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Impromptu meeting discusses possible protest



Siegenthaler, as he spoke last night on American assassinations.

Editor blasts legal injustice

By Dave Lammers

John Siegenthaler spoke to a sparse crowd in the library lounge last night concerning the inconsistencies in the American legal system.

Siegenthaler, the editor of the "Anshville Tennessean," former campaign manager for Robert Kennedy in California, and a Justice Department official under John Kennedy, considered the legal weaknesses in the three recent assassination trials.

"Justice should be a search for truth," Siegenthaler said, "but in the case in New Orleans there was a search for a lie, in Memphis there was no search, and in Los Angeles there was an oversearch that damaged the psychological profession."

Siegenthaler was very critical of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's attempt to convict Clay Shaw of a conspiracy to assassinate John Kennedy.

"Shaw had nothing to do with it," Siegenthaler said.

Siegenthaler was critical of Garrison showing the Zapruder film of the Kennedy assassination to the New Orleans jury.

"It is a shocking film that was repeatedly shown to the jurors to enrage them against Clay Shaw," Siegenthaler said.

Siegenthaler was extremely critical of the Memphis trial of James Earl Ray.

"The search for truth in Memphis was quick and cursory," he commented. Siegenthaler directed criticism against the judge, who he alleged did not investigate the possibility of a conspiracy to murder Dr. King, against Ray's lawyer, who took a \$150,000 fee just to plead Ray guilty, and against legal suppression of the press's investigations of the case in Memphis.

The trial of Sirhan in Los Angeles, Siegenthaler said, proved that "you can get doctors to say about anything."

"One million dollars was spent in Los Angeles only to determine the mental capacity of the defendant."

Siegenthaler revealed that the judge in the Los Angeles case had told a Los Angeles Times reporter the day before the trial that Sirhan was going to plead guilty. The Times ran an eight column story on the basis of the judge's information, and then Sirhan's lawyers did not plead guilty as the judge had predicted.

"What is the logic of pre-trial publicity?" Siegenthaler asked. "In Los Angeles the judge con-

sults with reporters, in Memphis the court suppresses investigations by the press, and in New Orleans Garrison makes full use of the mass media and the court made no attempt to sanction him."

"We must take the whole judicial system apart and strip away the inconsistencies. Is America going to continue confidence in its judicial system when there are such inconsistencies in the administration of justice? True reform is only going to come when the American people understand these problems. The place of justice is not a hallowed place, but is a cauldron of controversy where there is a great room for error," Siegenthaler said.

Concerning the resignation of Abe Fortas, Siegenthaler said that it was a "tragedy for him and the people that supported him."

Student hurt in GP time trials

By John Simone

Kelly Flynn of Howard Hall was injured in the leg yesterday in the Grand Prix time trials. Kim Kristoff of Cavanaugh Hall, who collided with him, explained what happened in his own words:

"I was following behind him and we were making a right turn going towards the pits when one of the drivers ahead of me tried to pass Flynn. Both drivers accelerated and came too close," he said.

"When Flynn slammed on his brakes and fish-tailed into my path, I hit him diagonally," Kristoff said.

Flynn's leg was run over and was badly bruised. He was rushed to St. Joseph Hospital in a state of shock. However, the x-rays revealed that nothing was broken.

Bob Folks, chairman of the Grand Prix races said, "I believe the accident would not have happened if the driver had been more experienced. He got caught in heavy traffic and panicked."

Folks also commented on the safety precautions planned for Saturday's events.

"There will be an ambulance with a trained physician waiting

By Marty Graham

In an impromptu meeting yesterday, called by former Student Body President Richard Rossie, thirteen Seniors discussed tentative plans for revising Senior commencement exercises to include a formalized, non-violent protest to the Vietnam War.

Those present at this meeting decided to hold an open meeting today at 4pm in the La Fortune Ballroom for all Seniors who are interested in the commencement proposals.

Rossie stated yesterday that "the ad hoc body, which met today, decided on three tentative revisions for the commencement exercises on June 1."

He stated that the first proposal is that the graduating Seniors wear white armbands at the commencement ceremony. Second, that after President Nixon's Director of the Council on Urban Affairs Patrick Moynihan addresses those present at the ceremony, a student go up, objecting to the Vietnam War, and ask Moynihan to tell Nixon how a number of Notre Dame's graduating Seniors feel on the war.

The body's third proposal is that about three hundred crossed be mounted in the South Quad with a sign stating, "Parents, this is what awaits your son. Stop the war in Vietnam."

At yesterday's meeting it was also decided to send a petition around to the members of the Senior class in order to find out their reactions to the revision of the commencement exercises.

The resolution of this petition states, "We, the undersigned members of the class of 1969, request that our commencement ceremony be revised to accommodate an extensive, non-violent, non-disruptive demonstration of our objection to the

Vietnam War. We feel that the imminent participation of many of our members in the war justifies this revision of the class exercises, speeches, worship and award ceremonies."

When asked what the purpose of this movement was, Rossie stated, "This is an attempt by a group of Seniors to protest the war in Vietnam and to demonstrate to our parents, President Nixon, and the American people, our opposition. Too many of our classmates are going into the military and will be killed needlessly. Our conscience demands that we at least attempt to stop this killing. We are calling upon the Christian conscience of this University to stand with us, and we specifically appeal to Father Hesburgh."

Rossie also stated that he got the idea for this movement from a remark made by Congressman Allard Lowenstein, of the 5th Congressional District in Naussa, Long Island, in his speech Wednesday night. Lowenstein said that there was a petition going around the seniors of Yale University asking that the format of their commencement exercises be turned into an anti-war demonstration. Yale's President Kingman Brewster told the students who were circulating the petition that if they got a majority of the seniors' signatures, this change would be made.

During yesterday's meeting, Rossie stated, "I think that no matter what the seniors' reaction is, something will be done; but it would be best if we were organized and had a majority of the class to go along with us."

Senior Joel Connelly stated, "Right now, we are not very well organized, but are very hopeful. If all goes, well, this movement can be both meaningful and dignified."

Kelly to head Model UN

By Glen Corso

The general framework of next year's SUAC sponsored Model UN was announced yesterday by SUAC associate commissioner Mike Kelly. Kelly was appointed chairman of the event by SUAC head Pat Dowdall.

Tentatively the four issues that will confront the assembly are: Red Chinese Admission, Arab-Israeli relations, a current popular crisis, and a completely manufactured crisis, that will be kept secret until the last moment.

According to Kelly, the Model UN will be open to all ND students, all SMC girls, and all students at the Indiana University extension in South Bend.

Kelly said that "there will be one-hundred and thirty countries represented, with three del-

egates from each nation." He went on to say that the makeup of the general assembly will "attempt to follow the real UN general assembly."

The conference is tentatively scheduled for the second week in April.

"Anyone desiring to be a chairman of a delegation will have to include a rationale as to the way his country would probably vote," Kelly declared.

Kelly stressed that anyone that was interested could apply as a delegate. He commented further saying he needed people for "Executive Co-ordinator, Finance director, Delegate Director, Arrangement Director, and Research Director." All applications should be directed to 137 Breen-Phillips.

on the sidelines," he said.

"A blanket insurance policy covers everyone working in the races. This includes the spectators in the stands," he added.

Folks said that everyone working in the pits was required to buy a pit pass for 50 cents. The proceeds will cover the cost of the extensive insurance plan. There are over 100 people working in the pits, and the pass must

be purchased on a daily basis.

Folks also commented that the drivers have had over 52 hours to practice, and added, "there is no reason why a driver should be inexperienced."

He also said, "we don't expect any casualties on Saturday. With the exception of today's accident, everything has been running smoothly."

With this issue the *Observer* concludes volume three after 137 editions. The *Observer* will resume service to the Notre Dame and St. Mary's college community next fall on September 12 with a freshman orientation issue.

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Stellar concert

The Student Union Social Commission is sponsoring, in conjunction with the Grand Prix weekend, a "Concert Under the Stars" this Saturday, May 17, at 8:30 on the St. Mary's Lake by Holy Cross Hall.

This is an experiment by the social commission to see whether or not the ND/SMC campus will respond to low-key, low-cost concerts. The key word of the concert is quality with informality.

The featured performers will be The Authentically Maerrywhethre, a group based in Nashville that has appeared several times on the ND/SMC campus. The Maerrywhethre were selected to be the closing act at the recent Collegiate Folk Festival at Stepan Center.

The concert will also have performances by the best in local campus talent.

