

Rossie And Murphy Finalize Plans Process Clash With Administration

Senate Censures Administration

By CHRIS WOLFE

The student Senate Wed. night passed by consensus strong censures proposed by SBP-elect Richard Rossie against University action Tues. in the suspension of four Notre Dame students for parietal hour rules violations. It also laid down articles to be presented to the University President and Board of Trustees as a basis for future University action in administering justice.

The main objections of the Senate were the injustice of both the procedure involved in the case, and the severity of the penalty.

Among the procedural actions specifically objected to were the lack of a trial for the students, the misleading of the students to testify against themselves, and the secrecy of the proceedings.

The judgment against the students was meted out by the University Board of Discipline, which according to the Senate "proceeded to determine guilt and assess punishment without hearing evidence . . . except the statements of the accused who were misled to testify against themselves."

The actions of three of the students in violating the rules occurred at the end of semester break, but proceedings were instituted only two weeks ago. The incident came to the notice of the hall rector, Rev. Thomas Blantz, CSC, after discussion of it during the student body presidential campaign. The Senate objected to "proceedings against anyone for an offense to which the sole basis of indictment is rumor, and that rumor six weeks old."

Another objection to the procedure



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was that the trial board was composed only of rectors, who are not peers of the accused. The members of the Board are Father Blantz, Keenan Hall Rector Rev. James McGrath, Rev. Matthew Miceli of Cavanaugh, Rev. James Flanigan of Dillon, and Rev. John Dupuis of Howard.

Objections to the entirety of the Administration's actions included the contention that the University was apparently "cracking down" to make an example of students, even though the parietals rule hasn't been enforced in this way all year.

The Senate bill, in condemning the severity of the sentences, pointed out that the University itself has said that the rules were designed to "protect privacy of the residents of the hall, not to punish moral offenses."

The Senate commanded the President of the Student Body to draw up certain articles to be presented to the University

President and Board of Trustees for their approval. These articles included demands for specific determination of maximum penalties for violations against University regulations, open trials with right of defendant to not incriminate himself, and the use of the Campus Judicial Board to provide a trial by peers.

The Campus Judicial Board had been originally given jurisdiction over the incident, but this jurisdiction was withdrawn, according to Rossie, after a discussion in which Father Hesburgh asked Dean of Students Rev. James Riehle to crack down on parietal rules violations.

Rossie said that the Administration believes that "they can make the rules and enforce them any way they choose." He feels that such action denying students such basic rights is "un-American" and "a contradiction in a Catholic University."

Breakdown With Hesburgh

By P.J. SCHROEDER

Chris Murphy and Rich Rossie, in a surprise move last night called a meeting in Nieuwland Science Hall of more than 150 Hall Presidents, Section Leaders, and Senators.

The purpose of the meeting, said Murphy, was to inform the student body, by way of its section leaders, of the specific issue which has arisen from the suspension of four students by the Dean of Students, Rev. James Riehle, last Tuesday afternoon.

"The issue which confronts us", said Murphy, "is not one concerning Parietal Hours, but, more importantly, it is a question of Due Process."

Rich Rossie, Student Body President-Elect, read aloud the text of a letter he and Murphy had written yesterday afternoon which was addressed and delivered to the whole student body. Throughout the meeting Rossie and Murphy emphasized the "arbitrary and summary" procedure which they believed was used by Father Riehle in suspending the four students.

One of the suspended students from Zahm Hall came before the assembly and gave his version of how the Dean of Students and his Advisory Board had conducted their interview. He said that he and his companions had decided to "tell Father Riehle the whole story because we believed that by cooperating with them in every way we would save them the trouble of having to hunt up witnesses."

In the discussion which followed, representatives from Zahm and Alumni halls each said that they were "extremely disappointed" that their rectors had not submitted the cases to the Hall Judicial Boards. A spokesman from Zahm Hall said that the rector, Father Blantz, declined to place the case before the Zahm Board because there were three students involved. The spokesman said Blantz had decided that if the case were put before the Hall Board it would become too "bogged down" in the process of trying three different cases, each of which had the right to appeal the decision three times.

Another student asked Rossie and Murphy what action had been taken to lift the suspensions and to bring the students involved before the Campus Judicial Board. Murphy replied that he and Rossie had met for two and one half hours yesterday afternoon with Father Hesburgh, Father McCarragher, Vice-President of Student Affairs, and Father Edmund Joyce, Executive Vice-President of the University. Murphy said he had "appealed to them to permit the four students to return to school and be tried by a tripartite, unbiased board consisting of equal representation from students, faculty, and administration. He said Father Hesburgh "flatly refused" this request.

Senate Elects Four Stay Senators

Although consideration of Student Body President-elect Richard Rossie's censure against the Administration's handling of the four students accused of parietal violation was the Student Senate's major concern Wed. evening, the assembly also passed legislation dealing with Student Union President election, and a University NSA commission, and elected next year's stay senators. It also tabled a bill which would have put the Senate on record about the Vietnam war.

Stay Senator Bob Rigney sponsored a bill which provided several constitutional amendments, the most important of which provides that the Student Union President will be selected by the outgoing Board of Directors before the student body officer elections. The primary reason for this was according to Rigney "to set the Student Union outside of student politics".

Mike Mead of Holy Cross Hall offered an amendment to change the election of the Student Union President to a date after the elections, on the grounds that earlier selection might involve that president in the elections. His motion to amend failed by a vote of 17-15. Rigney's motion then passed by a vote of 32-1.

Another Rigney-sponsored bill involving the creation of a National Student As-

sociation Commission on campus. This would enable the University to take advantage of some NSA activities which are not possible at the present without such a commission. The bill passed by consensus.

The election of the stay senators was limited to four people in contrast to this year's six. The reason for this is that SBP Richard Rossie's cabinet, which the stay senators parallel, will be narrowed to five by combination of the hall life and student affairs positions. The former senate post for public relations was eliminated by a vote of 18-9. The stay senators elected were: John Hickey of Walsh, Steve Ahern of Stanford, Mike Kendall of Carroll, and Tom Duffy of Zahm. Hickey is a junior; Kendall and Duffy are sophomores; and Ahern is a freshman.

After a suspension of the rules, Vice-President Tom McKenna and off-campus Senator Paul Higgins presented their bill on Vietnam. The first issue raised was whether it was constitutional for the Senate to consider the bill. Phil Rathweg, the acting Chairman, ruled that it was, and was upheld by a vote of the Senate.

The bill reviewed some of the history of the Vietnam conflict and called on the Senate to "condemn the present Ameri-

can policy in Vietnam". It called on the U.S. Government to seek a peaceful solution with prerequisites of bombing cessation and negotiations with Hanoi and the National Liberation Front.

When queried on the import of the bill the sponsors said that it was specifically an expression of the Senate opinion, although this didn't rule out the possibility that it indicated student opinion as well.

