

News In Brief:

Beyond Mailer

John Mroz, chairman of the Sophomore Class Literary Festival, announced yesterday that Rip Torn and George Plimpton will head the cast of Norman Mailer's *Beyond the Law* and will appear in person at the international premiere of the film April 2 in Stepan Center. Tickets are being sold for the premiere each evening in the Rathskeller.

The Law

Prof. Thomas L. Shaffer of the Notre Dame Law School has received a grant to attend the 1968 Social Science Methods in Legal Education Institute at the University of Denver College of Law from July 7 to Aug. 2.

The institute's objective is that of training law professors in the methods of the behavior sciences.

Each of the 18 law teachers attending will present a research project. Shaffer's will deal with psychological and sociological research into federal estate taxation of gifts in contemplation of death.

Offer Course

A seven-week evening lecture course on Advanced Fortran Programming will be offered at the Computing Center beginning April 2. The lecture series is free and will be conducted by Dr. Charles Rollinger, corporate manager of engineering and scientific computing for the Whirlpool Corp., St. Joseph, Mich. No advanced registration is necessary. The course will begin at 7:30, April 2, in Room 226, Computing Center.

Freedom . . .

Freedom and Authority in the West, a collection of 12 papers presented at Notre Dame's 1966 conference on the same topic, has been published under the editorship of Dr. George N. Shuster, assistant to the president of the University.

Authors of papers in the anthology include Julius Cardinal Doepner of Munich, the late John Courtney Murray, and ND history professors Marshall Smelser and Matthew Fitzsimons.

And Honor

Student Honor Council positions are open for the 1968-69 school year.

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Administration Suspends Four For Parietal Rules Violation

By P.J. SCHROEDER

Four students, one from Alumni and three from Zahm Hall were suspended Wed. afternoon from the University for the remainder of the semester by Rev. James Riehle, Dean of Students. The suspensions were the result of two separate incidents involving violation of the Parietal Hours regulation.

An Alumni Junior was found in his room early last Fri. morning with a co-ed from Indiana University, South Bend extension, by a campus security officer and the girl's father. The girl, he said, a singer for a local band, came uninvited into his room about 9:30 pm the previous evening. He added that several other members of the band arrived soon afterwards and they listened to recordings of songs they were planning to learn. About 1:00 am, he said, the others in the band left his room and he fell asleep in a chair while the girl slept on the bed. When he awoke the next morning he said that the girl's father, accompanied by a campus security officer, knocked on the door and asked him if he knew where the girl was. He told them that she was in the room whereupon she left with her father and the student was told by the officer to contact his rector and Father Riehle.

Unable to reach his rector, the student went to Riehle's office and was told to return later that afternoon. When he returned, Riehle told him that he would receive a hearing the following Monday afternoon by the Dean of Student's Campus Disciplinary Board.

The Disciplinary Board is composed of five Hall Rectors: Rev. James Flanigan of Dillon, Rev. James McGrath of Keenan-Stanford, Rev. Matthew Miceli of Cavanaugh, Rev. Thomas Blantz of Zahm, and Rev. John Dupuis of Howard.

He presented his case before the Board Mon. and was told to return yesterday afternoon for the results. It was at this time that Father Riehle informed him of his suspension, emphasizing that the punishment was a result of a violation of the University regulation of Parietal Hours and not for a moral violation.

The other suspensions were incurred by three sophomores from Zahm Hall who said that their offense took place eight weeks ago, although action was taken by



Rev. James Riehle, CSC

Father Riehle only this week.

The three said that they returned to their room after Semester Break to find three girls from South Bend waiting there, uninvited. They said that the girls had run away from home and were afraid to return home that evening so they allowed them to remain in the room until morning. The three sophomores say they think the violation came to their rector's attention because several other students who knew of the incident had "spread the story all over campus."

They said that their rector called them into his office several days ago and told them that he had learned of the violation and was informing Father Riehle. Their testimony was also heard by the Campus-Disciplinary Board and the verdict was handed down by Father Riehle yesterday.

Student Body President, Chris Murphy, said he had been in close contact with all the parties involved and that he was "very disturbed by the Dean of Student's ruling."

