

Darragh ticket sweeps SMC election

by Anne Bachle
Staff Reporter

A record number of Saint Mary's students voted yesterday to elect Gail Darragh as Student Body President, Maureen Carden as Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and Julie Pope as Vice-President for Student Affairs.

The winning ticket posted "a clear victory over the opposing ticket of Terry Tuohy, Sheila Wixted, and Mary Mullaney, according to Election Commissioner Maria-Lisa Mignanelli. Election rules in the Student Handbook prohibit public disclosure of exact vote tallies, but Mignanelli said 1,018 students voted, which is approximately 60 percent of the student body.

Darragh, pleased with the turn-out and especially grateful to her supporters, attributed her success to their campaign organization. "We really worked hard on our platform and on our campaign, but we gained a lot of backers because I think out enthusiasm was contagious," she commented.

Although the opposing ticket claimed extensive experience in student government, Darragh pointed out that she and her running mates have had experience work-

ing on numerous committees and activities throughout their years at Saint Mary's. "So we were glad people put their confidence in us," she said.

A junior psychology major, Darragh said she plans to begin work on implementing her platform campaign promises as soon as possible. Carden, a junior art and business major, and Pope, a sophomore psychology major, agreed voicing their determination to "do a great job."

Commenting on the "clean campaign," Tuohy said she does not regret running for office. "It's a way of showing support for your school," she declared, adding that she as offerend her support to Darragh and was "optimistic that she'll do a good job."

Both platforms promised to work for extended parietals, close cooperation with the Career Development Center, and better communication between the students and their representatives.

Some students indicated that Darragh's proposals for additional callboxes, weekend movie festivals, more responsibilities for section representatives, and a Professional Week offering career information, were major factors in their decision.



Election winners Pope, Darragh and Carden gather after last night's victory. [photo by Dave Rumbach]

Candidate Bradley eyes U.S. Senate seat

by Marjorie Irr

Bill Bradley, U.S. Senate candidate from New Jersey told students last night that he "deliberately took a different road" into politics.

After ten years of professional basketball with the New York Knicks, a year on the U.S. Olympic team in 1964, and a Rhodes Scholarship following graduation from Princeton in 1965, Bradley said he represents a challenge to how New Jersey politics have been made in the past.

Approximately 100 students attended the reception for Bradley in the Memorial Library Lounge following his appearance at the annual basketball banquet. According to a show of hands, the majority of students were not from New Jersey and they questioned Bradley mostly on national issues including the Middle East, the Panama Canal, human rights, and energy.

"Although I would vote against the sale of arms to Saudia Arabia and Egypt, we have a specific exception to make with Israel," Bradley said.

"I support the Panama Canal treaty. We've never had sovereignty over the canal. But we will have control over the commission to govern the canal," he noted.

On the human rights issue, Bradley said that the U.S. cannot rightfully set any hard and fast rules for other countries. "We can't tie aid packages to the value systems of other countries and cultures."

Bradley admitted that, if elected, one of his pet projects would be solar energy. He said that it could be a reliable and excellent source of energy if the federal government would make it available to the public by financing generators.

"I oppose further nuclear development. When we run out of uranium, we'll have to use plutonium, a very dangerous substance," Bradley noted.

Although Bradley said he disagrees with the Democratic Party line on the merits of nuclear energy, he added that the Democratic Party is the best because "it is diverse enough to entertain the solutions to the problems we face today."

"I believe in the Democratic Party because it has been more

sensitive to peoples' problems."

Regardless of his allegiance to the party, Bradley admitted that the party organization in New Jersey is not with him.

"I don't have the governor's support and I don't have the state chairman's support," Bradley conceded. "But I do have the support of many municipal chairmen." He recently got the endorsement of Henry Luther, who managed Governor Byrne's successful campaign in 1977.

In the New Jersey Primary election on June 6, Bradley will oppose New Jersey's former state treasurer who is the Democratic Party's candidate and a New Jersey



BILL BRADLEY [photo by Dave Rumbach]

state senator. Bradley said that polls indicate he is in the lead.

The winner of the primary will face incumbent senator Clifford Case, a Republican who has served in the Senate since 1954. Case, a moderate liberal, is

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No forced compliance

Miners ignore court work order

[AP] All but a few of the nation's 160,000 striking coal miners ignored a federal back-to-work order Monday, and the handful who returned to the mines had virtually no effect on coal production.

In Pennsylvania, hundreds of club-carrying pickets took to a road in a 150-car caravan to shut down non-union mines. But most other areas were quiet, with union mines remaining idle even in the absence of pickets.

It was the first real test of whether the United Mine Workers rank and file will obey a Taft-Hartley court order obtained last Thursday by President Carter.

But with the order still not in full effect in some areas, a Justice Department spokesman in Washington said there would be no hasty action to force compliance. Spokesman Mark Sheehan said the administration expects miners to gradually return to work this week.

Meanwhile, bargainers for the union and coal companies took a pause in negotiations in Washington. They reported some progress over the weekend, but said they were not on the verge of a settlement. Each side used the day to work on its own positions on specific issues.

Since the strike began Dec. 6, rebellious union officers and rank and file members had already scuttled two tentative settlements on grounds that they eroded union medical benefits, did not equalize pension benefits among old and younger retired miners, and allowed companies to discipline those who lead wildcat strikes.

The strike, which was in its 98th day Monday, has cut national coal production in half, forced power companies in much of the Midwest and mid-Atlantic regions to ask for or order power conservation, and thus led to tens of thousands of layoffs.

Last Thursday, a federal judge granted the Carter administration a temporary back-to-work order under the Taft-Hartley Act, and by Monday the Justice Department

said the necessary papers had been served on virtually all UMW locals in the country.

Over the weekend, and on Monday, local union leaders were performing their legal duty to pass the word on to members, and to have mines inspected by union safety committees - a step needed for reopening.

But while union leaders and locals can be penalized for failure to comply, there is no mechanism for forcing individual miners back to work. And at most mines that reopened Monday, no miners showed up.

Even when miners did report, there were usually too few to form maintenance or mining crews, and the companies sent them home.

One of the few mines where work was done was in Keystone, W.Va., where 30 members of a 150-man

"So far there hasn't been too much damage compared to other strikes..."

shift showed up at 8 a.m. First reports said there were not enough men to mine coal, but there were enough for maintenance work.

The local involved was one of the few which had voted to accept the most recent contract settlement.

A 30-member maintenance crew also showed up for work at a Pittsburgh and Midway Coal Co. mine in Amsterdam, Mo., which has been damaged by harsh weather, according to coal company spokesman Jim Carnett. Mining was not expected there for several days.

Picketing is specifically forbidden by the back-to-work order, and only a scattered few pickets were reported outside union mines.

In western Pennsylvania, however, roving pickets appeared in force. Carrying sticks, baseball

bats and pipes, some 400 men in a caravan of 150 cars roved through the countryside, heckling and shutting down non-union mines that had been operating, state police said.

"If any mines are open they shut them down, then they move on," said state police Major Homer Redd. "We've had some rocks thrown, but most of it's heckling. So far there hasn't been too much damage compared to other strikes we've been through."

A spokesman for Consolidation Coal Co. said about 30 pickets had shown up at one union mine in Pennsylvania at midnight Sunday, but "there wasn't any problem. They just wanted to make sure no one went to work."

While some union locals elsewhere completed their safety inspections in short order, some safety committees from District 23 in western Kentucky were giving that area's strip mines a stringent and time-consuming going-over, according to Wayne Neal, chairman of a UMW grievance committee there.

"I don't expect any coal to be mined this week," Neal said, adding that the committees, which also must re-inspect and approve any repairs they order, might not finish their work for two or three days.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the giant Peabody Coal Co., which employs 11,000 UMW miners in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma or Arkansas, said none of its 42 mines was operating.