Higgins and McKenna also said that if the bill passed they planned to write a cover letter, approved by the Senate, and send the letter and bill to University student senates throughout the country and to U.S. Senators.

John Powers of Dillon Hall moved that the bill be tabled pending a student government referendum on or before April 8. He said that as an individual he favored the bill, but thought that any expression of opinion should be as representatives of the campus, rather than as a separate group. The roll call vote on the motion was given as 18-17 with 1 abstention.

Because McKenna will no longer chair the Senate due to the expiration of his term of office as SBVP in April, and is not a member, a motion was passed granting him speaking privileges when the bill is considered.

Fare May Be Charged For Shuttle Ride Next Year

The Student Union Transportation Commission has submitted a proposal to purchase a new shuttle bus for the next school year, which would probably entail a fare for riding the bus. SUTC also announced two Easter bus trips to O'Hare International Airport on April 10 and 11.

According to the Transportation Commission report the bad condition of the present shuttle bus, the rise in repair bills and the need for a new bus prompted the proposal.

Due to the cornering problems on campus the commission suggested the purchase of a thirty-one passenger vehicle. They suggested a General Motors 3102, which would cost not more than \$4,000. The prices of the busses under consideration range from \$1250 to \$3500 with an additional \$250 or \$300 for tires.

The commission considered the present way of payment for the operation of the bus as unfair to the students who did not use the bus. The student currently pays for his share of the bus through his student government activity fee. The Student Government pays for one-third of the \$6,500 per year operation costs, St. Mary's and Notre Dame paying the remaining thirds.

The report suggests that the students have the opportunity to purchase commutation tickets for \$1.50 per semester. These tickets would give the holder seating priority over the other passengers who would pay 10 cents per ride. According to the proposal, "Thus, anyone using the vehicle more than 15 times per semester, will receive an attractive deal by buying a commutation ticket."

The report also made several scheduling suggestions, such as a library shuffle bus after 6 pm Sun. through Thurs. Due to the traffic caused by the construction workers "all trips leaving St. Mary's after 3 pm and before 6:30 should terminate at the bookstore." It also proposed a stop at the Halfway House.

Rick Rembusch, newly appointed Student Union President, said nothing would be known on the implementation of the proposal until the Senate approves the budget.

The O'Hare busses will be run only if there is enough interest. The trip will cost \$4.00 with one bus leaving St. Mary's on April 10 and the other leaving from Notre Dame the following day.

Faculty Senate Passes Cut Bill

In a three hour session Tues. evening, the Notre Dame Faculty Senate passed resolutions on class attendance procedures and an Open Student Speakers Policy, while initiating debate on a campus Publications Policy.

Following various committee reports, a resolution was advanced on class absences. The essence of the statement was two-fold: a) it would give the individual instructor as much lee-way as possible; b) grades would be based on performance, not attendance.

The instructor of each class, at the beginning of a term, would be required to openly define his attendance regulations. Theoretically, he could demand no-cuts (as might be necessary for certain lab courses) or allow unlimited cuts. Faith was placed in "the reasonableness of the teaching staff".

The issue of making up work was clarified by an amendment introduced by Assistant-Professor Rev. Ernest Bartell, C.S.C., of the Econ. Dept. This amendment requires that students missing class, but excused for university business or for personal reasons could not be penalized for their absence. In other cases, however, procedure would be left to the discretion of the instructor. The amendment and resolution both passed.

The Open Speakers Policy, taken from a larger AAUP document, drew lines of fire. Father Burrell, C.S.C. supported such a policy stressing the value of speakers "outside broad and Catholic opinion".

Prof. Bernard Norling, Acting Chairman of the Hist. Dept., led the opposition, and declared that, "the University has the right to defend its traditions". He then mentioned the Father Kavanaugh incident, the appearance of Ron Karanga, and recent speaking engagements of other controversial figures on campus. He subsequently moved to tack an amendment to the resolution which would allow final administrative approval of campus speakers.

Debate on the issue continued nearly an hour. From the discussion a tangent emerged on the exact nature of Faculty Senate

resolutions. Father Burrell stated that these resolutions were "general policy, not legislative statements" which he hoped "might have real impact on the administration." It was granted that the realm of campus lectures is virtually open, and that the Senate endorsement would be merely a "de facto" expression by a neutral body.

The shift of the debate then began to sway toward adoption of the speakers policy. Assistant Professor Edward Manier of the Philosophy Dept. drew together several threads of the argument. He asserted that the student body is primarily limited in financing speakers of their own choosing. Further, the Administration, through scheduling of facilities on campus, is left a loophole. But the central point is one of Student rights. "Censorship in advance," according to Prof. Manier, is "completely inadvisable". Student responsibility demands that they be allowed to invite whom they please.

Prof. Norling's amendment was decisively beaten and the main motion passed easily.

The final resolution was a statement of Publications Policy, in part reading, "Whenever possible the student newspaper should be an independent corporation financially and legally separate from the university."

Spanish Students Protest Exams

Dismayed first year Spanish students (Spanish 11 & 12) are protesting what they feel are unfair procedures within that department. A petition, stemming from results of the last departmental exam on which over 50% received D's or F's, began circulating among the students involved Wed. The student's statement makes two major complaints: the teaching is poor and the test are unfair.

The author of the petition said "we'd like those in the Spanish department, especially Senor Francisco Moreno, to concentrate more on teaching the language and less on making the course appear 'tough' by flunking as many as possible."

Reluctant at the prospect of publication, student petitioners wished to emphasize that they did not want to jeopardize the position of any professors or instructors, but merely obtain fair treatment for themselves. They also said that the problem was not with the upper divisions of the department but with those who are running the first year sections.

"We had planned to get about 125 signatures and send the thing to Mr. Nuner the department head to see if he'll correct the difficulty. Right now we've only got 30 or 35 names—some guys are reluctant to sign for obvious reasons. I hate to use a cliché but 'everybody bitches but nobody does anything'."

The students plan to withhold the petition pending the results of an upcoming departmental exam next Wed. night. "We decided to withdraw it, temporarily, thinking that this test was meant to throw a 'scare' into us. I think as sophomores that we're a little beyond this kind of 'Romper-Room' tactic." Other Spanish students claim some tea-

chers have said that it would be necessary to spend several hours a day in the language lab in order to pass the next departmental exam. "After the big test, we'll circulate the petition again. If it's an unfair exam, we'll get a lot of signatures; if it's fair there'll be no need for the petition."

One sophomore majoring in psychology summed up the common opinion: "I think the whole thing is ridiculous. There are guys in my class who've had three years of Spanish and those of us who've never been exposed to the language are really up the creek. In one class 90% of the guys flunked the last departmental; in my class 19 out of 31 will get pink slips. I could understand it if we were language majors, but I'm majoring in psychology. A five credit F doesn't help your average too much, especially if you plan to go to grad school."

