

One day Thanksgiving break

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Council OK's Oct. break

by Shawn Scannell
Staff Reporter

The Academic Council yesterday voted new calendar guidelines calling for a pre-Labor Day start and a weeklong mid-semester break, while reducing Thanksgiving break to a one-day holiday.

This result matches the motions introduced by Student Academic Council Commissioner Michael Gassman, except for the reduction of the Thanksgiving break. A 1976-77 academic calendar which has "the first day of class of the fall semester no earlier than the Tuesday preceding Labor Day," will be constructed after consultation with St. Mary's officials.

The Council voted 31-14 to reduce Thanksgiving to a one-day holiday. A motion from Professor Gerald Jones divided Gassman's proposal into three parts, the last of which, dealing with Thanksgiving, was not approved.

Thanksgiving was cut back because of a concern about the economic strain of two breaks on parents who handle the traveling expenses. Discussion also indicated concern that a longer holiday break would lead to an eroded break at this time.

Hesburgh receives letters

Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, university president, reported at the meeting that he had received "quite a few" letters from parents upset that they had to bear the expense of two trips. He later stated, "I think the Council showed what they wanted. They voted unanimously for a needed mid-semester break, but not for another at Thanksgiving."

Gassman later said that he was very surprised at the outcome. "It almost came to a vote without discussion, but it was turned around. What's been done is to set a mandate that prohibits anyone from leaving even if they could have afforded the trip."

"There was no consideration of the actual number of class days. Our proposal allowed enough based on University regulations, and even 76 percent of the students are willing to have a Saturday class to get the 70 days," Gassman continued.

Gassman added that he will be "curious to know

how many letters Fr. Hesburgh will get next year from angry parents who want their kids home for Thanksgiving, especially the freshman parents."

Fr. James T. Burtchaell, University Provost, commented, "There isn't really such a thing as a four-and-one-half day break. The early part of that week breaks down academically. This calendar will help to alleviate that problem."

About his motion to divide the proposed guidelines, Jones said, "The main thing I was interested in was to have a chance to vote separately on the package of a nine-day October break and a four-and-one-half day Thanksgiving break." The suggested proposal, he said, "would have left the calendar with 41 Monday-Wednesday-Friday class days, which in my opinion is just too few. Aiming to finish the year at Christmas, we couldn't take that much time off."

'Laugh-in' arranged

Student Body President Ed Byrne said, "There is nothing we can do to change the Academic Council's decision. 33-14 is quite obviously a majority opinion, and the Council will not take up the calendar issue again this year."

"It's all very humorous, really," he continued. "I mean, seriously, there's not another university in the country that rationally expects their students to attend class on the Friday after Thanksgiving."

Byrne and Gassman have arranged a "laugh-in" demonstration to take place Friday afternoon at 1 p.m. in front of the Administration building. They invite "all students who are disenchanting with the calendar decision to come." The event is planned to last fifteen minutes, ending in time for 1:15 classes.

The Academic Council also voted on an amended section of recommended revisions of procedures of appointment and tenure. This section, defeated 28-24, dealt with the relationship of departmental chairmen, and appointment and tenure committees in the appointment and tenure process.

Extended debate also took place on a second recommendation, of which would require that reasons for negative decisions concerning reap-

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Mike Gassman and Fr. Hesburgh discuss the new academic calendar at yesterday's Academic Council meeting. (Photo by Tom Lose)

McDonald's?

Huddle not enough

by Mary Pat Tarpy
Staff Reporter

A survey of Notre Dame students yesterday indicated that although the Huddle is satisfactory to many, there is a need to expand the services to include something similar to a McDonald's.

The survey showed that 70 percent of the students polled found the Huddle adequate but many qualified their statements. Of those responding positively 15 percent changed their statements to "somewhat adequate."

Tom Maschmeier typified the majority response, noting, "I'm satisfied with the Huddle. Everything that I've ever needed they've had,--the basics anyway." One student felt that it was a good place to go to get food and to get away from studies.

Several students said that the Huddle usually has what they need at a specific time, but sometimes the quality of the service isn't adequate.

Thirty percent of the students were not happy with the Huddle. A student who wished to remain anonymous said, "They don't have a good selection and I think it's poor quality. I would rather wait in line at the pay cafeteria." One student claimed the Huddle closed earlier than posted on certain occasions.

McDonald's on campus?

The response to the question, "Would you like to see an establishment like McDonald's on campus?," showed 63 percent in favor and 37 percent opposed.

Explanations for opinions in favor of McDonald's were varied. The answers ranged from one student who believed McDonald's would be cheaper and faster to the personal preference concerning food.

A student explained, "At McDonald's hamburgers have to be a 100 percent meat, but at the Huddle it's questionable. I'm partial to meat. I can do without the grizzle."

When questioned whether McDonald's would replace the Huddle or coexist with it, the majority of the respondents indicated that they would like to see both the Huddle and McDonald's at Notre Dame, if it could be done. Thirty-seven percent of those responding to this question felt McDonald's should replace the Huddle.

Those opposed to McDonald's thought it would be a detriment to the campus both financially and in appearance.

Tom Livingston said, "I'm against McDonald's actually on the campus because of its commercial nature." Some expressed the feeling that it just would not "fit in" on campus.

It appears that although the students are satisfied with the operations and services of the Huddle (70 percent), a great majority would like to see a franchise brought to campus (63 percent). Chris Jafe, a sophomore in the College of Science, noted, "I think it would be cheaper and faster, and the food might be fresher. The Huddle is satisfactory but it isn't good enough."

It was also mentioned that the Huddle is satisfactory in providing certain services and weak in providing others. This is where a McDonald's could aid the Notre Dame community.

Wilson explains plate tectonics

by Maggie Waltman
Staff Reporter

One-hundred million years ago, Rio de Janeiro could have been the capital of the Congo in Africa, according to theories presented by Canadian geophysicist Dr. J. Tuzo Wilson.

Wilson outlined the newest geological discoveries in a lecture last night before an audience of 75 people in the Architecture Auditorium. He emphasized the concept that Africa and South America were once joined together but split apart through the process

of plate tectonics.

Tectonics refers to the structural behavior of a geological area as a whole. According to Wilson, the earth is an intricate mechanism with interlocking movement. Tectonics helps explain the meeting and separation of land masses throughout time which have contributed to the present physical appearance of this planet.

Plate tectonics sees the entire earth as a dynamic entity encased in moving crustal plates which are even now being manufactured by processes within the earth's interior. The irreversible movement of the earth's crust which changes the horizontal position of the earth's layers causes physical changes on the surface of the planet, said Wilson.

In the early 1900's, popular theory in the field of geology was attributed to Alfred Wegener. Wilson explained, "Wegener believed that all the continents were once joined together to form a super-continent." He added, "Wegener supported the idea that after this land mass broke apart the pieces drifted around on the ocean surfaces."

"Jigsaw Puzzle" theory

Wilson accepts the "jigsaw puzzle" concept of Wegener, but disagrees with the idea of the continents floating around on top of the oceans. Wilson contends the continents are parts of geophysical plates that include the ocean floor in their makeup. Wilson

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Dr. Wilson explained how Africa and South America were once joined together many years ago. (Photo by Tom Lose)

world briefs

MIAMI -- Four bomb blasts rocked downtown Miami last night, police said. They also said they had no clues to the perpetrator of the bombings, though various Cuban exile groups have claimed responsibility for many blasts in the past.

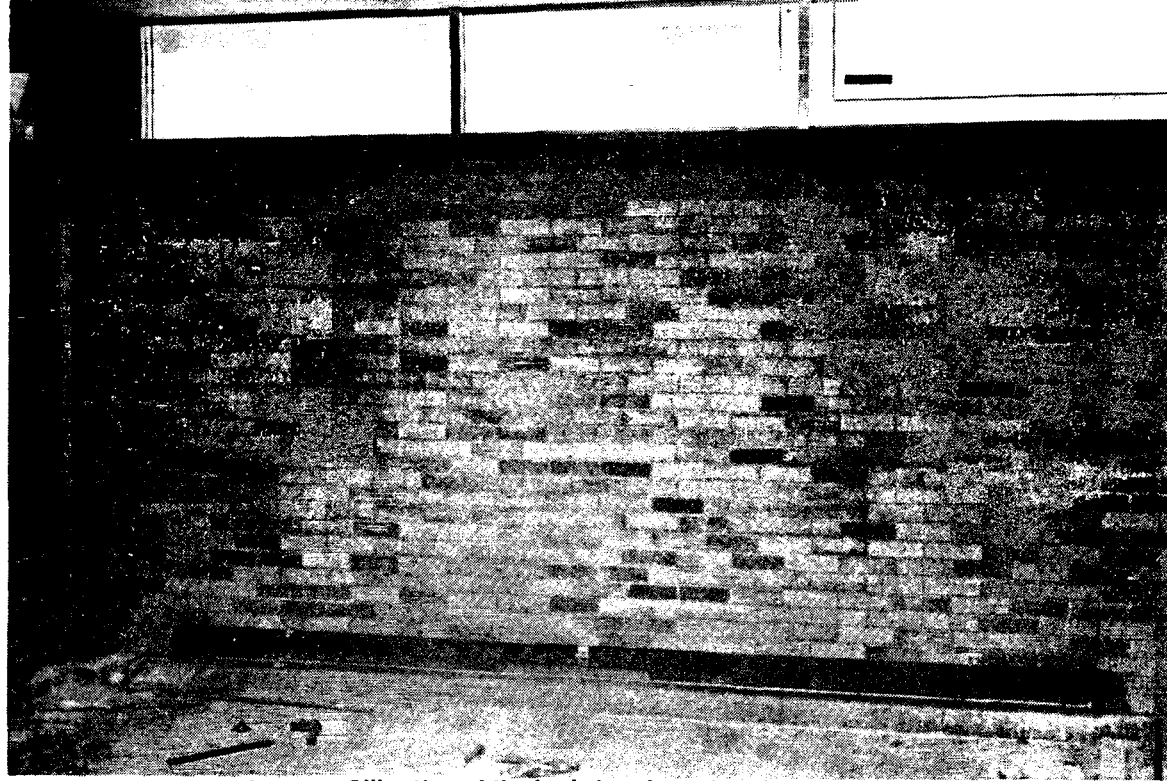
One bomb was at the local FBI building, two outside post office branches and another in front of the Social Security office. No injuries were reported.

