

"Human torch number 2" in Prague

PRAGUE (UPI) — A Czech youth, declaring himself "Human Torch No. 2, burned himself to death yesterday for political reasons on the day Czechoslovakia observed its 21st year of Communist rule.

Witnesses to the burning said Jan Zajic, about 18 or 19 years old, set fire to himself in a passageway leading from Wenceslas Square, not far from where student Jan Palach set himself aflame last month.

The victim left a suicide note which said he was "Human Torch No. 2" who died "for the same political reasons as Jan Palach," who pushed the nation into crisis by burning himself to death Jan. 16 in protest of the Russian occupation.

Dow protest, arrests, at Northwestern

EVANSTON, Ill. (UPI) — A group of students picketed the placement center at Northwestern University yesterday in protest against the presence of a recruiter from the Dow Chemical Co., maker of napalm for use in Vietnam. Six students were arrested for blocking traffic on busy Sheridan Road and charged with disorderly conduct.

The Dow interviews were temporarily halted.

The picketing drew counter-demonstrators and a large number of onlookers. The total crowd was estimated at about 450 persons.

About 150 protesters abandoned their picketing after the arrests and gathered for a rally in Scott Hall, about a block down the street from the frame house housing the University Placement Center. A delegation of 10 or 15 students was dispatched from the rally to meet with Roland J. Hinz, vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

"Clay Bertrand" a farce-Andrews

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Attorney Dean Andrews testified yesterday he himself, and not the mysterious "Clay Bertrand," came up with the idea of defending Lee Harvey Oswald following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Andrews said "Bertrand," was not Clay L. Shaw, on trial for conspiring to kill Kennedy. Andrews said he had been carrying on "a farce" for years.

"Clay Bertrand was a figment of my imagination," said Andrews, who is appealing a perjury conviction that grew out of the Shaw case.

Nixon well received in London

LONDON (UPI) — President Nixon lunched with Queen Elizabeth yesterday, sipped tea with a "cross section" of Britons, heard himself praised during an unprecedented visit to Parliament, and discussed far-ranging world problems with Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

Smiling and unruffled through the gruelling day, Nixon threw his security guard and London bobbies into confusion several times by stepping into crowds to shake hands and chat with individual Britons.

Plans for a big hostile demonstration by a "Hot Reception for Nixon Committee" flopped miserably. Only a couple of dozen long-haired youths turned out to shout, "Down with Nixon" and toss two rotten apples in the direction of his passing limousine. They missed their mark by far.

Eisenhower recovery "remarkable"

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower is showing progress "little short of remarkable" in his recovery less than two days after major abdominal surgery, his doctors reported yesterday.

Walter Reed Army Medical Center said the 78 year old general was sipping tea and conversing for brief periods in his hospital suite. "His morale is excellent," a midmorning bulletin said.

Scar tissue resulting from a 1966 gall bladder operation or a 1923 appendectomy had caused a blockage in Eisenhower's lower intestine which would have been fatal if not removed, his doctors said.

His heart, blood pressure, pulse and breathing remain stable, the hospital reported.

Another hijacking; number sixteen

MIAMI (UPI) — A St. Louis to San Juan, Pr. Eastern Air Lines jet with 60 persons aboard was commandeered by a gunman minutes after takeoff from Atlanta yesterday in the 16th hijacking of the year.

The plane, a DC8, carried 53 passengers and a crew of seven. It was due to land in Havana at 4 p.m. EST.

It was the 11th hijacking of a commercial U.S. plane this year. There also have been five foreign commercial flights diverted to Cuba in 1969, the last, a Venezuelan airlines DC9 which was hijacked on a flight out of Maracaibo Feb. 11.

US stops VC offensive near Saigon

SAIGON (UPI) — U.S. forces yesterday beat off four major Communist assaults, including attacks on two Marine bases near the Demilitarized Zone by fanatical North Vietnamese human bomb squads who charged out of the pre-dawn jungled darkness firing automatic weapons.

