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John Paul II initiates his mission plans

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic [AP] - Pope John Paul II knelt to kiss the Dominican soil yesterday as he started his "mission to spread the gospel" in a week-long Latin American visit.

During his flight here from Rome, the pope entered the cockpit of the Alitalia DC-10 to chat briefly with President Carter over a crackling radio circuit. The pontiff greeted Carter as the plane flew over Puerto Rico, but the conversation was cut off because of poor connections, Vatican officials accompanying the pope reported.

At 12:40 p.m. EST, the pope stepped from the door of the jetliner, smiled and spread his arms wide as he walked down the steps of the plane onto this Caribbean island.

"The pope wants his mission to be one of spreading the gospel. That is why I decided to arrive here following the route that, at the time of the discovery of the New World, was established by the first missionaries," the pontiff said in Spanish during his airport address.

The main purpose of his journey is to open the Latin American bishop's conference in Mexico, and he will fly to Mexico City today.

As the 58-year-old pontiff stepped onto the island that was discovered by Christopher Columbus he knelt to kiss the ground before greeting President Antonio Guzman.

Thousands cheered as he was driven in an open car along the 18-mile poute from Las Americas Airport to the Santo Domingo cathedral, the oldest cathedral in the New World. Many waved Vatican and Dominican flags and held up pictures of the Polish-

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Although the predicted blizzard bypassed the South Bend area, ND students still found campus conditions very hazardous as they trekked to their mid-day classes yesterday [photo by Tracy Jane McAuliffe]

Keenan freshman forced to move off campus

by Diane Wilson
News Editor

A freshman from Keenan Hall has been ordered to move off campus by the Office of Student Affairs in what Dean of Students James Roemer termed a "non-disciplinary action."

The freshman was asked to move because "he does not fit into Keenan Hall life," according to Fr. Richard Conyers, rector of Keenan.

Conyers said a student does not fit into Keenan Hall life when he "has a persisting influence on

younger or weaker people, when a significant amount of students come and request that something be done about another student's actions or when a student's abuse of rules becomes obviously public."

Conyers, though not referring to the student in question, emphasized the problem of marijuana smoking in the dorms. He stated that he felt that this is a very serious problem and claimed that most people are affected negatively by the use of marijuana.

"You'd better not get caught

smoking in Keenan," Conyers said.

The freshman said the action came "out of the blue." "A friend of mine told me I was being kicked off," he said.

Conyers said the student was informed of the action in a letter from the Office of Student Affairs. The student recalled that he did receive a letter, but said "all it said was to make an appointment with Roemer and I had already done that."

As of yesterday afternoon, the Freshman Year of Studies was not aware of the action taken by Student Affairs. "Dr. (Emil) Hofman (dean of Freshman Year) and I have not been informed of the situation by anyone," said Peter Grande, assistant dean of Freshman Year.

"The Policy is that freshmen are guaranteed housing and are expected to live on campus, with the exception of freshmen who live in the area and reside at home," Grande said.

Roemer said he was aware that the student was a freshman and added that no special allowance was made because he was a freshman. He did add, however, that he planned to notify Hofman immediately.

The student said that Conyers explained to him that the move would be better for both him and Keenan Hall because he was a bad influence and was causing the decline of a number of people in the hall.

This was "preposterous" the student said, because he was only a freshman didn't feel he had any influence on anyone. He pointed out that he has a 3.0 GPA in Engineering and felt that the charges of bad influence were unfounded.

The student said that, as he

understood it, he was not accused of any disciplinary infraction. The action was taken at the request of Conyers, according to the freshman, and Roemer told him he would stand by that request.

Roemer, who would not discuss specific details of the case, said this type of action is not unusual. He said this is the first time this year this has taken place, but that it usually happens three or four times a year.

He emphasized that the action is not a disciplinary one. According to both *du Lac* and the housing contract which student sign, the University retains the right to transfer a student's residence at any time, Roemer pointed out.

The student's academic standing will not be affected by the action, Roemer said.

He explained that this is the normal procedure followed for this type of action. If a rector comes to the Office of Student Affairs and asks that a student be moved out of the hall, Student Affairs will usually grant the request, he stated.

emphasized: "ctors are in the best position to know what the situation is and I back them up," Roemer said.

The student said that when he talked to Roemer, there was no question that he would be forced to move off campus. He was given the chance to tell his side of the story only after he had been told he would have to leave Keenan, he said.

Conyers had given him the impression that Roemer would at least listen to him, but "there was no way," the student said. He added that he had the option of appealing the decision to the

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Forum discusses housing problem

by Tom Jackman
Staff Reporter

A dismal turnout characterized last night's forum with Fr. John Van Wolvlear, Vice President of Student Affairs, which was held in the Flanner Pit. The forum was a question-and-answer session dealing with some of the major campus issues at present, including the housing-lottery situation.

Only nine people were present at the appointed starting time of 7:30 p.m., no more than 14 were in attendance at any one time.

The majority of the questions were directed toward the housing problem. Van Wolvlear pointed out that the \$250 fine to be levied upon those who do not fulfill their housing contracts would not be imposed upon students who withdraw "within a reasonable time beyond the deadline."

The penalty was designed to prevent students from vacating rooms once they have been assigned, he said, and aims to make as many rooms as possible available. Van Wolvlear was "quite sure" that a refund would be given, and "special consideration will be given if it (withdrawal) is done in a hurry."

Van Wolvlear also discussed the steps the administration has taken to avoid a lottery. These included considering increasing the number of students per room in several dorms, where feasible, or constructing rooms in the "Halfway House" of Holy Cross Hall, in the basement of Lewis Hall, and in the Holy Cross Annex. The latter two have since been discarded. The University also applied for a federal loan, but was turned down, Van Wolvlear said.

Van Wolvlear stressed that if the money were there, a new dorm would be built, despite the complication this might have, such as overcrowding in dining and recreational facilities.

Van Wolvlear also pointed out that "the Administration thought they were going to get Columba (Hall). I don't know why they thought that, but they did." Van Wolvlear noted, however, that "they have great historical, sentimental feeling there. Originally, Father Sorin brought in more brothers than priests.... so they have the historical foot in the door."

The advantages of Columba would be its capacity of roughly 200 and a "good-sized" dining hall, which could service Holy Cross, Carroll and Lewis as well.

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Snowbound Chicago suffers from severe crime outbreak

CHICAGO (AP)--The driver of a snow plow is accused of going on a rampage, hitting 34 vehicles and running over a car, crushing a man inside to death. A motorist is stabbed to death when he honks his horn at a car blocking his path in the middle of a snowy street. Crazy things are happening in Chicago. Nerves are frayed after two weeks of storms, of collapsing roofs from snow drifts six feet deep, of transportation woes that make going to work almost a battle of survival. Police blame a 69 percent increase in murders on quarreling people cooped up inside because of the snow.

Hoosier taxpaying couples may split up to split cash

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Complaining that federal income tax laws discriminate against married wage-earners, state Rep. Phyllis Pond suggests that couples should be allowed to separate on the last day of the year to avoid the higher taxes. The New Haven Republican told reporters at a Statehouse news conference yesterday that she will sponsor legislation to allow couples to file in small claims court for a one-day separation. The grounds would be financial disadvantage, she said. The separation would expire on Jan. 1, under Mrs. Pond's proposal.

Parents may face charges after kidnapping own son

SCITUATE, Mass. (AP) - Chad Green's parents have whisked him into hiding, and the judge who forbade Laetrile treatments for the 3-year-old leukemia victim said yesterday they could face kidnapping charges. Gerald and Diana Green left behind a note saying that "Chad must be protected from any further ignorance and pride, greed and violence." The boy's grandmother, with whom the family had been living, said the parents were "distracted" over a Plymouth County Superior Court order Tuesday prohibiting them from giving Chad Laetrile and vitamins to fight his cancer.

Weather

Increasing cloudiness today with highs in the low to mid 20s. Mostly cloudy tonight with lows in the mid teens. A chance for snow tomorrow with highs in the upper 20s. A chance of snow Sunday and Monday. Highs mostly in the 20s to the lower 30s. Lows in the teens and 20s.

Campus

Friday, January 26

- 3:30 -- LECTURE: "when the world begins," prof. kenneth sayre, ND LIBRARY FAC. LOUNGE, sponsored by the philosophy dept.
- 5:15 -- MASS AND DINNER, at the BULLA SHED
- 6, 8:30 & 11 pm -- SOCIAL CONCERNS FILM SERIES, "autobiography of miss jane pittman," ENGR. AUD.
- 6, 8:30 & 11 pm -- SOCIAL CONCERNS FILM SERIES, "on the waterfront," WASH. HALL
- 6:30 pm -- TRACK MEET, nd vs. bowling green, ACC
- 7:30 pm -- WRESTLING, nd vs. nebraska, ACC.

Saturday, January 27

- 1 pm -- WRESTLING, nd vs. john carroll, ACC.
- 2 pm -- BASKETBALL, smc vs. nd, ANGELA ATHLETIC FACILITY
- 3:30 pm -- BASKETBALL, nd vs. maryland, NATIONALLY TELEVISED
- 8 pm -- FILM, "last year at mariemad," ENGR. AUD.
- 8 pm -- CONCERT, marshall tucker band, ACC.

Sunday, January 28

- 1:30 pm -- MEETING, ham radio club, GRACE PENTHOUSE
- 3, 6 & 8:30 -- FILM, "the pawnbroker," ENGR. AUD.
- 3, 6 & 8:30 pm -- FILM, "save the tiger," WASH. HALL
- 6:30 pm -- MEETING, alpha phi omega, ZAHM BASEMENT
- 7 & 10 pm -- FILM, "the king & i," CARROLL HALL SMC, \$1

Hesburgh publishes essays

"The Hesburgh Papers: Higher Values in Higher Education," a collection of essays by Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh, University president, will be published in May by Andrews and McMeel, Inc.

The topics covered by Hesburgh, whose 27 years at Notre Dame give him the longest tenure among active American colleges and university presidents, include the contemporary Catholic university, the civil rights revolution, the years of campus crises, and the post-Vatican II Church.

The book also draws upon Hesburgh's off-campus experiences as a charter member and former chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the former head of the International Federation of Catholic Univer-

sities, chairman of the Overseas Development Council and president of the Rockefeller Foundation. His most recent book was "The Humane Imperative," published in 1974 by the Yale University Press.