CONCORD, N.H. -- A researcher showed a slide of a distinct rust-colored object supposed to be the legendary Loch Ness monster. It has what appears to be two front appendages and a long neck. (See story page 3)

WASHINGTON -- Democratic governors seeking greater influence in the 1976 presidential campaign, advocated yesterday that the federal government should couple a \$12 billion tax cut with a \$10 billion program to revive the economy and create jobs.

on campus today

- 3:00 p.m. -- lecture, "bernardofj clairvaux: the mystic and society" rm. 715, lib.
- 4:00 p.m. -- lecture, Zen Buddhism, Lib. Lounge.
- 4:00 p.m. -- lecture, "on improving learning and memory in the aged" rm. 119 haggard hall.
- 3:30 p.m. -- seminar, "localization in disordered systems" conference rm. radiation lab.
- 4:30 p.m. -- colloquium, "on arithmetic automorphic forms with respect to unitary groups" rm. 226, computing center.
- 6:30 p.m. -- dinner, fourth annual madrigal dinner in regina hall, for reservations call 284-4176, regina hall.
- 7:00 p.m. -- platform session, mock political convention platform meeting, lib. aud.
- 7:30 p.m. -- seminar, "interview management for women" board rm. hayes-healy center.
- 8:00 p.m. -- lecture, "Notre Dame: Past, Present and Future" by University President Rev. Theodore Hsburgh, Grace Pit.
- 8:00 p.m. -- lecture, "In defense of drink: the political influence of late victorian brewers and publicans" lib. lounge.



A NEW wall put up between Gilbert's and the bookstore is part of the renovation plan. (Photo by Paul Clevenger)

In bookstore by Xmas

Renovation to be completed

The rearrangement and renovation of the Notre Dame Bookstore will probably be completed over the Christmas break, according to Bookstore Manager Bro. Conan Moran.

The building previously occupied by Gilbert's Men's Store is now under renovation and when the work is completed it will provide 900 square feet of extra space. This

floor space, according to Moran, will be used for the bookstore offices and to relieve some of the present congestion on the main floor.

The space vacated when the offices are moved will be used for additional book space and the extra space on the first floor will allow for eight or nine checkout lines, according to Moran. "The

extra checkouts will allow for quicker service during rush periods," Moran commented.

The University is paying for the remodeling work; however, this will not result in a rise in prices at the bookstore, Moran emphasized.

Though pleased with the expansion, Moran felt that even more space could be used. "This isn't 20 percent of what we need," he said.

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Scottish monster confirmed

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) -- A researcher has shown a photographic slide of a rust-colored object purported to be the legendary Loch Ness monster. The object appeared to have two front appendages, a long neck and a head.

The slide showing was the latest in a series of revelations both in the United States and Great Britain in recent weeks concerning a group of pictures taken underwater by an American photographic team last June at Loch Ness in Scotland.

The team was headed by Boston patent attorney Robert Rines, who is also dean at the Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord. He showed the slide to a group of about 50 students and friends Wednesday night.

The slide depicted an object with distinct features, including the frontal appendages, a trunk Rines said was 12 feet broad and a neck Rines said was 8 to 10 feet long.

"We think it will electrify the world," Rines said.

He said there were other, clearer photographs, some of them shot at the considerably closer range of 4 feet. He said the monster was "looking right at us with its mouth open."

Rines showed the slide in Concord two days after an announcement was made in London that a scientific symposium

scheduled for Dec. 9 and 10 to see Rines' pictures was canceled because of what the sponsors called excessive publicity in Britain.

First word of Rines' discovery and photos came on Nov. 22 in a copyright story in the Boston Globe. Since then, a number of scientists who have seen one or more of the pictures, have commented publicly. Most have praised the clarity of the pictures.

Wednesday night's showing of one of the slides was the first to a lay audience. Rines said the slide was taken by an underwater camera at a depth of 45 feet with a strobe light.

Rines was angered by the publicity given the photographs, particularly in the British press, and had asked that the description of the slide shown Wednesday night not be made public.

A spokesman for Rines emphasized in a telephone interview that Rines and other members of the Academy of Applied Science--the Boston group which undertook

the Loch Ness photographic expedition--were leaving it up to the scientific community to determine exactly what the objects photographed are.

British naturalist Sir Peter Scott, who has seen the complete set of Rines pictures, announced in London on Monday the cancellation of the symposium of eminent scientific people who were to examine the photos.

The decision, "in no sense reflects in the smallest degree on the nature of the evidence or the integrity of those who obtained it," said Scott, chancellor of Birmingham University.

Scott told reporters shortly after word of the photos leaked last month that the Rines photographs helped convince him that the Loch Ness monster is a living prehistoric reptile which may be 40 feet long.

This week, Prof. Herbert J. Howe, a Purdue University paleontologist, said he believed the monster may be a prehistoric reptile dating 70 million years.



IT'S BEGINNING to look alot like Christmas--These two students prepare for the upcoming holiday season by decorating this Christmas tree at the CCE. (Photo by Tom Lose)

Students prefer McDonald's

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If there were both a McDonald's and the Huddle on campus, 48 percent said they would frequent McDonald's more often. 16 percent said they would use the Huddle more often. The remaining 36 percent didn't comment either because they didn't know or couldn't decide.

A sophomore said it would depend on what she wanted. If she wanted yogurt or fruit she would need the Huddle, if she wanted a hamburger she would go to McDonald's. When asked why he would go to McDonald's more often a student exclaimed, "A quarter pounder with cheese, why else!"

Only 29 percent of those polled indicated that they used the Huddle frequently or on a regular basis. Thirty-nine percent said they sometimes used the Huddle while 32 percent indicated rare use. No student reported never that they use the Huddle.

Strengths and weaknesses cited

Respondents named several strengths and weaknesses in the Huddle. The strengths referred to the most often were availability,

Art department to sponsor show, sale in O'Shag

The faculty of the Notre Dame Art Department together with the Notre Dame Art Gallery will sponsor a show and sale in the Great Hall of O'Shaughnessy on Dec. 8 and 9. The sale will run from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. both days.

All members of the Art faculty have been asked to exhibit, and examples of original artwork in a variety of media, ranging from paintings and graphics to sculpture, will be available for viewing and for sale. The prices at these shows are reasonable.

In the past, these shows have been a considerable success, not only from the sales aspect, but from the standpoint of an art display as well.

convenience and central location. A small number of students felt that the hours of the Huddle were good and the service is "pretty quick." The remaining answers varied from good ice cream and fruit to the variety of items. Susan Newbould stated, "It's just a good place for students to get out."

The weaknesses most often cited were poor quality food, high prices and the lack of variety. Students complained that the facility was inadequate and sometimes dirty.

Jim Watkins, a senior, said, "It's too slow and it can't accomodate

the large amount of people that a quick service is capable of accomodating."

One student felt the major drawback was the lack of beer. "When the huddle starts selling beer, I'll be "satisfied," he said.

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FBI political abuses began in Roosevelt era

WASHINGTON (AP) — Political abuse of the FBI dates to the Roosevelt administration and includes spying on newsmen, government officials and civil rights leaders under presidents of both parties, Congress was told Wednesday.

Aides to the late J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director for the entire period, could not substantiate a single case in which the bureau rebuffed an improper request from the White House.

"We followed our orders," said Cartha DeLoach, a top

Hoover assistant in the 1960s.

According to evidence presented to the Senate Intelligence Committee:

—President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1940 asked Hoover to report on hundreds of persons who sent telegrams to the President expressing approval of criticism from Col. Charles Lindbergh, who before World War II was opposed to the United States entering any hostilities, or who were "more or less in opposition to national defense."

—President Roosevelt also ordered wiretaps on the home telephones of his closest aides.

—Hoover sent President Harry S. Truman and his aides regular letters containing "tidbits of political intelligence" including one which warned that potentially embarrassing scandal was brewing.

—During the administration of Dwight D. Eisenhower the FBI went beyond a White House request for a briefing on racial tension in early 1956 and provided reports on the activities of southern governors and congressmen who opposed intergration.

—Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy personally authorized wiretaps on civil rights leader

Martin Luther King Jr. Kennedy also authorized wiretaps in 1962 on New York Times reporter Hanson Baldwin and his secretary.

—President Lyndon B. Johnson asked for FBI "name check reports on at least seven journalists including NBC commentator David Brinkley, Associated Press reporter Peter Arnett, who was then covering the war in Vietnam, and columnist Joseph Kraft.