In West Virginia, where 65,000 UMW miners work, only small groups were reporting to mines. In addition to the 30 at the Keystone mine, which is operated by Eastern Associated Coal Co., a few men showed up at a U.S. Steel Corp. mine at Gary, and two showed up at the Princess Susan Coal Co. mine at Ward. But in both Gary and Ward, there weren't enough men to do any work and they were sent home.

News Briefs

National

PSI threatens cutoffs

Indiana's largest electric company served notice on hundreds of businesses and industries yesterday to comply with 25 percent mandatory power cutbacks or face service disconnections within 24 hours. The move by Public Service Indiana raised the possibility of mushrooming job layoffs if companies lose electric service and have to close.

Hogs, heifers, sows active

INDIANAPOLIS - Hogs 2,300: Barrows and gilts moderately active, steady to firm; 1-2 210-235 pounds 49.00-49.25, 165 head 49.25; 1-3 200-255 lbs. 48.50-49.00, many 49.00; lot near 200 lbs. 48.25; 2-3 235-270 lbs. 48.00-48.75; 2-4 280-285 lbs. 47.00-47.75. Sows, moderately active, mostly steady; 1-3 300-450 lbs. 41.00-42.50; 450-600 lbs. 42.50 - 44.00. Cattle 1,600 steers and heifers very active, mostly 1.00 higher, instances 1.25 higher on choice steers and 2.00 up on standard and good heifers; cows active, .50-1.00 higher, bulls active, 1.00-2.00 higher in limited test.

On Campus Today

- noon brown bag lunch, "the psychology of collecting" by dr. dean a. porter, sponsored by art gallery, art gallery.
- 12:15 p.m. film series, "significant constitutional cases in our nation's history" "marbury v. madison," produced under auspices of judicial conference of u.s. and organized by mr. justice white, sponsored by n.d. law school, rm. 101 law building, see 4 p.m. also.
- 12:15 p.m. mass, fr. griffin celebrant, lafortune ballroom.
- 4:15 p.m. meeting, northwest indiana archeological field school for summer '78, by professor bellis of dept. soc. and anthro., program worth six credits in anthro., rm. 221 o'shag.
- 4:30 p.m. seminar, "impact of size selective planktivory on phosphorus cycling in pelagic systems" by minister steven bartell, u. of wisc., rm. 278 galvin.
- 6:30 p.m. meeting, studies abroad: the ireland group, stapleton lounge, for all interested students and faculty.
- 6:30 p.m. film "on that day in east bronx", sponsored by howard-badin religious comm., howard hall chapel, free
- 4 p.m. film, "mccullough vs. maryland," sponsored by n.d. law school, rm. 110 law bldg.
- 7, 9, 11 p.m. film "play it again sam," sponsored by amnesty international, eng. aud., \$1.
- 7 p.m. film, "gold diggers of 1933, carroll hall smc.
- 7:15 p.m. seminar "communion and concluding right", sponsored by bishop w.e. mcmanus, catholic diocese of fort wayne/south bend, regina chapel and aud.
- 7:30 p.m. eucharist, charismatic eucharist, log cabin chapel, open.
- 7:30 p.m. film, "the roots of madness" by theodore white, sponsored by history club, lafortune amphitheatre, free
- 8 p.m. convocation, freshman honors convocation, fr. hesburgh, c.c.e aud.
- 8 p.m. pool exhibition, by paul gerni, la fortune poolroom
- 9 p.m. s.m.c. all-campus bible study, regina aud.

Students: move your cars!

by Doug Bonanomi

Notre Dame Security officials advise students intending to leave their cars on campus during spring break that parking will be permitted in specified areas only.

Students with cars presently parked in the D-1 parking lot are warned to leave their cars in areas cleared of snow. Maintenance crews will plow the remaining snow-covered sections on Monday, March 20 and cars which remain in those sections during break will be

towed.

Students are also alerted not to park in the Stepan Center lots during or after break. When classes resume at the end of March, the Stepan lot will be reserved during the day for faculty and staff parking only, and will be used as basketball recreation area during the afternoons.

Students intending to leave their cars during break in the D-2 lot should park in either an area

cleared of snow between the football stadium and the senior bar, or in a cleared-off section of D-1. Any cars remaining in an unauthorized section of the D-2 lot during break will be towed.

Green Field parkers are asked to move their cars into any of the cleared off sections already mentioned. There will be no parking permitted in the Green Field after break because of expected muddy conditions.

Director of Security, Arthur Pears said that flyers will be placed on the windshields of cars presently in student parking lots, to instruct owners exactly where they should park their cars during break.

"We certainly don't want to tow any cars," Pears said. He added that student participation would be beneficial for everyone.

WNDU now broadcasts live

by Tim Joyce

WNDU-AM radio began broadcasting live last week, replacing the old system of automation, according to Ted Stecker, WNDU-AM program director.

The station has switched to a program of live broadcasts twice a day, from 6-10 in the morning and 3-7 in the afternoon. Morning disc-jockeying chores are handled by Stecker and Chris Robbins takes over in the afternoon.

"The other hours are still automated, but because there is someone there at all times, it sounds like we're broadcasting live all day," said Stecker.

The station decided to go live about a month ago, said Stecker, and the first live broadcast was March 6.

"Going live is just part of having a successful station, which is our goal. The station did some marketing research and saw that

there was an interest for the same type of music that we had been playing, but with a different approach. That's why we went live," explained Stecker.

Commenting on the possibility of WNDU-FM radio going live, Stecker said, "The station is happy with the FM results now and there are no major plans except to make it better."

WNDU-AM does not plan to go live 24 hours-a-day at the present time but they do plan to keep adding features and improvements to the station's format. Stecker cited the new weather format and the new station identification, as examples.

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FBI apprehends hijacker in Denver

DENVER [AP] - The hijacker of a United Airlines 727 surrendered yesterday after the three crewmen who had remained on the plane jumped from a cockpit window about an hour after the plane landed in Denver for refueling.

FBI agents approached the plane after the crewmen jumped.

Bob Stapp, airport spokesman, reported that the hijacker told agents, "I surrender."

The hijacker had said he has terminal cancer.

The plane, which was hijacked over San Francisco Bay, first

landed in Oakland, where the 68 passengers and four flight attendants were allowed to leave.

During the hour the plane was on the ground in Denver, the FBI talked to the man, and the airport spokesman said agents reported that the hijacker "sounded pretty disturbed."

In a television broadcast of conversation between the FBI and the cockpit shortly before the man gave up, a voice identified as that of the hijacker said: "I have nothing to say except I want fuel...Look, if you guys are so hot

to bust me, you can just wait until I get to Cuba..."

A voice identified as one of the plane's crew members told the FBI, "The longer you delay, the more excited Clay (the hijacker) gets. As long as we are in the air, everything is cool."

The man claimed to have a bomb hidden in a flight bag, airport authorities said in Oakland.

The FAA said the man first demanded to go to Memphis but later said he might want to go to Cuba.

An emergency command center was set up at the airport in Denver atop a five-story tower that is no longer used for regular flight control.

FBI agents joined the Federal Aviation Administration and airport officials in the command center, but there was no immediate indication of what action they planned.

There was no activity near the plane when it first stopped.

The FAA identified the alleged hijacker as Clayton Thomas of San Jose, Calif., but that name did not appear on the passenger list. He was described as 24 to 30 years old.

The FAA said the man ordered the pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer to stay aboard. They were identified as Capt. A. Grout, First Officer J. Bard and Second

Officer L. Warfield.

Fred Farrar of the FAA's office in Washington, D.C., said the man apparently did not say why he wanted to go to Memphis, but had told officials that he had terminal cancer.

"This is the only way out," Farrar said the man told the crew.