Nazz staff to organize

There will be an organizational meeting for all members of the Nazz and those interested in joining the staff Sunday at 7 p.m. in the basement of LaFortune.

Plans for this semester will also be discussed. For more information, call Gene (1803), Mary (7375), or Jim (8227).

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 10:30 a.m. Sunday
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Grace Hall resident suffers extensive loss in stereo theft

by Tim Joyce
Staff Reporter

Stereo equipment totalling \$3,200 has been reported missing from a student's room in Grace Hall, the result of an apparent burglary during semester break. The incident is currently under investigation by the Security Department.

Joseph Wall, director of Security, said yesterday that this was the only reported incident involving students' dorm rooms. There were, however, four reports of attempted burglary involving vending machines in other buildings on campus during break.

The equipment stolen in Grace included a complete stereo system valued at over \$2,500 and a pair of speakers, valued at approximately \$700. The stereo system was not covered by the University's insurance policy.

"When students bring to school stereo equipment, cam-

eras, televisions, etc. of that value, they should first make sure that it is covered by some sort of insurance policy, be it the University's or their own homeowner's policy," Wall commented. "I urge all students to get insurance on items of value."

Wall also mentioned that marking the items with one's driver's license number or social security number is a good idea. If there is a break-in, the items have a better chance of being returned to their owners if they are marked, he said.

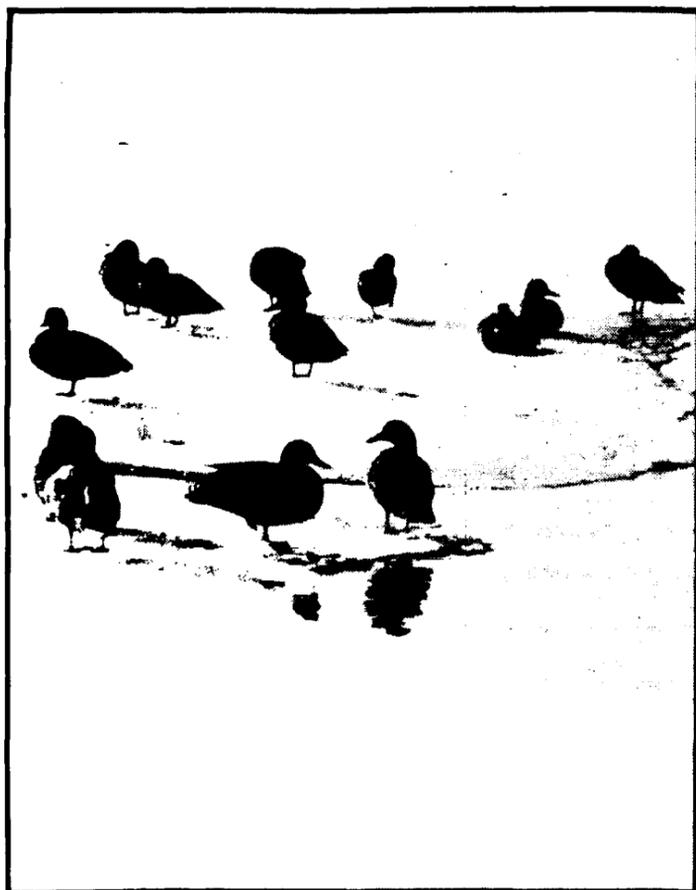
During break, the security department employed between 12 and 15 hall monitors who were assigned to watch over the halls 24 hours a day. In addition, many rectors who remained on campus during break also looked after their

halls.

The hall monitors' duty was to make complete tours of the dorms at least twice a day. The monitors checked the exterior of the dorms, making sure that all windows were secured, and all doors were locked. If a door was found unlocked, the monitor made a note of it, and locked the door, Wall explained.

In addition to making security checks, the monitors were also instructed to be on the lookout for fire damage, or broken pipes. There was one incident of a broken pipe reported, Wall noted.

"We were pretty lucky to have only one reported break-in during break. In comparison, Purdue University had over 35 reported break-ins," Wall concluded.



The Saint Mary's Lake's ducks take a break from their daily routine to rest by a hole in the ice.

... Freshman

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vice-president for Student Affairs, but felt it would do no good. The whole affair was "a shock to me," he stated.

Conyers said this is the first time that an incident of this type has happened in Keenan. He stated that he believed both he and the assistant rector had spoken to the freshman about the problem.

Referring to his job as a rector, Conyers said that it was his place to see that all Keenan residents

get the most out of university life. He said he felt that the solution arrived at was the best for all involved.

Conyers said that the Freshman Year of Studies should have been contacted, but added that the question has to do with residentiality. He questioned whether any solution that would leave the freshman residing on campus would be acceptable. He did say, however, that there was poor communication between himself and Freshman Year.

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... John Paul II

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born pope.

White-robed nuns and Dominican troops were among the crowds lining the highway.

It is John Paul's first trip outside Italy since his election Oct. 16.

Continuing to break protocol and tradition, the pontiff surprised journalists aboard his jet by walking back to their compartment as soon as the seatbelt sign was turned off on the flight from Rome.

In an 80-minute conversation on the plane, John Paul said that he will visit the United States and France and that he intends to use "spiritual and moral persuasion" to solve conflicts and avoid war. On Wednesday, the Vatican announced the pope would personally mediate a territorial dispute between Argentina and Chile.

He told reporters he had discussed prospects for world peace Wednesday during his two-hour session with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko and welcomed any criticism from communist officials.

When asked to confirm reports that he planned to address the U.N. General Assembly in New

York City later this year, the pope replied, "I suppose it will be necessary. The time has not been set."

The General Assembly opens in September.

In his message to Carter, the pope asked for God's blessing for the American people and conveyed the pontiff's best wishes. The president's reply was not clear because of the poor quality of the circuit.

As the plane flew over France, the pope sent a telegram to

President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, Vatican officials said, and as he flew over the Azores, he gave a papal blessing to the residents of Portuguese colony.

The Dominican Republic is the site of the first Mass in the New World, celebrated by a priest in Columbus' second expedition in 1493.

Pope John Paul will celebrate Mass in Santo Domingo's cathedral, tour the capital and spend the night, then fly Friday to Mexico City.

An Tostal committee to meet

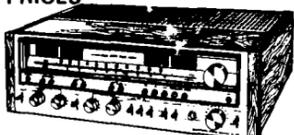
The first organizational meeting for the 1979 An Tostal committee will be held this Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Little Theatre of LaFortune Student Center. The executive staff will give a brief overview of this year's An Tostal and answer any questions.

Applications for committee positions will be handed out at

the meeting and should be turned in immediately afterwards.

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Ginsberg, Cheever to headline literary festival

by Michael Onufrak

Allen Ginsberg and John Cheever will head an "even and well balanced" Sophomore Literary Arts Festival, according to Larry Siems, chairman of this year's festival.

The festival, which takes place March 4-10, annually hosts novelists, poets and playwrights who give readings and hold workshops.

The festival will open Sunday night, March 4, with beat poet Allen Ginsberg. Ginsberg's list of honors includes the confiscation of his works by U.S. customs officials and their trial for obscenity. Drug experimentation, politics and Eastern religions are a few of the important forces in his poetry.

Contrasting the controversial Ginsberg is fiction writer John Cheever, who will appear on Wednesday, Mar. 7. Cheever is noted for his short stories and novels, including the recent *Falconer*. *The Short Stories of John Cheever* recently garnered for its author the National Critics Circle Award for best fiction book of 1978.

William Gaddis, Larry McMurry, Ishmael Reed, Robert S. Fitzgerald, John Frederick Nims, Hilda Morley, and Romulus Linney complete the line-up for the remainder of the week.

Gaddis is a novelist whose best known work is *J.R.* Film writer Larry McMurry is a Texan who authored *The Last Picture Show*. Gaddis is

scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 6, while McMurry will appear on either Monday, Mar. 5 or Thursday, Mar. 7, depending on the availability of playwright author David Mamet. Mamet is the author of *American Buffalo*.

Black novelist and poet Ishmael Reed will be on campus Friday, Mar. 8. He will be followed on Saturday night by poet and translator Robert S. Fitzgerald, best known for his translation of Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*.

Appearing throughout the remainder of the week will be Nims, Morley, and Linney. Nims is a poet and editor of *Poetry* magazine. Morley is a poetess, and Linney is a young and virtually unknown playwright.

According to Siems, the reason for Linney's inclusion is that "it has always been an objective of the festival present newcomers as well as established literary figures." Siems received Linney's name as the result of a faculty recommendation.

"This year's festival has been nearly self-generating," Siems said, "thanks to a long list of prominent writers who have participated in our festival in the past, which we send to

prospective participants." Included on the list are Norman Mailer, Kurt Vonnegut, Robert Penn Warren, Tennessee Williams, and Nobel-prize winner Isaac Bashevis Singer.

In addition to the list, the fact that the festival is one of the few Literary festivals in the country which are totally run and financed by students is attractive to many literary personalities. Siems said that most of the financing comes from the Student Union, an Indiana Arts Grant, and donations.

A third factor which determines the success or failure of the festival is the Executive Committee, which is comprised of students who are responsible for the majority of the work. Siems characterized this year's committee of Paula Groves, Ann Hesburgh, Mark Rust, and Rich Tischler as "excellent." Siems also expressed his thanks to all of the other students who have donated their time to help with the festival's planning.

Siems' only concern for the upcoming festival is attendance. Last year's attendance was "good," but this year's chairman is hoping for an even better turnout. He was quick to emphasize that all events will be free and open to all students.

... Forum discusses

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Junior Class President Dan McCurrie, who did a good deal of the questioning, asked about the measures taken by the University to increase security in light of last month's off-campus shooting incident. Van Wolvlear responded that a meeting with neighborhood representatives and local police has produced greatly increased patrols of the area, adding that the Administration even offered its own security staff to patrol occasionally.

Van Wolvlear cited the fact that crime in South Bend was up over 60% from a year ago, but only 32% in the area most heavily

populated by Notre Dame students.

At this time, there does not seem to be any set plan for a lottery, but Van Wolvlear said, "I hope we can get something finalized sometime." He dismissed the possibility that the lottery was only being used as a threat, saying "I wouldn't characterize it as a scare tactic."

