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Subcommittee: 'study' for co-ed

Committee hears report

by Rick Smith

The Student Affairs Subcommittee met yesterday in closed session and discussed the much-talked about issue of Coeducation at Notre Dame. The Subcommittee concluded after its day-long meeting that since there was not enough information on the issue, a study on the implications and consequences of the expansion of the Co-ex program, the introduction of Co-education, and the direction of the University in that area should be undertaken.

The meeting began with discussion about the alleged discrimination against female graduate students at Notre Dame and the possibility of graduate students being placed on the Student Life Council. Black Studies and the teaching assistants' problem were also topics on the morning's agenda.

After the discussion, members of the University community were brought in to the meeting to give their ideas and opinions on the issue of coeducation. Father Walsh, Vice-President of



Members of the Open Session of the Student Affairs Subcommittee which met yesterday to discuss co-education at Notre Dame listen intently to the discussion.

Academic Affairs gave the subcommittee an overview of the academic implications the commitment that Notre Dame has presently to St. Mary's regarding co-education.

Next, Father Wilson, Vice-President of Business Affairs, presented an overview of the financial implications of the

co-ex program and the possibility of admitting female students to the University. He suggested a study of the co-ex program and of co-education.

Father Whelan, Director of Student Housing and Rector of Grace Tower, talked about the possibility of women living on campus and the implications of

co-ed housing. He concluded with a recommendation for a co-ed dorm on the campus.

Father Amen, rector of Flanner Tower, followed with a talk supporting Father Whelan's position and giving some personal experiences in sexually integrated housing. Father Amen felt that co-ed living improved the dormitory atmosphere, not only in relation to student dating but also to students studying and learning together.

Mr. William D'Antonio, head of Notre Dame's Sociology department, talked about the difficulties he has encountered in attempting to merge his department with the Sociology department of St. Mary's. Mr. D'Antonio concluded that despite the obstacles the two departments should be merged.

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The Open Session of the Student Affairs Subcommittee opened yesterday afternoon when the Research and Development Commission reported the subcommittee's decision to conduct an extensive study into coeducation. Zimmerman said that the study that the subcommittee had recommended should facilitate progress and make it easier for the University to go co-ed in the best way.

Dr. Thomas Carney, chairman of the subcommittee, said that the meeting had failed to come to any more concrete recommendation due to the subcommittee's lack of knowledge about the University's direction. He said that he hoped that the study would investigate the financial implications of the co-ex program. Further, Dr. Carney said that the University had no intentions of eliminating St. Mary's.

The first question concerned the University's position on the possibility that St. Mary's would lose its identity. Dr. Carney replied that he did not think that St. Mary's had to be eliminated "to have what you want."

The next question concerned the possibility of St. Mary's becoming an obstacle to Notre Dame's going co-ed and the consequent possibility that Notre Dame might have to cause the demise of SMC. Dr. Carney said that he did not want to make a commitment now but would decide on the basis of certain things St. Mary's does and does not do in the future. He said that ND would not go co-ed if SMC's enrollment ever reached 2500, thus providing the three to one ratio considered by

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Funk, Frye, at Mardi Gras

by Glen Corso

Observer News Editor

Dave Dewan, chairman of Mardi Gras, yesterday updated the current status of the event, and released the latest information on raffle collections.

Due to exams, there will be no additional formal raffle collection period until the evening of Feb. 3. To date, Dewan has received approximately \$3800, or slightly better than 10% of the designated goal.

However, he reserved the hope that many students have been unable to sell their chances due to the great amount of study time necessary for exams. In addition, he felt that several students are presently holding out large amounts of money in their struggle for top salesman with the trip to Bermuda riding on the outcome.

Dewan also noted that students will be able to turn in their collections during the carnival itself, which is scheduled to begin on Thursday, February 5.

In an effort to stimulate student interest, the Texas Club is running a concerted campaign to sell chances in South Bend on Saturday.

The effort is not limited to Texas Club members alone, but is open to all students interested in the Mardi Gras campaign. The normal commission for the sales will be awarded to the Texas Club treasury, with a sufficient amount available to go towards a party for those who assisted in the drive.

Dewan issued a final plea to the students that they take time out during their semester break, and attempt to sell their two books.

Plans were also finalized yesterday regarding the annual Mardi Gras concert. Social Commissioner Dave Vecchi revealed that the fine hard rock group, Grand Funk, appearing with the very popular political impressionist, David Frye, will be the attractions.

Vecchi related that definite plans were so inordinately late in being announced due to several problems of communications with various groups, and the fact that many groups will be on tour or on vacation during early February.

Such groups as Credence Clearwater Revival, Sly and the Family Stone, and other groups listed on a previous Social Commission survey were unavailable for a variety of reasons.

Vecchi also noted that, whereas he could offer the groups as many as five available dates for appearances during fall concerts, he was limited to only one date over Mardi Gras.

Concerning Grand Funk, Vecchi remarked that the Commission had been aiming at hard rock for some time now, and that he is quite pleased with the selection, as he is with the selection of David Frye.

He further observed that the two acts, appearing for an hour each, would appeal to most students. He added that such a well-rounded concert, appealing

to a wide group, would provide more than enough entertainment.

The concert is scheduled for Friday, February 6, at 8:00 P.M. in the Convocation Center. Ticket prices have not been announced yet, but will be less than admission to the fall concerts.

SUAC reveals semester events Camus conference heads list

Associate Student Union Commissioner Mike Lynch announced final plans for the upcoming Camus conference, to be held February 8th, 9th, and 10th. At the same time, SUAC head Pat McDonough announced upcoming events for most of the second semester.

