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To the Notre Dame Student Community:

The doctrine of progress is based above all upon a lack of faith in the present. This year at Notre Dame, we have retained the essential of the doctrine: we have no faith in the present administrative and academic structure of this university. In response to your own dissatisfactions with student life on this campus, whether it be over the rigid imposition of required curriculums, the sterile social atmosphere, or the monastic disciplinary system, we have decided to challenge and question severely such a situation to develop and grow.

We can no longer accept a Notre Dame in which the students are consistently denied an effective voice in decisions which directly concern their lives on campus. Nor can we be misled by face-saving half-measures insuring students "participation" in important decisions. Too many students live in alienation or indifference, too many students are restless and bitter. Something is wrong at Notre Dame, something that can be solved only a radical restructuring of this university.

Because of the critical nature of the situation, our guide to action can only be visible, undeniable, even intrusive result. We three have pledged to work together, solidly, perseveringly, towards this end. For the first time in the history of Notre Dame, the student leaders and their respective organizations are firm and united in their resolve to work together for a single, common goal of this type. Action must be our style.

We know too that our deep dissatisfaction is not simply a minority opinion, as the Board of Trustees seems to believe. We are your elected and appointed representatives, and, as your elected and appointed representatives, and, as such, our opinion is only the public reflection of yours. We know that the overwhelming majority of students refuse to accept a system of life and study which has been imposed upon them against their will, and which is too often alien to their best interests. Our determination to act together is then only indicative of a larger solidarity, that of the entire student body, that of all of you.

J. Richard Rossie
Student Body President

William L. Cullen
Editor, The Scholastic

William Luking
Editor, The Observer

SMC Dean Stresses "Group Participation"

Sister Immaculata, new Dean of Students at St. Mary's, emphasized "group participation" in pinpointing the campus mood this fall.

She feels that St. Mary's girls have "a desire to recognize responsibility in community government and want to accept it." Sister believes that this group participation will make possible a "clearer understanding between students, faculty and administration" and sees her role as a member of community government.

Before assuming the office of Dean of Students, Sister Immaculata held the post of Dean of Freshmen and Assistant Dean of Students. She received a B. S. from St. Mary's College, M.E. from St. Louis University, and M.A. from the University of Notre Dame. She is also an assistant professor of Education at St. Mary's.

Education is one of her primary interests and she believes that education must continue to change in keeping with social needs. She lauds the Jubilee series of lectures in education which will begin in January with a lecture by Robert Hutchins.

Sister Immaculata hopes that the Student Personnel area behind the new Le Mans reception room will soon be the hub of student personnel activity. The complex of offices include the offices of the Dean the Director of Student Aid, and the new Director of Counseling, Miss Martucci. Miss Martucci will coordinate the counseling

programs involving both the graduate counsellors and the senior advisors.

Another new personnel post is a soon-to-be-hired Director of Placement, who will direct students in applying for grants



SISTER IMMACULATA

and fellowships and assist in job preparation and placement.

The office area also includes several conference rooms which will be used for discussion groups and meetings.

Sister Immaculata also mentioned a convenience that resulted from last year's assessment of the Student Health Service. Besides the resident nurses, a doctor will be available on campus on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. However, students will be expected to pay a regular \$5 office fee.

Sister Immaculata added that appointments for any of the student personnel services can be made with Miss Swink, who was formerly secretary to the Dean of Students.

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Editors, SBP Stress Unity, Attack University Structure

A letter will be distributed to the student body today, signed by Student Body President Richard Rossie, Scholastic editor William Cullen and Observer editor William Luking, pledging their united efforts to effect "a radical restructuring of this university."

The letter, reprinted at left here, states that the authors "have no faith in the present administrative and academic structure of this university."

The three authors pledged to work toward altering the university. "Our determination to act together is then only indicative of a larger solidarity, that of the entire student body, that of all of you."

The letter was actually written by Cullen last Monday after a meeting with both Luking and Rossie, among others, almost on the eve of elections for the new Student Life Council, created by the Board of Trustees last May.

