

# Many Undecided In First Poll

by Ed Ellis  
OBSERVER News Editor

With two days remaining in the campaign, the majority of Notre Dame students is still undecided in this year's Student Body Presidential election. Among those who have decided, Student Senator Don Mooney and Hall President's Council Chairman John Barkett hold a sizeable lead over the field, but the distinction between the two leaders is so slight as to prohibit valid prediction.

This was the result of a poll conducted last night for *The Observer* by the Student Survey Service of the Notre Dame-St. Mary's undergraduate Sociology Club and the Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Fraternity.

Of a total sample of 400 students, 324, or 81%, replied. Of those, 82% said that they would definitely vote. 8.6% will not vote, and 9% of those responding are undecided whether they will

vote or not. Of those who will vote, Senator Mooney has 19.3%, Barkett 18.6%, and Jim Riebandt lags behind in third place with 5.0%. Slightly over 50% of the students who said they would vote, said they were undecided as to whom they would choose.

Among the other candidates, Mike Cervas polled 2%, Chip Hendrick, 1.4%; and Rich Sherman, Eileen Fitzpatrick, and Jamie Egan .7%.

The poll, coordinated by Dan Shaw of the Sociology Club, was based on random selection by class, not specifically by hall, and thus not all halls could be predicted by the sampling. Some halls, however, where there was a concentration of the sampling, could be predicted. Students in Alumni, where Mooney lived last year, showed a preference to Mooney, but the undecided vote was still great.

Barkett's home hall of Morrissey showed a definite preference for him as did Fisher, but Dillon showed a slight lead for Mooney.

In Cavanaugh the preference was for Barkett, but again the undecided vote made definite predictions impossible.

The Student Government Abolition petition to be placed on the ballot with the Presidential choice received a negative reaction, 46% to 24%, with 30% undecided.

The high percentage of uncertain voters is unprecedented in Student Body Presidential elections. Last year the first *Observer* poll showed 38% undecided, and the second poll was considerably lower. The possible cause of the uncertainty is the short campaign, but no one has yet advanced any definite explanations.

Pollster Shaw mentioned that the high percentage of persons saying that they intended to vote was probably inaccurate. This percentage was 82% but Shaw said that many people tend to say they will vote but never actually do it.

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## Fitzpatrick for co-ed, governmental reforms

by Gary Hunt

Eileen Fitzpatrick and Walter Secada in an interview Monday night said they see two main issues with which they, if elected, must deal. The first of these is co-education and the second a more representative student government.

Miss Fitzpatrick said immediate co-education in a realistic and workable system is imperative. Fitzpatrick and Secada are aiming at a complete merger by April 1, 1972. In order to accomplish this they will attempt to "anticipate co-education through student government."

### Fitzpatrick SBP candidacy unchallenged

by Cliff Wintrode

The candidacy of Eileen Fitzpatrick for Notre Dame Student Body President, the first girl ever to run for that post, remains unchallenged.

The Student Government Judicial Committee will meet tonight and decide on the constitutionality of her candidacy if a challenge is made. Otherwise, the committee will not rule on the case.

Judicial committee member Pat Weber said yesterday that if a challenge is made, the committee is "wide open" as to any decision.

He said that in his opinion Miss Fitzpatrick's candidacy is constitutional. He noted the vagueness of the clause in the student government constitution relating to the election of a student body president.

The clause, article three, section one, states that the "executive power shall be vested in the student body president who shall be elected each year by the

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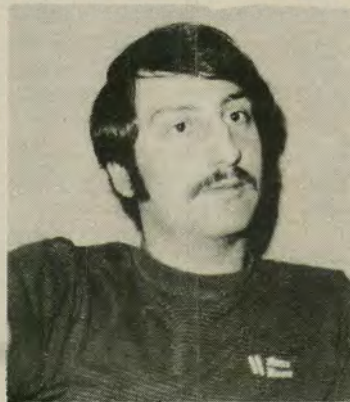
For example, Miss Fitzpatrick wishes to have the Student Body President from SMC on both the Hall President's Council and the Student Affairs Sub-committee of the Board of Trustees.

Secada and Fitzpatrick feel another step towards a merger would be a combining of the Student Union and the equivalent body from St. Mary's, the Student Services Organization.

In an effort to achieve better student representation and a more efficient student government, Secada and Fitzpatrick propose several structural changes in the present system. First, they intend to trim down the committees. Miss Fitzpatrick feels that under the present system different committees sometimes work on the same thing, a waste of time.

Miss Fitzpatrick said that presently the SBP sits on seven committees and the SBVP sits on nine. She feels that this makes it extremely difficult for the officers to efficiently utilize their time. One of the changes

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Rich Sherman

## Sherman promises Better ND Life

by Mike O'Hare

Saying they are "tired of the political rhetoric and unlimited idealism of past student governments," Rich Sherman and his running mate Mike Murphy, are centering their campaign on the belief that, "Student government must realize its limits and help better the everyday life of the average student." Sherman feels that student leaders must be cognizant of the limits of their ideals and concentrate on doing the most they can to improve student life during their term of office.

Sherman believes that there should be no changes in the present structure of student government, stressing rather the need for good and interested people to participate within the current setup. He also cited the implied powers of the office of SBP which could be employed to enact needed changes despite any opposition or reluctance on the part of the Senate. However he, as SBP, would endeavor to work in cooperation with the Senate and all other student organizations.

Under the belief that coeducation will come how and when



Mike Murphy

the Administration and Trustees decide, Sherman feels that co-ed is inevitable and that the student must now concern themselves with the preparations necessary for the transition to take place. Also with the advent of co-ed, the LaFortune Student Center takes on added significance, for it must be a place where students know they can meet other students and have something to amuse themselves while doing so.