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This is my swan-song: as I leave behind the all-embracing security that is Notre Dame, my own dome is running over with musical thoughts that demand expression. Tom Ehrbar, my amiable boss who has so patiently endured my journalistic irregularity this year, has graciously granted me this final space to unleash what might have been about ten columns worth of verbiage. Here is an anthology of the most essential (at least to me) of what I have yet to say, being of quasi-sound mind and somehow enduring body.

I have managed to work my way through an entire year of reviews of Cream, the Beatles, the Moody Blues, Moby Grape, etc., perhaps creating the illusion that I profess some quantity of objective knowledge of music. The fact of the matter is that I am merely, yes merely, expressing my own likes and occasional dislikes. I don't fancy myself a real critic, for I am lacking absolutes. Actually, I have only one absolute, and that is the one condition that I place on what is otherwise a sincere love of all music. The single condition is that I ask only for sincerity in music, and I am instinctively repelled by groups that do music for some other sake than music. Naturally, it would be naive to claim that the Beatles or Hendrix or any successful popular artist considers money a mere by-product of the quest for great musical art. But there is a definite distinction between those people who make money through making music that really comes from themselves, and those people who make money through making music that they know people will pay money for. It is the distinction between the artist winning an audience, and the audience controlling the music. It is a hindrance when the audience gains control, because that creates fads and stifles free, spontaneous creativity on the part of the artist.

FEATURE

by Bill Thieman

The Beatles may always be the ultimate group because they play what they want and it is totally up to us to accept it or reject it. Great music is a passion that comes from the unconscious, perhaps from the heartbeat or from the rhythm of orgasm, and the less restraint the conscious has over that passion, the more alive the music is. This energy, this life is what makes you jump around, sing, snap your fingers, or just lay there simultaneously overwhelmed and exhilarated when you hear real music, whether it's Bach, Sly and the Family Stone, or Flatt and Scruggs. To me, good music, music that I like, is music that somehow extends from the artist's unconscious (his life force or whatever it is that drives him) and penetrates my own. That is my only absolute: music appeals to me when the chord of the artist's soul is in the same key as my own. The effect is totally intangible; it cannot be reduced to a certain combination of lyrics and music, or a certain blend of instruments, or a certain range of musical forms, but it is the interplay of all these things with my own receptive mood. The greatest beauty of music is that it is alive and in motion and that its life depends on good receivers as well as transmitters. If music is communication, it must be bilateral, so their is creativity in listening too. It is an art simply to appreciate music, an art that requires the same openness that the truly artistic performer must exhibit.

There is still a good deal of fine music on the top-forty scene. James Brown is with it because he really enjoys his music, and a man who does hundreds of personal appearances every year must really dig communicating his own enthusiasm to droves of wild, happy fans. Otis Redding will inevitably be my favorite "soul man," and "Dock of the Bay" will never cease to have the way-down-deep knock of instantly tripping the well-hidden switch that sets off one of those smiles with tears right behind it. And now, for those who don't already know it, the climax of this confession: I have always liked and will always like the King, Elvis, and Tupelo bad boss man. Elvis loves to sing and I am more than happy to listen; he is coming back and there is nothing that the greasophobia sufferers can do about. The complexity that has grown in music over the last few years has reached a limit for some people. People who have found that simple, honest, finger-lickin' good music hits them just right. Elvis anticipated that with his TV special and he will be riding the waves again with his forthcoming album. Dig up your gold-sequined suits and your blue-suede shoes.

In the light of all this I have two more opinions to offer. One is about a record. If there is any album anywhere right now that spans the black, seething, wild, unconscious selves of performers and listeners it is Led Zeppelin. That album touches darker areas of the psyche than I ever thought music would; if Poe were alive today he might well be with Jimmy Page's group.

Final opinion number two: there is a performing group that has achieved the kind of inter-soul communication that Zeppelin captures on record; and they are right here in our midst, known only to most as First Friday. These four happy madmen make perfect hardrock together and individually, and they can make good listeners out of almost anyone. John Pendergast is a musical octopus that plays a different instrument with every tentacle and who sings "Mustang Sally" when they've got that kind of audience; Andy Wallace, a man of many hats, sings head vocal with infinite range and plays organ, piano, bass, and wierd, primitive percussion instruments (his great hope is to someday learn the words to Hendrix's "Come On, Part 1"). Jim Stynes is, to say the least, a fast drummer with a jazz background; to say more, he is inventive and knits their frequent jame together; to say it all, he is drumness. ___ (absence of any adequate adjective) Norm Zeller smiles abashedly through hair-blinded eyes at his screaming red little Les Paul Gibson, but somewhere behind that shy front hides that beautiful absolute pride that must come from being truly one with a musical instrument. While "Jeff's Boogie" blares in the background, Norm Zeller is climbing the same fiery, golden tower overlooking rock music that I have seen only Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, Jimmy Page, and Alvin Lee attempt to climb. First Friday will be heading to the New York-Long Island hard rock launching pad this summer. Those who ignored their books, the time, and the cold to hear them under Gilbert's arch last Thursday know that they do not need to be wished good luck.

Viet Cong reject plans

PARIS (UPI) The Viet Cong yesterday rejected President Nixon's call for a gradual and controlled withdrawal of foreign troops from South Vietnam. But it carefully left the door open for bargaining on other parts of Nixon's eight point peace plan.

In a 10 line communique, the Viet Cong's delegation to the Vietnam conference in Paris brushed aside the proposal for the pullout of all foreign troops—North Vietnamese as well as allied soldiers—as an old hat, "unreasonable" demand already rejected many times by the Communist side.

But the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front limited its attack to the first three points in Nixon's Wednesday night proposals all touching on the subject of mutual withdrawal of North Vietnamese, American, and other allied forces.

The remaining five points in Nixon's plan dealt with international supervision of the withdrawal and elections, the release of prisoners of war, and respect for the international agreements on neighboring Laos and Cambodia.

North Vietnamese officials gave an indication of the importance they attached to Nixon's proposals when they announced their chief negotiator, Xuan Thuy had cancelled a scheduled trip to Stockholm for a peace rally, so he could be on hand at today's formal session of the peace confrontation.

South Vietnamese officials meeting yesterday with

Secretary of State William P. Rogers praised President Nixon's Vietnam peace plan and President Nguyen Van Thieu issued a special statement warmly endorsing it.

"Once again President Nixon has shown his good will in seeking serious and useful discussions with the Communist side in order to restore peace in Vietnam," Thieu said in a

statement issued by his office and read over a national radio-television hookup.

Thieu said the Nixon proposals for a phased withdrawal of non-South Vietnamese troops over a 12 month period "were not opposite" to those of the Saigon government and were being "studied carefully."

Turnbull announces Judicial Board head

SBP Susan Turnbull announced that senior Barbara Orr will head the Campus Judicial Board next year.

Selected through interviews by the Executive Council of Student Government, other members of the Board include: seniors Fran Carroll, Denise Acampora, Mary Lou Cotroneo, juniors Maureen McInerney, Ann Goehausen and sophomore Kathy Shelton.

With the abolishment of Hall Judicial Boards, the Campus Board has become responsible for handling infractions of all student regulations.

Miss Orr explained that the philosophy of the Board will evolve, but that her view of the Judicial System follows the lines set by this year's Board: "A rule or law should only protect the community; if it does not do this, it is not good." Miss Orr agreed that the Judicial Board's power to interpret regulations is limited: "The rules now are

pretty cruelly stated," but sponsoring legislation, as the Judicial Board did to change Sign Out regulations in October, provides an alternative course of action.

The appointments made by the Executive Council are subject to approval by the Student Assembly.

Course evaluations

The course evaluation questionnaires that are being passed around this week are the product of the Office of Institutional Studies. Dean Devere Plunkett said that the results will be tabulated and available to the teachers in about two weeks.

"The purpose of the questionnaire is to give the teacher a view of himself, and also give him some idea as to how he can improve his presentation," Plunkett said.

STUDENT UNION CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16 TO MAY 22

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- 6:30 pm TRI-CLASS PROM Champagne Party at Holly's Restaurant. Admission Free with invitation.
- 8:00 pm Senior PRE-Prom Dinner in Mahogany Room of ACC.
- 9:00 pm TRI-CLASS PROM — "MAC ARTHUR'S PARK" with Ken Morris and his band and "The Empire" in Stepan Center.
- 10:00 pm Senior Class Prom in ACC 'til 2:00 am,

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 8:00 am Golf: ND vs. Eastern Michigan, Western Illinois, Miami of Ohio, Central Michigan, Valparaiso, and Cincinnati.
- 1:00 pm Tennis: ND vs. Bradley.
- 1:30 pm FIRST ANNUAL GRAND PRIX RACE IN ACC PARKING LOT. ADMISSION \$1.50. SPONSORED BY STUDENT UNION SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR GRAND PRIX SCHOLARSHIP. PUBLIC INVITED.
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SUNDAY, MAY 18

- 9:30 am TRI-CLASS PROM SUNDAY BRUNCH at the Morris Inn, with the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC, as speaker. \$5.00 per couple.

