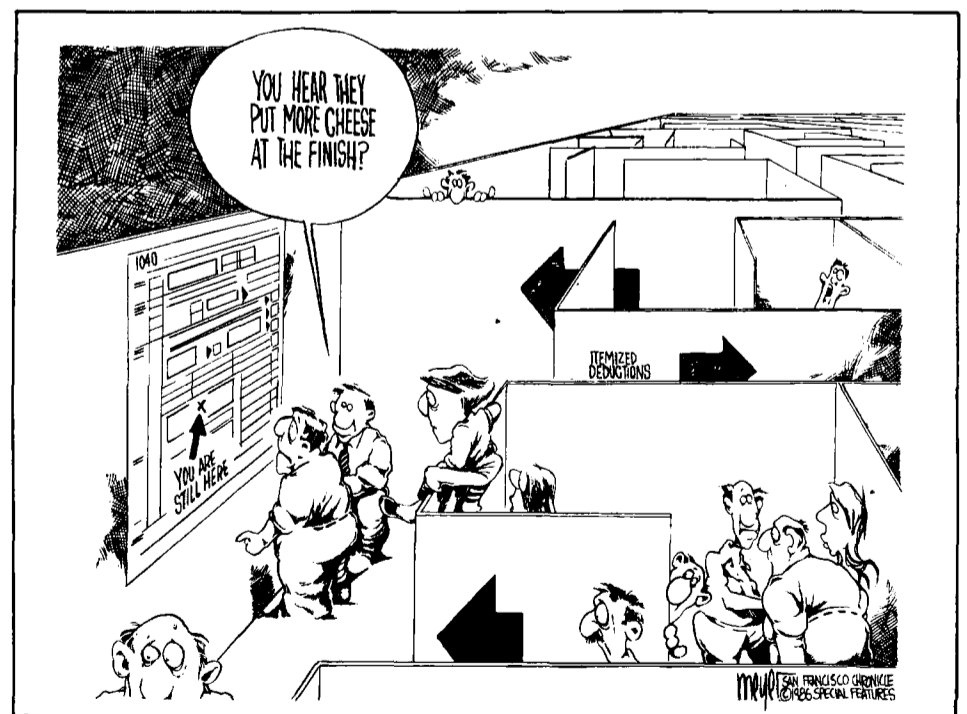
First of all, Ms. Roos, please try to estimate the dollar value of everything in your home. I am sure it probably amounts to much more than I or my roommates ever had in our possession at the time of our robbery. Does this mean that I am "invited" to steal from you because you have more than I? I think you would agree with me in saying no.

Secondly, I am not going to disagree with you in that some residences do look like student homes, however, these are not the only student homes being robbed. I did not hang one banner, entertain people on my front lawn or play loud music. In fact, I did not establish a reputation as being a student house in any of the respects you mentioned. How could I? I only lived in your "neighborhood" for a mere four days before I was stripped clean of my possessions. And yes, please credit us, for we did think to ask our landlord about previous burglary prior to moving in - the house had not been broken into in the past.

Lastly, I don't feel that the problem lies centrally in the students' responsible manner of living. Speaking from experience, we locked all doors and windows, did not mingle with the "townies" and kept our residence neat. (I could not tell which homes were students' and which were permanent residents' even when I lived in the area). The problem, however much it does not like to be admitted, lies in the incredible animosity between the South Bend residents and the Notre Dame students. This animosity is fueled by jealousy on the part of some of the South Bend citizens. Harsh as this may sound, I can back up this statement by referring you to the South Bend Police Force.

The crime in your northeast neighborhood will cease when you accept us as a part of your community and not as a contrast.

Julie Ono
Off-Campus Student



The Observer

P.O. Box Q, Notre Dame, IN 46556 (219) 239-5303

The Observer is the independent newspaper published by the students of the University of Notre Dame du Lac and Saint Mary's College. It does not necessarily reflect the policies of the administration of either institution. The news is reported as accurately and objectively as possible. Unsigned editorials represent the opinion of the majority of the Editorial Board. Commentaries, letters and the Inside Column present the views of their authors. Column space is available to all members of the community and the free expression of varying opinions on campus, through letters, is encouraged.

General Board

Editor-in-Chief.....	Joe Murphy	Business Manager.....	Eric Scheuermann
Managing Editor.....	Kevin Becker	Controller.....	Alex VonderHaar
Viewpoint Editor.....	Scott Bearby	Production Manager.....	Chris Bowler
Sports Editor.....	Dennis Corrigan	Photography Manager.....	James Carroll
Accent Editor.....	Mary Jacoby	Advertising Manager.....	Anne M. Culligan
Saint Mary's Editor.....	Margie Kersten	Systems Manager.....	Shawn Sexton
News Editor.....	Tripp Baltz	Graphic Arts Manager.....	Mark Weimholt
News Editor.....	Mark Pankowski	OCN Manager.....	Francis X. Malone

Founded November 3, 1966

Around the World

DAWN M. KOUTEK
features writer

Despite the cancellation of last year's Rome summer program, this year's program is greatly anticipated. For the 11th year, Saint Mary's is again offering students the opportunity to study abroad for four weeks during the summer of '87.

Italy is not the only country that is visited, though. Organized travel through France, Germany, Switzerland and other parts of Italy beside Rome is also on the agenda.

From May 20 through June 19, students will be able to travel in Ireland, Scotland, England and France while at the same time earning course credit hours in the Saint Mary's summer program in London, which is being offered for the 14th year. Students may opt to take one or more of the courses offered, receiving a maximum of six credits.

Both summer programs are open to all Saint Mary's and Notre

Dame students, friends, family and alumnae, but these programs are not limited to only Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students; many other colleges, universities and junior colleges have been represented on recent programs.

Coordinators for the programs are Dr. Anthony Black, associate professor of History at Saint Mary's and Dr. Portia Spanu, director of the Saint Mary's Rome program. Black specializes in European history and has been involved in similar programs for the past 17 years. Spanu specializes in Italian history, culture, and language and is a Saint Mary's alumna. She has lived in Italy for 21 years and regularly organizes tours for the Saint Mary's students studying in Rome.

According to Black, "the opportunities for world travel, to see and experience other

societies and cultures are immeasurable."