The jetliner, originally scheduled as flight 696 from San Francisco to Seattle, left Oakland shortly before 2 p.m., 5 p.m. EST. The man forced the plane down in Oakland just after it took off from San Francisco International Airport.

One of the passengers said the plane had been in the air for about 10 minutes when the jet began its descent to Oakland.

"There was no panic," said Cathy White of Danville, Calif.

None of the passengers seemed

to know what was happening, she said.

The incident was the 13th attempted hijacking of a commercial jet in the nation since January 1975, the FAA said.

Earlier yesterday, Delta Air Lines officials said a jet with 206 persons aboard was diverted to Denver during a flight between Atlanta and San Francisco because the airline's Atlanta office received a bomb threat.

The plane landed safely and the 196 passengers and 10 crew members used emergency chutes to evacuate the plane. Police, firemen and FBI agents searched the plane, a Lockheed L-1011. Ed Gerity, a Delta spokesman said no bomb was found.

There was no apparent connection between the two incidents.

Moluccan terrorists strike, take hostages

ASSEN, Netherlands [AP] - South Moluccan militants, a fanatical group that has terrorized Holland on and off for a decade, struck again yesterday, seizing a government building and 50 to 60 hostages in a shooting attack that left at least six persons wounded, authorities said.

The four to six gunmen were demanding freedom for comrades in Dutch jails and a plane to fly all of them, along with hostages, out of the country, government officials said.

Police in armored cars quickly surrounded the modern-style office block in this northern Dutch city as the terrorists, said to be armed with pistols and at least one machine gun, fired bursts of bullets from upper-floor windows.

Officials said they feared that one victim lying out of reach in front of the building might be dead.

About 200 employees in the building, headquarters of the Drente provincial government, managed to escape through windows some shinnying down fire-hoses, after the Moluccans stormed in. But some were gunned down from behind as they fled.

One of the wounded was a schoolboy shot as he walked down a street, officials said.

Militants among the South Moluccan immigrant community in Holland have made repeated terror strikes in recent years to dramatize their demands for Dutch help in winning independence from Indonesia for their Asian island homeland. The Moluccans and the rest of Indonesia are a former Dutch colony.

The area around Assen, 112 miles northeast of Amsterdam, has been a focus of the Moluccan terror campaign, most recently last spring when gunmen seized hostages in a train and schoolhouse and held out for 20 days before

military assaults ended the sieges. Six terrorists and two hostages died.

Police said yesterday's raid began at about 10 a.m. as the Drente provincial council was about to meet in the building. There were reports at least two provincial legislators were among the hostages.

One Moluccan rode up in a taxi and dashed into the main entrance, pulling out a concealed machine gun and opening fire, police said. The other gunmen ran in behind him.

At the Justice Ministry in the Dutch capital of the Hague, a spokesman said a letter had been received demanding the release of imprisoned Moluccans and a plane to fly the gunmen, the freed convicts and hostages out of the country.

The spokesman said 21 Moluccans are imprisoned for previous attacks, including seven for the 1977 raids.

The government refused to give in to similar demands last year, insisting that the terrorists first release all hostages.

Billiards champ to perform

Paul Gerni, the pocket billiards world champion for the past three years, will perform in the LaFortune Pool Room tonight at 8 p.m.

Gerni, a native of South Bend, has toured throughout the U.S. and Europe. He is considered to be one of the world's best trick shot artists.

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Notre Dame will be the first school in the nation to view these films, which were produced under the auspices of the U.S. Judicial Conference.

Today's films will be "Marbury v. Madison" at 12:15 p.m. in Room 101 and "McCullough v. Maryland" at 4 p.m. in Room 110. Tomorrow's films will be "Gibbons v. Ogden" at 12:15 in Room 101, and "The Trial of Aaron Burr" at 3:30 p.m. in Room 110.

Admission is free, and the public is invited.

McClellan lecture cancelled

The lecture, "The Development of the Modern Japanese Novel," has been cancelled. Edwin McClellan, professor at Yale University, had been scheduled to give this lecture this afternoon in the Rare Book Room of the Memorial Library.

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seriously folks

Solving the Coal Strike

art buchwald commentary

Washington--We've been seeing an awful lot of miners on television these nights. Without taking sides in the dispute, the one thing that comes across is that they're a tough breed and very free spirits. They don't like to be pushed around by anybody, including the government, the courts, the President of the United States or their own union leaders. If anyone orders them to do anything, they have no hesitation in telling them to "Stuff it."

It is for this reason that I do not believe invoking the Taft-Hartley Act makes any sense in getting the coal miners working again. It was written to give everyone a cooling-off period in a major labor dispute. But in the case of the coal miners it's made them hotter than ever, and more determined to hold out against the mine operators.

I believe President Carter would be much further ahead of the game right now if he had gone on television last Thursday and announced that during the Taft-Hartley period no miners would be permitted to go back to work. He should have said that, as President of the United States, he would see to it that not one ton of coal left any shaft of a union-operated mine,

even if he had to use troops.

He also might have said that if the miners attempted to go to work without a contract, he would fine the unions \$10,000 a day and ask the courts to hold them in contempt.

Can you just see what would have happened if Mr. Carter had said that?

The miners would have been in high dudgeon.

They would have met in their union halls where their leaders would have broken the news to them.

"Carter says we can't make coal unless we have a contract."

"Down with Carter."

"He says he's going to use the Taft-Hartley Act to keep us out of the mines instead of going down into them."

"No President of the United States is going to tell us when we can or cannot mine coal. If we want to mine it, we'll mine."

"He says he'll use troops and federal marshals to keep us out."

"Let him try it. We'll break their heads with our pick axes if they won't let us down in the shafts."

"We're sick and tired of the government telling us what's good for us. If they don't want us to

mine, we'll dig out so much coal they'll choke on it."

"We'll dump 300 tons on the White House lawn."

"Suppose our union president, Arnold Miller, says we can't go into the mines?"

"Then we'll dump him on the White House lawn with the coal."

"All right then, are we agreed that if the court upholds the President and says we can't mine coal, we all go back to the pits?"

"We're ready now, even before the court acts. Let's go into the mines and show them who is really running this country."

"Any guy who refuses to mine coal gets his tires blown out."

"Are we going back into the mines?"

"YESSSSSSSSSSSSSS!"

"When?"

"NOWWWWWWWWWWWW!"

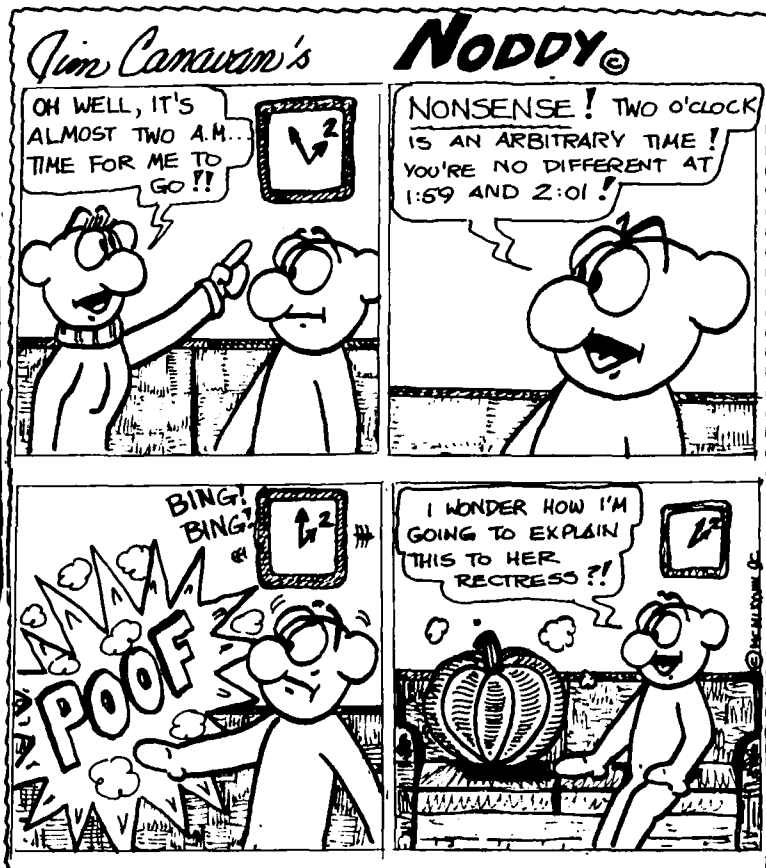
"Shout it so they can hear in the Oval Office!"