Of the letter Rossie said, "It is traditional that student government doesn't do anything until after football season. We're going to work now to show students, faculty and administration where we stand."

"I am of the opinion that we should get out as soon as possible and express our dissatisfaction as a whole," Rossie said. Both Luking and Cullen agreed on the need to express the students' dissatisfaction and their unity in the area of student rights.

Cullen said, "We wanted to start the year with some kind of expression of student solidarity in the face of administration intransigence."

Luking said the letter was composed "because in the past one of our big problems in achieving any sort of goal was divisiveness: on the part of students. The administration has lessened any student power by effectively dividing student issues, say an editor against the student body president."

He emphasized that the letter was "not necessarily a statement of total unanimity among the three of us. But, we're not going to let the little things or minor personal differences or attitudes bother us."

None of the authors were particularly optimistic toward the Student Life Council. The letter contains a thinly veiled reference to the council as "face-saving half-measure" on the part of the administration. Luking said, "At the moment, that's all we've got. The Council is like a bone to a dog. It won't substantially change anything. I'm willing to wait and see, but I've seen other things..."

Cullen said, "I'm prepared not to say anything until it fails. It's the same technique they've used for the past three or four years,

setting up a council. The only thing that ever works is to embarrass them publicly."

"The reason the administration has been able to encroach on properly student areas is because of student abdication. Rich, Bill and I feel that the political consciousness of the students has developed to the degree that they are not going to allow this to continue," Cullen added.

Rossie is even more disillusioned by the council. "I admit I've always had a suspicion of the 2-1 advantage the administration and faculty has over, us, but I'm willing to wait and see."

Rossie had no reason for not inviting John Sturm, station manager of WSND, to sign the letter. "I just, sort of, maybe,

slipped up. When I think of the media, I think of the Observer and the Scholastic. I still think student government, the Observer and the Scholastic are the three most influential student organs on campus."

Student Union president Rick Rembusch agrees personally with the letter. "But, the Student Union was set up to be a completely non-political organization and must divorce itself from politics."

Vice president Bill Wade agreed with Rembusch. "It would be a bad precedent for us to sign this." Of the council Wade said, "This is just another move in the administration's war of attrition. They've got so much power they can give it away forever. The last thing this place needs is another council."

HPC Rejects Way Prefects Established

After a short but lively meeting of the Hall Presidents' Council Wednesday night, the Council decided to register their disapproval with the procedures used in creating the new hall prefect system.

HPC Chairman Gordon Hunt chose Farley President Mike McCauley and Badin President Dave Ryan to draw up a letter the Dean of Students, Rev. James L. Riehle, expressing the Council's disagreement with his procedure in establishing the system of student-prefects without consulting Student government or the various hall councils.

The final wording of the statement is to be discussed at the regular Council meeting Sunday night after which all presidents concurring with the letter will be asked to add their signatures to it.

While registering disapproval over the lack of consultation in

the prefect implementation, the Council decided to withhold until at least Sunday any expression on the rightness or wrongness of the prefect system itself. On the suggestion of Badin President Dave Ryan, the Hall Presidents invited Riehle to appear at an HPC meeting Sunday night to explain his side of the question.

Wednesday's meeting saw considerable disagreement on the issue of the system, but there was near unanimity on the implementation question. Student Body President Richard Rossie, who called the Council into session, reaffirmed his outspoken opposition to the prefect system, but set a pattern in the debate by stating that "the most fundamental issue is students making the decision which affects our lives and we are not allowed to participate in it then we have to buck that decision."



Ah, just a few anxious hours until someone puts his big toe into the pigskin and Notre Dame football for 1968 will be underway.

The Observer celebrates the occasion with the first of its six weekend football specials- an eight page insert with today's edition.

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ASP Questions Student Life Council

Last night the Action Student Party held its first meeting of the school year and focused its attention immediately on issues of salient concern: the addition of new prefects in halls across campus & the legitimacy of the newly formed Student Life Council.