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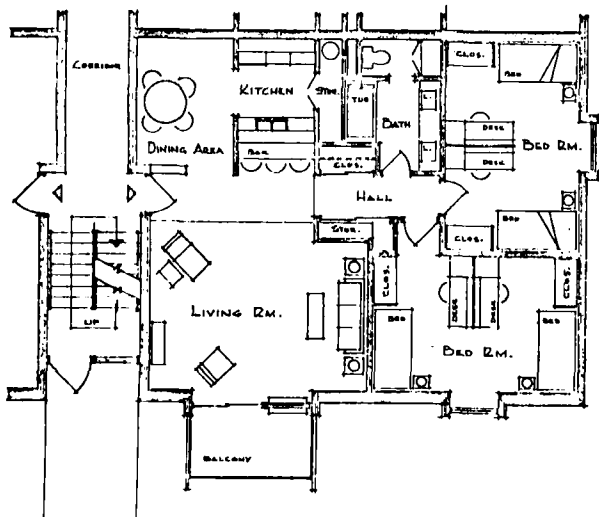
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Fortas resigns under fire

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Justice Abe Fortas resigned under fire from the Supreme Court yesterday acknowledging he had accepted a \$20,000 annual fee from a convicted stock manipulator's foundation but insisting his judicial duties were not compromised.

President Nixon accepted the resignation effective immediately. This ended the possibility of Fortas' impeachment by Congress and gave Nixon the chance to name two new justices who could substantially alter the court's activist legal philosophy under retiring Chief Justice Earl Warren.

In a separate letter to Warren, Fortas confirmed that in January, 1966, three months after he joined the court, he received a \$20,000 check as first payment in a long term financial arrangement with the family foundation of financier Louis E. Wolfson, now serving a one-year prison term for violating federal securities regulations.

Fortas said he ended the

agreement in June, 1966, because of his heavy court workload and possibility at that point that the Justice Department might prosecute Wolfson on criminal charges. Wolfson was convicted on separate charges in September and October and Fortas said—without explaining the delay—that he returned the \$20,000 in December, 1966.

The justice said Wolfson had spoken to him and sent him material about his problems with the Securities and Exchange Commission, "but I have not interceded or taken part in any legal, administrative or judicial matter affecting Mr. Wolfson or anyone associated with him."

He had only agreed, he said, to help shape the foundation's activities promoting racial and religious cooperation.

"There has been no wrong doing on my part," Fortas said, "there has been no default in the performance of my judicial duties in accordance with the high standards of the office I hold."

While some observers felt that

a resignation under fire—unprecedented in the 180 year history of the Supreme Court—might be taken as an admission of guilt, Fortas pleaded innocence and said he was stepping down for the sake of the court.

But there was no sign that the furor would end soon. Although preparations were dropped in the House for the first impeachment of a Supreme Court justice since 1804, there were calls in Congress for an investigation of the Fortas affair by his fellow justices, by a special panel of the American Bar Association or by a federal grand jury.

Senate leaders Mike Mansfield and Everett Dirksen promised that all future presidential appointments would be investigated more intensively. Mansfield furthermore called for public disclosure laws governing

the executive and judicial branches no less tough than those adopted by the House and Senate.



Tim O'Meilia Nau, Nau

The Nau Commission Report, Charles J. Nau, South Bend, Ind.: McCarragher Publishing Co., 141 pages plus appendices, priceless.

After three months of research and testimony the "Report of the Student Life Council Subcommittee on the Student Union Academic Commission's Conference on Pornography and Censorship" has been released; and it will rival the Walker and Kerner commission reports in length of official name if not in content.

The report has yet to be accepted by the SLC as a whole and, as yet, its recommendations have not been included. There is probably no reason why the report will not be accepted by the council. The report is a thorough, concise, clear and not altogether dry description of the events surrounding the Pornography and Censorship Conference plus a thoughtful and, I think, perceptive analysis of those events.

The chronology of events is, at times, caustic and humorous, perhaps betraying the writer of certain sections as being Nau. At one point the report relates that Father McCarragher, tongue-in-cheek, accused the cops of walking off with the student center's copies of *Esquire* "and this is a pretty good issue." At another point it describes David Kahn's "connatural relationship" with his "Bell and Howell 550 manual lead" projector.

Another humorous episode during a very serious day is described, "According to McElory, I attempted to resist their departure by lying down in front of their automobile. . . A gentleman, and I use the term loosely, ran up to the car on the driver's side and yelled at the driver. . . 'run over the bastard. Get out of here'. . . I made a quick value judgment as to whether or not I should be idealistic or practical, and I elected to be practical."

"A second student in a similar position also opted for practicality."

At another point Kathy Cecil could not understand how the police spotted the roll of film hidden beneath her dress. The report comments, "We suggest that a mini-skirt of the length Miss Cecil wears is not too effective for hiding a 16-inch reel of film."

A few quotations from Marty McNamara's precise amstery of English were also appropriate: "The guy was tearing the film, he was ripping it off as he was going and he was a policeman. Nobody does that to a film, you know. I mean, like which to me is really a mortal blow. . . as far as I could tell, he (the policeman) got on the ground because he was tired or more, you know, because he just, you know, felt something like faint."

Not all of the report was entertaining. It arrives at some very grave conclusions. Perhaps the most significant criticism the subcommittee made was in suggesting the University make "a careful assessment of the conditions under which civil authorities will be invited to the campus. Unless there is threat of bodily harm or grave damage to facilities, it seems better that police be excluded from use preventing violations of university rules or civil laws insofar as possible. Violators can, and should, be prosecuted for their actions after the fact without subjecting the University to the grave psychological, and possibly physical, damage that too often accompanies police intervention."

It castigated both the "left" (Richard Kelly, Andrew Noren) and the "right" (Citizens for Decent Literature) for pressuring the University and using it for their own ends. Kelly and Noren deceived both the administration and the Academic Commission and presented what they desired, and the CDL, protector of freedom, badgered the University to suppress the film, and finally filed complaint.

The subcommittee considered the prosecutor's warrant illegal and his seizure of the "Kodak Ghost Films" in violation of the first and fourteenth amendments as well as numerous other Indiana state laws. "The seizure of any form of speech before its publication is illegal since this is a prior restraint," the report says. However, it believes that arrests could be made for showing the film with knowledge of its contents.

Other interesting points: Dean Lawless did accuse Mroz of sabotaging his Law Day Centennial and threatened to have him expelled. . . Professor Michelson did not lead or instigate the events of February 7, and was, in fact, a primary moderating force.

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Janos Farago would wish all his acquaintances on campus to get in touch with him by May 22nd.

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Smith named gov't Ombudsman by Landry

Student Government Executive Coordinator Larry Landry has announced that junior Jim Smith has been appointed Student Government Ombudsman. Smith is the former president of St. Ed's. As Ombudsman, he will become the "troubleshooter" for student problems.

In making the announcement, Landry said that the Ombudsman would become "actively involved in all phases of student government."

"The Ombudsman will give students a constant channel

through which they can relate to student government," said the Executive Coordinator.

The job of the Ombudsman will be to answer any questions and to solve any problems of the students, or to direct those questions and problems to someone who can give the student satisfaction.

Both Landry and Smith mentioned that the size of the position was not important. The job of the Ombudsman is to improve the life of the student and that

often means solving the small problems of campus and off-campus living.

Smith felt that his new job had two objectives.

"Basically, one part is troubleshooting for student government; the other is relating student government to the student body," said the new Ombudsman.

He added that as a troubleshooter, he would try to determine "trends" in the problems of students. From these trends

he would suggest changes that Student Government should make campus-wide to prevent further problems.

Smith noted that the Ombudsman was responsible to all the students, on and off-campus. Junior Brian O'Shaughnessy will represent the Ombudsman in the off-campus office, while junior Bill Picchioni will work through the Hall Presi-

dents Council in the area of hall life.

"Basically, the idea is communication," said Smith.

"There has been a lot of just criticism in recent years that student government hasn't reached the students. I see a tremendous potential in the Ombudsman position for personalizing the University and student government."

SMC faculty dinner honors retirees

Seven retiring Saint Mary's College faculty members with a total of 227 years of service and this year's outstanding professor were honored Wednesday at the annual faculty dinner on the Saint Mary's campus.