"NOWWWWWWWWWWWW!"

That's what President Carter should have done. But his problem is he doesn't watch enough television.

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An Apology and Response

As editorial editor of **The Observer**, I owe the Notre Dame family an apology for too hastily assigning the Fords and the opinions expressed in their letter to that family. At the time I wrote the editor's note, I had compelling reasons--which came to my attention after my conversation with Dr. Fuchs--to believe that the Fords were members of the Notre Dame family, as it is defined by Fr. Hesburgh. It was not until several days ago that I was able to contact a person who denied that such a connection existed.

"Compelling reasons" are not proof and I should not have printed that statement without proof. I am deeply sorry. The Fords' letter, as I indicated to Dr. Fuchs, came from South Bend. No other connection between the Fords and the Notre Dame community exists, to the best of my knowledge.

I am somewhat distressed that the publication of the Fords' letter has become almost as big an issue as the opinions expressed in it. Let me state again that, regardless of the Fords' connection or with Notre Dame, I believe that letter should have been printed, and I would print it again.

In this letter printed on this page, Prof. Primus accuses **The Observer** of wishing the issues would fade away. He apparently wishes the issue had never come up, i.e. that the Fords' letter had never been printed. Then no doubt we could all have rested comfortably in the belief that anti-Semitism is a thing of the past (except for these "freaks" in Skokie). Dr. Fuchs doubts that the Fords' views are representative of a "significant segment of the...American community." If he does not consider the American Nazi Party "significant," I beg to disagree. Significance is not measured by numbers.

I hope **The Observer**, along with the rest of the community, has learned a great deal about anti-Semitism from reading the Fords' letter and the responses it has provoked, including:

- 1) that anti-Semitism can masquerade as or grow out of a perverted sense of patriotism.
- 2) that the anti-Semites pose a threat to fundamental, Constitutional rights.
- 3) that the arguments advanced in support of anti-Semitism are based on distorted information and an indiscriminate jumbling of politics with race and religion.
- 4) that anti-Semitism is not a

credible platform at Notre Dame, as evidenced by the lack of support for the Fords' views and the swift, strong and sustained opposition to their letter.

5) that despite the prevailing sentiment at Notre Dame, there are people in this country for whom anti-Semitism is not only credible, but desirable.

The Observer in no way supports the anti-Semitic views of the Fords, but we do support their right to make their views known and the community's right to know that such views continue to be propagated. We believe such opinions should be refuted, not suppressed. If we have not commented, it is because our readers have so overwhelmingly and so capably addressed the issues themselves.

I would like to respond to the semantic points raised by Prof. Primus:

First of all, "sect" as I used it applied not only to Jews, but to Catholics, Polish Americans and blacks as well. This is not a case of "callous ignorance," but of simple ignorance. I define "sect" as "a group united by common beliefs or heritage." I suppose this is the difference between the right word and the nearly right word, and I will happily change "sect" to "group."

As for "libelous," I used the word in its legal sense, not its dictionary sense.

"Obscene" is a word notoriously difficult to apply and should not have been used at all. Under a broad definition, "obscene" can be applied to anything that is offensive to a particular community or group; under a strict definition, it can rarely be applied at all. Even if the subject matter is such that it should offend everyone, i.e. anti-Semitism or abortion, I don't think suppression is in order.

Whether or not a particular letter is worth printing is necessarily a judgement call and does not depend on the degree to which the editor thinks the opinions in it are "right." The criterion applied may be the letter's ability to inform or to amuse readers, to reflect their own views or to jolt them out of their complacency with views that are radically different.

In any case, I hope further debate on the subject will be addressed to the substance of the Fords' letter and not to the fact of its publication.

Maureen Flynn
Editorial Editor
The Observer

by Mike Molinelli

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* Observer Editorials

P.O. Box Q

Point of clarification

Dear Editor:

Here's a point of clarification on the furor that has arisen in the wake of your printing of the letter from the Fords. While their viewpoint is obviously bigoted and personally disgusting, nonetheless, no where in the Constitutional provisions protecting freedom of speech does it modify that provision to only include free speech that meets some standard of good taste.

The situation surrounding this letter is not dissimilar to that in Skokie, Ill. The American Nazi Party, as revolting as their point of view is, has the same right of public assembly and freedom of speech that the free-speechers had at Berkley and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee had in the South, both in the 60's.

Therein lies one of the often distasteful aspects of our freedoms, but one we must live with and hope that by education and reason we can overcome the bigotries and hatreds latent in so many Americans.

Gerald Lutkus
South Bend Tribune

Ford response questioned

Dear Editor:

At last, **The Observer** has explained (March 7) why it printed the anti-semitic letter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ford (Feb. 23). **The Observer** would have us believe that the letter, although opposing a "sect" (?), was not "libelous or blatantly obscene." Furthermore, **The Observer** states that it refrained from comment for thirteen days "in order to encourage response from our readers."

Nonsense. If the charges that the Fords made are not libelous or obscene, then those words have lost whatever meaning they once conveyed.

The Jewish people, the immediate object of the attack in the letter, is not a "sect". **The Observer** betrays callous ignorance on this.

Furthermore, I suggest that **The Observer** refrained from comment, not in order to encourage responses, but rather in the hope that readers would let the issue fade away. Instead, members of the Notre Dame community continue to speak to the substance of the issue, attacking the disease of anti-semitism, a viscous form of racism which in recent years has been responsible for the indiscriminant murder of millions of Jews and Christians and which has no palce inside this university community.

By contrast to its readers, **The Observer** tries to evade the substantive issue by throwing up a

smokescreen reference to "encouraging discussion." This suggest two things. First, despite ample opportunity, **The Observer** has learned nothing about anti-semitism; that is a serious failing in a community committed to the search for the truth. And second, after being conned into publishing the Ford's letter (perhaps ingenuously mistaking it for anti-Israel opinion) **The Observer** lacks the courage and the humility to admit an error, now compounded by the pretense of standing outside (in effect, above) a debate; that is bad journalism.

Yet, although the debate is phony, real damage has been done. Let there be no misunderstanding: until it issues an explicit (and intelligible) denial, **The Observer** is responsible for the implicit assertion that anti-semitism is a credible platform at Notre Dame. Responsible for creating this sad situation, **The Observer** alone can correct it.

Charles Primus
Assistant Professor, Theology

Editor's Note: See commentary by Editorial Editor Maureen Flynn elsewhere on these pages.

Further questioning

Dear Editor:

In reference to your response concerning the "Ford letter" of Feb. 23, I would like some clarification. The first reason given by you for printing that garbage states that the Fords are members of the Notre Dame family. Is this true? I called Ms. Maureen Flynn, the editorial editor, and she told me the Fords live in South Bend. She did not state that they had any connection with Notre Dame. Do they? If not, I suggest a revision of your concept of the "Notre Dame family."

Your fourth point justifying the printing of that letter is, in my opinion, absolute nonsense. Without getting into the question of whether or not it was "libelous or blatantly obscene," you are telling us that the views expressed therein are representative of "a significant segment of the campus, American or human community". I for one would like to know how you came to this conclusion?