Navy Wheel Gone Again

An old fashion navy helm wheel, which has been on display in the Navy ROTC building since 1964, was stolen late Sat. night. The wheel had just been recovered that afternoon after having been missing since early in January.

Early in January the wheel was "removed" from the ROTC building. The only clue which was left was a 3 x 5 index card which bore the inscription: "Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, This wheel was stolen by C.I.U." (C.I.U. stands for the Counter Insurgency Unit of Army ROTC)

Last Fri. night the wheel was located by a midshipman. Sat. morning a group of midshipmen recovered it and replaced it in the fourier of the building.

Sat. night the wheel was missing again. This time the thieves left no clues.

Because the wheel is United States Navy property, the F.B.I. and the Office of Naval Intelligence had to be notified. Footprints off the floor and finger prints off the window that the criminals entered were taken.

A high ranking Navy officer told the Observer, "if we get the thing back or get some lead on where it is, we will not pursue the thing any further." He said though that if the person had to be located through the use of the finger prints it could necessitate disciplinary action.

"It will turn up some day, somewhere," he said. "We're not too worried about it. Maybe whoever took it can put it to better use than we did."

Two Professors Win Fulbrights

Dr. Robert M. Slabey, associate professor of English, and Ronald Weber, assistant professor of communication arts, have been awarded Fulbright fellowships to teach abroad during the 1968-69 academic year.

Dr. Slabey will give lectures and conduct a seminar in American literature for graduate students at the American Institute of the University of Oslo, Norway. Weber will teach American literature and civilization as a member of the faculty of letters at the University of Coimbra, Portugal.

The fellowships provide both men with transportation and living expenses based on dependents.

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1200 Parents Arrive For Week - End

More than 1200 parents are expected to participate in Notre Dame's Sixteenth Annual Junior Parents Weekend this Fri., Sat., and Sun. According to class officials the highlight of the Weekend will be the President's Dinner to be held Saturday evening in Stepan Center.

"The purpose of this Weekend," said Jim Conway, chairman of the Junior Parents-Son Weekend Committee, "is to educate the parents to what Notre Dame is; to what education here is really like."

Conway said that the committee attempted to modernize the format of this year's program to give the parents an idea of some of the changes taking place at Notre Dame.

The weekend provides an opportunity for the parents to sit in on their son's classes and, on Saturday afternoon, to meet with the faculty and deans of the undergraduate colleges.

Rick Rembusch, Junior Class President, outlined a broader purpose for the Weekend. "We hope that this weekend will provide an atmosphere which will permit the parents to meet their sons on their own ground. It's a chance for a little more personal understanding between parents

and their sons."

Rembusch also said that parents would have the opportunity to see the commitments their sons had made to such programs as Neighborhood Study Help, CILA, Student Government, and Student Union. He feels that the weekend helps many parents to realize that their sons have made concerned commitment to their society.

Besides the President's dinner, the program also includes a special concert by Henry Mancini and his orchestra on Fri. evening at the Morris Civic Auditorium in South Bend, a folk Mass Sunday morning in Sacred Heart Church, and a Communion Breakfast in the North Dining Hall to follow the Mass.

University President Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC, and Rick Rembusch will be the main speakers at the President's Dinner. The keynote speaker at the Communion Breakfast, which formally closes the weekend, will be Prof. John Houck. Prof. Houck will replace Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, CSC, Vice-President of the University, who was originally scheduled to deliver the speech.

Prof. Houck, former President of the Notre Dame Chapter of



JIM CONWAY

the American Association of University Professors, will speak on the 'generation gap' in relation to the University, the student, and his parents. Conway praised Prof. Houck as one of the few professors at Notre Dame who is "truly concerned about the students and deeply involved with the problems faced by our generation in the modern world."

Preparations for this year's Junior-Parents Weekend were begun last October by the Committee under the direction of Conway and Thomas P. Flanagan, a junior from Homewood, Illinois.

JUNIOR PARENT-SON WEEKEND

Friday, March 29

4:00 - 10:00 p.m. Registration in the Lobby of the Center for Continuing education.
8:00 - 10:00 p.m. The Bengal Bouts in the Notre Dame Fieldhouse.
9:00 - 11:30 p.m. Henry Mancini at the Morris Civic Auditorium.

Saturday, March 30

9:00 - 1:00 p.m. Registration continues in the lobby of the Center for continuing education.
8:30 a.m. - 12:20 Classes.
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Open house will be held in all University Facilities.
11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Luncheon in South Dining Hall for Parents and Sons.
1:30 to 3:30 p.m. College Receptions with the deans and faculty members of each college.
3 - 5:30 p.m. Presidential Reception in the Center for Continuing Education.
7:30 - 10:00 p.m. President's Dinner in the Stepan Activities Building is the highlight of the Weekend.

Sunday, March 31

8:15 - 9:15 a.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church.
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Communion Breakfast in the North Dining Hall.

SMC Government Submits Bill Of Rights

By SUZANNE SMITHER

The proposed Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities was distributed last week to the student body of Saint Mary's in the hope that comments, criticisms and suggestions would be made to the members of the committee which drafted it. Meetings in the halls have given students the opportunity to ask questions and to voice their opinions.

These measures have met with scant response. Perhaps the most perceptive was a suggestion that the Statement of Rights be cut to one sentence: "Refer to the Constitution of the United States of America."

One senior remarked, "It's unbelievably comprehensive, but the section on due process is vague. It needs further delineation in order to avoid confusion." Vagueness in that particular section could cause trouble, for, according to Mr. DiGiovanna, philosophy professor and member of the Student Rights Working Board, "The entire statement hinges on due process."

Another senior hopes the officers of Student Government "realize what they're getting into. Now Student Government will be responsible for all actions of students in the community."

The Executive Board met last Monday to discuss the areas of Student Government authority outlined in the Statement of Rights. Theoretically, this authority should extend to all areas affecting student life.

Its actual implementation will depend on the Procedural Manual, now being written, and possible expansion of the Student Government Constitution.

The greatest changes affecting student life come under the headings of Personal Rights and Social Rights. According to the former, "Each student has the right to manage personal affairs except where it conflicts with the good of the community." The obvious question is who will define the "good of the community." Social Rights include this statement:

"A student who violates the civil law should not automatically be subject to penalties of the institution; however, the college community does have the authority to take action against a student who is found to be a threat to the college community as a result of her off-campus activities." Fine—but what, please, constitutes a threat to the community, and by whose standards? There is a definite need for clarification here, and it is hoped that the Procedural Manual will supply it.

The section on Academic Rights is not comprehensive enough. For example, if a student wishes to change a grade she feels to be unfair, she can only appeal to a board which has no power to overrule the decision of the professor. All she can hope for is a sympathetic note on her transcript.