Named the outstanding faculty member for 1968-69 was Dr. William A. Hickey, associate professor of biology, for his "eminent contributions to the general development of the college." He was presented the Spes Unica cash award of \$100 by Sister M. Alma, C.S.C., academic dean. The selection was made by the school's academic affairs council.

An authority on the genetics of mosquitos, Hickey has worked extensively with the World Health Organization in projects relating to the insect-

Congressmen to speak

Congressmen William Steiger (Wisconsin), Donald E. Lukens (Ohio), and Marvin Esch (Michigan) will be on campus Wednesday to interview students as a part of a fact finding tour investigating the causes for unrest on American college campuses.

According to former Young Republican chairman Mike Kelly, the congressmen will be here "on a fact finding tour, sponsored by themselves, to find out what's going on on the campuses. They've asked me to arrange a meeting between them and some of the campus activists on the left.

Kelly also stated that any student interested in talking to the Congressmen should contact him in 137 Breen-Phillips.

borne diseases. He has been a Saint Mary's faculty member since 1959.

The seven faculty members retiring as of the end of the academic year were presented scrolls by college president Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. McGrath and were awarded emeritus ranking in ceremonies following the dinner.

Receiving the rank of professor emeritus were Sister Annice, C.S.C., professor of psychology, and Sister Maria Pieta, C.S.C., professor of English, former vice-president of the college and currently alumnae coordinator.

The rank of Associate Professor Emeritus was awarded to Miss Louise A. Cavanaugh, of the Economics and Business Department; Mrs. Ruth Ingalls Fielder, Special Education; Sister Maria Teresa, C.S.C., English; Sister Marie Anastasia, C.S.C., English Department member, former Dean of the college and since 1965 college Archivist.

Sister Maria Luisa, of the Spanish Department, who has spent over 62 years at Saint Mary's as student, sister and teacher, also was retired with emeritus rank.

Msgr. McGrath announced following the dinner the promotion

of five faculty members.

Promoted to Associate professor were Dr. Dorothy Feigl, chemistry department, Sister Maria Concepta, C.S.C. Education department, Dr. Robert Nowlan, mathematics and Sister Margaret Wodetzki, Chemistry.

Lemuel Joyner, instructor in the art department was promoted to the rank of assistant professor, Msgr. announced.

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Fee increase

For the third time in three years the student body will be asked to approve a Student Government activities fee increase. Approval of the referendum would raise the present fee from \$16 to \$18. We have been told that the additional \$12,000 which the two dollar increase will net will be spent toward the alleviation of a \$45,000 debt incurred by the Student Government over the past two years.

Last year's approval of a six dollar increase has resulted in a Rossi administration debt of approximately \$10,000, depending upon the success of tomorrow's Grand Prix. The entire \$45,000 sum is owed to the University, which has always picked up the tab for overexpenditures by Student Government, in either the form of loans or outstanding debts. We were assured at Monday night's Senate meeting that if a substantial portion of the debt is not eliminated soon, the University will not be willing back up Student Government when it loses money.

When considering the referendum, two questions are essential in making a decision: first, the elimination of the debt itself, and second, the possibility of losing money again next year.

There are two ways to pay the debt: appropriate more money (the case here), or simply severely cut back spending (which will be the method if the referendum fails). A cutback in spending will primarily affect the Academic Commission which received \$24,000 last year and still overspent. There have been statements that even if the referendum passes and the \$12,000 is applied toward the debt, another \$20,000 of the remaining \$96,000 will also be earmarked for repayment. Whatever the case, the Academic Commission will be fortunate to receive half the funds it was allowed last fall. The probability is that the Social Commission will not be greatly cutback unless the referendum fails.

Thus the situation is, if the referendum fails, all commissions and spending will be curtailed greatly, with the Academic Commission absorbing the brunt. If the referendum passes, spending will be cut in all areas also, but certainly not as much.

If the referendum is approved, it will be under the assumption that some stricter controls are placed upon Student Government to prevent the huge amounts of waste, misspending and poor planning.

The greatest losses are incurred by the Social Commission, and usually in great chunks, which points to a poor conception of what programs and events will go over with Notre Dame students. While in the past some decisions involving large expenditures were made by as few as two persons, Student Union director Dennis Clark has said that any spending involving sums of more than \$500 will be subject to the approval of the Union's executive board, which includes about ten people.

During this past year, there were almost no financial controls over Student Union spending, and little contact between the Student Government treasurer and his Union counterparts. Now there are weekly meetings among the various business managers and the treasurer. Also, a semi-annual budget will enable Student Government to cutback during the second semester if there is overspending during the first.

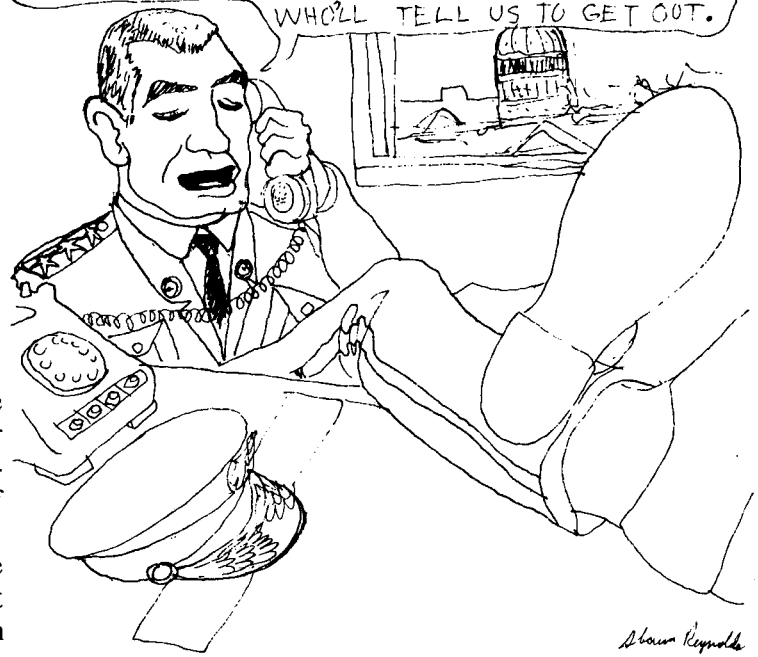
Despite these reforms, there can be no assurance that another debt will not be incurred next year. A professional audit which will take place late in August should give some inkling of how misspending can be corrected.

Rather than an actual fee increase, which is permanent, we would rather have seen a one year surtax, so that the fee will revert back to \$16 the year after next.

We urge that the students approve the fee increase, with the additional \$12,000 going directly and solely to payment of the debt. In addition, and this is a requirement and a necessary supplement to approval of the increase, next fall's Student Senate should earmark another significant portion of the \$96,000 for payment of the debt, so that the Student Government will be forced to eliminate waste or severely curtail its spending.

Whatever happens, one thing is certain, the debt must be paid and Student Government must learn how to manage students' money.

YEAH, DICK, I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF FREE ELECTIONS EITHER, BUT IT'LL SAVE FACE. IF WE HAVE FAIR ELECTIONS, THEY'LL ELECT SOMEONE WHO'LL TELL US TO GET OUT.



Shaun Reynolds



Guy DeSapio

Change

Universities are pretty exciting places—or at least they should be. There are always things going on, young people questioning values and institutions—searching to find new and better ways of doing things. The exciting thing is that the process never stops. There is something new all the time. Some new quest to replace any old problem that has been considered and is on its way to resolution.

The University is no place for complacency—complacency leads to stagnation not only of the mind but of the spirit. And a country whose people lose their spirit of questioning, their excitement for change, is in a bad way.

Change is never a bad thing—as long as it is progressive. Progressive change is never change for change's sake; but change that seeks to lift mankind to some higher plateau of life—to a new and better world in which the truly human values like understanding and honesty rule men's minds and their hearts.

Progressive change seeks not to destroy what exists unless it is an institution that serves to make men less than what they should be. Progressive change creates—it develops—it takes those things that exist and attempts to find how they can be improved.

It is that kind of spirit that should motivate young people today. So many times, students exposed to the inequities and ills of the world, tend to lose sight of those things which are good, which are wholesome, and which have helped to bring man from that first dark day when he climbed out of a tree and started his journey to where he is today.

Looking at the world and things like Vietnam it is often hard to believe that man has really come very far. But he has his incentive and his imagination, and a desire to improve—if nothing else.

It is important not to let impatience for change destroy those three assets. Young people today can not let violence and despair take them further away from the goals that mankind really seeks. Violence is mankind's curse and is the surest deterrent to progress that anyone has ever come up with.

But a call for rationality is with excuse for a lack of excitement about changing those things that need to be improved. Explicitly, there is a lot to be done at Notre Dame and next year is the time to get excited about doing it.