"It is clear to me that the Administration wishes to persist in its policy of treating the students of this University as objects rather than human beings. I feel that this is highly indicative of the way they are beginning to deal with student problems. This crackdown came with absolutely no policy statement before hand. I am also disappoint-

ed that they refused to use the Campus Judicial Board; I really think it is hypocritical that the Judicial Board was not allowed to handle it."

"The Administration is always paying lip service to the theories of community and greater communication, but in fact, neither is being exercised. I consider the punishments most excessive. They are using these men as examples and I don't like to see anyone made an example of."

When contacted yesterday afternoon, Father Riehle refused to comment about the offences or the suspensions saying only that he had not given the cases to the Campus Judicial Board because he felt that it was not yet organized enough to deliberate on matters this serious. He added, however, that he had recently handed on to the Board a serious case of theft.

Chuck Nau, Student Body Vice-President-elect, said: "The timing of this whole thing is what fascinates me. First, Student Government gets this massive stab in the back in the form of a letter, addressed to the whole campus, which humiliates our Student Body President, Chris Murphy. Then, immediately following that, you get four suspensions for violation of parietal hours. Why, the Administration hasn't done a thing about Parietal hours all year long. If this is their idea of 'getting tough' then I'm afraid they may have bitten off a little more than they can chew."

Richard Rossie, who will succeed Murphy as Student Body President, spent almost three hours in conference with Father Hesburgh and said that he was doing everything in his power to have the four students reinstated in the University "tomorrow, if not sooner." He said that Father Hesburgh agreed to meet with the four students yesterday evening and that he would prefer to await the outcome of that meeting before he made any final decision as to what further action would be forthcoming on the part of Student Government.

Father James Flanigan, member of Father Riehle's Disciplinary Board and Rector of Dillon Hall, said last night that while he would have preferred to see the cases go before the Campus Judicial Board he felt that the University was in a period of great change and that he regarded the current system as a "stop-gap" measure. He said: "I will welcome the day when the students show themselves both ready and capable of really disciplining themselves."

Murphy Plans No Written Response

Student Body President Chris Murphy said last night that he was "disappointed" in the letter which Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, CSC, President of the University, mailed to him and the student body on Monday. Father Hesburgh's letter was in response to a letter which Murphy and six other student leaders mailed to him accompanying the bills passed at February's General Student Assembly.

"I'm certainly not going to answer it in the tone that it was sent to me," Murphy said. "I don't feel the Student Body will deal on that level."

"I hope that the students see it for what it is and don't let him create the division that he is trying to create."

Murphy thought that in his letter Father Hesburgh was avoiding the main issue—the General Assembly.

"Admittedly there were typing mistakes," Murphy said in reference to one of Father Hesburgh's accusations. He said, however, that he had to print up over 1000 copies of the thirty page document and that Student Government was pressed for time.

The thirty page packet which Father Hesburgh received includ-

ed copies of all the bills passed at the General Student Assembly. It also included a xeroxed copy of a letter which explained the bills which the packet contained and outlined a suggested means of negotiations which Murphy thought should be adopted.

The same letter was sent along with the packet of bills to all the members of the Faculty Senate, the Lay Board of Trustees and other Officers of the University.

Father Hesburgh claimed that he had only received the packet of materials on March 15 and asked that he be accorded more time to study the materials. He

also said that there was no "Local Council" of the University.

Last night Murphy said that Father Hesburgh was not asked to make a decision on the material by the date suggested. He was only asked to begin negotiations. He saw no reason why Father Hesburgh should need more time.

SBP Murphy said that he was glad in a sense that Father Hesburgh sent the letter. With Murphy leaving office on April 1, it would now leave Rossie with a clean slate in starting negotiations with the Administration over the bills.

Bills On Vietnam, Draft To Be Introduced In Senate



Tom Figel

The Best Man

Three potentially controversial bills prepared by Off-Campus Senator Paul Higgins and Student Body Vice-President Tom McKenna are scheduled for introduction to the Student Senate tonight.

The first is a measure directing Arts and Letters Senator John Moore to form and chair a

five man committee to establish student representation on every policy-making body within the structure of the University.

