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CPA plans to pickett GE interviews

by Jim Holsinger

The Notre Dame-St. Mary's Coalition for Political Action (CPA) plans to pickett the Notre Dame Placement Bureau on November 11 to protest campus recruiting interviews by representatives of the General Electric Corporation.

The General Electric Corpora-

tion is presently involved in a contract settlement dispute with the International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE). In a letter sent last Tuesday to Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, the CPA demanded that the employment interviews with General Electric not be held while the strike remains in effect.

When the university officials refused to cancel the interviews, CPA planned the picketing.

CPA claims that the University is supporting management in the contract dispute by allowing the interviews.

"In such a struggle the workers' contention is that the corporation's operations should be stopped, while the owners attempt to maintain activity. In

such a situation it is inconsistent with the rhetoric of the University's 'neutrality' and 'impartiality' for the Administration to continue to side with the corporation in sponsoring its continued operation. . . ." reads the CPA's statement.

Rev. Louis J. Thornton, director of the Notre Dame Placement Bureau, told the CPA that the interviews will be conducted. Thornton met with Phil Fleming of the CPA on Thursday afternoon.

"In our discussion, we agreed that the students have the right to dissent, and that other students have the right to assent," said Thornton.

Thornton explained that it is the work of the Placement Bureau to make it possible for students to obtain interviews, and that since the Placement Bureau deals with over 500 employers it is impossible for them to become involved with each employer.

"More than 100 students signed to take interviews with GE. Campus interviews were selected of their (the students') own choice," said Thornton. He further noted that the interviewing dates were set from 18 months to a year ago, and that there was no knowledge of any strike at that time.

Thirteen unions, led by the IUE, are now striking against the General Electric Corporation. The unions, representing 147,000 workers, are demanding a 30 month contract including higher wages, an added supple-

ment for highly skilled workers, a cost-of-living clause, and other benefits. General Electric has offered a three year contract with a 25 cent an hour wage increase, with added increases of from 5 to 25 cents for highly skilled workers, and other considerations.

However, the United States Court of Appeals in New York on October 28 found General Electric in violation of the National Labor Relations Act by refusing to bargain "in good faith." In the action General Electric's approach was cribed as "take it or leave it."

"I don't think they (GE) should use our facilities to support a system that the Supreme Court has ruled unfair," said Student Body President Phil McKenna, who also signed the CPA statement.

CPA members are already distributing leaflets at 7 major factories in South Bend, including Bendix, Uniroyal, Kaiser, and the O'Brien Corporation, asking workers to support the IUE strike. CPA plans to invite workers from the South Bend area to take part in the November 11 protest by meeting in discussion groups with Notre Dame students.

The November 11 demonstration, which was described by CPA as "a non-violent educational protest" is to include leafleting on the Notre Dame campus, and the picketing of the Placement Bureau.

Hayakawa is featured at SMC Symposium

S.I. Hayakawa, President of San Francisco State College, will be the featured opening-night speaker at the "Language, Symbol, Reality" symposium to begin this Friday at St. Mary's. The symposium is sponsored by the St. Mary's 125th Anniversary Committee and is designed to introduce and integrate new ideas of symbols from people of quite diverse traditions and disciplines.

Father John McGrath, President of St. Mary's, will officially welcome the participants Friday afternoon, at 1:30 in Carroll Hall. The opening address will be given by John Brademas, Third District Indiana Congressman and a member of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees.

S.I. Hayakawa will speak as a representative from the General Semantics discipline but the title of his speech is still unannounced. His address will be at 8:30 p.m. Also speaking on Friday will be Mayer Schapiro of Columbia University (2:00 p.m.), Paul David Crabb of Princeton University (4:00 p.m.) as delegates from art and anthropology respectively.

Karl Menninger, M.D., head of the Menninger Foundation and well-known psychiatrist, will be highlighted speaker on Saturday. His talk on "Words as Weapons" will be held at 11:00 a.m. Other Saturday speakers include Michael Butor (9:00 a.m.), Paul Ricoeur (2:30 p.m.), and Roman Jakobson (4:30 p.m.)

Sunday activities will feature the summation speech at 9:30 of all of the symposium's activities delivered by Rulon Wells of Yale University.

All lectures will be in Carroll Hall in the Madeleva Memorial Building.