—Johnson aide Bill Moyers asked the FBI in the closing days of the 1964 presidential campaign to report on all persons employed in the office of Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz, Johnson's opponent in the election.

—Johnson asked for "purely

political intelligence about United State senators" that had been obtained as a byproduct of other intelligence activities.

Courtney Evans, who headed the FBI investigative division in the 1960s, told the committee that Atty. Gen. Kennedy approved the tap on King on a 30-day trial basis to see if information received bore out suspicions King was being influenced by alleged Communists.

But he said the assassination of President Kennedy fell within the 30-day period and that the attorney general may have been so preoccupied with his brother's death that he did not follow up. In any case, wiretaps continued on King until his assassination in April 1968.

Near Eiffel Tower

Police kill gunman

PARIS (AP) — Police shot down one of two gunmen in a street battle early today after the men had held more than 20 hostages for 14 hours in a Paris bank, demanding \$2 million in ransom.

Authorities said one gunman was killed and the other seriously wounded, but two hostages in the car survived the shootout unscathed. They said both gunmen were Algerians.

The gunmen had left the bank with hostages in a getaway car provided by police, and with sacks apparently containing money.

The gunmen had threatened earlier to start shooting the hostages if they did not get the ransom in \$100 bills and the getaway car.

The drama had been in progress for almost 12 hours when police moved a car into place in front of the bank, located near the Eiffel Tower. Police Chief Jean Ducret said it was "physically impossible" to provide all the money, but other reports said it had been prepared.

The gangsters were reported to have told police, "We are in no hurry, we are comfortable here."

As midnight passed, negotiations appeared to be lagging.

Although Ducret's latest statement was that the gunmen demanded \$2 million, the reported ransom demand fluctuated from \$950,000 to \$2.3 million during the siege.

The gangsters also set an 8 p.m.—2 p.m. EST—deadline for delivery of a getaway car. No car was delivered by the deadline, and the shots were heard during the next 90 minutes. Shots were fired at police trying to approach the building, but no officers were hit.

The drama started at 10:40 a.m., when the bandits entered a branch of the Credit Lyonnais bank on Avenue Bosquet.

Seconds later, guards from a Brinks currency delivering

truck walked into the bank and a shootout started in which several persons including a passer-by were wounded.

The exact number of injured was not known.

The gunmen were holding at least 20 and perhaps as many as 30 bank staff and customers in the basement safe deposit room.

In a similar affair last September, two bandits held seven hostages for a day in another central Paris bank. They escaped with \$1.3 million in a high-speed chase through the French capital.

The money was never found but six persons are awaiting trial on charges of complicity in the affair.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford's \$2.3 billion loan bill to prevent a New York City default survived its first Senate test Wednesday, indicating backers may have enough votes to quash a filibuster.

The 57 to 23 vote tabled a move by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., that would have sent the House-approved measure to the Senate Banking Committee, delaying final congressional action on it.

The Senate opened its debate on the loan bill, narrowly approved by the House 213 to 203 Tuesday night, with an immediate filing of a cloture petition to block a threatened filibuster by Sen. James B. Allen, D-Ala.

The Senate must now wait for two days to vote on blocking the filibuster, which would require 60 votes. That vote will come Friday and backers say it is possible a final passage vote could be taken then.

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said the Ford substitute for loan guarantee bills pending in both the House and Senate is the minimum amount of assistance needed to prevent New York from defaulting. Ford had said

he would veto the House and Senate versions.

And Proxmire warned that if Ford's bill is not passed, nothing would prevent New York from default.

"We feel reasonably convinced that if this legislation does not become law by Dec. 11, or a few days after that, nothing can prevent a bankruptcy of New York City."

Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., Ind.-Va., said that the banks of New York, which hold much of New

York's obligations, should disclose how they would benefit from Ford's bill.

"We ought to know how much the taxpayers are benefiting these banks," Byrd said.

But Proxmire said the New York banks are taking "a beating ... a loss, a very big loss" on the fiscal crisis.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., also told Byrd that many foreign banks consider New York banks to be in jeopardy because they have taken New

York City bonds to help the city avert default.

Allen, who has threatened to filibuster the measure, said the bill before the Senate was never considered by either a House or Senate committee and he said it lacked safeguards to protect taxpayers.

"It's quite obvious we're facing a steamroller procedure to ram this bill through Congress," Allen said.

He said there has been no chance to shape or improve the measure because the way it has been presented to Congress it comes down to a "take it or leave proposition."

"This is an arrogant approach," Allen said.

Meanwhile, the Municipal Assistance Corp., the state body created to help the city solve its fiscal problems, agreed to extend until Dec. 29 the deadline for exchanging city notes for MAC bonds. The extension had been sought by the Flushing National Bank, which is suing to block the exchange.

The swap was mandated by the state legislature. Under it individuals holding short term city notes either exchange them for the MAC issue or face a moratorium on payment of the city bonds.

Butz to refuse position if President Ford is re-elected

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — U.S. Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz says he will refuse reappointment if President Ford is elected to a full term next year.

"I have a commitment to the President to stay only through his term" ending in 1976, Butz said in an interview with Indianapolis News reporter Frank Salzarulo, who accompanied him on a just-concluded 19-day tour of eight countries.

"I think he (Ford) respects that commitment," Butz added. "So do I."

Butz, a former Purdue University agriculture dean who was appointed U.S. secretary by former President Richard M. Nixon in 1971, now is the senior member of Ford's cabinet.

"It has been hard work," he said. "I've worked harder these four years I've been secretary than ever before, but the rewards have been great, too, and it's a fascinating experience."

Butz unsuccessfully sought the Republican nomination for governor in 1968, but he said he had no plans to run for public office when he leaves Washington.

"The calendar is running out on me," he said. "I'm of the

1909 vintage. That means as we sit here talking, I'm 66 years old, and when this term ends, I'm going to come back to Indiana. I'm going to do some work at Purdue University, I'm going to do some writing, some lecturing.

"I'm going to spend a little time with Mrs. Butz. She's a very charming girl. We've been married 38 years. She's had to raise our boys. She's had to be home a lot and I want to spend a little time with her before they put me away."

The outspoken Butz, however, said he would campaign "as effectively as I can" for Ford next year.

"I think he is the kind of individual we need at the head of government these days, both in the United States, and from the standpoint of the image he projects to the world," he said of Ford.

The agriculture secretary labeled "absolutely wrong" charges that his policies have driven food prices up.

"Last year...80 per cent of the increase in food prices occurred after it left the farm," he said. "The real culprit, in most cases, is the husband of the woman who complains about food prices."

Hostages escape from Dutch train

BEILEN, The Netherlands (AP) — Thirteen of the estimated 72 hostages held by Indonesian gunmen aboard a Dutch train sprinted to safety under cover of darkness Wednesday night, a Justice Ministry official said.

He said the group broke from the rear coach of the stranded train, evidently unguarded at the time, and ran 650 yards to police lines.

About 150 police, army marksmen and marine commandos ringing the train were keeping their distance for fear of endangering the lives of hostages.

The five hijackers — who are from a separatist-minded part of Indonesia called South Molucca, the former Spice Islands — seized the four-coach local train Tuesday, killed the engineer and another man and took the passengers hostage, officials reported. Police said they attached explosives to one of the coaches.

The bodies of the two dead men lay beside the tracks.

In a televised speech, Dutch Justice Minister Dries van Agt declared that since the hijackers were responsible for two killings, they would not be permitted to leave the Netherlands. The gunmen have demanded to be flown out of the country.

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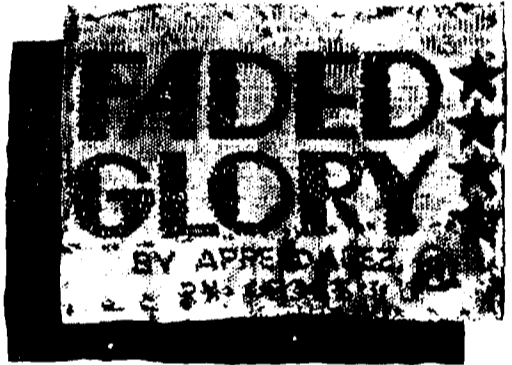
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Who Is Kidding Whom?

Yesterday the Academic Council did what they said they would never do: they produced a dishonest calendar. For years administrators, especially Fr. Burtchaell, have claimed they want an "honest calendar": one that does not encourage students to take extra days off.

But it is obvious that if there is any day in the year students would likely take off it is the day after Thanksgiving. Students will reserve at least one set of cuts for that Friday even if they are staying on campus. The paucity of the reasons offered for the Council's action make it all the more farcical.

During the Council meeting Fr. Hesburgh claimed that parents were complaining about the expense of bringing their children home twice in the semester. Fr. Hesburgh says he did not count how many letters he got from parents who would rather not have their children home at Thanksgiving. Even if many parents would not, they are under no compulsion to pay for the trip just

because there is a break. Many students do choose to stay for break of their own accord.

The new calendar will allow 70 days. The question of the magic number 70 was not debated at the meeting, so it is impossible to say how much weight it had on the vote. In any case the student representatives were willing to compromise on a Saturday class.

It may be the hope of some Council members that, while students will cut Friday classes, the shortened break will prevent many of them from leaving early in the week. This is most unlikely. Most students could still afford to cut classes that week to get home, if they planned to go home at all. We would hope that no administrators would be so foolish as to try to pressure professors into holding tests merely to hold students here.