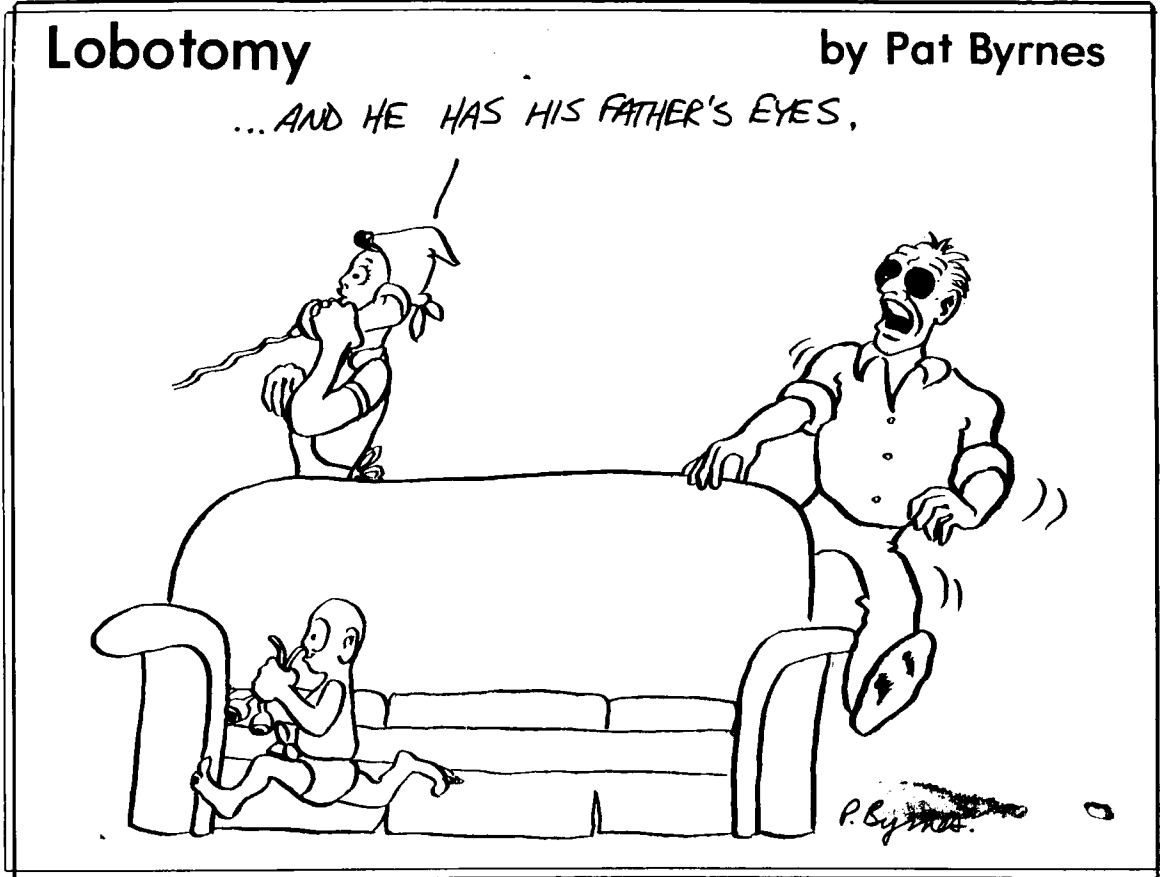
Morton S. Fuchs
Professor of Biology

Editor's Note: See commentary by Editorial Editor Maureen Flynn elsewhere on these pages.

Where's your spirit!

Dear Editor:

Where is your "spirit," #1 student body in the world? You can scream and stomp and get rowdy at our football and basketball games, creating an "electricity" unmatched at any university. Yet



when our Student Union spends much time and effort to sign major rock attractions, you sit on your seats and clap three times.

We the undersigned have attended nearly every rock concert at the ACC for the past three years and have finally reached the level of complete frustration. With the exceptions of the Bruce Springsteen and Crosby, Stills, and Nash concerts, the audiences have been very unreceptive. Last Thursday students spent as much as \$8.50 per ticket to see Michael Murphey and America. If these 'psuedo rock fans' wanted to quietly listen to music, why not play records and save \$8.50?

Both performers played their hearts out and deserved more audience response. We were lucky that America decided to play an encore song, because the audience did not deserve an encore!

The truly fantastic rock concert must contain an enthusiastic crowd, creating "electricity" to excite the performers to play and sing beyond their studio level of performance. Without audience response, rock concerts are boring! You can still redeem yourself, student body. Play Dave Mason--"Certified Live" full blast on a powerful stereo. Listen to the audience response between songs. Then try to equal that response this Wednesday night. You may be surprised by the adrenalin that flows through your bodies. You may even discover what rock concerts are all about.

Charlie DeFazio
Steve Del Greco

Film selection criteria critiqued

Dear Editor:

The recent articles on the Student Union-Notre Dame Film Society debate over cultural films deserve some comment. First, profit-making is a primary criteria for choosing films. The old Cinema series were discontinued primarily because they failed to make money (although the Cinema '77 series did run in the black). This is not as it should be--the Student Union should provide services to the student body, and can afford to lose a few hundred dollars here or there in doing so. A small group such as the Film Society does not have the financial resources to do the same.

Second, what is the purpose of the films chosen? A recent letter to the editor praised the Student Union for showing current films so that the student body "did not have to leave the campus to see them." This kind of isolationism is precisely what the Film Society is trying to change. They are currently doing as much as possible

with films from the South Bend public library, etc. The Student Union could do much more to broaden and expand the experience of its student body, but it fails to do so.

USB has a very provocative and educational film series each semester. I don't know if they lose money or not. But I do not see why our Student Union should do less for its students than the SU of IUSB.

Ken Lamb '78

Read and write

Dear Editor:

We would like to commend the ND-SMC World Hunger Coalition for the fine work involved in the planning and execution of the Sun-March 12 workshop. The topic, "Investments, South African Apartheid, and Notre Dame," covered several issues, one being the misuse of infant formula produced by corporations such as Nestles.

For those of us who did not attend the workshop, this concern is addressed in the march 10 edition of **The Scholastic**. Helen Gallagher's article, "Of Formula and Famine," is a second example of the unheralded efforts of the Hunger Coalition to raise issues such as this for our consideration.

We encourage the ND-SMC community to read this article, and, as was suggested at the workshop, write a brief letter to Nestles voicing your concern or requesting materials stating their position:

Nestles Corporation
Department of Public Relations
100 Bloomingdale Road
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John Kuluz
Barbara Ward

Burrell issued challenge

Dear Editor:

At the Fifth Ecumenical Council held in Constantinople in 553 less than 200 prelates of the Roman Catholic Church decided by popular vote that the doctrine of reincarnation is untrue. But, while the council's condemnation of the position taken by the Origenists is clear, the precise scriptural and logical basis for the condemnation is not immediately obvious.

On the basis of Matthew Ch. 11, vs. 13-15 ("For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And, if you will receive it, this is Elias which was for to come. He who has ears to hear let him

hear."), Matthew Ch. 17, vs. 10-12 ("And his disciples asked him saying, 'Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?' And Jesus answered and said unto them 'Elias truly shall first come and restore all things. But I say unto you that Elias is come already and they knew him not...') Then the disciples understood that he spoke unto them of John the Baptist."), Matthew Ch.22, vs. 32-33 ("'God is not the God of the dead but of the living.' And when the multitude heard this they were astonished at his doctrine."), Revelations 13, vs. 10 ("'He that leadeeth into captivity shall go into captivity; he that killeth with as well as many other scriptural passages too numerous to mention, I am challenging Fr. David Burrell, chairman of the department of theology, to a public debate on the existence of a scriptural basis for the doctrine of reincarnation.