"This year is the 10th anniversary of Camus' death," Lynch announced, "to commemorate it, we are holding a conference on Camus on February 8th, 9th, and 10th. The purpose of this conference will be to study some of the questions and problems raised by Camus' work, and

LAST ISSUE

With this issue the Observer terminates publication for the semester. The Observer staff wishes to offer all of you good luck over the final exams. We will reappear on the dining hall tables beginning February 3.

some of his reflections concerning theology, philosophy, and political science. Also to be discussed is the art of Camus as a writer."

Some of the men that are scheduled to appear and lecture are: Fr. John Dunne, formerly of ND, now at Berkeley, and author of *Search for God in Time and Memory*; Edward Gargan, professor of history at the University of Wisconsin, author of the research paper *Innocence of Camus*; Professor Germain Bray, who teaches romance languages at the University of Wisconsin. Professor Germain will present a lecture on the art of Camus.

Besides these lecturers the conference will also include an exhibit on Camus, from the French cultural agency in New York, several student participation symposiums, and the film *The Stranger* based on Camus' book of the same name. Pat McDonough announced a

list of upcoming SUAC sponsored events for the first three months of the new semester. On Feb. 5th, Harrie Vanderstappen, authority on Asian art, will give a lecture on his specialty.

A series of films sponsored by Black Maria Cinema group will be held February 9th through

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Faculty awards

St. Mary's Student Government will present its first annual Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Outstanding Contributions to Student Life in O'Laughlin Auditorium next Monday at 1:15 p.m.

Student Government officials voted on the recipients last night and have intimated that the results will be most surprising.

Therefore, they have asked for the attendance of the entire St. Mary's community.

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The cruise course is open to all students, and is especially expected to appeal to those students who will finishing or beginning the Department's Rome Program. The cruise course will be led by Assistant Professor J. Daniel Selig of the Department, who will instruct on art history at special museums to be visited as well as on aspects of architectural photography. Enrolled students may, in addition, audit one of the other courses being given aboard, which include Music (Indiana University), History of Ancient Civilization (Western Michigan University) and Photography (Rochester Institute of Technology).

Because the program is combined with other universities, an especially attractive all-inclusive cost is offered, \$1098 (plus \$29 tax) from New York. For those wishing to join the program in Europe, the all-inclusive cost is only \$823 (plus \$29). For further information, contact the Secretary, Department of Architecture, Ext. 6137.

Class leaders join to blast SG

by Cliff Wintrod

Observer Associate Editor

The four class presidents in an open letter to Student Government and the Student Union, charged that their "repressive and un-cooperative" attitude towards the classes has been responsible for the failure of the class governments this year.

The lack of finances from Student Government and the discouraging or banning of proposed class activities by Student Union have been the critical factors in the classes' poor performances said Junior Class President Jack Crawford.

"If class governments are to remain the same with no legislative powers and no financial backing from Student Government then they might as well be done away with," Crawford said.

"As class governments are right now, I do not think the students could care less, because the classes do not do anything, primarily due to a shortage of funds," he added.

Crawford indicated that the financial crises facing the class governments is very acute and could foreseeably cause the class governments to fold.

"The financial situation of the classes is in such a serious condition that without immediate help, class governments will be dissolved by this time next year," warned Crawford.

Crawford felt the financial crises and the future of class governments will be resolved next fall when the Student Senate considers appropriations.

"If the class governments fail to receive the necessary financial backing from Student Government, then the governments will die out gradually. Everyone I know will quit," commented Crawford.

Crawford mentioned that a bill has been introduced in the Senate which would absolve the Senate of all class debts, a change in the past policy of paying off the debts.

Crawford did not feel that these payments were too much of a financial burden for Student Government and provided just cause for a change in the policy.

Text of the Presidents' Letter

Class government has failed to fulfill its obligations to the students. We feel that this is not a result of a lack of capable and imaginative people among the respective classes. The classes have been unable to operate effectively because of the repressive and un-cooperative attitudes of both Student Government and the Student Union.

Student Government is in the process of gradually phasing out the class governments. By a reluctance to grant any financial aid, they have forced the classes to curtail many planned activities.

In numerous cases, the Student Union has either discouraged or altogether banned the proposed activities of the Sophomore and Junior Classes. Concerts planned by the Class of '71 and parties and trips organized by the Class of '72 have been forced into cancellation by the Union.

Is this continued effort to dissolve the class governments in the better interest of the student body? Seniors have their own particular interests; i.e. marriage, job placement, graduation, the "Senior Bar," etc. Freshmen are more concerned with orientation problems and with meeting girls from SMC. Sophomores and Juniors have more time and energy to devote to social action projects.

Could not the vast manpower resources of each class be put to good use? A Student Government Research and Development Commission, now staffed by seven members, could be turned over to a Sophomore Class government of fifty members.

Class government is also one of the few places where underclassmen can exercise administrative abilities, without waiting to "rise up in the organization."

In light of these considerations, we feel that class government should be maintained, but only if the following steps are taken: 1) a small amount of each student's activity fee be allocated to the class governments; 2) the classes be allowed to assume greater responsibilities, now being operated by Student Government; and 3) both Student Government and Student Union adopt a more cooperative attitude toward the classes.

Jack Crawford—Sr. Class Pres.

Barry Doyle—Jr. Class Pres.

Joe Stankus—Soph. Class Pres.

Denny Wilson—Fr. Class Pres.

"Compared to the debts of Student Union, class debts are minimal," he said.

Crawford felt that the de-emphasis placed by Student Government on the importance of class governments could be traced back to the Richard Rossie administration.