The Great Calendar Controversy has dragged on for years, becoming more and more absurd. Yesterday's events raise it to a new height of absurdity. Who is kidding whom?

America's Choices

Art Buchwald

WASHINGTON—"Why," I cried the other night in despair, "out of a country of 240 million people can't we find an outstanding person to run for President?"

"It's very simple," said Turnbill, starting to write on a cocktail napkin. "There are 144 million people in the United States who are over 18 who are eligible to vote."

"Right," I said. "But at the moment there are only 99 million registered voters."

"Well, you would still think that we could find one person in 99 million."

Turnbill asked the waiter for another cocktail napkin. "Out of this 99 million, 38 million are under 35 years of age and therefore ineligible to run for the Presidency."

"That probably eliminates a lot of good people," I admitted.

"Now 1 million were not born in this country so they can't run either."

"That still leaves us with 60 million people to choose from."

"Wait," said Turnbill, starting on his third napkin. "About half of this number, 30,456,782 to be exact, are women."

"So?"

"Well, you know the country isn't ready for a woman President for at least 20 years."

"That long?" I said in sorrow.

"Do you want facts or do you

want to get sentimental?"

"Just give me the facts," I told him.

"This leaves us roughly 29 million presidential prospects," he said.

"Even that's enough to find an outstanding man for President," I told Turnbill.

"But," he said, now writing on the tablecloth, "at least 3 million of the 29 million have a fear of flying. You can't have a President of the United States who is afraid to fly. It would be a sign of weakness to our adversaries."

"All right, we're down to 26 million people to choose from."

Turnbill took out a pocket computer. "We have to take off 2 million because their wives don't want to move to Washington. Then there are 2 million more who are in some sort of trouble with the IRS and couldn't stand an audit."

"I must admit you're really cutting it down."

Turnbill kept hitting the keys of the computer. "Then there are 12 million who are just about to get a divorce or are living with someone in what Middle America still calls 'sin.'"

"I forgot about them."

"And you have to eliminate gay people."

"You mean the country would never elect a gay person?"

"They won't even let one serve in the Air Force," Turnbill said.

"So where are we now?"

Turnbill kept hitting the computer. "We're down to 9 million."

"That still is a lot to pick from."

"Not exactly. There are at least 2 million who could never pass an FBI security check because they belonged to some left-wing organization or were involved some way with Watergate."

"All right, so you have 7 million left. Can't we find one good man in 7 million?"

"We could except that the country will never accept a President who has had a mental disorder or has been treated by a psychiatrist."

"And 7 million people in this country have been treated by psychiatrists?"

"Not 7 million," Turnbill said. "There have been only 6,999,987 who have had psychiatric treatment."

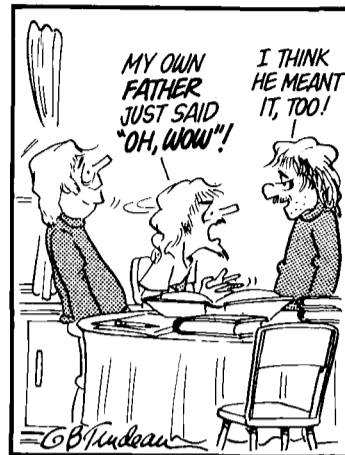
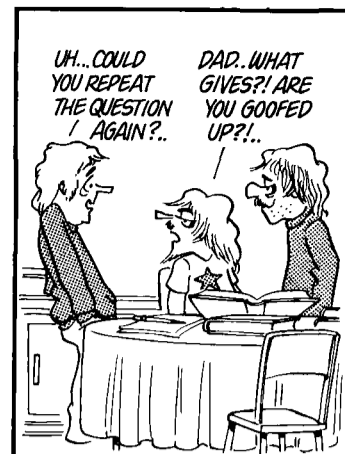
"So that leaves us with Ford, Reagan, Humphrey, Wallace, Carter, Jackson, Bentsen, Bayh, Shapp, Udall, Harris, Sanford and Shriver," I said.

Turnbill rechecked his figures. "That's all there is. I'm sorry about that."

"Don't be sorry," I told Turnbill. "At least you're the first guy who ever explained it to me."

DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



opinion

Star of My Heart

maurice powers c.s.c.

Students, your anticipation of the Christmas recess I share, for I have experienced the feverous mood while on our Lady's campus. Once, the beloved dean of chemistry, Dr. Julius Nieuwland, C.S.C., noted inventor of synthetic rubber, stopped two of us students outside his laboratory two days prior to the Christmas holiday period, and with paternal advice said, "Boys, don't forget the central theme of your vacation. The Star of your heart; make Him that in your hearts on His anniversary." We pondered it as we returned to our hall.

Again, the nativity season is with us to enrapture us with its message of joy, its tranquility of beauty like the recurring theme of a great symphony of love. The history of this treasured moment brings a legacy of littleness, of deep humility, and the radiance of an angelic choir echoing the music of the spheres: "Glory to God in the highest." The miracle of the throne room in a stable at Bethlehem appalls us.

To think that the first Christmas message announcing the birth of a little Babe drifted out over the world on the stillness of an evening breeze one thousand years before He was born; a prophet heralding this anomaly:

"While all things were in quiet silence, and the night was in the midst of its course, the Almighty leapt down from the Royal Throne and dwelt amongst us...."(Wisdom xviii, 14)

The prophetic echo became a reality; the birth of an Infant, a Child born of a virgin. Divinity is always where you least expect to find it. No one ever dreamed of looking for Divinity in the form of a tiny, helpless baby. Whoever heard of the charm of a reeking, uncouth stable until it happened one night, up the climbing hillsides of Judea, under the frozen music of the stars, - that night when the wedding between heaven and earth was consummated on the altar of Mary's virginal body and she gave birth to a King? The most startling fact is that He Who created the fiery ball of the sun in the heavens would first be warmed by the breathe of oxen. That He Who fashioned the starry heavens as a canopy of beauty would be covered instead by the roof of a cave, under the floor of the world. Instead of clarion trumpets heralding the birth of a royal son in a gilded palace, angelic choirs would chant the symphony of the stars: "Glory to God in the highest." He Who created the world was homeless in the world that He had made. "There was no room in the inn." There was room for proud Roman centurions with eagles on their crests, room for the dark-eyed, alluring daughters of rich eastern merchants; room for barter, trade, revelry, but no room for a virgin bearing a child. But humble, unlettered shepherds tending their flocks by night, and wise men, Magi, from the distant east were led by angels to come over to Bethlehem to adore a newborn Infant in a rude creche.

The miracle of Christmas is a concerto of littleness, of love and adoration which prompts a sensitive charity, aboundless goodwill towards others; the exchange of gifts from the heart. Immediately, we remember the legacy of love, a heritage of mutual love, the basis of the miracle.

This is the hour to which all hours lead. A table will be spread with fine, white linen. Bread, wine and water will be set out. A great book will stand from which will be read the prayer and history of this day. Tapers will be lighted. We will eat by candlelight at a new manger called an altar. You and I will be His guests. Within the throneroom of a new Bethlehem there will be reverence and adoration. We will share in history the aisles with the first shepherds, watch in spirit the gifted Magi offer their gifts and ours, honoring His coming again to us on an altar of dedication. Suddenly the spirit of those prophetic words return: "When all things were in quiet silence and the night was in the midst of its course..." At once each of us will find his brother fair, and like a little child therein, our hearts shall find new birth and wake no more to sin. The Infant in His Real Presence - The Star of my heart.

P. O. Box Q

Can Dan

Dear Editor:

Under Coach Devine, football at N.D. has taken a turn for the worse. Perhaps some of Devine's personal qualities are beginning to show on the field: being late for practice, failure to make the team bus for the Air Force game, being totally unprepared for the running of Pitt's Tony Dorsett, etc.

How can players that played and achieved so well under Ara play so little under Devine? I am talking about players such as Parise, Doherty, Alloco, and Payne. Surely their playing ability has not declined so much in one year.

Devine has already accomplished certain things that Ara never did: for example, losing three regular season games and also losing two games at home. Although Devine's record is 8-3, it very easily could have been 4-7 if it had not been for some very big plays by certain individuals, Bradley (Purdue), Montana (Air Force and North Carolina) and an anxious Navy lineman that jumped offside at a crucial time.

I feel that the coaching position at N. D. demands a dynamic personality which Devine is not nor will ever be. I feel that a coaching change should be made and quickly before we have a repeat of the Joe Kuharich era. I suggest that Ara be brought back or perhaps the job be offered to another QUALIFIED coach.

I sincerely hope that the University Administration will take steps to rectify this situation that now exists.

Patrick Keeley

Devine Defended

Dear Editor:

I see by the latest television and newspaper releases that Notre Dame is tuning up for entry into the National Football League. That must be the reason for all the rumors and innuendos being raised against Coach Dan Devine, after a 8-3 record. Considering that most colleges would be ecstatic with such a record, such rumors seem not only repugnant, but stupid.

Ponder, if you will, on the situation Coach Devine has come into. He is following a legend. He also has the legend's players, which means that except for the freshmen, they are used to a different system of coaching, plays, etc. Now if you take into mind the fact that it takes NFL teams a good year to really get accustomed to running a new coach's plays, and executing them, then what Coach Devine has accomplished is all the more remarkable.

Dan Devine really needs no defense. His record speaks for itself. He has one of the highest winning percentages among active coaches, and the brunt of this was achieved at Missouri where he, quite honestly, faced far sterner seasons than the Irish have under Ara. He made the Big Eight more than just a Big Two, something the Big Ten has not lately done. None of this is meant to take away from Ara's accomplishments. But he is gone, and comparing Devine to Parseghian is as sensible as comparing Parseghian to Rockne. There is no real purpose served.