It had been rumored that as many as 50 juniors had planned to attend the forum. McCurrie said he knew nothing about the rumored plan, adding that he attended only for his own benefit. He defended the searing letter

he directed to the Administration the day after the shooting, saying that "it's still a high crime area...and the students still have a right to be mad."

McCurrie also predicted that a lottery will not have to be held, because the threat of one has already induced many juniors to move off campus.

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WHC calls students to fast

Dear Editor:

It is once again the time of year when Notre Dame students are asked to give up their Wednesday night meals in conjunction with the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's World Hunger Coalition's fasting program. The program consists of students signing a pledge sheet whereby a large percentage of the cost of the faster's Wednesday night meal goes to the Hunger Coalition. The funds attained from the fasting program comprise the majority of the money collected yearly by the Hunger Coalition. This money is dispersed to groups and agencies throughout the world which try to obliterate hunger.

The fasting program, which has been in existence at Notre Dame for several years, has been admired by many other groups from campuses across the United States. Last semester several members of the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's World Hunger Coalition participated in a workshop in Madison, Wisconsin. The workshop was sponsored by Bread for the World, the largest citizen's lobby group for hunger issues. Students from hunger related groups on campuses throughout the midwest participated in the workshop. It became apparent to the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's students that the World Hunger Coalition is one of the largest and most active groups in the midwest. The fasting program at Notre Dame became a subject of discussion and envy among the students representing other campuses.

Although it is nice for the Hunger Coalition to have a pat on the back, it cannot be considered such when the number of fasters drops tremendously each semester. Of course the major question is why. A few years ago when famine was a headline issue and even the subject of a famous rock concert, there were over a thousand fasters at Notre Dame. Hunger is just as prevalent today as it was then but it often is only mentioned as one of a certain country's many problems. Vietnam, Cambodia, and Nicaragua are three examples where famine runs rampant; yet, in the press, their food problems become secondary to their political problems.

The fasting program is designed to provide a response to the situation of hunger in our world today through active participation in the plight of millions daily. Please consider these millions of fellow men, women and children when the Hunger Coalition asks you to give up your Wednesday night meal.

Maria Jarvey

Team Support A Matter of Choice

Dear Editor:

Earth calling Frank LaGrotta, come in please. Frank, have you ever made a connection between sports and entertainment? I'm more than a little tired of people (you are not alone) telling me students about our OBLIGATION to which ever team you choose. To any sane person, the thought that the fans might be responsible for a loss, is absurd. Frank, you are a rah-rah to the nth degree and have obviously lost touch with reality. I'm sure the

cheerleaders don't appreciate your misguided pot-shots either.

Marquette last year and especially USF two years ago were very unique situations. The circumstances spontaneously generated enthusiasm far above that of a "normal" UCLA game. Big games always create their own excitement. I scream and yell because I *enjoy* it, not because some fanatic tells me to. You can *encourage* more enthusiasm but you make a big mistake when you *criticize* a level of support that always has been tops.

We are not playing the game ourselves and for the team to totally depend on us would be their mistake. They have to win on the road don't they? We'll keep on cheering but not just to suit you or some Chicago sports-writer.

Sean Kearney

Students question coach's actions

Dear Editor:

There is no doubt in our minds that Richard Phelps is a fine basketball coach. Due largely to his efforts, Notre Dame has become as well known for its basketball teams as for its legendary football teams. He is an excellent recruiter, probably without peer in the nation.

But it is time something was said. What annoys us are Digger's courtside antics, in particular an incident which

occurred in the second half of the San Francisco game last Thursday evening. The unranked Don's had reduced a twenty-one point Irish lead to seven, and that is when Digger came off the bench, calling timeout.

Coach Phelps promptly stalked to halfcourt and loudly made it clear to a good share of the arena that he was unhappy with the effort of the cheerleaders. Had the cheerleaders squandered the Irish lead? No, but in Digger's mind, they had not been backing his team satisfactorily. Digger was angry with them, and we heard it in the bleachers.

We think this behavior is the clearest display to date of disturbing tendencies in Digger's court personality. Phelps seems to see himself as the concert master who orchestrates the play of his team and the emotions of the fans. We would suggest that Coach Phelps take care of his men on the court, and the nation's number one student body will take care of the rest. We need not be prodded to hysteria. We love good basketball, and when the Irish need us to bring down the roof of the ACC your cheers, we will. Witness our award winning performance two years ago against those same San Francisco Dons.

Coach Phelps has made Notre Dame a national basketball power. We could not be happier about that. But there is something so much more admirable about a winner who disdains flashy showmanship. John Wooden won one National Championship after another

with a quite understated grace. We think the Wizard of Westwood is a model of style for every sportsman...and coach.

Tom Aletto
Joe Chase
Marty Zamora

Equality extends beyond bedroom

Dear Editor:

Brian Hogan's article in Tuesday's issue raised many good points. But we feel that he placed the blame entirely on the women at Notre Dame. Women should have sexual freedom, if they want to. But if more men at Notre Dame knew the difference between having sex and making love, then more women would enjoy sexual freedom. Who wants to be attacked on the first date before you even get out of D-2? Mr. Hogan did mention that men had trouble making that particular distinction, but he neglected to elaborate on that problem as thoroughly as he did on women's lack of sexual freedom.

If more men thought like Mr. Hogan does, that women can enjoy sex without becoming just someone to pick up at the bars or at a party, then women could have more equality at Notre Dame. But men should also recognize two things: that women are equal whether they say yes or no, and that equality extends far and beyond the bedroom.

Janet Rigaux
Megan McCready

Response to Article Sexual attitudes demand change

This letter is written directly to Mr. Brian Hogan in response to his blatantly sexist article "Sex and Equality: ND's Virgin Territory" (*Observer* January 23, '79). If anyone else in the ND/SMC community cares to eavesdrop, feel free to do so.

Mr. Hogan, you have just set back 10 years what you have attempted to spur on -- mainly, male/female equality. I am a Notre Dame male, but I am sure that your cutting remarks about the sexual propriety of the local somen drove deep wounds into Notre Dame and St. Mary's women. A sincere and thorough apology by you is in order, however none of your initiatives could ever close those wounds.

Typically, you make no mention to the fact that the fault of our stagnant sexual lifestyle lies not with the women, but rather with the men! What did ND men do before the Great Co-ed Reformations? Today, with women here outnumbered from 3:1 to 4:1, why is it up to women to "put out" in order that ND men may sleep satisfied? The problems would still exist even if the ratios were 1:1, or even 1:3 or 1:4. The men must change their attitudes.

Women here are not just pieces of meat to be ravished. They are already liberated

enough to know that they control their own bodies, and they reserve the right for selectivity. The "men" here can not handle that. If they choose to turn down your animalistic/amorous advances, then, Mr. Hogan, the line to the cold showers forms to the rear. You've struck out.

The men here also can not handle females at all. Is it because the men come from all-male parochial high schools which allow limited male female contact? Are the men the victims of their

"ethnic-Catholic background?" This leads to the only valid point in your essay--namely that the male inability to distinguish between having sex and making love instills insecurity in the women here. Do you blame them? If you are just out for sex, then you can pay for that downtown. Females want more commitment and feeling in a relationship than simply an evening's workout of "wham-bam-thank you ma'am." Love leads to making love a lot more than does making love lead to love.

Thank you for setting us straight in your point #2 about the possible malicious intent of the dreaded virginity. There is nothing wrong with being a virgin - only admitting to it. You used to be (or possibly still

are) a charter member of its club. To some, virginity is a disease to be rid of as quickly as possible, but to others it is something to cherish and preserve until one special moment or forever. You must respect that point of view.

A point that you failed to bring up was that the fault may not lie in the Catholic Church, but rather in the tensions resulting from the remnants of the 1960's "sexual revolution" and today's Women's Liberation. The 1960's gave us "free love" and the liberation of our bodies, but Women's Lib has shown us that sexual liberation does not mean a carnal open house. They want equality of employment and of rights, but these have nothing to do with attitudes of equality in the bedroom or the backseat.

Sexual inequality should not be confused with sensual inequality. Women's Lib has given females control over one very important thing--their own body. They realize that they have much more to lose through sex (with or without love) than do men, and until you can personally experience the "joys of motherhood" I suggest that you take the woman's feelings and consequences of action into consideration before you sow your wild oats. Neil F. O'Brien

DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



The Struggle of a People

Editor's Note: The following article is an excerpt from a letter written to Latin Americans by members of a Christian community in Canada. It is reprinted, with permission, from the Oct. - Nov., 1978 issue of *Lucha*.

As members of Christian communities in Canada, we cannot remain silent while our sisters and brothers in Latin America endure a dark night of oppression, hunger and exile. At the same time, the indomitable spirit of the people of Latin America calls us to give voice to our hopes on the eve of the Latin American Episcopal Conference in Puebla.

You, our Neighbors, have cried out to us. In personal letters, articles in Latin American newspapers, in the witness of refugees in our country and especially through violence action you have told us of systematic malnourishment of children; of the nightmare of unemployment affecting 15 percent to 60 percent of the national work force; of the denial of basic civil rights in 90 percent of the continent, of arbitrary imprisonment and torture; and the systematic denial of the people's rights to be masters of their own destiny. This institutionalized violence has grown more severe than when first condemned by your Latin American bishops at Medellin and subsequently in pronouncements of National Episcopal Conferences.

In the ten years since Medellin, many people, committed with the marginalized and

oppressed and to the struggle for liberation and to the building of the Kingdom, have suffered torture, imprisonment and even death. However, their courageous actions have also brought to many the hope that the degrading conditions under which you live will change. It is urgent that Puebla reaffirm this commitment with the poor in their struggle for liberation and give further encouragement to Christians in the day to day challenges of the Gospel.

We have been told of the "uncertainty, pain, sadness, hunger, humiliation, persecution and insults to the dignity of the human being" that you are suffering in Latin America. We recognize that our situation in Canada is not as grave. Nevertheless we want you to know that we see a commonality in our struggles for justice because we are victims of similar structures of domination and dependence.

As Canadians we recognize that some corporations based in Canada exploit Latin America and deny you control over your own destiny. As Christians we join you in opposing this injustice. At the same time Canada is dependent on the same centre of economic power as is most of Latin America. Our struggle to liberate ourselves from this dependence is one way in which we can struggle in solidarity with you.