Hilsman decries Nixon plan

by Buz Craven

Asia expert Dr. Roger Hilsman attempted to solve the puzzle of Asia for an overflowing audience in the library auditorium last night. Hilsman, a professor of government at Columbia University, turned his excellent lecturing talent on four subtopics: how Communist China figures into the future of Asia, the role of nationalism in the emerging nations of Southeast Asia, the implications of the Viet Nam problem, and his opinion of President Nixon's Monday speech and an alternative to Nixon's course of action.

Hilsman began his discussion on Red China with a brief digression concerning Mao and the "Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution." He stated the cultural revolution was "Mao himself," in an attempt to have continuous revolution. Hilsman revealed that he believed that the revolution developed into a three way dispute among the Communist factions and eventually led to the end of Maoism. "Maoism is finished," he told his student audience.

Dr. Hilsman had several ideas about the future of Red China, a notable one being that he believes the Nationalist Chinese have no role in the future of the mainland. He commented "there is nothing more dead than a leader exiled 20 years." Hilsman theorized that the faction which eventually gains control of China will be a well disciplined group dressed in the usual Marxist verbiage. He also



Roger Hilsman

Jim Hunt

expects this group to try to re-establish China's dominance, to be hostile to the rest of the world, and to be typically Chinese in the caution they use in using military force. Hilsman

reassured the audience that he does not think China will invade its neighbors unless the U.S. or the Soviets attempt to make a

military base there, as was the situation in Korea, or unless they are provoked by their neighbors, as in India in 1962.

The second portion of Hilsman's lecture dealt with the frustration of the Asian man. Here he compared the Asian's suffering under colonialism with those of the American black man.

High school students to attend Conference

Close to 100 high school juniors and seniors will converge on the Notre Dame campus for the third annual National Student Leadership Conference November 15-16. Director of the Conference is Rev. Thomas E. Chambers, C.S.C., rector of Morrissey Hall.

The Kennedy Institute, a University organization formed last spring, will assist Father Chambers with the financing and coordinating of the event. John Mroz, Chairman of the Kennedy Institute, will serve as Student Chairman of the Conference.

Pat McDonough, Director of Public Relations for the Conference, called the Institute "an 'umbrella' type of organization which provides funds and coordination for programs which promote the

general well being of people."

McDonough said that the purpose of the Leadership Conference is twofold: to expose potential high school student leaders to university life and to educate them in the art of leadership.

Procedure in recruiting high school students consisted of corresponding with over 4800 private and public high schools across the country. In most cases, the student and the high school he represents will share the expenses of the Conference. However, a number of the applicants are of an underprivileged minority class and cannot afford Conference costs.

So working through McDonough, Director of Minority Recruitment for the

Kennedy Institute, Father Chambers has been able to secure sufficient funds to finance the attendance of a number of blacks, Mexican Americans, and Indians.

McDonough hoped that this will be the first step in a large, far reaching program for minority recruitment and financial aid to be established in the near future. The major announcement on this is expected within two weeks.

Student Chairman Mroz, assisted by former stay-senator, Rich Hunter, has set up an extensive program for the November 15-16 weekend. Lectures, informal student-faculty-administration discussions, panel discussions, social encounters, and a banquet have been planned.



Rev. Thomas E. Chambers, CSC

Advisory Council strongly favors co-education

by John DiCola

The Arts and Letters Advisory Council met with five Notre Dame and five St. Mary's students last Thursday evening to discuss co-education of the two schools. Although the idea of co-education was treated somewhat philosophically, the Council and the students also discussed the problems which would be created by

co-education. The consensus of the entire body was very favorable toward co-education.

John Zimmerman, one of the students who participated in the meeting and also a member of the Co-education Co-ordinating Committee, stated that the Council "did not hold on to the concept of a male university, but they felt that the merits of co-education outweighed the merits of non co-education at the University."

Zimmerman pointed out that this favorable attitude was not expected of the Council by the students. The Advisors are deans of the Arts and Letters College and selected Arts and Letters alumni. They form a recommending body to their departments and to the university.

Zimmerman said, "Students have the idea that alumni are

opposed to all change in the university, I anticipate a recommendation from the Council strongly favoring co-education."