As a Notre Dame alumnus and a resident of Missouri most of my life, I was quite happy to hear of his appointment as coach. I thought to myself: "Now he'll get a chance to prove himself at a top

job. Now ND fans and alumni can show their class in their support of him. Now they can show up the bloodsuckers in Green Bay who made pro football a religion, and in their rites, sacrificed the family dog. At least here, football is in its proper perspective." Time is the test of any coach. A fair accounting of Coach Devine would be four years time, so he could have a whole team geared under his system. Then, not now, would be a fair time to critically look at his performance.

But more than whether Dan Devine stays or not, I really question the veracity of my preceding statements. I don't think football is in its proper perspective anymore. I only graduated in '74, so don't feel that divorced from the reality of the place. When we were there, the last thing we wanted to be known was as a "football factory". It was great to have it, but there was pride in defeat as well.

Notre Dame prides itself on being a Catholic University. It is time we took the message to home. Sports is great, but the world doesn't live or die if ND isn't no. 1. It's almost impossible to tell friends that ND isn't a football factory when rumors for a coach's dismissal come after a 7-3 season. It's also time to tell all the alumni, real or subway, to cool it. Their following is important, but they too need to recognize the place of football, and their place in determining it.

Michael H. Maguire
Class of '74

Wither Dante?

Dear Editor:

We would like to call the attention of the university community to the recent theft of the statue of Dante Alighieri from the fourth floor of the Memorial Library. The Florentine has been removed to the confines of the Mediaeval Institute, an exile in comparison to which Ravenna must seem like Paradise.

While the abduction of the statue is certainly consistent with the Institute's reliance on the plastic and visual rather than literary arts, their spiritual and intellectual claim on Dante is obscure: the poet's anticlericalism and his use of an elegant vernacular ill accord with the monkish spirit of the seventh floor.

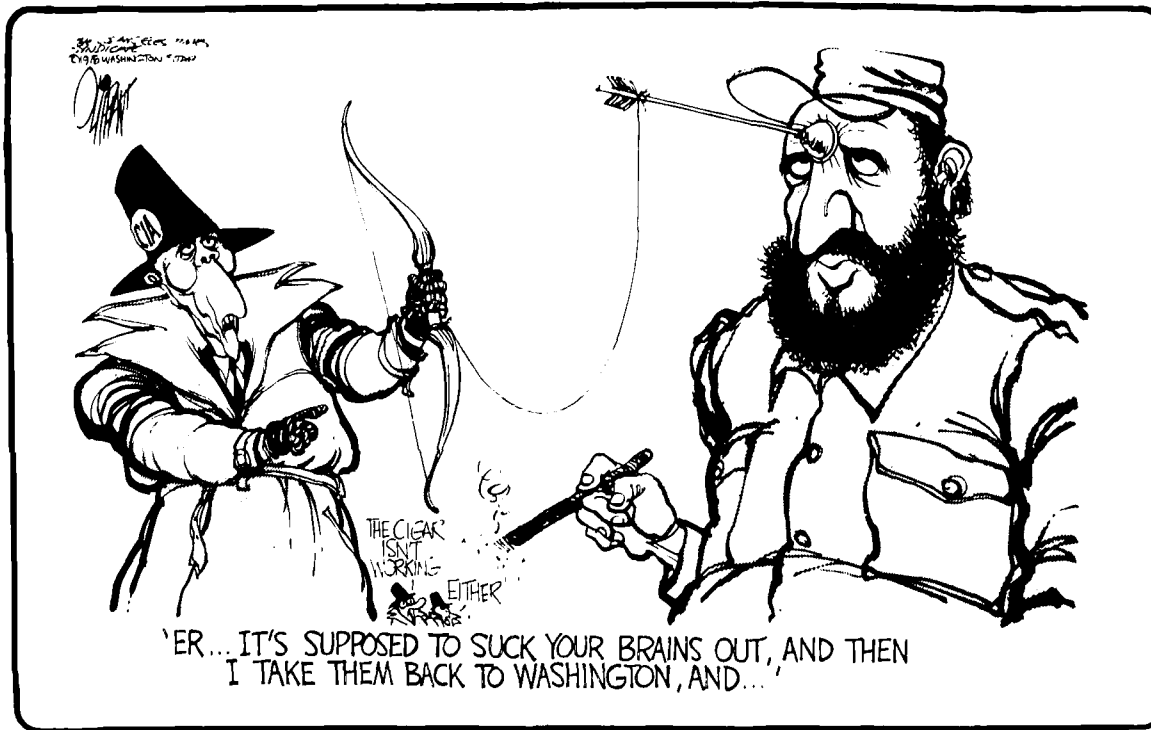
If they ever get their noses out of the hagiography up there long enough to actually read the Divine Comedy, they will find a sad surprise awaiting them in Canto XXV of the Inferno, wherein Dante describes the particular punishments reserved for thieves in the seventh bowge of the eighth circle of Hell.

Stephen L. Trainor
Gail Herndon
Linn M. Sinnott
Margaret Grounds
Gregory Marshall
Nicholas A. Talarico, Jr.

SMC: Equal Treatment

Dear Editor:

We are all human beings who have come to this Christian community to learn to become better, both mentally and physically. We are all here to help each other to prepare for the outside world. Why, then, at a time when people should strive for peace among themselves, is it necessary for further attempts to be made to undermine the very



basic requirement to "love one's neighbor"

It has recently come to our attention that the new group, the Dancin' Irish, has been limited in membership to only Notre Dame women.

It is true that St. Mary's College is attempting to assert her position as an independent women's college. It is also true that St. Mary's is included in the community which includes the two campuses. We all live and work together to make the word "community" worth its weight. The co-ex program of classes between our two campuses allows us to take the best advantage of the educational opportunities available in both schools. We all work together in the many clubs and volunteer organizations that tie us to South Bend. We are all here to live with and help each other! Why, then, are St. Mary's women continually being excluded?

The lone cheerleader from St. Mary's, and now our exclusion from the Dancin' Irish are only minor examples of our ostracism from our community. Feelings are definitely tense between the two groups of women associated with the ND-SMC community.

We should learn to work with each other, to play our part in making the ND-SMC community an example of the kind of community we would like to see the rest of the world copy.

As maturing men and women, we should get together in peace to re-evaluate our priorities. Do we want to mirror the hate and prejudice of the world we are seeking to change, or do we want to learn to cooperate, on a small scale, to begin that change right here? Is the exclusion of St. Mary's women from Notre Dame organizations necessary?

Please, let's learn to live together, loving all the tradition our schools have made together, and work to continue the tradition of our beloved Notre Dame-St. Mary's community!

Karen Bickel
Valerie Homola
Pam Delangelo
Sandy Colson
Jan Dunkin

Israeli Colonialists

Dear Editor:

In response to Michael J. Grossman's letter of November 18 calling on the campus to "...join in the nearly unanimous condemnation" of the U.N. resolution on Zionism, I would personally like to express the views of those of us who do not share in this near unanimity.

Israel is an essentially Western culture and economy transplanted in the Middle East. To the Arabs this is a very detestable kind of colonialism. For the Arab, Zionism is just as unacceptable as

British occupation in the Holy Land. The result of Zionism has been the displacement of millions of Palestians and 27 years of perpetual crisis in that corner of the world.

Israel's apologists are quick to make as much as they can out of any hostile thought or deed. We are forever witnessing "humanitarian" rallies against Palestinian guerillas and anti-Zionism. Those who disagree with Israel's policies are labeled anti-Semitic Nazis. (Incidentally, Arabs are also Semites.)

What is curious is that we do not see these very same "humanitarians" protesting the filthy conditions in Palestinian refugee camps that have been festering disease and bitterness for over a quarter century. There arises no "unanimous condemnation" in the West when Israel decides to napalm one or two of these camps as an act of retaliation. Arab children are not as worthy of outraged headlines as are Israeli children. Lastly, where is the wave of protest from these "humanitarians" to stop Israel from manipulating the internal affairs of her neighbors as she has done during the civil conflicts in Jordan, Iraq and now rather clearly in Lebanon?

Israel may well have a right to exist but it is open to question whether she has a right to the Sinai, the Golan Heights, the West Bnk or even Jerusalem which is and has been a predominantly Arab city for 2,000 years.

Salaam and Sholom,
Stephen R. Judge

Thanksgiving Thanks

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all who contributed to the success of Darby's Thanksgiving Day party, especially Student Affairs, Student Body Government, the Ombudsmen, the Knights of Columbus, Campus Ministry, the Flanner Hall government, the students who contributed money, and friends and parents who mailed in checks. Over eight hundred dollars was collected; the money that was left over will be used, hopefully, for a small Christmas eggnog party at Darby's on December 14.

I would like to thank all the students who helped out, and all the guests who came. I would especially like to thank Steve Lucero, who managed the affair, while I was off on a singing tour with the Glee Club, and Darby O'Gill, sadly enough, was experiencing the austerities of a local kennel.

Fr. Robert Griffin, C.S.C.
University Chaplain

Here's to You

Dear Editor:

After what has been said in recent weeks about Notre Dame Students and their spirit, it is our pleasure to thank all of you for making the 50 + 12 Seminar held on November 21, 22, and 23 a success. As we brought the participants to the airport after the conference, particularly those who were housed on campus, the praise lavished upon the student body and the Notre Dame community as a whole was unanimous and well-deserved. What were some of the gestures of hospitality?