The other Communist assaults were launched at two U.S. 25th Infantry Division bases near Saigon, hundreds of miles to the south. In one, the Communists used tear and nausea gases but without effect.

Car stolen; others damaged

by Dan Koehler

Last night one car was stolen from the Senior parking lot and several others were heavily vandalized, apparently right under the noses of the campus security guards.

Sergio Bendixen, an off-campus junior, reported this morning that his red '62 Chevy station wagon was missing from the lot. The car, however, was recovered late this afternoon by the South Bend Police Dept. on the southern outskirts of the campus.

Senior Charles Johnson reported today that approximately \$500 worth of parts had been stripped from his car. Johnson said that thieves had simply jacked up his car and removed the four wide-oval tires, complete with their expensive mag wheels.

In addition, two wheels were also stolen from a third car and several cases of malicious destruction such as car roofs being slashed, were reported.

Arthur Pears, University Security Director, verified these reports and said that the thievery probably occurred around 8:30 last night. Pears also added that such thievery is "quite common" and that parking in the lots has always been "a calculated risk".

Co-ed bill

Stay Senators Mike Kendall and Steve Ahern, and Lyons Hall Senator John Koch will introduce a co-ed bill to the Student Senate at Thursday night's meeting. The purpose of the bill is to bring about implementation of co-education at Notre Dame at the earliest possible date. The bill also calls for the solidification of student body and student government opinion and action on this subject.

The three Senators said that there is a brief in support of the bill now in the writing that will be presented to the Senate at the meeting Thursday night.

When asked to comment on their reasons for introducing the bill, the three Senators issued this joint statement:

"Each of us feels that the purpose of the Senate and the entire student government is to both represent the student body and to direct the resources and efforts of the student government into solving problems which directly concern student life. The co-ed problem has never been fully explored by our student government. Further complicating matters are the myths and presuppositions both pro and con which surround the issue. We hope passage of this bill provokes a reaction of approval among the student body and creates a unified and concerted effort among all of us to bring quick implementation of co-ed."

In regard to the security measures being taken, Pears stated that "you can't hire enough help to put men in the lots". Pears said the current security force entails one man



ARTHUR J. PEARS

patrolling the parking lots "about every hour", one man at each security checkpoint, one man stationed at the security office desk and one man in each of the two mobile units.

Summing up the situation, Pears said that "the pattern is running, apparently, true to form. The thieves will probably either convert the stolen property to their own use or to

cash". Pears mentioned that the South Bend Police Department had been notified of vandalism, but, as of yet, no arrests had been made.

This is not the first outbreak of theft and vandalism on the campus. On Feb. 20, Father Sancton Lentine reported his car stolen from the parking lot of the Athletic and Convocation Center. Prior to that, senior Tim Schroepfer's car was ransacked and approximately \$800 worth of damages done, with thieves taking his complete stereo tape system, tachometer, AM-FM radio and mutilating the entire back seating area of the car. And, 2 years ago, University President Theodore Hesburgh's car battery was stolen.

In response to this influx of vandalism, two seniors whose cars were pilfered, Charles Johnson and Mark Lindenmeyer, announced plans to initiate a student patrol force of these parking lots, "in an effort to obtain some effective action in controlling this looting". Those concerned can contact both Johnson and Lindenmeyer by calling 8338.

GP gets green light; Plans to be finalized

Notre Dame will make its first move into the world of "big-time" racing this May with the introduction of the first annual Notre Dame Grand Prix. Bob Folks, Chairman of this Student Union project, announced yesterday that the major obstacles to holding the race have been cleared up and that plans will be finalized this week.

Folks stated that "the main question was whether or not the Student Government fund could afford to lend the halls and organizations the money or half the money for the carts." It was decided last week that the fund would be able to lend all the money needed for the carting teams.

In order that the financial burden on the teams might be lightened, the Grand Prix committee has arranged that the loan be paid off in two installments. The first of these must be paid no later than April 1. Teams wanting their carts before this date must first present the initial installment to the committee.

