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Candidates seek SMC Presidency



Carol Cusick



Suzie Way

SMC Nominations

When the nominations for Student Government offices closed last night, it was revealed that only one of the posts will be unopposed.

Running in tickets for SBP and SBVP are junior Carol Cusick and Sophomore Suzie Way and Sophomores Ann Marie Tracey and Jean Gorman.

Candidates for the Student Affairs Council seat are Nan Kavanaugh and Karen Schultz, both juniors.

Junior Carol Henninger is unopposed in her campaign for Academic Affairs Chairman.



Ann-Marie Tracey



Jean Gorman

Cusick enters race

by Prue Wear
SMC News Editor

McCandless senator Carol Cusick announced her candidacy for SMC Student Body President yesterday. Suzie Way, Sophomore Class President, will be Cusick's running mate and candidate for Student Body Vice-President.

In a general statement of their goals, the candidates remarked, "There should be something unique within a Christian academic community. It should be a community of individuals with a common concern for the freedom and dignity of each person built on open communication and awareness."

In an interview, Cusick and Way explained their main orientation, "The uniqueness we hope to have must go beyond the mechanical transactions within the institution. We hope to have communication to understanding having as a paradigm Christian ideals instead of options for the most pragmatic solutions which might negate moral obligation."

"It might not be pragmatic to allow all students the right to live off-campus," Cusick said, "but it might be in the best interest of the individual student. Or it might not be pragmatic to admit students who do not meet minimal academic requirements of the institution,

but we may have a Christian moral obligation to redirect the existing pattern of society."

Cusick and Way outlines three major concerns of their platform: student life, academic life and the problem of co-education.

"Our major issues in student life are hall autonomy, off-campus housing, and the racial problem," Way said. Hall autonomy is vitally important, she said, because "a person lives and spends most of his time in the hall, therefore regulations should be on a hall, not a college, level. We would like to see the halls provide more recreational facilities and give the students the opportunity for more student-faculty dialogue."

Cusick said of off-campus housing, Hall life will always be structured. It cannot fulfill the needs of all students, and therefore students should have a choice."

Academically the two "stress dialogue not competition as the key to learning."

"The present testing and grading system and the course orientation and academic structures breed competition. Therefore, we feel we must progress toward radical academic reform next year," Cusick said.

They would also like to see extension of the pass/fail system, the creation of an all-college major, and the immediate formation of an experi-

mental college, in which students from both colleges participate in an "experiment in Christian living intended as a beginning to a new community."

"We feel that co-education in the classroom and the living areas is a natural environment that stimulates development and thought," Cusick stated. "We would like to see students living on the opposite campus, and maximum cooperation between the departments at the two schools."

Way presented the idea for an SMC Student Union. "We'd like it completely student run, devoted solely to the interest of the students. It would be an area for group activities, cultural exchange, and much needed privacy. It would be possible to employ there students who

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Tracey seeks office

by Jeanne Sweeney
OBSERVER Associate Editor

Stay senator Ann Marie Tracey announced her candidacy for Student Body President yesterday. Her running mate is Jean Gorman, a representative for Holy Cross Hall in the Student Assembly. Tracey is a political science major and her running mate has a major in mathematics.

The development of the community through responsible personal involvement is the basic premise upon which the two have built their platform. Tracey said that "we would like to see St. Mary's strive for the personal commitment of each of its members to the ideals of a Christian community within a local and world community."

"The idea behind this," said Tracey, "is that everyone has a personal contribution to make, and we would like to see the encouragement of this individu-

ality."

The two basic ideas of their platform call for an identity for SMC and a hope that students will have more of a voice in student government by initiating the present structure.

The candidates said that "student government, if channeled correctly can give the individual a more responsible voice. The restructuring of student government allows for a greater participation of students in the government and particularly in calling for the establishment of Hall constitutions and revamping of Hall Councils."

Miss Tracey also emphasized the part SMC should play in determining its future as an institution, as well as its relationship with Notre Dame. She offered some suggestions which included a more active part in research of the goals behind SMC, co-education, and student sentiment.

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SLC works on rationale

by Bill Carter

Last night's Student Council meeting centered around the continuation of the Council's efforts to present a report on the Hall Life experiment to the Board of Trustees. Included in the proceedings was a rationale offered to explain some of the legal background on parietal pro-

cedures and a report of the Hall Life Board on the Hall Life experiment.

The meeting opened with the addition of Prof. William Egan as a member of the Council to fill the spot left vacant by the resignation of Prof. Bernard Norling. Prof. Egan is from the College of Business Administration and will serve as a faculty representative on the SLC.

The agenda opened with a motion from Fr. James Shilts, rector of Farley Hall, that the Council adopt the rationale for parietal procedures that he had drawn up as the formal rationale to be presented to the students in explanation of some of the legal consequences involved in the parietal system. The rationale, which Shilts stated should be disseminated to all the residence halls, dealt largely with possible problems surrounding Indiana state law which might be incurred as a result of the social conditions arising from parietals. Most of the Council members agreed that the students should be provided with the facts of the legal situation for their own welfare and that of the University as a whole.

Some of the student representatives felt that the rationale was incomplete in that it omitted

some of the statutes of Indiana law under which prosecution could be made against students. Shilts explained that the rationale was merely an attempt to translate the long list of legal entanglements that could possibly arise into a form that the students could immediately understand and thus become aware of his rights. Student representative Ted Jones objected to the motion, declaring that it "smacked of paternalism" but the motion was passed with only two nays.

Fr. Edgar Whelan then presented his report on the Hall Life experiment. Fr. Shilts then moved that the report be adopted by the SLC and sent to the Board of Trustees along with any objections expressed by other council members in a minority report. Fr. James Burtchall spoke in opposition to the motion saying that most of the Council members had not had time to read the report. He moved to table the discussion on the report until the meeting next week.