We Canadians and Latin Americans face a world food system that in the words of our

Canadian Roman Catholic bishops "is designed primarily to make profits, not feed people." In Latin America this food system has meant that millions of *campesinos* has been forced off their land. It has meant growing hunger and malnutrition and high rates of infant mortality.

We strongly support the efforts of *campesino* organizations throughout Latin America to achieve a just land reform, and we salute the courageous example of those who have dedicated their lives to these struggles. We have been horrified to learn that *campesinos* and their priests have been massacred in El Salvador and Guatemala for asserting their rights to their land.

Native people throughout the Americas in their struggles against centuries of colonialism have been and continue to be a prophetic voice against the structures of injustice. We know that indigenous peoples in Latin America are threatened by cultural and even physical genocide. We know that the Church in Brazil has defended the rights of indigenous peoples even at the cost of persecution by the state. We pray that the whole church will stand steadfast in the defense of native rights.

The economic crises of the last ten years has heightened popular resistance. This resistance has been met with state repression. We are most

deeply distressed by the extreme reaction of state authorities in Latin America against efforts by people to organize to defend their rights and to overcome injustice. We have been horrified by accounts and personal testimonies concerning police state measures, arbitrary arrests, detentions, torture, forced exile and assassinations of countless people in the name of national security.

We know that in Latin America the beneficiaries of police repression are the privileged sectors of society, while the victims are peoples' organizations struggling for justice. Similarly in Canada, farmers' organizations, trade unions and church coalitions are among the groups being watched by the security police.

From many sources we are becoming more and more aware of the extremity of your pain and suffering. Like Msgr. Leonidas Proana, Bishop of Ecuador, we too strongly hope that this Conference "will be a step forward, an expression of closer fidelity to the Word of God, and to the cry and struggle of the Latin American People." We are hearing that there are differences among you with regard to the approach to this Conference, that there will be a confrontation between two different positions in the church. We hope and pray that in the process of deliberations and discussions, the Gospel will triumph with all its authenticity

and with its full liberating power.

We hope that the delegates at the forthcoming Conference of Puebla will reaffirm the commitments taken by Christians in their struggles for liberation within the critical reality which exists in Latin America today. It is our hope that the Canadian bishops attending the Conference will have the wisdom to understand the reality and struggle of the people in Latin America. We also hope that out of this experience they will bring to Christians in Canada a greater awareness of how Canada is implicated in the injustices suffered by Latin Americans, and the way we can work in solidarity to change this.

We identify with and support the commitment of Christian communities in Latin America struggling for the liberation of all our peoples. It is our intention also to continue to study and follow up the developments now taking place all over the world in connection with this meeting. We wish to encourage you in your efforts to make the Conference a continuation of CELAM II, a sign of a conversion to the Lord and to the poor.

We are convinced that Christians engaged in the struggle and guided by the spirit of Medellin, have given more testimony to the Gospel than all the words that have been or will be written.

P. O. Box Q

Another View of Sexual Equality

Dear Editor:

After reading Brian Hogan's article on sex and equality many times in order to be sure that he was serious in his statements, I feel it is necessary to clear up a few of the many mistaken assumptions and beliefs that stimulated Mr. Hogan to write it. I am directing this letter to his view among Notre Dame men.

First of all, Mr. Hogan is correct when he states that sexual freedom is one aspect of full equality for women. What he obviously fails to understand, however, is that sexual freedom, for both men and women, means freedom of choice as to what one's sex life will be. This freedom should, ideally, free men and women from the stereotyped sexual roles that have predominated in the past and that have precluded the possibility of mutual equality in male-female relationships. More importantly, this freedom includes the freedom to decide

not to have sex within a love or dating relationship. Unfortunately, the fact that many Notre Dame women have interpreted and chosen to use their sexual freedom in this way is misconstrued by Mr. Hogan as a holdover from Victorian morality. He has missed the entire process women have undergone and continues to believe that by discarding her virginity, a woman can gain the respect of men as a mature equal.

In addition, Mr. Hogan deplores the inability of some Notre Dame men to distinguish between love and sex-yet he himself is guilty of this very inability. This is most painfully evident when he points to the bedroom as the location of the "most important male-female interaction." Sex may be the most intimate male-female interaction, but to assess its being the most important would lead me to believe that, in such a case, total interaction is definitely lacking substance. His misconception is again seen when we read another of his profundities which claims that "love without sex is definitely the most boring." If Mr. Hogan truly believes this, I can only pity the fact that he does not understand how affection and

love can be deeply cherished although sex is not a part of the relationship.

The ultimatum that Mr. Hogan finally presents to women is this: either take up an active sex life (which is synonymous for him with 'act like you're equal') or else never be taken seriously by anyone. It is precisely this attitude towards sex, this misinterpretation of sexual freedom, that has frustrated and hampered understanding between men and women on the subject.

When he tells women to realize that there are many dimensions to sex beyond that found in marriage, I feel compelled to remind him that he has a few things to realize as well. Brian Hogan obviously would determine the optimum amount of sex for himself and others by considering the trade-off between the 'fun' of sex and the danger of lowering his GPA that hyperactivity in sex would lead to. If this is the only dimension he can see in sex, I think we can well understand the many "Long, cold South Bend nights" Brian Hogan has endured. All I ask, Mr. Hogan, is that you don't blame those nights on the various moral inhibitions of Notre Dame women; you have only your own ignorance of the concepts of sex,

love, and equality to blame.

Cathy Piha

Sexuality and Marriage

Dear Editor:

The article entitled "Sex and Equality" has compelled me to present a perspective concerning human sexuality which was overlooked. Religious and doctrinal teachings should not be ignored. However, the quality of the article leads me to believe that there is another ground on which the author will be more likely reached, namely, the element of trust.

Trust, as it pertains to love, can be succinctly defined as loyalty or commitment to another. For two to feel comfortable sharing anything of value, an element of trust must exist which is at least proportional to that which is being shared. It follows from this that since sex derives its great value from its being a profound expression of love, trust is an essential ingredient. Furthermore, it should be the concern of the individuals that such a trust be cultivated prior doing anything which assumes its presence.

Marriage, if it is to be taken at all seriously, assumes that those involved will remain loyal to their spouse throughout life. In a society such as ours where unfaithfulness to the bonds of marriage is becoming increasingly accepted, if not encouraged, a deep trust based on the actions of the individuals prior to marriage is of great importance. Having discussed this with two clinical psychologists and three marriage counselors, though I am myself unmarried, I found it to be a point of consensus that in many cases there exists a link between non-committal extramarital sex and the pangs of mistrust and uncertainty which may enter into a relationship over a period of time. The pronounced rise in the number of divorces, an increasing number of which are being filed on the grounds of suspected or proven infidelities, supports this association.

When the romance of a marriage dies out and the faults of the partners become more apparent, as is indeed the case at one time or another, the question "If he (or she) was willing to engage in sex outside of marriage before, what is going to keep him (or her) from doing so now?" must be answered. Ben Ruf

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Letters to a Lonely God

A beginning to the end

Fr. Robert
Griffin



This column is really a Commencement speech addressed to the Seniors. Probably it should wait until May, to take its place among the other addresses of the Commencement. Seniors, however, have VIPs talking to them at their graduation; my simple words would get lost among the official rhetoric. The words important to me, or I wouldn't bother to write them. I hope you can believe them, because they could be of help.

I feel very close to a lot of Seniors. For the past five years, I have spent a great deal of time trying to be in touch with the Seniors off-campus. I have been anxious to talk to you and visit your houses; I want you to be guests at my table whenever I can afford to play host. I write letters inviting you, or asking you to invite me, for a visit. In the past three years, I have written to nearly every off-campus Senior; by May, I hope to have written letters to all of you again this year. By now, I know how well, how efficiently, how pleasurably, how thriftily, how fraternally, the off-campus Seniors live. I mention all this so that you will understand that you Seniors are people I care about.

Now you are beginning your final semester, possibly for some of you the best semester of your years at Notre Dame. I hope you will enjoy the rituals of acceptance or rejection at professional school; the job interviews; the chalets and cottages at Lake Michigan; the evenings spent nursing a dry throat at the Senior Bar; the prom at the hotel in Chicago; the thousand dates, the million beers; and the concluding celebrations in Senior week, when the final exam has been written, and the final footnote has been researched.

Before you move home to Perth Amboy or Lansing, may I suggest that, as a way of divorcing yourselves from deceptions, you burn all your T-shirts that say God made Notre Dame Number One? The phrase is silly, offensive, and dangerous; and it is not true; most of the time, not even in sports. Even when it's true that "We're Number One", it doesn't mean that "I'm Number One." As you must know by now, graduation means separating yourself from the general excellence of the University and depending on your own particular excellence, no matter how limited you feel it to be. Graduation can leave you feeling a long way off from the football fields of Dallas, where other chaps were out there making the touchdowns that earned us a communal glory. It may take you years, or a lifetime, before you make it to the Number One spot on your own. Somewhere along the way, you may decide that being Number One simply isn't worth the struggle. An ancient wisdom teaches us that success does not lie in gaining the whole world if the whole world robs us of the our souls. Being Number One isn't important, even for a football team. What is important is that you be decent men and women, and that you be happy and at peace with yourself. Happiness, for you, doesn't mean that you have to be the coach and players on a team that wins all the games. Happiness can mean watching the game from the bleachers it can mean sitting home, watching the game on television. It can mean never seeing the game at all, because you can't even afford a television. It can mean knowing that life is not the least like a game, but merely a ramble on a road running from Jerusalem to Jericho, where wounded travellers need your kindnesses as a Good Samaritan.

"I get letters from my classmates," a '77 alumnus told me recently, "talking about the Senior year they had at Notre Dame. The letters are sad, because so many of my classmates sound as though they were convinced that the greatest time of their lives is already behind them."

I, too, get the sad letters, the lonely letters: filled with the depression new grads can have, feeling let down by the place they describe as "the real world." On campus, as in Camelot, it seems, the ring of fellowship has been broken, and only briefly reassembled on certain golden October days, when good friends and young lovelies return to the Dome for the football rituals. In a few lives, the sadness of the first months following graduation amounts almost to a crisis; the phone calls come at midnight asking for help through the temporary tragedies as young men and women search for their inner resources in the all-alone feeling of a paradise lost.

Don't be surprised, after graduation, if a letdown comes in your own life, as part of your personal experience. You are leaving a wondrous place, separating

from a marvelous company of friends. Now, Notre Dame is wherever you are, wherever your friends are. It is not easy, at first, to be the center of your own world as a Domer, away from the green acres and the lakes, and distant from the chums who drank with you in the bars and prayed with you at the Grotto.