The Statement of Student Rights and Responsi-

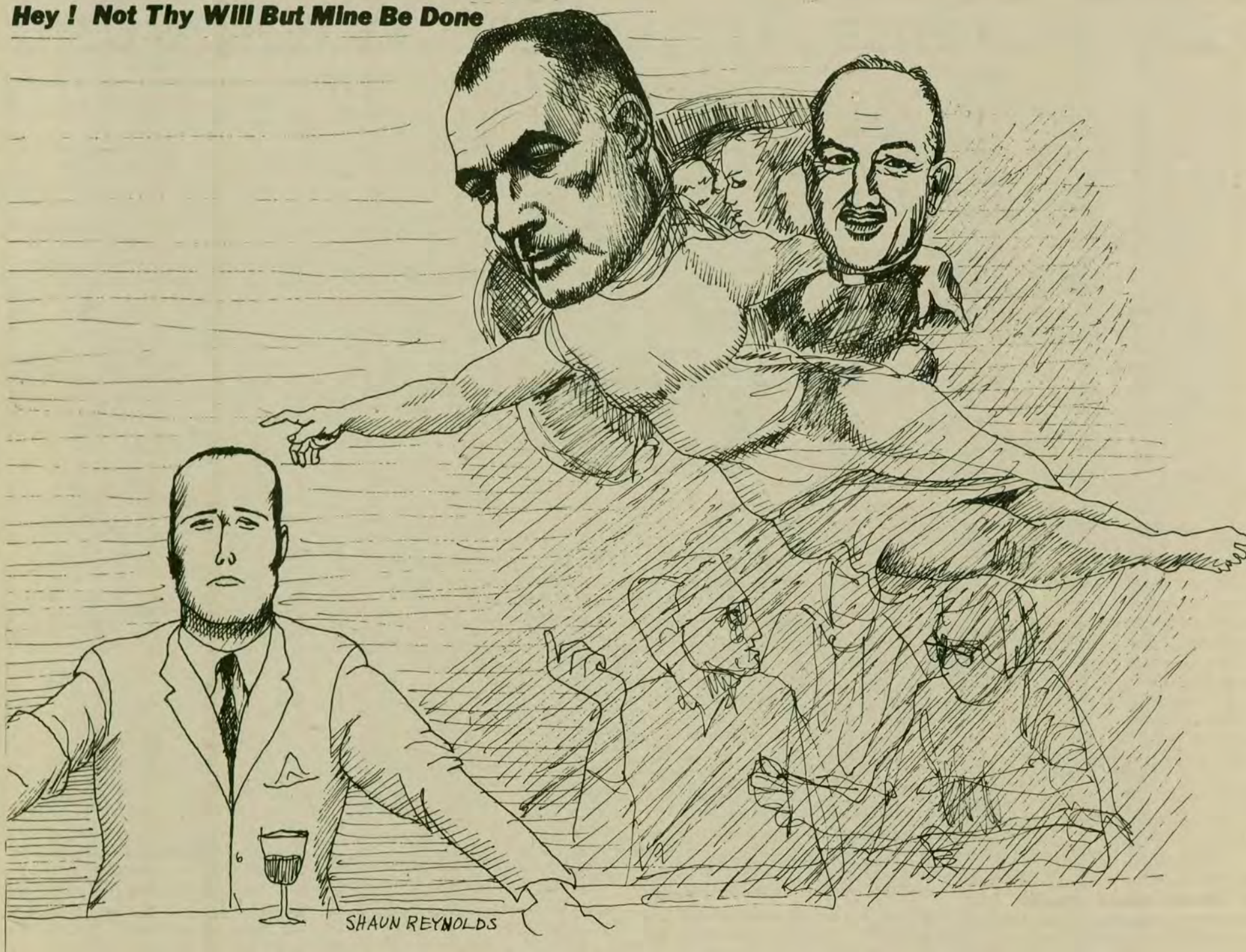
lities assumes that every student realizes that she is a member of Student Government, and that she will fulfill her obligations to the college community. Will students accept the responsibility of governing their lives? Will they enforce regulations once they have made them? If so, the Saint Mary's student body will be respected in the college community for implementing this student-initiated document. If not, there will at least be no cause for another "Bitch-in."

Student Government President Stevie Wernig told the Executive Board, "This year Student Government has branched out to include academics and the Statement of Rights. If you think Student Government should participate in the academic process of the college, find out student opinion on what Student Government should be doing at Saint Mary's."

The committee which worked on the proposed Statement of Rights has done everything possible to elicit student opinion, but the students have not responded. Before its adoption, the statement may be read once more at a general assembly of students.

As it stands now, the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities, as described by a member of the incoming Executive Board, is "a nice empty skeleton with no muscles." The students of Saint Mary's College must either furnish their skeleton with active muscles, or watch it crumble.

Hey ! Not Thy Will But Mine Be Done



An Open Letter To Rev. Theodore Hesburgh

March 26, 1968

Rev. Theodore Martin Hesburgh, CSC
President in Absentia
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana

Dear Father Hesburgh:

I received your photo-offset letter in my mailbox on March 25. Apparently, it was not addressed to me at all but to Christopher J. Murphy, the present Student Body President. I find this a rather unusual procedure, especially if it is supposed to get primary attention from him. Are we supposed to tell him what you said if we see him? Wouldn't it have been easier just to write to him alone and spared the University (currently predicting a \$500,000 deficit this year) the \$600 to \$800 printing bill?

You state in your letter that you "believe" about one-sixth of the student body attended the General Assembly. Aren't you sure? Won't Father McCarragher let you read the Observer so you can find out what the students are doing? Or perhaps you feel that the one thousand students who sacrificed their time in an attempt to formulate some constructive proposals on University life are not worthy of the attention of such a nationally prominent personage as Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC.

It amazes me to note that the clever propagandist who wrote your letter for you attempts to turn the planning that went into the General Assembly against the planners. If indeed the documents presented to you have undergone "some months of study and planning," then certainly those who have formulated the measures should be prepared to explain and defend them. And since it is only these bills that are to be discussed, there is no reason to suppose that, if they had any solid conception of what they wished the University to be, the President and Vice Presidents would not be able to react to these concrete proposals without extended deliberation.

Incidentally, I was somewhat embarrassed to note that the paragraph chiding Mr. Murphy for the spelling errors in his document contained an obvious grammatical mistake. A dash is expressed on a typewriter by two consecutive hyphens, not one. I am surprised Mr. Shuster didn't catch that one.

Also, someone should inform Father McCarragher that there is no Local Council because, from his conversations with students, he appears to think he is on a council so entitled. It would indeed be tragic if a Vice President of the University should continue to attend meetings of a nonexistent group. Now that it has served its particular political purpose, the question of whether it is the Local Council (as Father McCarragher calls it) or the Council of Vice Presidents might well be clarified.

I am happy to see that if the Board of Trustees feels itself threatened, it will pack its bags and go home. This shows a truly mature and responsible approach to student unrest. I am happy to note that all the encomiums that you and other University officials have delivered on Chris Murphy at SUMMA meetings have not deterred you from publishing a professional character assassination to the entire student body at your earliest political convenience. I think continued vacuous pieces like your latest letter which go all out to provide winning rhetoric would go far to cover your underlying belief that this University's students are to be treated as children.