The Advisory Council was also informed of a test case concerning consolidation of the sociology departments now on the agenda of the Co-education Co-ordinating Committee.

In the area of Alumni relations, the Council would like St. Mary's girls to join Notre Dame students in speaking tours for the promotion of co-education to the Notre Dame alumni.

The university committee working toward co-education is the Co-education Co-ordinating Committee. In a meeting last October 14, the tri-partite committee made plans to consolidate registration of ND and SMC students. This would

be on a limited basis in January and full-scale for the 1970-71 school year.

The committee gave its recommendation for a new computer to handle the combined registration and also the future combined grading and class assignments to Mr. Leo Corbaci, assistant Vice-president and Registrar, to take to the Vice-Presidents Council.

John Zimmerman pointed out that there are some problems in the present system of co-exchange. He said that "many St. Mary's girls are eating lunch in the Huddle when they could be getting free meals in the Notre Dame dining halls." He stated that co-ex students both at St. Mary's and Notre Dame may obtain a meal pass at their registrar's office, which will permit them to eat lunch at the opposite campus.



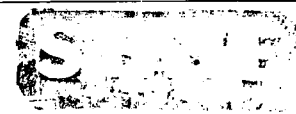
John Zimmerman

Commenting on the future of co-education at Notre Dame, Zimmerman said, "There doesn't seem to be much of a commitment of this university to co-education. Things are moving at the pace of a crippled snail. I envision that the students on the committee will have to act as devils' advocates to move more quickly and with more definite direction."

Dress board now hearing cases

The members of the SMC dress board have been chosen and are now hearing cases. They are Sr. Mercita, administrative representative, Miss Janetta McNamara, faculty representative, and Mary Osmanski, senior Sociology major and student representative.

Students should contact committee chairman Mary Osmanski at either Box 1101 or Ext. 4720.



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Kurtz slates speakers for Indian Conference

by Bro. Pat Carney

Feeling that the American Indian has long been a neglected minority in the country, Bill Kurtz announced plans for the upcoming Conference on the Problems and Culture of the American Indian.

Scheduled for January 5-9, the affair will feature speakers from both the official government agencies dealing with the problem and individual Indians who will present their side of the problem. But cultural activities will also be included to complement the talks.

Former Vice-President Hubert Humphrey has given a tentative commitment to appear. The organizers are also contacting Barry Goldwater who has a large Indian constituency and who has indicated on the Senate floor that he was interested in helping them.

From the entertainment world, Steve McQueen and Buffy St. Marie have been invited. The former has done a good bit of work in this area and Miss St. Marie, of Indian ancestry herself, has been approached about the possibility of giving a benefit concert.

Although he is not as famous as the people mentioned above, Mr. Ned Hatathli's appearance may be the most significant in light of the project which is growing from the conference.

Mr. Hatathi is the President of the Navaho Community College in Rough Rock, Arizona. This is the first college in the country run by Indians, for Indians, on Indian land. An outgrowth of the Conference has been the setting up of a tentative exchange program between NCC

and Notre Dame. Mr. Kurtz sees the program as costing about one million dollars over a ten year period. He envisions an exchange of both faculty and students with emphasis on Law and Ph.D. students. These two branches are singled out to prepare the young Indians to be able to defend their treaty rights and to prepare future teachers.

Since the University cannot afford to fund such a program, money is being sought from outside sources. When Fr. Hesburgh was approached with the idea, he agreed to help secure money from both the Rockefeller Foundation and the federal government.

On the cultural side of the Conference, former Notre Dame Professor Peter Michelson has agreed to appear and recite from his recently published Indian anthology. Together with Professor Si Gross they will present a program on the Indian in American Literature.

When asked about the progress to date, Kurtz commented that "it has been very successful—people have been more than cooperative." He cites the enthusiasm on campus for a Work Force to do construction and tutorial work at the Navaho Community College as a good example of the involvement of the students in this project.

Looking towards the actual Conference, he pointed out that by inviting both nationally prominent speakers and between three and five Navaho and Sioux Indians, the group has set the groundwork for what should be a very meaningful dialogue and experience for all who attend.