Perhaps this is why the turnout for these programs has been so positive. Last year, 35 students attended the London program, but "there have been as many as 130 who sign up," says Black, "and then we have to set a limit."

Last year's Rome program was cancelled due to a lack of interest which was caused by the terrorist activities in Europe. When asked



If he foresees the same problem occurring this year, Black answers with an enthusiastic "No. We can't predict what will be happening then, we can only hope. But no, I don't anticipate this to happen again." Hopefully international relations will be more friendly and less violent by the summer of '87.

For more information about these summer programs, a meeting will be held today at 7

p.m. in Room 232 at Moreau Hall at Saint Mary's. Slide presentations, student and faculty input, and free pizza will be there for all who are interested. This is not a mandatory meeting, but it will be beneficial to those who haven't made a final decision to attend. Additional details about the programs can be obtained by contacting Professor Black by mail at Saint Mary's College, or stop by his office at Room 346, Madeleva Hall.

'Honor'ables mentioned

JOE BUCOLO
features writer

Many of those who choose to come to Notre Dame do so because of the wide variety of academic programs. One of the newest of these is the Notre Dame Honors Program. Few people have knowledge of the program and what it involves, although this program has a very intriguing history and some very special members.

The Honors Program was started in the fall of 1983 by Professor David Solomon. The program was created partly to replace the old C.A.P. program, which fell apart in the early 1980's.

The Honors Program was created, says Solomon, for two main reasons. The first was to establish something in the College of Arts and Letters in which the better students could be cre-

"It's one of the most rewarding jobs I've ever done."

DR. DAVID SOLOMON

ative and flourish academically. The second reason was to combine the Arts and Letters College with the College of Science by making innovative courses available to the colleges' students.

Solomon explained how one gets into the Honors Program. He said that first the Admissions Board selects the incoming Freshman class, then the top 100 applications are sent to

Solomon. He and a few other advisors read through the applications and chose approximately 40 students (20 from each college) to enter the Honors Program. The students are selected as a result of their high school grade point averages, test scores, essays, special interests and high school records.

The program is designed to be challenging. It is not just a more difficult version of the regular courses. The best professors are assigned to the honors classes to provide a good background for the students, who are encouraged to apply greater amounts of input to the honors classes.

The program is running relatively smoothly according to Solomon. He is happy with the student response and the maturation of the program. Some aspects of the Honors Program, however, such as an honors lounge where students could go to socialize and study, never got off the ground due to a lack of time.

Honors grades are not weighted any differently than those of regular courses; however, some form of recognition will be given to the students who graduate from the program. Exactly what type of credit isn't known as of yet, but some ideas such as a special diploma are being discussed.

This year, the first members of the Honors Program will graduate. As part of their final year, these students are required to write a thesis paper. For the Arts and Letters students, the thesis topics are up the stu-

dents. Virtually any topic can be chosen, even if it doesn't directly relate to the student's major. Each student will also work with a professor who will guide the student through the writing process. The Science students are, for the most part, doing some type of research thesis.

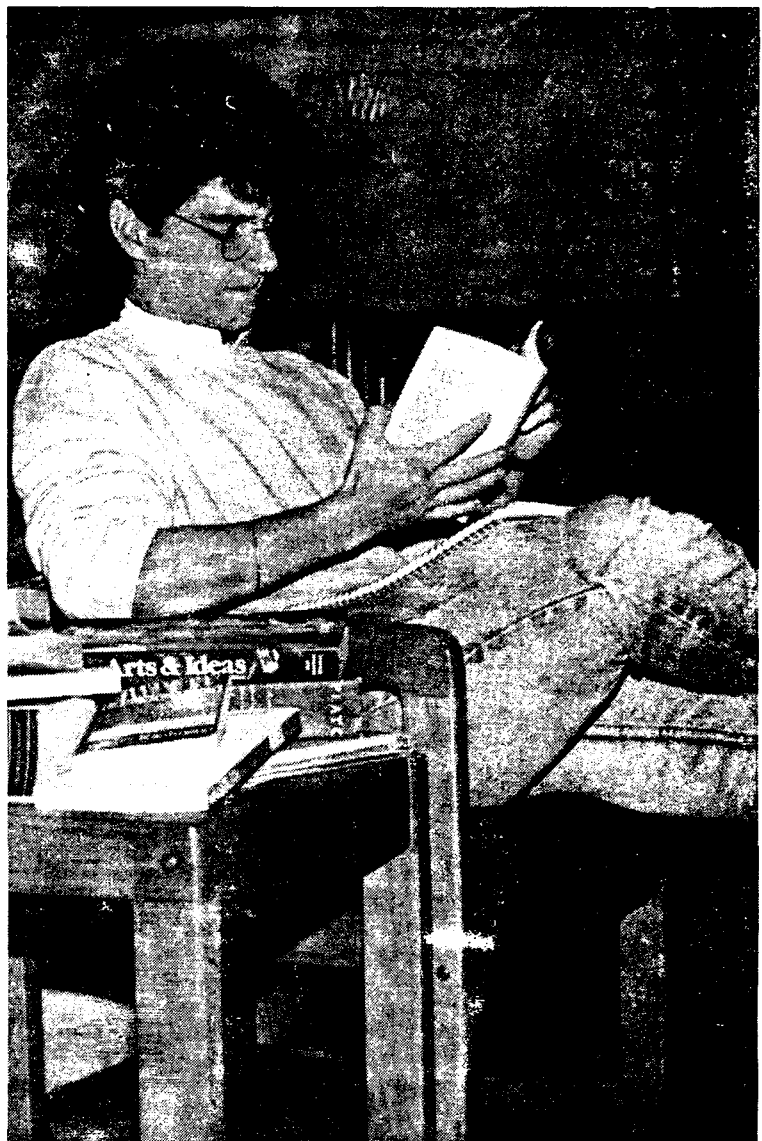
Even though Solomon will not be running the Honors Program next year, he does have some ideas for its future. He hopes to be able to send notices about the program to high school students before they apply to Notre Dame in an effort to recruit students who might not be otherwise applying to this school. He would also like to allow students to enter the Honors Program after completing the Freshman Year of Studies.