Fr. Whelan protested that he had been charged by the SLC to draw up the report and had spent two weeks doing so. He said that it was imperative that

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Student stabbed pursuing youths Campus security anticipates arrest

by Tom Bornholdt

A Notre Dame student was found severely stabbed behind the ACC building at 8:10 Sunday night. The student, Michael Izzo, suffered a one-inch cut in his abdomen, plus two punctures in his bowels. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, and operated on at 10:00 Sunday night. In an interview yesterday, Pears felt that Izzo had been stabbed by two youths who were fleeing from a building monitor in the ACC. The monitor was escorting the youths out of the ACC, after he had stopped them from removing a fire extinguisher. It is believed by campus security that Izzo had seen the youths fleeing, gave pursuit and was slashed when he caught up to them. Campus

security has very good information, and is anticipating an apprehension. As of yesterday, Izzo was listed as being in fair condition, and is expected to recover.

Pears also revealed yesterday that there had been a rash of vandalism in the parking lots over the weekend. One car lost its vent window in the D1 lot. A radio antenna was snapped from a vehicle in the Same lot while tires were slashed on two cars in the C2 parking lot and on six cars in the C3 lot.

On Friday night, a tape recorder was stolen from the office of the SBP. The recorder is the property of NROTC. A coat was stolen from Stepan Center on Saturday. Three SMC

handbags were stolen from the basement of Alumni Hall, and were later found ransacked in Dillon Hall. A brief case was stolen from the ACC during the weekend.

Two students were found by campus security on "Bad trips", i.e. ill reactions to LSD. One was taken to the infirmary.

There were numerous incidents of vandalism in the halls over the weekend. Windowpanes were obliterated in Morrissey Hall on Sunday. A railing was broken in Stanford Hall. A student from Morrissey Hall was apprehended by students of Dillon Hall last Saturday. The student was going through the hall on a destructive spree, ripping off fixtures and ashtrays.

Hall Presidents discuss variety of problems

by Steve Lazar

Statutory rape, drinking, violence and room picks were the subject of discussion at the meeting as the HPC prepared to draft reports concerning hall life for the Student Life Council and Board of Trustees, at their meeting last night.

The report for the Board of Trustees is to deal with parietal hours drinking, and the hall staffs, that is, rectors and resident assistants in each hall. The

SLC want information about parietal hours and drinking.

The problem with parietal hours, as the Council sees it, is that high school age girls can easily wander into the halls to find alcoholic beverages readily available to them, as well as students interested in sexual "familiarities." According to Indiana State law, if a girl fifteen years old or younger accuses a student of having sexual intercourse with her, there is little he

can do to defend himself.

"If the girl (a minor) walks in someday with her parents or the law, and puts the finger on somebody—well, you've had it," explained one Council member.

The problem with drinking could be equally serious. A student accused of supplying alcoholic beverages to a person below the age of eighteen could be charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Such accusations could result in the

intervention of state liquor agents at large hall parties.

The President's concern with drinking, though, was the destruction of property that results when students are under the influence of alcohol. One hall president felt that drinking was to be expected when students have little to do on a weekend:

"You can't isolate drinking as a social problem of the halls because it's a natural way for the guys to let off steam. On weekends when there are lots of social activities going they don't need to just sit around and drink," he said.

A problem that increases in potentiality with the indulgence of heavy drinking is physical violence, they thought. Alumni Hall, often plagued with racial tensions, has seen a number of fights occasioned by intoxicated persons from town. The hall president, Tony Scolaro, expressed the need for a security guard

on weekends rather than only a fire guard.

Another problem confronting the halls is that of room picks. Carroll Hall may be forced to close its doors to undergraduates next year if the University turns the building over to graduate students. This would mean that as many as 70 students would have to find other accommodations on or off campus. With the towers and a few other halls already overburdened with students, the displaced Carroll residents would come near the bottom of the list as far as room picks go.

At the close of last night's meeting, HPC chairman Tom Suddes invited anyone with a specific concern about parietals or drinking to come to tonight's meeting at 10 pm in the Student Center Amphitheatre. Student opinions on these subjects would be very helpful to the HPC, he stated.

Junior Parent schedule issued Discount 5th Dimension tickets

Jim D'Aurora chairman of the Junior Parents-Son Weekend Committee, announced last night that all Notre Dame Juniors will have the opportunity to buy an unrestricted number of discount priced tickets to the Saturday, March 14 concert-in-the-round given by the 5th Dimension.

The discount tickets, which will be sold March 3rd and 4th at the Athletic and Convocation Center, are being reduced by \$1.00 for the \$4.50 and \$2.50 sections only. D'Aurora said that all students can buy a maximum of two tickets at the reduced price, but that only Juniors can buy an unlimited number.

D'Aurora also said that because of the conflict in the time schedules of the concert and the Junior Parents-Son Dinner that evening, the Dinner will be moved back from 7:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Also revealed at last night's meeting were the Saturday morning and afternoon activities

of Junior Parents-Son Weekend.

During the morning hours, parents and sons will meet with the department chairmen of every academic major offered on campus. The department heads will present information about the academic nature of each major, and will also discuss career opportunities in each field. The schedule of the time and place each department head will speak will be given to each Junior at the time he registers his parents on either Friday or Saturday at the Center for Continuing Education.

During the afternoon, students may take their parents to a number of panel discussions presented "to show them what Notre Dame is really like."

At 1:00 p.m. two discussions will run simultaneously in the Engineering Auditorium and the Center for Continuing Education. In the Engineering Auditorium, students representing ROTC, conscientious objection, and draft resistance will discuss



Jim D'Aurora

student attitudes toward the military obligation. The other discussion, at the CCE, will be concerned with the implications of co-education at Notre Dame, and will feature an Admissions Office representative, a male student, and a female student.

At 2:15 p.m., in the Engineering Auditorium, students will present a critical evaluation of education at Notre Dame. Also at 2:15 a panel composed of black and white students will discuss the role of minority students in the modern university.

At all presentations, the parents and students, and all other interested parties, will be ushered by the lovely SMC Julians.

To close last night's meeting, D'Aurora again emphasized that each Junior must register his parents in order to get the packet of information containing the details for the weekend's activities.