This challenge is not issued for anything approaching trivial reasons. It is my contention not merely that Jesus taught the doctrine of reincarnation but also that the Jewish scriptures are absolutely meaningless once reincarnation is denied. In other words, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of the living, whom Jesus referred to as his Father, is the precise antithesis of the Christian god, the god of the dead, into whose presence all good Christians expect to enter only after they die. And, for logical reasons, it is impossible to believe in both the God of the living and the god of the dead simultaneously: after death there is either reincarnation or heaven and hell.

The Roman church's denial of reincarnation is not the issue. Anyone who has investigated Christianity at all is well-aware that reincarnation is not even considered a worthy topic for discussion. For the past several hundred years it has been either completely ignored or staunchly denied by the theologians as being merely "an Eastern concept". Rather, the issue is whether or not the denial of reincarnation itself constitutes a most radical perversion of the meaning of the Jewish scriptures.

Since one of the purposes of a Catholic university is to investigate the meaning of the message of Jesus and the other Jewish prophets, it seems incumbent upon the theology department at such a university either to defend decisively, on the basis of the scriptures as well as logical inference, the church's denial of reincarnation, or to acknowledge a long-standing perversion of the message of Jesus of the most massive proportions.

If Rev. Burrell has too many other responsibilities to have the time to respond to this challenge, I will gladly debate any other member or members of the theology faculty on this issue.

Michael Cecil
South Bend, Indiana

by Garry Trudeau

DOONESBURY



Parliamentary voting indicates French leftist alliance weakening

PARIS[AP] - France's leftist alliance finished behind the coalition of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing in first round parliamentary voting Sunday, seriously weakening leftist chances to end 20 years of center-right rule.

There were signs that the shaky leftist alliance would have trouble uniting in time for next Sunday's runoff election.

The center-right coalition, however, was expected to have little trouble uniting behind its strongest candidate in each race.

The left had been expected to do substantially better, with pollsters predicting it would take 54 percent.

Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand blamed the poor showing on confusion created by the Communists over the issue of how much to nationalize if the left won. Communist nationalization demands greater than those of the Socialists led to a noisy quarrel that

fractured the alliance last September.

Others said much of the prediction for Socialist success was based on apparent new support from educated middle-level executives or government clerical workers.

They say these Frenchmen, basically moderate, may have been more willing to complain to poll-takers than to actually vote for leftists intent on putting Communists into the cabinet.

Complete returns from the 491 voting districts gave the leftists 45.1 percent, with another 6.5 percent going to groups expected to vote left next Sunday.

The ruling coalition got 46.5 percent, with an additional 1.9 percent going to voters who likely will back them on Sunday.

Stock prices in Paris shot up an average of 10 percent as it became clear that the left lacked the 53

percent it was thought to need, because of gerrymandering, to win a parliamentary majority.

Sunday's turnout was more than 83 percent of the nation's 35.4 million voters, a record in national parliamentary balloting.

Historical film presented

"Roots of Madness," a film about the Chinese Revolution, will be shown in the LaFortune Amphitheatre tonight at 7:30 p.m. The documentary covers the period from the Opium War of the 1880's to the cultural revolution of the 1960's.

Theodore White, author of *The Making of a President*, produced this film. Yu-ming Shaw, ND associate professor of history, will present an introduction to the showing, which is free and open to the public.



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Survey estimates millions underfed

ROME [AP] - The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization reported in a global survey yesterday that the rich are getting fatter and the poor hungrier. It found both trends troublesome.

The 130-page World Food Survey, based on reports from 161 countries, also estimated the world's undernourished at about 450 million, or a quarter of the underdeveloped world, and likely to increase.

"This review is disquieting," FAO said. "Firm evidence of any significant progress being made since 1974 in reducing the numbers affected by inadequate supplies of food is not yet available."

In the rich and industrialized countries the FAO found "excessive food intake or improper diets" leading to "the steadily rising prevalence of diseases" as daily

calorie intake per person soared to 3,380. In the 32 poorest countries, calorie consumption is on the decline with the figure now around 2,000, according to the study.

As a result, the percentage of the malnourished in the developing countries of Africa rose from 25 percent of the population in 1970 to 28 percent four years later. A similar increase was noted in Asia.

The Food and Nutrition Board of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington estimates that the average U.S. male between the ages of 23 and 50 should consume 2,700 calories a day. American females of that age bracket should take in 2,000, according to the board's 1974 figures, the most recent. For U.S. residents older than 50, the figures are 2,400 calories daily for men and 1,800 for women.

American children between four

and six years old should have 1,800 calories a day and those between seven and ten, 2,400 daily, the board said. The FAO study found that in the poorest countries close to one-half of all children can be classified as underfed. It said about 22 million babies a year, one-sixth of all births, weigh less than 5.5 pounds at birth, 95 percent of them in developing areas.

Because of malnourishment, the study said, about 40 percent of adult females in the developing countries are anemic, up to 100,000 children go blind each year and 200 million suffer from goiter. In Latin America, more than half of all deaths during the second year of life are attributed to nutritional deficiency.

While the industrialized nations

record a steady increase in food production--1.4 percent a year--production growth in the developing countries declined from 0.7 percent in 1970 to 0.3 percent in 1974. In the "most seriously affected countries" there actually is a drop in food production, averaging 0.4 percent a year. FAO analysts called this decline "a new and most serious phenomenon."

Bill Bradley eyes Senate

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74 years old.

Though this is Bradley's first attempt at an elective office, he maintains that he has prepared for this for ten years. He taught in 1968 at an Urban League street academy in Harlem, and worked the following year in Washington, D.C. in the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Before beginning his basketball


Former Knicks star

audience that the other candidates have greater access to funds, which is also of paramount importance.

career, Bradley was an overseas correspondent for CBS radio. More recently, he served as the coordinator of special projects for the New Jersey Department of Energy.


While Bradley acknowledged the fact that his basketball career is an advantage, he reminded the

"Money means media exposure," Bradley said. "And that's why I support public financing of elections after a candidate can get 10,000-15,000 signatures on a petition." Still, Bradley insisted, "I don't want people to vote for me because I was a basketball player."



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Lost: 2 keys with No. 623 on them on a Penny keychain. Call Joe 6795.

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Need ride to St. Paul. Can leave Thurs. or Fri. Will share driving and expenses. Kathy 8060.

Need 1 or 2 rides for spring break to down state N.Y. (I. 80 or I. 84) Coleen 7815.

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Needed ride to Houston for spring break. Call Cathy 4-1-4559.

Going to Boston? Need ride, will pay expenses. Call Ann 6751.

Need ride to New York March 17. Will share driving and \$\$\$\$\$. Please call Tom at 3828.

Need ride to Toledo on March 17. Will pay. Kim 7856.

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Need ride to Pittsburgh for break. Will share driving and expenses. Call Rich 8278 after 11:30 p.m.

Need ride to Detroit for spring break. Leaving March 17. Also need ride back to ND on March 27. Call Katie 6751.

Need ride to Albuquerque, New Mexico for break. Will share expenses and driving. Call Debbie at 4-1-4898.

Need ride for three to the Big Apple, New York City for spring break. We can't afford the train so call Tom, Doug, or John 3414.

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Need ride to NYC area. Can leave Thursday afternoon. Call Irene (6733) or Janet (1364).

Believe it or not, I can take two more riders to Florida (Gulf coast, preferably). Call 8051.

Need ride to Evansville will share expenses. Him 2187.

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Need ride to Boston for 2 people share driving and \$. Call 5236 (SMC)

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Need ride to Cincinnati for break. Call Tina 4-1-4155.