"Ever since the Rossie and McKenna administrations, student governments have made an effort to discourage the traditional organizations on campus and redirect their energies toward political and social action organizations," said Crawford.

He felt that the class governments "should not be considered a political outlet," but it definitely could be used "for social action projects."

However, he did view the primary purpose of a class government as a "combined social service" organization to

fulfill both the social needs and the service needs of the students.

"I think as long as we do not have coeducation, and as long as South Bend is the way it is, then the social needs are quite important," Crawford said.

Crawford felt that Student Union hurt primarily the sophomore and junior classes by not granting them permission to hold concerts, parties, or trips.

He pointed out that all groups planning to hold an activity have to get an "activity permission" slip signed by Student Union to hold the event, permission which has not been granted in some past instances.

Crawford cited as past examples of Student Union disapproval their refusal to let the Junior class sponsor a James Brown concert and their refusal to let the sophomore class hold two trips to girls' colleges.

In the open letter to Student Government and Student Union, the four class presidents proposed that the various SG commissions employ the large available use of manpower in the class governments, especially in the freshmen and sophomore class governments.

They compared the present seven man staff of the research and development commission to the possible fifty man staff from the sophomore class government.

"The members of the class governments want to do something in an administrative post and they do not have an opportunity to do so," said Crawford.

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Other items of business will include the referendum which has been mailed to each graduate student of the University concerning authorization for a fee of one dollar per semester to go towards the operational expenses of the organization.

Although it had been suggested that this fee might well be included in grants which pay all fees, it has recently been discovered that since it does not come under an academic fee, the students will generally have to pay it out of his own pocket.

Delegates will also get a chance to review the opposite

side of the financial picture when the budget is submitted to them. Approval will of course be contingent on the acceptance of the referendum proposal.

Finally, a report is expected from the group which met with the Committee of Student Affairs of the Faculty Senate regarding representation on that body.

Any graduate students with interests in any of these matters are urged to make their opinions heard by attending the meeting at noon today in the Library Auditorium.

OBSERVER BUSINESS STAFF MEETING

4:30 pm Friday, January 16
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GRAND PRIX ?

Students of Notre Dame:

As of right now, the future of Grand Prix is in grave doubt. Unless proof can be shown that there is a genuine interest in this event, the HPC will withhold approval and the Senate will not approve its budget, causing definite cancellation. Do you want a grand week in May, or not?

I urge that any of those who participated last year, those who wish to participate this year, or anybody who just plain wants a week of social events in May, to please contact their hall presidents before Monday night, Jan. 19. It is your support that will be the determining factor. **MAKE YOUR WISHES KNOWN!**

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Glee Club sings

Last Sunday the Moreau Chorale, St. Mary's Glee Club and Notre Dame's Glee Club sang the Dello Joio Mass at the newly renovated Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. The group was invited by the cathedral to help celebrate its re-opening.

Norman Dello Joio, composer of the Mass, directed the SMC-ND choir group and was accompanied by Arthur P. Lawrence at the organ and the brass ensemble of the South Bend Symphony Orchestra.

After Sunday's performance, Dello Joio remarked, "Although the Mass was written to be sung by over 100 voices, the chorus did an excellent job with only eighty."

The Mass was composed for a mixed chorus, brass instruments, and organ. Prayers set to music in English include: the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus and the Agnus Dei.

Coffeehouse gets 4g's

How'd they do it? With mirrors? blackmail? How was Flanner Hall able to get \$4,000 from the University to finance the construction of their coffeehouse, "America"?

Fr. Jerome Wilson C.S.C., Vice President for Business Affairs, offered a simple explanation to this perplexing question; economic opportunity.

"The room being used is an unfinished room which the University would have had to complete eventually," he said. "The cost could have been anything, so I felt that this would be a good inexpensive way to do it."

The figure \$25,000 was mentioned by Father Wilson in regard to the costs of other possible methods of completing the room.

Father Wilson pointed out that the Flanner representatives had felt that the idea is one which will provide something useful for the students. He also mentioned that he felt that the students, in terms of time and effort, would probably end up investing as much as the university in the room.


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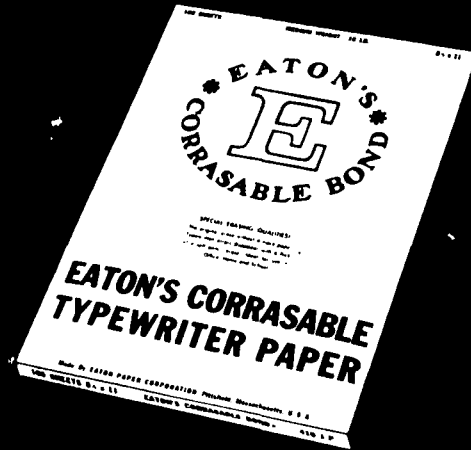
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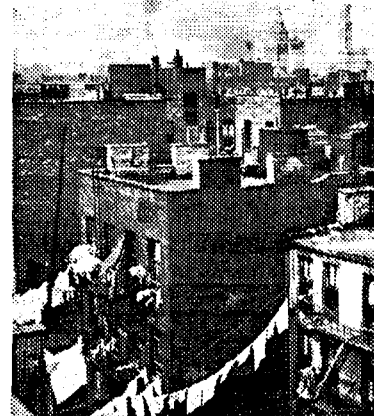



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SMC Off-campus housing

A large number of St. Mary's students have taken issue with the college policy of forced on-campus living. A student committee was formed to research the feasibility of off-campus living for the college. Their findings, printed in an *Observer* series this past week, have shown that the prospect is not only possible, but virtually necessary for the future progress of the institution and its students.