More SMC housing

by Prudence Wear

SMC News Editor

The Student Affairs Committee was unable to finalize a proposal for Off-Campus Housing last night, and will meet Friday to attempt to resolve the issue.

At last week's meeting, two proposals were presented; one was formulated by the Director of Housing, Mrs. Petrovich, and the other by junior senator Carol Cusick who has been working on the Committee for Off-Campus Housing. The committee members were to study the proposals and begin discussion last evening.

At the beginning of last night's meeting, Carol stated that the basic difference between the two proposals was that hers allows sophomores, juniors, and seniors to live off the campus, where the other applies to only seniors.

In addition, her proposal contains fewer rules pertaining to social and academic standing and eliminates the rule which prohibits male residents in the housing areas.

Carol said of the last point, "this proposal has an orientation to the student's freedom to act in a way reflecting only personal principles or those of her family."

A motion was made to consider the proposal of the Director of Housing and was defeated.

The motion to consider Cusick's proposal point by point was passed and a long discussion of the first point followed.

At the end of the discussion,

one of the members suggested that the committee meet again this week. She noted that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees is to meet on March 14 and before that time an Off-Campus Housing proposal had to be sent to and passed by the Student Affairs Council. There will be an overflow of approximately 110 students next September and the decision must be made as to where the college will house them.

Favor SMC Student Union

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wouldn't have to apply for student aid." She thought that students might fund the building by selling bonds to the community and South Bend which would hopefully be tax deductible.

Cusick is a 20-year-old junior Government major from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her sophomore year she was on the Student Academic Committee. This year she has been a student representative to the Student Assembly and the Student Affairs Committee.

A Humanistic Studies major from St. Charles, Illinois, 20-year-old Suzie Way was Treasurer for her class last year and president this year.

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Nutting speaks on academic reform

Dr. Willis D. Nutting, professor in the General Program at Notre Dame, will speak at 8:00 PM in the Library Auditorium on Wednesday, March 4. Nutting will lecture on "The Free City", the title of his most prominent book. Nutting has come to prominence on the campus during the past few weeks as a group of students have begun a campaign of "Nutting for President" of Notre Dame. The students are urging the University to adopt a Chancellor-

President system, by which the Chancellor, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh would handle external affairs while the President would be responsible for internal affairs.

The popular Nutting will be the second of a series of lectures on the question of Academic Reforms. The first lecture was delivered by sociologist and critic Paul Goodman who spoke on "Contemporary Mis-education in America." Whereas

Goodman concentrated on elementary and secondary education, Nutting will focus on higher education as he did in *The Free City*. The lecture will also give people an opportunity to hear a man, who has been promoted so rigorously for the presidency of Notre Dame.

Nutting was born in Iowa where his father was a professor at the University of Iowa; Nutting himself earned his B.A. from Iowa and studied at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, where he received his B.A. and B.Litt. degrees. He then attained his Ph.D at the State University of Iowa. He has been a professor at Notre Dame since 1936. His special studies have ranged from agrarianism to an examination of popular religion in the Orthodox Church of modern Greece. In addition to *The Free City*, he has written *How Firm a Foundation*, *The Reclamation of Independence* and *Schools and the*



Prof. Willis Nutting will speak tomorrow evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium.

Means of Education. His wide diversity of academic activities have been manifested in the variety of courses that he has taught: theology, history and

the classics. One of the more noted events of his career was a televised debate with Ara Parseghian on the relative merits of football.

Senior Bar faces debt

Senior Class President Jack Crawford revealed yesterday that the Alumni Club was \$1000 in debt and "in real jeopardy."

"This is the first year the Alumni Club has operated for the entire year on campus," stated Crawford. Crawford contended that management of the Club is being closely watched by the University. According to the Senior Class President, the Club is "on trial." If it fails, Crawford said that the University will give it to the GSU or the University Arts Center.

"Should the financing of the Club fall through," Crawford said, "the dunes excursions and parties of Senior Week would be charged-for events or cancelled altogether."

Crawford traced the Club's deficit to a regular turnout of only 600 regular members. He estimated "at least 1,000 students" are needed to "make this year's Club a success."

Crawford gave reasons why he felt there was such a small turnout. Many, he noted, have kept away because of the new parietal hours, drinking regulations, the past image of the Club from "former year," and a lack of SMC girls.

Crawford said that he felt that the \$1,000 spent in redecorating the Alumni Club during the summer and the management of Randy Harkins have "transformed the Club." He therefore encourages "more SMC girls without dates" to come and "look it over."

"The Faculty-Senior Night, a recent innovation, proved a huge success" said Crawford. "About 40 professors and their wives informally met with the students" and "had a quiet, enjoyable evening."

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Letters to the Editor

Integration now

Editor:
The University's policy of bussing to achieve integration (of the sexual variety) should immediately be abandoned. Only token co-education is available via bussing, but this token co-education is not enough. As is widely known, the Supreme Court has ruled that segregated education is by nature inferior education. Because five of my six classes are not co-ed, I have spent \$3500 this year to get an inferior education. As the ultimate solution to this type of problem, President Nixon has endorsed the concept of neighborhood schools, and I can only agree with him. Notre Dame, an inferior complex, must rid itself of this inferiority by developing into an integrated neighborhood school. In other words, co-educate the dormitories.

Tom Hufendick
419 Breen Phillips

Off the grass

Editor:

We have taken Fr. Lochner's suggestion to heart and decided to stay off the grass. Now we will be forced to utilize the mainline route. We realize that this may be a bit painful at first but after the initial job of it has worn off we are sure we will reach greater heights of euphoria on our trips across campus. These trips will now take on more meaning for us as we grow to appreciate the high quality of Notre Dame grass. Perhaps our decision will needle the Phys Ed department but it will add speed to our maturation process as our lives reach a new peak.

Lettuce have peas & mushrooms

Ever devotedly your in Notre Dame,
L. Emmet Ballantine
306 Badin Hall

Poor planning

Editor:

Referring to Rev. Robert J. Lochner's letter in *The Observer* of Feb. 25.