With about 100 members in attendance Chairman Pete Kelly opened by giving a brief history of the party from its founding after the Lenny Joyce candidacy to its endorsement of this year's SBP Richard Rossie.

Kelly then expressed a hope for student involvement in university politics. Citing the developments on the national scene this summer, Kelly said, "students are turning away from national politics and trying to improve university life."

The ASP, according to Kelly has a good chance to win a majority of the Senate seats in this year's upcoming elections. "I think we have a majority of student opinion behind us," said Kelly, "if the ASP controls the senate we can have an effective forum. It won't be a control that dominates the Senate but a control that lets the students' voice be heard. The administration will only listen to individuals when they're members of a large group."

Kelly especially took a strong stand on the matter of 63 hall prefects installed in the halls this year. Stressing the policeman's role of these prefects Kelly said

that he doesn't really trust Dean of Students Fr. James Riehle on the matter. "I think he's going to impose a quota system on these enforcers," was Kelly's reason for this distrust.

This matter of the prefects was also discussed by Hall Life Commissioner Larry Landry who reported that Fr. Riehle told the 63 new prefects that they were to be "counsellors" rather than "police". Landry also offered the proposal that Fr. Riehle's bluff be called by questioning the counselling qualifications of the new prefects.

Senior Bill Beyer expressed a desire that students become even more involved in national issues. "Such actions as the police state tactics of Dick Daley and his fascist cops can't be tolerated or ignored by students anywhere," he said. Beyer announced that marches will be held on Sept. 28, Oct. 26-27, and during the first week of November. If enough interest is shown in these marches plans will begin immediately for transportation and accommodations.

Local and State elections also offer an opportunity for students to have an effect in policy making. "But", Beyer warned, "demand clear-cut statements. Don't accept political doubletalk. These politicians must be shown that we are not cattle to be corralled and used at will. We are intelligent human beings to be listened to. And we do have

something to say for ourselves."

Beyer also felt that the students would have something to say in way of demonstrations against three visitors to the campus in the near future, Sen. Strom Thurmond, Hubert Humphrey, and Spiro T. Agnew. In speaking about Thurmond, Beyer said, "I offer my services and any services can acquire to go after this person."

Resolutions passed at the end of the debate included a demand for a student body referendum or a senate vote on approval of the Student Life Committee. Also as a condition for candidacy for the committee, the student wishing to run must agree to accept the constitutional provisions passed by the senate concerning the relationship of the body to the

senate.

With the meeting open to debate on the newly-formed Student Life Committee, Craig Fenech remarked that even with six liberal students elected to the committee their voice would be cancelled by six conservative members of the administration. This would leave the balance of power on the committee to the faculty members. Also by the formation of this body Fenech stated that the symbol of direct confrontation has been taken away from the students and replaced with a weak voice.

Stay Senator Mike Kendall felt that the Student Life Committee was created to provide a new legislative body to take precedence over the old legislative body, the Senate. Kendall called this a form of

student government power, rather than student passswitch paras,

A resolution also called for resignation by any student member of the committee who receives a "no confidence" from the senate. After this representative has resigned, his place will be filled immediately by election.

If these resolutions aren't acted upon satisfactorily, Kelly expressed the possibility of a "vote NO" campaign toward acceptance of the Student Life Committee.

At the end of the meeting the members were addressed by Assistant Professor of English Richard Bizot, who explained the formation and aims of the New Politics Party in Indiana.

Acting Columbia President Promises "No Repression"

NEW YORK, UPI- Andrew W. Cordier, Columbia University's acting president, told a student rally yesterday there would be "no repression whatsoever" on the troubled campus.

Cordier made the remark at a rally of 300 students called by the moderate Students for a Restructured University to protest the denial of campus facilities to the more radical Students for a Democratic Society.

SDS led the protest demonstrations last spring which resulted in hundreds of arrests, violent clashes with the police and the suspension of classes for two months. It also caused a disruption of the fall registration Wednesday.