Professor Solomon summed up his impression of the program by saying, "It's one of the most rewarding jobs I've ever done!"

The experienced members of the Honors Program are the seniors. These students have been through three years of the program and know how it works.

Michael Ilacci is a senior who will graduate from the program in May. Mike said that the Honors Program is a fantastic one, but not one without its problems. After the first year, the student is well on his way in his major. This success helps to spread enthusiasm to others in the field.

The classes, says Mike, are intriguing and interesting. Mike also says that the program strives "to achieve a synthesis of the Arts and Letters and Science colleges."



The Observer/Jim Carroll

Chris Reardon sharpens his intellectual wit with translations of Goethe.

The newest additions to the program are, of course, the freshman. Although overwhelmed with the work load, the freshman are enthusiastic about the program.

One such freshman, Cathy Stacy, says that she enjoys the rigorous learning that the program provides. Besides the education, Cathy enjoys the friends that she has met through the program. Everyone is very kind and quite willing to help. Cathy is looking forward to her coming years in the Honors Program.

The Notre Dame Honors Program is one of the school's best kept secrets, but the students hope to change that. They hope to spread news of the program's excellence to others in an attempt to recruit more students into the program. The students know that the program will last a long time, because it provides more than an education; it provides the perfect combination of knowledge and experience to live a successful life.

Now if it were only open to business majors...



The Bengal's Boomer Eslason avoids a sack in game earlier this season. Last night, Eslason and his teammates got by the Pittsburgh Steelers, 24-22. Details appear below.

AP photo

Morrissey nips Dillon as playoffs approach

By KEVIN McCORMACK
Sports Writer

As the Interhall football campaign winds down its regular season action, several teams have come out of the woodwork as definite playoff contenders after Sunday's games. But with the exception of the Rockne division, there are still some teams left to challenge for the final playoff spots.

In the Parseghian division, Morrissey topped Dillon, 6-0, keeping its hopes for a bid still alive, while all but eliminating the Big Red. In a game marked by stingy defensive performances by both the Big Red and the Manorites, Morrissey scored the winning touchdown on a 75-yard run with 40 seconds remaining in the game.

Morrissey got its final opportunity to win the game after a Dillon fumble in which Dillon's quarterback was hit blindsided while being rushed. The play was controversial, however, as the Big Red contested that he was hit after the whistle had been blown.

"It was a cheap hit, but what can you do," said Dillon Coach Charlie Rice. "It's all water under the bridge as far as I'm concerned."

The Manorites capitalized off the defensive play by executing a picture perfect statue-of-liberty

running play that caught the entire Dillon defense off guard, which was in prevent. The Morrissey back went the entire way to the endzone, accounting for the game's only score.

"The guys gave it their all," said Rice, "and I really feel bad. We're definitely not a 1-2-1 team."

Dillon had one real bright spot in the form of Mike White, who had 60 yards rushing while sack-ing the quarterback twice, all while playing with a 103 degree temperature.

In other Parseghian games, first-place Flanner, fresh off its thrilling victory over Grace, defeated Off Campus, 12-0, while Grace dumped Keenan 8-0.

In Leahy division action, Stanford clinched a berth in the playoffs, while Zahm and Holy Cross stayed alive. Crushing the Pangborn Violence, 35-0, with the season's largest point production, Stanford upped its record to 4-0. Holy Cross nipped Cavanaugh, 3-0, while Zahm beat Alumni, 6-0, setting the stage for next week's do or die contest between the Hogs and the Zahmbles.

Finally, in Rockne division action, Sorin was tied by Fisher in a shocker, 6-6. Howard, behind new freshman quarterback Jim Ferrence, beat Carroll, 15-0.

Bengals tip Steelers on fake punt

Associated Press

CINCINNATI - Cincinnati punter Jeff Hayes made up for a blocked kick and a safety by sprinting 61 yards with a fourth-quarter fake last night to give the Bengals a 24-22 victory over the reeling Pittsburgh Steelers.

Pittsburgh, suffering its worst start in 17 years, had built a 19-14 fourth-quarter lead with the help of a touchdown set up by a blocked punt and a safety achieved by chasing Hayes out of the end zone on another punt try.

Hayes surprised the Steelers

defense by taking a fourth-down snap, eluding a tackle, balancing along the sideline and racing to his first National Football League touchdown with 13:47 to play.

Their fourth consecutive victory over the Steelers kept the Bengals, 4-2, tied with Cleveland for first place in the AFC central. The Steelers fell to 1-5, their worst start since Chuck Noll's team went 1-13 in 1969, his first as Pittsburgh's head coach.

Until Hayes' fourth-quarter gamble, the Steelers appeared headed for victory behind rookie quarterback Bubby Brister.

Brister, a third-round draft choice playing his first regular-season game for the injured Mark Malone, dove one yard for a first-quarter touchdown set up by Hayes' blocked punt. He coolly completed three of four passes for 40 yards in a third-quarter scoring drive that gave the Steelers their first lead 16-14.

Brister completed 12 of 33 for 191 yards.

Strong safety Donnie Shell's 48th career interception set up a 24-yard field goal by Gary Anderson that gave Pittsburgh a more comfortable 19-14 lead late in the third quarter.

New football league in the works?

Associated Press

NEW YORK - A new spring professional football league that would include a team in London and would permit the drafting of high school seniors is being planned, Advertising Age reported yesterday.

David Dixon, a New Orleans art and antiques dealer who founded the United States Foot-

ball League, held a secret meeting Oct. 7 at New Orleans with 14 potential franchise owners in American Football Teams, Inc., the business publication said. Dixon said there could be as many as 12 franchises and as few as eight.

Candidates for league commissioner were discussed and

plans made for a second meeting Oct. 21 at Chicago, at which time each potential owner would be required to pay a \$20,000 entrance fee to bid on franchises costing \$2.5 million each, Advertising Age said. At least seven potential owners reportedly have agreed to attend the meeting.

Candidates for commissioner reportedly include Jerry Solomon, vice president-general manager, Busch Media Group, New York; Mike Trager, chairman, Sports Marketing & television International, Greenwich, Conn., and Jim Spence, a former vice president at ABC sports, who heads his own company, Sports Television International, New York. None were at the Oct. 7 meeting, Advertising Age said.