To iron out financial problems, the Student Union Board met and set a few criteria for the teams and the committee. The date on which the second installment becomes due was moved up from January 1970 to October 1969. An entry fee of \$10 will be required. If the halls and organizations agree to this set-up the race will be "on."

A meeting with team captains this week will finalize arrange-

ments. Folks felt that there would be no problem "because of the enthusiastic response by team captains and hall presidents. They have shown a lot of enthusiasm and I don't anticipate this attitude to change." He also stated that "the Student Union Board has been instrumental in bringing about this Grand Prix as has Fr. McCaragher. Without their co-operation the program would have fallen through."

Time trials on May 10 will determine starting positions; and the actual Grand Prix race will be held May 17. The Grand Prix will be followed by a concert that night where awards will be presented to the winning teams. First prize is a five foot trophy plus \$100; second prize, \$50; third place, \$25. In addition, individual trophies will be awarded to each member of the winning teams. Among the dignitaries attending the festivities will be Governor Whitcomb (tentatively) and Miss Indiana.

The track will be located in the south parking lot of the Convocation Center. It will be approximately one half of a mile long and is tailored to International Carting Federation specifications. The Federation will insure the drivers and carts against damage. The carts being purchased are Rupp Abone kits powered by 4.9 cc McCulloch engines. These machines were chosen for their durability, safety features, and moderate price.

Candidates issue statements

Student Body Presidential candidate John Mroz issued a statement last night concerning academic freedom. He referred to recent campus disturbances as "shattering experiences for all of us", and added that "the concept of academic freedom seems to be the issue in question."

In the statement, Mroz and running mate Ted Jones said: "We feel that academic freedom at Notre Dame involves both rights and obligations. The freedom of learning and questioning are basic, and must be coupled with the freedoms of expression and evaluation. What we are so apt to forget, however, is that with every freedom of right, there ensues an obligation. This obligation must concern the protection of the rights of our

entire community.

Student Body Presidential candidate Ed McCartin issued a statement yesterday concerning what he felt to be the role of the Student Body President.

Concerning an article of Timothy McHugh's in yesterday's OBSERVER dealing with

what he felt to be a "duplication of efforts" between the Hall Presidents Council and the Student Senate, McCartin said, "There is no 'duplication of efforts.' The HPC is defined by its own constitution as a non-political body for inter-hall communication."

Dept. plans for changes

The Philosophy Department may soon join the Department of Theology in the changing of requirements and curriculum. Acting Philosophy Department Chairman Dr. John Fitzgerald said that the department is in a "period of assessment" both by faculty and students.

Teachers of the four philosophy departments will meet to review the program. An intermediate meeting of departmental chairmen and of representatives of SUAC will then take place, to be followed by a general departmental

assembly. The purposes of the meetings will be to judge the present program and to recommend changes where necessary.

Student opinion, resulting from student-teacher contact and from a survey taken of seniors and recent graduates, will be considered at the meetings. Dr. Fitzgerald said that there was a strong feeling among students and faculty for reducing the required hours from 12 to 9 for a philosophy major.

Save Biafra

Richard Rossie, Student Body President, has announced the formation of the Committee to Save Biafra. There will be a meeting for interested students in the Student Government Office Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.



Chris Wolfe On Not Knowing

One might call it the major epistemological problem of our time, if one could pronounce "epi-whatchamacallit". As it is, it is easier to just call it by its name, skepticism, and characterize it as radical, extreme doubt.

Skepticism is a fairly strong force in our age, whether at Notre Dame or most other places. The extreme doubt of almost any, or often every, type of certainty seems to fit very well with the extreme emphasis on the absolute uniqueness of the individual, who is left by skepticism an opportunity to rationalize anything he wants as the best thing, not by any objective criterion, but as "for him."