The other two bills concern the draft and US policy in Vietnam. Calling the succession of South Vietnamese governments "fabrications of representative democracy," and noting that "the war is more revolutionary in character than a matter of foreign invasion," McKenna and Higgins ask that "the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame condemn the present American policy in Vietnam. And, as concerned citizens we call on the United States' Government to seek *honestly* a peaceful solution to the Vietnamese conflict, recognizing bombing cessation and negotiations with Hanoi and the National Liberation Front as immediate prerequisite conditions for that solution."

In their bill concerning the

draft, Higgins and McKenna move that "the members of Notre Dame Student Senate, call on the leadership of the United States Government to head these recommendations that will allow each citizen to serve his nation in accord with his own conscience."

The bill calls for the recognition of VISTA, the Peace Corps, Teacher Corps, and alternative non-military service as a means of "fulfillment of our two year obligation to American Society."

Also among the recommendations to the Selective Service System are the establishment of national standards rather than the "guidelines" which now govern draft proceedings.

The bill calls for the broadening of the Conscientious Objection classification to include all philosophical objections to war and military service, including objection to a particular war or engagement.

Robert Kennedy's decision to come down from the hills of New Hampshire and do battle for the anti-Johnson turf complicates the anti-war movement more than it should. In one sense, his decision was the Movement's final goal: to organize the forces against the war into a group large enough to serve as a political base. The idea of selflessness in the political sphere was discarded years ago in the slum workings of Chicago and the jails of the South. As a result, the Movement accepted and hoped to use the goals which motivate political action, to speak the politician's own language until at one point, opposing the war would not be courageous but simple political expediency, a smart move. The Movement was speaking to Robert Kennedy.

Eugene McCarthy's campaign threw all that out the window. Being opposed to the war involves more than rhetoric and Eugene McCarthy was acting when the rest were kept busy polishing the hearts they displayed on their cuffs. In the sphere of deals and doublecross, McCarthy emerged as the honest man, an American novelty who could interest the disillusioned young. There is no way to argue that Robert Kennedy's flip of the hat was anything more than a desire for part of that pie.

Although Kennedy's nomination would be a far cry from the end of the world, Eugene McCarthy is more worthy, if only to keep the young from voting for Lester Pearson next year. Fortunately, the choice this year is between two goods, both seeking one important end. The important thing is still the war's end and most will take that any way they can get it. Robert Kennedy still has to demonstrate that his way is the most likely of success.

In some respects, Robert Kennedy approximates Lyndon Johnson. Both are political opportunists, although Kennedy, at 42, bases his support on a different and younger age group. Lyndon Johnson's actions are partially excusable; alone in his cause, he has become insane. Robert Kennedy's actions, however, are calculated. On the face of it, he would be the man to support; but instead he is, after Johnson, the man to beat. He proves that a moral position need not serve moral ends; and Lyndon Johnson proves that a president must have his eye on events and not on the history book. They are men of the same stamp on opposite sides of the fence. This nation cannot stand another politician, regardless of his ends.

Some argue that Robert Kennedy's last minute involvement involves the sacrifice of '72. That may be true; but it may also be true that the source of his support will not remain until that election. This time Robert Kennedy has miscalculated. The argument is made that he can win and that McCarthy cannot; but no one explains how that will come about. If Kennedy depends on the young, they already belong to McCarthy; and, if he depends on Mayor Daley or John Bailey, he has already lost the first and who needs the other?

That two men should run on the same opposition to the war is a good sign. Still, one of the two is the better man and that man is Eugene McCarthy. McCarthy was the first to make Lyndon Johnson worry, to hit him in his Achilles heel, to deliver the vote. Up until now, Lyndon Johnson could pursue a second term with little more purpose than a sure occupational deferment. Eugene McCarthy's campaign was the first real attempt to correct that enormous flaw. Just once, on this mad planet, the best man should be able to win.

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Mr. MXTYZPLK, that mysterious Superman comic character has inspired two campus comics with an exciting unoriginal word game that's called Mr. MXTYZPLK.

The object of the game is to unscramble the sets of letters, so that they construct a word. Then by taking the letters from the appropriately marked boxes, form a word or series of words which completes the puzzle described in the cartoon.