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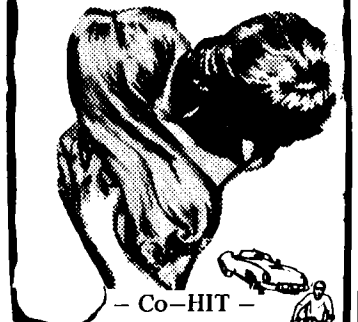
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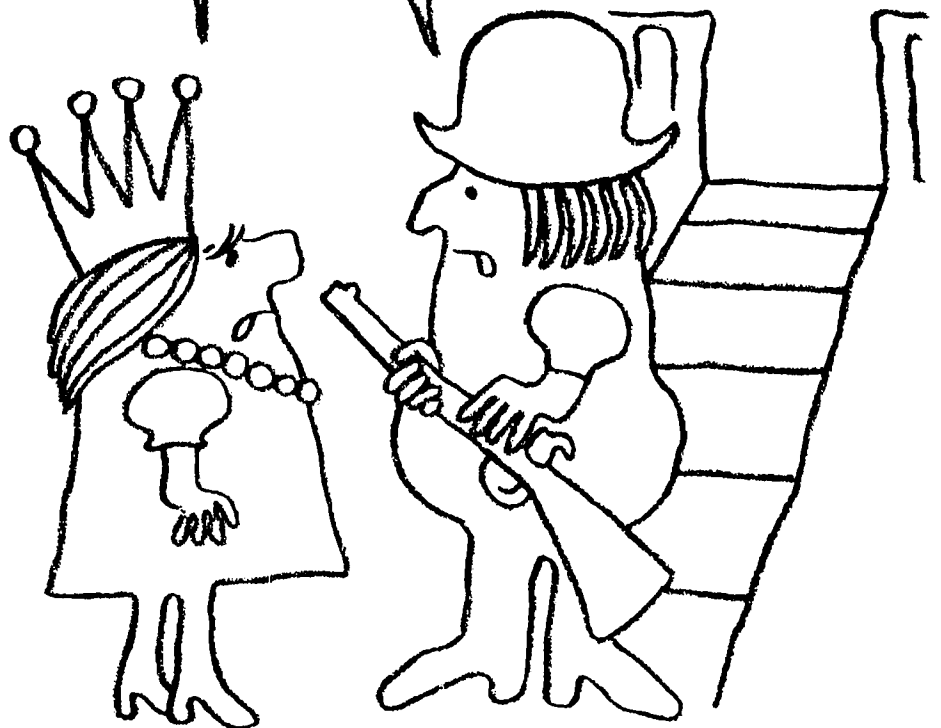
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Security reform

The attack Wednesday night on Notre Dame split-end Tom Gatewood is another in a series of violent incidents at Notre Dame this year. We think that it is about time that they stopped — or were stopped.

Among the list are the attack of a Barat girl late at night near La Fortune, the attempted robbery and shooting of a Notre Dame student on his way to St. Mary's, the sexual molesting of a St. Mary's girl in La Fortune Student Center, as well as a number of other fights, schuffles, and incidents of vandalism around campus. Some of the incidents have racial overtones which makes dealing with them a delicate situation. But delicate or not it is about time that someone started to do something.

The first thing that the university should do is to begin a full scale shake up of the security department on campus. It is hard to expect security policemen to be everywhere at the same time to prevent incidents. But it is hard to imagine more than two or three members of the current force who would have the courage or the competence to assist someone if he were attacked. This is no reflection on members of the staff as people — just as security guards. Most of them are too old and just not equipped with the talents needed to deal with violent situations. If they serve any purpose now it is as a deterrent to crime.

Second, it is time that someone in the security department was trained, or someone hired, who had the skill to follow up on a case and determine who is responsible for some of the things that go on. They are still investigating (or maybe they have stopped) the robbery of three thousand dollars from the Student Union over two years ago. What has happened since the student was shot three weeks ago?

Arthur McFarland claims that Gatewood was shot at earlier in the year. He says that Security knew about it. If people are shooting at people on this campus it doesn't take a Sherlock Holmes to realize that there are guns here. It wouldn't take much to track down the owners.

There is a lot at stake here. A community which allows crimes of violence to go unpunished for any reason is asking for trouble. Laxity breeds more violence and more violence breeds unrest or retributions. The whole process is a vicious circle. People start to talk and wonder — and then a lot of people start to get afraid — and fear is never a good thing. It has no place at a university.