It's nothing new, of course, but there is one particular brand of skeptic who has been becoming more and more numerous: the dogmatic skeptic. This rather interesting animal is characterized by an aggressive "that's just your opinion" when any antagonist makes a good point in an argument. When he hears someone say, and literally mean, "I know that...", he has a fit of enraged anguish. In fact, whenever anyone dares to claim certain knowledge of anything, it usually provokes an agonized "but you just can't be so sure."

The translation of these comments very often can be "I am sure that you can't be sure of anything." It is essentially the equivalent of making the absolute statement "all things are relative."

If a skeptic is honest about his disbelief in certainty, the ultimate responsibility which he has is to doubt not only opinions and beliefs, but also to doubt doubting itself. If one can't be certain about anything, how can one be certain about being non-certain?

Take the militant atheist who condemns all religions as superstition or rationalization of previous prejudices. He has stopped saying "I don't know whether there is a God" and has started to say positively "there is no God". The only problem is that if proving the existence of God is difficult, proving his non-existence is simply impossible.

The dogmatic skeptic is also seen much in the realm of ethics today. Having before asserted that universal principles were not discoverable or provable, he now insists that there are no universal principles at all. He used to say "I can't be certain about whether they exist", but now he says "I'm certain that they don't exist."

The result of this attitude is the idea of man being the measure of all things, or to translate into modern terms, "my own unaided conscience is the absolute measure of my morality". This warped idea of conscience is a natural for anyone who refuses to accept any absolute standard for anything. The problem is that so many people absolutize their consciences in the process, e.g. against papal infallibility they uphold the infallibility of their consciences, if not literally, then by general attitude.

The bare minimum responsibility of any thinking person is to be consistent in his treatment of himself and others. If others can't be certain, then neither should the skeptic be so very certain about his doubting everything. In fact, skepticism as a philosophy simply doesn't hold water—it's core belief is a belief, and therefore subject to its own destructive law of radical doubting.

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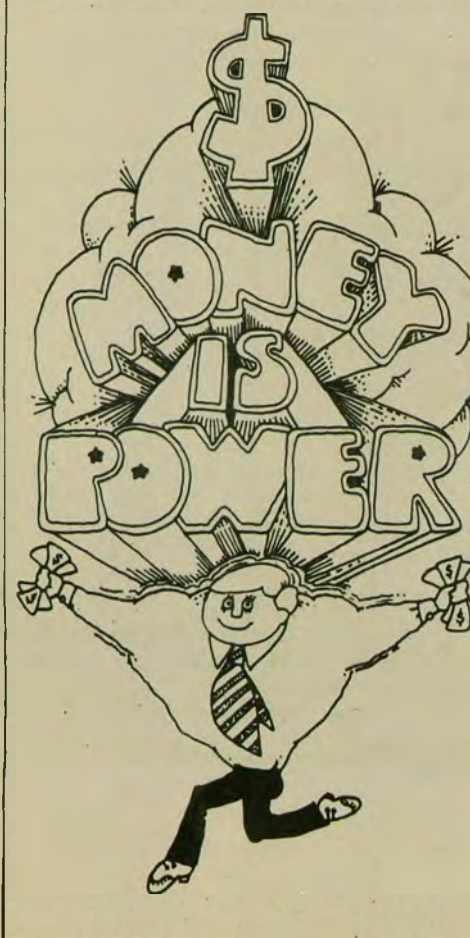
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ND dumps Valpo, wins tourney bid

by Greg Wingefeld

Observer Sports Writer

The Notre Dame basketball team accepted their NCAA tournament bid last night with a classy, 89-72 victory over another tourney-bound quintet, Valparaiso University. Led by Austin Carr's 32 point performance, the Irish hit on their first four floor shots and practically coasted the rest of the way.

Yesterday at 9:30 a.m., the du Lac cagers were extended one of the ten at-large NCAA bids. The Irish were assigned to the Mid-East Regional as was Marquette. Dayton was invited to the midwest.

Carr shot a phenomenal 15 of 19 from the field and canned both his freebies, thrilling a Convo crowd of 10,106. Teammates Bob Arnzen and Dwight Murphy also had hot hands, Arnie hitting for 16 points on 8 of 13 from the floor and 0 for 2 at the charity stripe. Murphy's seven buckets were achieved in ten attempts.