As of August 31, 1969, Saint Mary's was operating on a deficit of \$469,015, a sum which is nearly half of that of Notre Dame. In an attempt to augment its income, the college will be admitting more students than can be comfortably housed. If its ultimate goal is to admit enough students to stave off the possibility of Notre Dame opening its doors to women, then St. Mary's must either build new dorms, discover other facilities, or lose its autonomy when Notre Dame houses SMC students. The college cannot afford to do the first, and the third would occur only with total merger. Off-campus housing would allow for an increase in the number of tuition-paying students, and therefore a decrease in the deficit. Financially, it seems that Saint Mary's has no other option.

Saint Mary's has been striving for diversity among its student body, bringing in students from other cultures, exposing its students to new types of curricula, and, for the most part, encouraging the individual to foster personal responsibilities. It should not, now, back away from permitting its students to undertake the most enriching experience it could offer—having them learn to live independently in the world that they must ultimately deal with. The positive returns to the college atmosphere and community in terms of opinion and perspective are unlimited, and far outweigh any argument against the issue.

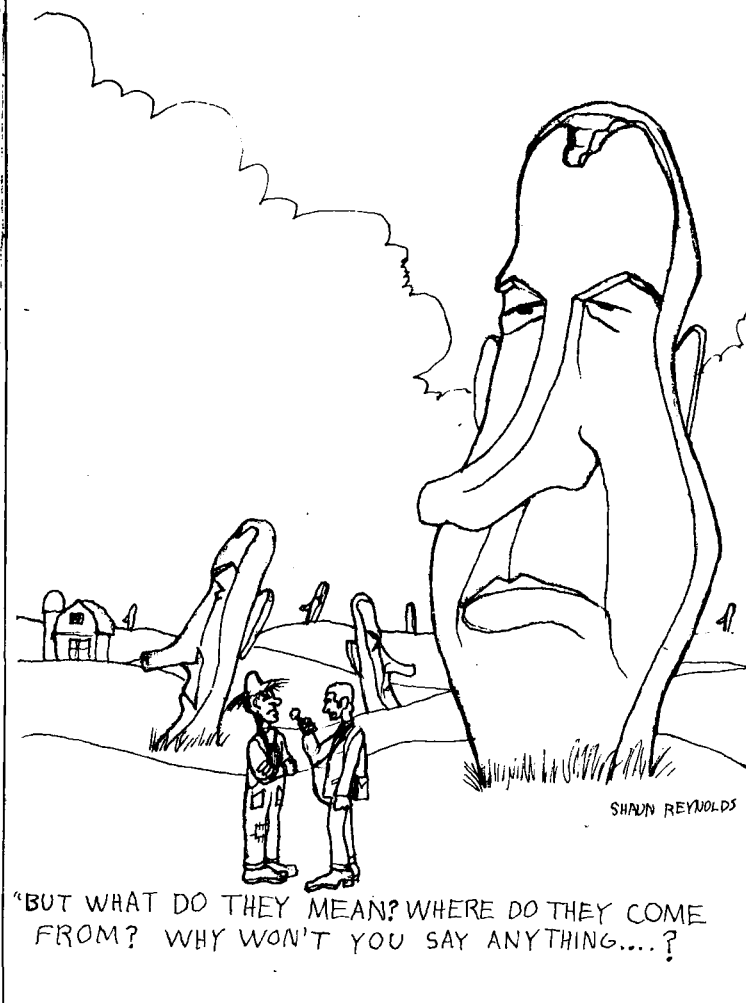
Any argument concerning the potential immoralities precipitated by the measure invalidates itself, not because there are not greater opportunities, but because the college institution does not now, have and never should have had, the right to legislate morality for the individual. Freedom of conscience, the basis of Catholic morality, means freedom of each individual to do what he believes is best for him, not what someone else believes is best for him.

The argument that off-campus living is unsafe for the St. Mary's student is thoroughly without basis in fact. The majority of the South-Bend-Niles residential areas should be much less suspect than St. Mary's where just this past Christmas Campus Security was unable to halt the nightly theft of 30-foot trees, and where numerous assaults, attempted and completed, have occurred each year. The Saint Mary's campus is frighteningly accessible to anyone even slightly desirous of entry, and, as the home of 1300 women, an obvious attraction for a sick mind. None of the arguments against off-campus living for 21-year-olds holds any importance in reality. To progress at all in a world where experience is becoming the mark of the truly knowledgeable person, Saint Mary's must begin to anticipate all the trends of the future and make the benefits of those trends accessible to those students who desire to be exposed to them. We urge all those involved in deciding this issue to open to the students their rightful opportunity to grow and mature in the atmosphere they see most fit.

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Letters

SMC and coeducation

An open letter to the Saint Mary's Community:

The question of coeducation and the possible merger with Notre Dame has been the \$64,000 question for the four years that I've attended SMC. My personal experience with this problem began freshman year when I was chosen by the "Crux" editor to coax a statement from Sister Mary Grace on the ultimate goals of the co-exchange program. That interview seems to have set the pattern for all succeeding attempts to define the direction of the co-ex program—EQUIVOCATION. I was informed that we were "cooperating" and that was all. In the 1969-70 school year we

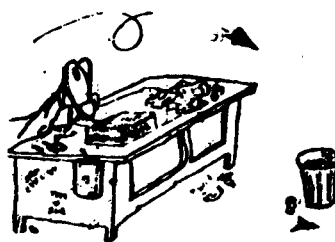
trying to please ND in order to keep our brother school from co-ed on its own because of the detrimental results to SMC. Appeasement is the name of the game we're playing and no one is admitting how it may end.