One of the Trustees mentioned casually to a rector that it was worth it to him to hire Pinkerton Guards with his own money to see that the parietals hours rule was enforced. He said that it was worth it to assure the continued good reputation of Notre Dame. What about just the *continued good* of the place? If any of the Trustees have any money to throw around for guards how about helping out Mr. Pears and Father Riehle with security?

In other regards, we do not feel that the university should feel the need to baby sit for any juvenile delinquent. There was a backlash a few years ago because universities were expelling people. It wasn't especially because they were expelling them, but because of the means that they were using. Some of the practices then did not provide for equitable judicial proceedings.

We have a new judicial system now. It is supposed to be structured justly. There should be no fear to remove students if they don't understand what a university is all about.

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MAH FELLOW AHMERICANS....

Dave Stauffer

Rigor mortis

It wasn't too long ago that my friend died. The exact date isn't known because my friend wasn't sure exactly when he died and if he doesn't know then who possibly could? Actually, I suspect the date, time, and place could easily be specified by my friend if he would only think about it seriously. But there is little he cares to take seriously, most of all death. Besides, if he is dead he sees no way of letting anyone else know *the specifics* and why should he care to let anyone else in the world know if he isn't in the world with them?

Maybe I could establish something concerning my friend's death. It may disturb him that I delve into this strictly personal matter but what could he know of it and what does he care anyway (since he is no longer in this world (see above))?

To begin, I imagine what his tombstone would read: *born - Pittsburgh, Pa., June 12, 1953; died - five or six feet above Notre Dame, Ind., 46556, Nov. 5, 1969. May he rest without piece in peace* (although the spellings may be reversed (although my friend wouldn't want it that way (although he may agree it would be better (in the end))))).

The birth of my friend's death can probably be traced back to his birth in 1953 (but not 1949). However, it was not until the spring of 1969 that he realized the inevitability of his death. It was in the spring of 1969 he read an excerpt from an anti-war pamphlet written in 1917 by Randolph Bourne. This reading had a great impact upon his life, and an even greater impact on his death.

Through a rather comic interpretation of this pamphlet, my friend discovered that he could not kill. He wondered if it perhaps was only a simple case of cowardice; that he would rationalize his cowardice by claiming conscientiousness and of course rhetorical objection to those human (inhuman) activities to which one is generally expected to object conscientiously. But problems arose. He discovered that he was also a coward when asked to join "We won't go" clubs, and their counterparts. He approved of radical activities, talked constantly of joining them, but never took that decisive step to action. To the very day he died he could not kill — this alone accounts for 50% of that which killed him.

It was also in the spring of 1969 that my friend turned twenty years old. This event was significant only in that it necessarily entailed the fact that he was no longer 19. And this event did not become significant until several weeks and again several days before his death, although even then its significance was merely symbolic (but nonetheless significant).

You see, he had heard that an individual passes his sexual prime when he reaches his twentieth birthday. This had only been heresay; but at certain points in his life my friend had an amazing ability to blow insignificant ramblings into statements with more moral and philosophical inferences than words. In any event, it surely can't bother him *now*, and even if it could, it shouldn't and therefore won't.

By the way, it was also in the spring of 1969 that Phil Ochs announced his death. My friend was affected not only by the dead man's songs, but also by his previous songs sung while alive (while Ochs was alive that is)...(Well, my friend too for that matter).

Now to consider his final days: In early October my friend recovered from a serious illness, and he soon realized he was much changed (not by the illness but as a result of it). He firmly convinced himself that this was indeed the dawn of Another age, and that he indeed was and would be a part of it. But he took a turn for the worse (or should I say better) in the last days of October, and his demise was fast. This especially was too bad because of the travelling he had planned to do (he had always desired weekend trips). Now that I look back on it, I see that he was very inexperienced, if you know what I want, in everything (that counts) except death. Ironically, it was death he experienced once too often.

In memoriam: Thomas Ehrbar

By Marilyn Becker

(To be read in a properly intense dramatic tone...)

Tommy is leaving us today. Already our eyes fog with the mist of tears, our breath catches on the point of a sob, our hands shake with the suppressed storm of our grief. (It's pretty hard to operate a typewriter in that condition, we'd like to note.)