I have for sometime been meaning to write the *Observer* concerning the marked increase of trodden footpaths across the sprawling green lawns of Du Lac. Rev. Lochner's letter, however, completely misses the point.

He seems to place the blame for these depreciating lawns on lazy students. I must dispute this. If anybody is to blame it is the planners, whoever they may be, who layed the sidewalks down in the first place.

The shortest distance between two points is a straight line. When hundreds of students a day travel between these two points, it seems natural that a sidewalk would be placed along this path. Such is not the case at Notre Dame.

Whoever is responsible for the sidewalk plan of this university, especially the sidewalks on the east campus, must have been in love with parallens and perpindiculars. Our campus is full of them. Sidewalks meeting at 90 degree angles look splendid on a piece of paper, but when applied to a landscape, especially a campus, they can result in a concrete disaster. Planners are too often concerned with the beauty of the location of a sidewalk, rather than with its primary function.

A good example of poor planning is the path that exists now between the corner of Breen-Phillips Hall and the side doors of the Library. It seems quite absurd to me that somebody didn't foresee such a path when the Library was being built and put a sidewalk there. True to form, however, sidewalks were layed in a handsome grid pattern, resulting today in seldom used sidewalks and an ugly dirt path across the lawn. Why doesn't somebody put a sidewalk there? The Administration plants new grass there every spring, only to have it trampled again. I guarantee you that less grass would be ruined if sidewalks were placed where they should naturally be.

I strongly urge Rev. Lochner to redirect his berating comments toward the peiole responsible for



the poor planning rather than at the "lazy" students.

And if Rev. Lochner is seriously concerned with the depreciating beauty of this campus, perhaps he ought to concern himself more with the Ellerbe dynasty that is turning this campus into an architectural nightmare, rather than scattered patches of trampled grass. Even beautiful lawns won't improve an ugly, poorly designed building (i.e. our famous picture postcard grain elevator turned library).

Think about it.

Sincerely,
John W. Kuhn

Opinion please

Editor:

My reaction to Dave Lammers' article "On Bra Burning" is to question his intelligence about his subject. Even after his admission of ignorance through a subtle command of the English language quite peculiar to *Observer* writers, he proceeds to a "more intricate analysis" of the women's libera-

tion movement which totally belies the serious nature of the metamorphosing identity and role of the woman in society today. If he could somehow transcend his present adolescent state of mentality then he could analyze the principles of the liberation movement as the serious social force it is striving to be, and not as a modern group of tea-partying hopefuls for the Suffragette All-Star team. His logic is not unlike a man who knows nothing on a topic except that he has the right to have his say... "I may not be qualified, but I am qualified to give my opinion."

Sincerely,
J. Kelly Flynn
308-229 Howard Hall

Communist plot

Editor:

Leaders of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics have bragged many times that Americans would pay for their own destruction.

These leaders, for fifty years, have been marching to victory. Every American has had the opportunity to discover that riots, racism and hatred were importations from Moscow by way of Cuba. Despite this, they not only coddled the criminal but, like Pontius Pilate, dare to ask sacrilegiously, "What is truth?"

The truth is that Communism is winning. Last night at the Auditorium in the Department of Education on the Ole Miss Campus, I heard a member of the North Mississippi Legal Services which is funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity openly encourage revolution Marxist style circa Russia, 1917. American taxpayers pay this black racist's salary.

Tonight, I can attend a local theatre and view a Paramount Picture, "If" which is beautifully made, deceptively lethal. It is a film which has found a great receptive audience among campus revolutionaries. Its story mixes fact and fantasy about rebellion at a military school with emphasis on nudity (male and female), brutality, homosexuality and violence. The film's climax - a murderous revolt depicted by youngsters slaughtering their parents and school administrators who represent an unyielding and unchanging "system" has prompted the American Jewish Committee on Motion Pictures to warn that "If" ... might be "misinterpreted in the U.S. as a desirable solution by extremist American youth in revolt on the college campus."

Yours sincerely,
Patricia K. Fawcett
718 South 8th Street
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For my next trick, I will make 50,000 men disappear in Vietnam and reappear in Laos!

Ted Price Stick to campaign issues

Spring is coming to the Groovy Midwestern Catholic University. And with the return of warmth and beauty will come the inevitable reawakening of student idealism in the campus elections.

Five candidates have already announced and other machines are being ginned up. There will be much talk of community and student rights and sophomore cars and the whole nine yards. Then we'll elect someone, and turn to more important things like frisbee on the quads - and if the freshmen don't decide to recall the SBP in October, campus politics will be forgotten for another year at Notre Dame.

But before this mass student catharsis, think back on the outgoing administration and the ones that preceded it. What has been their worth? Or, more properly, what have been their accomplishments?

In the closest election in the history of student government, Phil McKenna beat John Mroz after weeks of debate over the meaning of the word "community." Now, he leaves office after a colorless year of minimal accomplishment. As Mayor Lindsey's song goes, "Where Has the Charisma Gone?"

Maybe it's gone to the Student Life Council. Maybe, but I doubt it. The SLC has certainly been the focus of whatever progress Notre Dame has made in student life. But at the same time, it has permitted itself to become bogged down on larger philosophical questions.

Sadly, student life is not a larger philosophical question. It is a day-to-day problem which is much less fun to deal with than the Burning Issues of Our Times.

When Minch Lewis organized the mass "sleep-out" on the quads to force the abolition of the lights-out rule and bed checks, he was not debating the Great Issues. When the student senate, under Chris (believe-it-or-not) Murphy abolished coats and ties at dinner, they weren't talking about Larger Societal Problems.

Two small steps, in retrospect, but they weren't so unimportant then.

Face it: since student government has begun its quixotic tilt with society's windmills, the Student Life Council has taken over the job of resolution of campus issues. And its performance has been frighteningly poor, as Prof. Norling's bitter resignation statement pointed out.

Maybe this is the way things were meant to be: student government being a forum of in-group members thinking radical thoughts with no action to back them up - except, of course, a financially solvent student union. Progress will be made by the Student Life Council but only when it cares to take a break from decisions like Red China's admission to the U.N.