First of all, Tim Cawley and Charlie Moran with a host of student "chauffeurs" coordinated the Seminar's "Quickie" to transport 207 people and their baggage from Michiana Regional Airport to their accommodations in South Bend. After the participants arrived at Notre Dame, 63 students from 48 states and the Trust Territories of Puerto Rico and the Mariana Islands were housed in rooms arranged for by Debbie Kenny and John Lonsberg. Special thanks to the residents of Cavanaugh, Farley, Fisher, Holy Cross, Sorin, and Walsh for their hospitality. The Holy Cross Hogs, led by Joe Corpora and J.P. Russell, even designed signs to give their guests a special welcome. Sr. Jean Lenz and Sue Swiatek took special care of the Seminar participants who stayed in the Farley Motel.

There are also many instances which especially impressed the students and administrators from the guest universities. For example, one student on the way to or from class stopped to help one of the participants carry her baggage to the Farley Motel. Also, guests who might have spent the night on the floor were placed in beds vacated by students headed home for Thanksgiving. Directions were always offered graciously and tours were organized as soon as the guests were settled. Participants were invited to many campus parties and the Ombudsman reception, organized by Bridget O'Donnell, gave everyone attending the seminar a chance to meet informally on Friday night. In the Senior Bar students were surprisingly coherent, some even joined our guests for pizza in South Bend.

Although it would be difficult to name all the students who were instrumental in making the weekend successful, we would like to especially thank Stan Cardenas, Mike Casey, Matt Cockrell, Melanie Connell, Mike Fitzsimmons, Ken Girouard, Leo Guarnier, Joan McDermott, Vince Moschella, Darlene Palma, Patti Tack, Chip Turner, T.J. Hughes, Bob Mader and the Observer crew, Chris Smith, the proprietors of Senior Bar and the entire Notre Dame Student Body. Once again ND is number one.

Ed Byrne, SB
Diane Merten

RFK authorized wiretaps on private citizens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The late Atty Gen. Robert F. Kennedy approved FBI wiretaps on two newsmen and four government employes as well as on civil rights leader Martin Luther King, the Senate intelligence committee was told today.

Committee counsel John Eliff said the taps as well as similar wiretaps on the home telephones of top aides to President Franklin D. Roosevelt "were undoubtedly precedents J. Edgar Hoover had in mind" when he carried out orders from the Nixon White House to install wiretaps on newsmen and government officials.

Ford improves China relations

PEKING (AP) — President Ford told the final session of the Peking summit Thursday that American-Chinese relations have "been strengthened by the visit" and that the results "can be meaningful in the months ahead."

Facing the visiting President across a conference table in the Great Hall of the People, Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping said, "I agree with that."

As the windup session began, it appeared that both Ford and the Chinese leader were aiming their remarks more at a handful of newsmen present than at each other.

The President began by describing his three days of conferences here as "beneficial, very friendly and I think very constructive." He said he regarded the results as "very significant."

Teng then declared the conferees were going to "set a new style" by foregoing a conference-ending communique. Said Teng:

"We think the importance lies in the visit itself ... We don't think the importance lies in such superficial things as a communique."

Ford's chief spokesman, Ron Nessen, told newsmen Wednesday a communique was not necessary to "successfully accomplish the purpose of the meeting."

He added that "the atmosphere of the meeting has been very good." However, there has been no announcement of any specific agreement or proposal discussed.

Nessen's remarks focussed attention on what the President and Teng would say at the final state banquet Thursday, hosted by the Americans. Their toasts were expected to serve as substitutes for a conference-ending statement.

Those wiretaps were installed in 1969 on the telephones of 17 reporters and government officials, including former White House aide Morton Halperin, who has filed a lawsuit challenging the legality of the action. Halperin's phone was tapped for 21 months.

The taps were installed in an attempt to stop suspected leaks

Wilson explains tectonics

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demonstrated the newer theory of plate tectonics with a ten-minute film. He said there is a continuous 47,000 mile long undersea chain of ridges that meander about the entire globe.

These mid-ocean ridges are formed by the plates, which are areas of hot material in the earth's core which has chilled to hardness, Wilson said. Because the interior of the earth is moving at the same time, this motion causes the formation of the ridges while the material is still hot.

Wilson explained further, "The plates grow and separate in a constant restless motion." He continued, "They separate along the ocean ridges and come together at mountain ridges."

According to Wilson's investigations, millions of years ago, these plates collided along with the boundaries of continental land areas. The collisions caused the undersea ridges to uplift, resulting in the formation of such mountain ranges as the Himalayas, Alps and Andes.

Wilson said one explanation for the movement and subsequent mountain formation is the flow of

Break announced

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reappointment, promotion and tenure be supplied if the affected faculty member so requested. The Council adjourned before taking a vote.

Elected by the Council to its 1975-76 executive committee were D. James Massey, Freimann professor of electrical engineering; Dr. Gerald Jones, professor of physics; Rev. Ernan McMullin, professor of philosophy; Dr. Thomas Swartz, associate professor of economics, and Dr. Robert Gordon, vice-president for advanced study.

Appointed to the committee by Fr. Hesburgh were Gassman, who had tied in balloting with Dr. Gordon, and Dr. Robert W. Williamson, associate professor of accountancy. Hesburgh said he would name a third appointee at a later date.

The Council cast ballots just before adjourning to elect five faculty and one student who will serve on the Committee to Review the Provost as provided for in the Academic Manual. Hesburgh said results would be announced later

of classified information to the press.

In related developments: —Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi said in an interview he has not ruled out disciplinary action against FBI agents involved in a campaign of harassment against King.

Levi said the attempt to discredit King, including a letter

which King reportedly took as a suicide suggestion, "comes under the heading of outrageous."

—Charles E. Koen, a Midwest black militant leader, said in a telephone interview that Hoover, the late director of the FBI, was a victim of his own hatred.

FBI documents show Hoover approved a plan to discredit

Koen, now a minister in Cairo, Ill., with anonymous letters accusing him of adultery and of being a bureau informant.

Koen said his wife received one of the letters. "They decided that wrecking of my marriage would derail me from my movement activities," he said. "I was able to save my marriage, but it was the strangest kind of situation ..."

ice over the surface of the earth. "The ice only melted 20,000 years ago, and caused a tremendous load on the surface because the ice was two miles thick," Wilson said. "After being depressed under the weight of the ice there was a rise in the earth's surface—about five feet per century."

Earthquakes explained

Earthquakes and faults are caused by a separation in the plate structure, Wilson said. "The plates break apart in some places and overlap in other places, causing earthquakes from the underneath layers of the earth," he stated.

After studying the frequency and location of earthquakes, scientists discovered that 90 percent of all quakes occur along a few narrow belts, which are the known faults and ridges on the earth's surface, Wilson noted.

The shallow earthquakes like those along the San Andreas fault, are simply two plates grinding together. Really damaging quakes are the result of the sudden release of stress that accumulates if plates happen to lock together.

Wilson concluded by saying plate tectonics as a scientific revolution has made geology a "new and more exciting subject."

Wilson has been in the field of geophysics since graduating from the University of Toronto in 1930. After receiving an MA and a Doctor of Science from Cambridge University, he received his PhD from Princeton in 1936. For the past 28 years, Wilson has lectured at the University of Toronto, and is presently the Treasurer of the Ontario Science Center.

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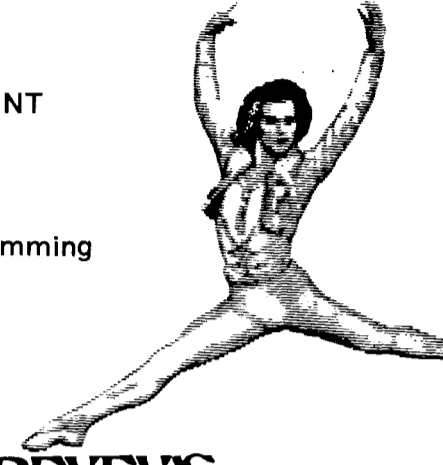
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Israeli air raid claims 100 lives in Lebanon

The Middle East heated up Wednesday in the wake of an Israeli air raid on Lebanon that Lebanese police say killed more than 100 Palestinians.

Egypt charged that Israel had violated the spirit of troop disengagement agreements, Palestinian guerrillas promised quick reprisals and the Vatican called the raid an "inadmissible gesture of violence."

Members of the U.N. Security Council scheduled private consultations in New York on a request by Lebanon and Egypt for an urgent meeting to take up charges of Israeli aggression. Egypt asked that the Pal-

estine Liberation Organization be allowed to participate in the meeting.

The Palestine guerrilla command in Beirut also charged that Israeli air raids on Lebanon are condoned by the United States to counter Palestinian diplomatic victories at the United Nations.

"We ask world opinion and all international establishments to condemn this savage crime, which was agreed on by the American administration," said Majid Abu Sharar, information director of the PLO. "It was carried out with American planes, American bombs and pilots trained by the American

military."

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said the United States deplores the continuing "cycle of violence and counterviolence" because it hinders efforts for permanent peace.

Spokesman John Trattner said violence "creates a climate of bitterness not conducive to the ongoing search for peace."

Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on the Middle East, described the Israeli attack as "a temper tantrum designed to punish the Palestinians because

they were invited by the U.N. Security Council to participate in the UN debate next January."

