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Merger finished!!

by Ann Therese Darin
Associate Editor

St. Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame have reportedly terminated all plans for unification.

Releasing this information yesterday afternoon unofficially, Rev. Neil G. McCLUSKEY, SMC trustee and coeducation committee chairman, pointed out that the Sisters of the Holy Cross, owners of the college, "purposely reneging on the May 1971 agreement."

"The officers of the Sisters' Congregation have usurped the authority of the Board of Trustees and administration. Their decision, ignoring the mandate of the students, the faculty, the parents, and the Board, is no merger. This is being done without the legal authority of the Board," Fr. McCLUSKEY said.

An official announcement on the progress of the renegotiations is expected Thursday.

Sisters wanted control

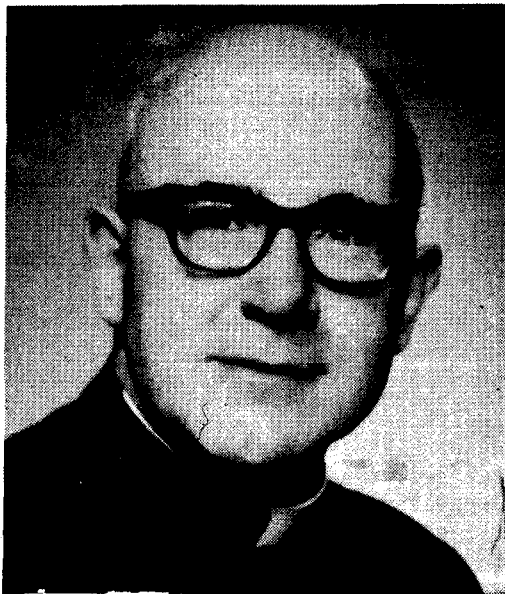
According to McCLUSKEY, a prominent Jesuit educator-author, the Sisters retarded the negotiations by trying to impose their exclusive control of women's life on the Notre Dame campus.

"The sisters wanted complete control of the feminine side of the new entity," McCLUSKEY recounted.

Reportedly the College's only reason for reentering the second round of negotiations was to procure a guarantee that its 30 juniors enrolled in majors not offered at SMC could receive Notre Dame degrees "for the cheapest price."

Although negotiators would not confirm this rumor, more than two weeks ago, the university provost's office circulated a list among ND department chairmen to verify SMC juniors presently enrolled in ND majors. Psychology and Government majors were not included.

As yet, negotiators have made no official decision concerning the Notre Dame students enrolled in the St. Mary's undergraduate department of education, the only source for teaching certificate accreditation on either campus.



Rev. Neil McCluskey released news of the termination of the ND-SMC merger and resigned his position from SMC's Board of Trustees.

While power is the Sisters' number one priority, Fr. McCluskey also named finances as another stumbling block, particularly the recent incorporation of St. Mary's College as an independent entity from the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Ind. In both corporations, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, reluctant to incorporate the college control of the stock.

Fr. McCluskey singled out Sr. Gerald Hartney, Holy Cross Order treasurer, who "in her zeal for the financial niceties" has squelched the merger.

Fr. McCluskey resigns

"The new independent incorporation of the college contains explicitly what Notre Dame must pay for the 'St. Mary's' property," Fr. McCluskey said. Reportedly, "The incorporation papers bogged down with a lot of amorphous information are based solely on Sr. Gerald's estimates."

The trustee, who served with Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, university president, and the late

Msgr. John J. McGrath, SMC president, as a United States delegate to the Papal Commission on Education, also announced his resignation from the Board of Trustees.

Defending his resignation, McCluskey said, "I feel my input is terminated. I see no future for 'St. Mary's' without Notre Dame." He intimated several other trustees will leave soon, too.

Mr. William Cahill, vice-chairman of SMC's executive board of trustees, has "not really thought of resigning at the present time."

However, at the January meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Notre Dame graduate threatened to resign with Fr. McCluskey when it became apparent the Sisters did not want merger with Notre Dame. They withdrew only when the Sisters vowed their sincerity to unify.

Trustees disappointed

Other trustees contacted by The Observer indicated they could not decide without more information. A majority of the Board contacted expressed disappointment over the lack of information mailed to them on the merger.

P. Jordan Hamel, trustee on the College negotiating team, remarked, "I am not resigning. On Fr. McCluskey's knowledge of the breakdown: he seems to have knowledge I don't have."

On a second session of negotiations, Hamel professed, "I don't know if there will even be another meeting."

"I feel five years of work started by the late Fr. McGrath have gone down the drain because of the willful greed of women (the Sisters)," Fr. McCluskey charged.

"Sr. Alma (acting president) and Mother Olivette have nothing to say any more," he reported. "Sr. Gerald is calling all the shots."

With the news blackout and the lack of pressure from students and faculty, the sisters have protected their own interests, McCluskey alleged.

"They excuse this year's freshmen class as being more radical than the rest of the college - an oversight through hasty student selection by the admission office," Fr. McCluskey said.

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Kersten, Seymour lead in final poll

by John Abowd
Observer Assistant Editor

Many fewer students are undecided in their choice for Student Body President, according to the final Observer poll. At Notre Dame sophomore Bob Kersten has a slim lead. At St. Mary's Academic Affairs Commissioner Jean Seymour holds a substantial lead.

Undecided vote at ND is down to 17.4 percent from 48 percent on Saturday. SMC undecided vote dived from 72 per cent in the last poll to 24.5 percent today.

"Prime Mover" Bob Kersten leads the ND field with 19.8 percent. Behind Kersten are Floyd Kezele, Towers SLC representative, with 14.0 and Ombudsman Paul Dziedzic with 11.0.

At St. Mary's Seymour leads her only opponent SMC Student Assemblywoman Eileen Fitzpatrick 40.8 percent to 19.8 percent.

The poll was conducted for The Observer by Omnicron Delta. As with Saturday's survey the results were reported by Joe Cooney, president of the economics honors fraternity.

Cooney drew a random sample of 192 ND students of whom 172 were contacted. 49 of a random sample of 69 were contacted at SMC.

"We could use these sample sizes," Cooney said, "Because we don't allow substitutes on our original list of students. Statistically, this gives accurate results even with the relatively small sample."

Students were surveyed Monday afternoon and

asked:

--If you were voting for the Notre Dame (SMC) student body president today would you choose: (names of the candidates in alphabetical order), none of the above, or another student?

--Do you intend to vote?

Only 5 of the 221 people contacted responded that they did not intend to vote. However in 1970 only 70 per cent of the ND student body voted. In 1971 66 per cent voted. These figures cast some doubt on the validity of the "not voting" response.