Farley beats B.P., 26-6, in battle of unbeaten

By KATHY BERRY
Sports Writer

Defending Interhall champion Farley crushed Breen-Phillips, 26-6, upping its record to 6-1 while handing B.P. its first loss in last Tuesday's night's game. B.P. now stands at 5-1.

In other Tuesday night games, Pasquerilla West (3-3) and Lewis (1-6) went into overtime scoreless before P.W. intercepted Lewis' first attempt to score and then marched in to win, 6-0.

In Thursday night's action B.P. downed Walsh (2-6), 14-0, and Farley won by forfeit, 12-0, when one of Farley's players sustained an injury to the neck area and had to be taken to the hospital. Badin offered to forfeit if Farley did not feel up to playing, and the game ended at the beginning of the second half.

Pasquerilla East (5-1) and Lyons (4-2) had the most exciting game of the evening. P.E. scored first when tailback Annie Shrenk ran 35 yards to the two yard line. They drove in for the touchdown and extra two points to make it 8-0. Lyons came back at the end of the first half when tailback Robin McHugh nabbed a pass in heavy traffic at the one yard line. Quarterback Mary Bohmer snuck through the middle for the score

and with tight end Judy Grace's reception in the end zone, the teams went into half tied at 8.

In the second half, Shrenk ran back a punt 40 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. With the two point conversion, P.E. lead, 16-8. Lyons rallied back with a dive play by Debbie Nichel that went 45 yards for the score. But P.E.'s Annie Shrenk broke up a pass from Mary Bohmer to Judy Grace on the two-point conversion. P.E. held on to win, 16-14.

On Sunday, B.P. shut out Badin (0-7), 30-0. P.E. beat Lewis in overtime, 6-0, and Farley edged P.W., 22-14.

On the first play of the game, Farley's Tammy Goodwin sprinted 60 yards into the endzone. The two point conversion gave Farley a 8-0 lead. P.W. came back with a drive that ended with a ten-yard touchdown run by Collin Kretz. After the conversion it was tied at eight. After each team had a possession, P.E.'s quarterback Cathy Dollin scored on a terrific 30-yard bootleg run. Farley came back to tie the game 14-14 with a pass from Marilu Almeida to Suzanne Schwartz. Farley's final score came on a screen pass to Suzanne Schwartz who ran it 50 yards for the touchdown which made it 22-14.

SMC volleyball ups record to 12-1

By DEIRDRE FINN
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team defeated St. Francis College, 15-8, 14-16, 11-15, 15-13 and 15-2, bringing its overall record to 12-1 and its league record to 5-0.

The team had a total of 45 kills, with special note to Mary Reldy and Margaret Feldman, who scored ten and nine kills respectively.

"The girls had a difficult time

adjusting to their style of play," said Belles' head coach Mary Jo Lampert. "It took longer than it should have, but after the adjustment, the team played well."

The win over St. Francis followed the Belles exceptional performance at the St. Mary's volleyball tournament. Saint Mary's defeated both Tri-State University and St. Joseph's College.

In the opening match of the tourney, the Belles overcame Tri-

State University, 15-7, 10-15, 9-15, 17-15 and 15-2.

The Belles second win of the marathon was against St. Joseph's College. The Belles won in three consecutive games, 15-13, 15-13 and 15-0. The Belles amassed 43 kills in this match, bringing the day's total to an impressive 106. Julie Schroeder, Mary Reldy and Tammy Suth accumulated the majority of the kills, with day totals of 31, 29 and 19 respectively.

GET READY FOR JAMAICA!
Tanning Center

BRING THIS COUPON IN FOR 10% DISCOUNT
Let The Sun Shine In
FIRST VISIT FREE! 277-6444

Knights of the Castle Men's Hairstyling

\$6 student cut \$8.50 complete style
MINUTES AWAY FROM CAMPUS
272-0312 277-1691
DISCOUNTS FOR ALL STUDENTS
We also feature the Royal Bronze Sun-tanning Center See a tan in minutes... Not Hours
Ironwood & St. Road 23 (behind Subway Sandwiches)

Club sports make fall break travel plans

Continuing a Notre Dame boxing tradition that has spanned four decades, the Boxing Club will hold its Novice Bouts in the boxing room of the ACC tomorrow at 4:15.

Although the 25 boxers in the Novice Bouts are not required to participate in the spring's Bengal Bouts—a charity boxing tournament started in 1950—most of them do anyway.

"I'd say like 20 out of 25 go to the Bengals," said club president Thomas Newell. "It's just for people who want to see what it's all about."

Unlike the Bengal Bouts, which raise money for the Holy Cross missions, the Novice Bouts are not events for charity. Admission to tomorrow's Novice Bouts is free.

Depending on weigh-ins at the beginning of the week, the Novice Bouts may or may not run an extra day on Thursday.

...

Giving Boston sports fans their fix while the Red Sox were in California, the Sailing Club traveled to the Bay State last weekend for the Hood Regatta at Tufts University. The Irish placed 14th, following a 10th-place finish in the Cary Price Regatta at Michigan.

"We didn't do very well, but the East Coast has very tough schools," said team captain Mark Ryan. "Two of the four skippers from last year graduated, so we have a young team. We have a good chance of qualifying in the Timmie Angstrom Regatta and doing as well as we did last year."

The Irish last year placed a best-ever 10th in the Timmie Angstrom Regatta, a national regatta held over Thanksgiving weekend in Chicago.

In case the Red Sox fail to make the World Series, the Notre Dame Rowing Club will be in Boston this weekend to give the sad New Englanders their share of sporting activity.

The Rowing Club is sending a women's eight to the Head of the Charles over Fall Break. This giant regatta should give the rowers some of their biggest competition of the year.

Steve Megargee

Club Corner



"It's the biggest regatta in America. It's really prestigious," said club president Joe Brunetti. "There will probably be about 50,000 spectators."

Even if both the Red Sox and Mets are eliminated this week, the Notre Dame Water Polo Club will make sure to bring sports to both Boston and New York over Fall Break.

The Irish will face Harvard and Fordham next week, which presents a big change from the Midwestern teams they have been playing.