Barely can we contemplate the thought of those long, empty hours, those stern and barren hours in the *Observer* office, with not even the ghost of a smile, the fading whisper of his sheepish shuffle, the final scrawl of his creative hand to enliven and enlighten the gloom. Only one thought comforts us: as Tommy has yet to walk into the *Observer* office during working hours this year, we won't be missing much!

No longer will Guy De Sapio's shout ring through the din of the UPI machine: "Where is Ehrbar? Why isn't his...page finished? It's after midnight! Why isn't his page started?!" (Certain intervening words have been omitted in the above quote, partly in the interest of the sensibilities of our reading public.)

No longer will Tommy's manly form

be seen bending intently over the mock-up of his obstinantly blank four-column spread. No longer will his silky swatch of blonde curls quiver gently as he cries over his typewriter, or hurls his column half-written into the wastebasket. (Alternately, he hurls his column half-written into the typing room with this terse directive to the typist: "Improvise an end!")

No longer will the layout staff puzzle valiantly over forty-two inches of copy, comparing it repeatedly, in hysterical laughter, with the sixteen inches of blank space Tommy has left for it on his page. No longer will this same layout staff debate Tommy's ingenious innovations: diagonal columns, instead of the usual up-and-down ones, purple ink instead of the usual black, articles that begin at the end instead of the other way around. Tommy once suggested that an article be cut up, and its paragraphs scattered all over the page, to be connected by the reader with little arrows. The layout staff loved him for that one!

No longer will Tommy, notoriously a generous soul, buy Cokes (with or without) cyclamate, as you wish) for the entire staff. In fact, as we remember it, never did Tommy, notoriously a generous soul,

buy Cokes for the entire staff... In fact, never did Tommy buy anything for the entire staff...

Be that as it may, we will miss Tom "E" Ehrbar on the *Observer* staff. We of the Feature Department will miss him more, perhaps, than most. We will be getting a new Feature Editor, one who might possibly force us into doing a little work. Of that, no one could accuse Tommy!

So we will miss Tommy, our old, true friend. We will miss his creative spark, his talent, his drive. We will miss his dedication, his perception, his ability, his willingness to work. We will miss the joy he brings to all the *Observer* staff.

In parting, we would like to offer one last tribute to Tom. It takes the form of a brief paraphrase of Shelley's elegy for John Keats, *Adonais*. With all due apologies to my verse writing teacher, it is, to wit:

I weep for Tommy Ehrbar, and his going away from us, his staff, whose eyes are flowing with sparkling, glinting, shining droplets, tears awakened by the thought that he's no longer here.

Sorry about that, world!

Dear readers,

Tom Ehrbar is a person you can depend on. Even though this is Tommy's last page as Feature Editor, he still runs true to form by running off for the night and leaving this five inch hole in his page. We, the Thursday night staff, salute Tommy here and now in an effort to fill in the whole.

Phil Bosco
Night Editor

Son House is coming

On Tuesday, November 11, 1969, there will be a lecture-concert on American Blues in Washington Hall. The lecture is on the evolution of the Blues by Dick Waterman in which original tape recordings on the history of blues will be used. The concert is by Son House, the "last and greatest of the Delta Blues" singers.



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Joe Cottrell

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There are deep metaphysical problems in *Yellow Submarine* (that is what we're talking about you know). There are human feeling, and psychedelic colored whiz-bang, and relevancy and several of the worst puns the English language is capable of. There is even a fable you can

tell to a small child or goldfish if the occasion arises.

Isn't he a bit like you and me?

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Freshman counseling innovations revealed

Two major new innovations in the Freshmen Counseling were revealed yesterday in an interview with Dean Burke, Dean of the Freshman Year of Studies.

The first change enlists the aid of five outstanding sophomore students in the counseling program. One of these students comes into the counseling office each day from 1:45 -- 4:45 pm. When a freshman comes to Dean Burke with a problem, the sophomore is present to offer any suggestions that he may have. This program started in September and Dean Burke says

that it has proven quite helpful. The sophomores, with their personal experience of student problems are often able to understand a student's problem and offer practical solutions easier than is a faculty member or, even a trained counselor.