There was fear the SDS would try to continue the disruptions Thursday, but the rally was peaceful and registration for Columbia's 17,500 students proceeded without trouble.

Cordier's surprise appearance at the rally brought a flood of questions from students, including one about campus repression.

"Repression is not a word in my vocabulary," he said. "It never has been and it never will be."

During his brief remarks to the rally, Cordier said "What we want from this campus is, to be sure, the dynamic, forward looking, progressive institutions which engage in utrenuous effort to have a program which corresponds to the temper and needs of our time."

The remarks were greeted by shouts of "Talk about the issues. The issues."

On Wednesday, helmeted campus police clashed with

students who tried to crash into the university gymnasium, where registration was in progress, to register Mark Rudd, 21 year old SDS leader who was suspended for his part in last spring's bloody clashes.

There were no arrests but officials said students recognized by security officers would be disciplined swiftly.

After the disruption, the Committee on Student Organization announced the ban on SDS use of Columbia facilities. A spokesman said the ban was made because SDS had not lived up to an agreement to abide by Columbia's rules on campus demonstrations.

Navy Trip

Final ticket sales for the 1968 Navy Game Trip will be held next Thurs. night in the basement of La Fortune Student Center. Those who made a down payment last spring can also finish payment at that time.

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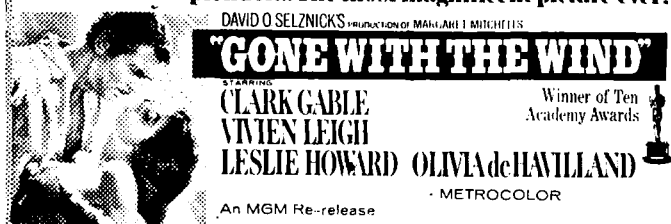
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Don Hynes

"Something To Think About"

In the beginning was the word, and the word was "freak" on one side and "fascist pig" on the other, in this year's "Chicago Celebration of the Dignity of Man," sub-titled the Democratic convention. Now, after all the shouting and name-calling is over, it isn't very hard to see that men, people on both sides of the line in Chicago, have learned nothing from history, because they still engage in the most absurd of human activity, that is, fighting over words, over ideologies.

The most absurd part of the whole business is that the action on both sides was mis-directed. The cops in the street aren't responsible for Vietnam, nor for rat bitten Negro children on Chicago's south side. Those problems have one source and one solution, that is, money. The U.S. government spends two billion dollars a day on Vietnam, but not in Vietnam, because that two billion is being spent right here in America. That war is raging because powerful people are making money from it, and those people aren't the Chicago cops.

The Urban Coalition, and other groups trying to help the Negro out of his dilemma appeal to the middle class for support. They advertise to early morning suburban commuters for financial aid, yet those commuters have more economic affinity with the slum Negro than with the real wealth. (Twenty thousand a year income for an ad man is closer by far to the two thou Negro on welfare, than to the Rockefellers, each one worth five hundred million.)

Negroes burn down small groceries in Harlem, but the grocer runs a small store and owns practically nothing. It is the slum landowners, who are so few in number, who keep Harlem the way it is, and all the other Harlems in this country. They own the land, they charge the exorbitant rents, prevent needed massive urban renewal, and reap the rewards. The point is, that the people of the same economic classes are turning on themselves, like cops vs. students and professors, poor blacks

vs. poor whites, while the causes and solutions for these problems they are fighting over, lies in the economic aristocracy.

The issue in the '68 Presidential campaign is law and order, and that is no issue at all. The calls for order are only catalysts which increase the alienation between the poor and not so poor, while those who make money off the Americans and Vietnamese dying in Vietnam, and from the ghetto Negroes—the big wealth remain untouched.

