

Milk producers deny funding of CREEP

SAN ANTONIO (UPI) - The general manager of the Associated Milk Producers, Inc. AMPI, Monday denied knowing that any of its 1972 political contributions went to the Committee to Re-Elect the President.

Published reports over the weekend said \$200,000 of the \$425,525 AMPI contributed to Republican House and Senate committees wound up in President Nixon's campaign.

Dr. George L. Mehren, the general manager, said the 40,000-member AMPI's political unit, the Committee for Thorough Agricultural Political Action, TAPE, also gave \$389,290 to the Democratic party's congressional campaign committees.

"The committee for TAPE and AMPI have no knowledge that there was ever an 'understanding' that funds would be transferred to the Committee to Re-Elect the President from the two Republican committees," Mehren said.

"We do not now have knowledge that such transfer may have occurred. If they did occur, transfers were in direct contravention of the explicit terms of the letters transmitting the contributions."

Earlier Mehren—a former assistant secretary of agriculture—was questioned by a Justice Department official about charges that in 1970, AMPI sought to manipulate the Minnesota-Wisconsin price structure, cited as the "mover" of all milk prices in the United States.

The government and several competitors have filed a complex antitrust suit against AMPI in the case.

Questioned by John Danielson, a member of the Justice Department Antitrust Division at Chicago, Mehren denied knowledge of such moves.

"Quite truly, I know of no efforts by anybody to manipulate the M-W price series," he said.

Danielson questioned Mehren about an AMPI "think tank" headed by David Parr, who was reported to have bragged: "We now have the major chairmen of the powerful committees...who can stop anything in Congress and obtain most anything."

Said Mehren, "That is most eminently ridiculous."

Faculty views differ about lay president Proposal aimed at Burtchaell?

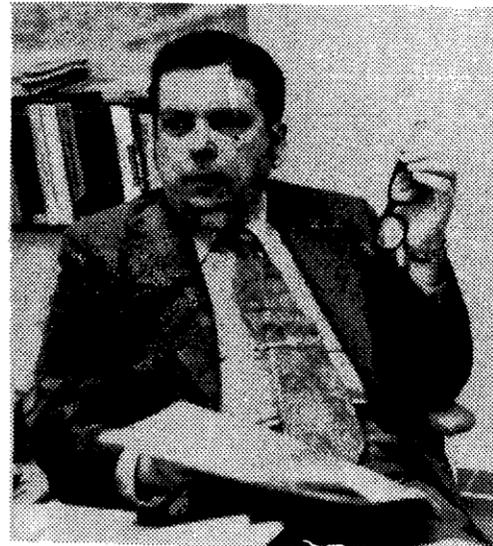
by Patrick Hanifin
Staff Reporter

Faculty senate members expressed differing views on the resolution proposing that the President of the University no longer necessarily be a Holy Cross priest. Some favored it while others who disagreed thought it might be aimed at Fr. Burtchaell.

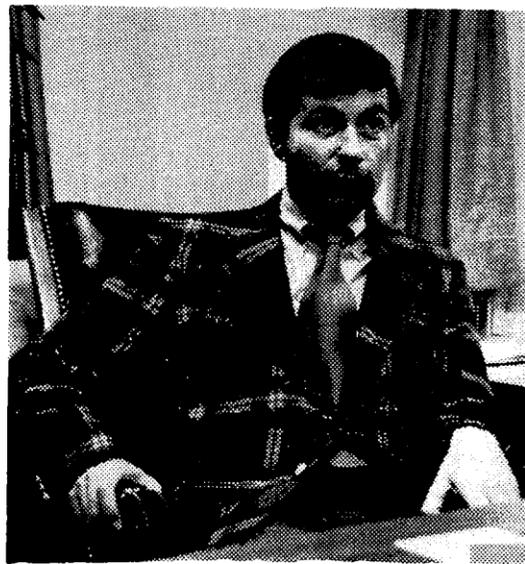
Burtchaell, when asked about this possibility simply said, "I can't imagine why anyone would want to do that."

Dr. Paul Conway, Associate Professor of Finance, voted in favor of the resolution when it was passed 15-10 on Feb. 6. "I agree with Dr. Cushing who originally proposed it, that it would open more possibilities in finding the best man. Of course a CSC might very well be the best choice but we shouldn't automatically reject anyone else."

Responding to the possibility that the proposal to the Board of Trustees might have been aimed at Burtchaell Conway said, "Burtchaell might have



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Burtchaell refused to comment on the proposal.

been an underlying factor in some people's minds but he was not the main one."

Dr. John Lyon gave three reasons for voting against the proposal. "I really suspect it was directed against the Provost since the same reasons for a change held fifty years ago as hold now, but no such proposal was made. I also think that one of the reasons that Notre Dame retains its uniqueness is its close attachment to the Holy Cross order. Lastly, I doubt that lay people would be able to give total dedication to the University as even like Fr. Hesburgh do."

Dr. James Ward, who was unable to be present at the meeting when the proposal was voted on said that it was "untimely and ill-advised."

Dr. John Roos declined to comment on the resolution itself but said, "I hope that the matter isn't decided on purely personal grounds or simple dislike of the Provost." Roos declined to say how he had voted.

Burtchaell also refused to comment on the proposal to the Trustees except to say that "I can't imagine why anyone would want to aim it at me."

Arabs have 'good news,' sent through Kissinger

by EDWARD SHIELDS

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Two Arab foreign ministers have given "good news" on the Middle East to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger - a message from Arab heads of state to President Nixon - and planned to repeat it to the President himself today.

They refused to say whether it concerned a possible lifting of the oil embargo, but Vice President Gerald R. Ford, after a luncheon with them, told newsmen in Chattanooga, Tenn., "We may - and I emphasize may - be over the hump for the short haul" in the energy crisis.

Foreign Ministers Ismail Fahmy of Egypt and Omar Sakkaf of Saudi Arabia spoke to reporters at the State Department after a one hour meeting with Kissinger. "Everything is moving in the right direction," Fahmy said.

Both are to meet President Nixon at 11 a.m. today at the White

House.

Fahmy said the message from leaders of Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Algeria, who met last week in Algiers, contained word of "a very positive decision" which he said he believed would be "good news to the President."

Fahmy refused to disclose details of the message until he can deliver it personally to Nixon.

Kissinger said his discussions Monday, along with a Sunday conference with Fahmy, Sakkaf and Syrian diplomat Sabah Kabani, dealt with military disengagement between Israel and Syria.

"The major problem now is to get these talks started," Kissinger said after Monday's midday conference.

Fahmy said that "Syrian-Israeli disengagement and the oil question are not necessarily connected they way you think they are connected."



The St. Louis Zips managed to salvage enough energy from their 'hard fought' victory over the 'ND Green Knights' in the first game of last night's doubleheader to perform a dazzling halftime show before the Irish varsity's defeat of Western Michigan. (Staff photo by Chris Smith.)

world

briefs

ZURICH (UPI) - Alexander I Solzhenitsyn Monday received a secret hand-carried message from his wife in Moscow, six days after the Nobel Prize-winning author was forcibly taken from his family and exiled by Soviet authorities.