2 SMC girls looking for ride to Columbus Ohio March 17. Will share expenses. Call Carol 4-1-4868.

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PERSONALS

SMC Juniors: Don't forget to get ready to dance the night away April 9th at Cinnabars...more later.

Jimmy,
You've shown me the rainbow. Let's keep searching for the pot of gold. I love you. Always, Trish

Pat,
Remember if the floor was hard the bed was empty.

Paula-
With your "borrowed" book the tune-up was a snap. Thanks for that and for last night! (But who gave you the lube job?)
Bodle & Brian

To Pam, Vicki, M.B. Emil, Mike, Sean, BJ, Kathleen & Karen - Thanks for making our 21st full of surprises. Pat & Claudia P.S. Thanks 3rd floor McCandless for all your help.

Trace, Tyler & Katie, Thanks for the extra special touch on my birthday! Claudia

Congratulations to Al Provenzano on his forthcoming wedding with Collette.

To the future little old shoemaker, glad to see you are still breathing. Happy belated birthday. 22 isn't that old! Harry

Hank & Duffy, I stopped by last week (Wednesday night) but you weren't home. I'll give you another chance sometime this week. G

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G, You were right, Michael Murphy wildfire.

Dear Discoing Lyonettes, Go ahead, dance your buns off - I don't care. You're all delirious and beyond all hope. Cure No. 1 - a cold shower. The Disco Kid

Lenten confessions heard Monday thru Saturday at Sacred Heart beginning at 7:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to make an appointment for confession at a different time may phone Campus Ministry at 6536 or 3820.

Undefeated fencers look to tourney

by Paul Mullaney
Sports Writer

It took 44 years for Notre Dame to claim a national collegiate fencing championship. But after completing its third consecutive undefeated season, the Irish fencing team stands an excellent shot at winning its second crown in as many years.

The long draught was broken last year when Mike DeCicco's swordsmen stormed through a 23-0 season and defeated New York University in the first fence-off ever in history of the NCAA fencing championships.

Pat Gerard, Mike Sullivan, and Bjorne Vaggo, after qualifying for the nationals with impressive performances at last weekend's Great Lakes tournament, will represent the Irish in foil, sabre and epee, respectively, at this weekend's national tourney.

The NCAA title competition commences this Thursday, with semifinals on Friday preceding Saturday's final round. Action

is slated for Wisconsin-Parkside, the same location of Notre Dame's 78-61 outdistancing of Wayne State for the 1978 Great Lakes title.

Gerard and Sullivan are no novices when it comes to tournament competition. Gerard, a senior from Norridge, Ill. won the gold medal in foil a year ago, leading the Irish to grab the crown in their own back yard. His 145-19 career mark puts him second on the all-time Notre Dame foil winning list, only behind current coach DeCicco.

Sullivan is one of the top fencing names in the country. Last year's titlist in sabre, the junior from Peabody Mass., owns the top winning percentage of any fencer ever to step on the strip at Notre Dame. In 143 career dual meet bouts, Sullivan has only lost twice.

Vaggo is just beginning to make a name for himself on the collegiate fencing circuit. The amazing epeeist was ranked tenth nationally in Sweden before enrolling at Notre Dame this January. He was granted three years of eligibility by

the NCAA.

Notre Dame's NCAA entries were by no means shoo-ins to make it to the championship tourney. They didn't have to look any farther than right under the Dome to catch a glimpse of some stiff competition

Gerard finished second in last weekend's Great Lakes bouts behind gold-medalist teammate Mike McCahey, who represented du Lac in both 1975 and 1976 at the national tourney. However, due to his overall record and clutch performances--such as last year's NCAA tourney--Gerard was given the nod to head up to Kenosha this weekend.

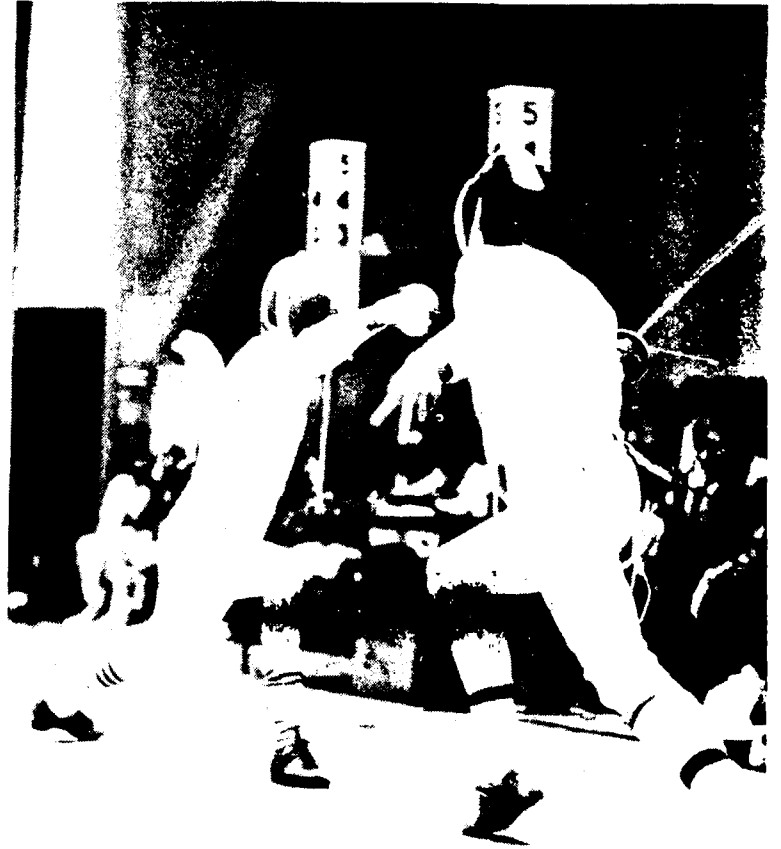
Sullivan was the favorite to win the sabre medal last week. And he did. But sophomore Chris Lyons, a first-year fencer, pleasantly surprised a few people by finishing third in the Great Lakes epee competition, barely ahead of Kica. A 30-2 opening season record, coupled with 19-2 showing last week, was enough to let Vaggo represent Notre Dame.

The first two teams at the Great Lakes (Notre Dame and Wayne State) could place one individual per weapon in the national tourney, while the top four individuals in each weapon qualified. However, if more than one person per weapon from a given school met that criterion, only one would be able to fence this weekend.

Notre Dame had all six representatives at the Great Lakes meet the necessary requirements, but DeCicco had to decide which fencer in each classification would advance. All of which supports DeCicco's claim that the NCAA fencing tournament has never been a true "team" championship tournament.

"Opening up is the possibility for more teams having a shot at it (title) with a single entry in each weapon," argued DeCicco. "Penn will be tough, as well as NYU, Princeton and Navy."

"The Great Lakes proved to me



This year's Irish fencers will attempt to recreate their undefeated record of last year.

that Cleveland State and Wayne State will give us all the fits we need. With (sabreman Ernie) Simon, (foilsman Carl) Klutke, and (epeeist Gil) Pezza Wayne State has to be one of the teams to beat. If the whole was in attendance, I don't know if they'd be able to make that claim."

Regardless, the long hours of practice are almost over now. With 85 consecutive wins under their belt, the Irish were never better, either individually or as a team. Hopefully, if the Irish receive the same type of luck and clutch performances as last year, Notre Dame will receive its second straight fencing crown.

IRISH ITEMS: Kathy Valdiserri finished sixth in the women's competition at the Great Lakes

championships with an 11-0 mark. Wayne State won the women's competition with 30 points. Notre Dame finished a distance back with 12 points.

Sharon Moore, St. Mary's freshman fencing flash, made it to the semi-final round of the Great Lakes. Never having fenced prior to this year, her performance brought a big smile to the face of her coach, Tom Coye.