"They're above the level we've been playing in the Midwest, so it will be a challenging week," said club president Dave Patchin.

To prepare for the Eastern teams, Notre Dame won two-of-three games in a tournament at Dayton last weekend. The Irish beat Miami of Ohio, 15-8, and Dayton, 12-10, before losing in the finals to Cleveland State, 13-10.

Club vice-president Steve Coffey was named the most valuable player of the tournament, which left the Irish with a 6-3 record.

...

After having a weekend free from competition for the Alumni Game, the Rugby Club will try to even its record to 3-3 at home against Valparaiso Saturday.

The Irish then have the next weekend off before playing two home matches against Fort Knox and Westchester in November.

...

A 3-1 loss to Saint Mary's last Wednesday and the cancellation of Sunday's game with Loyola ended the season for the Women's Soccer Club. The Irish improved on last year's 3-7 season with a final record of 5-7.

...

While the Women's Soccer Club has ended its season, the Men's Volleyball Club is preparing to start its. Club members have been practicing for a month in preparation for a tournament in Windsor, Canada, during Thanksgiving break. The tournament, which will include mostly varsity teams, will be a stern pre-season test for the Irish, who do not start their regular season until January.

SMC tennis takes 4th, beats Taylor

By MARISA KOSLA
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's tennis team, with a record of 8-4, recently captured fourth place in the annual Saint Mary's College Invitational.

Butler won the two-day tournament, followed by DePauw and St. Francis.

"Moving into the matches on Sunday, we still had a chance at first," said Head Coach Deb Laverie. "We lost some of our tenacity."

The Invitational did not effect the Belles' NAIA season record which still remains flawless, 7-0.

The team travelled to Taylor University Friday and easily defeated its opponent, 8-1.

"The win was encouraging because it increased our NAIA record," said Laverie. "The team showed great concentration and our conditioning has been paying off."

Jennifer Block, a freshman who continues to play the No. 1 position, defeated Taylor's Karen Helm, 6-3, 7-5.

"Jennifer has been playing excellent tennis," said Laverie.

Sophomores Sandy Hickey and Charlene Szajko, the No. 1 doubles team, defeated Karen Helm and Sharon Erny, 7-6, 7-5, 7-5.

"They played the best doubles tennis I have ever seen them play," said Laverie.

Sophomore Shaun Boyd, playing in the third seed, downed Sharon Erny, 6-4, 6-2.

"Shaun is having a great year. She has really matured as a player," said Laverie.

Kate McDevitt, the Belles' stabilizing force, handed Kim Munro a 6-2, 6-2 defeat.

The doubles team of senior captain Kim Drahota and freshman Buffy Heinz, beat Beth Pringle and Kim Munro, 6-3, 6-1.

"Kim and Buffy really work well together," said Laverie. "They have only lost one match this season. No matter who they play, I can always count on a victory from this doubles team."

"Buffy is an outstanding singles player. She has an impressive season record, only one loss against Toledo."

A MESSAGE TO THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON WE KNOW... THE BEER DRINKER.

At Anheuser-Busch, brewing is an art. No one takes more time or goes to more effort or expense than we do in brewing the most popular family of beers in the world.

We take great pride in this distinction, yet this distinction carries with it certain responsibilities.

Beer is a beverage to be enjoyed by adults socially—with family and friends at home... in your clubs, restaurants and at special events. It is also the beverage of moderation, and good judgment should be used when you drink.

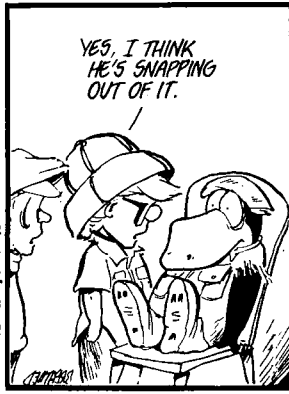
Thankfully, the vast majority of those who consume beer do so in moderation. Nevertheless, anything less than responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages is detrimental to the individual and society. We at Anheuser-Busch certainly are concerned about you, our valued customer. Accordingly, we are dedicated to the support of research, education, and treatment programs aimed at combatting alcoholism and alcohol abuse.