Maybe that's the way things are supposed to be. But if so, I'm not paying my student activities fee next fall. On the other hand, student government could seek to overcome its growing superfluity. It could realize its true role.

And student government's true role must be the vigorous pursuit of student rights in campus issues.

Student government must lower its sights, however reluctantly, from Vietnam, the draft, pollution, Spiro Agnew and other national evils to some campus evils.

Mundane things like protesting Fr. Riehle's ruling on moving off-campus, instead of a handwringing statement about Riehle's rights. (Riehle's rights have been well provided for, I'm sure. Student rights have not.) Things like meaningful reform in the dining halls, instead of gripe cards answered several months later by form letters. Things like a guaranteed stabilized tuition. (If University finances have run into a deficit, why should students have to pay for it?)

Up to now, student government has been too busy for such trivia. But maybe their workload can be lightened if they leave national politics to the campus chapters of the national political fronts. Lord knows, we have plenty of these, from YAF to SDS. Student government could then have time for student issues.

So bring on spring, and bring on student elections. But don't ask me to vote here and now on the evils of American society. I'll do that in November's national elections, thanks.

Anyone for frisbee?

Ted Price, is a former *OBSERVER* Campus Editor doing this guest piece. -ed.

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The American Scene: Absurd and relevant

by David Allen Edmonds

The letter is A.

As in Absurd. Absurd as in the ND-SMC production of Edward Albee's *The American Dream*. Albee's play is a model of absurdity: it shows the contradictions of life through a hollow plot line and figures that are caricatures of real people. There is not much a director can do except to accentuate the inherent absurd-ness.

This is exactly what director William T. Byrd has done. *The American Dream* is set in an apartment, and Byrd's conception of this is a primary-colored vinyl monstrosity, filled with inflatable, plastic furniture. Albee would love it, for besides reflecting absurdity, Byrd has created a motif of plasticity that grounds the play in contemporary America. This plasticity is also carried through in the costuming, as Daddy wears a black vinyl suit, and Mommy is covered by a picnic tablecloth dress.

Byrd has done an excellent job of directing his actors. They bring out all that the author intended, and perhaps more. Daddy (Francis Donovan) is the perfect whimpery husband, sitting in his easy chair (plastic) wringing his hands, and saying "yes, dear, whatever you say, dear." Jean-Marie Meier's Mommy was marvelously bitchy. From the reactions of the audience, I wasn't the only one who wanted to belt her one right across the mouth, and that's what the part is supposed to do. Her posture and overall carriage was perfect and a credit to her talent as an actress. Rita Gall succeeded

Dreams....or nightmares?

by Jim E. Brogan

Hostile, bloodthirsty forces have seen to the printing of the following review. After noting the Brogan-less Monday features page, 350,000 raging Brogan devotees stormed the student center and demanded the head of the features editor. After learning that this individual had lost his head months ago, the angry mass agreed to settle for Tuesday afterthoughts by their impeccable leader. -Features ed.

The combination Beatles, Doors, and Blood, Sweat and Tears, that we were promised by the Student Union last week arrived in all their glory last Saturday evening in Stepan Center.

It was one of those small events to fill the long, cold winter nights that we had been promised for so many years. No gala affair — just a small inexpensive happening on campus. Another Woodstock, or so they claim.

For many long winters the student body has gone into hibernation (or so it is also claimed) not to emerge again until the next football season. This winter was to be different: we could sleep while visions of a new student union activity danced in our heads. But when finally awakened in Stepan Center, we found that our hopes turned out to be only dreams.

It has yet to be proved that six studio musicians, no matter how excellent each one was individually, automatically can make a super-group once they join forces. It takes a mixture of faith, trust, and unselfishness as well as talent and practice to make any sort of dent in today's musical world.

Just because you once played behind an excellent group doesn't mean that your group will be excellent. Because you once played in the majors, doesn't make your present farm-club any better as a team.

in convincing the audience that Gramma was the only one in the play with any sense, and I especially liked her peace medallion. Christine Hall, well, what *can* you say about Christine Hall? Her Mrs. Barker was simply searing and her stage presence was simply titillating.

Every detail of Chuck Amato's Young Man added to the desired. His muscular physique was deeply tanned, topped with a too-blond head of hair and covered only with translucent white levi's. His hand movements, both when erect and when stiffly inserted in a chair, completely reflected the phallic-ness of his character.

The letter is R.

R as in relevant to today's racial tension, and relevant to *The Death of Bessie Smith*, the second half of the Theater's production.

Realism might be just as good a label, however, as a different tack was used in this play. Byrd wanted to stress the tension of American life that is rooted in Race. His set incorporated hard, straight, vertical lines, and his props were, not incidentally, either black or white. The use of multi-sensory media (slides and off-stage noises) served to concretize the action and to build the tension.

Emotion is the sister of tension, and this was best brought out by Missy Smith in the role of the Nurse. She ranted and raved and succeeded in intensifying the production. Miss Smith (and the whole

The Dreams were excellent musicians, especially their drummer. I can't praise him highly enough. He was the best I have ever heard in a live performance. He was not a great showman, he was not theatrical, but he could drum. And drum he did. Excellently.

Each of the six members could play his own instrument and play it well. But as far as playing together, they had their troubles. A replication of the opening of the first set can be heard for free any afternoon outside of the band room, where a number of student musicians are practicing difficult tunes at the same time.

They tried to imitate Blood, Sweat and Tears, even as far as the voice of David Clayton Thomas. An uncomfortable voice for the lead vocalist, who doubled on the bass. The organist tried his turn at imitating and sounded as if he were crossing the throaty screaming of a Jim Morrison, and the bluesy-greased sandpaper voice of a Joe Cocker. The whole group was obviously trying to be something that they were not. The brass section sounded as tinny as the ceiling of Stepan Center looks.

But luckily, this didn't last. By the second half, they had stopped being pretentious, and had settled down to making their own music. They showed great potential in their closing pieces with their combination jazz-rock. It was not the commercial rock – then jazz – then rock forced mixture of the BS&T, but an honest effort at combining the two music forms and, best of all, it finally worked.