The 55-year-old Nobel prize winner told newsmen he did not know when his wife and three sons would leave Russia, despite assurances by Soviet officials that they were free to leave.

HUNTSVILLE (UPI) - Sharing the platform with George C. Wallace, President Nixon told an "Honor America" rally in the heart of the deep South Monday it was a relief to get away from Washington where "you hear more than any place in the world that America is sick."

With three Southern governors at his side on the soil of his warmest constituents, Nixon told a friendly crowd of 20,000 that the spirit of self-reliance will keep the nation great.

WASHINGTON (UPI) Leading Democrats and Republicans predicted Monday a close Senate vote on the emergency energy bill President Nixon has sought since last fall to give him extraordinary conservation powers, including authority to impose gasoline rationing.

"It's going to be a very close vote, a razor-thin edge. It could go either way," said Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., chairman of the Senate Interior Committee and chief sponsor of the bill that now includes a proposed rollback in crude oil prices strongly opposed by the oil industry.

NEW YORK (UPI) The historic criminal trial of two of President Nixon's former cabinet officers, John Mitchell and Maurice Stans, begins Tuesday with each defendant facing up to 50 years in jail if convicted of conspiracy, perjury and obstruction of justice charges.

If found guilty they would be the first cabinet officers convicted since the 1922 Teapot Dome oil leasing scandal. Albert B. Fall, secretary of the interior in the Harding administration, was sentenced to one year in jail for accepting a bribe in that case.

on campus today

12:00 - 5:00 p.m. - art exhibit, indiana printmakers show, moreau gallery

12:00 - 9:00 p.m. - art exhibit, paintings by suzanne golubski, upper moreau gallery

12:00 - 9:00p.m. -art exhibit, paintings by harold zisla, hammes gallery

6:30 p.m. -meeting, sailing club, rm. 204engineering bldg.

8:00 p.m. -dance and drama series, marcel marceau, o'laughlin aud.

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For Ford's old seat

Demos upset GOP in Mich

GRAND RAPIDS (UPI) — Democratic underdog Richard

Vander Veen scored a stunning upset Monday in the traditionally Republican congressional district of Vice President Gerald Ford, easily defeating his GOP opponent. Vander Veen, who had claimed the vote would be a "referendum" on President Nixon's policies, immediately called for the President's resignation.

Indiana sets speed limit: 55 m.p.h.

by Ken Bradford
Staff Reporter

Maximum speed limits in Indiana will be reduced to 55 miles per hour, effective March 1, according to Indiana State Police Lieutenant Richard Copeland.

"We haven't received the official notice yet, but our understanding of the situation is that the new speed limits will be in effect after midnight, February 28," Copeland said.

New signs displaying the 55 mile per hour limit are now being posted, but the law will not be enforced until the law officially takes effect, Copeland stated.

Responding to a question regarding the degree to which the new limits will be enforced, Copeland explained, "The new law will be enforced as all traffic laws are enforced."

The effect of the lower speed limit on the sale of gasoline on Sundays has not yet been determined, Copeland said.

"It's all going to be up to the individual dealers," Copeland explained. "They've been closed on Sundays in voluntary compliance all along, and the final decision to open or close is theirs, not ours."

Several area service station operators contacted stated that they had no plan whatsoever to open their stations for the sale of gasoline on Sundays.

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The state GOP chairman said that Watergate "killed us." With all but two of the 273 precincts reporting, Vander Veen had an unofficial total of 52,691 votes, while favored Republican candidate Robert Vander Laan had 46,101.

"People want a change," Vander Veen said. "It (the vote) is an expression of outrage."

No Democrat since World War II had polled more than 40 per cent of the vote in this Western Michigan constituency that Vice President Ford held for 25 years.

Vander Veen, 51, was defeated by Ford in 1958. The last Democratic victory came in 1910 and two years later, Republicans regained control of the district.

The special election was called after Ford resigned in December to succeed Spiro T. Agnew, who resigned under fire.

Vander Laan, 43, who had contested and won 15 different political campaigns and served in

the state senate since 1963, entered the race a heavy favorite.

But he conceded in the campaign's final days that the combined effect of Watergate, inflation, unemployment and the energy crisis had cut deeply into his support.

Republicans had warned that if Vander Laan failed to poll at least 55 per cent of the vote that it could signal deep political trouble for the GOP in elections later this year.

State GOP Chairman William McLaughlin said the result meant "the voters are unhappy," and added: "Everything went our way except . . . Watergate. And that killed us."

The 5th District race was the first post-Watergate election in Michigan. Vander Laan generally avoided mentioning Watergate during his campaign and rarely invoked Nixon's name despite taunts by Vander Veen.

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AT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Library also Police respond to call at Louie's

by Tom Russo
Staff Reporter

Several minor incidents marked the student bar scene this past weekend.

At 1:45 a.m. Saturday morning police responded to a call by the proprietor of Louie's on Notre Dame Ave. "Someone was bashing in the back door," Louie explained. He feared a robbery, but when the police arrived the

intruder had escaped. No police report was filed, according to the Detective Bureau of the South Bend Police.

The same night, an off-duty police officer who was in The Library, also located on Notre Dame Ave., called for assistance. Several units responded, but when they arrived at 1:30 a.m. there was no further need of their help. Police received another call at 1:45 a.m. to report to The Library, but

once again it turned out to be a "Code 1". The Detective Bureau explained a "Code 1" as indicating that nothing resulted in the police's presence. It merely indicates a "service call" where no action was taken and no police report filed. The Bureau keeps records of all calls on computer.

When asked to comment on the incident, Rick Kanser, proprietor of The Library and a recent Notre Dame graduate, replied "This is

the first I've heard of it." He mentioned that he was present on the premises Friday night, and that an off-duty policeman lives next door.

It could not be determined if this was the same off-duty officer who was in the Library Friday night. Max Griffen, who was working at the Library Friday night as a bartender, could not be reached for comment.

As a footnote to these incidents and to the false rumors of "raids", Louie complained that student "talk about raids hurts both the businesses and the individuals involved. Kids are just looking for excitement, but the community gets wind of the rumors and it hurts business."

Notre Dame science fiction club publishes feature magazine

by Denise Crowley
Staff Reporter

"Talos" is the new campus magazine, or more appropriately, "fan-zine," sponsored by the science fiction club. The first issue, featuring J.R.R. Tolkien, came out this week.

The idea for the fanzine originated last semester when Jake Thomson, Ollie Hennigan and Jim Hanrahan posted flyers for any one interested in forming a science fiction club. The Ardent Lovers of Scientification, TALOS, was created with twenty active members. Their first goal was to put out a fanzine to create more interest in science fiction and to attract more members.