Loneliness is one of the earliest ways by which we learn that we are vulnerable, along with the rest of our generation, before we ever face sickness or experience death; it can only be redeemed by loving, and being loved; by caring, and being cared for; by having a friend, and being a friend. At Notre Dame, I think, you have learned the dynamics of friendship. If you never had friends, there couldn't be a crisis at Commencement-time, and no special loneliness at the breakup of the fellow-

ship. In the years ahead, simply be yourselves in all the honorable ways that being yourselves requires. Notre Dame has always taught you that you are special, in yourself, by yourself. If Notre Dame is special, it is because you are here. In the thousand and one times you have glimpsed beauty or heard a redeeming truth on this campus, it is because you have looked at yourself, and seen perceptively. You have seen yourself, as though in a mirror, when you thought you were watching a stranger.

A Notre Dame education gives you back the best parts of yourself, and says: "Make use of your goodness." Seniors who can believe that are at the beginning, not at the end, of the richest years of their lives.

Dave
Gill

How big are you, Superman?

PBS Channel 34

"Steps"; January 26, 7:30 pm. This new series offering alternative approaches in solving the problems of parenting will be 20 half-hour episodes with celebrity couples narrating the series. This week, Laura and Hunter Riley learn about prenatal preparation.

"Exploring the Restless Sea"; January 27, 8:30 pm. The life of a coral reef is examined, as are the different kinds of corals and sea life that evolve around them.

"Hong Kong: A Family Portrait"; January 28, 8 pm. Bargain basement of the world and refugee center for more than four million Chinese, Hong Kong is considered the financial center of the Far East. The Chinese lifestyle is experienced with the Leong family and their emphasis on the family's values.

"Treasures of Tutankhamun"; January 29, 9 pm. An exhibition of the many treasures brought over from King Tut's tomb. The objects are coupled with music, literature, technology and paintings of ancient Egypt. Probably worthwhile for those who missed "the Boy King" on his nation-wide tour.

"Palestine; Part III: Abdication"; January 30, 10 pm. The political maneuvering and guerilla fighting that led to Israel's declaration of independence in 1948 are featured with the use of archival footage.



Movies on Campus

Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman; January 25, 26, 6, 8:30, 11 pm. Engineering Auditorium. Cicely Tyson stars in the Emmy Award-winning history of an aged black woman, who

overcame slavery, discrimination, and political pressure during her life of 110 years. No admission charge.

On the Waterfront; January 25, 26, 6, 8:30, 11 pm. Starring Marlon Brando. Brando portrays a longshoreman influenced by mob pressure. Directed by Elia Kazan.

The Pawnbroker; January 28; 3, 6, 8:30 pm. January 29; 3:30, 8:30 pm. Engineering Auditorium. Starring Rod Steiger, Brock Peters. A Jewish pawnbroker finds only despair in Harlem after leaving Nazi Germany. Geraldine Fitzgerald saves Steiger from total pessimism at the end of the flick.

Save the Tiger; January 28; 3, 6, 8:30 pm. Washington Hall. January 29; 6, 11 pm. Engineering Auditorium. Starring Jack Lemmon. The profit motive takes quite a beating in this 1973 movie about the American Dream.

Saturday Night Fever; February 2, 3, 7, 9:15, 11:30 pm. Engineering Auditorium. Starring John Travolta. The movie that pushed Travolta and the Bee Gees into a higher tax bracket comes to duLac. I have to admit, when I was it before the music played on every radio station across the country, I liked it. \$1 admission.

Movies Off Campus

Citizen Kane; January 28, 8 pm. IUSB Little Theater. Starring Orson Welles. The IUSB Film Series, 1979: Great Flicks begins with Welles' masterpiece. The movie initiated techniques never attempted before in cinematography. The series will run through May with great films, including *Of Human Bondage* (February 10), *Anna Karenina* (March 2), and a Russian Film Festival in March. \$1 admission.

Superman; Town & Country I. Starring Christopher Reeve, Margot Kidder, Marlon Brando, Gene Hackman. I haven't seen the movie yet, but I've heard both that it's classic entertainment and that it's a bore. You pay your money, you take your chances.

California Suite; Forum I. Starring Walter Matthau, Jane Fonda, Alan Alda, Bill Cosby. This one has also gotten mixed reviews. Certainly it won't become a classic, but it may be worth a laugh or two.

Every Which Way But Loose; Forum III. Starring Clint Eastwood. Being an Eastwood fan of many years, I'd hate to say that Clint made a bad movie, but I think he should stick to Harry Callahan or spaghetti westerns.

Ice Castles; Forum II. Starring Robby

Benson. I haven't heard a thing about it, but at least Benson didn't write the screenplay.

The Wiz; Scottsdale. Starring Diana Ross, Michael Jackson. The ad reads: "The Wiz! The Stars! The Music! Wow!" Well, maybe. The music is good but I can't believe a 24-year-old school teacher would go looking for another Oz.

Moment by Moment; River Park. Starring Lily Tomlin, John Travolta. I haven't seen it, but every critic I've read can't stand it.



Sports

Wrestling; ND vs Nebraska January 26, 7:30 pm. ACC.

Wrestling; ND vs John Carroll; January 27, 1 pm. ACC.

Basketball [women]; ND vs SMC; January 27, 2 pm. Angela Athletic Facility.

Basketball [men]; ND vs Brown; January 30, 8 pm. ACC.

Hockey; ND vs Bowling Green; January 31, 7:30 pm. ACC.

Basketball [men]; ND vs. Xavier; February 1, 8 pm. ACC.

Performance

Marshall Tucker; January 27, 8 pm. ACC. Some good old boys decided to come to ND and it's about time. Excellent guitar work plus good harmonies. *Firefall* as a back-up insures a great concert since both groups perform very well on stage.

Becky Stauffer, Soprano; January 31, 8:15 pm. Library Auditorium and Lounge.

Lecture

"*Building a Better Memory*"; January 31, 7 pm. Washington Hall. Jerry Lucas, former pro basketball player, will lecture on how you, in your spare time, can memorize the New York City phone book.

Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Willke; February 2, 7 pm. Library Auditorium. Right to Life Lecture.

Stalking the Elusive Education

Anthony Walton

There was once a young boy in elementary school who often thought of how nice it would be to get out of there and start exploring and learning things that he thought were important.

He quickly grew tired of the repetitive exercises. He was learning, but the process was much too boring for him. After he learned these basic skills, he wanted to move on to other things.

He had ideas that he wanted to talk about. This yearning for a different sort of path to education stayed with the young boy as he grew into a young man and progressed through the levels of education available to him. At each subsequent level he was dissatisfied with what he found and would consequently dream about the possibility that the next level would satisfy him. At the penultimate letdown came in high school, as he found it to be much the same as his previous schooling. He then transferred

all of his hopes for this elusive 'education' to the collegiate level, for he believed that there he would find 'it', that satisfying education. The young man has been in college for awhile now, and much to his chagrin, he has found that he was wrong again.

The 'it' that the young man has been searching for is theoretically what he has been receiving all along, an education. For some reason, however, he feels that he has not been educated. Why?

Education, as defined by Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary-Eighth Edition, has three meanings that are pertinent to his search: 1. The bringing up or training, as of a child. 2. The development of one or all of a person's powers of mind and body. 3. Instruction as given at schools and universities. These three definitions are interlocked in a way, but also stand apart from each other.

The first definition of education is "the bringing up or training, as of a child." This is what most of the young man's education has been. He has been brought up through twelve years of formal schooling and is trained in several different areas. He understands and can use basic concepts in mathematics, science, history, and art. The fundamental communicative skills are there. In the "bringing up and training" sense of the definition, he has been educated, and educated quite well.

This leads to the second definition of education, which is the "development of one or all of a person's powers of mind and body." This definition is very close to the elusive 'it' that the young man is searching for. Now that he knows concepts of several different fields, he would like some help in learning how to use them. Not only learning the thoughts of accepted great thinkers, but also

formulating his own. Knowledge is gained from studying intellectual superiors, but the young man feels cheated in that he is reined in and told what to study. To the young man, education is not simply the passing on of techniques, but also the development of the creative and analytical abilities of the mind. The mind should be compelled to think and feel, to analyze and philosophize. Through standard education, and mind is developed, but it is in effect just expanding on concepts already learned. What of possible new concepts to be thought of?

The third definition of education is "instruction as it is given in schools and universities." The young man feels that the course of education in the United States has veered away from enlightenment and turned toward the production of marketable skills. The emphasis in education seems to be more and more oriented toward business

and technology, and away from the arts and letters. Business and technology are vital to society, but I submit that skills in these fields can be acquired after college. After the years of elementary and secondary grounding in the fundamentals, the young and primed mind should be allowed to roam the fields of academe, not told to choose a field of study that will lead to a fiscally profitable living.

To be continued next week.

Features Ed. Pontificates: III

The Features Editor regretfully informs the multitudes that his new weekly column, *Heroes Anonymous*, will appear next week. Initially scheduled to begin today, the delay is the result of extreme time limitations on the Editor. Our first hero is John Santos, ND Senior who is the recent recipient of a Rhodes Scholarship.

Bill McGurn

Why the Urban Plunge

In last Fall's *Observer* there appeared an article of mine about my year abroad on the St. Mary's program in Maynooth. In it, I tried to describe the town, the country and the life which I came to know and appreciate, with the intention of sharing this found beauty with the student body, and also to bring back some of the memories to my fellow participants. This was my simple and straightforward intention.

Upon my return to Notre Dame this semester, a Sociology student told me that my article was hanging up on the Sociology bulletin board at St. Mary's, with several lines of supposed social importance, underlined. As I have had only Sociology course in my life I was surprised, and skeptical, to say the least. There seemed to be nothing profound or significant in the story, and I had always suspected that Max Weber had the monopoly on all social awareness.

But there lies the moral. Part of this was my misunderstanding of the true social gospel: Our social concern is something to be lived, not just learned; it should not be confined to a little department. And what's more, our task is not only to live a good life, rather it is to spread that goodness out as far as we can. This means that besides our individual actions, we must also use our influence to benefit our less privileged brethren.

