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Carswell survives Senate's 1st test

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Judge G. Harrold Carswell survived his first Senate test by a 52 to 44 vote Monday, but still faced a final, crucial vote Wednesday on his nomination to the Supreme Court.

With a number of senators expected to switch sides in Wednesday's vote, President Nixon's second try to fill a vacant court seat still was not assured.

But opponents of the nominee were clearly on the defen-

sive. Both Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott, who supported Carswell, and Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, who opposed him, predicted the Senate would confirm him in Wednesday's showdown.

Scott conceded that he expected "some small or modest slippage" on the final vote but he said Carswell's supporters would retain their majority. Mansfield agreed. "There will be some slippage both ways," he told reporters.

After Monday's vote, more onesided than had been expected only a few days ago, Carswell's backers admitted they had suffered—as Sen. Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., the only Negro in the Senate put it—"a temporary setback." But he said it was on an issue "more procedural than anything else."

The vote was on a motion by Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., to send the nomination back to the Senate Judiciary Committee—ostensibly for further study, but realistically to bury it.

Some senators who oppose Carswell and who will vote against his confirmation Wednesday said they would not participate in such a "subterfuge."

Among them were Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., Hiram Fong, R-Hawaii, and boyish looking freshman Robert Packwood, R-Ore., who had denounced "six or seven" who he said opposed Carswell but "do not have the guts" to vote open-

ly against it.

However, to counter the loss of those votes, Carswell's supporters expected to pick up the votes of some senators who had favored recommitment. Among them were three key Southern Democrats—J. William Fulbright, Ark., Ralph Yarborough, Tex., and Albert E. Gore, Tenn.

Both Gore and Yarborough face tough re-election campaigns this fall in states where a vote against Carswell was unlikely to help them politically.

In Monday's vote eight Republicans abandoned their president and joined 36 Democrats in voting to recommit the nomination. Thirty three Republicans and 19 Democrats voted for recommitment and four senators were absent.

The chamber was still when the vote started and not until the tally clerk reached Packwood's name was the outcome no longer in doubt. Packwood, who had strongly indicated op-

position to Carswell, leaned forward, said "aye," then sat back, drumming his fingers on the arm of his chair. He coughed nervously.

About 30 senators kept track of the rollcall at their desks, recording each vote as it was announced. The galleries were packed.

Carswell, 50, a native of Georgia and a former U.S. attorney and district court judge until his elevation last year to a seat on the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, was Nixon's second choice for the vacancy created by the departure under fire of former Justice Abe Fortas.

Judge Clement F. Haynsworth Jr., a member of the 4th Circuit Court from South Carolina, Nixon's first choice, was rejected 55-45 by the Senate Nov. 22 on charged that he sat in judgement of cases in which he had a small financial stake.



HPC Chairman Tom Suddes

SBP addresses HPC

by Steve Lazar

Student Body President Dave Krashna told the Hall Presidents Council last night that he would like to see the hall community become the focal point of student government.

He said that as SBP he will create a new cabinet commission called the Hall Life Commission for the purpose of integrating hall life and student government operations.

During his brief address Krashna commented on a topic which Council member John Barkett had previously said will be discussed with a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees on Thursday afternoon. Krashna claimed that the subject, individuality versus responsibility in the halls, is most vital to the quality of hall life.

"Too many times," he said, "the halls have a hotel-motel type of psychology." He explained that this type of apathy retards the growth of any so-called community spirit. He felt the outcome of the action taken in the recent racial incident in Alumni Hall demonstrated that many people are willing to share the responsibility for hall life when the occasion demands it.

Previous to Krashna's address John Barkett revealed the topics his speakers would present to the Student Affairs Subcommittee of the Board of

Trustees at their meeting this Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Barkett felt the meeting is necessary to update the Subcommittee members on the living conditions in the halls, especially since he thought some of the members have never been in a hall.

Among the topics to be presented by a number of students and faculty members are the viability of hall life, the physical setup of hall organization, the

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by Greg Pudhorodsky

Plans are presently being formulated for the Notre Dame - St. Mary's National Ecology/Environmental Teach-in to be held on campus from April 19 to 25. The tentative specifics of these plans were given in a pamphlet distributed by Earthworker Amalgam 22 Organization.