Bob Whitmore missed his chance to break the all-time ND consecutive game as a starter mark, as virus infection confined him to the student infirmary. It would have been Whitmore's 82nd consecutive start.

The Irish took the opening tip and Carr's 25-foot jumper opened the scoring. After a layup by Bruce Lindner put the Crusaders on the board,

consecutive buckets by Jack Meehan, Murphy and Arnzen put the home team in front to stay. Carr's eighteen first-half points came mainly on 20-foot plus jumpers which helped push the halftime margin to eleven points at 39-28.

A fifty point second half splurge and a scorching 66% shooting spree served to blow the Crusader's socks off. The lead was stretched to as much as 28 points with 5:32 left, but Coach Johnny Dee started substituting liberally, as a coach with a 19-5 record can do.

John Pleick started at center in Whitmore's absence and turned in an eight-point, eleven-rebound effort. Sid Catlett, the "sleeping giant", came alive with a vengeance, scoring ten markers, taking in ten more bounds and blocking a couple of shots. Meehan's eight assists testify to his floor generalship.

By virtue of their 14-8 record before last night's loss, Valpo was awarded a spot in the NCAA Small College Tournament. The Crusaders will play in the Great Lakes Regional. The Valpo victory slate includes wins over Long Island University, Evansville, and a split with Butler.

In a preliminary game, the Valparaiso freshmen knocked off the Irish 80-67. The ND frosh were down by only two points at the half, 41-39, on the strength of an 18-point outburst by Doug Gemmell. The Crusaders broke to an eight-point cushion, 51-43, at 15:45, which they maintained for most of the game. Harold Green paced the Indiana team with 21 points. Gemmell finished with 29 for ND and Terry O'Brien added 13.

Notre Dame takes on St. John's Saturday in Jamaica, New York, and returns home Monday night to battle Creighton.

VALPARAISO					
PLAYER	FG	FT	RB	TP	
Williams	5-12	1-2	5	11	
Ferguson	4-11	1-1	1	9	
Sears	3-15	9-10	7	15	
Evans	5-9	1-3	2	11	
Linder	5-10	5-5	2	15	
Rainwaters	2-5	3-3	2	7	
Patterson	1-1	0-0	2	2	
Thies	0-4	0-0	1	0	
Tauber	0-2	0-0	0	0	
Sabrowsky	1-2	0-0	1	2	
McNeil	0-1	0-0	0	0	
TOTALS	26-72	20-24	27	72	

NOTRE DAME					
PLAYER	FG	FT	RB	TP	
Arnzen	8-13	0-2	11	16	
Murphy	7-10	0-0	3	14	
Pleick	4-7	0-2	11	8	
Carr	15-19	2-2	4	32	
Meehan	3-8	0-0	1	6	
Catlett	5-9	0-1	10	10	
Jones	0-1	3-3	4	3	
Hinga	0-1	0-1	0	0	
Sinnott	0-1	0-0	1	0	
O'Connell	0-0	0-0	1	0	
Gallagher	0-0	0-0	1	0	
Quinn	0-0	0-0	1	0	
TOTALS	42-69	5-11	55	89	

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FT	45%	FT	87%

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CAREER SCORING	
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Bob Arnzen	1627
Bob Whitmore	1538
CAREER FG%	
*Larry Sheffield	.438
Arnzen 654-1336	.489
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CAREER FT %	
*McCarthy 278-357	.779
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Dwight Murphy scored 14 points in last night's contest against Valpo, raising his season's average to nearly ten points per game.



Jackie Meehan directed the Irish offense with six points and eight assists.

Wrestlers triumph

The ND wrestling squad extended its season record to 5-1 in dual meet competition by shackling Illinois Tech 28-5 yesterday in Chicago. The Irish won seven of nine bouts including two pins. The pins were made by Greg Abrams (167 lb.) nad Pat Mudron (Hwt.). Other winners included Tom Ciaccio (123 lb.), Keith Giron (130 lb.), Mike Duell (137 lb.), Ken Ryan (145 lb.) and Bill Hasbrook (177 lb.).