According to sophomore Jeff Kapalka, editor of "Talos", it is "an outlet for creative energies of members and nonmembers." The Tolkien issue, dealing more with fantasy than science fiction, was scheduled for release during Mardi Gras but financial problems held it up until now. Copies are being sold by the club members for twenty five cents each or by contacting Kapalka at 123 Howard, 7101.

Floor seats sold out

Hope show adds Prowse and Pride

by Art Ferranti
Executive Editor

Juliet Prowse and Charley Pride have been signed to perform in the Bob Hope show next Monday at the ACC, it was announced Friday. Debbie Reynolds and Ara Parseghian are the other two scheduled guests.

Miss Prowse is a noted singer-dancer-actress who has co-starred in a number of films and headlined in Lake Tahoe, Reno, Las Vegas, New York and Chicago nightclubs.

She also had a short-lived TV series several years ago.

Charley Pride, a country western singer of popular merit, will perform a few of his songs and most likely act in a few of the skits with Hope, Reynolds, and Parseghian.

The show will probably go for a minimum of three hours said Joseph Sassano, assistant director of the ACC, and it will be taped for a future television special, probably in early March.

Hope, as was reported last week,

last appeared here in 1970 but it was incorrectly reported that Miss Reynolds had never been to Notre Dame. In 1955 she appeared with Eddie Fisher on "The Coca Cola Hour" at the WNDU television station. This will be Pride and Prowse's first appearance at the ACC.

Over-the-counter ticket sales began Monday as did those for the John Denver-Nitty Gritty Dirt Band Concert in two weeks. Floor seats for the Hope show are sold out.



"Talos" editor Jeff Kapalka calls his new magazine "an outlet for creative energies." The first issue is dedicated to J. R. R. Tolkien (PHOTO BY Chris Smith)

Tax class to be offered

A video-tape of the Federal and Indiana income tax training session, conducted by Dr. Ken Milani, will be shown on campus Wednesday, February 20. The showing will start at 3:15 p.m. in Room 110 of the Law Building.

The training session is highly recommended for all students who have volunteered to assist low-income individuals through the Notre Dame Tax Assistance Program. This program is presently providing income tax service and counseling to low-income individuals at several centers throughout South Bend.

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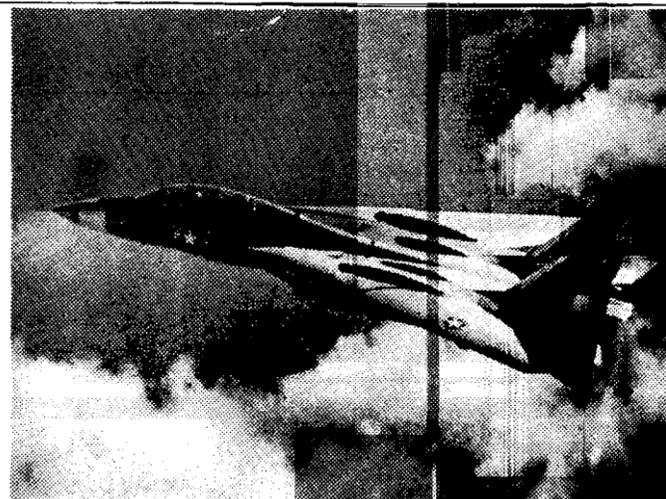
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Erratum

In yesterday's Observer article announcing the candidacy of Ed Rahill and Blake Wordal for SBP and SBVP an error appeared concerning a statement by Rahill and Wordal. The sentence beginning "They stress their campaign will not be a personal one..." should have read, "They stress their campaign will be a personal one..."

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If You're Running For SBP Don't Read This

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What If They Gave a Revolution And Nobody Came?

Matt Kubik, a five year veteran of the local political scene, is not currently a candidate for SBP

Soon there will be an event at Notre Dame that has the possibility of removing us from our current cultural and social morass, or continuing the slow but constant disintegration of student rights at Notre Dame. In less than three weeks we will elect a new Student Body President. Those individuals who have contracted the February Fever have tremendous decisions to make before sacrificing themselves to the whims of a fickle electorate. They must choose between continuing the unfortunate policies of the last three student administrations, or offering fresh ideas to help our university fulfill its incredible potential.

This is the most important student election of the last five years. For most students this statement may be hard to comprehend. Seventy-five percent of us have never experienced anything other than the laissez-faire attitudes of the last three student administrations. For this reason it is necessary to gain a historical perspective of student government over the last few years.

In 1968, Richard Rossi brought Student Power to Notre Dame. It was under his governance that a myriad of advances occurred, greatest of which was the formation of the SLC, the only University policy forming body on which students have equal representation. His was a policy of confrontation, but Chuck Nau, his SBVP, has stated that there were more changes at Notre Dame under Rossi than during the previous ten years. The next year under Phil McKenna parietal hours were finally obtained through the same tactics. In the spring of 1970, the word STRIKE sprang from the mouth of Dave Krashna as students across the country demonstrated against the invasion of Cambodia by American troops. Before leaving office Krashna and SBVP Mark Winings challenged the parietal regulations by publicly announcing their plans to entertain a female student in their dormitory room for an entire night. Nothing happened.

The turning point came at the next election. John Barkett took office by winning the closest election in Notre Dame history. Barkett's philosophy was one of appeasement and the result was the beginning of the stagnation of the past three years. Bob Kerstens' election was a reaction to Barkett's year of service and the type of student who held an office merely for the ego satisfaction of holding a title. But once elected Kerstens refused to serve and handed his office over to current SBP Dennis Etienne.

Student Government turned its attention to internal re-organization. Few of us involved in last year's

campaign realized that the major issue would finally become the internal structure of Student Government. The result was that for several months we lost sight of our goals while struggling to preserve a student government constitution that gave the students the greatest possible bargaining position within the University structure: the student representatives to the SLC as the legislative branch of Student Government. Meanwhile the University Administration was also reorganizing and preparing for the rewriting of the Student Manual and a hard nosed enforcement of University regulations. Last May, Dennis Etienne was elected SBP. His greatest failings have been a poor understanding of student rights, and allowing personal relationships with administrators to interfere with his duty to protect the rights of all students

The greatest encroachment on student rights during my five years at Notre Dame occurred last fall. The judicial proceedings outlined in the Student Manual were changed by the administration, unopposed by student members of the SLC. Previously the University had to accept the final decision of the Judicial Board. Now the University Administration can appeal any decision to itself, moving up the administrative hierarchy until it receives the judicial decision it prefers. The first use of this tactic was during the scandalous Dillon Hall Parietals Case.

The effect of the last three student governments can probably best be felt by the average student in the areas of cultural and social activities. Once there was a coffee-house in Flanner, Holy Cross, Breen-Phillips, and even Stanford Hall, all providing a casual atmosphere where individuals could gather and meet, while also promoting campus musical talent. There was a Tea-house in the Old Fieldhouse and also a room where campus poets gathered every Sunday for readings of their recent literary efforts. Every Wednesday there was some type of event in the LaFortune Ballroom called "Over the Hill," nights. There were frequent small concerts in Stepan Center or Washington Hall. All of this besides the traditional large concerts and organized weekends. Now that co-education has come to Notre Dame, (or hasn't come depending on your point of view), where are these activities which could possibly foster the development of healthy human relationships? It is time for a cultural - social reawakening at Notre Dame. The turning point must come now.