Class Breakdowns

Kersten's greatest strength is the Junior class where he polled 22 percent of the votes. The other classes divided evenly.

The largest undecided vote came in the senior class where 28 percent reported that they had not yet decided for whom to vote. Seniors were split evenly between Kersten and Kezele.

Sophomores had the smallest undecided vote. Voting sophs split evenly between Kersten and Dziedzic.

21 per cent of the Freshman class favored Kezele. This was the only class in which Kersten did not have the lead. Frosh also showed the second highest undecided rate with 21 percent indicating they were uncommitted.

The latest addition to the ballot, "none of the above" garnered only 4.1 percent of the final vote. No class showed a significant trend toward this option.

results

Notre Dame SBP

	percent
Bob Kersten	19.8
Floyd Kezele	14.0
Paul Dziedzic	11.6
Gary Caruso	7.6
Bob Higgins	7.6
Chuck Luken	7.6
Joe Schlosser	5.8
Mike Cunningham	2.3
Dennis Thomas	0.0

other 0.0
None of the Above 4.1
not voting 2.3

undecided 17.4

sample size 172

St. Mary's SBP percent

Jean Seymour 40.8
Eileen Fitzpatrick 19.8

other 4.1

not voting 2.0

undecided 24.5

sample size 49

world briefs

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Washington-- President Nixon returned to the United States Monday night, ending his visit to China and a week that he said changed the world. Nixon was awaited by a large crowd at Andrews Air Force Base, including congressional leaders, cabinet officers, the heads of about 100 diplomatic missions and numerous other government officials.

Taipei, Taiwan-- In a strongly worded statement on the communique issued by President Nixon and Premier Chou En-Lai, the Nationalist Chinese government said that the "rebel group" in Peking had no right to represent the Chinese people and that they regarded any agreements reached during Nixon's visit that effected the Nationalist Government as "null and void."

Washington--Hearings on the various Constitutional amendments against the use of busing to achieve racial integration were opened by the House Judiciary Committee. A rift between skeptical committee leaders, after much of the major Civil Rights Bills of the 1960's, and younger members who demanded immediate action, was immediately apparent.

on campus today elections during meals

11-1 p.m. SBP Election
5-7 p.m. On-campus students in halls
Off-campus students in O-C Office,
Basement, La Fortune

nd-smc

Merger talks end; coex class cutback

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"The Sisters believe the rest of the schools loves St. Mary's and does not want to see it change at all."

He further forecasted a drastic cutback in coex classes because of the impossible financial burden.

Questioned on the future of St. Mary's in competition with a coed Notre Dame, McCluskey replied, "Whom the gods destroy, they first make mad."

During the interview, Fr. McCluskey alluded to a letter

written by Edmund A. Stephan chairman of the ND Board of Trustees, to Mother Olivette Whelan after the Feb. 1 and only meeting of the renegotiation teams.

The letter alleged questions the sincerity of the college's motives in the present talks and capsulizes the events of the meeting which Mother Olivette did not attend. Reportedly she has not yet responded to Stephan's letter leaving the negotiations at an impasse.

Despite the rumors of a second

meeting between the university and college bargaining teams either this week or next, there is no meeting scheduled. Mother Olivette was unavailable for comment. She is in California on a 30-day retreat.

Although Fr. McCluskey chairs the Trustees committee on coeducation, he claims that the two other members of his committee, Sr. Gerald and Mother

Olivette did not consult him before issuing the November decision to suspend unification.

Objecting to the decision-making for the unification suspension, McCluskey urged the Board to reopen negotiations.

"The members of my committee had no business making that decision," Fr. McCluskey fumed. He invited Fr. Hesburgh and Stephan to address the

January Board meeting, which agreed to renegotiate the problems.

ND and SMC student body presidential campaign platforms to merge the student bodies compelled Fr. McCluskey to disclose the information.

"Forget it! There is no merger. It is finished! There is no future for St. Mary's College!" he advised.

Cunningham visits halls

by Art Ferranti

Student Body Presidential hopefuls Mike Cunningham and John Voll yesterday campaigned in Sorin, Zahm and Keenan Halls.

They showed the biography movie of Knute Rockne at each of the halls they appeared at in an effort to show how they can present entertainment to the students at little and, in this case, no cost.

On Saturday night, they presented an entertainment show free to the students in the basement of La Fortune Student Center. On the bill of the moderately attended program was a magician and ventroloquist act and the Rockne movie. Afterwards, those who attended were invited to Voll's house for a swimming party.

Cunningham said that the show was an example of what we can do and it did not cost us a dime. Voll added that they were trying to have "more action and less talk."

Also as part of their campaign, the candidates ran a shuttle service with their fleet of two hearses and an ambulance. According to Voll they have--as of Sunday--transported over 300 students to wherever they wanted to go.

Cunningham emphasized his platform as "basic" to the

students needs so much so that they have had little argument with students concerning their proposals.

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Dziedzic

by Fred Schaefer

Speaking and campaigning in Grace, Sorin, B-P, Zahm, Cavanaugh and Keenan-Stanford, SBP candidate Paul Dziedzic said, "If I'm elected, I want to be elected on my convictions."

"The basic point is for student government to challenge the student body to be committed to its ideals. It's important that the student body stand up as men," he continued.

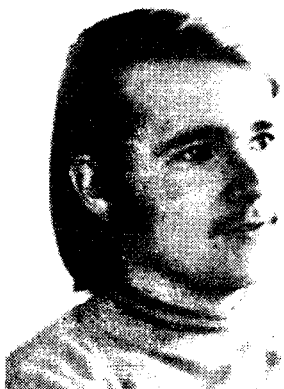
"We're men, the administration should be prepared to treat us as men. The first question is not 'Will the administration let us do it?' but rather, 'What should we do?' We will take the initiative," said the candidate.

Dziedzic addressed himself to the "Challenge that has been placed in front of student leadership. The question now being asked is does it mean anything?" He explained that he feels that this is not due to student apathy, "as some have maintained." Rather, he said, it is the result of frustration.

"The student body is ready to respect itself, stand on ideals and convictions. We're at the point where we can have a say in the decisions ourselves," said Dziedzic.

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The candidate then spoke of sexism and racism on this campus, saying that is "based on ignorance. We're being intolerant to gays, women and blacks because of the ideal of the Notre Dame man. We have to challenge this. We have to challenge the student body to operate on convictions, not conveniences."

Dziedzic spoke of co-education. He said that "nothing has been done for the women who will be here next year except dump 325 guys out of their dorms. We have to consider women counselors, improved health services, including a gynecologist. We have to realize the totality of co-education."

He went on to speak of the appliance fines, saying, "We're being fined for making life more liveable. If I am elected, the Student Government will pick up the financial slack in rewiring the two or three halls that need it the most."