EA-22 was organized with the expressed hope of uniting groups and individuals in the University community in order to discuss environmental problems and ecology from their particular point of view. Environment Week in an outgrowth of this effort. The wish is that the affairs go beyond the educational aspects which will be made available and focus on both the "technical and psychic" facets to derive both a science and a celebration of the earth.

This duality of purpose is clearly expressed in the ideas and events tentatively set down in the pamphlet. The major discussions will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Highlighting the speaking pro-

gram will be Garrett de Bell, the editor of *Environmental Handbook*, who will be speaking on Tuesday. In addition various seminars conducted by faculty and students will be going on throughout these three days.

Note was also given to the Sophomore Literary Festival which will concurrently present Gary Snyder, the contemporary eco-poet.

Though the organizers of the teach-in do not expect a formal cancellation of classes by the Administration they do plan to

contact faculty members and ask them to conduct their classes during the period as informative to the role their respective disciplines play in the environmental crisis. The organization will make available information and assistance to any faculty member who requests it.

The possibility of a spontaneous "people's holiday" was not ruled out and it was urged that members of the community stop kidding themselves for a day with the importance of their work and join in a celebration and "strike for the earth."

Gov. Kirk blocks desegregation plan

BRADENTON, Fla. (UPI) — Gov. Claude Kirk defiantly set himself up as headmaster of 17,000 Manatee County school children yesterday and blocked a cross busing school desegregation plan he said was "illegal, arrogant and capricious."

Kirk suspended the county's five member school board and school superintendent and took command of the school system himself at dawn to thwart—at least temporarily—a federal court ordered desegregation plan that would have affected 2,700 students and 107 teachers in 12 schools.

The desegregation plan, ordered put into effect yes-

terday by U.S. District Judge Gen. Krentzman in Tampa, would have required massive cross busing of both black and white students—some of them for distances of 12 miles.

Krentzman, whose desegregation order was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court last Friday, said he would not let Kirk force him into any hasty decisions.

"I have this matter very much in mind and there are wheels turning," the judge said.

The White House, meanwhile, announced "the U.S. government will cooperate with the federal courts in any way to assist in carrying out school integration plans in Manatee County."

"Forced busing is illegal in Florida," Kirk told county school bus drivers. "Take your old routes—not the new ones."

There was no trouble at the schools. Kirk said only nine per cent of the students were absent—"about normal for the Monday after Easter vacation."

Kirk called Krentzman "arrogant and capricious" and said "he is in defiance of my constitutional rights as an individual and as governor. I have never seen such capricious conduct in my life," Kirk said.

Kirk has been fighting federal court orders to desegregate Florida schools in mid-year on grounds it would create "social and economic chaos."

Environment Teach-in planned

Two other intersecting possibilities mentioned were a "sleep-out" and a repeat of the "celebration of life-earth rebirth" Mass held during the October Moratorium. The first point would consist of a tent-city somewhere on or about the Notre Dame or St. Mary's campus. Concerning the latter, it was stated that anti-war sentiment would be appropriate at this time since, "Vietnam is on the wrong end of the celebration of life aspect of the teach-in."

Zero Population Growth has allotted space to EA-22 in the basement of Walsh Hall, the location of the old Knights of Columbus Hall.

Demonstrations

by John Abowd

The National Vietnam Moratorium Committee announced last Friday tentative plans for the nationwide anti-war demonstrations to be held April 13-15. Current plans include a three day "Peace Fast" and "Tax Payer's Rallies" in over 30 cities on April 15.

Sam Brown, a national coordinator, commented on the committee's plans: "On April 15, across the country, people will once again halt 'business as usual' to speak to their countrymen and their President. They will talk about the broadening involvement in Southeast Asia, and about the economic crisis brought about by the spending for the war and the Pentagon."

The purpose of the fast is to demonstrate moral opposition to continued US involvement in the Vietnam war. The emphasis will be placed on college campuses where students are asked to forego meals during the Peace Fast and make arrangements with their food service agencies to have the money saved donated to the "Peace Fast Fund." The Vietnam Moratorium Committee claims that this activity has been

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Viet demonstrators to 'fast'

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endorsed on over 150 college campuses across the country.

According to Tom Schoaf, a local organizer of the Moratorium Committee, nothing specific has yet been planned for South Bend and Notre Dame. However, a meeting is being planned for later in the week in order to formulate a local schedule.