The second innovation involves the alumni living in St. Joe's County. The program, as planned, would have several hundred freshmen each become paired with an alumni family. Dean Burke does not consider this to be true counseling, but rather as an attempt to develop

friendship between Notre Dame students and the South Bend area. He maintains that the only reason this program uses freshmen is because a freshman will have four years to develop an amiable relationship with the family he meets. This idea would, however, help to lessen a good deal of the alienation and

homesickness a freshman encounters when he finds himself away from home for a long period of time.

Mr. Jerry Kerns is the alumnus who is helping Dean Burke set up this project. A good response is expected from both the alumni and freshmen.

GSU given room, funds

Both office space and funds have been made available to the Graduate Student Union this

week as the group begins a study of the Teaching Assistant Situation.

Jim King, G.S.U. Chairman, announced yesterday that the university has given his organization office space in Room 407 of the Administration Building. In addition, the group has secured a loan from the university to get it started financially until it is able to fund itself.

Among those who have been instrumental in obtaining these advances was Fr. Botzum, Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Fr. Botzum was recently appointed Advisor to the GSU.

In related news, King also announced his appointment of a fact finding committee to look into the teaching assistant situation. He wishes them to find comparisons with other universities as well as financial situations within the departments at Notre Dame.

After an initial meeting today, this group plans to meet with Fr. Walsh some time next week.

The regular meeting of the GSU will take place at noon today in the Library Auditorium. King stressed that all Graduate students are welcome to attend. Elected delegates from each department will be expected, of course, but the meetings are open to all graduate students.

Dean George D. Bruch of the Villanova University of Law will be conducting interviews for prospective students on Monday, November 10th in Room 154 of the Center for Continuing Education. Sign up for an appointment outside Room 101 O'Shaughnessey.

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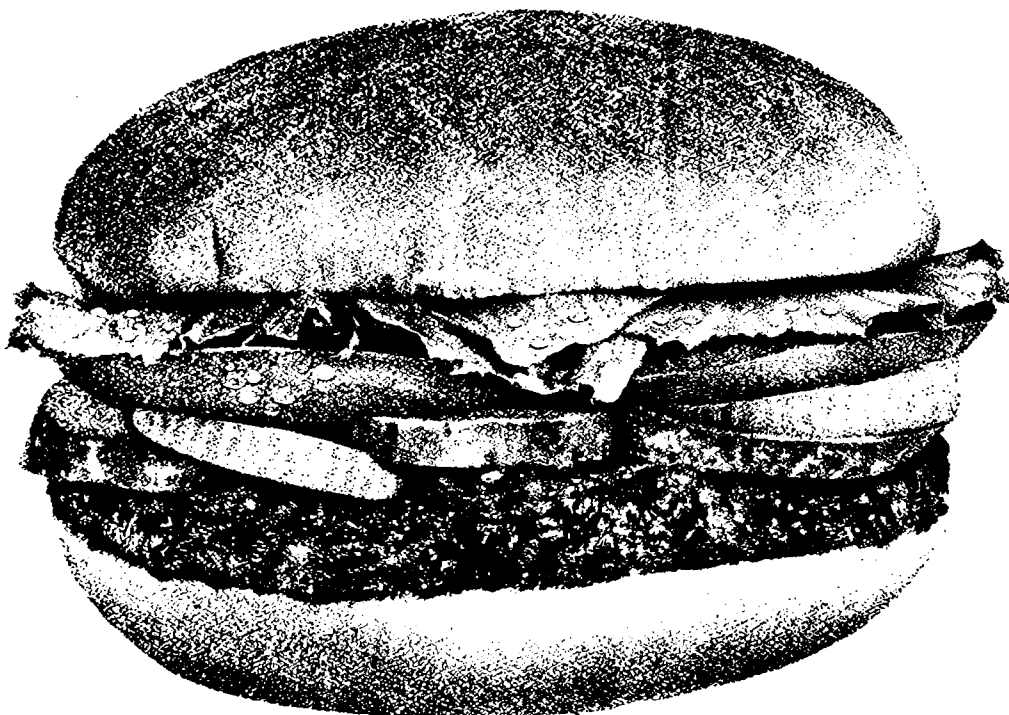


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Letters to the Editor

Circle game

Editor:

This last Saturday I visited your university for a date with a boy whom I had met from there. When we left campus for a restaurant that night he suggested we hitchhike, saying it was ok, everyone did it. I felt hesitant, but agreed in sport. We walked to the "circle" where others really were doing the same thing. There was a group of three guys there already so we got in line behind them and waited, one discouraging car after another. When finally one stopped I thought, "The next one will be our turn." I looked for the three guys to get in; but no, one turned to us and said, "Go ahead."