Lebanese police said more than 150 persons were wounded in addition to those killed in the attacks Tuesday on refugee camps and guerrilla bases in northern and southern Lebanon. The PLO said more than half of the victims were women and children.

Israel repeated an earlier government statement that the planes had hit a number of bases belonging to "various terrorist organizations" and did not comment on Lebanese reports that they had hit civilian settlements.

Abu Sharar, in a news conference in Beirut, said the guerrilla leadership held a major strategy meeting and agreed on "a new plan to escalate strikes inside Israel."

Since the beginning of the year, PLO leader Yasir Arafat has been calling 1975 the "year of escalation," but Abu Sharar said, "This is something new. You shall soon see the results of this new plan."

Guerrillas in south Lebanon launched night-long rocket barrages at Israeli border settlements after the raid, claiming they inflicted "heavy damage and casualties." Israel said two villagers were slightly wounded in the rocket attacks

Rail strike may be avoided

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal mediators won promises Wednesday night that railway union leaders would not call a nationwide railroad strike early Thursday as long as progress continued in contract negotiations.

This diminished the possibility of a crippling rail shutdown which had been threatened to begin at 6 a.m. Thursday by four shopcraft unions.

"The unions gave me the assurance this evening there would not be any strike call as long as there was good faith negotiating going on and every effort to arrive at an agreement," said W.J. Usery Jr., the chief federal mediator.

Usery won the assurances only hours after union leaders

issued a harsh statement accusing management of stalling and warned "we are headed for the strike deadline."

Usery told reporters that there had been a near meeting of minds on several of the disputed issues and that he hoped

to work out contract language both sides could agree on.

Earlier the chief union negotiator, James Yost, had said it was up to management to move toward a settlement and unless there was some action a strike would take place.

Soviets honor pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — There is no evidence the Soviet Union has violated the strategic arms limitation agreement and statements that such evidence was withheld from President Ford are "preposterous," a State Department spokesman said today.

John H. Trattner, who nodded in assent when asked whether he was speaking for Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, told reporters: "We have no evidence that there have been any violations of the SALT I agreement."

Former Chief of Naval Operations Elmo R. Zumwalt has told the House intelligence committee the Soviets have turned strategic arms limitation talks into a "grotesque mockery" and that information outlining Russian violations was being withheld from the President.

Zumwalt told the committee Tuesday that Ford has not mastered details of the arms limitation agreement on his own and that Kissinger has been less than candid in explaining violations to the President.

Blindness tested at SMC

Three St. Mary's students pretended to be blind for one week in a Special Education class experiment, conducted several weeks ago.

Laurie Maloney, Cindy Schirack and Claire Hatch conducted their experiment under the direction of Katie Komaskinski, Special Education instructor.

The purpose of the simulation experiment was to give an idea of what blindness is really like. The students wore blinders over their eyes and carried canes.

The 'blind' students conducted the experiment at all times except during classes.

"It was really frustrating,"

Maloney said. "You were never sure if people were paying attention when you spoke."

All three students agreed that if they were actually blind that they would try to live as normal a life as possible.

The biggest difficulty, according to Maloney, was mealtime, because of the lines and the difficulty of finding food. As the week went on all students found increasing use of their other senses.

The class has done other simulation experiments, such as wheelchair use and leg restraints.

Tanker ruptures, driver perishes

LAPORTE, Ind. (AP) — A tanker loader loaded with a toxic and highly flammable chemical overturned and ruptured on the Indiana Toll Road today, police said.

Authorities said the driver of the truck as was dead, but his body was pinned in the cab.

Indiana State Police Sgt. John Sigel said the chemical was believed to be acetyl ketene. The leak was described as minor.

A 10-mile segment of the northern Indiana highway was closed between the Michigan City and LaPorte exits, and authorities sealed off the area within a 500-foot radius of the accident.

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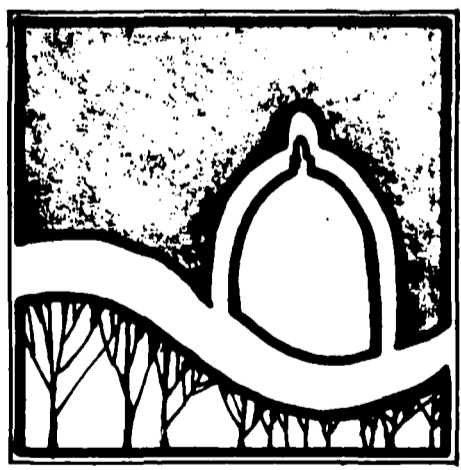
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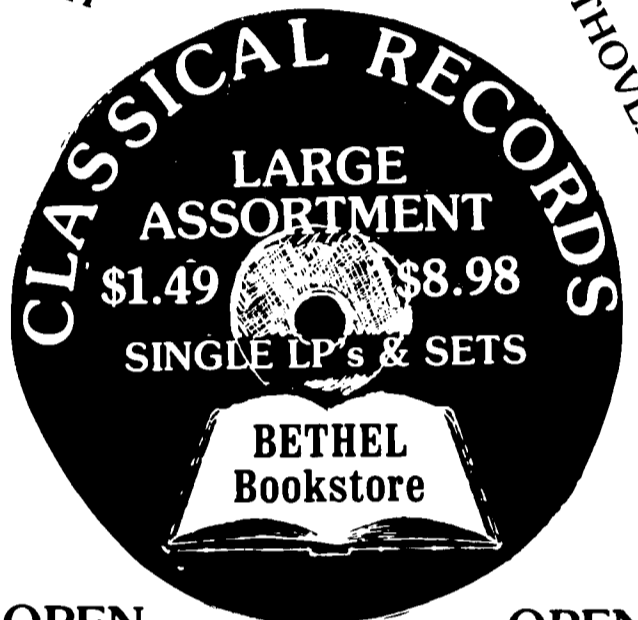
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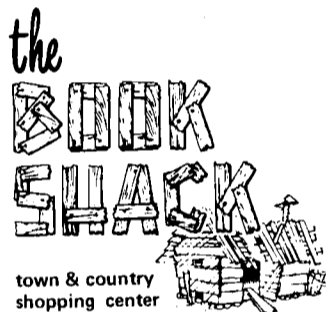
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End to Saturday mail delivery threatened

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of a House subcommittee said Wednesday that Postmaster General Benjamin F. Bailar is using reprehensible scare tactics in threatening to end Saturday mail delivery.

Rep. Charles H. Wilson, D-Calif., reminded Bailar of his statement four-and-a-half months ago that "we are not considering any reductions in service. I think the American people want the kind of postal service that they are getting — that is, six days a week."

Wilson, chairman of a House post office subcommittee, said, "Either you cannot forecast your operating conditions four-and-a-half months in the future or you are again playing games with the Congress."

He noted that postmasters general traditionally have threatened labor cutbacks and delivery curtailments when they wanted more money.

Wilson said the Saturday cut-off threat "is but one example of what I believe to be an increasing number of inconsistencies in your public state-

ments." The subcommittee chairman also criticized Bailar's recent moves to save labor costs and speed the closing of small post offices. Wilson complained that the Postal Service has failed to keep Congress informed of its intentions.

Bailar responded, "The Postal Service is in grave financial situation. I would be subject to criticism if I didn't take whatever measures can be taken to hold down on costs."

The postal deficit is now running at nearly \$7 million per day.

Bailar conceded that his economy moves are unpopular. "There is no easy or noncontroversial way to hold the line on postal costs. But as postal managers we cannot shirk our responsibility for bringing the postal budget back into touch with fiscal reality, even if it means incurring the displeasure of local, influential groups."

Bailar said ending Saturday

mail delivery would save about \$300 million to \$350 million per year.

Bailar, in his first substantive comments on House-passed postal legislation, said the bill would cause the Postal Service to go broke within a few weeks.

Wilson agreed that it "is a very bad bill" and expressed hope the Senate would remove provisions to limit the monetary independence of the postal service.

The provision that both Bailar and Wilson complained

about would require the Postal Service to pay all its income into the Treasury and come to Congress for annual appropriations.

Bailar said that under the provision the Postal Service would lose its present sources of income as soon as the bill took effect.

But then it would have to wait for the lengthy appropriation process to be completed before it could receive any funds, the postmaster general said.

Java drinkers favored

LONDON (AP) — The 63-nation International Coffee Organization approved on Wednesday a world coffee pact that for the first time includes concern about the price of a cup of coffee to the consumer in times of shortage and high prices.

Two previous world agreements were mainly aimed at shoring up the price of coffee beans to give exporting nations, all developing countries, higher income and assistance in developing their emerging economies.

The new International Coffee Agreement suspends the price supporting export quotas every time a crop failure or other production crisis creates a shortage and causes prices to spiral. With quotas lifted, producing countries would compete without restrictions and eventually this would presumably bring prices down again, to the benefit of the coffee drinker.

When it becomes effective on Oct. 1 next year, the pact will operate without the quotas as long as the present world coffee shortage lasts.

Once the shortage is over, the quotas become effective to insure that prices don't fall low enough to threaten the jobs of millions of coffee workers and push exporters and governments to bankruptcy.

The agreement, hammered out in negotiations that opened in London on Nov. 3, does not try to lower now or within the next three years the present high level of coffee prices. Experts said it is not possible before three years to make up the shortage caused last July by a frost that killed 90 per cent of

Club sponsors women's seminar

A seminar entitled "Interview Management For Women" will be held tonight at 7:30 in the board room of Haues-Healy Center. The seminar is being sponsored by the Management club.