Early in the evening, Don Mooney, Student Union Social Commissioner, introduced Dziedzic in Grace and Sorin. He said that he was "going around this evening talking for a few candidates who I feel are qualified and would be good in the position. Later on I'll be going around with Floyd Kezele."

Higgins

by Dan Hopfer

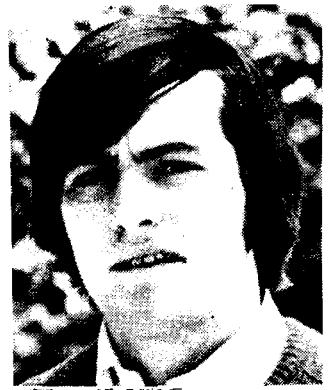
Bob Higgins closed out what he hopes to be only the first part of his campaign by appearing with his coalition candidates from St. Mary's and offering a plea to students to "take the election seriously" by not "throwing away their vote to a guy who's pledged not to do anything."

The SBP candidate spoke last night in Morrissey, Stanford, Zahm and Grace Halls with SMC candidates Jean Seymour and Sue Welte along with his own running mate, SBVP hopeful, Ron Pogge.

At Morrissey, Higgins picked up the endorsements of several notable figures: namely, Ed Motto, chairman of the Hall President's Council, John Abowd, assistant editor of the Observer, Joe Marosec, Farley Hall President, Carmen Maciarelo, president of Fisher and John Kwicien, Morrissey's president.

In all of the halls, Higgins repeatedly spoke of what he termed a "crucial" student government race and the "pivotal" aspect of next year's issues.

He thought that Prime Mover Bob Kersten's widespread support was mainly due to the student body's lack of confidence in student government. However, he felt that if "SG goes



down any further it may not exist any more."

Abowd echoed these thoughts by saying that Kersten derived his support from those who are dissatisfied with student government. He added, "If we elect a joke as president next year, a year in which there will be many important issues, then we might as well pack up and go home."

In speaking of the issues, Higgins said that upcoming problems like coed dorms, parietais, restructuring the SG to better represent the student were too important to trust to a candidate who has pledged that "He will do nothing if elected."

He continued "My plea is that you all vote for a serious candidate. Obviously, I think that Ron and I are the best or I wouldn't be running. But if it's not me, just don't vote for a joke."

Seymour



by Maria Gallagher

Climaxing a hectic campaign week, candidates Jean Seymour and Sue Welte last night spoke in Regina and Holy Cross at SMC, and toured Morrissey, Keenan-Stanford, Zahm and Grace with their running mates Bob Higgins and Ron Pogge.

At St. Mary's the candidates stressed communication as the key to successful student government.

"A general lack of communication, especially second semester, prevented the Barlow administration from being as effective as it could have been," Ms. Seymour asserted.

Specifically, she cited the little or no interaction between Barlow and Barkett, Barlow's failure to keep her student government office hours, and the weekly hall meetings Barlow had promised her campaign which never materialized.

"During the merger crisis, student government communication was excellent, but before and after it was virtually non-existent. Student opinion was never sampled before Kathy acted, and her viewpoint represented that of only one faction," Ms. Seymour claimed.

Seymour went on to say that the coalition ticket represented the most serious effort of all the candidates to effect communication between Notre Dame and St. Mary's next year.

"We did not choose a coalition because merger appeared imminent; we merely hope to unite two student bodies with similar social and cultural interests. What the administrators choose to do is their business. It's time to transcend the 'Notre Dame image' and the St. Mary's image' as separate entities," she said.

Seymour emphasized that maintenance of communication would rally ND's support for the SMC students' desire for merger

Kezele

by Art Quinn

Students have got to make their views known on important issues in order to accomplish anything, SBP candidate Floyd Kezele said in his last night of campaigning.

A student leader "can't take the students by the hand and lead him to meetings no matter how much some may need to be," the SLC vice-chairman said.

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Kezele pointed out that the SLC meeting concerning sanctions last fall, that saw 600 students attend, was influenced by their presence.



Faculty members of the SLC were also impressed with the student opinions obtained from a questionnaire which he sent to his

constituents concerning the same issue, Kezele continued. Such questionnaires are important, he explained, because then it is "not just one student standing up against the administration." Over 700 students returned the questionnaire, he said.

Kezele labeled his candidacy as the only one "to take a definite stand against refrigerator fines."

"Our campaign has laid out many specifics where the others have failed to do this," he continued. "We were the first and only candidates" he stressed "to really break from the Barkett administration."

Caruso

by Joseph Abell

Accompanied by 25-30 supporters, SBP hopeful Gary Caruso confronted opponent Floyd Kezele in the Farley Hall Chapel last night.

Saying that he was "sick and tired" of Kezele's statements concerning the sophomore cars issue of last year, Caruso met Kezele before a crowd of about 60 and charged that his statements were false.

Caruso contended that Kezele



was making statements "behind my back" to the effect that Kezele and the SLC were solely

responsible for passing the measure last year.

"I worked on that bill myself for six weeks and got it through the SLC the first time, and again after Fr. Hesburgh vetoed it," he said.

Kezele replied that the Caruso bill contained parts that were unfeasible.

Because of this, Kezele said, the whole bill was threatened since "the Administration will leap on the unfeasible parts and use that to defeat the entire bill."

More ND, SMC endorsements announced

by The Redman

FREE UNIVERSITY

Larry Pino, Free University director, endorsed Eileen Fitzpatrick and Floyd Kezele yesterday, as Student Body Presidential candidates for St. Mary's and Notre Dame respectively.

The Free University director felt that Fitzpatrick and Kezele best meet the requirements he feels are necessary for a successful student body president. Pino said that it is essential for an SBP to have knowledge of the situation as well as the ability to bring about changes he feels are necessary.

He commended both candidates on their "storehouse of ideas" and said their philosophies of academics are very similar to the Free University's.

"I know Eileen (Fitzpatrick)

personally and have been very impressed with her work in the academic areas and the merger. As for Kezele, I don't know him personally, but I think his ideas provide a framework from which much can be accomplished," Pino said.

TRACEY ENDORSEMENT

Stressing the need for student leaders who recognize and actively demand what is essential about St. Mary's life, former St. Mary's SBP Ann Marie Tracey endorsed Eileen Fitzpatrick and Mary Orr as the next St. Mary's SBP and SBVP.

The Tracey announcement stated that the two candidates are not only sympathetic to their fellow student's needs, but have the "foresight and creativity" to respond to those needs. She was especially praiseworthy of their stance on academics. Miss

Tracey is confident that the Fitzpatrick-Orr ticket would be able to provide a "new type of challenge" to the administration, who would thus be forced to stop ignoring students.