I favor coeducation and its implications. I want to see the 3-1 ratio achieved as soon as possible. What I object to is the lack of honesty and logic in the handling of these issues. SMC is a very different place now than it was four years ago and no one then seemed to know that we would be where we are now. This year's freshman class has no

idea and certainly no guarantee of what kind of an institution they will be graduating from and they have a right to know.

The Notre Dame-Saint Mary's Plan as articulated by Father Hesburgh and Father McGrath last summer is "The Christian education of youth." They suggest that we not follow anyone's lead but (and I quote), "We are doing our own thing." BUT WHAT IS OUR OWN THING? That is the question the Saint Mary's College Community demands to be answered.

Sincerely,
Susan Turnbull
Student Body President



have witnessed the "coeducation" of our freshman classes. When I probe for greater detail on what plans for the future exist, I am told that there are no long term plans and that we shouldn't be concerned with them for they may scare someone, namely the SMC faculty; and this by the Chairman of the ND-SMC Coordinating Committee, Father Sheedy. In his own words, "We'll cross each bridge as we come to it."

SMC is becoming a victim of the unwillingness of its administration to formulate a strong policy and stick by it. The SMC administration is

Editor (to Glen Corso):

Congratulations on your excellent article "Notre Dame Ten."

Perhaps you would like to publish the following remarks— "If you don't like the Stars in Old Glory

"If you don't like the Red, White, and Blue

"Then don't act like the cur in the story

"Don't bite the hand that's feeding you."

Sincerely,
L. A. C.
South Bend

In search of a (truly) meaningful dialogue

by Dave Stauffer

While conscientiously going about the work of putting together a features page last night, I realized what was missing from my life experience. After two and one-half years of college, I had yet to engage in a "meaningful dialogue." Worse yet, I didn't even know what a meaningful dialogue was. Determined to correct this tragic emptiness in my young life, I immediately set out not only to discover the meaning of "meaningful dialogue," but also to successfully engage in whatever it happened to be.

Not wishing to fool around with incompetent pseudo-dialoguers I decided to proceed at once to the ultimate authority. Then I remembered that Joel had graduated last year. Crestfallen, but nonetheless optimistic, I fully explained to the editor (who has seen and done everything).

"At a great university such as this one," he explained, "the truth flows from only one source — the office of the Student Body President." I was overjoyed to say the least. After hurrying through the Fiesta Lounge, I timidly entered through the giant door lettered "Student Body President." To my dismay, no one sat behind the long, high desk. The desk top was quite empty, with a few papers upon it stacked neatly in a corner. It appeared in fact that no one had been in the office for many weeks, and I dejectedly walked back to the office.

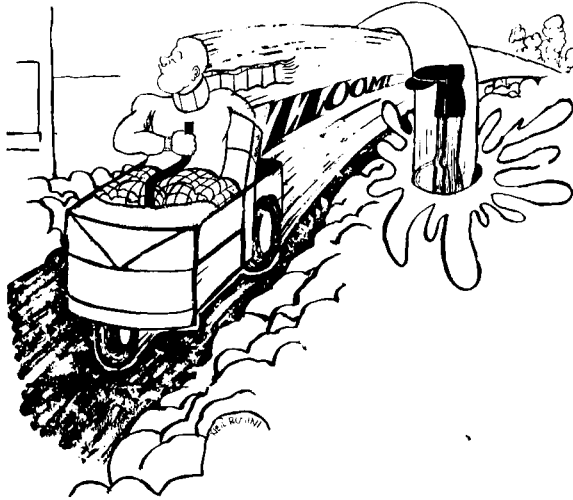
This time I related my problem to the publisher, who was in his dark back office, poring over the ad layout for the next basketball special.

"My boy," he began, not looking up from his work, "the answer to undying problems such as these can be found only through an unending quest in the world around us. Go forth from the protective walls of LaFortune and discover the meaningful dialogue you seek."

Inspired beyond description, I charged down the stairs, and only paused a moment at the glass door, where I buttoned my coat and was stupefied by the full implications of my mission.

Stepping onto the icy sidewalk at the south side of

the Student Center, I was forced to make a frantic dive into the snow to avoid a distressing collision with a golf cart. Recovering quickly and returned to my endeavor, I gave chase. Between Walsh and Sorin and tiring quickly, I made a desperate lunge for the back rail, grabbed it with my fingertips, and successfully pulled myself into the seat beside the operator, who although quite large, was hampered by a cast on his left leg.



Still fighting for breath, I explained my great search for a meaningful dialogue, and asked if he could help me in some way. After explaining the meaning of 'dialogue,' I received only a mumbled "Talk don't mean a thing," and concluded that this would not be the source of an acceptable answer.

Jumping from the cart and into the snow, I laid motionless, convinced that the meaningful dialogue existed somewhere on campus. Shuffling onto the main quad, I was greeted by the sound of obscenities echoing off the walls of Dillon Hall. Spotting the

author of the remarks leaning from a window in Howard, I stood beneath him and interrupted, once again inquiring as to the nature and form of the meaningful dialogue. The only reply I received directly was in the form of a direct command, one which at that time was impossible to obey.

By now I was walking in a daze, disillusioned and disappointed. But at the sight of an approaching figure, I regained both my composure and conviction. This individual was quite interesting: dressed in striped bell-bottoms and faded blue shirt, his hair (including the beard) dropping shoulder length, he carried a green cloth bag and wore a button with what appeared to be an simple drawing of a jet on it.