But viewing the concert as an entity, we are forced to note that the greatest audience reaction was to the individual solos, not the whole group. They've already proven themselves individually, but we are still wondering if they can play as a group. Hopefully, someday, the six members of the Dreams will combine to be the Dream they could be.



Scene from *American Dream*. From left: Fran Donovan, Jean Marie Meier, Christine Hall, and Rita Gall.

cast) did an excellent job in handling the Southern accent, making it effective, but not distracting.

Jean-Paul Mustone turned in one of his usual strong performances in the difficult role of the Intern. Warren Bowles as the Orderly was a convincing Uncle Tom, and Jim Hawthorne was good as Jack. Robert Rossi's fine portrayal of the Father was marred by his pestering use of a cane.

As a totality *The American Scene of Edward Albee* must be termed a success, for its method of production served to enhance its worthwhile message. Life today is both absurd and tense, and the very selection of these two plays was appropriate.

A proper way to judge the effect of the production is to examine the audience reaction. At the end of *The American Dream* the actors' names and pictures

were flashed onto a screen. The audience reaction was completely absurd – they applauded. This was not a curtain call, where the actor is shown appreciation, for the actors were not on stage. Only the images of the actors were there – when was the last time you clapped during the credits of a movie?

In *Bessie Smith* tension was generated; the play ends with the Intern slapping the Nurse. At this the audience let out a gasp and then snickered, to further release tension.

But life is not only absurdity and tension, and Byrd shows us that he understands this by his overall technique. During the production, 300 slides are projected onto the walls of Washington Hall from five different angles. The result is a moving collage, impossible to fully comprehend; and this is an apt expression of the life that is typically American.



Jean-Paul Mustone and Missy Smith in a scene from *The Death of Bessie Smith*

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Senators discuss their role in the community

Yesterday afternoon, a disappointingly small number of senators met informally in the Grace Tower pit to discuss the past future of the student senate and student government as a whole.

The feeling of the senators

was probably summed up best by Stay Senator Pat Weber when he said, "The present structures are workable, but we have to take our jobs more seriously and put ourselves into it more fully."

The major problem at Notre Dame was generally seen to be the lack of community. The

senators cited a lack of understanding and communication as the major causes of this, but lack of openness and honesty and an insensitivity to people were also mentioned. They felt that they must first break down these barriers among themselves before they could help break them

down on a campuswide basis.

The role of student government was discussed and the question arose, "Can student government officials force their beliefs on the students as they have seemed to do in the past?" The senators felt that student leaders are representatives of the students, not their superiors, and have no right to force them to do anything. "How can student government further community at Notre Dame?"—by increasing communication and by setting example.

Many senators cited the apathy of the student as a further hindrance to unity at Notre

Dame, but others questioned this assumption. For instance, Fisher Hall Senator Jody Tigani felt that the students were not as apathetic as everyone thought. He said, "People won't come to you. It's all a matter of going to them. The senator has the job to find out what people think."

This general theme pervaded throughout the meeting. Senators and student government officials in general must get off their pedestals, get back to the halls and talk to people. Only in this way will communication be fostered and community furthered.

Frosh face computer exercise Provides insight to concepts

What materials could be used to make a spherical bubble capable of traveling 35,000 feet down into the ocean without buckling or collapsing, and bouyant enough to float to the surface if the power failed?

This is not a major problem facing research scientists, but a computer exercise for freshmen students majoring in engineering at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Stuart T. McComas, associate professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering, directs the introduction to engineering concepts course this year.

Students are taught the elementary computer language FORTRAN, as well as the more advanced assembly language and the basic theory behind computer operation. For their final problem last semester, the freshmen not only found the best materials for the bubble (glass, high strength steel or high strength titanium), but also calculated how long it would take the shell to sink to 35,000 feet if weights were added, and the time then needed to float to the surface if the weights were removed.

McComas described the introductory, semester-long class as basically a computer programming course that uses engineering problems and concepts as examples. Its goals, he said, are to teach computer programming as an integral part of engineering; and to introduce some engineering insights so that freshmen may gain some flavor of the basic disciplines—civil, aerospace, metallurgical, chemical, electrical and mechanical engineering. "The computer is a basic tool for engineers today," McComas said, "as basic as the slide rule used to be."

During his sophomore, junior and senior years, the engineering student finds the computer a necessary tool in tackling his homework. By the time the student graduates, McComas said, he should have no fear of programming.

The College of Engineering has its own computer primarily for educating its students. The small IBM 1130 is capable of computing most small problems, but cannot handle the compli-

cated needs of faculty research. The students punch their own cards, feed the machine themselves, and retrieve the results within half a minute. In fact, McComas smiled, the "no-wait" computer is a luxury they may not soon find in adult life.

Freshmen in previous semesters have learned to calculate simple moon-shots, solve elementary reactor problems, design electrical networks, and find the natural frequency of oscillation for a tall building.

Model UN

The Model United Nations Committee is mailing to all delegates a 32-page delegate information packet this week. The booklet includes rules for the General Assembly and background material on a number of the issues.

The booklet also outlines what issues will come under the jurisdiction of the three committees of the Model United Nations. "The real U.N. has a wide number of committees," said Chairman Michael Kelly, "But for the sake of simplicity and participation by the students we are combining them into three committees; the Political Security Committee, the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee, and the Trusteeship Committee."

Kelly also emphasized to delegates in the booklet that resolutions for the General Assembly are due March 10 so that copies can be ready for the first committee meetings, which will be the second week of March. Resolutions should be sent to Mike Kendall, 429 Lyons Hall.

Delegate Director Tim Walsh stated that there were still delegate positions open.

Respect right of individual

(Continued from page 1)

The candidates also hope for increasing hall autonomy in which the residents would be able to bring up and determine matters concerning the individual hall. These might include open dorms, when the rights of all individuals are considered, study areas, signout procedures, and possibly a judicial board.