August A. Busch III

August A. Busch III
Chairman of the Board
and President



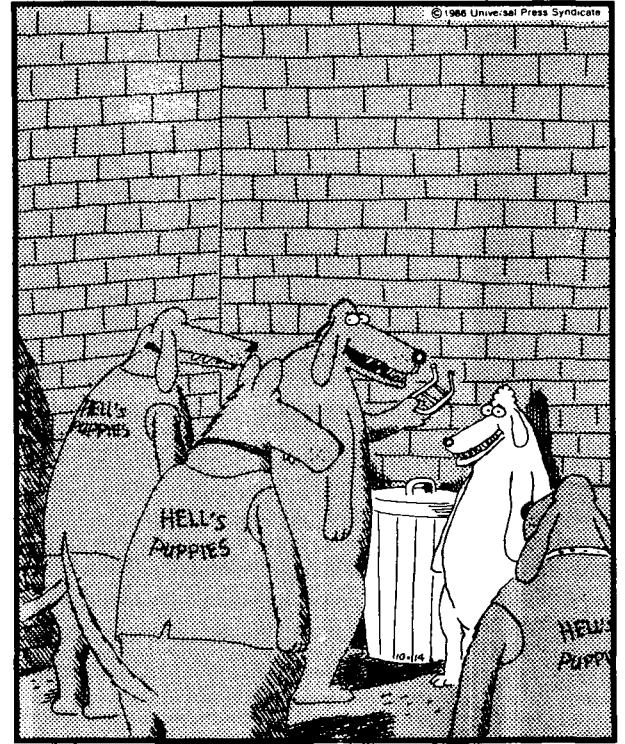
Bloom County



Berke Breathed

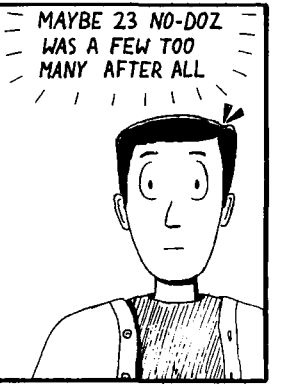
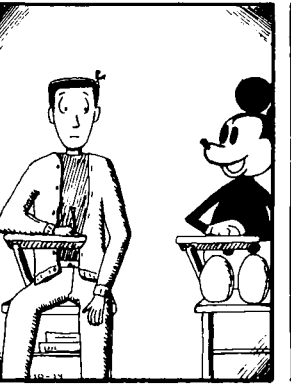
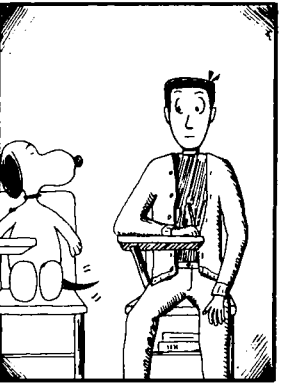
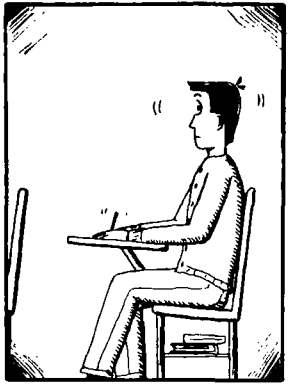
Far Side

Gary Larson



"Well, whatta know, boys. All this time Mr. Tough Dog here was just wearing one of these fake-a-snarl contraptions."

Beernuts



Mark Williams

Campus

3:00 p.m.: Meeting, all those interested in Notre Dame's Washington Semester, with David Brown, Dean, Washington Semester Programs, 342 O'Shaughnessy

3:30 p.m.: Ernest W. Thiele Lectureship in Chemical Engineering, "Cell Separations: Inside and Out," by Douglas A. Lauffenburger, Dept. of Chemical Engineering, University of Pennsylvania, 356 Fitzpatrick Hall

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.: Computer Minicourses Advanced Kermit, limit 15, 115 Computing Center, and Boeing RIM, limit 10, 23 Computing Center, free and open to the public. To register, call Betty at 239-5604

3:30 p.m.: SMC varsity tennis, SMC vs. Manchester, SMC courts

4:00 p.m.: SMC Dept. of English and the Ireland Program Lecture, "An Irish Rural Community: History, Reality, Poetry," by Peter Falen, Irish poet, Stapleton Lounge

4:30 p.m.: Biological Sciences Seminar, "Virulence Factors of African Trypanosomes," by Dr. Peter Duffley, ND, 283 Galvin Life Sciences Center

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.: Signs-ups for first semester Shelter for the Homeless, Lafortune Front Desk

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.: SMC Informational Meeting: Summer programs, London/ Rome, 23rd Moreau Hall

7:00 p.m.: Presentation/Reception for Physics, CAPP, MCC, Math, and Electrical Engineering seniors interested in career opportunities with Salomon Brothers, Notre Dame Room, Morris Inn

7:30 p.m.: Faculty Senate Meeting, rooms 210-214 CCE

7:30 p.m.: Kellogg Institute, Departments of Anthropology and Communication and Theatre Latin American Film Series, "El Super," 1979, color, 90 minutes, Leon Ichaso and Orlando Jimenez-Leal, Annenberg Auditorium

7:30 p.m.: Meeting, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Stanford-Keenan, 24-hour-lounge

8:00 p.m.: Plano entertainment by Bob Corrigan, "That's Entertainment," Chameleon Room, Haggard Center

Dinner Menus

Notre Dame

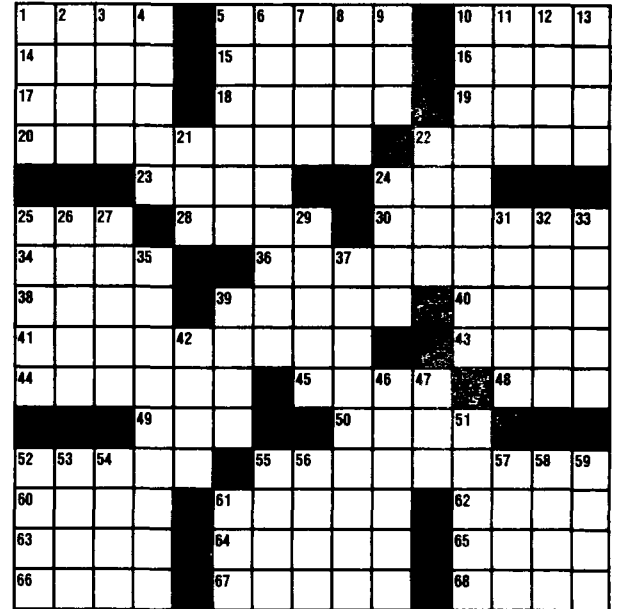
Veal Patty with Onion Gravy
Lasagna
Rolled Cheese Omelets with Matchstick
Julienne Vegetables
Ground Beef Hoagie Sandwich

Saint Mary's

Baked Meatloaf with Gravy
Turkey & Dumplings
Vegetable Calzone

The Daily Crossword

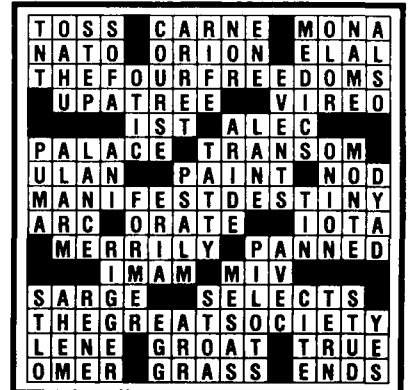
- ACROSS**
1 Plant growing on rocks
5 Mild oaths
10 Theater gallery
14 Asian nurse
15 Entices
16 Barrett of gossip columns
17 Fury
18 Like an old woman
19 Eng. school
20 Fruit
22 Sumptuous repast
23 In addition
24 Exclamation
25 TV letters
28 Church seats
30 Excite
34 "— the Wild Wind"
36 Certain shelters
38 Pale tan
39 Columbus' birthplace
40 Office wear
41 Watches over carefully
43 Sea bird
44 Home of the brave: var.
45 Being
48 Certainly
49 Curve
50 Goals
52 Intimations
55 They travel a lot
60 Bacchanalian cry
61 Ballet by Agnes DeMille
62 Vicinity
63 Evaluate
64 Add baubles
65 River inlets
66 Lulu
67 Pickford and Martin
68 Congers
- DOWN**
1 Chagall



©1986 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All Rights Reserved

10/14/86

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



10/14/86

- 35 Bil Baird e.g.
37 Thin and light
39 Turns right
42 Dame Myra
46 Neil and Paul
47 Big bird
51 Gaze
52 Idol
- 53 Pavlov
54 Memorandum
55 Musical end
56 Fragrance
57 Indian
58 True
59 Back talk
61 Sign of Aries

Sobering Advice can save a life

Think Before You Drink Before You Drive



SUMMER is Coming!