Wow! It was, it is... well, you know, it's wonderful.

Please continue to be a community of such dignity. And

Thanks,
Kathy Remil
Northwestern University

Mass protest

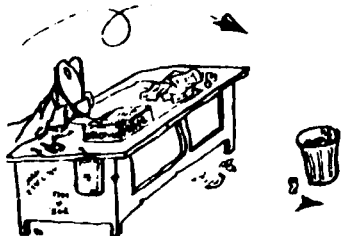
Editor:

During the Oct. 15 Moratorium, elements of the Notre Dame community held a mass at the library as part of the Moratorium expression. In the Thursday edition of *the Observer*, it was stated that plans were being made for a possible mass in front of the Pentagon.

It appears that the use of the celebration of the mass is becoming quite a popular form of protest. Various events such as draft card burning are becoming a part of the reliving of the greatest event in human history. The mass is being used as a toy; an instrument of expediency for political ends. This seems a reversion toward the pre-Reformation practice of using the mass and other aspects of Christianity to the most immediate ends of unscrupulous secular rulers in conjunction with a few devious clergy.

This, of course, is extending the point to the historical end. However, the principle is blatantly obvious in this tactic used by my well-meaning fellow students. The proper perspective of the celebration of mass must be kept in mind. God is not necessarily on the side of anyone who feels their cause is just due to the fact that the worship of Him is a 'part' of this cause.

Robert Souders
504 Flanner



More on

Observer:
Dear Paul,

Your article, "Integrity Phases Out," deleted much of the movie *A Man for All Seasons*. Saint Thomas More was quite content not to say anything against the government. What More was against, was the taking of an oath to affirm something in which he did not believe.

Earlier in the movie than the scene you describe, Margaret More asked Thomas not to sign anything which might be interpreted as his support of King Henry's marriage. In particular, she did not want her father to sign a new document to which the King was ordering his subjects to put their name. Thomas asked for the exact wording of this document, but Margaret could not understand why the words were important and told him so. Thomas replied, "... the animals are to serve God in their innocence, but man is to serve God in all the complexity of his mind." This meant that as long as he could get around the problem legally, he would sign. This was the same document which he later found impossible to

endorse and still retain his integrity.

The integrity you have advocated in your article is not to be found in Sir Thomas. You must change your arguments to fit the model, or find another model to fit your arguments.

Sincerely yours,
Frank Huber
310 Morrissey

Vote of dissidence

Editor:

Your editorial entitled "Vote of Confidence..." concerning Mr. Nixon's speech of November 3, was disheartening to me in many respects, but let me concentrate on one of your statements: "Our acknowledged motive for being there—the free determination of the Vietnamese people—can not be impugned." This gentlemen, is an outrageous falsehood, and it strikes at the heart of the problem. You, as President Nixon, have ignored the history of this war and greatly distorted our role in it.

I would strongly suggest that you read the Geneva Agreements signed by the French and the Vietnam in July of 1954, especially noting the provisions therein for "general elections which will bring about the unification of Vietnam." (Article 14(a)). Study of the "Interim Reports of the International Commission for Supervision and Control in Vietnam" will make it sufficiently clear who was responsible for obstructing the elections which were to take place in 1956. As the Commission (composed equally of representatives of Canada, India, and Poland) unanimously agreed in 1956, "While the Commission has experienced difficulties in North Vietnam, the major part of its difficulties has arisen in South Vietnam." (Sixth Interim Report).

It is of further interest to note that in his book *Mandate for*

Change President Eisenhower stated that: "I have never talked or corresponded with a person knowledgeable in Indochinese affairs who did not agree that had elections been held... possibly 80 percent of the population would have voted for the Communist Ho Chi Minh..." Sure, the U.S. wants "free" elections, as long as we are sure that we can win them.

There are of course many other relevant details, notably the history of the first Indochinese War (1946-1954) and

the nature of the U.S.-supported Diem regime. I would be happy to discuss these matters further with the authors of the "Vote of Confidence..." editorial at any time.

Sincerely,
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