There are several reasons why one might run for SBP. The only good reason is because one truly desires

to improve the student life here, regardless of the sacrifices in either time or emotional comfort. Campaigning for office can be a spiritually exhausting experience. Any person running seriously should be listened to seriously. The time has passed for arguing about the structure of Student Government. The "joke candidate," should be treated as a joke. The person who has a comprehensive concept of the problems and potential of student life, and has the courage to actively defend the rights of Notre Dame students and promote a student cultural emergence should be the person elected as the next Student Body President.

The problems facing the Student Body of Notre Dame cannot be looked at separately. Each one affects another aspect of student life. The Student Body President is the one spokesman to the University for the Student Body. Any Student-Administration relationship must be characterized by mutual respect for basic human rights. No SBP should quietly acquiesce to flagrant violations of student rights as we have seen during the past year. Action must begin now on a new Judicial Code. Until that time we need judicial advisors to counsel students involved in judicial proceedings. The students must be educated so that they know their options. We need a guarantee of judicial procedural protection for all students. An end must come to the reign of terror of the past year.

The Student Government must work closely with the Hall Presidents Council and the Student Union in order to promote those types of activities and spaces where students can meet one another. Then we might truly bring co-education to Notre Dame while providing showcases for those who have talent. The Renovation of LaFortune Student Center must begin soon.

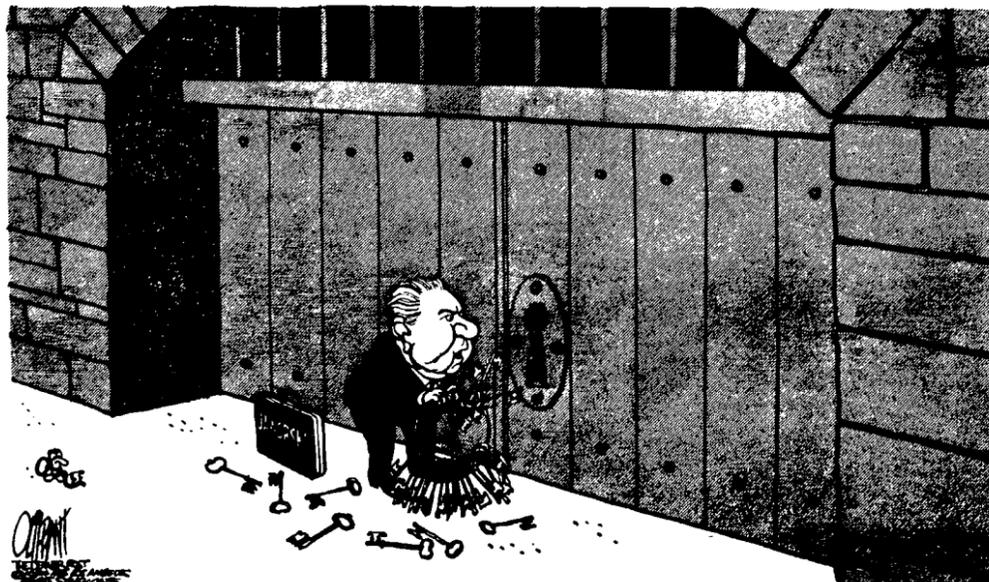
Unless we are contemplating a complete change of lifestyle at Notre Dame creative ideas must be utilized to help make the off-campus student feel that he is still part of the community. Perhaps those expatriated students could be offered honorary membership in their old halls and included in all activities. Then social interaction could occur, providing a cohesiveness to an increasingly divided community. We might also realize that ND and SMC still have much to offer each other both culturally and socially. An attempt must be made to draw our respective student bodies closer together.

Last spring at a meeting of student leaders from the State of Indiana, it was made clear that other schools were looking to IU and Notre Dame for direction. We must provide that direction and effect a new age of exciting social and cultural lifestyles where we can learn to think, and grow as true Christian brothers and sisters.

I, and those like me, have been called malfunctioning cogs within the Notre Dame machine. But we are not part of any machine; we are individuals. As individuals we must develop the ability to analyze situations and make value judgments about them. We must not allow others to define the limits of our lifestyle if we feel that we are right. The time has come to take hold of our lives and direct them in our own individual directions. A new cultural awakening can come to Notre Dame. The decision must be made soon.



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carolina

Requiem for a Brother

I didn't know Greg very well. He was a year behind me in high school and I really never tried to strike up a friendship with him for two years.

Then he became a brother...

It was a sunny April day and I was in the local cycle shop. In my eager hands was a check to pay for my new motorcycle. I needed transportation and a motorcycle seemed to be the best move. Unfortunately, I didn't have much experience in riding them but was confident that I could easily master the oversized bicycle. My confidence was quickly shattered when I tried to zoom off into the sunset and promptly stalled the monster. At this point, Greg rambled over and started talking with me. He had been riding for a while and knew pretty much about bikes. He gave me some basic tips on how to get my motorcycle rolling and to keep it rolling (with me on top). The second attempt demonstrated how difficult it really was to stay on top. This time, he realized that I'd probably kill myself within 3 miles if he didn't come along. So off we went, the novice followed by the old pro.

The blur of the trees, the blue of the sky, the rush of the wind past my helmet, and the power at my control all added to the euphoria. I was addicted. Greg shared in my new-found joy as we darted around the twisting North Carolina back-roads. Around the turns and up the hills, he stayed glued to my rear wheel. By the time we parted, I could safely maneuver my motorcycle and at least had a fighting chance on the highway.

We would run into each other in the halls at school and at the bike shop and invariably, the conversation would turn to our bikes. He introduced me to other bikers (he called them "his brothers") and we would ride for miles over roads that I never knew existed. I had found my escape from the world.

About a month after our initial ride, Greg was going down a dark country road and a man turned in front of him. The poor bastard didn't have a chance. The man pleaded that he didn't see Greg and it really wasn't his fault but it really didn't matter - Greg was dead, his head smashed on the concrete.

His "brothers" laid him into the ground, on the side of a small hill. People expected us to give up riding and couldn't understand why we didn't. For us, Death is only three feet away but is it so much farther away for you others? Maybe it is that gamble for death that makes Life so interesting for us. Then again, isn't life just a gamble to begin with?

It's been two years since Greg's death. His motorcycle has been resurrected as parts in 3 or 4 bikes. My little bike wore out and has been replaced by a large fire-breathing superbike. And occasionally, one can glimpse a solitary figure standing on top of that hill, visiting the "pro" who gave him the greatest high of his life.