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Sports Workshop

Changed

The sports writing workshop scheduled for tonight at 7:00 pm in the Observer Office has been postponed until next Monday evening April 1, at 7:00 pm in the Observer Office in the Student Center. All persons interested in writing sports for the Observer should attend. No previous experience is necessary. The clinic will be run by Observer sports columnist Tom Condon.

150 Students, 10 Profs Consider Students And Draft

One hundred fifty students and ten faculty members attended a "colloquium on the draft and the future of students" in the Library Auditorium Sun. afternoon. The principal speaker, Ned Buchbinder, pointed to the need for draft counseling at Notre Dame (due to the fact that many students have changed their stand on the war in Vietnam). "I started draft counseling because no one else around here seemed to know the draft law—not even lawyers." The Office of Academic Affairs has a window for selective service information, however, Buchbinder feels that most of the information distributed here is incorrect.

Buchbinder says that too many students seem apathetic to the draft. "They seem to think it won't affect them for several years. This isn't a very sound position. I quote General Hershey, '—a decision to send 200,000 more troops to Vietnam would mean we would have to draft some college students.'"

The longer the war continues, the harder it will be to get graduate school deferments. "I can't tell people to turn in their draft cards or go to Canada. But if we are to do anything meaningful, it must be together. Through appeals, one can delay induction for about a year. If we can get together and we do appeal and appeal together as a group,—gee, selective service will be fouled up." He also noted

that, starting Mon., there will be draft counseling every night from 7:00 p.m. to midnight in one of the group study rooms in the library. The number of that room will be posted on the library bulletin board.

"We're not just telling people how to apply for a C. O. classification. We also tell them about other draft classifications such as 1-Y, 4-F. Some are even sent to Colonel Ferrari to discuss R.O.T.C. programs that will enable them to get through gra-

Kerner Says Split Is Not Inevitable

Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner, chairman of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders which reported that America was gradually moving toward two separate societies, one white and one black, said Fri. night that the split was not inevitable.

"The movement apart can be stopped by a commitment to national action. The solution to the urban problem will take time, money, and effort, but the most important factor must be a change in the attitude of the whites—and that doesn't cost a cent," Kerner said.

Kerner appeared along with U.S. Rep. John Conyers, Jr. of Detroit, on a panel which discussed Urban disorders Friday night in Washington Hall.

duate school. You can't put all your eggs in one basket so it's best to have at least four of five things going for you at once."

Buchbinder called for students and faculty members to support those who felt morally bound to resist the draft. Petitions signaling draft resistance were circulated to be signed by those who wished to do so. The session was closed with a brisk question-and-answer period and the promise to meet again soon.

Kerner said that the 1967 riots had no pattern. He felt that they could not be termed "race riots." He said that they represented a rebellion against a symbol of white society which Negroes in ghetto areas hold.

"Increased communication with the ghetto must be accomplished. . . the white and Negro must confront each other at the discussion table, or we will confront later as two hostile nations," Kerner reported. "We must end the destruction and violence, not only in the streets, but in the lives of our people."

Negro Congressman Conyers said that "Urban violence is a sign of hopelessness, not revolution. The moderate Negro is frustrated."



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AAUP Chapter To Consider Tuition Issue

In a general meeting tomorrow evening Notre Dame's chapter of the American Association of University Professors will consider a proposed resolution on work requirements for sons of Faculty members attending the University on scholarship.

Currently a faculty son attending Notre Dame is granted full remission of tuition. During his freshman year he is not required to perform any service for the University. He must, however, work 12 hours a week at a University job for the three remaining undergraduate years.

A 12 hour per week job would earn a student approximately \$440 in the course of the school year. A faculty son who will not take a job must forego the entire tuition remission.

Bruce Carter, a Holy Cross Hall sophomore and son of Prof. Henry Carter of the Department of Modern Languages, attempted late last month to organize faculty sons in an attempt to change the University's procedure. Carter's contention was that a faculty son who did not wish to

hold a job should only lose the equivalent of the value of his job and not the entirety of his tuition remission.