TIME FOR BIG FUN!

Volleyball streak ends with weekend road split

By **BRIAN O'GARA**
Sports Writer

It is said that in order to appreciate life's high points, it's necessary to experience life's valleys as well. If that is indeed the case, the Notre Dame volleyball team can appreciate their success on the court this season after falling victim to the University of Kentucky last Friday evening, losing 5-15, 13-15, 8-15.

The loss snapped a school-record seven consecutive victories for the Irish. They bounced back, however, on Saturday with a 15-3, 15-6, 15-9 victory over

Louisville. The Irish are now 14-5 overall and 3-0 in North Star Conference play.

Friday night was a long one for Coach Lambert and his team. The Irish dropped three straight games to a team for only the second time this season, and the first time since September 6.

"We showed up and we were behind 14-1 before we could say hello," recalled Lambert.

The Irish dropped the first game 5-15 while struggling to a kill percentage of a lowly .036, no match for Kentucky's high-powered .400 kill percentage.

"Frankly, we were not ready for them," said Lambert. "I hope a valuable lesson was learned - you have to be prepared to compete whenever you walk onto the floor. This time we were not. The only thing we can do is not let it happen again. If we learn from it, this could be a very valuable thing for us the rest of the year. If we don't, we're in trouble."

On Saturday the Irish appeared to be back to their usual form. Led by Zquette Bennett's 12 kills, the Irish jumped on top of Louisville early and coasted to an easy three game sweep, their 10th sweep in 14 victories. The

match only lasted 54 minutes.

"It really wasn't even close," said Lambert. "We played with confidence. Against Kentucky what disturbed me most was when we were ahead, we played like we were behind."

The Irish now see a week's break before their next match. Saturday they leave for Ohio State to begin a five-game road trip that includes the Buckeyes, Georgetown, Duke, North Carolina State and Virginia.

"This is the pivotal part of our season, especially the match against Ohio State," said Lam-

bert. "If we beat them, and they are currently near the top of the Big Ten, it will give us the credibility we need."

Despite the break in action before hitting the road again, Coach Lambert does not plan to let the memory of the Kentucky loss slip out of his team's memory.

"This week we are going to work on competing, we're going to lay it on the line in the gym. I don't think the team nor I wants to go through another match like that again."

Women's tennis breezes by Ohio, drops following match to Purdue

By **SHEILA HOROX**
Sports Writer

Part of being a young team is learning that talent alone is not always the deciding factor in athletics. Sometimes mental toughness prevails. The Notre Dame women's tennis team is finding this out the hard way.

The Irish easily defeated Ohio University, 8-1, on Friday but lost to Purdue the following day by the same score.

Against Ohio, the Irish captured five-of-six singles matches and the three doubles matches. Co-captain Tammy Schmidt's and teammate Stephanie Tolstedt's matches lasted three sets. Schmidt outlasted Cheryl Prominski 3-6, 6-0, 6-3, but Tolstedt was not as fortunate in her match, which ended in a 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 loss to Jennie Blachut.

Co-captain Michelle Dasso defeated Kelly Archibald 6-2, 6-2, Alice Lohrer beat Traci Keenan 6-2, 6-3, Natalie Illig downed Polly Gray 7-6, (7-2 tiebreaker), 6-0, and Resa Kelly took care of Janet Bass 6-4, 6-0.

All three doubles matches

were taken by the Irish. Dasso and Tolstedt defeated Novak and Gray 6-3, 6-0. Schmidt and Kelly beat Bass and Keenan 6-3, 6-3. Assistant Coach Steve Simone was especially encouraged with the progress of Schmidt and Kelly.

"Tammy and Resa are playing really well together," said Simone. "Each match they play they're gaining more confidence."

Lohrer and Illig's win over Blachut and Prominski completed the Irish sweep. After splitting the first two sets and darkness approaching, rules permit the last set to be played as a tiebreaker, if the match has already been decided. Lohrer and Illig prevailed 3-6, 6-2, (7-0 tiebreaker).

The Irish downfall against Purdue was their own lack of intensity. Several matches just seemed to get away from the Irish.

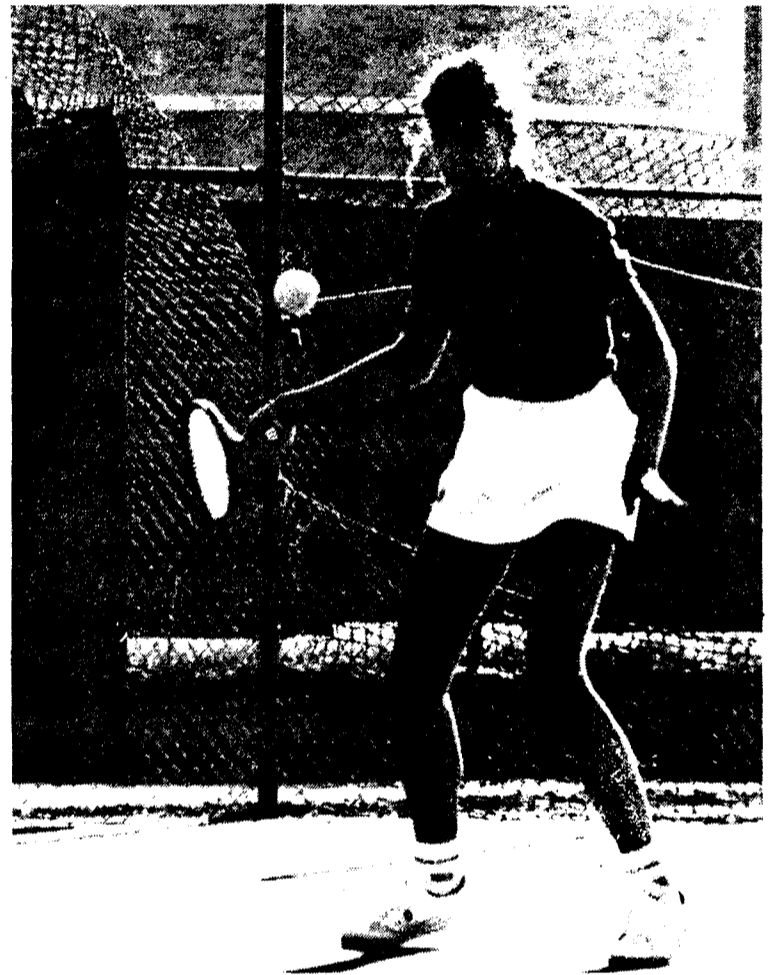
"In a few matches we were up either 4-1 or 5-2 in the third set and we didn't pull it out," said Head Coach Michele Gelfman. "We basically beat ourselves."