A Different Opinion

Abortion: Justifiable?

byron king

In view of the considerable amount of publicity which the abortion controversy has recently been receiving, I feel that now is an appropriate time to voice what I believe to be some common-sense remarks on the subject. The view I will take might be called conservative, and for reasons of this admission alone some of my readers might not even finish reading this paragraph. This is unfortunate, because I believe that what I have to say on the subject is quite down-to-earth, and free from the rash assumptions which have caused the subject of abortion to become so controversial.

Realizing the touchiness of the subject matter, I welcome any constructive criticism which might increase my insight and that of all concerned for in this case there is no better method for arriving at the truth than through careful consideration of the views of the many.

Potential Life?

Let us begin with what I feel is the most common area of disagreement on the subject—namely, the question of the humanity of the fetus. This seems to be the key issue in the abortion controversy, for if we could come to universal agreement on this point, then we would have a criterion by which we could judge the justifiability of abortion in all cases. In this matter there are two opposing sides, one of which believes that the human fetus, from the moment of conception (I suppose it should be called a "zygote" at such an early stage, but for our purposes we will herein refer to the unborn individual after conception as a fetus), is every bit as human as you and I, and the other side believing that the fetus is nothing more than unconscious matter, and that it is merely potential life, and not human life per se. I will agree that it might be very difficult for one to reconcile the idea of a tiny dot that is no larger than the tip of a fine-point pen, and the notion of humanity. But if one sits down and tries to decide at just what point after conception a fetus becomes a human being, he will find himself attempting to choose arbitrarily a criterion for deciding the essence of humanity. My contention is that to try to decide just what this criterion is forces one to accept the notion that the moment of conception marks the commencement of another human life. For how can one justify the criterion he eventually does choose? I feel that the only dependable criterion to use is the moment of conception.

The Soul

But there are those who still argue otherwise, and not without the capacity to throw some doubt in the matter. They claim that humanity is not strictly a biological issue. They contend that consciousness, the ability to reason, and intuition, which together make up that

strange entity referred to as the "soul", must be present for full humanity—real humanity—to be there. This sounds somewhat reasonable, but consider the case in which a person is involved in an automobile accident which results in his going into a coma. Is this person to be considered no longer human? Or consider the case in which a child is born severely retarded. Is this child to be considered less human than a person who is born with normal reasoning capacity? Most people would agree that in both cases the subjects are fully human. But if we use the soul to judge whether or not an individual is human, then the retarded child is by definition less than human, just as the individual in the coma is by definition inhuman. Furthermore, a newborn infant has not the things which constitute soul, and I am sure everyone would agree that newborn infants are human. So it seems we must scrap the idea of soul as a criterion for determining humanity.

The Woman's Right

But the question of abortion does not revolve totally around the disagreement concerning the unborn individual's humanity. Some people believe that there are cases in which abortion is justifiable, even if the fetus is a human being. Not the least of the arguments of this nature is the one which holds that a woman has the right to determine what is to take place in her body, and that in the event of pregnancy, it is the woman's right to decide whether or not she wants to give birth to the child, and if not, to abort it. Now in response to this argument I would ask, "If a mother were to decide that she no longer wants to keep her two-year-old child, has she the right to take its life?" I would expect a universal response in the negative. Why then, should such a right be given to the woman who is pregnant? I contend that after the precise instant at which conception occurs, the choice concerning whether or not the fetus should be permitted to live is completely out of the hands of everyone (except in some extreme cases about which I will speak in the second half of this essay).

The Mother's Life

Now there are still others who would argue that abortion is justifiable in the case involving the fetus' threatening the life or general well-being of the mother. "Why", they would ask, "should the mother endanger her life, or in some cases, certainly lose it, just to save the life of the fetus?" At this point, it would seem to me a matter of choice—either the child or the mother. So I would answer thus: "There is no reason why the life of the mother should be deemed more important than the life of the fetus, but, since one or the other must perish, I can see no reason why the fetus



"A human life is a big price to pay simply to save the inconvenience and embarrassment of nine months of pregnancy."

should not be aborted." This, in my mind, would be a case for justifiable abortion.

There are many people who would argue that abortion following impregnation resulting from rape is justifiable. This argument states that the woman should not be forced to carry and bear a child that she did not willfully take part in creating. Furthermore, they would point out that the child would be fatherless, and use this as further justification for abortion in this type of situation. My reply to this argument would be thus: "It is extremely unfortunate that such a state of affairs often befalls women, but the result of pregnancy due to rape is a new human being, and it is up to one to decide whether or not this innocent and helpless person should be denied the right to life. A human life is a big price to pay simply to save the inconvenience and embarrassment of nine months of pregnancy."

Personal Reflections

To the idea that the offspring of such a union would grow up fatherless, and possibly motherless too, if it were placed in an institution, I claim that there is no reason to believe that this state of affairs must be a detrimental element in the formation of the child's character, or that the child must lead an unhappy life due to his parents' absence. I myself, grew up fatherless, and for seven years (from age 10 to 17) I lived in a child care institution, away from my mother. Although I did not spend my formative years in the institution, I lived alongside many who did, and I detected no lack of happiness or defect of character in them. So for these reasons, I hold that abortion in the case of pregnancy due to rape is not justifiable (unless, of course, "the psychological effect upon the woman after giving birth to the child would be so adverse that it would

produce a lasting, serious, neurosis)."

Question of Handicaps

There are still cases I would like to mention in which justification of abortion would be a controversial matter. One of these is the situation in which a deformed child will certainly be born if abortion is not performed. This has to be one of the most difficult situations for one to make a judgement on the morality or immorality of abortion. At just what point do we conclude that a deformed fetus would not find meaning and happiness in life because of its particular handicap(s)? I conclude that if a fetus' deformity (or deformities) is such that there is doubt as to whether or not its being born would be of more harm than benefit to it, then abortion is not justifiable. Only when there is absolute certainty (if, indeed, there is such a thing as certainty in a case like this) that an individual will not function as a happy person who finds meaning and satisfaction in his life can abortion be justified.

Utilitarian Approach

The final case I would like to consider is one in which it is thought that permitting the fetus to be born would bring about more harmful results than good. Some people would criticize a utilitarian approach, but consider the following situation: Suppose a married couple in their mid-forties find out that the wife is pregnant. Assume further that they already have, say, four children, the youngest of which is sixteen years old. Now, if they do not want to endure all the trials and pressures of raising another child, can they justify aborting it? Suppose they are poor, and they are having a hard enough time just taking care of the four children they already have. Can they justly abort it? "No!", would be my answer. My belief is that they have alternatives to abortion. They can put the child up for adoption. They can place the child in an institution, which, as I pointed out earlier, need not be the traumatic experience that some people think it is. To destroy the fetus in this case would be completely unnecessary.