BARLOW ENDORSEMENT

Kathy Barlow, St. Mary's Student Body President, endorsed Notre Dame's SBP hopeful Joe Schlosser and his running mate Lincoln Soldati, while also throwing her support for Eileen Fitzpatrick and Mary Orr as St. Mary's SBP and SBVP candidates.

In her endorsement statement, Barlow explained that she was confident the Fitzpatrick-Orr ticket would be the most committed to the philosophy of self-determination, which she stated is the essential for student government. She also expressed

confidence that they would be the most able to "provide continuity as consistency toward the growth of a quality-educational environment."

Barlow also praised Schlosser-Soldati for their decision for their dedication to the philosophy of self-determination. She said that the two are very much activists and will be capable of challenging "the power structure that prohibits self-determination of students." She further stressed their concern for the social and cultural atmosphere.

Her announcement included a criticism of the present Notre Dame Student Government. Instead of being the vehicle for student evaluation and improvement of the university, the present government she felt merely provided a vehicle for communication to the students of

administration policies and decisions. She thought that by not playing the role of critics of the total university environment, they had been "detrimental to students' rights at Notre Dame."

AFRO-AMERICAN SOCIETY

Robert McCrady, Coordinator for the Society of Ujamaa (formerly the Afro-American Society) announced last night the Society's endorsement of the Kezele-Jones, SBP-SBVP ticket.

McCrady stated the Society felt that of all the candidates, Kezele and Jones were the most sensitive to the black needs on campus. "From our experience of knowing Jones and our brief contact with Kezele," said McCrady, "we feel they are sincere and dedicated to their platform commitments to minorities."

Prof. Thorson as SBP

25 years ago . . . before the Prime Mover

by Don Ruane
Campus Editor

Some may find it hard to believe that the first Irish leprechaun led the student government nearly 25 years ago, but it is even harder to believe that he won the post after the elected candidate was caught in the revolving door of a Cleveland hotel with a waste basket by the prefect of discipline.

Believe it or not, that is the way biology professor Ralph E. Thorson came to the magic seat of student power in 1948.

The Forgotten Irishman recalled those days for the Observer from his Galvin Life Science Center office to share a little nostalgia with our readers.

Today's bureaucratic structure is "quite a marked change" from that of days gone past, according to Thorson. In 1948 student government was a 30-man student council elected by the students, except for one representative from each college.

Thorson was represented the college of science, when he was elected vice president of the council by the other members, as were all council officers. He was elevated when the president was caught going around in circles with his little souvenir.

Although top officials were elected by a process "once removed from the students," the system had built in "governors," according to the 49 year old Air Force veteran. Perhaps the most important check was that leaders were well chosen. The student body was half of today's size, many were World War Two veterans, and generally knew more about one another than today's "diluted" student body.

Comparing elections, Thorson said there "was an intensity of interest" in council elections, but

he does not feel that "heat" today. Elections were "popularity contests" in the middle forties, Thorson claimed, and although there were "no crying issues, we got some very able people in."

Admitting that he hasn't followed the present campaign closely, he was surprised that so many candidates are in the race, and commented that this plus the none of the above option "could result in the least desirable candidate unless there is a clear cut favorite."

Official Invitation

Confrontation with the administration in his post WW II days at duLac was practically nil. However, one incident led Thorson to resign his office, and provided him with an official invitation to resign from the University.

The incident, "which today would seem absolutely ludicrous," the professor said, concerned Ellis Arnold, a former Alabama governor considered radical. The Rebels Club wanted Arnold as a speaker and Thorson helped finance the event.

As Arnold walked to the stage, the prefect of discipline pulled Thorson aside to tell him not to bring such speakers to Notre Dame.

Although Thorson resigned his office, he declined the official invitation, because he was a second semester senior and involved in other activities.

One reason there were no "challenging situations with the administration," according to the parasitologist, was the type of student body. Being veterans, they could go off campus to drink, and were "used to higher command."

"I thought the army was easy compared with the rules here

when I left in 1942," the professor said.

Another reason is that the student council was very active, and provided many activities. Responsible for the Mardi Gras in 1948, which grossed \$40,000; the council also ran victory dances on football weekends which made profits up to \$4,000 a week.

"In those days we had plenty of money; we were loaded," Thorson emphasized and obviously enjoying the memories. There was even extramoney at the end of the year, which "mysteriously disappeared," he said with a chuckle, quickly adding that it went into the University coffers.

The professor also explained a raffle for the maternity fund in which he won one of those new fangled inventions called a television set. "It looked like a fix, but I had my tickets."

Wouldn't Run, but

As with any quarter century

changes have come and the University's general structure is no exception. Quickly dismissing any desire to run for SBP with an emphatic "No" wrapped in laughter, Prof. Thorson did outline a platform he might use if time were to play a cruel trick and put him on today's ballot.

First, but not most important is coeducation. "Student government should be doing everything in its power to make it smooth. In our time we would never have been asked," he stated.

His second plank, and perhaps tied for importance, is the question of minority students. Thorson feels that Notre Dame must upgrade the quality of the minority student. The situation should be such that "if a kid is the kind of id that, if he was not a minority, could get in here, he would be grabbed up by the Harvards, the Ivy League schools."

Faculty-student rapport seems to run neck and neck with the minority issue off Thorson. Noting it to be a "two way

street," he said it "just doesn't exist" at Notre Dame. A hall fellow himself, Thorson said he can barely get to know the 50 students in one of his advanced courses, let alone the 350 in his general biology class. He advocated expansion of the hall fellows program and dining clubs where the two groups could mingle.

The final plank supports the thought that student government is "top heavy with personnel. In 1948 the student council ran the whole show so that, according to Thorson, "If something went wrong there were fewer people to blame, but then there should always be somebody to blame."

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2. Long live the king!
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Schlosser

by Mike Baum

Wrapping up the last day of campaigning before the election, Joe Schlosser and Lincoln Soldati called last night for a new student activism, and urged "creation of a culture".

Speaking in several halls, the team slammed the Administration for trying to create "neat little Notre Dame package men," and the Barkett government for ignoring the uses of student power.

Speaking before receptive audiences, the office hopefuls pointed to their own records as activists, Schlosser a strike worker and Coalition for Political Action member and Soldati an underground newspaper publisher and union organizer in the Army. (Soldati noted that he had stood before seven court-martials and been convicted by one.)

Both placed emphasis on the necessity of organizing the residence halls as units, citing the parietals question as an example of a case where halls should legislate their own regulations and present the Administration with a fait accompli. "People are going to have to start making the rules that run their lives," Soldati said.