For the fifth time I related my problem. After hearing a fifteen minute monologue on the necessity of meaningful dialogue, I explained that I wanted to know what it was. But my quest was only complicated by more terminology, and I walked away as he spoke of relevance, rationality, and doing my thing.

Virtually acknowledging failure, I started back to LaFortune, but was soon presented with a final chance for success. A girl approached, wearing smooth calf-high brown boots, patterned hose, and a fur hat and fur-collared coat. Curiously enough, written in bold letters on her face was "St. Mary's College." Doing my best to disregard this, I introduced myself and, after a long explanation of my dilemma, found myself delivering an emotional appeal for aid. However she continued her fast-paced journey not even breaking stride, and didn't utter a sound. Dumbfounded, I at last stopped and watched her walk away. As she disappeared into the night, I could swear I detected a metal key protruding from her back, but in the blur of tears I couldn't be sure.

My head hung low, I kicked a small lump of snow back to the door of LaFortune, climbed the stairs, and sank into the faded gray couch in the *Observer* office. Soon after, I conscientiously went about the work of putting together a features page.

The toilet was flushed, the ---- went down

Black Humor

by Tom Ehrbar

Friday, I had a date. Because Tuesday I was groping under my bed for the mate of a maroon sock with a hole in the heel and...

Somebody, a phone muffled in his two hands, yelled "Hey, chicken ****, you want to get fixed up?" I am known as chicken ****. I know not why. I suppose someone is trying to tell me something about my choleric temperament, the look of derring-do I carry always on my mug.

Anyway, when this fellow said "Hey chicken ****, you want to get fixed up?", I thought he meant drugs. I said "yes". "Hashish or mainline?" I asked. No one answered my question. So I got my date.

The date was with a girl across the road. Which made little difference to me. I'm in the stage now where girls really don't make it with me, they're out there somewhere in the periphery of my interests. But, I was horny. I was also in a hurry.

I was in a hurry because only one toilet stall has a door in the john on the fourth floor of my dorm which is where I live. On the fourth floor, not in the john, I mean. Some guy does live in that stall though. Or so I was convinced last Friday when I was fixed up.

The girl across the road told me 8 o'clock was fine. I had picked that hour for god knows why. I wanted to have plenty of time. At 6 o'clock I decided to get ready. That should be plenty of time. I showered, I slunk to the john with a towel curled around my waist, I crept to the stall on the far right. My eyes held a narrow gaze. I don't know why, there's just something ingratiating, almost obscene about a toilet that isn't hid behind doors. Like how a small child feels when he looks at a nude statue, that's about how I feel.

The john on the fourth floor of my dorm has four stalls. Why three of them

are without doors is not an easy question. Call it wanton maliciousness call it no respect, call it a perverted, inverted degeneration or whatever. I don't like it. Besides, it smells bad. If I should ever find myself vis-a-vis with the perpetrator of such a vile malevolence, I would take my forefinger jab it insistently against his chest and say "You stink."

One time, on the way to my snug and protective haven, the stall at the far right, though my vision focused straight ahead like twin laser beams, I was aware of an intruder using a nearby facility. I said to myself don't look. I looked. The seated figure was obscured by a folded-over copy of *Esquire* magazine, this month's; and his pants were rumpled around his ankles. The page of *Esquire* facing me was a series of photographs which showed a man in sequence removing his trousers. This was no mean trick, since his legs were bound by chains. This is the kind of thing you find in *Esquire*. I like *Esquire*.

I was astounded by the dexterity, the utter wherewithal of this, to me, hero. Anti-hero, the movie people would say.

I sat down on the john floor. I approached a kneeling position. I squinted at the photographs and copy before me. How does he get his trousers off with the chains on? I had to know. Intently, my mind swept across the page memorizing each minute and brilliant stratagem. Then, the figure whose hands held the *Esquire* dropped the magazine to his lap and stared at me.

His glare told me more than get out. It told me I had exactly one-quarter of a second to bury myself in a snowdrift somewhere and await the spring thaw. I got the message. Maybe this is another reason why I get all neurotic about bathroom stalls that have no doors on them.

Friday, as though I were guided by blinders, I wasted no time, no glimpses about me, in getting to my sacred cubicle. The door was shut. I bent down and glanced beneath the door. I saw shoes.

Back to the room to shave. Back to the john again. Still, the shoes. The clock said that in five minutes it would be 8:00. I told my roommate about what was going on. He said "How the hell do I know? Maybe the guy's writing a novel on the inside walls."

I said "Oh."

Back to the battle field I bounced, thinking to myself of Britain's darkest hour. This was my darkest hour.

I afix myself just beyond the door of The Stall, my face getting redder by the minute, not to mention other physical discomfitures. Ten seconds more is all I would give him. Ten seconds passed. I wanted to say something witty, something devastating, something overwhelming. I said "What the hell are you doing in there — writing a novel on the inside walls?"

From behind the greendoor came no reply. I said a few things which I have seen before on bathroom walls, and nowhere else, thank God.

At 9:15 I heard a guy laughing and chuckling and wheezing about how he had planted two shoes in the one bathroom stall that had a door still hanging to its hinges. I did not laugh. I did not chuckle. I did not wheeze. I was

not even horny anymore. I was late.

The speedometer needle of my car was like a badminton birdie batted between 85 and 100 as I caromed around corners, destination across the road. A man with a snow shovel and wrapped like an eskimo saw the wild dance of my headlights and dove into a snow pile as I swerved not to hit him. Within seconds, the super-charged engine of his own '70 sports coup, four on the floor, tape deck, the works, sputtered and coughed in his garage. After the Keystone Cop chase he forced me to the curb and made a citizen's arrest.