Abortion and Murder

I have tried to reasonably come to some conclusions concerning the justifiability of abortion in various cases. In those situations where I have asserted that abortion cannot be justified, I hold it to be the logical equivalent of murder. There are some, indeed many, who will disagree, but as far as I am concerned, any union, either natural or artificial, of human sperm and human egg, constitutes a new member of the human race, regardless of how small, unaware, or inhuman in appearance it might be; and the act of destroying such an individual, except in the most extreme cases where there is no adequate alternative amounts to nothing short of murder.

"Any union, either natural or artificial, of human sperm and human egg, constitutes a new member of the human race."





The devil made him do it

Sirs,
After reading your absurd and shallow reactions to "The Exorcist," it is plain to see why Art Ferranti holds his well-placed position on *The Observer*. He was the only one who knew what he was talking about. Next time, give him the whole page. Such a movie offers much for thought, you article was one "hell" of a mess!

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Of, by, and for the women

Dear Editor:
After reading the editorial of February 12 regarding female housing, I find it necessary to supply certain facts which have not been reported, facts which are essential to a full understanding of the housing decision. This was not an administrative decision reached without any student input. A Housing Committee, comprised of Sister John Miriam, the hall rectors, and two girls from each hall met several times this year to decide upon recommendations to Father Mulcahy, who had the final say in the matter. The girls were volunteers from within the halls, and student input was the primary concern. The Committee decided to seek the opinions of the girls themselves, and formulated a questionnaire which every girl received. This questionnaire asked the girls if they were planning to return to Notre Dame, and asked for a preference of on or off-campus living. It also asked which dorm the girls wished to live in next year, and if the quads had any importance in the decision. The answers were not binding, but merely indicators for the Committee. 669 questionnaires were sent out, and 623 were returned. No further meetings were held until the responses could be tabulated.

The results were rather surprising. Contrary to expectation, the girls are voluntarily heading to a stay hall system. Almost all of Walsh Hall indicated a desire to remain, and more than 50 per cent of every other hall expressed the same intent. The Committee did not seek to establish the same proportion of classes in each hall, and the only equal proportion will

be with 38 per cent freshmen in every hall. The questionnaire clearly indicated that far more girls would be upset with a five hall lottery system than with the one we have chosen. Not all will ever be pleased with any recommendation made, but this one pleased an overwhelming majority of girls. This was quite obviously a decision made by and for the women of Notre Dame.

Marina McGuire '75
Badin Representative on Housing Committee

Timely Toohey

Dear Editor:
Fr. Toohey's timely column on Love and Friendship was the most needed appeal to the "family" of Notre Dame that I have read. Perhaps it could be reprinted annually—Fall or Feb. 14th?—to bring about a realization of this sad lack of a show of LOVE that I have noticed worsening in the last twelve years. How about a "HELLO DAY"...any suggestions???

"Mrs. Valentine"

From the Bastille

Dear Editor:
There comes a time in every man's life when provocation by the over-lords can no longer be tolerated. When the taunting and restrictions of tyranny must be shed. The time is now. The insolent ears of the administration must be made to listen. Their eyes must be made to see, that the laws and edicts were never agreed upon. We must show them that the consequences of such a rash action against our wills shall not be silent acceptance, but bold revolution! We must throw down the Lords that overpower our freedom like ridevil kings. Rise up! Fellow Students! Come forth from the dreary catacombs you call home and descend in light upon your foes. Let not apathy quicken your blood, but let it be stirred with the ideals so often said only in grumbles. Leave the sour expression of surrender in your rooms and gather under the flag of Victory! The time has come!

Yours in Revolution,
(name withheld by request)

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Dear Editor:
The Chicago Fire...inspirational! At least, it inspired a

fascination new pastime for members of Section One-West, Keenan Hall, Notre Dame. Take notes, officials of the infant World Football League, because we think we've discovered a wealth of interesting possibilities for your future expansion teams.

It all began last Saturday. Jim laid down our copy of the Chicago Tribune and declared, "The Chicago Fire...next thing you know they'll have the Boston Massacre!" Someone else exclaimed "Why not?" and, that simply, the game of "Name the WFL Expansion Teams" was born.

The San Francisco Earthquake, the Louisiana Purchase, the Paris Peace Talks—the names fired back and forth furiously as amateur historians grasped at every catchy title they could recall. The names began to come easily, and likely headlines soon followed. Imagine these words atop future Monday sports pages: "Idaho Potatoes Get Whipped"; "Kentucky Bourbon Get Smashed"; "Philadelphia Cream Cheese Curdled by 'Krafty' Opponent"; "Pittsburgh Polluters Came out Smokin"; "Missouri Compromise Settles for Tie."

Finding nicknames for cities proved toughest of all. Sure, you could have your Louisville Sluggers and the Santa Fe Railroad, but who in the state of New Hampshire would pay to see the Concord Grapes get stomped on by the Buffalo Stampede? But on the other hand, we found one Indiana franchise irresistible—the Gary Coopers. (Yup!)

Now, if the WFL really wanted to live up to its name, several foreign entries come into the picture. Wouldn't you love to see the Roman Candles extinguished by the London Fog? Or the Plasters of Paris plagued each season by the German Measles?

Moving to the Middle East, how about a match-up between the Cedars of Lebanon and the Cairo Glyphics?

And why not a team of island-born ridgets called the Bermuda Shorts?

The list is endless. Some names, we must admit, could cause considerable embarrassment. For instance, if you were a champion athlete, wouldn't you be a bit ashamed to tell your friends you'd been scouted by the Peking Tom's?

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Elliot Richardson

'Impeachment process should go forward'

ST. LOUIS (UPI) Former Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson said Monday if he knew in 1972 what he knows now about Watergate, he would not have supported President Nixon's bid for reelection.

Asked if he would support Nixon, Richardson paused, then answered: "The only reason I'm

hesitating is he was running against McGovern. But I guess I'd have to say no." Speaking at Washington University, Richardson said while the impeachment process "should go forward," he was not yet willing to "make a definite judgment" on whether Nixon should be impeached.

"I'm waiting to see whether the

evidence shows that the grounds for impeachment are sufficient," he said.

"The public interest would not be better served if Nixon resigned," Richardson said. "Resignation would leave too much room for doubt and recrimination. The impeachment process is better."

Richardson, who resigned the

attorney general post rather than follow Nixon's orders to fire then special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox, said Nixon should do more than "ride out" his term in office by working to restore the lost confidence in the American presidency.

"Given the severe erosion of confidence in the presidency,

Nixon should work to restore confidence in the office," Richardson said.

But, Richardson added he had "just about given up hope" that Nixon would do more than "get by" during the rest of his term in office.

"Even now Nixon could provide the needed leadership, but it would require a change of attitude. I don't think it's likely," he said.

Richardson said it "would be in the President's best interest to demonstrate cooperation" with special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski, Cox's successor.

"The country is in a state of considerable uneasiness and self-doubt," Richardson said. "Our self confidence is probably lower than at any other time in our history, and it could be permanently damaging."