Kersten

by Jim Roe

SBP hopeful and Prime Mover R. Calhoun Kersten spoke before crowds numbering between 150 and 500 people in rallies last night in the North and South Quads.

Addressing students from a burning waste-basket on the fourth floor ledge of Walsh Hall, Kersten ordained his campaign saying, "God is with us. It wasn't easy to accept God's calling at



first, but when I saw a tongue of flame over my head in the mirror one morning while I was shaving, I knew my manifest wisdom and awesome power were needed for this political apocalypse."

Pat Steenberge, speaking as the un-quarterback, endorsed Kersten's divinity as "the only way we can defeat the USC Trojans, for Troy was an

Soldati also pointed to the Administration's "favorite trick" of "pulling any change right before a holiday or over the summer", so that any anger aroused will be mitigated by the time the students return. He argued that this was the way the Administration accomplished things from its superior strategic position, and said that a organized student body was needed to combat these tactics.

oligarchy." Steenberge claimed he came "not as a politically minded contemporary, but as one who sees the need for divine intervention on our campus."

Kersten, also known as the "commode candidate" vowed, "that when popular mannae flushes me into office, I will make every command to see the students' wishes are fulfilled, provided, of course, they should coincide with my own arbitrary desires."

He also denied any rumors that SBP John Barkett would be backing him in return for the chairmanship of the Committee for Redundancy Committee. Kersten felt that, in fact, Barkett desired a monument in his name by the grotto.

In a similar rally from the roof of Stanford and Keenan Halls, Kersten disclaimed rumors that he was contemplating withdrawing from the SBP race.

The crowd responded enthusiastically as Kersten reaffirmed his absolute divinity and recounted how two lepers had been cured while listening to his word at a previous rally in front of Walsh Hall.

Kersten told the multitude that "for everyone of you who vote twice you will receive a plenary indulgence. And looking down upon your fresh, young faces I see that many of you hereneedit."

OBSERVER

election close-out

Fitzpatrick

by Beth Hall

Kathy Barlow, St. Mary's SBP, endorsed Eileen Fitzpatrick and Mary Orr last night before a small crowd in the LeMans Hall recreation room.

Ms. Barlow said, "The reason for the endorsement is based on the political philosophy of self-determination." She continued, "Eileen has a broader perspective of what St. Mary's is and should be all about."

Ms. Barlow concluded that "If St. Mary's is a college dedicated to the education of women, the



only way to fully educate is to have personal responsibility lie with the women themselves. That is what I worked for this year and what Eileen will work for next year."

Ms. Fitzpatrick followed Ms. Barlow with a discussion of her platform, giving emphasis to student's services. She contended that St. Mary's lacks sufficient student union activities. "The students don't benefit enough from the Student Union funds," she said.

Fitzpatrick proposed the use of Reidinger House as a student center and features such as "Over-the-Hill concerts, TGIF's and a variety of lectures."

Ms. Orr continued, "We need a Social Commission again to provide the students with an improved social atmosphere on the SMC campus."

While speaking floor to floor at McCandless Hall earlier in the evening, Ms. Fitzpatrick attacked the administration's offer of a 30-40 hour a week "parietal ceiling." She contends the offer is a "bastardization of hall autonomy and self-determination."

"The decision of parietals must be made within the hall, by the students, not handed down by the administration," she concluded.

Fitzpatrick added, "I had to be sure that students could be effective and that there was potential power before I decided to run."

Thomas

by Pete Fries

Expressing "disgust" with the campaigns of SBP candidates Chuck Luken and Gary Caruso, Dennis Thomas rebuked the pair for their failure to debate with him.

Both candidates had issued challenges to all presidential candidates. Only Thomas responded.

"It was just a lot of rhetoric," contended candidate Thomas.

"Caruso and Luken never intended to debate, but just wanted to be projected as gutsy candidates."

Thomas said that he had responded to a challenge he said was made by Chuck Luken to debate openly at Shula's but that "nothing was made" of his response.

Canvassing Breen-Phillips and Farley Halls, Thomas argued for his proposals for "academic halls" and "a stronger university community" next year.



Luken

by Mike O'Hare

Asked about his pre-election thoughts, Chuck Luken responded "Walt and I consider ourselves the only alternative to the bureaucracy."



"The students have a chance to opt for a change, to elect someone outside the bureaucracy and get things done," stated Luken. He

emphasized his campaign as not telling the students what to think but rather asking their opinions.

In response to the suggestions of several candidates that the student government fee be raised, Luken responded "We can't do this until the students know where the money is going."

Instead of raising the fee, he suggested that the contract with the ACC be renegotiated. By getting rid of the profit ceiling, the increased proceeds could go to student government and make Observer should exercise their journalistic responsibility more carefully in the future. "In addition, Luken cited T.C. Treanor as, "playing the role of kingmaker during the campaign, looking at the machines instead of the candidates."

Concerning his election predictions, Luken believed that Bob Kersten would be in the runoff, but considers it very unfortunate. He hopes that the

students will vote for a workable change, which he believes that he and Spak offer.

the raise in the fee unnecessary. If the ACC is reluctant to renegotiate, Luken advocates threatening to have the concerts at Morris Civic Auditorium.

Luken emphasized that he and running mate Walt Spak and himself have tried to carry the campaign to the students despite the Observer. He felt that "the

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Gamecocks rip ND five, 109-83

by Vic Dorr

Last night, in front of a near full-house crowd at the University of South Carolina, the Irish basketball team played unwilling victim to a very offensive-minded group of U.S.C. Gamecocks.

The Carolinians thumped the Irish 109-83, and they did it mainly on the strength of a torrid first half. In that first period, Coach Frank McGuire's Gamecocks ran up a 61-46 margin, shot an unbelievable 71.8 per cent from the field, and displayed a pair of backcourt marksmen who, between them,

Jim Donaldson

The Irish Eye

Playoff Patter

Notre Dame remained in the thick of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association playoff battle by sweeping its two-game series with Michigan last weekend at the ACC. But whether or not the Irish will qualify for post-season play will be decided this weekend.

Notre Dame's 7-2 and 9-4 wins over the Wolverines upped the icers' league record to 9-15 and enabled them to climb from ninth place into a tie for seventh with Colorado College. The Irish and the Tigers both have 26 title points this year while Michigan, which dropped to ninth, has 24.

Colorado kept pace with the Irish by whipping Denver 9-7 Saturday in Colorado Springs after absorbing a 13-2 thrashing at the hands of the Pioneers Friday in Denver.

Oddly enough, however, it is Michigan which probably has the best chance of qualifying for the playoffs. Unlike Notre Dame and Colorado, which play four-point series this week, the Wolverines host last place Minnesota in an eight-point series. And Minnesota hasn't won a four-point game all season while Michigan is 9-3 on home ice.