The proceeds from the "Peace Fast Fund" will be given to the American Friends Service Committee, The Vietnam Relief Program, The National Welfare Rights Organization, and The United Farm Workers. The Moratorium office notes that "It is important that this money be collected assiduously since the total contributed will be one of the most significant results of

the Fast."

The additional major activities of this month's Moratorium are the "Tax Payer's Rallies." Regional offices in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Chicago, Des Moines, Denver, Houston and San Francisco are directing the effort to organize tax payers who are willing to refuse payment of a portion of their taxes. The committee asks citizens to direct the IRS to spend the portion of individual income taxes that is normally spent for the Vietnam War and Defense projects, approximately 30 per cent, on "Hunger, urban renewal, public housing, health, education, pollution control" and

other non-defense areas. In addition taxpayer's are being asked to withhold ten dollars of their income tax which will be donated to the Moratorium Committee.

The regional office in Chicago, which is coordinating activities in the Midwest, announced a major rally co-sponsored by the Vietnam Moratorium Committee and The Chicago Peace Council. Speakers will include Senator Charles Goodell, Congressman Abner Mikha and Dr. George Wiley of the National Welfare Rights Organization. Entertainment will be provided by the cast of *Hair*.

New Deal criticized

Last night, in a lecture delivered in the Memorial Library Auditorium, Professor William DeSantis of the Notre Dame History Department chided the inaction of the Roosevelt administration in the enactment of legislation for Negro Civil Rights. Pointing to discrimination in welfare distribution, job selection and military placement by the NRA, the CCC and other government administrations, DeSantis scored Roosevelt's position of much talk but "benevolent inaction".

Roosevelt's calls for an end to

"class distinction", interference with voting rights, and job discriminations were followed by little legislation because of a fear of loss of Southern support. Deciding not to jeopardize the support of key Congressmen whose votes were needed for the passage of important financial measures, Roosevelt lowered Civil Rights priorities instead, DeSantis said.

Hall life is topic

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"good things" of hall life, and the current philosophy of hall community. Other subjects on his agenda include black concentration, drinking, coeducation, hall staffs, and hall government, he said.

Last night's meeting was opened and closed with a number of proposals concerning An Tostal.

Some of the possible activities include a log paddling contest, a kissing marathon, and a flagpole climbing contest in which teams try to retrieve money tied to the top of the pole.

Glen Corso

A Forum

One thing that Notre Dame lacks is a forum which provides for continuous discussion on the various issues which confront students.

I hope to establish such a forum on the editorial page of *The Observer* provoking discussion by relating various points of view, coupled with my own feelings and by publishing letters I receive which comment on the issue.

I hope to establish discussions on things such as: recruitment, minority admissions, the relevancy of the University, the value of a "Christian Education," and University priorities. Too often these issues are only discussed by both sides during times of crisis, or through structured bodies such as the SLC and the University Forum.

In order for there to be any real communication about the issues students must be made aware of them, and given the chance to give their views, such an exchange will be beneficial to the community as a whole. With the various viewpoints pitted against one another in print, the community will be able to choose the one it felt was best.

For this forum to be successful I will require cooperation from the students. I will welcome any and all letters commenting on issues raised by this forum, and will also appreciate any specific information on the subject, if a person happens to be well briefed in the matter.

Sophomores who recently attended the "Meet Your Major Night" for the Government Department learned that next year all Government courses, with the exception of a newly created and as yet unnamed course, will be closed to all non-Government majors.

This move, according to the Chairman, was due to severe overcrowding in most of the government courses and the resultant impairment of the education of the majors. Therefore it was decided to limit the persons eligible for the various courses. Such action was taken only after expansion of the department was considered and rejected. The reasons? Several, the primary one being that old bugaboo—money.

By forcing the department to restrict those allowed to take its courses, the University in effect is restricting the education of those in the College of Arts and Letters. This rather ominous event brings into question the concept of a university.

If a university is a place where a wide variety of subjects are offered, in order that the individual can have the option of obtaining the broadest possible education, then Notre Dame is in the process of excluding itself from University status.

On the other hand, if a University is defined by the number of chemistry laboratories, of the student to faculty ratio, or the number of eminent professors, or the number of majors offered, to the amount of money that its alumni contribute, then Notre Dame would qualify as a University.