Though there have been no times when I have been tempted to think otherwise, as I have said so many times, I would trade the President of the University and a high draft choice for Kingman Brewster. I am sure that from there we could move forward and, in doing so, create a better Notre Dame. I am sharing this letter with anyone who is willing to believe that a university president could lend his name to such a piece of polyethylene viciousness as your letter represents.

With all best wishes and prayers, I am

Devotedly yours in Notre Dame,

(Mr.) Dennis J. Gallagher
Student

Dennis Gallagher**Dark Elephant**

The symbol of the Republican Party is an elephant. This is totally unfair to elephants. An elephant never forgets. The Republican Party always forgets. Every four years, it nominates the most tremendous loser available. Every four years it loses. To truly represent the Republican Party in all its philosophical and political manifestations, the elephant, if it must be an elephant, should be white.

Since 1932, the Republican Party has succeeded in electing only one man, a kindly old general who appealed to the longing of the Fifties for security. But even he wasn't really a Republican. In fact, the Democrats would probably have nominated old Ike in 1948 if they hadn't been afraid that Harry Truman would react with some rather strong language.

Unfortunately, you can't come up with a fatherly old general every year. Ike was such a nice man that people who criticized him for his unintelligible speeches merely looked vicious. He was also a winner (WW II, as we've been told). There aren't many winning generals around any more. Moshe Dayan is not available and a lot of Republicans aren't crazy about Jews anyway.

So the Republicans are faced with the necessity of coming up with the biggest loser they can find. After all, it would be pretty embarrassing to have all those filthy factory workers, Negroes and other undesirables voting for your candidate. Think of how the D.A.R. would feel. No, it is absolutely certain that the Republican Party, in order to live up to its Divinely inspired principles, must nominate a man who will be absolutely repulsive to the plebeian masses of the American people.

Nelson Rockefeller almost fouled up the whole system. After getting smeared in the California primary in 1964, he began to look like a loser too. But then he campaigned hard and was re-elected governor of New York, the Kennedy machine notwithstanding. Word got around that he was not a true Republican. But now he's decided his feelings have been hurt and he's not going to play ball until the guys show him they really like him and want him to play. They don't and won't, and so Nelson joins a long line of good Republicans who would rather punt than be President.

Of course, the quintessential Republican is Harold Stassen. In 1948, Stassen was almost nominated, but the party pros pulled it out at the last minute by nominating a wax replica of Thomas E. Dewey. Ever since, Harold has been trying to make up lost ground. He been running so long that he looks like he's standing still. His speed now equals that of the revolution of the earth and since he runs against it (since all Republicans are against revolutions), he always remains in the same spot, shrouded by perpetual twilight.

It comes down finally to Richard M. Nixon, the only politician in America today who is uglier than Lyndon Baines Johnson. Johnson's current popularity rating is minus fifteen percent (actually, five percent are for him but twenty percent of the populace has devoted itself to actively despising him). So the price of failure will come high. It's not going to be easy to lie more than LBJ, or wave the flag more, or make more inane speeches. But the Republican Party has faith in Nixon's ability to turn gold into tinkling brass, to snatch disaster from the jaws of victory. Nominated for a seventh crisis—Richard Milhous Nixon.



If over the last three years parents of the Class of 1969 have noticed some odd change in your son's regard for the law. If you have been startled occasionally when your son blurts out a remark "well I can get away with it." And if you wonder how he began thinking this way.

Like all Universities Notre Dame has some rules and regulations which are designed to guide the community. They have one which forbids drinking in the rooms, one which forbids women in the rooms and another which forbids the use of a hallucinogenic drug.

Like all Universities, Notre Dame has a Dean of Students who is there to act as a friend to the student. We have Fr. James Riehle. But he is no friend. Even those closest to him will admit privately that they have lost respect for this man with each disciplinary case he has handled.

Last September Fr. Riehle returned to campus and was informed that a student (a senior art major) had been arrested for selling marijuana. He met with and dismissed the student in an hour. The suspension of the student would not have seemed so strange unless you consider the following points:

1. That people in America are deemed innocent until proven guilty.

2. That the student had committed the crime during August and since he was not in summer school, he was not under the jurisdiction of the University regulation on hallucinogenic drugs effective Sept. 15, 1967.

3. That the student was merely charged with the sale of pot, not convicted. And that in fact evidence later uncovered proved that he will probably not be convicted of the offense. (the case is still pending).

Then there is the drinking rule which says that the University forbids drinking in the rooms of students. And the case of a senior who was caught carrying beer

Pat Collins**Lies**

across campus, fined and told by Fr. Riehle that "next time carry it on in a suitcase, that's the way they did it when I went to school here."

This would not have been so bad, except for the fact that the Administration has completely ignored the drinking regulation within the halls. But every now and then it picks up an example and crucifies him.

Witness the case of parietal hours last week where four students were suspended for violations of the rule forbidding girls in students rooms. Father Hesburgh said that he would stand on that ruling if he had to "throw out 1,000 students and 14 rectors." Last week he threw out four students, which may be a fair punishment. But the fact is no one will ever know.

Three of the students were charged last week with violations which took place six weeks ago. All four of the students were both interrogated and judged by the same man, Fr. Riehle.

The University normally has been giving these offenses to hall judicial boards which fines students \$10-15 per offense.

Then there was the case of Fr. Riehle's summons of policemen to the dining hall after a food poisoning, which partly precipitated a food riot . . . and the case of the "Black Hand" where full-fledged hoodlums pillaged the campus, beat students. Followed by Fr. Riehle's complaint that he couldn't understand why no one told him about it.

That's what you learn at Notre Dame. You learn there are rules on the books. But that the University ignores them—sometimes. Just don't get caught because if they want they have the power to interrogate, to rule and to judge. And they do it simultaneously and before you know it you're out of school and your friend who committed the same offense gets off with a \$5 fine.

So if the parents of the juniors are wondering why some of us are so bitter about this disciplinary travesty now you know. It is simply because they lie.

**Tom Brislin****RFK Center**

On a cold day last fall, Chuck Nau, Rich Rossie and myself were advised of the Minnesota Senator's impending challenge to the President, and thus formed the first Students for McCarthy organization in the country. It was obvious that despair over Vietnam, the approaching elections, and relevance of the whole political system was spreading like a gloomy cancer among all age groups. Eugene McCarthy is to be commended for standing forth at that hour. He gave us the means to focus our dissent for the past four months. But even the Senator knew that he had no chance of winning the nomination, and no amount of primary victories — which will probably end for him in Wisconsin — can alter that single political fact.