Colorado faces a pair of road games against Minnesota-Duluth. UMD is currently fifth in the standings but is only two points out of third and will be fighting to finish in the top four and get the all-important home ice advantage for the opening round of the playoffs. The Tigers will be in Duluth on Wednesday and Friday so the Wolverines and the Irish will know just what they have to do against their opponents to make the playoffs.

Notre Dame will wind up their season at home but will have to face one of their arch-rivals, the Spartans of Michigan State. MSU had been one of the hottest clubs in the league, winning 11 of 12 games, before losing two on home ice last weekend to league-leading Wisconsin. The Spartans have a precarious hold on third place going into this week's action.

There are a number of ways that Notre Dame could make the playoffs. Most simply, they must match Colorado's win total in the last two games. If the Irish can do that, they can finish no worse than tied for eighth, the last playoff spot, with Colorado and would automatically qualify for tournament play because they have outscored the Tigers 23-9 while beating them three out of four times this season.

If Michigan wins twice, they will finish seventh, but if the Wolverines win only one game against Minnesota, the Irish can finish ahead of them by beating State twice, or end up in a tie with Michigan if they only win once this weekend. Since Notre Dame outscored the Wolverines 26-18 while splitting four games this year, the Irish would be moved up to break the deadlock.

Notre Dame coach Lefty Smith has his own formula for making the playoffs. "We've got to win to be positive of getting in," he said yesterday.

"Denver didn't help us out so we're back in the same boat we were in before the Michigan series," Smith commented. "We can't worry about the other teams, we've got to do the job ourselves."

"The two games with State are very important to us and we know what we have to do," he continued. "The full playoff picture won't be decided until Saturday night."

"The kids played well last weekend. They've got the playoffs looming in front of them and it set their adrenalin flowing," he said.

Many of the Irish turned in inspired performances against Michigan. Goalie Mark Kronholm was superb in the net, making 65 saves in five periods and giving up only four goals.

Freshman Les Larson, filling in for Steve Curry who was sidelined with mononucleosis, did a solid job on defense for the Irish.

Offensively, the John Noble - Eddie Bumbacco - Ian Williams line went on a scoring rampage, racking up eight goals. Noble led the way with four tallies and added five assists to take over the team scoring lead. The junior center has 16 goals and 36 assists this season. Williams played some of his best hockey this season against Michigan and scored two goals while Bumbacco, emerging from a scoring slump, added two more.

Paul Regan returned to action against Michigan, skating between Larry Israelson and Jim Cordes. The club's top goal-getter, Regan boosted his total to 27 with a pair of markers.

The Notre Dame players weren't the only people in the ACC ice rink whose adrenalin was flowing. "These were the most enthusiastic crowds I've seen in my four years at Notre Dame," coach Smith said of the fans who cheered the Irish on last weekend.

With the Fanatics, roaring to the beat of Pete Fries' drum, showing the way, the rest of the crowd joined into root the Irish past the Wolverines.

"I was very pleased with the student response at the game," Smith said. "Everyone on the club felt strongly about it. It gave us the feeling that the student body was behind us and was a real psychological boost."

clicked on 12 of 14 field goal attempts.

Notre Dame made a game of it for much of the first half, and the Irish well played well offensively themselves during the early going. ND shot better than 50 per cent during the opening stanza, but the Irish defense could not long contain the red-hot Gamecocks.

ND held early leads of 2-0 and 4-2, but the Irish reached their biggest cushion of the evening when Gary Novak's bucket gave them a 10-7 lead. After that it was all South Carolina. The Gamecock front line, tall and physical,

controlled the boards effectively and usually limited ND to one-shot offensive efforts.

A pair of free throws by 6' 10" forward Tom Riker pulled S. C. to within one of the Irish, and then a 20-foot jumper by Bob Carver gave Carolina the lead, 11-10. Gary Novak's answering bucket gave ND its last lead of the game.

But the Irish did manage to tie the Gamecocks at 17 with 13:45 left in the first half, and the Carolina coach wasted no time in sending Brian Winters into the contest. Winters, who scored 24 points in South Carolina's 88-82 victory over Davidson Saturday, ignited an S. C. spurt that sent the Irish reeling.

The 6-4 sophomore was perfect on his first five shots from the floor, and it didn't take the rest of the Carolinians long to pick up the tempo. With Winters and Carver (both of whom were six of seven from the field during the first half) hitting from outside, and Riker dominating play underneath, the S. C. lead soon

fattened to 15, 51-36. The 15-point margin was to hold for the rest of the half.

The Gamecocks cooled off slightly at the start of the second period, and the Irish pulled to within 13, 63-50. But Winters scored on a court-length pass, and Riker tossed in a left-handed hook to start U.S.C. on another tear.

Irish Coach Digger Phelps began the game with the squad of Tom O'Mara, Gary Novak, Willie Townsend, John Egart and Don Silinski, but he alternated frequently throughout the contest. Only Novak and O'Mara, though, were able to score consistently against the Gamecocks.

O'Mara led the Irish in scoring with 25 points, and Novak followed him up with 23. They were the only two ND players to reach double figures. Don Silinski finished with nine points, Chris Stevens had seven, Willie and Mike Townsend six, and John Egart four.

At the 12:00 mark of the second half, whatever slim hopes the Irish might have been nursing vanished. Carver stole an Irish pass and soloed in for a lay-up, Kevin Joyce followed with a running, one-hand field goal, and Riker netted a lead pass from 7-0 Danny Traylor to make the score 90-61.

Willie Townsend was saddled with his fifth personal foul moments later, but by then it didn't make any difference.

Carver dropped in a free throw with just under eight minutes to play to make it 99-69, and the final score would have been much worse had not the Gamecocks gone cold during the closing minutes of play. Notre Dame closed the gap to 99-78 before Riker broke the Carolina drought with a lay-in at the 4:00 mark, and both coaches began substituting freely after that.

Irish reserves Greg Schmelzer, Tom McGraw, and Tom Hansen, along with Mike Townsend and Chris Stevens, finished the game for ND.

The win boosted South Carolina's record to 20-4, and left them with an excellent chance of obtaining an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. Tom Riker paced the Gamecock effort with 31 points, but the home team placed four other players in double figures.

Carver finished with 21 points, Winters with 16, Joyce with 14, and Rick Aydtlett with 11.

Notre Dame's record is now 6-18.

OBSERVER SPORTS

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Swimmers lose two meets

The past weekend was not a successful one for the Notre Dame swimming team.