Both candidates see the possibility of a ND-SMC student union. Other plans include a call for more communication between the Student Service Organization branch and the Student Assembly and Student Affairs Committee branches of government.

Greater athletic facilities such as a gym and pool were also possibilities which the candidates cited.

Of great importance to Miss Tracey is the individual's right. One example which has not been defined and which should be, is the right of personal privacy in regard to a student's room and signout books.

On the subject of student

voice, Jean Gorman said "too many people feel there is not a channel through which they can voice their opinions. We hope to alleviate this by more active Hall Councils."

The candidates hope to see a continuation of academic reform. The Academic Commissioner will sit on the Student Assembly next year and this will increase communication between the two branches.

Greater involvement and more participation on any level, or in any way, not necessarily student government, are the goals of the candidates, in order to develop a community closely identified with the individual student.

Congratulations

From the Brothers of Chi Sigma Alpha fraternity of U. of Dayton for your NCAA bid to the Dayton Regionals. We are organizing a dance for students from competing schools on March 7, 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM, Flyers' Hangar on the main campus. Live band and beer.

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Law history published

A centennial history of the Notre Dame Law School, commissioned by Dean William B. Lawless and written by the late Rev. Philip S. Moore, C.S.C., has been published by Notre Dame Press.

"A Century of Law at Notre Dame" chronicles the history of the nation's oldest Catholic law school from its founding in 1869 until the present. Its final chapter deals with the future and plans for transforming the Law School into the Notre Dame Law Center. Dean Lawless is sending complimentary copies of the book to all law alumni of the University.

After devoting a chapter to "the early years," Father Moore reports on five eras of Law School history corresponding to the deans who presided over them: Col. William Hoynes, 1883-1919; Francis Vurpillat, 1919-23; Thomas Konop, 1923-41; Clarence Manion, 1941-52; and Joseph O'Meara, 1952-68.

Appraising the Law School's first century, Father Moore writes:

"It has been said that excellence is relative, depending on time and circumstances, so that what is judged to be excellent at a given time may at a later time be judged to fall considerably short of excellence. Perhaps it is better to say that excellence is

never achieved but remains always a goal to be striven for, a goal which is never reached. But it can be said that at the end of the O'Meara era and the first century of law at Notre Dame, the law school reached the highest point on the curve of excellence it had ever attained."

Father Moore, a Notre Dame student during the Hoynes era, served the University through the years as a mediaeval scholar, head of the philosophy department, dean of the Graduate School, vice president for academic affairs and academic assistant to the President. He died, having just completed this book, on November 18, 1969.

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Candidates could handle their job

This is the fifth in a six part series in which members of the Nutting for President committee expound their views on why they feel changes should be made in the existing structure of the university. —ed.

The fact that the Notre Dame community needs the Chancellor-President system is not the issue of this positional paper. But rather, let us suppose that the community thinks it feasible to employ such a plan. If such were the case, it would only remain to decide which men would assume the respective responsibilities. The issue then is whether, as the Nutting for President Program maintains, Father Theodore Hesburgh would be an adequate Chancellor, and Dr. Willis D. Nutting an able President.

For a University with the complexities and accelerating, educational obligations that Notre Dame faces, finding two qualified men for the Chancellor-President System should be a large order. But in Father Hesburgh and Dr. Nutting one has excellent candidates for Chancellor and President.

Hesburgh's qualifications

The rationale behind the motion for Hesburgh for Chancellor is twofold. First, his familiarity with both national and international commissions magnifies his penchant for sensing the pulse of these select bodies. Through his advisory positions Father Hesburgh would aid Notre Dame by keeping the University in contact with the emerging trends and movements which are not the ordinary diet of academia. Acting as advisor to some of the most

influential commissions in both national and international affairs is a position that Father Hesburgh is not at all uncomfortable maintaining. And it is a job for which he lacks neither skill nor zeal.

Secondly, Father Hesburgh's intense rapport with the alumni, and the respect given him by this group, is immeasurably valuable to the University. Face it, growth demands financial stability. And the University has never enjoyed such financial support from its alumni as it has during Hesburgh's Presidency. The man is remarkable. Since he has taken office Notre Dame has erected 20 major buildings costing approximately \$50 million. Moreover, the University's endowment has risen from \$5 million to \$72 million.

Recently a critique of "blue chip" commissions appeared in a *Time* Magazine "Essay." Father Hesburgh was cited as the representative for the Roman Catholic populace of the United States. A noteworthy distinction to be sure. Doubly so when one considers how seldom it is that one man can, at the same time, represent an ever-retiring religious minority, and still maintain such a respected position among the more secular folds of the American Republic.

Some considerations to be dealt with in this motion for a Chancellor-President System are the attitudes of the two immediate candidates. Father Hesburgh probably does not want to become the Exchequer of Du Lac. Obviously enough he would like to identify with Notre Dame in a more emotional manner than his dealings with the Civil Rights Commission, the

Rockefeller Foundation, and the monetary-based alumni relationships will allow. Realizing then that Notre Dame is immeasurably precious to one of its most charismatic leaders is a necessity for those who would suggest that Father Hesburgh redefine his relationship to the Notre Dame community.

A man who commands such wide respect in the Notre Dame glen of academia, while possessing a distinct understanding of a truly liberal education, would surely be a serious candidate for the presidency of this university.

Within *Pattern for Educational Growth* is found the following: "... that which is strongest in man is mind, and when a mind truly vigorous, open, supple, and illuminated reveals itself, we follow it." Such is the mind of Willis Nutting. The words are those of Father Theodore Hesburgh.

Of a teacher, Gibran's *The Prophet* offers, "if he is indeed wise he does not bid you enter the house of his wisdom, but rather leads you to the threshold of your own mind."

Redefining the presidency

An examination of the capacity of Willis D. Nutting for the Presidency of Notre Dame is now in order. Naturally for him to assume the role of President demands a redefining of the word "president." But remember, it is being supposed that this community recognizes the need for the Chancellor-President System. Thus, the redefinition.