We will be contacting some administrators to get their view on this money question and its relation to the conception of a University. We would like to have student views on this question too.

If academic disciplines are to be restricted by economics the students and administration should both be heard.

Congress mulls over postal raises

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The negotiated postal pay increases went before Congress yesterday while government and union officials met to draft legislation implementing the second stage of the package.

Congressional leaders predicted quick passage of a 6 per cent pay raise for all federal civilian and military employees.

At AFL-CIO national headquarters, two Post Office Department officials and three postal union presidents began discussing legislation to turn the department into a government corporation and to give postal workers an additional 8 per cent pay raise when the reorganization goes into effect.

Nixon's proposal to raise postal rates is intended to finance the second part of the postal settlement worked out last week.

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Ishmael Reed

Brown to appear at SLF

by Bob Meyers

The Sophomore Literary Festival will present their fourth annual schedule of events next week from April 12th-16th. Included among the authors attending are the controversial Claude Brown and Ishmael Reed.

Claude Brown, 33, is a native of Harlem who attended Howard University and was a playwright for the American Afro-Negro Theatre Guild before writing the autobiographical *Manchild in the Promised Land* in 1965.

Few non-fiction books have been able to match the impression that *Manchild* made upon Americans. Its author was called upon to speak in dozens of locations around the country, to testify before Congressional committees, to write articles for leading magazines, all to re-explain the things he had simply and forthrightly stated in his book.

It is a peculiar American idiosyncrasy not to believe what is most truthfully told, and even when they believe it, to wonder wide-eyed at the mystery of it

all. Claude Brown opened their eyes by telling them the truth about black people in the urban ghetto. He told with eloquence and honesty that which he had lived.

In the foreword to *Manchild*, Brown explains how the great influx into the slums of the North was fostered on the promises of a better life, and how disillusionment and anger have been inbred into generation after generation of blacks.

The world now knows something of these people, partially as a result of Claude Brown; but their misery continues. As he said, "...they had little hope of deliverance. For where does one run to when he's already in the promised land?"

Brown will speak on "The Black Renaissance, Part II" on Monday, April 13 at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall.

Perhaps the most versatile of the guests at the 1970 Festival is poet, journalist, actor and novelist Ishmael Reed of New York City. After an apprenticeship as a college-dropout journalist in Buffalo, N.Y., Reed became edi-

tor-in-chief of *Advance*, a weekly newspaper published in Newark, N.J., and was instrumental in the founding of *The East Village Other*.

He was invited to teach a course on Afro-American Literature at the University of California at Berkeley in 1968, which proved to be so successful that he was voted one of four of the most popular teachers on campus.

In a recent interview he said, "The '70's will belong to black people, Indians, cosmic creatures, and anybody else who wants to climb aboard."

The sardonic joy and bitter pain of being young, black and in America (taken separately or collectively) permeates Ishmael Reed's writing. His talent is a monster, controlled only by the class that good writers have. The words are cleanly written, alive with swift cuts at nearly every oppressive or neutral object. *The Free-Lance Palbearers* (1967) and *Yellow Back Radio Broke-Down* (1969) are the manifestations of Reed's creative ability.

He calls himself, as well as all Afro-American artists, "international mind-miners." The new universal identity that the black man is striving to achieve stands out in Reed's writing like a shining black torch in a field of snow.

Reed will speak on "Contemporary Problems in Literature" at 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 12 in Washington Hall.

Congress unlikely to increase postal rates

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The second ranking Republican on the House Post Office Committee asserted yesterday that "it will be a long, cold winter day" before Congress approves President Nixon's proposed postal rate increases.

Rep. H. R. Gross of Iowa issued the bleak forecast shortly before Postmaster General

Winton M. Bount entered a closed session of the Senate Post Office Committee to outline the "full dimension" of last week's negotiated settlement providing 5.9 million federal workers with a 6 per cent raise retroactive to Dec. 27.

The agreement, costing an estimated \$2.4 billion, also

provided for an additional 8 per cent pay hike for postal employees contingent on reorganization of the Post Office Department. Union and government officials met yesterday at AFL-CIO national headquarters to start drafting legislation implementing this "second stage" of the package.

Nixon's proposed postal rate increases, including raising the cost of first class mail from six cents to ten cents, is intended to help finance the cost of the boost in wages.