The Irish tankers entered the weekend's competition with a 7-3 record, and needed a sweep of their meets with Northern Illinois and Marshall U. to assure themselves of the best record and the highest winning percentage in Notre Dame swimming history.

But coach Dennis Stark's crew was not able to earn a sweep. Nor were they able to earn a split. The Irish were defeated by Northern Illinois' Huskies on Friday afternoon, 64-59, and were shaded by Marshall 57-56 the following day. The two setbacks will send the swimmers into next weekend's Motor City Invitational with a 7-5 mark.

Friday's loss to Northern Illinois was Notre Dame's first home pool loss of the season, and the Huskies engineered their win by grabbing first place in seven of the 13 events. Included in the collection of Huskie blue ribbons was a new record for the Rockne Memorial pool—a 2:05.5 in the 200 yard butterfly by Gene Mulloy.

Jim Kane, the meet's lone double winner, continued to shine for the Irish. He posted first place finishes in the 200 yard (1:49.5) and 100 yard (49.3) freestyle events. Three other Irish swimmers—John Sherker, Joe Fisher, and Gene Krathaus—recorded individual bests for the season: the 500 freestyle (5:07.8), 200 breaststroke (2:25.0) and 50 freestyle (22.3) respectively.

The Huskies took control of the meet from the start by winning the 400 medley relay and grabbing first and second in the 1000 freestyle, but it wasn't until later in the competition when the Huskies earned first and second in the 200 backstroke and the three-meter diving events—that they iced their victory.

Things were much the same for the Irish in Saturday's meet with Marshall. The Irish volleyed with Marshall for the entire

meet, with the lead changing hands on nearly every event. ND finished first in six of the races, and again it was Jim Kane who paced the Irish effort. Kane, again the lone double winner, posted times of 1:50.5 in the 200 freestyle and 49.5 in the 100 freestyle.

Gene Krathaus turned in another personal low of the season with a time of 22.2 in the 50 freestyle, and Chris Payne (three-meter diving) was the other individual winner for Notre

Dame.

The outcome of the meet was in doubt until the final several events, but Marshall clinched it by finishing first and second in the 200 backstroke, first and second in the 500 freestyle, and first and third in the 200 breaststroke.

Notre Dame rallied in the meet's last two events—the Irish finished first and third in the three-meter diving and easily won the 400 freestyle relay—but their efforts fell one point short.

ND thinclads beaten

by Eric Kinkopf

The Broncos of Western Michigan University swept the final three events in their dual meet with the Irish trackmen Saturday afternoon in the ACC and posted a come from behind victory over coach Alex Wilson's charges, 71-60.

But despite the loss, it was, perhaps, the best individual showing by some of coach Wilson's top performers this year.

Tom McMannon won the nomination for the most impressive performance of the afternoon as he set a new varsity and ACC mark in the 60-yard high hurdles.

Tom won the 60-yard highs with a time of 7.2, eclipsing the old varsity mark of 7.3 held by three former Irish hurdlers, and the ACC mark, held by George Buers of Kansas and Bill Tipton of Eastern Michigan.

And for the first time this season, the McMannon brother act finally got off the ground.

Not to be outdone by his kid brother, Mike, after finishing second to Tom in the 60-yard highs with a time of 7.4, won both the triple and long jump events and qualified for the NCAA's in the process.

Mike's effort of 48-9 in the triple jump was his best of the season,

and qualified him for the NCAA indoor championships in that event.

Mike's 23-5 mark in the long jump was also a season high for him.

Eric Penick had his jets turned on again this weekend, breezing to victories in the 60 and 300 yard dashes.

Penick who has already qualified for the NCAA's in the 300 posted times of 6.3 (in the 60) and 31.8 (in the 300). Greg Cortina continued to dominate the shot put competition topping all competitors with a toss of 59-5. Elio Polselli finished right behind Greg with a 57-7½ effort.

Mike Gahagan wrapped up the Irish first place finished with a blue ribbon in the 1000-yard dash. Mike won the event with a time of 2:15.0.

The Broncos took eight of the 15 events, including a win by Central Collegiate champion pole vaulter Larry Robards with an effort of 15-6.

The loss to WM dropped the ND dual meet mark to 2-2.

Western Michigan was participating in dual meet competition for the first time this season.

The Irish will travel to Princeton New Jersey this weekend to compete in the ICAAAA championships.

Fencers post four victories

by Joe Wilkowski

The Notre Dame fencing team was on the road Friday and Saturday, and they returned with four victories over Big Ten rivals. Their victims were perennial power Wisconsin, Big Ten leader Illinois, Purdue, and Indiana.

The victory over Illinois Saturday was a big one for the Irish, since the Illini had been defeated only once before this year. In the 19-8 decision, it was the sabre team that contributed the knockout blow, achieving a perfect 9-0 slate. The epee and foil teams each added four wins.

The Irish next faced Indiana in the quadrangular meet, and ND took an easy 21-6 decision from the hapless Hoosiers. Again, sabre was perfect in the victory, and foil and epee were not far behind, posting 6-3 records.

Wisconsin posed the final challenge to the Irish, and the

fencers were equal to the task, waltzing to an easy 17-10 victory. Only the Badger foil team put up much of a struggle, taking 6 of 9 bouts. Both sabre and epee led ND attack, each breezing to 7-2 marks.

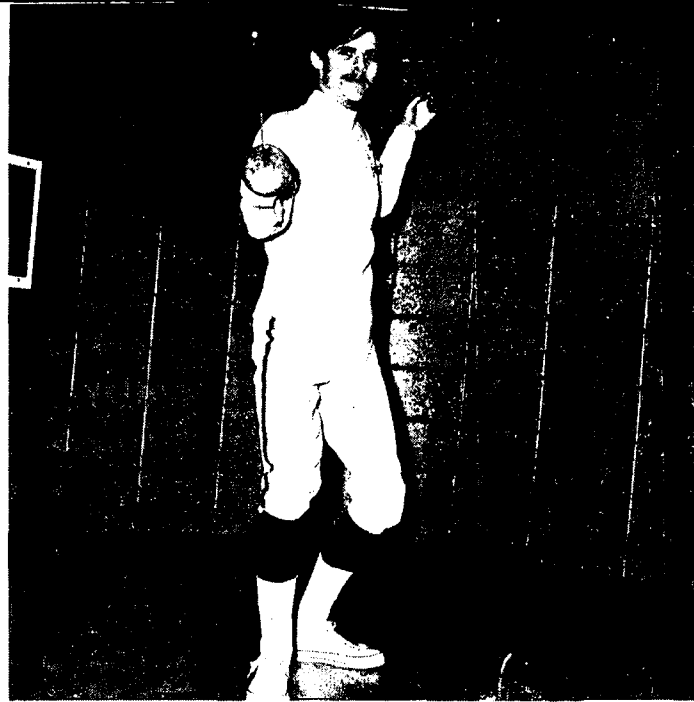
Friday night, the Irish tuned up for the quadrangular with a 23-4 decision over Purdue. All 9 epeeists were victorious for Notre Dame, and the other two weapons also feasted on the Boilermakers. Foil won 8 bouts while sabre took 6 of their 9 decisions.