A great step towards this end is the Urban Plunge. It may seem absurd, and a bit inflated, for someone to attribute the adjective "great" to a 48 hour experience, but it is upon such absurdities that changes occur. The inherent weakness of the Plunge is that it doesn't attract even a fraction of the people who would benefit the most. What it needs is more participation by the Business, Engineering and Science majors, and especially by those at the top of their classes. There are the people who will be, for the most part, in control of the power in the years to come; they must be cut so hard by the experience that it will leave a lifetime scar that they can never forget.

The Jesuits, who had a little bit to do with change themselves, used to say that one Bishop is worth a hundred priests; in the same way we must work on the top, while we can, so they do the right things in the future. How many social workers get discouraged because they know what has to be done, but either they don't have the necessary money or power to influence some politician or business-

man hostile to their goals. How much more could we accomplish if we had these people on our side. As I'm sure Fr. Hesburgh would agree, it is important to have the right people in the key areas. There is only so much a social worker can do alone.

Towards this end of using our influence in the most productive way possible, we must become a sort of lay Jesuit. An attitude of positivism should dominate the life of the individual. Did you ever notice that revolutionaries never smile. Never. They are dedicated--no one can deny that--but they have no sense of humor. Even Lenin, the savior of Communism, recognized this major problem: "Curse the Bolsheviks," he once said, "for they bring a dryness and a hardness to life." And just look at the Cambodians, look at what cheerful lot they are.

One therefore cannot go through life being only against something, be it injustice, prejudice or hate; one must operate from one's higher values in justice, brotherhood and love, if one is to be effective. Nobody likes a hardass, and too many of us are only able to fight, to tear things down, without offering anything better to stand in its place. Sure we must get angry, but we must use our anger, and not let it use us, and ultimately ruin us. Positivism must be the master, with anger one of its slaves.

I suppose what I am advocating is more of a shotgun approach to the Plunge. Instead of being seen as an end in itself, an attempt to give the answers to all of the problems, it should be seen as the beginning of the questions. Perhaps many who have taken the plunge will be motivated towards direct social work, a noble goal. But it is just as important to reach the others. The plunge would still be a great success if it only ended up making all its participants a bit more open-minded and compassionate.

Admittedly, this type of result would be very hard to trace; indeed, it might be impossible to trace. But according to a law of physics, every force has its effect. And maybe ten years from now, in some board room of a huge corporation, there will be pressure to pull its money out of a poor neighborhood, or to sell bad milk to African babies. And maybe some Notre Dame graduate will insist to the board, "We can't screw these people. It's wrong."

And just maybe he'll be the corporation president.

Chris Stewart, Features Editor

Smoky Joe Plays The Nazz

Tonite Notre Dame music aficionados have the opportunity to hear local talent Greg Novak, aka "Smoky Joe," perform live at the Nazz. The show begins at 10:30 p.m., and Smoky Joe will be performing until the surprises he has personally promised me (a guest appearance by Bob Dylan is a very remote possibility) run out.



"Smoky Joe" is a South Bend native. He has performed at the Nazz on several occasions in the past, in addition to other universities in the Michiana area. Last December, he was interviewed by WSND's Rick "Night Train" Lane, during Nocturn Night Flight. During the interview, he sang a number of songs off his latest album, *A Question of Love*. Overall, Smoky was very well received.

A Question of Love was released in June, 1978. Two singles from the LP, "The Star Song" and "Broken Dreams" have been released in 45 cities throughout America. (The album should be available at the Hammes Bookstore, hopefully not at their normally notorious prices.)

Versatility is Smokey's main attribute. He has performed, over the past 15 years, virtually every type of modern

popular music, save disco and hard rock. This is quickly manifest on *Question*, which flows smoothly and delicately like a ballerina pirouetting at Lincoln Center. He opens with "Imogene," a mellow ballad that has its roots in a spiritual experience in Smoky's past. The end line of the song--"...follow Imogene, follow Imogene..."--resonates the Almighty beckoning his vacillating prophet to believe, and follow.

"Broken Dreams" is the album's best song. With its upbeat tempo, it is reminiscent of early Jonathan Edwards ("Sunshine") or even Jimmie Speeris. The Speeris influence is more pronounced in his songs "1990" and "Sunshine after Sunshine." Speeris' haunting lyrics and lilting ballads have a lot in common with the music of "Smoky Joe," which is why I strongly recommend either for those whose popular musical proclivities extend beyond Jackson Browne and Fleetwood Mac.

A graduate of St. Joseph's High and Indiana University (BA-1973, English), Smoky Joe was signed by M-Records for Captive Music of Nashville. His style is just right for people desiring a nice, enjoyable evening of popular music. He said, in a phone interview, that he intends to play some unreleased material for the first time in public. If you're into a mellow sound, "Smoky Joe" is right for you.

There will not be any admission price, soguys--bring that girl you've been dying to date out but haven't gotten up the courage to ask. And ladies, drag him away from his books for a couple of hours of fine musical entertainment. You won't regret it.



After 21 years, hall maid announces retirement

by Mary Ann Wissel
Staff Reporter

"We were always sure of two things at Notre Dame - one, that we would never discontinue making beds, and two, that Notre Dame would never admit women. Well, those are the two changes that occurred," Catherine Palatin, head maid in Flanner Hall, said.

Palatin, 62 years old, has worked at Notre Dame for over 21 years as a maid in several dorms. She has decided to retire the first of February.

Palatin began working here in September, 1957 when she decided that she needed to be doing something with her spare time. "I never had worked before and I had no training for a technical job so I applied here because I needed the money," Palatin stated.

Palatin began her work in Alumni and Fisher Halls. "I worked a half day in each hall and during the summer I traveled from dorm to dorm depending on what they needed," Palatin explained.

"Boys were different then-

they showed more discipline. There was no drinking allowed anywhere and no women were allowed in the dorms. Lights were turned out at 10 p.m. and residents had to sign in with the rector at 8 each morning," Palatin noted.

Palatin said that the boys she has worked with have always been nice. She said that she enjoyed them because she had sons at home and was used to having boys around.

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After Alumni and Fisher, Palatin worked at Farley Hall for several years "I had one boy in Farley who always thanked me for dusting his room--one day he asked me if I even dusted his rosary beads that were hanging on his bed post," Palatin remembered.

Another student who was Student Body Vice-President, lived in Farley at the time, Palatin worked there. "He used to create such a scene when I was around--he would walk down the hall and scream for me to go and clean up his room," Palatin said.

Palatin transferred to Flanner Hall nine years ago when the dorm was built. She is responsible for most of the first floor, all of the second floor, the penthouse and a room in the basement.

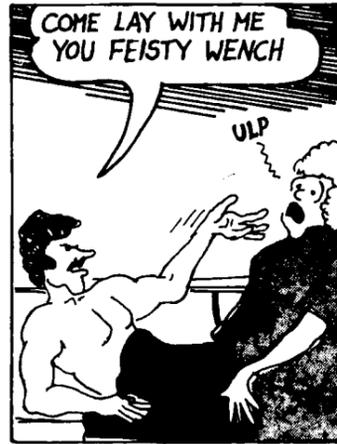
"One boy on the second floor here even calls me 'mom'--he kids me about it and asks me what is for dinner and if he can bring someone home," she stated.

Several residents of Flanner Hall will miss Palatin when she leaves. "She is like a best friend to us--she comes in and clowns around with us. She certainly brightens up the day for all of us," Leroy Leopold, a junior, said.

Greg Besio and Dante Vacca agreed that Palatin is considered of all of them. "She always asks us if 'we' mind if she sweeps the room" Besio noted. Another resident, Paul Kalamaras, stated that Palatin is so efficient that she even waxes the elevator doors.

Palatin will retire from her job on February 2. She said that she has plenty at home to keep her busy. "I will miss being in Flanner, though, especially visiting with the boys and the priests. The day goes much faster when you can talk with nice people during the day," she said.

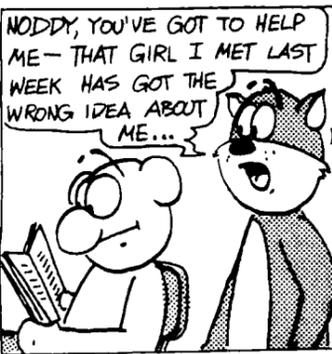
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ACROSS

1. Seek hand-outs
4. In —, published
9. Church bench
12. Expert
13. Esteem
14. "Wherever she goes, —": 2 wds.
15. Dilapidated: 2 wds.
17. Visual idea
19. Youngsters
20. Made yarn
21. Get done: 2 wds.
23. Expel: 2 wds.
26. Certain prayers
27. Debate
28. Thus
29. Chum
30. "Shut-eye"
31. For what reason?
32. The ego controls this
33. Not now
34. Cry of delight
35. Slandered
37. Strike a —, evoke an emotional response
38. Assert
39. Error
40. Heaped
42. Eaten daily this keeps away the doctor: 2 wds.
45. Office-holders
46. Alleviate
48. Musical aptitude
49. Piece (out)

DOWN

1. Exclude
2. Small shield
3. Well-bred and polite
4. Snapshot
5. Tiers
6. Tavern
7. Not any
8. Catches in a lie or error: 2 wds.
9. Grand or upright
10. Ovum
11. Trouble
16. Specks
18. Silent
20. Wiser
21. Tasty

22. Dodge

23. Belief
24. Wedding member
25. Played (with): hyp. wd.
27. Adapt
30. Cleaner's special service: hyp. wd.
31. Tall story
33. Wash
34. Beat, as cream
36. Disloyal
37. Modeling materials
39. Ginger cooky
40. Dessert
41. Print fluid
42. Every one
43. Put down (on)
41. Before
47. French pronoun

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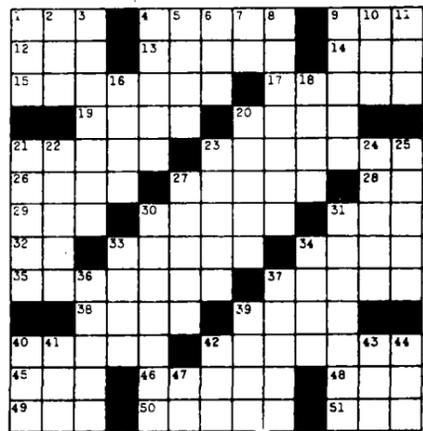
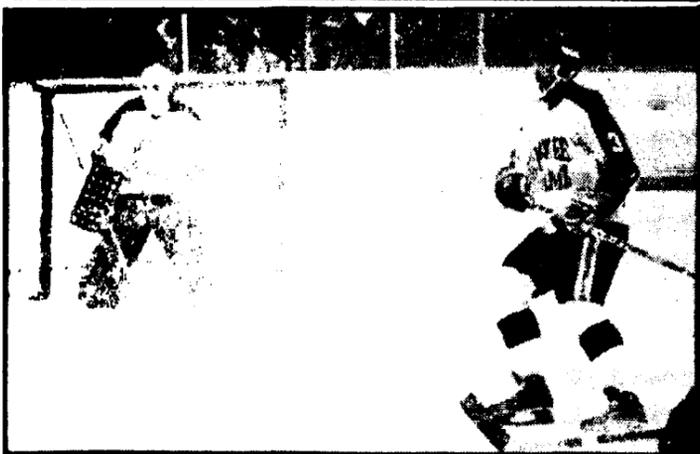


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Yesterday's answers



The fourth place Irish ices hope to jump up in the WCHA when they travel to Michigan this weekend. The Friday and Saturday games can be heard on WNDU radio at 7:30 [photo by John Macor]

... Track

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clude co-captains Dennis Vander Kraats, distance runner, and Perry Stowe, pole vaulter. Sophomore Chuck Aragon, who runs the 600 for the Irish, competed with the U.S. Junior Olympic team over the summer. Senior Jay Miranda is the school record holder in the 800.

