

## People in the news

## Donahue spars with Russian

SOUTH BEND (AP) — Disbelief, doubt and resentment color the reactions of many Soviet citizens to the restructuring of society sought by Mikhail Gorbachev, says a Soviet political commentator.

Gorbachev's policy of perestroika threatens many peoples' sense of security, said commentator Vladimir Posner at the University of Notre Dame.

Posner shared a platform Wednesday night with television talk show host Phil Donahue to discuss relations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

"There's resistance just on the part of average ordinary working people, who used to live a very secure life knowing that no matter what, they would get their salary, their wages. They could not be fired," he said.

"And today they're being told if you work better, if you perform better, if the market responds to what you're producing, you can make twice as much as you're making today," he said. "But if you don't work well, you now have the privilege of going bankrupt. And there are many people who say, I didn't ask for this."

Donahue said America's fear of the Soviet Union shaped the development of the U.S. in the decades following World War II. America's policy of containing Soviet influence engaged the nation in wars in Lebanon, the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and Nicaragua, he said.

An American education and the political climate of the 1940s and 1950s left him personally ready to challenge communism, he said. "We prayed after every Mass for the conversion of Russia," said Donahue, recalling his schoolboy days in Ohio 40 years ago when fears of communist domination were rising to a peak.

But he was woefully unprepared for racial turmoil, defeat in war and economic stagnation in the 1960s and '70s, he said. "Joe McCarthy told us the Russians were coming," he said. "And what happened when I graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1957, was that I was prepared for a world that never materialized."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Singer Mel McDaniel is planning to mark his 30th anniversary in country music by performing a charity concert on Halloween in his hometown, Okmulgee, Okla.

The Oct. 31 concert will benefit the town's United Fund, said Sanford Brokaw,

McDaniel is known for his hits "Baby's Got Her Blue Jeans On," "Louisiana Saturday Night" and "God Made Love."

## Board of Works

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— Fillmore Road: Water lines have been relocated and staking was expected to be completed Friday. Actual construction work is due to start next week.

— Capital Drive (the access road into Enterprise Park II, between Sherwin-Williams and Happico): Project will go out for bids next week.

"We have a lot of work to do between now and when the snow flies," Harmless said, "but we'll get it all done. I'd like to thank all the people along Albin Pond Road and in Greenbriar — especially those at the corner of Round Barn Road and Albin Pond — for being so patient and understanding while the streets (and some of the yards) have been

Bennett

others." He lauded the A+ education package as the centerpiece of the Hoosier education debate.

Bennett said he did not believe in a national core curriculum for all American students, primarily because Congress would end up writing it.

"Can you imagine a curriculum written by Congress? Can you imagine a curriculum counterpart to the budget bill," he asked the audience.

He also downplayed the importance of the presidency in the quality of national education, pointing out that federal spending equals only about six percent of total education spending.

INSTEAD, HE SAID, it was important who is the governor of Indiana, who is on the local school board, and who is in the principal's

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turn up."

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the board:

— Approved unanimously a total of \$578.70 in uncollected sewage accounts to be written off. All deposits have been applied to the 13 delinquent bills and the billing department has advised that no recourse exists other than writing off the charges. Most of the bills — with a \$266 exception — are in the \$22-\$25 range.

— Announced that Rick Michael, son of Bob Michael, Greencastle, has been hired as a meter reader for the Water Department. The Sewage Department's new hiring was not announced, pending the new city employee's

notification of his current employer.

— Announced that a designated Halloween trick-or-treat date will be made in agreement with the City Council at Tuesday night's meeting. A one-night observance in Greencastle has been strongly suggested, the mayor noted.

— Heard City Attorney Larry Wilson emphasize that there will be no lifting of the leaf-burning ordinance this fall. A city ordinance and state law prohibit such open burning, he said, which is why city officials have turned to the leaf vacuum as the most-effective way of leaf disposal for local residents.

— Set an executive session on personnel for 4 p.m. Monday at City Hall, followed by a 4 p.m. bid opening on Tuesday.

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## A Fluttering Duck alumnus?

William J. Bennett began his speech Thursday night by admitting he has been at DePauw University before, though being vague on the mission of his previous visits.

THE FORMER U.S. Secretary of Education said he had been asked if Thursday night was his first visit to DPU, and he admitted to being in Greencastle "10 or 15 times" before.

The next question was obvious: What was he doing here?

"I'm not going to tell you," he

told the Meharry Hall audience. "Suffice it to say I knew the old Fluttering Duck."

Bennett attended a small Massachusetts liberal arts college for his undergraduate work, and received a PhD in philosophy from the University of Texas.

THE PURPOSE OF his previous missions to DPU apparently are destined to be known only by himself and whomever he visited at the popular old student hangout.

office.

Bennett's speech was followed

by a public reception in East College.

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## Peanuts



## Garfield



## Bloom County



## Buz Sawyer



## Beetle Bailey



## Blondie



## Hi and Lois



## Redeye