George Wallace's appeal is aimed at turning the blue collar workers against the intelligentsia and the left, although the left isn't threatening the workers, but rather the wealthy. And the funny thing is that George Wallace is on the ballot in fifty states; he spent several million dollars to get on the ballot in New York; and it doesn't seem likely that he could raise that kind of capital from his dear rubber workers in Memphis. Radical dissent is aimed at Humphrey, but Humphrey is broke, and Nixon remains unscathed with the full and outright support of big business.

The next president will be elected on the promise of restoring order. In the meantime frustrated radicals and Negroes will riot senselessly, cops will beat up hippies, hippies will hate cops, truck drivers will hate Negroes and hippies, Negroes will hate the corner candy store owner, and the chaos will continue, yet out of the chaos, up on a well cushioned hill, things remain smooth and goldy.

Bobby Kennedy once told a secret. He said in a TV debate with McCarthy that there were two people in this country who had both made over a billion dollars a year for the last two years and had paid only \$650 in taxes. Bobby Kennedy was uniting the lower and middle classes, and the intelligentsia, without the support of big business or big labor. Bobby Kennedy is dead. George Wallace is alive. And young people with a lot of smarts and education are still fighting cops. It's something to think about.

Nixon Men To Organize

Mike Kelly, Chairman of the Notre Dame Young Republicans, yesterday announced the formation of Republican campaign committees to attract Notre Dame students into the campaigns of various Republican candidates.

The Students for Nixon campaign will be headed by John Gibbons and NDYR Special Projects Director Tom Thrashe. This organization will be built on the remnants of the Students for Nixon organization that worked for the former

Vice-President at the Mock Convention.

Kelly also emphasized the creation of organizations for local Indiana candidates. "The Democratic establishment has run this state, as it has run this country, for too long and is going to have to face the unpleasant prospect of running on its own record."

Kelly also announced that 260 members had joined the club on Activities Night despite the fact that they were charged \$3.00 dues.

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Hassenger Asks For Student "Co-equal" Role

In an address given to students of Nazareth College last night Notre Dame Director for Educational Research Robert L. Hassenger speculated on the current dimensions of student power, drawing a line between antiquated disciplinary practices and modern cries for campus revolutions.

"In choice of courses, in governing so far as practicable the internal affairs of the college, and in participation in extra-college events, students should be allowed, not complete autonomy (which students rarely want), but the opportunity to work on a co-equal basis with faculty and administration. Coercive authority should at all costs be avoided," Hassenger said.

According to Hassenger, coercive authority, or the old-fashioned tight discipline which has formerly been prevalent on Catholic college campuses is dying simply because it is no longer effective. It has only served to stifle student ambition and creativity, which in turn has led to outbursts of reaction in the form of demonstrations and pickets.

Moreover, Hassenger said "Catholic schools have no monopoly here. Student unrest is, if anything on the increase, perhaps nowhere more so than in Catholic colleges and universities." He predicted that this mood will continue to reverberate, spelling changes and reforms for college and university administrations.

Turning to the other extreme of educational hazards Hassenger said, "The more violent demonstrations of this past year are shameful, not only because they embarrass an institution but because they disrupt the essential work of the university, the educational enterprise."

On the term "student power" Hassenger was explicit. He deplored the naivete of those urging complete student autonomy, and called for a student power that "means the undergraduate must be represented by voting power on every university committee that legislates in any way about student life, and perhaps even some aspects of the curriculum."

Hassenger maintained an optimistic tone throughout the talk. He mentioned the sincerity

and earnestness of today's student in "his quest for identity and honesty", while shunning any hypocrisy.

As to the unique position of the Catholic university Hassenger said, "They will provide environments which

attract, among others those who want to discover what it meant to be a Catholic Christian, and who seek to do so in a free, yet informed way. They will want to begin or extend and deepen their own religious commitments."

Hassenger concluded by

stressing the severe need for interaction and growth through personal relationships on college campuses. And this includes, he said, "that students must have the freedom to make mistakes and the opportunities to learn from them."