One the way to the police station and city jail, he lectured me. His tirade was about "wanton maliciousness" and "no respect" and "perverted, inverted degeneration." He grabbed my by my collar and said, "You stink."

The sergeant at the headquarters No. 3 or 4, I forget, towered over me and asked if I had anything to say. He did not call me chicken ****. "Yes", I said, "the other three doors in the john on the fourth floor of my dorm should be attended to, should be redooored."

"Anything else?" the sergeant blasted. "Yes," I said, "somebody should tell the girl across the road."

Irregulars form at ND

Notre Dame is finally paying tribute to the most-famous fictional(?) character in all world literature.

Don't worry, fans, Sherlock Holmes is still alive and well keeping bees upon the Sussex Downs. We are simply announcing the formation of our own chapter of the Baker Street Irregulars, an internationally famous Sherlockian Society. An organization which boasts such famous names as Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Christopher Morley, and Basil Rathbone. All dedicated followers of the Eternal Sleuth.

Sherlock Holmes is for everyone; man

or woman, fan or fanatic, but especially for those captivated by the life and deeds of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson.

Call Tom at 1274 for membership details, or ask the laconic Mr. Holmes himself, put it: Call at once if convenient — if inconvenient call all the same.

SMC coffeehouse

Tonight from 9-12 p.m. the SMC Coffeehouse will present David Huezos, Ellen Zuicker, Jim Moran, Mike Holmes, and Tom Henahan. The admission charge of \$.25 will be for the scholarship fund.

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Carney: no possibility excluded

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many experts to be ideal.

In reply to a question about what kind of facts the subcommittee wanted, Dr. Carney said that he wanted to know what the cost of operating the two institutions was, what the cost of the co-ex program was to each of the two institutions, the differences in the two faculties, the building programs of each school, and the different courses offered.

The difference between co-ex

and co-ed systems were discussed next, with Dr. Carney concluding that it would be entirely possible under the co-ex program to have female students living on campus. Zimmerman said that there was a substantial difference between the two programs, though the line between them was quite thin. "Nobody knows what we're going to do," Zimmerman said.

Father Hesburgh's commitment to the maintenance of St. Mary's was the topic of the next questioner. "It is quite binding,"

Dr. Carney said, describing the commitment, "though it does not just involve having 2500 girls across the street."

Next, a student wanted to know about the possibility of a 1-1 boy-girl ratio. It was pointed out in reply that Princeton had found the 3 to 1 ratio most favorable. Zimmerman added, "We're not just talking about ratios. You may have a sense that this is just a put-off. But it is clear that most people don't know what they're talking about."

In reply to the next question, Dr. Carney said that the subcommittee was committed to having girls on campus. "No possibility will be excluded in trying to find the most readily adaptable situation," Carney said.

A suggestion that the male enrollment be decreased to accommodate the female students won loud applause from the audience.

The subcommittee was asked if it had any more immediate plans. Dr. Carney replied that the Princeton study had taken one year. "We have complete confidence that we will be co-ed. We're committed to the thing right now."

Next, a female graduate who had spoken to the meeting earlier in the morning, asked about the alleged discrimination against her. Dr. Carney agreed there was discrimination. The meeting then livened up further as the next questioner attacked the school for discriminating against 51% of the population of the country. "We should consider the fact that they're human, too. We have no right to exclude them," the speaker contended.

When asked why the University doesn't reduce its male enrollment as the most feasible method of going co-ed, one of the trustees said, "you don't just do it over night. You'll never see the day when there are swarms of women here. It'll take five to seven years to reach the standard ratio."

In conclusion, Mr. Zimmerman said, "After getting everything I asked for and being told how urgent the problem is, I was disappointed that the students couldn't have been at the whole meeting. If we can clarify the deceptions, we can develop much more meaningfully and quickly a basis for accomplishing that which we have asked for today."

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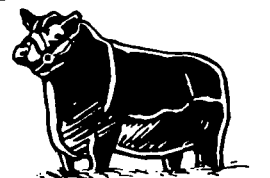


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Jim Brogan, Chairman of Mardi Gras Ball, announced yesterday that the ball was cancelled this year, due to problems in scheduling that were unavoidable.

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Jim Brogan

Mardi Gras Ball for this year.

This has nothing to do with Mardi Gras's present financial plight, but was made in the interest of the entire student body and the weekend. An effort has been made to streamline the weekend and tailor it to the desire of the greatest number of students.

"Had the Ball been held as originally scheduled on Friday evening this would have forced the concert to be held on Sunday afternoon, due to the basketball game Saturday afternoon and the carnival activities Saturday night. Needless to say, a Sunday afternoon concert would be less than successful. The Mardi Gras Committee in conjunction with Student Union officials decided that a concert held on Friday night serving as many as 11,000 people, would be a greater service than a dance which could only accomodate 700 couples.

"It is my recommendation that both a Ball and concert be held in future years as has been traditional for this weekend. Hopefully, the same timing and circumstances that arose this year will not be present in the future and a more complete weekend will be possible.

"I would like to thank all those who have so diligently worked on the ball, even though their effort has apparently gone for naught.

"I must apologise to all those who have already made plans for the Ball assuming that it would be part of this weekend, I can only stress that the Dance was cancelled before Christmas, and that no publicity to date has mentioned the dance itself, in any specific terms, as being part of the weekend," he said.