The AAUP resolution states that faculty sons who have work requirements should have the option of foregoing the performance of such jobs. According to the resolution, "Adjustments made in tuition remission for Faculty sons who elect to devote all of their time to their edu-

cation should reflect the realistic value of the services these students would otherwise perform for the University. This election would not result in the complete loss of tuition remission."

The AAUP chapter has also just completed a ten-page "Preliminary Report on Compensation Levels at the University of Notre Dame," an extensive comparison of Notre Dame and the

"Big Ten" Universities. The report was prepared under the direction of Assistant Prof. Trubac of the Department of Finance and compares faculty compensation at ND with the average of "Big Ten" Universities.

According to the AAUP report average compensation levels in the "Big Ten" schools are 11 per cent higher than those at ND. In the 1964-65 school year "Big Ten" compensation

was five per cent above Notre Dame's.

By 1971, if the rates of growth of the University and the "Big Ten" schools are maintained, the compensation gap will have risen to 15 per cent.

The report maintains that in order for ND's faculty compensation to equal that of the "Big Ten" Universities by 1971 an average annual salary increase of nine per cent would be required.

Kennedy Men Mobilize Campus Support

The newly organized Notre Dame Students for Robert Kennedy is beginning to gain momentum. Chairman Mike Kendall said he has 300 hard core workers and hopes to expand within the next few weeks. Kendall said that if Kennedy enters the May 7 Indiana primary he will send his workers into the South Bend area talking to voters. He was very emphatic saying, "If he doesn't enter the primary we plan to help Senator Eugene McCarthy to stop Lyndon Johnson. This is a chan-

ce for college students to beat the state political machine which is supporting Johnson." Although the Republicans have a larger number of voters than the Democrats both Senators and Gov. Roger Branigin are Democrats.

Kendall, Vice-Chairman John Kreis, Secretary John Koch and Treasurer Jim Boland worked over the weekend with volunteers getting petitions signed so that Kennedy can legally meet the primary requirements if he decides to run. Five hundred names are required for each of the

eleven districts, but one thousand names were signed. Kreis, who headed the petition drive called the results "enthusiastic and gratifying."

Kendall has been in close touch with the state organization in Indianapolis headed by Michael Riley of the Thomson and McKinnon firm. Kendall reported that a few members of Kennedy's Washington staff are working in Indianapolis at the present time.

Kendall said his group is motivated by loyalty for Senator

Kennedy and a firm belief in his views and the fact that he is the only Democrat who could defeat Lyndon Johnson at the convention and Richard Nixon in November. Kendall also said that if Kennedy wanted to be really political with Senator McCarthy he could have waited until convention time and work to be the compromise candidate. He feels that Kennedy has been just as honest as McCarthy in his actions.

Kendall announced that a general meeting would be held before Sunday.

The Mail

Editor:

In reply to the column "Our Chance" by Joel Connelly, March 25, I must object vigorously to the tone and content of said article. It is certainly the prerogative of the press, in fact a responsibility of the thinking individual, to present collective or personal views on so crucial an issue as Vietnam or the presidency. It is, however, both tasteless and pointless to substitute for logical argument, the discrediting of one's opponents through petty mud-slinging or name-calling. Mr. Connelly resorts to such tactics when he refers to the duly elected President of this country as "pariah in the White House" or "Uncle Scarbelly" equally tasteless, and definitely more personal is the humorless reference to "Field Marshall von Hespburgher."

The truly ludicrous contradiction arises in Connelly's protracted efforts to remain self-righteous and sacrosanct as he wages his holy war against the Vietnam conflict. In this regard I would refer Joel to the excellent commentary "Sainthood" by his colleague Jay Schwartz. I wholeheartedly concur with Schwartz's sentiments, cautioning those who would take either side "that you do not possess absolute truth and moral integrity."

I would close with the assertion that I fully respect the personal feelings of Mr. Connelly, or of any person or group on Vietnam, or any other matter. I do vehemently condemn anyone's attempt to sway the public with open and contemptuous allusions to the head of these United States as some malignant disease, personally responsible for the bloody death of hundreds of

innocent people. If as Connelly would charge, it is this country's guilt, then the guilt is with an entire electorate, not some select goat of the author's choosing.