New Politics Party To Meet, Will Discuss Local Candidates

This Sunday night in the basement of St. Joseph's Church the Third District New Politics Party of Indiana will hold its first organizational meeting. The meeting will include representatives from the entire congressional district, which covers the four counties including and neighboring South Bend. The meeting is open to all those who are curious about the fourth party.

The Party last weekend held its convention in Indianapolis and chose as its write-in candidates Dick Gregory for President and the New York attorney Mark Lane. The pair is already on the ticket in Pennsylvania and stands a chance of getting on the ticket on eighteen more states. The Party is also running a candidate for the Senate, Rev. C. Harvey Lord, Dean of Students at the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

The meeting will be concerned with choice of officers on the district level, reporting the Indianapolis meeting, and clarifying the alternatives for the fourth party to take. Dick Gregory's campaign in Indiana, especially in this district and the possibility of endorsing candidates for local offices will also be discussed.

The temporary chairman is Dr. S. R. Reid, of South Bend, who teaches at the Chicago Circle campus. Others from South Bend who attended the convention last weekend include Richard Bizot and Peter Michelson, of the ND English

Department William McGlinn, Associate Professor of Physics at ND and Mike Minzy and Dave Sims of South Bend. Other interested citizens from the area attended, including a large contingent of students from

Goshen College.

Among the resolutions passed at the Convention was one which advocated the close association of campus radical movements with the branch of the organization on campus.

Humphrey Students To Start

The Notre Dame Students for Humphrey Organization kicked off their campaign operations Wednesday night in Stepan Center.

The organization is affiliated with the National Students for Humphrey Organization. Its main purpose, according to chairman Richard Hunter, "is to inform the Student Body of the true liberal record of Mr. Humphrey." Hunter said yesterday that special emphasis will be placed upon his past performance in such areas as nuclear disarmament, civil rights, education, peace corps and the alliance for progress; and such future proposals as the Marshall Plan for the cities, strict gun control measures, rational proposal concerning the out-dated Republican draft laws and a realistic approach to the problems of S.E. Asia.

The Humphrey students will also show how Mr. Nixon has

refused to address himself to the issues of the day

The first official meeting will be held Monday night, Sept. 23, in Breen-Phillips's lounge at 7:15 p.m. Any interested students are welcome to attend without any obligation.

Activities planned for the organization include campus wide distribution, debates with the Young Republicans, campaign appearances by Senator Bayh and Congressman Brademas and capped off by a campaign appearance by Mr. Humphrey in October. In preparation for his appearance we will organize a University Student Forum in which individual students can personally question the Vice-President on his views.

Any further information can be obtained from Harry Lapham in 337 B.P. or Richard Hunter in 324 B.P.

The Mail

Editor:

Being a Notre Dame Freshman, I naturally attended the annual "Activities Night" in Stepan Center, Wednesday. Speaking not only for myself but also for a good number of other Freshmen, I think that Notre Dame SBP Rich Rossie gave a very poor speech on his first opportunity to address us.

Rossie stepped up to the rostrum amid noises from the rear of the hall. He said he "wouldn't speak unless there was quiet," is a very assertive tone. Nevertheless, the noise continued and Rossie spoke anyway.

Maybe he should have remained seated.

Rossie opened his address with a boring anecdote with the punch line being "Be Careful". Rossie then proceeded to tell us not to be careful and how Freshmen were generally conservative. He spoke about involvement and commitment,

but he failed to tell us the cause he was referring to.

Rossie then made a "No-No." He decided to spice up his already sleep-provoking speech with his own political belief. Yes, his own political beliefs on Activities Night! He mentioned the Kennedy and McCarthy supporters, and said, "We lost this year, but we'll win in '72." Entirely unnecessary.

Rich Rossie is not reaching us Freshmen — not yet. He's going to have to do a little better than he did the other night. He couldn't even control the crowd of activities' supporters who made noise all night.

George Kunz gave a better welcoming speech from the steps of his hall at an impromptu Freshman rally. Right now I wouldn't follow Rich Rossie to a soft-drink machine for fear he'd get lost.

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