Willis Nutting's capacity for communication and understanding may be

without parallel in the University. And this ability, so much needed in the Presidency, would greatly benefit Notre Dame. In a community which desperately needs to begin and continue a meaningful dialogue, both faculty and students believe that Nutting would make this dialogue a reality. Perhaps this is Nutting's strongest point: he has the faith of his fellow professors and "fellow students."

Learning with Nutting

The experience of learning with Willis Nutting is greatly valued. Faculty and students alike reserve a deep respect for him. Of Nutting, Dr. Edward Cronin, an educator of considerable thoughtfulness, says simply, "he is my best teacher."

Some may argue that Nutting's age prohibits him from being considered for the Presidency. This certainly is not the contention of those who know Dr. Nutting personally. His years are to his advantage. Not burdened by the ordinary anxiousness that proves bothersome for not a few middle-aged men, Willis Nutting's age and wisdom can only benefit this academic community.

Perhaps most blatant in the personality of Willis Nutting is his tolerance. It is clearly remarkable, and often disarming. But it is not a decadent tolerance that some might fear. Nutting is his own council: "... though my teaching method may often seem like anarchy, it is really not. It is a 'regime of freedom' in which one is to develop intellectually and morally, perhaps with the help of my wider experience, but never under my control."

JIM MURRAY

Shades of Al Brown

Panamá isn't really a country at all, just an isthmus, the colon of the Western Hemisphere. It has fewer people than Philadelphia. It's about 40,000 square miles of mosquitoes, narrow enough so they could dig a ditch through it with a steamshovel to connect the Pacific with the Atlantic Ocean. It is a shrimp boat republic, and its principal exports are prawns, bananas, cocoa, sugar — and prizefighters.

Panama Al Brown was the greatest fighter ever to come out of the Canal Zone, and probably the greatest bantamweight champion there ever was. Panama Al fought 200 fighters and tuberculosis all his life. He lived to the ripe old age of 48. He was 5-feet-11 and weighed 108 pounds and had a worse cough than Camille when he first started fighting. He was in the ring when he should have been in a sanitarium.

He was the most beautiful thing to watch in action in the history of the game. He was a hard to hit as a rake handle. He didn't exactly fight an opponent, he sort of played him like a piano — now the chords, now the melody, now an arpeggio, and now a glissando. Every fight was recital.

He was the toast of Paris where he went to live in the mid-20's. Great artists painted him. Hemingway came to his fights. "You couldn't hit him with a right hand if you tied him to a tree," they said of Panama Al.

He got beaten (it says here) by a Spaniard named Baltazar Sangchili, who was nine years younger and nine inches shorter when they fought in Valencia in 1935. Sangchili had won 75 fights clear from Valencia to Barcelona but, when he came to New York, he lost his championship (to Tony Marino, who got killed in the ring a year later) and seven out of eight fights to end his career.

They buried Panama Al in Amador Guerrero Cemetery in Panama City in 1951, and fighters of Panamanian registry of whatever tonnage just went around losing to tattooed sailors or Texas tech sergeants in Canal Zone smokers for years after Al's last lung hemorrhage.

Ismael Laguna is the newest ring tarantula from the banana country there, and is only two inches shorter than Panama Al but 15 pounds heavier and can pass a sputum test easily. So, when he first began to fight Panamanians became so excited that a brewery put up the money for his first lightweight fight shot when he was only 20. He beat Carlos Ortiz to become the (then) youngest lightweight champion in history. But then, he traveled to Ortiz' homeland, Puerto Rico, for his first defense, and the outcome was as predictable as Panama Al's defense against Sangchili in Spain 30 years before.

Ismael's next fight with Ortiz was in "neutral" New York where Ortiz was so popular in Spanish Harlem that he ran for alderman, but when Ortiz retired and Mando Ramos won the lightweight championship, the Panamanian government, which is 9000 yards of braid and two machine guns, put up a quarter of a million dollars for Mando to come down to Panama City and fight Laguna for the title.

Mando was entitled to bring his won judges, a magnanimity which probably had the reverse effect of lulling him into sheer terror, and Mando went over the wall after only a short stay in Panama, promising to return — sometime this century. It appeared to Panamanians that the U.S. Corps of Engineers didn't stamp out yellow fever altogether when they built the locks down there.

Laguna sighed, and packed up to come to Los Angeles, where he gets only \$10,000 for his title shot at Ramos (who gets \$100,000) at the Sports Arena next Tuesday. I have a feeling the lightweight championship of the world is shortly to be added to the natural resources of Panama, and, this time, maybe marked "Not for Export" by the guys wearing the pearl-handled pistols, and anyone who wants to go down and get it will have to get his mosquito netting and quinine pills and a copy of the life of Dr. Goethals and go after it. It may be as hard to get out of the country as the Gatun Locks.



Alumni, Stanford win

Alumni I meets Stanford Tuesday night at 7:30 in the first game of the best two out of three series to determine the 1970 Interhall Basketball Champion. The games will be played on the main court of the ACC.

Sunday night Alumni beat Pangborn 55 to 54 to reach the finals. Don Reid sparked the Alumni team as they came from as much as 13 down in the second half. Jack Wiethoff added two clutch baskets for Alumni in the closing seconds of the game. Bob Singleton, Dale Mitchell, Craig Stark, and Chuck Nightingale all turned in fine performances in Alumni's team victory. Mike Forbatko and Ralph Stepaniak were high scorers for the losers with 16 and 14 points respectively.

Also on Sunday night Stanford beat Breen-Phillips 61-60 in

triple overtime. Dennis Garvey scored the winning bucket for Stanford. Bill Etter, Fred Swendsen, and Mike Monserel were standouts for Stanford. Fritz Hoefer, Mike Kirby, and Terry Walsh played well in B-P's losing effort.

Weber elected

Last Wednesday, February 25, Patrick Weber was elected captain of the cheerleading squad for 1970-71. It was decided that there would be an additional two girls elected to the squad for the 1970-71 school year. These girls will be chosen in the near future plus two members of the Notre Dame freshman class will have an opportunity to be selected to serve with the cheerleaders for the next school year.

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