There is the need to examine the University's efforts to help in alleviating the educational inequities which exist in the nation as a result of racial discrimination and just sub-par schools in many American communities. Why can't the University open up and initiate a full scale set of new programs intended to give people the educational opportunities they have been deprived of?

And then there's the atmosphere here at Notre Dame itself. Increased efforts must be made to hasten the day when there are enough women participating in every aspect of this place to make it a truly great campus. Reform of the academic structure must be speeded up and it must not end with a token change of the grading system or college requirements. Reform of academics should be a continuing process at any university and it is time that a permanent committee of students and faculty be set up to continually examine and revitalize the academic structure.

At the same time the University has to begin to open up more. It must seek student opinion on what improvements need to be made here. It must accept students' willingness to channel their initiative and imagination into discovering ways of making Notre Dame better.

And finally, as a University, Notre Dame should begin to demand more of its students in the field of academics. It has to ask students to begin to think more deeply about the broader problems that affect mankind in the hope of coming up with some answers that will help to make society better for people—for in fact, that is what a University is all about.

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Soup-lines in the vineyard

by Pat Gaffney

Suppose the phrase "catholic-worker" slipped into an innocent conversation some sunny afternoon. The inquisitive listener would probably find the term remotely familiar, and chances are he would deduce a meaning in one of two directions. First, if he decided to emphasize the adjective, the term would correspond to "social worker" or "factory worker", thereby denoting a person involved in ecclesiastical labor where specifically Catholic deeds were being worked at. However, if he put the emphasis on the noun, the term would be akin to such expressions as "Catholic teacher" or "Catholic used-car-salesman" which allude merely to the religious affiliation of the laboring person doing whatever he does.

But, unfortunately, this interpretation, however shrewd, is deceptive, for the phrase rarely falls with such a literal and equivocal reference. "Catholic Worker" is the name of a movement, and more popularly, the name of a monthly newspaper which is known for its stirring though prolix essays, and to this day sells for only one cent.



PETER MAURIN

Both the movement and the newspaper sprouted in the early 30's mainly at the hands of Peter Maurin, an energetic and unchainable French migrant, and Dorothy Day, a communist journalist turned Catholic, who still edits the paper from her house of hospitality on New York's lower east side.

The movement pressed forth on several fronts. It encouraged a simple life and voluntary poverty, one wing advocated their "green revolution", i.e., a return to rural life, many sympathized and even supported pacifism, a good number moved into hospitality houses, following Christ's edict about the hungry and homeless, and underlying all, the movement always championed the cause of the working man, regardless of race or ideology.

A good number of young Catholic idealists caught the spark of Maurin as he moved tirelessly back and forth across the country, never at a loss for a vacant soap-box. These young radicals went in many directions, some to organize unions, some to start farming communes, and some to founding houses of hospitality modeled on Dorothy Day's house with its soup-line in the Bowery. Two of the more illustrious workers were James O'Gara, now editor of *Commonweal*, and John Cogley, now a fellow at the Center for the Study of Democratic institutions; they started together at a friendship house in Chicago.

This tradition made notable inroads in Catholic circles at Notre Dame. The names and the literature never became by-words among the students, but subtle influences worked steadily, so that now, it seems, the views expounded for years on the pages of the *Catholic Worker* are more widely felt than ever.

In fact, the St. Francis House, recently set up in Clay Township, a few blocks north of the library was founded mainly on the initiative of Timothy McCarry, who took direct inspiration from Miss Day. McCarry has not only written for the *Catholic Worker*, but he spent a good deal of his last Christmas vacation at the Catholic Worker farm in Tivoli, New York, and he even applied to do a collegiate scholar project on Catholic radicalism in America the proposal, incidentally, was turned down.

The Catholic Worker has many old friends still at

Notre Dame including Dr. Willis Nutting, Dr. William Storey, Fr. Leo Ward, professor emeritus of philosophy, Rev. Louis Putz, superior of Moreau Seminary, Eugene Geissler, once with the English department, now an author and former with the Ave Maria Press, Fr. John Kavanaugh, former President of the University, Fr. John Burke of the mathematics department, and the man who made, perhaps, the most colorful and concrete contribution, Dr. Julian Pleasants, a gentle, almost impish associate professor of microbiology at the Lobund Laboratory.



Dr. Pleasants' project was a friendship house which he and another student established in February, 1941. Dr. Pleasants was then working on a masters degree in theology, and his companion, Norbert Nerdzinski, a Notre Dame undergraduate, was just one book report away from his B.A. Inspired by articles in the *Worker*, and concerned about South Bend's west side, they decided, without a shred of experience between them to found a house of hospitality.

A woman from a House in Detroit came down to help them select a spot, and on her recommendation, they settled on a dilapidated, dentist's office on Chapin Street. Twelve rooms, and the rent was \$25.00 a month. Other houses around the country offered encouragement, but the initial resources came from their own pockets and their own bringing. Norbert and Julian pooled their supplies, bought in some cots and tables, got some grub, and opened the door to the world.

Men started coming slowly. Many were hobos, coming off the nearby railroad tracks, and as the word spread around town, the locals too came to know the "Peter and James House" as a place to get a free and a rack when it was lacking elsewhere.

As the numbers swelled, the food problem began to look them squarely in the eye. But it was conveniently solved, mainly due to the advocacy of Fr. John Kavanaugh, then a vice-president. They arranged to get the extra food from the Notre Dame dining hall, just so long as they would pick it up. Julian and Norbert put out \$15.00 for a crusty model-A, took out the rumble seat and replaced it with a wooden box for hauling cauldrons and 10-gallon milk cans. The car did have a cracked engine block, which meant filling it with hot water on winter mornings, but it made the trip faithfully twice each day. Now and then, Dr. Pleasants recalls, they would drop by St. Mary's for leftovers. On these occasions, the boarders, connoisseurs of ham, eggs and Mulligan stew never failed to remark on the unexpected delicacy of the house cuisine.

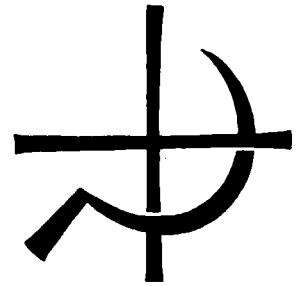


Their plan in the beginning was to follow Peter Maurin's ideal and make the house multi-purpose; not simply a corporal works depot, but a center of discussion, agitation and counselling. But these two soon found all their energy absorbed in keeping the men fed and the building in one piece. At first, Pleasants and Nerdzinski had the house wide open. Later, after seeing the complications of overcrowding, they were persuaded by a visitor from a Toledo hospitality house to limit the number of boarders to the number of beds and cots they had available, which was 32.

But even at this, there was always food for all. Since they could only accommodate 20 men at a setting, they would sometimes have five or six shifts before they got everyone fed. They picked up the food after the meals at N.D. This delay meant a lag of hours, and often a whole day before the food could be warmed over and served. Without refrigeration, there was always the threat of spoilage, but as Julian recalls, only he and Norbert ever got too sick. There were a few notable exceptions, like the time they got the fried oysters. They surmised from the extraordinary size of the load that the offering hadn't gone over too well with students, and later, after serving it, the whole house was struck by a plague of the green-apple-quick-step. They resorted to a kindly Polish druggist who ran a shop on the floor beneath them. He supplied an assortment of bottled nostrums, one of his many favors to the cause, and in time, the malady passed.

All were welcomed at the house, and there was no prerequisite to getting the benefits. You didn't have to pray, you didn't have to hear a sermon, you didn't have to "spill your guts" or even testify. Understandably, the simplicity of the managers' motives was incredible to most of the men. Pleasants recalls that a number of the men who had had experience with the Salvation Army or other missions could perform excellent pietistic routines, and some were fond of wandering from room to room with rosary beads dripping through their fingers. They did have Mass from time to time, and quite an advanced liturgy for its time, but no one was ever coerced to attend.

The city fathers weren't exactly enthusiastic about the venture, and a fair share of criticism arose in local Catholic circles as well. Then, one day, the late Bishop John Francis Knoll, hardly remembered for his chummy manner, dropped by the house for a visit. He got quite an existential tour, Julian Pleasants noted, for everywhere he went, he was obliged to step over sleeping bodies and push aside scattered furnishings just to make his way through the rooms. He didn't say much that afternoon, but word must have squeaked out that he approved, for critical forays from the local clergy dwindled almost immediately.