The seminar, which will be moderated by Finance Instructor Sophie Korczyk, will focus on job search concerns and problems encountered by the woman job applicant. Techniques for more effective management of the interview and selection processes will also be discussed.

Participants in the seminar and their topics include: Kathy Cekanski, deputy city attorney for South Bend, who will speak on "Legal aspects of the Job Search"; Mary Clare McCabe, director of student development, speaking on "Interviewing Psychology for Women"; and Barbara Estes, manager of human resources for the Bendix Corporation, who will speak on "What Employers look For in Interviewing Women."

The seminar is open to all university women.

the coffee trees in Parana State in Brazil and reduced that country's export capacity to a trickle.

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LeHambra
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Swimmers, wrestlers open seasons

NOTRE DAME, Ind. —Friday night the Notre Dame swimming team opens its season with the annual Notre Dame Invitational Relays. This year six teams will be competing in the event: Drury College, Bradley, Oakland, Wayne State and Valparaiso. Drury College placed first last year with the Irish finishing second and Oakland following in third place. The meet starts at 7 p.m.

Irish head Coach Dennis Stark brings a 111-86-1 record in to this season and for the Irish this looks to be a very interesting campaign. This year's squad, led by captain Mark Foster, will have to rely on youth as Stark lost three of the best swimmers in the history of Notre Dame. Trying to make up for this loss will be Bob Ebel, a NCAA qualifier last year, as well as Bob Reilly, the fastest butterflyer for the Irish.

In this year's Notre Dame Relays Drury College would have to be the pre-meet favorite with seven All-Americans returning from last year's 11-2 record. Oakland will also be battling for a top berth after placing fourth in the small college championship last year. And Notre Dame, who finished second last year, will also figure to finish strongly.

On Saturday at 2 p.m. the Irish play host to the University of Waterloo at the Rockne Memorial Pool. Waterloo returns many swimmers from last year's squad, among them Ian Taylor and David Wilson. Taylor finished first in the 1000-yard freestyle while Wilson placed first in the individual medley as well as the 500-yard freestyle.

Then on Tuesday at 4 p.m. the Notre Dame tankers will compete in their third meet in four days as they meet Northern Illinois. Northern Illinois is led by tri-captain Mark Voisard, who captured two firsts against the Irish in last year's 84-54 Irish victory. Along with Tom Gallagher, a backstroke, and Jim Reynolds, a diver, Northern Illinois has a strong nucleus returning.

All meets are open to the public and admission is free.

Ernie Torriero



Dennis Stark



Ray Sepeta

Notre Dame, Ind. — First-year coach Ray Sepeta will take his wrestling charges on the road this weekend to open the 1975-76 campaign. Traveling to Jacksonville, Illinois, the Irish will face the Highlanders of MacMurray College on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 12:30 p.m. in a dual confrontation. From there, Sepeta's squad will motor to West Lafayette, Indiana, to meet the Boilermakers of Purdue in a 1 p.m. start Sunday.

The Irish do have some experience under their belts for the weekend's dual meet openers. Eight Irish wrestlers competed in the Indiana State Invitational on Nov. 25 and 26, a meet that drew representatives from six mid-western schools for the non-team scoring event. The Notre Dame team placed wrestlers in three weight classes. John Dowd, senior

captain, finished second at 167, NCAA-qualifier from last year, Pat McKillen, took third at 150, and senior Fritz Bruening registered the Irish's initial pin of the season in capturing the third-place match at 158.

Coach Sepeta termed the team's performance as good, saying it was "valuable experience for the boys to have under their belts going into the season. Indian State dominated the meet because they had two matches under their belts, while our wrestlers had the first-match jitters." Sepeta pointed out the fact that the team started three freshmen at the lower weight classes, coupling this with sophomores at each 142, 150 and 177, gives the Irish a very youthful squad.

After their weekend on the road, Notre Dame will return home, opening the home season on Wednesday, Dec. 10, hosting Eastern Michigan, Chicago State and Ohio Northern in a four-way match beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Banquet tix

The 54th annual Notre Dame Football Banquet will be held in the Athletic and Convocation Center next Thursday, December 11. Dave Condon, sports columnist for the Chicago Tribune, will be the toastmaster. The banquet, sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, will feature a social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling Chuck Barnato at 233-8261 (office) or 289-7698 (home). Tickets are priced at \$13. There's a special Notre Dame student ticket available for \$8.

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Extra Points

Past, present, future

If you were to ask, here is what I would say. IRISH FOOTBALL SEASON ENDS AT 8-3:

The fact that Notre Dame ended the 1975 season with its worst record since 1963 is not, in itself, terribly depressing. Though the Irish failed to defeat a team in the present Top Twenty, and in fact were beaten by teams which failed to appear on the final AP and UPI polls, the team was a young one. Thus, the season can be written off as a rebuilding year. Or can it?

A rebuilding season is supposed to signify future stability. Before this season began, the Irish were criticized for having an inexperienced offensive line. For the most part, this year's offensive line was composed of four seniors (Ed Bauer, Al Wujciak, Steve Quehl and Pat Pohlen) and one sophomore in the form of Ernie Hughes. So next season, Notre Dame is once again faced with the prospect of returning only one interior lineman.

Up until the past few months, USC was always highly competitive because they played extremely talented people at the skilled positions, e.g. quarterback, split end and running back. In a rebuilding year, young replacements are supposed to gain experience at the skilled positions.

Upon the graduation of Tom Clements, the Irish were faced with the challenge of locating a new field general. When the final gun sounded in Miami eleven days ago, the heir apparent to the veteran Clements could not be spotted. Rick Slager posted the most playing time, Joe Montana pulled off two miracle wins and Gary Forystek and Joe Restic waited in the wings. Yet none had a firm hold on the position. In an era of reconstruction, a dominant foreman is always needed.

While the quarterback situation was scrambled, the split-end job was open to applicants from all sides. At various times during the year now could look up and see no less than five different people at the receiver slot. Sophomore Ted Burgmeire shined early, then faded away to the defensive secondary. Freshman Kris Haines and sophomore Dan Kelleher alternated regularly. Senior Kevin Doherty overcame injury to make his bid for the spot. Against Georgia Tech, the Irish went with the double-tight end set, using Dave Huffman as a complement to Ken MacAfee.

It may be coincidence, or tradition, that the great Notre Dame teams of the past eleven years have boasted classic quarterback-receiver link-ups. It began with John Huarte to Jack Snow, and over the years Hanratty-Seymour, Theismann-Gatewood and Clements-Demmerle, were terms that were as synonymous as peanut butter and jelly. When Notre Dame was without the noted passing combinations, the Irish suffered through a period of mediocrity.

The diagnosis for the 1976 season is that the Irish must replace a depleted offensive line, find a bona-fide starting quarterback and establish a potent passing attack. This is in addition to finding two

men to replace All-America Steve Niehaus. All in all, 1976 will be a rebuilding year.

Somehow that sound's vaguely familiar. OKLAHOMA'S LEROY SELMON WINS OUTLAND TROPHY:

I find it hard to believe that Leroy Selmon could outduel Steve Niehaus for the award given annually to college football's premier lineman. Due to Oklahoma's two-year suspension, the Sooners were banished from the TV scene. Thus the exposure given Selmon was limited.

On the other hand, Niehaus, before breaking a leg in early 1972, was the country's most publicized freshman lineman. He came back his junior year from a second leg injury to play excellent defensive end. Finally, at home in the defensive tackle spot, the 6-5 260 pound Cincinnati native was impregnable.

Niehaus was the subject of many A.B.C. sports isolated replays when the Irish appeared on national T.V. twice the year.

The members of the Football Writers Association of America could all not have seen Selmon play. Yet the opportunity to view Niehaus occurred every week. Those who have watched Niehaus play over the past four years must feel his is deservant of the award.

THE RENCHER CONNECTION:

Though the basketball season is still young, 6-2 freshman guard Bernard Rencher is quickly becoming a crowd pleaser. It is not a spree of wild shooting that makes Rencher's presence on the court so obvious. Rather it is his uncanny ability to spot the open man and set up a Notre Dame basket.

Two nights ago versus Valpo, Rencher's lightning quick passes resulted in easy Notre Dame scores. He continually found the persons of Bruce Flowers, Adrian Dantley and Toby Knight, mired in crowds underneath the basket. The East Elmhurst, N.Y. native mystified the crowd by grabbing a rebound and back-handing the ball over his head to the awaiting Dantley who was a full three-quarters of the way down the floor. The end product was an easy lay-up.

It may be too early to applaud any single individual. Yet Rencher's knack of finding the free man is an innate ability that will grow over time.

IRISH ICERS OFF TO 4-6 START:

Don't be deceived by Notre Dame's hockey team's mediocre record. The team is young and an exciting one. The line of Clark Hamilton, Brian Walsh and Alex Pirus may be the most potent scoring attack in the WCHA. Notre Dame has received its share of bad breaks this year, as injuries on and off the ice have forced coach Lefty Smith to juggle his lineups.

The icers play rival Wisconsin this weekend. Plenty of good seats are still available. A Notre Dame sweep would place the Irish right back in the thick of the WCHA race.

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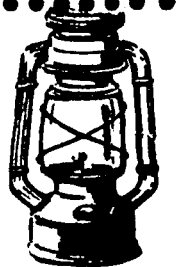
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