123 lbs.—Tom Ciaccio (ND) d. Jerry Swawske, 11-2.
130 lbs.—Keith Giron (ND) d. Jerry Sevier, 7-2.
137 lbs.—Mike Duell (ND) d. Tom Soyder, 1-0.
145 lbs.—Ken Ryan (ND) d. Larry Foster, 6-2.
152 lbs.—Bob Madel (IT) d. Jim Hansen, 11-2.
160 lbs.—(tie) Ron Rothrock (IT) and Mike Higgins, 2-2.
167 lbs.—Greg Abrams (ND) pin Jim Anderson 1:57.
177 lbs.—Bill Hasbrook (ND) d. Bob Drond, 9-0.
HWT.—Pat Mudron (ND) pin Al deGraf, 3:41.



Sports Parade

By Milt Richman, UPI columnist

Office view

NEW YORK (UPI) — Cal Griffith has extended a cordial invitation to his ballplayers.

He wants 'em to know it's a blanket invite for one and all. His door is open, he says, and his Minnesota players are invited to come in at their convenience and hear about all the joys of owning a ball club.

The Twins' owner has tried telling some of his players about a few of these joys before, pleasant little details they couldn't possibly know until they get to be owners some day themselves, but their reaction has always been the same so far. Silence. Dead silence.

"They don't say a damn thing," Griffith declares. "They're not the least bit interested and couldn't care less."

Speaking from the Twins' training quarters in Orlando, Fla., where he put in a busy day Monday signing infielders Ron Clark and Rick Renick, watching the workout under new manager Billy Martin when he could, and tending other club business in his office, Griffith talked about some of the delights of ownership, some of which players never seem to understand.

"There are hundreds of things players don't realize about running a ball club," said Griffith. "They don't realize them because they don't want to. For example, I don't think players take into account that when you operate a Class A club, you pay 100 per cent of all the players' salaries on that club. We operate six Class A clubs. We also pay all salaries over \$150 a month for our Class Double A clubs and all salaries over \$600 a month in Triple A."

The Minnesota prexy then got around to a few routine expenses.

"We travel in chartered jets everywhere we go except between Washington and Baltimore," he said, referring to the ball club. "That cost alone went up \$35,000 last year. The players' meal

money also went up from \$8 a day to \$12 and the so called 'Murphy Money' we give 'em in spring training went up from \$25 a week to \$40. On top of all that, I had the second highest payroll in the American League last year."

Griffith actually qualifies as the last of a vanishing breed. He's the only owner left with any professional playing experience unless you count such fellows as Ted Williams who, technically anyway, rates as part owner.

During the late '30's and early '40's, Griffith played with Charlotte in the Piedmont League.

"Only when somebody got hurt though," he says. "I more or less ran the club by myself. I was president and manager and third base coach. Anytime somebody got hurt, I also was a player."

For doing all this Cal Griffith received the princely sum of \$5,000 a year or \$100 a week.

"I know, I know, they'll tell you times have changed now," says Griffith. "They don't have to tell me that; I can tell them. Most people don't know that if we sign a boy to a contract and agree to pay his way through college, we still have to pay his tuition even if he turns around and tells us he has decided not to play after he signs. We paid \$50,000 for college educations last year. It cost us another \$15,000 for transportation of those boys who had to do reserve duty on weekends."

Despite the present impasse between the players and owners, there's a sure way you can get a laugh out of the Twins' boss. Simply ask him if any player he dealt with ever has volunteered to take a cut since he began signing them more than 20 year ago.

"Absolutely never," he says.

Nor does he expect any ever will in his natural lifetime.

He would like all his players to know, however, that that invitation of his still stands. The one to come in and hear all about the joys of owning a ball club. Griff doesn't imagine he's going to be bowled over in the rush.