Pleasants and Nerdzinski carried on the operations with no steady help from 1941 until the middle of 1942 when Nerdzinski went into the army, called by the selective service. While enlisted, he continued to send the bulk of his pay check back to the house. Pleasants too, had taken up a part-time job to keep the place going, a doing stock inventory at night for Bendix.

Times were changing quickly. War time economy had created an abundance of jobs and the hobo traffic had gone down to almost nothing by the middle of 1943. Then, in 1944, Dr. Pleasants' mother got sick, and Julian felt the call to go home and help his family. A combination of factors merged to the closing of the house after three years of service.

That all faded many years ago, and though faces have changed and the scene has shifted, the ideals still are shining. Younger blood has taken up the ideal in its primal form, and Dr. Pleasants now conducting research in germ free nutrition sees a sort of unity. "I'm still doing the same thing I was doing 25 years ago," he says, "just trying to feed people."

Pleasure Dome

The 1969 Dome, one of the most eagerly awaited University publications in recent years, will be distributed Monday, May 19 at LaFortune Student Center. This year's highlight is 336 pages, with 24 in full color. Highlights of the volume include several in-depth essays on publications, student life, sports, academics since John O'Hara C.S.C. was president of the University, and what may be a controversial review of the events of the year on campus. One striking aspect of the book is its technical perfection. The color photographs—there are 39 of them—have been reproduced beautifully. And the black and white photographs are of a remarkable quality. As the only student publication dealing with color printing, the Dome has used its potential well. Photographs, many of them full-page, are dominant in the format of the book.

One departure that the Editor, Kevin Flynn, made in the format is in the introduction, where the cinema technique of the "zoom" is used in focusing in on a certain part of a color photograph repeated over several pages. Another is a one page editorial that comments on the tumultuous events of the early second semester and the president of the University.

There are three major divisions of the book: Student Life, a look at the social, academic, and cultural life of the student body; The Establishment, with essays on the major organizations of the University from the administration through the student groups and service organizations; and Athletics. There are also 60 pages of formal and candid photographs of the senior class, and an epilogue.

Sociology survey shows student discontent

By Dave Lammers

A survey conducted by Professor John Koval of the Sociology Department has revealed that many Notre Dame students are dissatisfied and disillusioned with their university.

In seven areas (social, intellectual, cultural, academic, vocational, religious, and moral) the student responded that Notre Dame has not met their expectations.

The study was sponsored by the Academic Affairs Commission of the student government, which is part of a total curriculum evaluation program under way. The total evaluation program is being conducted by a committee of five faculty members, five students, and ten

administrators, and will recommend curriculum changes for the fall of 1970. John Hickey, president of the Academic Affairs Commission for this year, is in charge of evaluating the study conducted by Professor Koval.

The survey was given to 546 upperclass students chosen randomly from all four colleges in the university.

Only 22% of the students believe that Notre Dame has significantly contributed to their moral and spiritual development, while 70% believe that it is important that the university aid them in the development of their values, moral standards, and commitments in life.

28% of the subjects said that they would not come to Notre

Dame if they had the choice over again.

Much criticism was given to the required theology and philosophy courses, the content of the courses and the limitations of the subjects studies in the courses. 57% of the Arts and Letters students responded that they wanted all philosophy courses eliminated, 17% wanted the requirements reduced or the content changed. In theology, 54% wanted the courses eliminated and 14% wanted them reduced.

45% of the students believed the university "should expose students to the teachings of religions other than their own," but only six percent thought that Notre Dame had lived up to this expectation.

Much criticism was directed to the traditional method of teaching Catholic theology. "The students are putting less emphasis on religion and morality as traditionally defined; rather they are becoming more

concerned with infusing them into contemporary issues and problems," Dr. Koval said.

Many students expressed deep dissatisfaction with the social atmosphere at Notre Dame, and only 14% felt that the university had significantly addressed itself to this problem. Koval said "the vast majority of the comments were on the social level. And they didn't talk about just girls and sex, but the lack of a normal relationship, out of classroom and on an informal basis."

One respondent said that "contacts with adults—such as professors outside of the classroom—is insufficient." Another said, "It is entirely artificial socially here and a cultural and intellectual vacuum."

Few felt that South Bend contributed to the social or cultural life. "This is the middle of 'Nowhere, U.S.A.'" one complained.

Koval emphasized that Notre Dame students are concerned about improving their environ-

ment. "Even when they take a very negative approach, they put it in a positive context. They are thinking positively. They don't want to wash it all down the tube," Koval said. One student said, "Notre Dame is a very good university—yet not a great university . . . It offers a fine program of academic excellence, a rare mixture of varying character types . . . and a cultural atmosphere of high quality. Yet, on the other hand, you have the lingering remnants of clerical authoritarianism . . . and a truly unhealthy social atmosphere."

When asked about the academic effects of the survey, Father John Walsh, Vice-president for Academic Affairs, said, "The university-wide Curriculum Committee has and will continue to use the information from the survey as part of the total information gathering process on the basis of which the Curriculum Committee will make recommendations to the Academic Council."

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Dowdall announces appts.

Student Union Academic Commissioner, Pat Dowdall, announced several major appointments to his staff for next year.

Dowdall has appointed Richard Hunter as SUAC's executive co-ordinator. Appointed as associate commissioners are; Pat Mc Donough, Dick Roddewig, Jim Metzger, Gregg Muarry, Mike Kelly, Bill Knapp.

Dowdall also stated that Roddewig would be the chairman of the Contemporary Arts

Festival for next year. The festival will run a series of events throughout the year, and have a major festival in the spring. Emphasis will be on student involvement, with such things as "outdoor theaters, chalk-ins, outdoor concerts, and paint ins."

"There is an excellent possibility," Dowdall remarked, "that next year there will be a city wide Contemporary Arts Festival. It would be sponsored by all the colleges in the area, and the South Bend Chamber of Commerce."

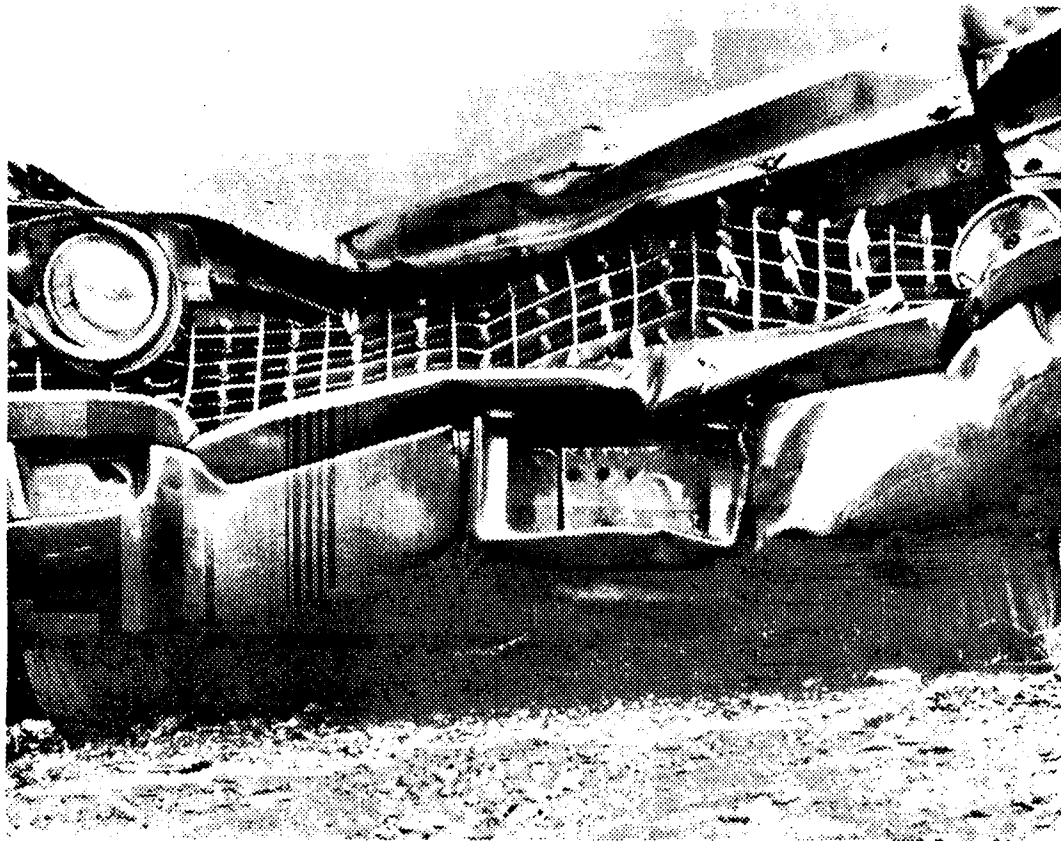
Dowdall commented on possible intergration with SMC student services commission.