In singles Lohrer lost in three sets to Krista Schreck 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 and Illig likewise lost her three set match 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to Jennifer Allen. Dasso fell to Kris Dicken 6-3, 6-2 and Tolstedt, after being up 5-2 in the first set eventually lost 7-5, 6-2 to Julia Chambers. Schmidt was defeated by Kelly Craig 6-4, 6-2 and Kelly lost to Shelly Welner, 6-3, 6-1.

In doubles play, Schmidt and Kelly accounted for the lone Irish win. They fought back after dropping the first set to Schreck and Lightvoet for a 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory.

Lohrer and Illig came up short against Craig and Dicken 7-6 (9-7), 6-1 and Dasso and Tolstedt lost a tough three set match in which all the sets were decided by tiebreakers. Unfortunately Dasso and Tolstedt came up on the losing end, 7-6, 6-7, 7-6.

After weekend play the Irish record stood at 2-4, and despite the disappointing loss to Purdue, Gelfman remains confident about the future. The Purdue match was simply a lesson in mental toughness.



The Observer/Robert Jones
Michelle Dasso sets up for a return in match from this weekend. Sheila Horox details this weekend's split with Ohio and Purdue in her story at left.

Fan support slumping when needed most

Recently one aspect of Notre Dame athletics has fallen into a slump. It jumped to a strong start at the beginning of the school year, but has recently fallen on hard times.

No, I am not talking about the football team, although I bet many people were dying to read an article in this space criticizing the team's recent play. Don't deny it - I was in the stands also. I heard all the comments and curses, as well as the negative predictions of plays about to occur. Many people would love to read it in print.

But I'm not going to write about the team. Instead I want to talk about you, the fans. Actually I was going to leave football out of this, but after observing the fans' performance at the Pitt game, it had to be included.

I don't want to go through all the excuses why the crowd didn't cheer. In fact I want to get away from the perspective of the last couple years and look at the spirit that has pervaded most of the history of Notre Dame sports, and in this case football.

To do this, I talked to Father Jim Riehle, varsity sports chaplain and President of the Monogram Club. He had earlier talked with alumni, including one from the 1970-71 football teams, and together they realized a disturbing trend.

"(The football alumnus) said that the players (in 1970-71) never thought about having to flap their arms around to get the team going," notes Riehle. "He couldn't believe it, and I noticed it myself."

Everyone remembers how the kickoff team has had to act like cheerleaders in order to get the crowd going in the Pitt game. No spontaneity - just a rousing cheer on cue, and then quiet.

You may remember all the way back to the Michigan game, where the fans cheered like never before. The

crowd actually did play a part in that game, and the fans were a major reason why the team was able to match the nationally-ranked Wolverines.

But like I said, I'm not going to concentrate on just the football team. Let's talk soccer and volleyball, the two sports which boast the best fall sports records. And slumping attendance figures.

Pete Gegen

Club Corner



The soccer team is in its third year of upgrading, compiling a record of 9-5-1. Attendance was strong the first few games as the Irish destroyed lesser opponents like Purdue and Minnesota. But when 13th-ranked Akron came to town for the team's only home game in the month of October, less than 75 people showed up. And in case you missed it, the Irish tied the Zips, 1-1, in one of the finest games ever played by Notre Dame.

Or how about the 14-5 volleyball team, which has rewritten the record book with its seven-game win streak and smashing victories over Illinois State and DePaul. Attendance for the team's first home match last month was 503, but has steadily decreased to a recent total of 163.

I know soccer and volleyball are not the most popular sports, but I do know there is interest. After all, how could NVA run men's and women's interhall soccer leagues, or Lyons Hall raise funds through volleyball, without interest in the sports?

Finally, we could look at the members of these teams not as athletes, but as students just like you and me. You know, they just might like a little support from their classmates. They are representing our school, after all.

Take the football team, once again. Through my own informal survey, there appears to be a large number of students leaving for break Friday, offering excuses which amount to "There's no reason to stay."

I'm sure your fellow students - I mean those football players - don't need your support, right?

Instead of answering, just read what a person who has been with Notre Dame sports, and in particular football, for the last 15 years, believes is the answer.

"I feel the team needs the support of the student body," says Riehle. "The team is going through some trying times, and it needs the support. The players are trying very hard to win."

Even if you are leaving before the game, there is a pep rally Friday night at 7 in Stepan Center. More than ever the team needs the support, and the Notre Dame students should be able to offer it, especially because they are the world's greatest student body, as was claimed after the Michigan game.

But that's not all. The soccer and volleyball teams may be on the road now, but they return at the beginning of November. The soccer team will host top-ranked (as in No. 1 in the country) Evansville on Nov. 9, and the volleyball team has a four-games-in-five-days homestand beginning Nov. 5 with matches against Loyola, Dayton and Northwestern.

My hopes are high for both the teams and the fans (I try not to let mundane things like records affect my support for the teams.) But I still have a funny feeling that I will be able to write this type of column again midway through the basketball season.