This weekend the Irish will compete in one of their three triangular meets at home this season, as they face Bowling Green and SIU-Edwardsville.

"Bowling Green brings in a

lot of distance and middle distance talent," Piane noted. "John Anich is a two-time NCAA qualifier in the half-mile, Kevin Ryan has run a mile in under four minutes and Steve Housely has a 4:04 mile this year. In the 600, Ivor Emmanuel is one of their solid runners. Also, SIU brings in some good sprinters."

For all of you who might be interested by now, the meet is scheduled to begin at 6:30 at the ACC, with the qualifying rounds, with the finals slated for 7 PM.

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year we beat them here at the National Catholics, only to be upset less than a week later on their mats."

The Blue Streaks, who own a 7-5 overall mark against the Irish, have six regulars returning from last year. Yet for all 'ix, last year was their first season of collegiate wrestling.

The Irish then journey to Columbus, Ohio for a Sunday afternoon triangular meet with Pittsburgh and Big ten hopeful Ohio State. Both are first time foes for the Irish.

"Ohio State hasn't finished that well in the Big Ten in recent years, but that tradition may be changing. They've already won the Rochester Invitational tourney and have been improving in every match this year."

"Ohio is a good wrestling state, and they have a lot of Buckeye talent on the team. The match will be an excellent preparation for us, particularly with the National Catholics coming up the following weekend."

"Pittsburgh is comparable to Ohio State in talent. If we do fairly well against those two talented teams, then I think we've progressed very well so far this season," Sepeta con-

tinued.

"Pittsburgh is comparable to Ohio State in talent. Assuming we do well against Pittsburgh and Ohio State, as well as in the previous two matches, then I'd say we're fairly well prepared for our upcoming tournaments."

The Irish currently sport an 8-5 dual meet mark, identical to last year's final ledger. Notre Dame was a 39-3 victim of a strong Indiana State team on Wednesday night, as George Gedney's 7-2 decision at 126 amounted to Notre Dame's only team points.

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Attention all Logan volunteers and interested students:

The first Logan Dance of the semester will be held this Friday night from 7:30-10 PM in the Logan Center cafeteria. Come for an hour or two and help the mentally handicapped have a great time! Put on your dancin' shoes and join in on the fun. Live music and refreshment for everyone. Rides leave the Holy Cross circle at 7:15 PM and the Notre Dame library circle at 7:15 PM.

Gay Students of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's
 Gay information line 8870
 Friday, January 26 10-12 AM
 Saturday, January 27 10 PM-12 AM
 or write P.O. Box 206

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Student loans \$20-\$150, 1 percent interest, due in 30 days. LaFortune basement, 11:30-12:30 M-F.

Decorations help needed for Logan Dance this weekend! Decoration making party will be held Thursday, Jan. 25th, at 7 PM at Logan Center. Like to bowl? Help the mentally handicapped in their bowling league Fridays from 3:20-6 PM. Rides leave ND-library circle at 3:20 PM. Question about any Logan activities please call Mike 1371 or Sue 4-1-4832.

Lost & Found

Lost: odd color blue mitten Wed. night near ACC. If you have it or know where it is, call 1296.

Lost: Minolta SRT-101 Camera in O'Shag (Dr. Poljan's class 1TT3 Moral Problems) or LaFortune Tuesday afternoon. Please return. Valuable. Reward. Tim Tendrick, 225 Carroll, 6703.

Lost: one b-ball at the rock on the day of 1/23. Call 8922.

LOST: Gold Longines pocketwatch. Sentimental value. Big reward. No questions. Call Jim, 2164, after 11.

Lost: One black wallet after 7 PM interhall game in gym 2. Please, if you have it call me. It contains much of what I need for the semester along with very precious personal items. Without it I am ruined. Reward. Terry Barrett 288-5707

Lost: one pair Blue Angora gloves at party on 9th floor Grace. Have great sentimental value. If found please call Nancy 4-1-4284

Lost before X-mas break: Pair of black EMS down gloves, probably in Eng. Aud. Please call Frank at 3584.

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Big, great speakers for sale. Call Bernie, 3322 or 3321.

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HP-25 Calculator, fully programmable, scientific. call 1780.

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2 rooms together. \$45.00, near rides. 233-1329.

Wanted

Wanted: female roommate. Campus Vies Apts. \$90/month. Call 277-5261.

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Tickets

Need 4 GA tickets for Dayton game, Feb. 3. Call 8554.

Need 2 Dayton GA tickets. Call Joe, 8588.

Desperately need 2 GA tix to UCLA for parents, will pay your price!! 288-1561.

WANTED: 2 GA tix for Dayton game, will pay reasonable price. Call 3089.

Needed: 5 GA tix for Dayton. John 8894.

Need money? Sell me UCLA Student tix. Tony 1423.

Wanted: UCLA tix, Call Mike, 289-9351.

Wanted: 1 or 2 student or GA UCLA tix. Will pay good \$\$\$\$. Call F.J. 1222.

Need up to 6 Dayton tix. Greg 1606.

Need one ticket for Xavier game, 1892.

I desperately need two GA or student tickets for the UCLA game. If I don't come through, my sister will have my hide!
 Call Kevin D. at 1787.

Desperately need 1 or 2 student or GA UCLA tix. Call 4-1-4103.

I need any UCLA tix. Call 4-1-4908.

Need 5 Maryland tix. Call Ron 4614.

Need Dayton tix. Call Tim 8821.

WAR! No, just kidding, but I do need 3 Dayton GA tix. (Not necessarily all together.) Call John at 3089.

Deported shah needs UCLA tix, will pay oil fields for them. Call Matt 1780.

Need 3 tix for Dayton game. Call Cindy 5762, desperately need!!

Need Dayton tickets immediately. Trade or sell, call Bill 8604.

Desperately need Dayton B&B tickets, student or GA, will pay good money, call Larry, 1205.

Need 2 or 3 GA tix to the Dayton B-ball game on Feb. 3. Call Mike 3889.

Help! Bobby desperately needs 4 (padded seat) UCLA tix--\$\$\$! Please call 7607.

Personals

Amen Inc. would like to name Brian Hogan as our mascot.

Dermis
 Happy 21st birthday!!
 From your secret admirer

Laubs,
 Happy 20th!
 Love Keith, Jim, Bob, and Joe

Carol,
 Congratulations! Make 21 fantastic wishes--this is the year! Happy Birthday!
 Love,
 Sharon

ND-SMC SENIORS:
 Feb. 4 is the date for Cinnabars--WATCH for details! Grab a date and go--IT IS YOUR LAST SEMESTER.

Amen Inc. members, BUY STOCK NOW--watch for details on Happy Hour. BEWARE PADDLEFISH!!

Hey Sweet Knees, how about the two of us taking another momentous roll down the hallway tonight?
 Eternally,
 Calico

Surprise Pam Gibson with a 21st birthday wish!!

Happy Belated Birthday, Katie!! How does it feel not being a teenager anymore? It's about time, you're a second semester junior!!
 Love, your roomies

Disco Party Friday nite in Holy Cross Hall Auditorium, 10-2. Be there.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RICK ELY!!
 You're now 21 and legal! Have a great day, and I hope you live to see tomorrow! I almost didn't.
 Sherry

Welcome back party tonight at 823 ND Ave.

LEWIS CALLER.
 The men of 2B Fisher enjoy the talk, but how about a visit??

Party tonight!
 823 Notre Dame Ave.
 Green tenement across from ND apts. 9-7

This weekend the second annual Connie Price pole-jumping contest will be held. The person who finds the pole first (the hard way) wins an escorted trip to the emergency ward of their choice.

Happy Birthday Nancy
 Love
 Jerry, Paul, Walter

Three Musketeers,
 Don't be mad. I'm sorry.
 P.B.

Eliza--
 Happy 21st b-day! We'll all help to make tomorrow a super-special day for you, roomie.
 Love
 Mar-Bear

Mary Lauber's birthday is here! Any kisses and/or phone calls are being anxiously awaited.
 4-1-4376

Get soaked to the gills at the Paddlefish Happy Hour this evening from 3-6 at Nickie's. \$1.50 pitchers, \$.50 7 and 7's and \$.40 cent 14 oz. beers. Be there for a groovy time.

Libatia--
 You've been a model patient. Therefore you receive one permission to make your appearance on the social scene this weekend.
 Your loving nurses

Homecoming for Jackson

Irish travel to Maryland

by Mark Perry
Assistant Sports Editor

When the top-ranked Notre Dame basketball team takes the court in College Park, Maryland, this Saturday, they will be facing a Maryland team dizzy from a roller coaster ride so far this season.

Coach Lefty Driesell and his men have had their share of ups and downs this year. First they lost to Georgetown and Nevada-Las Vegas, then they took two straight from North Carolina State, 124-110 at home in the highest scoring Maryland game ever, and then by one point in double overtime at Raleigh.