And who said the managers never get any recognition? Well, two weekends ago, at Cleveland, senior fencing manager Al Paulus got the opportunity to fence in two varsity bouts. After dropping his first encounter, the resident of Holy Cross finished his collegiate fencing career with an earth-shattering 1-1 record.

The Other Series...

One Man's View

ITEM: Irish Icers Fall to Number-One Ranked Denver

Lost amidst the publicity surrounding Notre Dame's impressive first-round basketball victory in the NCAA tournament was the exploits of the Notre Dame hockey team in Denver this past weekend.

All the hockey team did was play the best collegiate hockey team in the country even for five periods on their home ice. Unfortunately, the playoff series lasted six periods and, consequently, Notre Dame's hockey season came to an end Saturday night.

But the tale of this team is far too impressive to end in a game story in Monday morning's sports section. If one only looked at the final score of the series, then the full impact of the weekend would be lost. Instead, one should hear about the 100 out of 120 minutes that the Irish thwarted the Denver attack. One should have heard Denver defenseman Brian McAlister state after the game that "you guys had us scared."

It took a lot of guts for the Irish icers to pull together for one valiant attempt at a major upset. The team had just completed a six-game, nine-day road swing in which they had dropped five of the six games. They were coming off a 12-1 loss at Wisconsin that Badger fans treated as humiliation. And they were flying to Denver without three front-line forwards.

So, coach Lefty Smith and co-captains Terry Fairholm and Dick Howe instilled a spirit in the team that surprised everyone in Denver, including flying to Denver without three front-line forwards.

For a period and a half Saturday night, the Irish entertained visions of a stunning upset. Len Moher played one of the outstanding games in his career in staving off Denver's high-scoring forwards. But a bad bounce gave Denver the tying goal and the dam broke.

Friday's score had people around the WCHA, especially in Madison and Houghton, shaking their heads. But it really shouldn't have. This team could have folded their tents, as Smith would aptly say, a long time ago. But they played to the end, and for that, they can be proud.

Pride is a virtue that is disappearing in many circles of sport. Class, in accepting defeat graciously, is another of those virtues. However, neither of those virtues is disappearing under the north dome of the ACC.

ITEM: Rodock's Rhythms

No mention of biorhythms at Notre Dame would be complete without crediting John Rodock, Notre Dame's hockey manager, the first person to apply biorhythms to athletics at Notre Dame.

Rodock, who credits the introduction of the concept to his mother, correctly predicted the outcomes of five out of six Irish hockey games using biorhythms. At Ann Arbor in early February, Rodock correctly predicted an Irish sweep, coming only three goals away from the actual scores.

Maybe biorhythms are not yet established as a legitimate means of predicting outcomes of sporting events, but Rodock has proven to be more accurate than the daring Jimmy the Greek.

ITEM: Hoosiers Benefit From NCAA Seeding Process

Would someone please explain to me how Indiana was sent to the Eastern Regionals of the NCAA tournament as the top-seeded at-large team while DePaul and Notre Dame were exiled to the Midwest Regionals?

Perhaps it was because the Big Ten is still smarting over its embarrassment in post season football action and is attempting to continue upgrading its basketball program. After all, Michigan State also wound up in the bracket opposite Kentucky and Marquette as the Big Ten was seeded as the top conference in the Midwest Regionals.

And, just by coincidence, Big Ten Commissioner Wayne Duke happens to be the man who was in charge of the seeding and invitations. How else could one explain this action which makes a farce of the NCAA's new tournament procedure?

There is no way that Indiana deserved the nod over the Blue Demons and the Irish. The Hoosiers barely crept into a second-place tie in the Big Ten after a slow start and couldn't match the accomplishments of twice-beaten DePaul or the Irish.

Indiana could only have been sent to the East or Midwest Regionals since they were the second representative of the Big Ten. But, to send them to the Eastern Eight, the weaker of the two, while Notre Dame and DePaul stand a chance of meeting in the Midwest finals, was a travesty.

If Wayne Duke really wants to make things interesting, next year he'll arrange to bring the Ivy League football champion to the Rose Bowl instead of the Pac-8 champion. That game might be close...

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B-Ball tickets to go on sale

Student tickets for the second round of the NCAA Basketball Tournament will go on sale today at the second floor ticket windows of the ACC from 9 am to 12 noon. Tickets are twelve dollars and include three games--the double-header on Friday and the championship game on Sunday.

Tickets cannot be separated for the individual sessions, and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Because of the limited supply of tickets at Notre Dame will receive, students will be limited to 1 (one) ticket apiece. Present only your own ID card.

FCA to meet

The Notre Dame chapter of FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) is having a meeting Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Little Theatre of LaFortune for all interested students and local high school FCA members.

A film of Ty Dickerson will be shown and Ty Dickerson himself will be on hand to answer questions about the film and his faith. Also, short talks will be given by Dave Reeve and Rich Branning.

Afterwards, a football highlights film will be shown for anyone interested.

Erratum

Joe Cooler is the Boxing Club president, not Danny Romano as reported in yesterday's Observer.

Batton, Williams praised

Senior co-captains Dave Batton and Don "Duck" Williams were named the Most Valuable Players on the 1977-78 Notre Dame Basketball Team at the annual awards banquet last evening.

Batton, a native of Springfield, Pennsylvania, paced the squad this season with 14.4 points per game. The 6-9 forward connected on an impressive 57.9 percent of his shots while finishing second on the team in assists with 73. Shooting specialist Duck Williams played a key role for the Irish this season in both a starter and reserve capacity. The 6-3 guard stole the ball 43 times this season to lead the squad in that category. He displayed the most proficiency at the free-throw line as well, connecting on 77-percent of his attempts. For his efforts, Duck was awarded the Fr. Tom Brennan Award which signifies the squad's best foul shooter.

Williams and Batton were also inducted into the Notre Dame 1,000-Point club at the banquet. Williams has accumulated 1,338 points in his four-year career to move into sixth place on the all-time Irish scoring list. Batton scored 1,158 points, putting him in 12th place.

Sophomore Center Bill Laimbeer was also recognized this evening as both the team's top rebounder and most improved player. The 6-11 native of Toledo, Ohio, who returned to the Irish after a year's absence, averaged 21 minutes and 6.4 rebounds-per-minute-played average on the team. He was also voted the squad's Most Improved Player.

Senior reserve Randy Haefner was recognized as the team's Blue Team Player of the Year for his work on the preparation team. Additionally, he won the Student-

Athlete Award presented by the St. Joseph Valley Club of Notre Dame to the player who best exemplifies the spirit of the scholar-athlete who has contributed his skill and ability in the class room no less than on the field.

The Most Accurate Shooter Award to freshman forward Kelly Tripucka The 6-7 native of Essex Falls, New Jersey connected on 60.7 percent of his field goal attempts and 73.7 percent of his attempts from the line.

The Best Defensive Player Award was shared by junior center Bruce Flowers and sophomore swingman Bill Hanzlik. Flowers has won this award each one of his three years at Notre Dame by virtue of his aggressive play and rebounding ability. The 6-9 defensive specialist snared 134 rebounds for the Irish this season.

The 6-7 Hanzlik will long be remembered for his defensive performance against Marquette this season when he held Butch Lee to three field goals in 15 attempts in the last 25 minutes of the game. He is fourth on the squad with 14 steals and he has 44 rebounds to his credit.

Most Assists Award to sophomore point guard Rich Branning. Once again this season the 6-3 field general paced the squad in this category with 108.

Most Inspirational Player Award to senior guard Jeff Carpenter. The 6-0 sparkplug from Oak Park, Illinois led the team in assists-per-minute and had a team-high nine assists against Manhattan College.

Aside from the awards presentation, the highlight of the evening was the appearance of Bill Bradley, former New York Knick great and candidate for the United States Senate.