But Gross, joined by Reps. Ken Hechler, D W. Va., Fletcher

Thompson, R. Ga., denounced the plan.

"It will be a long, cold winter day before Congress will boost first class to ten cents, Mr. Nixon and the union leaders notwithstanding," Gross said. "First class mail is returning a profit while second and third class are the big losers."

The President also has proposed a 12 per cent increase for second class mail, like newspapers and magazines, a 67 per cent hike for single pieces of third class mail and a 5 percent rise for bulk third class, such as unsolicited advertisements.

Post pollution petition

A series of petitions seeking to prevent thermal pollution of Lake Michigan has been posted in the dining halls on campus. The object of the petition is the nuclear power plant under construction at Palisades, Michigan.

According to Thomas Morgan, an organizer of the drive on campus, copies of the petition with the signatures will be sent to President Nixon in hopes of requiring the plant to install facilities to return used water to the lake at its normal temperature.

If action is not taken immediately, Morgan contends, millions of gallons of water will be drawn from the lake in order to cool the nuclear reactors and will be returned to the lake at a temperature 28 degrees warmer.

This process will theoretically raise the temperature of the whole lake. Untold damage could be done to fish and plant life and the growth of algae and bacteria may be accelerated. The eventual result will be the stagnation of Lake Michigan, according to Morgan.

Morgan hopes that the petitions at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will contain as many as 4,000 signatures.

The petitions were posted last night in the Dining halls at Notre Dame and will be posted later this week in the cafeteria at St. Mary's.

Queen - Kissing

The Hall President's Council is announcing its annual gala An Tostal Queen Contest. Girls from any school are cordially invited to participate. So girls, send in your photos, or urge your beau to enter you. The only catch is that the young colleen has to be part Irish.

This year's An Tostal features such new events as: pig roast, free pig sandwiches, girl's basketball, greased flagpole climbing, log paddling, piano stuffing, kissing marathon, and a dance marathon.

Plus the old standard such as the pig chase, bed race, cow milking, tug-of-war, etc.

Anyone, (including nuns) should send head and shoulders photo along with name and address to 414 Badin Hall, Notre Dame, Ind. 46556.

Sophomore Literary Festival Council presents

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Three lectures deal with law

George W. Keeton, Professor of English law at Notre Dame and adviser to the students in the London Program, will give the first lecture in a three-part series entitled "Beginning of the Common Law," this afternoon in the Library Auditorium.

The two other lectures will be given tomorrow and Thursday. Tomorrow's lecture will be in the Library Auditorium, but Thursday's lecture will be in the Center for Continuing Education. All three lectures will be at 4 p.m.



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Spring break round-up

Baseball

Despite a team batting average of over .300, the Notre Dame baseball squad was able to win just one of six "spring training" games last week while participating in the Hurricane Tournament hosted by the University of Miami (Fla.).

Phil Krill, Bill Orga, Rich Lucke, and Joe Keenan led the Notre Dame batsmen but a lack of consistent pitching hurt the Irish. Frosh hurler Rick Eich, a southpaw, was the only hill standout, recording ND's only victory, an 8-1 romp past Colgate, and yielding just one run in ten innings of work.

The Irish began play in the tourney on Monday, March 30, and dropped both ends of a doubleheader, 7-3 and 6-3 to Miami. On Tuesday, the Irish were handed a 9-3 loss by the Spartans of Michigan State but, powered by Locke and Keenan, who belted homers, and the fine hurling of Eich, the Irish bounced back to drop Colgate on Wednesday.

The Irish were close but just fell short in the final two tourney games, bowing to Michigan State on Thursday 12-11 in a slugfest spiced by the power hitting of Phil Krill and Bill Orga. Krill clouted a pair of three-run homers and Orga added a two-run round tripper. Colgate avenged their earlier setback by slipping by the Irish 4-3 on Friday.

Assistant Coach John Counsell commented, "We had good hitting but our pitching certainly could have been better. The homerun ball hurt us."

Although the six Florida games count on the season's record, the Irish launch their 22 game regular season schedule this weekend opposing Bowling Green University this Friday and Saturday at the Falcon's diamond.

Lacrosse

The ND Lacrosse Club hoping in the next year or two to go varsity, travelled to Towson Md. with 26 men anticipating a match with the Bowie Lacrosse Club but an obvious mismatch with an All-American laden club

was cancelled.