"My feeling is that it can be most effective and most advantageous to the student body if we work together. Negotiations are being held and details are being worked out.

Saint Mary's is interested in holding a conference on the Role of Women in Society. We'd like to get someone from the Women's Liberation Committee, and a leading female public figure, such as Margaret Chase Smith," Dowdall said. Concerning financing, Dowdall commented saying, "We are going to work this summer to get outside funds for the four conferences, and the Contemporary Arts Festival."

Correction

Breen-Philips senator Richard Hunter did not participate in Tuesday night's filibuster against the non-academic credit for ROTC bill as was reported in the OBSERVER Thursday.

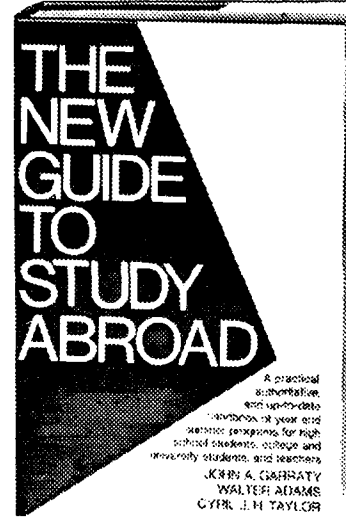


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Dowdall announces SUAC events

By Glen Corso

Pat Dowdall, Student Union Academic Commissioner, announced a tentative list of events, which SUAC hopes to hold next year.

SUAC will continue its Distinguished Lecture Series. It will be broken down into three parts: public figures, academic figures, and a University Lecture Series.

Invitations will, or have been sent out to the following people for the public figures part of Lecture Series: Senator Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), William F. Buckley, Editor of the National Review, and noted Economist John Kenneth Galbraith. "We are trying," Dowdall remarked, "to arrange a debate between Buckley and Galbraith."

For academic figures, Dowdall hopes to get: Hans Morgenthau, noted political theorist, Eric Fromm, author of the "Art of Loving," and sociologists Paul Goodman, David Riceman and Phillip Mosley.

The third part, the University Lecture Series, will draw heavily from our own faculty. Dowdall said that he hopes to use the

faculty "a little more this year." He plans for symposiums, panel discussions, and debates.

A second major part of SUAC's program will deal with two series of lectures on specific topics. One of those topics will be Urban Studies, and the other the Problems of Asia.

"The reason we want to deal with these topics is we don't have an urban studies or Asian affairs program at Notre Dame", Dowdall said. "We hope to supplement the University in this."

Dowdall said he would like to look at the urban problem from "several viewpoints". He hopes to get Harvey Cox to look at the problem from the religious point of view. Dowdall plans to talk to Presidential assistant Daniel P. Monihayn, to try to have him speak on it, and be keynote speaker.

Dowdall cited the reasons for Asian studies as being twofold. The first is political, because of China and Vietnam. The second is because many people are becoming "more and more interested" in the cultural and reli-

gious aspects of Asia.

"We see we are becoming more and more involved with asia, and we do not understand them", Dowdall stated, as the rationale for the series.

Plans are being made to invite John Fairbanks, noted U.S. historian on Vietnam. Dowdall also plans for a program on Indian Music, and hopefully, have a guru come to campus.

There are five conferences planned for next year. They are: Indian Affairs, News Media, Academic Reform, Penal Institutions, and Radicalism.

"I feel the American Indian has been neglected," Dowdall declared. "We would like to build this into an important conference."

George McGovern has been approached, and has shown a willingness to speak at Notre Dame, for the Indian Affairs conference. He will be the keynote speaker. Dowdall also advanced the possibility that Edward M. Kennedy would be persuaded to come and speak.

The title of the News Media conference will be "Does the News Media create news?" Dowdall plans to invite several representatives from national TV, including David Brinkley, Chet Huntley, and Eric Sevareid. He would also like to invite John Siegenthaler, former editor of the "Nashville Tennessean." Siegenthaler was an assistant to Robert Kennedy in the Justice Department, and ran Kennedy's

campaign in California.

Among the several questions to be discussed at the Academic Reform Conference are "What is a University," and "How does Notre Dame apply to this concept?" The conference will concentrate on Notre Dame and offer both concrete and theoretical proposals.

Dowdall also feels that the issue of Penal Institutions is another area that has been neglected. He hopes to consider both Federal and local institutions.

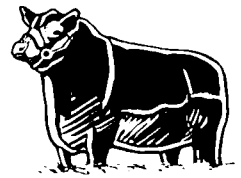
Concerning the radicalism conference, Dowdall was vague, and admitted that it has not really been planned yet. The conference will be held late in the academic year.

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THE WORLD TODAY

Minorities demand church lands

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI) - Blacks and Mexican Americans joined yesterday as "brothers" in demanding hundreds of millions of dollars from Christian churches for proposals ranging from the establishment of a black university for dropouts to liquidation of church lands.

James Forman, head of the Black Economic Development Conference BEDC, and Eliezer Risco, editor of the newspaper La Raza in California, presented a united front to delegates of the 181st assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of the U.S.

Risco presented a seven point platform to the Presbyterians which included +250,000 to \$500,000 as "seed money" to assist in building a new La Raza plant, plans for the church to liquidate their private holdings in Latin America and distribute the proceeds to the poor, distribution of church owned land to low income families and enlisting the aid of other churches to support these demands.

Demonstrators clash with police

(UPI) - Some 2,000 demonstrators and police clashed with rocks and tear gas yesterday in a wild melee which started when police cleared a "people's park" near the University of California campus.

The violence erupted after Dan Seigel, student body president elect, told a Sproul Plaza rally at Berkeley, "let's go down and take over the park."

At least 29 persons, including five policemen, were injured in the fracas. Early reports indicated some demonstrators were struck by shotgun pellets and a hospital reported seven persons were treated for apparent buckshot wounds. A policeman was reported stabbed and an unmarked police car was overturned.

Apollo crew practice for moon-shot

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI) - America's three Apollo 10 astronauts looped and rolled in supersonic jet planes high above Florida yesterday "to make sure we don't get airsick upstairs" when the blast off toward the moon Sunday.

By flying roller coaster like paths, they created about 30 seconds of weightlessness at a time and felt the force of six times the normal weight of gravity when they pulled out from dives.

Apollo 10 is scheduled to drop into orbit around the moon May 21 and circle it 32 times to perfect lunar navigation techniques and test landing procedures for the Apollo 11 landing mission.

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Poher blasts French communications

PARIS (UPI) - Acting President Alain Poher, the middle of the road candidate for president, touched off a new dispute with the Gaullist caretaker cabinet yesterday by accusing the state run radio and television network of biased political reporting.

In a communique from his Elysee palace office Thursday, Poher said that for several days the reporting of the network had lost all objectivity and impartiality.

Poher, 60, has been given the edge in public opinion polls over former Premier Georges Pompidou, the Gaullist candidate.

Poher, who became interim president after Gen. Charles de Gaulle's resignation April 28, called on the National Control Commission to insure fair treatment for all candidates when the presidential campaign opens today.

Honduras students protest Rockefeller

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (UPI) - Students protesting the official visit of New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller tossed a firebomb at newsmen yesterday and threw up flaming barricades at the university to prevent Rockefeller aides from entering.

Other bands of students, some of them self described pro Castroites followed the governor's entourage around the capital at a safe distance behind police lines. But there was no repetition of the violent student police clashes that led to the accidental death of one student Wednesday.

Rockefeller, head of a presidential mission that is reviewing Latin American relations, forwarded condolences and flowers to the funeral of the student, 22 year old Carlos Vergilio Zuniga. Police said he was accidentally killed when a policeman unintentionally discharged his revolver outside the presidential palace.

Students at a university campus just outside Tegucigalpa tossed the Molotov cocktail under a landrover from which about ten newsmen were watching and filming them burning an American flag.

Sr. Bar changes hands

Dave Witt, President of the Class of '69, and Jack Crawford, President of the Class of '70, announced today that the final transactions have been completed in the transference of the Alumni Club from the present Senior Class to next year's Seniors.

A payment of \$3200 was made by the Class of '69. This price covered part of the legal expenses, carpentry work, plumbing adjustments, and general improvements that were necessary to begin operations in the Alumni Club this year. The Class of 1970 is planning to devote another \$2000 to \$3000 into renovation of the Club, before opening next September.

Witt, the originator of the plan for an on-campus bar to serve seniors said, "I am very glad to see that the Class of '70 will be operating in the Alumni Club next year. The Class of '69 has shown that an operation as complex as the running of the Alumni Club can be handled by conscientious students..."