All we ever prayed and sweated and worked for was that our efforts might aid in creating a situation where Robert Kennedy would have a viable chance at the Presidency. Regardless of the momentary glory he would have received by announcing earlier, he agonizingly awaited his hour amidst conflicting charges of cowardice, ruthlessness, and now, opportunism. He waited until it was proven that it was not he, but Lyndon Johnson and Vietnam that had split the Democratic Party. This action did not



endear him to youthful idealists, but it was the only way, unfortunately, that the party hacks that can unseat Lyndon Johnson could be opened to the fact that the issue at stake is more than switching personalities.

But we shifted our allegiance to Robert Kennedy for more reason than the increasingly obvious fact that he is the only man who has a realistic chance of preventing Johnson or Nixon from darkening the White House and this country for another four years. For Robert Kennedy gave our generation the hope and vision of a new America, and a new brand of politics, long before last November. It has been Robert Kennedy who has provided the focus to our ideas and dissent from a November four years previous. Can this man who saw his brother shot in the Dallas streets, then only to see their common dreams for America slowly melt away be now termed an opportunist such as Lyndon Johnson?

We saw the courage and vision of Robert Kennedy five years ago in the counties of Mississippi and Alabama. And we experienced a hope in our nation and its leaders that dissipated to near despair until his hour once arrived last week. We will not betray him and the legacy that he represents, for it once made us proud to be Americans. We respect and admire Eugene McCarthy, but we remember in whose hands we first placed our stars.

Chris Jarabek**They Were There**

Random conversations this weekend with some servicemen brought home the credibility gap of the Vietnam war with unusual force.

Grounded by bad weather at Pittsburgh after my plane had overflown Cleveland, I found myself batting around the Greater Pittsburgh airport while United was trying to provide alternate transportation.

A certain sense of camaraderie develops among people waiting around in a lobby for six hours. My initial contact was with Tom, a 20 year-old private based at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, who would soon be going to Vietnam. A young Negro private was standing near us, and Tom struck up a conversation.

"Where are you stationed? Guess I'll be in Vietnam soon. I suspect I'll be sent to Saigon."

"Oh no, baby, it won't be Saigon. There's nothing left there. I know. I'm just back from 'nam. We've pulling out of Saigon as fast as we can go. The Tet offensive did it. There's nothing left for us there. We're pullin' out to a place about 30 miles north."

"But that can't be. I know I'll be sent to Saigon."

"Look baby, take my word for it. You won't be. That's a military secret right now, but what the hell. You just won't be there," and the young private sauntered off.

I'm confused and I really don't know what to think. I guess you can believe about half of what guys coming back tell you, and even then you have to sort it all out. I mean, people brag. But right now, because I don't know what to think, I don't want to talk about it," was Tom's initial reaction. But I noticed that he was interested in gleaning every bit of information possible from fellow GI's. Tom didn't really want to think about the war, but his direct relationship to it compelled continuing inquiry.

Apparently there is some sort of insignia instantly recognizable to any other serviceman that the army provides for its Vietnam veterans, because Tom charged up to another GI with "When did you get back? What's it like?"

The corporal took his measure and began slowly, "Well, don't believe everything you read about the war. Maybe one quarter to one half of it is true. Like I mean, Saigon is destroyed as far as we're concerned and we're withdrawing to another stronghold."

"You mean the entire city is destroyed and we don't know it?"

"No, I mean, the city is destroyed as far as our forces are concerned. Some of the civilian areas are fine, but our headquarters were demolished. They aren't reporting it but it's true. And besides, the South Vietnamese don't want us in Saigon anyway, because we're wrecking the city's economy with American dollars. It's too inflationary. So we have pressure there not to rebuild."

"What about Khe Sanh?"

"Well, like I told you, you can't believe what you read. We flew 400 guys in last week and 13 of them came back. I was with a helicopter crew and I know. But you won't read that. The reports will be spread out over a week."

"Thirteen? Surely not all of them died. You just mean casualties, don't you — I mean wounded?"

"No, as far as we know they all died."

Are they right? Who knows? Since the Tet offensive, the administration has announced greater censorship of newsmen's files. But these two young men said they were there.





Tom McKenna

Nostalgia

When a man realizes he is doing something for the last time, he is faced with two conflicting emotions — nostalgia or outrage. He is either overcome with a foggy recollection of "good times" or he is going to unleash one final fiery indictment of the "establishment."

It would be easy to fill this concluding column with beautiful reminiscences of four rewarding college years. Men like Figel Browning and Higgins are extraordinary. They and many other people, places and events have made Notre Dame liveable. But there is trouble in paradise — the paradise of Notre Dame, the paradise of America.

The society in which we live is being governed by insanity. We are reeling in a chaotic universe too confused even to attempt an orientation. The conflict in Vietnam is growing daily, more bodies and munitions are being wasted in a hopeless war. The problem of the cities is being ignored. It is too costly to correct the inhuman conditions of the ghetto while we dump billions of dollars into an endless war.

Right now we are secure. Vietnam is half a world away and city riots are two months in the future. But the insanity has crept into the Notre Dame community. Our university president has arbitrarily dismissed four students for a violation of the regulation on parietal hours — a regulation that has been broken in the majority of residence halls every week-end of the year. This same man has stated that he would dismiss one thousand students and fourteen rectors rather than reassess his stand on admitting women into the "men's clubs." He now has nine hundred ninety-six students and fourteen rectors to go.

Students are partially to blame for this double insanity. They have been intimidated by authority. They have remained inactive in the face of chaos. Our course must be one of action both in America and Notre Dame. On this campus we have to show the administration that our talk of self-government will be backed by overt action. Power is what they understand. We must demand the immediate reinstatement of the four suspended students. We must demand that their cases be referred to our campus judicial board. We must seize what is rightfully ours. If we face this crisis with our customary inaction, we implicitly approve of Hesburgh's ex cathedra statements. We cannot tolerate the administration's present course.

In the larger context of American society, we must act to structure the chaotic present in order to survive an irrational future. In New Hampshire, students worked for a political candidate. Today, students for Kennedy and McCarthy are forming on every college campus. This is our only hope. This is our only viable alternative to the American madness. Inaction at Notre Dame becomes a wish for administrative tyranny. Inaction in American society becomes a wish for self-destruction — dropping out becomes equivalent to dropping dead.

Faculty Club Opens In May—be

Sometime around the middle of May the mud will be gone, the ruts filled in, and the instant grass rolled into position. And then Notre Dame's new Faculty Club will begin operation. Such is the word from Mr. Fred Black of the Black Construction Co., Inc., general contractor for the project.

The new Faculty Club, located a few yards south of the Kellogg Center, will replace the present facilities stationed out on Juniper Road. The new club will provide a convenient meeting place for members of the faculty. It will also be equipped with a bar, possibly for maintaining a friendly spirit through late after-

noon classes.

It was expected that the new building would be completed sometime last fall; however, several obstacles have delayed construction. Mr. Black stated that his company had a hard time getting the wood deck roofing material from the West Coast. The forest fires in California caused a four-month delay in logging operations on the West Coast. In

turn, this delay caused the interruption in the construction schedule for the club.