The stickmen tehn travelled to Emmitsburg to take on Mt. St. Mary's College. A determined "ND 10" withstood a late MSM onslaught to win 8-6. After leading 4-1 at the half the Irish were tied by the Mount 5-5 before they clinched it with three quick scores. The outstanding performer for the Irish was Jerry Kammer a junior goalie who received th game ball for his all-around hustle and clearing work. On offense junior Kenny Lund scored 3 times and Ed Hoban a sophomore added two more to lead the Irish attack.

The squad then took on Georgetown University at Georgetown in Washington, D.C. ND again got off to a quick start with a 2-0 lead in the first quarter but at the half trailed 6-3. Senior and Captain Tim McHugh put on a great show in the second half to rally the team. His burning 20 yard shot caught the upper left hand corner of the net to tie the score at 6-6. This was McHugh's second goal of the half and it came less than two minutes to go in the game. Kenny Lund's third goal of the contest in the overtime period gave the Irish a hard-fought victory 7-6.

Sunday on Stepan Center field, the Lacrosse Club "B" team will take on Wayne State. The club's next match is with Mid-west power Denison College away on April 18th.

The Irish record is 3-0 on the season.

Tennis

The Irish tennis team was in Washington D.C. for the Easter holidays. The trip was considered a success as the squad won two of their four official matches; they also looked good in two unofficial matches. The Irish started the trip with a warmup match against Navy. Navy was leading 6 to 4 when the remaining two matches were called due to darkness. The match was very unofficial and the Irish, who are used to the fast courts of the ACC, had some slight difficulties getting warm. In their next match, also unofficial, the ND team trounced Georgetown 9-0.

The first official match was a big 6-3 win over Cornell. The

team continued its winning ways with a decisive 9-0 victory over George Washington. However, the Irish were turned back 5-4 in an extremely close match with the University of Maryland. The final match of the trip was against Indiana, a perennial Big Ten powerhouse. The team played fairly well though they dropped a 7-2 decision.

Sophomore Buster Brown played the number one position for the Irish and his play was exceptional. The highpoint of Brown's performance was a three set victory over Indiana's highly touted Mark Bishop. Brown exhibited extraordinary powers of concentration throughout the matches and he has significantly brightened the team's 1970 prospects. The Irish have a match against Purdue today at 2:00 p.m. and all are invited to attend.

Football

The 1970 football squad began the long grind in quest of a National Championship yesterday with their first day of spring drills.

The major problems confronting Ara Parseghian and his staff will be to rebuild the offensive line (only the two guards return to the interior) and find replacements for departing defensive standouts Bob Olson, Mike McCoy and Larry Schumacher.

Some possible changes may take place with regard to switching some key players from last year to new positions. None of these changes are definite yet but they will be experimented with during the scrimmages.

Ara spent part of the Easter break traveling over the country and rumor has it that the Irish mentor has added some fine recruits for next year's freshman class.

New Column

In an attempt to move the student body from its constant state of apathy, *The Observer* Sports Department has decided to run a new column in which the student may voice his opinion.

The column will be similar to "Sound Off" of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is entitled "Voices from the Crowd."

Terry Shields

THE IRISH EYE

Well, it's that time of year again! It seems that everybody has something to say about who will be the next World Champion of the National Pastime.

Unfortunately baseball has come to such a state where the task of predicting winners is not much more than guess work. Not only are the teams less solid (and consequently less predictable), but there are more to choose from and this increases the margin of error.

As the Major Leagues enter their second century of baseball the fans find that there is not one solid favorite to win at all. The results of expansion were finally realized last season when the "Amazin' New York Mets" were crowned as World Champs.

This was not a case of the Mets improving so much in nine years, but moreover, baseball as a whole degenerated to the level of the Mets. True, the Mets did develop a fine young pitching staff but their starting lineup had few solid ballplayers.

These picks are made, then, with a bit of hesitation at each place in the standings. With regard to the new column (Voices from the Crowd) let us hope that everyone might register their complaints before the season gets into full swing. There is nothing worse than a baseball fan with 20-20 hindsight!

In the American League, Western Division:
Oakland Athletics—The A's appear to have enough muscle in the offense with Felipe Alou acquired during the winter and Reggie Jackson ready to prove that last year was no fluke. The youth of the club should carry it through the stretch drive to the Western Title.