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Comm. hears reports

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The sixth speaker was Father Charles Sheedy, Dean of Theological Studies and chairman of the co-education coordinating committee. The subject of Father Sheedy's talk was the difficulties in trying to define what the school wants to do in the field of co-education. He said that Notre Dame and St. Mary's have agreed to have a combined Notre Dame-St. Mary's diploma for any St. Mary's student who has taken a "substantial" number of courses in her major at Notre Dame.

The subcommittee then heard a summary of a report on co-education prepared by John Zimmerman in association with several other students. The general opinion of the subcommittee members was that

the co-ex program was fine as a starting point, but that it should definitely be expanded.

Subcommittee head Dr. Thomas Carney promised that the issue would be the first order of business at the executive meeting of the board of trustees in Florida next March.

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Spock, Fortas, possibilities

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13th. The list of films include: *The Salesman, Faces, The Night of the Following Day, and Who's That Knocking at My Door.*

Paul Goodman, author of *Growing Up Absurd*, will speak on February 15th, followed by Stanley Marcus, an urban affairs adviser to President Nixon, on the 17th.

Due to the poor response to the recent poll held by SUAC, they have decided to ask Dr. Benjamin Spock to appear on Feb. 19th. As yet his appearance is still unconfirmed. On Feb. 22nd Dr. Han Morgenthau, renowned International Relations expert, will lecture. His speech topic is as yet undetermined.

On Feb. 25th Dave Steinberg, head of the National Council for Responsible Firearms, will speak on gun control. His lecture will be the opening event in SUAC's Law and Order conference.

Between March 1st and 6th, a representative of the Justice Department will give a talk on recent Justice Department crackdowns on the Mafia in New Jersey. Also scheduled during this period are talks by members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Also tentatively

scheduled is a visit by the Director of the Indiana Prison system.

As well as the lectures, a number of symposiums where students and faculty can state their views are scheduled. SUAC has contacted ex-Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas to appear for this conference. As of yet they have received no definite word on his appearance.

When asked if the rumour that Chicago District Attorney Edward Henrehan might appear for the Law and Order Conference, McDonough replied, "My feeling is that he will be reluctant to come, because of the remarks made by Rennie Davis and because he might not receive a very good welcome. Of course if Mr. Henrehan wants to come, we'll be very glad to have him."

Rifle clinic

The 5th Army Rifle Team has announced a Marksman's Clinic to be held today and tomorrow at the ND Army Rifle Range. Today, expert instruction will be given from 1-4:30 PM. For information, call 283-6264.

In loco parentis and SMC

This is the last of a series written by Carol Cusick and Irish McNamara presenting the findings of research done by the Saint Mary's Committee for Off-Campus Housing.

We expect to determine whether we live on or off campus. We believe we have this right, and we understand the responsibilities which are entailed. We, therefore, expect that the administration reinterpret its policy on moral responsibility. Students are aware that conduct cannot be dictated. Moral responsibility calls for an open atmosphere in which each student can live her personal life through moral convictions.

Imminent to this approach of personal restriction is the unclear policy of "in loco parentis," that is, school authority filling in for parental authority in personal, as opposed to communal, concerns. Today's concept of higher education is that it functions not as an indoctrination center for contemporary democratic and/or Catholic standards, but rather as a stimulus to individual consideration of all viewpoints. The strict punishment given to ten fellow students for an action that expressed their personal conscience demonstrates the student's responsibility to be continually re-evaluating, within an intellectually open commun-

ity, the meaning of his convictions.

Legally, "in loco parentis" presently maintains a nebulous position in relation to college and university authority. While many courts have upheld this school policy, some have recently failed to do so—predominantly in the more liberal sections of the East. However, a trend in American colleges and universities has been to disclaim this policy, relaxing institutional control.

St. Mary's students, in particular, must work against the added force of one of our most deeply imbedded mores, which is to shelter the female. This "law" will not change unless we refuse to accommodate ourselves to such a standard.

Indiana State law requires that anyone under 21 who leases an apartment must obtain parental signature. Considering the spirit of a liberal arts education and the needs and wishes of many students, we believe that a program of off-campus housing, where responsibility and authority lie with the student or, in the case of those who are under 21, with the parent, must necessarily replace the policy of indiscriminate dictation of where the student is to live.

Finally, inherent in St. Mary's rigid policy is the concept of a residential college. However, the

community has not defined this. A consensus of the students, faculty, administration does not exist. The dictionary and thesaurus range the definition of residence from "the house in which one lives" to "dwelling" to "cohabitation". The most explicit description in the SMC catalogue is "She finds in her school a very beautiful home where she may extend to her friends the refined amenities of her own home." (p. 17) The appeal of the isolated campus would stem from the ideal of a medieval university quoted from the *Observer* article of January 12th entitled "Academic Community vs. University Structure": "*universities magistrorum discipulorumque*—the whole fellowship of teachers and students". Our faculty and their families do not live among the students. Approximately 7% of our students commute from home. There is no clear relationship between residence as it presently exists at SMC and the concept of a liberal arts academic community.

Plans of the SMC off-campus committee include helping to distribute a sociological survey to ND off-campus students and investigating both the practical problems of implementing such a program and the opinions of the SMC community concerning the proposal.



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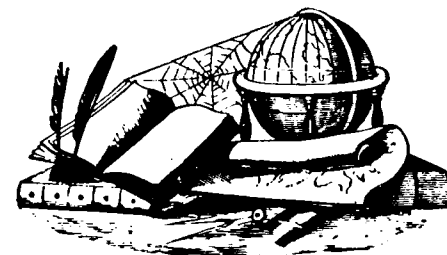
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