As their varsity careers draw to a close, it seems that the seniors on the team have decided to go out with a bang. That was what happened this weekend, as the upperclassmen posted a fantastic 40-4 record. Sabre captain Matt Fruzynski and epee captain Tim Taylor had perfect days over the weekend, garnering 10 and 8 victories, respectively.

Sabreman Ron Solitto took 9 decisions, dropping only 1. Epeeist Chuck Harkness also lost only one bout, as opposed to his 7 victories. North Carey went 2-1 in epee, foilsman Jim Froess was 2-0 and Joe Pauwels earned a 2-1 record in sabre.

Coach Mike DeCicco was extremely pleased with Notre Dame's performance this weekend. He had a right to be, for in addition to the seniors, some underclassmen showed great potential for next year. Mike Cornwall, foil captain as a junior, had a 9-2 record over the best the Big Ten could offer. Dan Mulligan, a junior sabreman, posted a strong 7-1 record as the third starter in the weapon. Mike Matranga, in epee, finished Saturday at 6-2.

The Irish fencers travel East next weekend, facing Buffalo, Syracuse and Case Western Reserve.



Mike Cornwall won 9 of 11 bouts over the weekend.

Majeta trying to revive Crypt

by Don Ruane
Campus Editor

John Mateja was not really angry at the Student Life Council last Thursday, but optimistic that the legislative body may act on appeals to decisions made by the vice president for student affairs.

Mateja was refused permission from that office last fall to reopen the Crypt, a student discount record store which he operated privately for two semesters in LaFortune Student Center, under student union ownership.

The New Castle, Pa. senior began his fight with the SLC last spring when Fr. Thomas E. Blantz, vice president for Student Affairs, threatened to close the Crypt. The issue was raised at the SLC by student representatives, but nothing came of it.

After Fr. Blantz vetoed the record store in the fall, an appeal was placed before the SLC, and it recommended that the vice president review his decision.

Fr. Blantz reviewed it, and returned another thumbs down decision.

Mateja, known among friends as "Hairy" because of his shoulder length hair, countered with a petition signed by at least 50 students, in accordance with SLC bylaws, which would give the SLC power to overrule or

uphold such decisions.

The petition, fourth on Thursday's agenda, reached the floor seven minutes before the meeting was to end. In those seven minutes a motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes was soundly defeated by the faculty and administration members, and a motion to extend discussion 10 minutes was dismissed by Chairman William Egan as already defeated.

"I got the impression it was a specific stall by the administration to postpone debate on the issue," Mateja stated, and criticized Egan's handling of the 10 minute extension motion.

He added that he didn't expect a specific decision, but was surprised that debate was postponed.

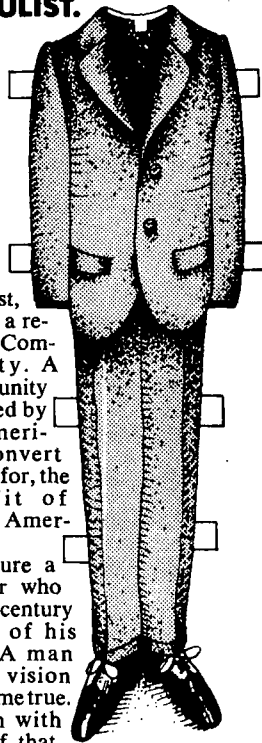
What irks Mateja most about the whole situation is that the decision to block the Crypt was made by one administrator instead of a tri-partite committee consisting of a student, faculty, and administrative representative.

"I would have been satisfied if the decision had been handed down by a tri-partite committee. This would alleviate the student problem of having to appear only before a sometimes biased administration official. This

committee would also eliminate the problem of having the SLC consider all proposals presented to the body, in that it (the committee) would have the power to kill an appeal in committee," Mateja stated.

However, the Crypt may not be dead yet, according to Mateja, who thinks the petition will pass, "if not this year, hopefully next year even though it won't make any difference to me, being a senior."

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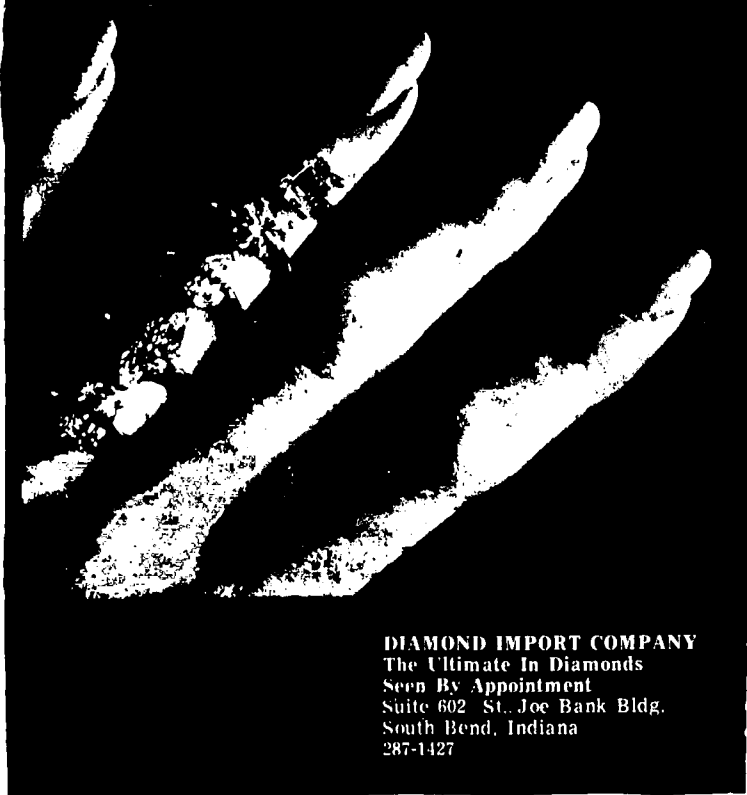
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16-20	1.30	1.95	2.15	2.55	2.95
21-25	1.70	2.55	3.20	3.85	4.45
26-30	2.10	3.15	3.95	4.75	5.45
31-35	2.45	3.65	4.45	4.75	6.15
36-40	2.80	4.20	5.25	6.75	7.75
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46-50	3.55	5.20	6.50	7.80	8.95