Minnesota Twins—Harmon Killebrew should have another great year but the loss of Manager Billy Martin could have a damaging effect.
Chicago White Sox—The Sox are gradually building a representative ball club. Carlos May and Co. will provide some punch, but not enough.

Kansas City—This is the strongest of the expansion teams (at least with respect to divisional strength). They even come close to putting a major leaguer at each position!

California Angels—They could have a lot of surprises for many of their followers, unfortunately they won't all be delightful ones.

Milwaukee Brewers (?)—There was talk that a group of kayak builders from Nome, Alaska were bidding for the rights to own the Brewers. Think of the money they would save on light bills for night games.

In the Eastern Division:
Baltimore Orioles—Overall team balance should make the O's the lone repeater this year. This may be a close race with any one of four teams having a shot.

Boston Red Sox—With a healthy Jim Lonborg the Bosox could be tough to handle. Don't be surprised if the men from Beantown take it all.

Detroit Tigers—The Denny McLain "thing" poses as a big headache for Bengal fans. It will probably be a story of too little, too late in Motown.

Washington Senators—Ted Williams is a great hitting instructor, too bad he can't play himself.

New York Yankees—The Yanks are a real darkhorse this season. Too many inconsistent performers will spell their doom.

Cleveland Indians—The Tribe may as well start from scratch and maybe by 1980 they'll have a baseball team that can match the Browns for results.

In the National League, Western Division:
San Francisco Giants—The G-men finally get out of the second place rut in what may be the last season for one of baseball's immortals, Willie Mays.

Cincinnati Reds—This is a shaky choice. The Big Red Machine has lots of power, but with that pitching staff they'll need every bit of it.

Atlanta Braves—Henry Aaron may be the best in the game but he can't carry the club to a repeat of last year.

Los Angeles Dodgers—The Dodgers just don't have enough offense to win it, not without a Sandy Koufax on the staff.

Houston Astros—T.C. Treanor says that the Astros will win the World Championship. T.C. Treanor also says that there are no ghosts in Washington Hall.

San Diego Padres—Wait till next year! (repeat for another decade)

In the Eastern Division:
Pittsburgh Pirates—The Battling Bucs hit .290 as a team, in Spring Training ball. They should snap out of their slump when the season starts.

St. Louis Cardinals—The Cards have a potential powder keg bu Richie Allen may blow things sky-high.

New York Mets—They just couldn't pull it off two years in a row!

Chicago Cubs—The Cubbies have the personell but the shock of last September will remain for a while.

Philadelphia Phillies—The rns are in a slow re-building process and they're a few years away from serious contention.

Montreal Expos—Even though the Canadians lost out in hockey and the fans will be ready for a new team to cheer for, Park Jarry will be mighty quiet in September.

One might hazard to risk picking any farther but if you're going to get hate mail you might as well go all the way. So, look for the A's of Charlie, O. to win the AL playoff and the Pirates to outslug the Giants in the Senior Circuit.

If all of this comes to pass the Pirates should be able to handle the Westerners in what could be baseball's most exciting but possibly lowest quality season.

The New York Knicks last night defeated the Baltimore Bullets by a score of 127-113 to take the best-of-seven series 4 games to 3 in the first round of the NBA Eastern Division playoffs.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	100	62	.617	----
Chicago	92	70	.568	8
Pittsburgh	88	74	.543	12
St. Louis	87	75	.537	13
Philadelphia	63	99	.389	37
Montreal	52	110	.321	48

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	109	53	.673	----
Detroit	90	72	.556	19
Boston	87	75	.537	22
Washington	86	76	.531	23
New York	80	81	.497	28½
Cleveland	62	99	.385	46½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	93	69	.574	----
San Francisco	90	72	.556	3
Cincinnati	89	73	.549	4
Los Angeles	84	77	.525	8
Houston	81	81	.500	12
San Diego	52	110	.321	41

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	97	65	.599	----
Oakland	88	74	.543	9
California	71	91	.438	26
Kansas City	69	93	.426	28
Chicago	68	94	.420	29
Seattle	64	98	.395	33

Monday's Game,
Montreal 1 - Cincinnati 5.

Monday's Results: Detroit 5 - Washington 0. Only game scheduled.