Hearst starts to implement SLA demands

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) - Publisher Randolph A. Hearst announced Monday that arrangements have been made for distribution of \$2 million worth of food for the poor and the needy. The announcement was an effort to obtain freedom of his kidnapped daughter, Patricia.

Before a mass of TV cameras and reporters, Hearst said, almost too softly to be heard, \$500,000 of the \$2 million would come from his own personal funds. He said \$1.5 million would come from the Hearst Foundation.

The Symbionese Liberation Army, which claims to hold the girl, had demanded that massive food program, costing perhaps \$400 million, begin no later than Tuesday as a "gesture of good faith" in negotiations for

Patricia's liberty. Hearst had responded that this demand was impossible to meet but that he would do the best he could.

Hearst made his announcement after five hours of meetings in a downtown San Francisco hotel, mainly with leaders of the American Indian Movement, one of a dozen activist groups which the SLA had said should supervise a food giveaway program.

To further demonstrate good faith, the publisher announced that William K. Coblenz, a distinguished San Francisco lawyer, would act as the Hearst family's representative to assure that Joseph Reroiro and Russell Little, two SLA members now in custody on murder charges, receive a fair trial.

Hearst gave no details of the food

program, and said they could be worked out by a charitable organization approved by the state attorney general. The money will be available Tuesday, Hearst said, but he added that it would take time to work out details of the giveaway plan.

"This is a gesture of good will," Hearst said. "It's an honest effort on my part. It's up to them, the SLA, to believe me and hopefully make a gesture of their own."

Hearst was accompanied at the news conference by Coblenz, a member of the University of California Board of Regents, and by Jay Bosworth, Hearst's son-in-law.

He said the American Indian Movement has been "very helpful" and that he found AIM leader Dennis Banks "an interesting man and a decent man."

"I may not be a friend of the coalition, but they have become friends of mine," Hearst said.

Asked how the attorney general became involved, he said he had not talked with the attorney general's office yet, but said they would be responsible for selecting the organization to carry out the plan.

InPIRG begins petition drive

by Jackie Simmons
Staff Reporter

This week InPIRG will start its petitioning drive to get a \$3.00 voluntary fee assessed to each student at the beginning of next year to fund the Notre Dame PIRG movement. In order for students to have a complete understanding of what the petition will do, student organizers are working to present and define InPIRG's goals.

Notre Dame's PIRG leader, Ken Hughes, hopes to make the student body more aware of PIRG by setting up information tables at the dining halls and in the library all this week.

In summarizing the background of PIRG across the country, Hughes said, "Basically the purpose of a public interest group

is to create a viable and ongoing public balance to the private interests, the latter which too often hold sway in our country. What this involves, when such a group is totally "armed and operated" by students, is a full utilization of the multi-faceted and diverse resources of the university can offer to the citizen public."

All too often a person despairs when he has a grievance because he has neither the time, talent, money or inclination to fight for what is just, Hughes further explained. By combining the constructive efforts of concerned Notre Dame and St. Mary's students, InPIRG will attempt to resolve grievances which deal with public issues such as environmental, housing, and consumer quality.

As Hughes states, "The Public

Interest Research Group now being organized Indiana hopes to channel the frustrations of those who are willing to voice their legitimate protests, so that the concerns of every citizen are amplified more clearly than at present. It is here that the public interest is served."

"In essence what InPIRG can do is spring hope for achieving that which was heretofore seen as well-nigh impossible, he continued. "If nothing less, there is a chance at expressing the public concern and if the concern can be communicated to all the various interests in society, initial outrage can be translated into joy."

Anyone interested in joining the petitioning drive, or anyone who has questions about InPIRG may stop in at the library or the dining hall information tables this week.

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Irish survive early scare, win 85-68

by Pete McHugh

Without a doubt, the Western Michigan Broncos were inspired. They played like men possessed. They came to play. But it takes more than clichés to beat Notre Dame on its home court, as the Irish cagers shattered the Bronco's upset dreams 85-68 with a strong second-half showing last night at the ACC.

Before yet another capacity crowd, the Irish were noticeably weary from their Eastern road trip and definitely baffled by the full-court-pressing Broncos. Coach Digger Phelps' charges trailed throughout most of the first half and could not shed the pesky Broncos until a seven point spurt six minutes into the final period opened the floodgates.

The victory upped the Irish season record to 22-1 and their home win streak to 18 games. Captain John Shumate and freshman Adrian Dantley dominated the action combining for 25 rebounds and 49 points. Shumate kept Notre Dame in contention in the first half with 15 of his game-high 26 points, and intimidated the

Broncos back to Kalamazoo with numerous blocks in the second period.

Dantley, averaging 16.9 points and 9.2 rebounds, going into the game, continued to improve on those marks with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Junior guard Gary Brokaw, saddled with three personals early in the first half, led the Irish charge in the second with 14 of his 17 points.

The game began in predictable style with Notre Dame taking a 4-0 lead behind baskets by Shumate and Brokaw. Western Michigan, however, was not to be influenced by Notre Dame's lofty national rating and reeled off six straight points.

From here the game turned into a see-saw affair as Western Michigan's Jeff Tyson and Paul Griffin outthrust the Irish keeping the Broncos in front for most of the first period. Taking advantage of 14 Irish turnovers, the Broncos went up by as many as five points and went into their locker room with a 37-37 halftime deadlock.



Freshman Ray Martin saw plenty of action last night as he started for guard Dwight Clay and he fed Gary Brokaw more than a few times as "Broke" pumped in 17 points.

In the second half, the Broncos refused to fold until Shumate and Dantley began to assert their muscle on the boards. Unfortunately for coach Eldon Miller's cagers, it did not take long for the powerful duo to take control. Along with Brokaw, they combined for 18 of Notre Dame's first 20 points to give the Irish a 57-48 lead with 12:55 left to play.

With the Bronco shooting cooled-off, the Irish began to fast-break behind the outlet passes of Dantley and Shumate. Overall, full court passes accounted for four layups the second half. A nine point spurt with 6:37 remaining made the outcome academic as Notre Dame took a 71-54 lead and both coaches substituted freely.

Coach Phelps, was not disappointed with the sub-par performance. "You could see we were tired. We had a bad defense and a lot of turnovers. I'm giving the team tomorrow and Wednesday off and two days next week to get some rest."

On the subject of the post season NCAA tournament, the Irish mentor expressed no preference as to the Midwest or Midwest regional, "It doesn't matter who we play, we'll have to play them all some time." He was emphatic about one opponent, however, "I just hope we don't meet Alabama in Alabama (Tuscaloosa). There

aren't too many Irish rooters down there."

In their next encounter, his Irish face West Virginia Saturday at 12 noon in the ACC in a regionally

televised game. A victory over the Pioneers would give Notre Dame 22 for the season, a mark that has not been matched since 1957. But West Virginia like Western Michigan will be thinking upset.