Be as forceful and persuasive as you wish, Joel, but along with that be humble to tolerate those who sincerely differ with you. We, for the most part, don't claim infallibility.

Sincerely

Edward C. Squires

Editor:

Re your column "Pins, Miniatures, SMC":

Most of the girls at Saint Mary's were high school leaders. Believe it or not, that's the way it was. Maybe it was the first mixer or football weekend that changed their thinking to what unfortunately has become a disease at Saint Mary's.

The general attitude is to make the most of the opportunities here - academic or social. This is true of 90% of most college women. As long as a small group have the desire to run the newspaper, yearbook, or student government, let them do it. Consequently, because everyone thinks activities are too time-consuming, they are. As a result, only the dedicated, unselfish stick with them and see that rules continue to be revised and a yearbook comes out in May. The rest spend their free time on dates, sitting in the smokers, and talking about what the school should have or be doing.

What bothers me is that there are very few at Saint Mary's, including myself, with the energy or foresight to start our own

newspaper, or go one step beyond and ask for sizable changes in present regulations, such as complete freedom to sign off campus whenever we want, as we want. The recent birth of the INNOVATOR, replacing the former CRUX, is evidence of enough initiative in a needed area. The vacancies noted in student government candidacies was evidence of a lack of interest in another. The majority of girls seem to be satisfied with a minimum of success. We have come a long way in four years, from the rigidity of four years ago to modern university rules. The growth of Saint Mary's student voice was the work of a minority, the demands of all.

I believe that the "fink" problems result from blatant rule-breaking and stupidity on the part of the rule-violators. Some girls like to advertise that they are breaking college rules, by doing so in front of people they don't even know. No one is content with regulations at any college, but there is a necessity for some at any institution. The more serious problem at Saint Mary's was the lack of response to student government, illustrating an apathetic satisfaction with what we now have. Only a dozen seemed to want to continue our progress. As long as we have telephones, senior cars, and later hours, we can continue happily on this plateau until something else arises. As long as someone is willing to take over the hard work, the rest can continue to reap the benefits. This leads to the apathy of which you speak. The girls become involved with their own problems and plans, and let the rest of the college do as it pleases. It seems that when the student body rallies behind a petition or change, there is a life on campus. When

the changes come, they let progress slide along by itself.

The blame for this condition at our own school and the frustration of the group of girls who are trying to improve the college extends to many people:

First, many of us who are truly interested in journalism, politics, or other services have abandoned Saint Mary's groups for many reasons to join Notre Dame organizations, finding more group interest, challenge, and tangible results. Perhaps we should have channelled our efforts on our own campus.

Second, the college still financially controls its publications. Maybe an independent newspaper or combination with Notre Dame would encourage more girls to join the organization.

Third, the disheartening response of students at club meetings deposits most of the work, if it is ever to be done, into the hands of the few.

Fourth, it is the girls who spend most of their time off-campus, on dates, ignoring the dorm and college life at their school, complaining of what rules should be amended or changed.

Very few petitions or rule changes have been vetoed at Saint Mary's. Almost every change we have asked for has been approved. Perhaps we have an even better record in this area than Notre Dame. Most significant was open house in the dorms for parent weekends.

In your column, the accusations of vapidness, lavalier-mindedness, and lack of self-discipline only reverberate the caustic remarks about our lifeless campus spirit. Close affiliation with Notre Dame has deprived Saint Mary's of a real mind and life of its own student body. If we really wanted, we could have our own mock convention, minus major speakers, but achieving the same goals as Notre Dame. Perhaps it is the dependence on Notre Dame that is another blame for our frustrating apathy. We are trying to belong to both campuses, obviously beginning to ignore our own.

Barbara Gibson

Editor:

I have two suggestions to make.

First, I believe we should free the Vietnamese people from the tyranny of their own government and of the United States by withdrawing all our military forces. Thus I believe the Vietnamese people will be able to start new lives in the freedom of a Communist state.

Secondly, we should withdraw our troops and thus spare our present generation the hardship of war and leave it to a future generation to stop the ever-growing Communist machine.

Sincerely,
Claude Jackson