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Editor:

It is completely tragic for the 33,000 more or less (what's a thousand or so?) Americans killed in the endless and Orwellian Vietnamese war that a proper and reasonable reduction in the American population was not effected about a year before the birth of Strange Robert Edsel McNamara. It is indicative of our times that this amoral, brash, omniscient charlatan continues to be afforded platforms at prestigious universities like Notre Dame; and that he continues to enjoy life, altho utterly discredited (cf. Adm. Sharpe in current Readers' Digest), as president of the World-Bank at a tax-free \$40,000 plus maintenance (we hope). Not too long ago, on our way to Chicago to see one of our sons leave for Saigon, we spent a lovely summer day walking your magnificent campus, lunching in your cafeteria with the cathedral roof . . . We left enthralled — and proud of our Catholic heritage . . . The McNamara presence has diminished your stature . . .

Bernard McCabe
Milton, Mass.

Denounces 'detractors'

Editor:

We doubt that this will ever appear in print as a "letter to the Editor." Nevertheless, with the recent ROTC controversy, we feel compelled to write to clarify many of the "detractors'" misinformed and/or misguided comments.

The larger question of academic freedom must be asked. If this is to be a truly free academic community, the ROTC detachments have just as much right to be on campus as any other department. No one is forced to take ROTC, but students are forced to take courses in other departments. In fact, ROTC courses are open to all students; you need not be in ROTC to find the good "educative function" of military history, teaching methods, or personnel management. These courses do not teach "militarism, which kills people." Instead, the history, methods of instruction, and management courses provide a concentrated study which might be found in a drawn out fashion in the history, education, and management departments. In this sense, ROTC is no more "an apprenticeship, not an academic discipline" than these departments.

Furthermore, the Observer-quoted Richard Bizot statement — "If it is indeed an academic discipline, why then are no graduate schools in it, or for that matter, no undergraduate degrees? — is somewhat misinformed. Need I remind Mr. Bizot that there are

many military professional schools which award the equivalent of Master's degrees. Furthermore, there is the Command and General Staff School and the Army War College, which despite its name does not teach "war." Also, the Army has its own advanced degree law school which is run in coordination with the University of Virginia.

With regard to faculty status, as far as we know, there are only three full professors, one in each ROTC detachment. These men do have higher professional and academic degrees than simply B.A.'s. The other ROTC teachers are instructors with at least bachelor's degrees, but most of them are working for advanced degrees. Besides this, they are certainly competent in their teaching fields as witnessed by 74 1/2% of Army ROTC students saying the instructors knowledge of his material is "above average" and 25% saying "average."

Finally, some critics say that ROTC is "jock." This is far from true. If the question of "gut" courses is raised, more stones could be cast at certain history, English, air conditioning, theology, philosophy, and cut-and-paste communication courses. Those who feel ROTC is "jock" should visit a class. We feel certain that the ROTC detachments would welcome both student and teacher visitors, and such a visit would dispell the misguided "gut" image.

Thus, we hope that this letter has cleared up some misunderstanding regarding campus ROTC. Many "detractors" have never been to an ROTC class and thus base their criticism on fallacious second-hand knowledge. If these "detractors" are truly liberal and open, they would see ROTC first-hand, instead of lodging criticism at ROTC, possibly, simply as a symbol for opposition to the Viet Nam war.

John L. Zippich II
Kevin Donoghue

Freer Women

Editor:

We'd like to clarify certain misconceptions connoted in your May 7th article on the South Bend-Notre Dame Women's Liberation Front.

The WLF is NOT a tea-party, nor is it a "movement"; it is a national front comprised of

three main leftist political factions: (!) those who see themselves as an oppressed minority group and whosymethods of achieving group solidarity are similar to that of Black Nationalists, (2) those who see themselves as an oppressed minority group and who seek a solution to that oppression within SDS, (3) and those who again see themselves as an oppressed minority group and who choose to "be a separate part of a revolutionary movement . . . organized around its own consciousness and its own concerns."

Your article covered the first hour of the meeting (it lasted three) and only its "consciousness raising" aspect, i.e., group discussion of the sources of and "rationale" behind discrimination and exploitation of women, both on a national and area level. In the remaining time we considered the communication facilities open to us, the extent of outside Front support, and specific issues at Notre Dame, e.g., the token desegregation offered by Father Hesburgh's "co-education" program, the unjust wages paid women workers at Notre Dame, and the lack of courses, either institutional or in the Free University although requested, on the history, ideologies, and current function of women in what theoretically is a free society.

Cae Ensworthy
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"Lawlessness"

Editor:

A few words of clarification are in order concerning the story "Lawlessness" in last Friday's Scholastic. Professor Massey was quite correct in telling the Stu-

dent Life Council Monday night that no subcommittee member assisted in the authorship of the story. No subcommittee testimony concerning events of the Pornography and Censorship Conference was directly used in the story. The Scholastic article was based on interviews with two eyewitnesses to the incident discussed. These individuals are former SUAC Commissioner John Mroz and Young Republicans' Chairman Mike Kelly. All events described were verified by both students. Article quotes came from the interviews, not the subcommittee testimony. It is unfortunate that some have tried to cloud the veracity of the Scholastic account by questioning its sources.

Joel Connelly
216 Farley

Senators on ROTC bill

Editor:

Wednesday night the Student Senate passed the Rooney-Jones ROTC bill by a vote of 29-5. We, the undersigned Senators, hereby make known a minority statement to be considered by the Academic Council in addition to the Rooney-Jones bill.

There is serious doubt in our minds as to whether the Rooney-Jones bill truly reflects the opinion of the Notre Dame Student Body. It was our hope that our filibuster of Tuesday night would awaken the students to this issue, and make them express their opinions to their Senators, so that they could vote in view of their constituents' opinions. Too often in the past year, the Senators have voted as individuals without regard to the opinions of the people that

elected them. Their halls were not being represented.

In view of this belief, we were extremely upset by the high-handed parliamentary manipulation of the last two nights, and especially by the chair's refusal to recognize our motion to include the Rooney-Jones bill on the same student referendum as the \$2 student government fee increase, and the football seating arrangements.

In addition to the above, there is an obligation on the part of the Academic Council to review thoroughly with representative members of this community, the curriculum and goals of the credited courses in ROTC, and only then take action either for or against the proposal of the Faculty Senate.

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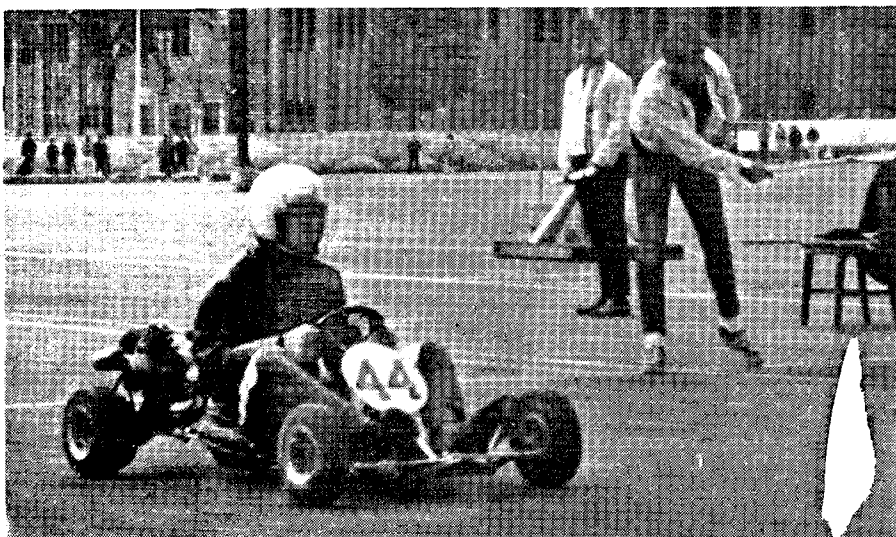
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Sports Car Club, finished as it began (Top Right) in the 20-lap sprint race last Saturday. (Center) Miss Kay Bajo models the pace car, borrowed from another speed-

way. (Bottom Right) Rich Meckel and Alumni Hall's car no. 7 have the pole position. (Bottom Left) Someone who wasn't around last week but will be tomorrow is Miss Katherine Virginia (Kit) Field, Miss Indiana.

The race is scheduled to get underway at 1:30 PM on the race course constructed in back of the Athletic and Convocation Center.

At 8:30 PM Saturday night there will be a concert on St. Mary's lake by Holy Cross Hall. In case of rain, it will be moved to the Student Center. Admission is \$.75 (singles), \$1.00 (couples).



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