Then they lost to Louisville, beat Clemson, and last week lost to number-two North Carolina, 54-53.

This all adds up to a 13-5

overall record, and a 3-2 ACC for the Terps. Driesell must be swooning because with the talent he has, he must have expected a better showing.

Leading the way for Maryland this season has been sophomore Ernest Graham, a 6-7 guard who has averaged 19.1 points a game this year, and scored 44 points in the first big win over North Carolina State.

Teaming up with Graham in the backcourt will be Greg Manning a 5-11 sophomore who has quarterbacked the club for the past two years, and has averaged 11.2 points per game this year.

Leading the scorers in the front court is Albert King, who continues to improve after a less-than-spectacular freshmen year, based on what was expected of him. The 6-6 sophomore has averaged 15.9 points per game, and those figures should go up as

the season progresses.

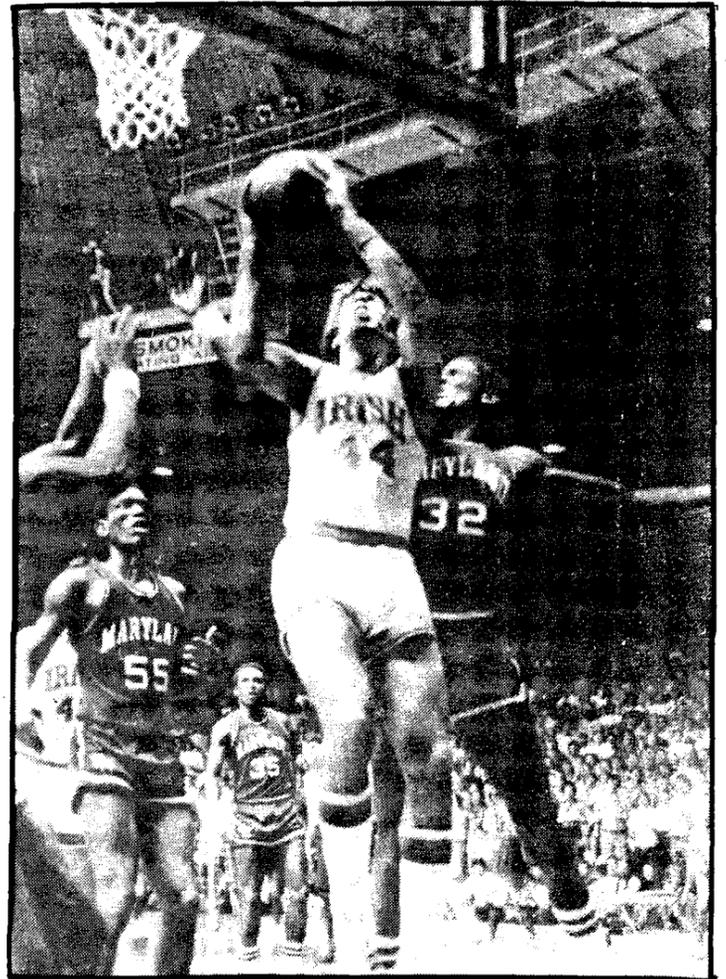
The only senior to crack the starting five is Larry Gibson. The 6-9 forward is third on the club in scoring at 15.3 points, and provides some experience to help out Maryland's rookie center, Buck Williams. Williams has pretty impressive stats in his first season, averaging 9.2 points per game, and leading the club in rebounding at 10.1 per game.

In addition to trying to put their season on the upswing again, the Terps will try to avenge last season's defeat at the ACC, 69-54, in the famous "blizzard of '78" game.

But Tracy Jackson, who has been outstanding this season as Notre Dame's sixth man, is hoping that Maryland won't ruin his homecoming.

Jackson, who hails from Silver Spring, Maryland, was Most Valuable Player in last year's game, scoring nine points in the second half to lead an Irish outburst. Jackson will be trying to help the Irish make it two in a row in front of his hometown crowd.

The game is being televised nationally on NBC, and is scheduled to begin at 3:30 PM.



Kelly Tripucka and his teammates should have a challenge to their number one ranking against Albert King [55], Larry Gibson [32], and the rest of the Maryland team this Saturday at College Park. [photo by Doug Christian.]

ND track team faces SIU, Bowling Green at ACC

by Mark Perry
Assistant Sports Editor

Track is one sport at Notre Dame that does not get much attention. People would probably rather go to a party on Friday night than go to the ACC to watch a track meet.

But according to Irish Head Coach Joe Piane, this year's team just might be worth watching.

"I am very positive about this year's team," Piane said. "We should be much better than last year, because our team is vastly improved."

Piane can point to many reasons for his optimism. Returning letter winners provide a solid nucleus for the team. But Piane is most optimistic about this year's new runners.

"We have a lot of fine freshmen sprinters coming in,"

Piane said, "and I'm very anxious to see how our freshmen distance runners do."

The list of freshmen is long and impressive. Chris Lattig, who hails from Oregon, one of the best track states in the country, was state champion in the mile and also in cross country, and was a high school All-American in the steeplechase. Tony Hatherly, who with Hattig lettered for the Notre Dame cross country team in the fall, has a 4:06 mile to his credit.

Top freshmen sprinters include Jim Christian, Jaques Eady, Bill Riders, Rick Rogers, John McCloughan, and John Meyer. Pole vaulter Mike Noland, who vaulted 14 feet, 6 inches in high school, adds some more punch to the field events.

Top returning lettermen in-

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Keeping things in perspective

It seems that lately there's been more discussion of the basketball team, coach and fans off the court than of Notre Dame's performance on the court. That is even more intriguing in view of the fact that the Irish are 12-1 and have convinced the majority of the basketball world that they are the best collegiate team in the United States.

The last thing the ND cagers need now are distractions. It is tough enough preparing for games because you are Notre Dame, but when you are number one in the country and you wear a green and gold uniform, the pressure is doubly imposing.

The distraction that threatens the team's success centers around the performance of the student supporters and the cheerleaders that organize this spirit. Frank LaGrotta was heavily criticized for his printed dissatisfaction in the *Observer* of his fellow students' lack of enthusiasm for their representative team.

It now seems that while LaGrotta was stating his opinion, he may also have been serving as a spokesman for Digger Phelps' dissatisfaction with the cheerleaders and the student body. Phelps showed his dissatisfaction with the cheerleading squad in the San Francisco game when he called a timeout after his team had squandered a 15 point lead down to 7 and desperately shouted to the cheerleaders, "Can you give me one abuse cheer." When asked after the game by a reporter what an "abuse cheer" was, the Irish head coach responded, "You know, they do it at football games. It's the only cheer they know."

While Phelps' comments were provoked by a sense of frustration, his public criticism was irresponsible. It also raises two questions.

Are the students living up to their reputation as "the greatest student body in the world?" I would say that the crowds at the ACC have been less responsive than in the past, but I am not sure if that is because they are getting lazy. More probably, their cheering has paralleled the intensity of the games, which have been less than spectacular. If a number-one ranked San Francisco team walked into the ACC tomorrow, I am sure that the Notre Dame student body would respond with the same legendary enthusiasm displayed two years ago. If the crowd shows signs of apathy at the UCLA game, I will believe "it ain't like it used to be."

The second question, which seems more pertinent, concerns Digger's involvement in activities off the court. Even Fordham Coach

Ray
O'Brien



Tom Penders likened Phelps to a maestro when he commented "Digger really orchestrates these fans beautifully. If I did that in front of my fans they'd throw tomatoes at me."

Critics of the Irish coach liken him to the ring leader of a three ring circus, supervising the cheerleaders, fans and players in the course of an evening. Phelps' relationship with the cheerleaders is less than healthy and has been worsening over the years. It is my opinion that the fans are also becoming unnerved.

Digger's complaint is that the student body has not been enthusiastic enough. While he has every right to his opinion, Digger's responsibility is on the court. While his showmanship and dedication to the school is wholeheartedly appreciated, he has no business bossing cheerleaders around and ordering fans what to cheer and when to say it. He emphasizes the pressures of being number-one, pressures only he and his team can fully understand. But to handle these pressures, I feel he'd be better off keeping his mind on the other team.

Frank McGuire, the dean of College basketball coaches, and countless other players and coaches have praised the ND fans this year remarking on their impact on the game. McGuire claimed the crowd was worth eight points in the closest home game the Cagers have played to date.

The debate about the crowd's effect is unimportant. What is important is that the players not be distracted in their bid for a National Championship. Phelps has proven himself as one of the finest coaches in the game and has done much for Notre Dame. The players have proven that they can play with and beat the best of them. Notre Dame's student body is not ready to relinquish their crown as the Most Valuable Fans in the country. So if everyone does their job the season will be a successful one.

Perhaps the fans and Digger have been spoiled a bit. Let's hope neither spoils it for the players who ultimately entertain the fans and score the points that win ballgames.

Notre Dame wrestlers grapple with tough weekend schedule

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"This is most definitely the toughest weekend of the season, but a weekend like this means the difference between a light and an active schedule.

Thus does Notre Dame wrestling coach Ray Sepeta view the implications of his team's most grueling weekend of the season, a weekend in which the Irish grapplers face four dual meet opponents in three days.

"I realize that there is a lot of pressure on our wrestlers, but in a way that's good for them," explains Sepeta. "It will be an excellent preparation for the upcoming National Catholic and NCAA tournaments."

The Irish open their rigorous weekend slate against Nebraska in a dual meet scheduled for 7:30 tonight in the ACC. Tonight will be the first-ever confrontation between the two squads.

Sepeta sees many indications for a good match tonight. "Nebraska has formerly been known as the weak link in the

Big Eight. Their new coach is now making an effort to build a quality program, and with the aid of 11 wrestling scholarships, he seems to have turned things around in only his first year."

Rookie Cornhusker coach Bob Fehrs, coming off a successful 10-1 season at Northern Michigan last year, generally starts seven or eight freshman in each dual meet.

"We are starting a new tradition with these young men," claims Fehrs. "We are hoping to spearhead the resurgence of Nebraska wrestling." Top returnees for the Cornhuskers are Court Vining and George Mink, both NCAA tournament qualifiers last year.

On Saturday afternoon at 1 pm, the Irish will play host to the Blue Streaks of John Carroll University. Notre Dame is looking to avenge Carroll's 19-12 upset verdict last year.

"We always have a good match with John Carroll because it's such an intense rivalry," notes Sepeta. "Last

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