For the interior of the club, a large, world-wide collection of beer steins donated by Mr. Robert Gore will be used to decorate the inside walls, adding to the atmosphere. Mr. Gore, of Ft. Lauderdale, has also contributed the money for the construction of the club.

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During the term of editorship by Patrick Collins: The Observer's composition work was done by Student Union Publishing and the hard press work by the Niles Daily Star.

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The paper has been compiled by Notre Dame and St. Mary's students, and holds a second class mailing permit at Notre Dame, Ind. 46556.

This year the Observer has handled some 534 news stories covering 4596 column inches; 82 feature stories totaling 1696 column inches; 107 sports stories totaling 1466 inches; 142 columns and 59 editorials. The Observer, Vol. II has published 420 pages to date.

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Upward Bound To Get Funds

Congressman John Brademas, Democratic representative from Indiana's third Congressional District, announced this weekend that Notre Dame will receive a \$55,607 grant to continue its Upward Bound Program for boys. At a meeting at Saint Mary's he also announced that SMC will receive a \$40,886 grant to begin its own program.

Upward Bound is a program intended to help motivate high school students from poverty areas toward college. During summer and semester breaks the college provides students with the experience of meeting college students, attending classes and meeting with guidance counselors. The program is funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Notre Dame has had an Upward Bound Program since the summer of 1966. Twenty-six St. Joseph County boys have taken part in the program. Thirty-six more will begin the program this summer.

Discussion at the meeting also centered around means of co-operation between the programs at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

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News In Brief:

Prayer Weekend

The Notre Dame Pentacostal Community will sponsor a conference this weekend for Pentacostal Communities in the Midwestern area.

The weekend of prayer will begin Fri. night with an 8:30 prayer meeting in the administration building. An informational meeting will be held 1:00 Sat. in the classroom building behind Holy Cross Hall.

The Pentacostal Movement began in the Catholic Church about 13 months ago. It began to spread at Notre Dame about a year ago after Doctor Bill Storey, a member of the Theology Dept., and Ralph Kiefer, currently a Theology teacher at Saint Mary's, related the experience that they had had with a Pentacostal Community in Pittsburgh.

Black Power

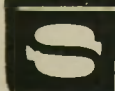
Paul Boutelle, a Negro candidate for Vice President on the Socialist Workers' ticket will lecture on "Black Power; Vietnam; and the '68 Elections" Sun. at 3 pm in the Library Auditorium. The lecture is sponsored by the Student Academic Commission.

McCarthy In

Dr. James Bogle of the Notre Dame Government Department filed the name of Senator Eugene J. McCarthy (Dem., Minn.) in the Indiana Primary at Indianapolis Thursday afternoon. Commenting on the entrance of Senator Robert Kennedy (Dem., N. Y.) in the Primary, Bogle remarked "It's a necessity that we beat Johnson, but it would be fun to beat the Kennedys." Bogle said McCarthy would appear in Indiana on at least ten occasions, remarking "We're still in this thing all the way. Kennedy's entry hurt our chances of beating the Johnson stand-in Governor Branigan, but we still will make a fight out of it and, I hope, win."

Festival Kick - Off

Granville Hicks, noted critic and a Literary editor for the Saturday Review, will open the 1968 Sophomore National Literary Festival at 8 pm Sun. in the Library Auditorium. The title of his lecture is "A Bad Time," the hardships of being an author today in the United States.



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The Mail

Editor:

In regards to Mr. Alzamora's article on Rod McKuen in the March 18th issue of the *Observer*, I would like to make the following points:

First, on reading Mr. Alzamora's article, I received the distinct impression that he was basing his opinion on the single work of McKuen's with which he is familiar. I am certain if Mr. Alzamora would take time out and read what he attempts to criticize, then he would see that in a work such as *Stanyan Street*

and *Other Sorrows* McKuen is not "giving the world second rate sentiments" at all.

Secondly, isn't it possible, Mr. Alzamora, that *your* taste is in a bad way and that the better than half a million people who read and enjoy McKuen's work are correct in so doing?

Thirdly, in regards to McKuen comparing himself to Charles Aznavour, if, Mr. Alzamora, you had been paying close attention to what you were reading you would have seen that McKuen

was comparing his "thing" with that of Aznavour, not himself with Aznavour. Both are individuals who are saying those inner thoughts which many sensitive people would like to say themselves, but can't either because they are afraid to or because they don't know how to.

Fourthly, it is a generally accepted tenet that a good poet is one who is not afraid to bare himself to his audience through his work. By so doing, he makes his work honest and sincere. If you wish to classify such honesty and sincerity as sentimentality,

then I suggest you also classify honesty and sincerity as entirely unattainable.

Finally, to come to the direct conclusion that "a McKuen is a mush" on the basis of one poor performance and one misreading of an article about McKuen is, indeed, indicative of a somewhat narrow mind. Without your having read McKuen's works in toto, Mr. Alzamora, I do feel that thou dost protest too much.