OBSERVER SPORTS

ND fencers down Buckeyes, stretch win streak to fifteen

by John Fineran

Notre Dame finally got its post-Sugar Bowl shot at Ohio State, and the Irish fencers made their point as they handed the Buckeyes their first loss of the season, 20-7 in the ACC Saturday morning. The win, which was helped by the Irish winning 7 of 8 5-4 contests, turned around the last two, 14-13 victories by OSU and kept Notre Dame undefeated itself.

Two other wins on Saturday, a 21-6 victory over Cleveland State and a 17-10 win over some stubborn Michigan State swordsmen, raised the Notre Dame season mark to 15-0.

Notre Dame coach Mike DeCicco was elated with his squad's convincing victory. "We took command from the beginning," he said. "The kids wanted this one as much as I did."

The foilists and epeemen each recorded 7-2 wins while the Irish sabremen won 6-3. In the epee, tri-captain Mike Matranga dropped one, but won twice. Glass had two wins and Fellows had three, his last clinching the Irish victory.

In foil competition, tri-captain Jim Mullenix and Tom Coyle each won twice. Dave Batow lead the sabremen with a 3-0 record.

Against Cleveland State, which had lost once all season, Notre Dame kept its momentum, shutting out CS in epee while recording a pair of 6-3 wins in sabre and epee.

Matranga, Glass and Fellows each had two wins apiece at epee, Mullenix Coyle and freshman Terry McConville duplicating them with two each in foil. Batow and freshman Sam DiFiglio had two wins apiece in sabre.

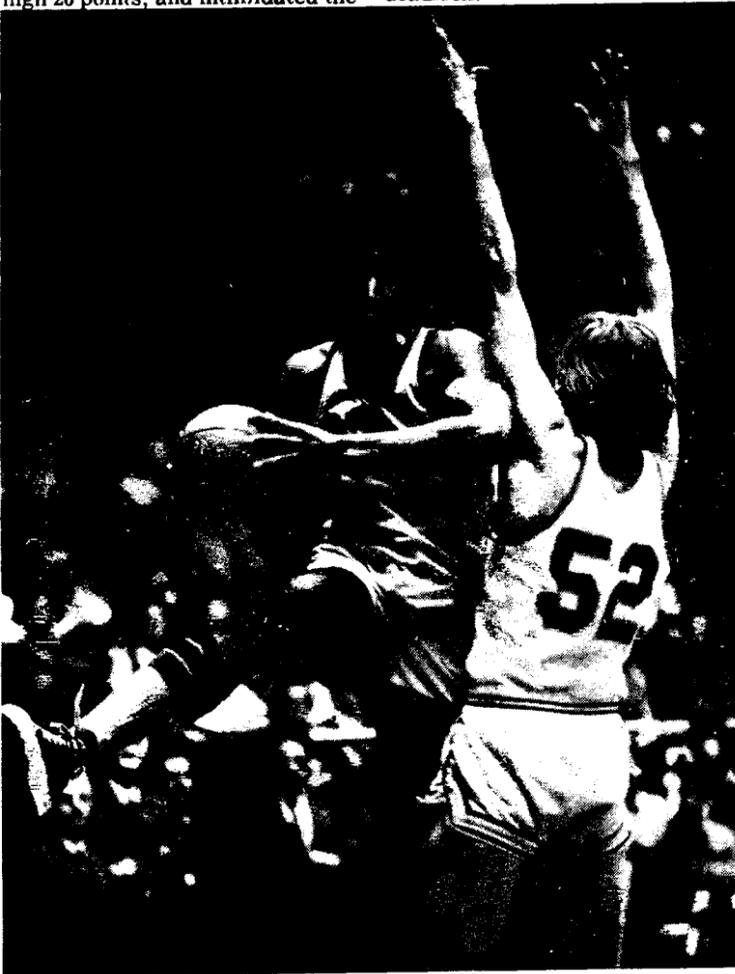
The Spartans tenaciously stayed close with some inspired fencing against the Irish, and for a while, DeCicco was worried.

"Michigan State always fences well against us," he said. "They really scared us, especially in sabre, and for a moment, I thought they might beat us."

That sabre team defeated the Irish, 6-3, but Notre Dame's epee squad won by the same score. The foilists, however, were the key, winning eight and dropping one against MSU.

Coye and McConville each had a trio of victories with Mullenix taking two in the latter event. DiFiglio had two of the three Irish wins in sabre, and Matranga and Fellows won twice each in epee. Coye's 7-0, Mullenix's 6-0 and McConville's 6-1 raised their individual foil marks for the season to 29-3, 29-4, and 28-5 respectively. DiFiglio's sabre mark went to 27-5 while Matranga is now 31-3 in epee.

The Irish will travel to Wisconsin this weekend to meet Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota in a quadrangular meet. If the ND fencers can sweep at Madison, it will set up a match-up with perennially-tough Wayne State the following weekend in Cleveland.



Adrian Dantley muscled his way in for another layup enroute to a 23-point performance.

Wrestlers lose one, tie one

by Hal Munger

A loss and a tie are better than two losses but neither pleased the Irish this past weekend as they attempted to break the school's record for most wins in a season.

Friday night's boisterous fans witnessed an impressive John Carroll squad handle ND 29-9 in the auxiliary gym of the ACC. Saturday Akron prevented Notre Dame win number 11 battling the Irish to an 18-18 tie.

Mike Fanning and Dave Boyer were the Irish heroes Friday as Mike, the 6-6 247-pound wonder, came up with a night-ending pin. Joe Bertoline was the 340-pound Carroll man who had lost to Fanning once before, in the National Catholic Tournament by a score of 4-0. This time the match ended at 6:29 with the Tulsa, Oklahoma defensive tackle

slapping his bigger opponent to the mat. It was a sign of improvement for ND's heavyweight who has his eyes set on a national title in this his second sport. He is now 12-0 on the year, nine of those are pins, and the defeat Fanning put on Bertoline was only Joe's third of the year.

142 pounder Dave Boyer has likewise been enjoying a successful year with only four black marks on his season ledger. Dave won the match 3-2 on some aggressive action which gave him the come-from-behind win.

Boyer did the job again Saturday as he gave ND its first win of the day 8-1. Akron's Zips took the first three matches by decision before Boyer wrestled. Then Fritz Bruening followed Dave at 150 with a pin in 6:39. Akron won 158 but was foiled 10-7 by John Dowd at 167 before the Zips won again at

177. Mike Fanning triumphed by forfeit.

Besides the elusive team win number 11, Al Rocek has been chasing a tough-to-come-by goal. The record for career victories got away from Ace as he couldn't win number 50 Friday or Saturday. Many of his victories, which came earlier this year, came before Rocek lost 30 pounds to make room for football transfer Fanning. Since the weight loss, times haven't been as pleasing for the senior co-captain (along with 158 pound Rich Gilloon) as he'd like, but there's one more regular season chance for Ace and the team to pursue their goals. Drake provides the opportunity and the meet is on the road Saturday night.

On March 1 and 2 the Irish will be in the Eastern Regionals, their first step on the road to the NCAA finals.