John Holgerson
247 Dillon

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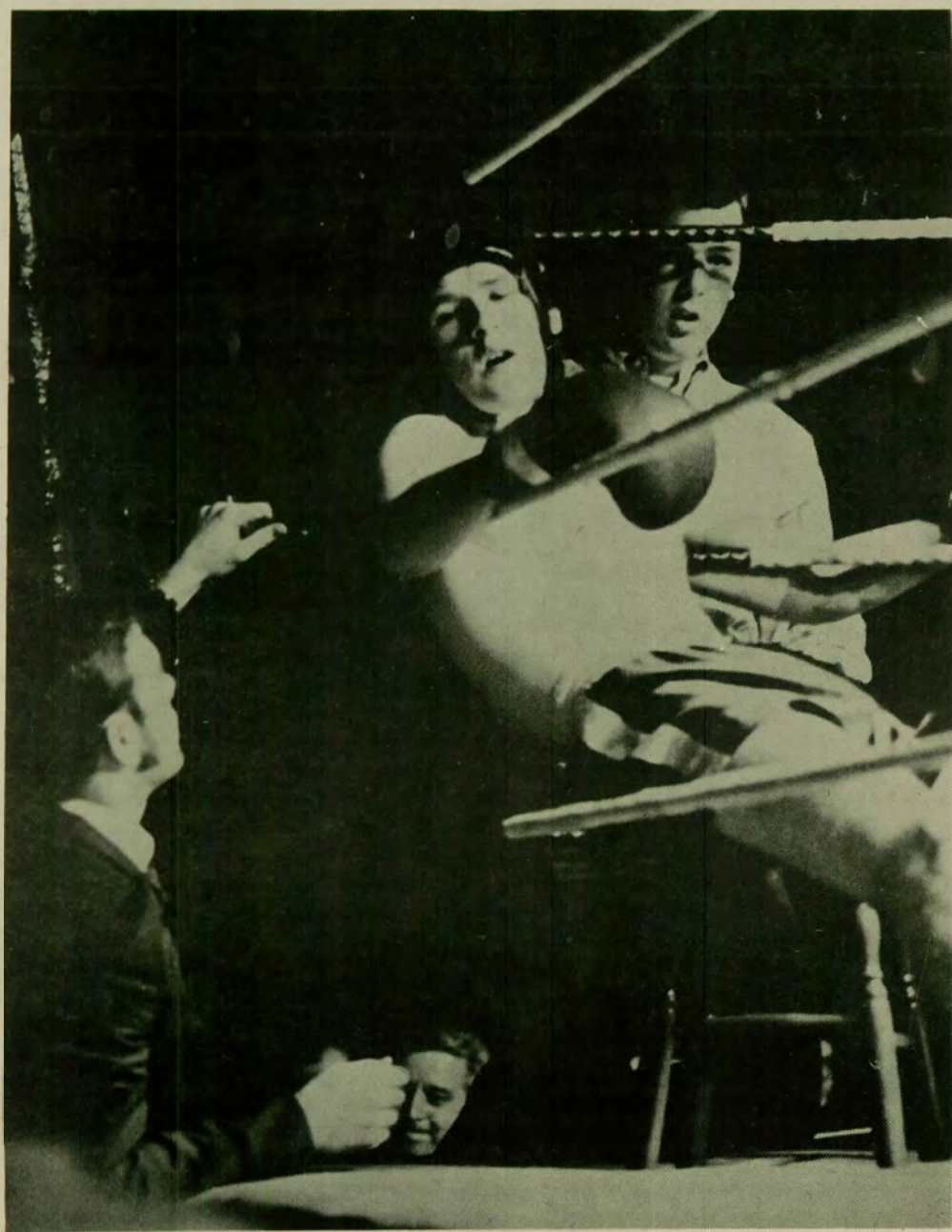
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Action at Tuesday's Bengal Bouts. Although the opening field of fifty-six hopefuls has now been narrowed down to twenty-two, local boxing buffs are unanimous in voicing their praise for the pugilistic prowess thus far exhibited in the Ring by both the victors and the vanquished. Tonight the champs meet the champs with gloves on in the Fieldhouse in the 1968 final matches.

Bengal Bout Finals Tonight

A special Bengal Bout Award will be part of the blood, sweat, and split decisions featured tonight in the Notre Dame Fieldhouse. The Award, resurrected after five years, has been given in the past to such boxing greats as Rocky Marciano, Billy Conn, Carmine Basilio, and Barney Ross. Non-boxers, such as Dave Condon and Elmer Layden, have also been singled out, since qualifications for the honor depends on service to boxing and to the Bengals, not simply on a left or right hook.

Dominic J. Napolitano, who has directed the Bengals for the past 34 years, said that the award had been discarded until this year "because in recent years especially, it has been difficult to find a man who has made a significant contribution to boxing in one way or another."

But the Award will not be the biggest draw when the Bouts begin at 8:00. Three of last year's champions, Larry Broderick in the 135 class, Jim Loverde in the 155 class, and Bob McGrath in the 160 class, are still in the running for new letter jackets. Broderick, last year's 127 lb. champ, demonstrated some of his student power on Bob Oscar of New Jersey Wed. night and Jim Loverde won a slug fest with Kent Casey, a sophomore from Carroll, Iowa. Bob McGrath, whose bro-

ther John meets Broderick for the 135 lb. title tonight, won a split decision over Rick McPartlin of Chicago.

Both the McGraths are southpaws and seemed to catch their opponents off balance quite a bit during Wed. night's session. John pounded Tom Suddes with a series of lefts and won by a unanimous decision.

Brian Murphy, most commonly known as the epitome of the Rugby team, lost a tough decision to Tom Breen in the 177 lb. division. Some observers thought that Murphy seemed uncomfortable "with gloves on instead of a bottle in his hands" but are confident that he'll feel more at home when the Rugby team journeys to Ireland during the Easter vacation.

Observer Editor-in-Chief Pat Collins, originally slated to meet Larry Broderick in the disguise of the Masked Phantom, had to withdraw from the card early this morning when a hangnail developed on his left hand.

Breen will meet Tom "Baby Earl" Etten of Chicago for the 177 lb. title, after an extracurricular fight during a softball game, won a split decision over Ed Brosius, a freshman from Chicago.

Tonight's bouts will decide the championships of eleven weight divisions.

By TOM CONDON

THE IRISH EYE

It's spring, and a young man's fancy turns, of course, to baseball. The air is once again filled with citrus and cactuses. O.A.S. relationships ease as the standouts from the South American leagues come north to Florida, and financial relationships ease as holdouts from the north come to any of several American fun places for the yearly ritual, spring training.

It is traditionally the first duty of this individual, upon spreading his typewriter keys to the sun, to predict the outcome of the pennant race. This is, of course, a mere formality, a gesture expected by his readers. So he gathers together his cohorts, they check with the local bookies, and all give roughly the same predictions, which tend to be rather redundant and dull.

So it was with unspeakable pleasure that we received the prognostications of Hugh Sonfirst, New Hampshire's most colorful sportswriter and sports editor of the Holdat Tiger. Hugh no longer follows the south, preferring his snug isolated little hamlet over the southern bullpens of iniquity. In fact, he no longer listens to the games, or reads the boxscores. But, since he once met Ty Cobb, he still gives his predictions, as he has done with characteristic Yankee ingenuity for the past 50 years. So, as a tribute to a grand old man, we are privileged to quote a few excerpts from Hugh's in depth article. First, the American League:

St. Louis- "I look for the Browns to take it all this year. You can say all you want about the recent Chicago Cub infield, Tinker to Evers to Chance, but you can't beat Christman to Friend to Arft. Also, Sportsman's Park is in a nice neighborhood."

Philadelphia- "Connie Mack is not as young as he used to be. Anyone who would trade Nelson Potter to the Browns has got to be on the brink of senility. Without Potter on the mound, the \$100,000 infield won't be 'worth a Continental.'"

New York- "Ruth may have built the house but the other teams are going to break the windows. He and Gehrig are both gone and the dynasty is over. The Bronx Bombers, it is suspected, signed the Kellogg Pact. They may, however, get some help from that Italian kid."

Boston- "Teddy Williams is too skinny to ever make it through a big league season."

And the National League:

New York- "John McGraw's Giants will again sweep the senior circuit if he can keep Jim Thorpe off the firewater. And, Christy Mathewson is still the best hurler in either league. If they can teach Fred Merkle how to catch, they've got a winner."

Boston- "The Braves will be strong again this year. Wally Berger is the best player in baseball and Boston is a great two team town."

Brooklyn- "These Bums couldn't win a pennant in a Coney Island shooting gallery. They are so bad, in fact, that there will again be some question as to which league they are actually in."

Chicago- "As long as Wrigley keeps supplying his team with free chewing gum they will be too contented to win the pennant."

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