Concerning minority recruitment Sherman states, "It must be made public and clear that any student wishing to attend Notre Dame can if he has the desire and the qualifications." He is entirely in favor of increasing the number of scholarships

## Drug suspensions to be challenged

by John Powers

The decision to suspend the four students involved in drug charges will be challenged on Wednesday when the University Appeals Board first meets to decide on the sustainment or revocation of suspension, as well as the action which the Dean of Students took in suspending two of the students, Mark Hannahan and Don Badger. The Appeal Board result will determine whether or not the suspensions continue.

The two students involved were arrested on December 17 on evidence accumulated since November 6, when a sale of capsules was allegedly made to a South Bend undercover policeman. City Court Judge Konopa acquitted Badger because of inconsistencies in the handling

and identification of the evidence, and then dismissed Hannahan's case because it dealt with the same evidence. Since then, a third student's case has also been dismissed.

Provost Rev. James T. Burtchell recommended that the students appear before the Appeals Board after they talked with Dean of Students Rev. James L. Riehle last Wednesday. "He told each of us the suspensions would continue," said Badger. "Basically what he said was that they (the administration) are not bound by legal technicalities they have downtown."

The Dean of Students was given the decision to suspend the students by the University Provost. Under section II A of the judicial code, the Dean of Students

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## Hendrick Urges Expanded HPC

Chip Hendrick, Dillon Hall sophomore and candidate for Student Body President, said yesterday in an interview that if elected, he would "absorb the functions of the Student Senate into the Hall Presidents Council."

Hendrick said that he saw and felt a basic discontinuity between the hall governments and hall staffs and the Student Government, Student Union, and Senate structures. "I can't relate to Student Government," he said, "and Student Government can't relate to me."

Hendrick and his running-



Drew Carroll and Chip Hendrick mate, Drew Carroll, said that they felt that a reorganization of governmental structures would help student government "relate" to the students.

They said they felt that the hall president was the logical leader for the halls and that he

could best give student government as a whole direction.

Yesterday, Hendrick said he met with the Saint Mary's College director of Admissions and discussed with her the problems inherent in co-education for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

In the future, Hendrick said he intends to meet with Lloyd Allen, Mayor of South Bend, to discuss the relations between South Bend and Notre Dame. He will also see University Provost Fr. James Burtchell and Dean Burke of the Freshman Year Office.

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# SMC Procedure Manual approved

St. Mary's Student Affairs Committee endorsed the original Student Procedural Manual, without including amendments proposed by the administration, at their meeting last night.

The amendments would have added vice-presidents to the College's council and standing committees and limited their action to "within their competence." The Student Affairs Committee felt that the proposed changes should be considered by the Student Affairs Council, since the most radical restructuring would occur within this council.

Membership on the Council, as detailed in the Student Procedural Manual, consists of the President, Provost, Dean of Students, two elected faculty members and three students. The manual also stipulates that "the Council assists the President in determining matters which affect student life in the non-academic realm, and accepts reports

from standing committees and the Student Government for final action."

"The Council has the power to approve or vote legislation passed by the Student Affairs Committee and the standing committee of the Student Affairs Council," the manual states.

The administration's proposal would have put the President, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Vice-President of Fiscal Affairs, Dean of Students, two faculty members and four students on the Student Affairs Council.

As enumerated in the administration's proposal "the Council will assist the President in determining matters which affect student life. It accepts reports from standing committees and the student government. Within its competence, the Council's actions are final."

Besides questioning these amendments, the committee also requested that the author of

them be revealed. There was no

signature appended to the proposals, but members of the committee assumed that they were the work of Acting President Sister M. Alma Peters, Provost Jack Detzler, and Vice-President for Fiscal Affairs, Sister Basil Anthony.

A majority of the students on the committee voted against the proposal.

"It seems ridiculous to work to change something in community government, if you're

going to be beat before you start," stated Debbie Carvatta, Holy Cross Hall President.

A majority of faculty members attending the meeting agreed with the students.

Dr. Mark Bambenek, chemistry professor, stated, "I question whether it is within the realm of their competence to add a Vice-President of Fiscal Affairs to the Student Affairs Council."

He also saw no reason for including the statement on community government, a tripartite governing body of administrators, faculty and students.

"I would like to toss back the statement to whoever wrote it," claimed Dr. Thomas Conway, history professor, "and ask for explanations. I don't think that there's anything we can do that is going to diminish any of the actions of the administration when there is not trust in the administration. It is foolish to get involved in the legalities," he added.

The procedural manual must be finalized by March 13 at the latest so that it can be mailed to Trustees, who will study it for their April meeting.

## Cassidy-Bayer emphasize Value of S.G. Teamwork to aid students

by Mary Chris Morrison

Kate Cassidy and Laura Bayer, candidates for SMC student body president and vice-president, believe strongly in the importance of a closely knit team to best represent the interests of the students.

It is from this team concept of the offices that they are attempting to deal with what they term the four main areas of their platform: Coeducation, Student Government Merger, Health Service and Counseling, and Community Government.

Miss Cassidy stated that it is no longer a question of SMC and Notre Dame going coed or not, but rather how we can best accomplish the step by step logical process that such a change requires. She and Miss Bayer see this as "the year that student involvement is absolutely necessary" if the change to coeducation is going to take place according to student desires.

The team stresses the genuine excitement surrounding the restructuring of the two schools. They see the potential of two different approaches to liberal arts education as a very real



Kate Cassidy and Laura Bayer

possibility.

As stated in their platform, "There can be two different approaches to a liberal arts education - and providing an experimental interdisciplinary college on this campus while still maintaining a liberal arts college at Notre Dame could allow for the best possible education for all students by representing a diversity of opportunity."

Regarding their basic approach to the question, the team sees the conception of a semi-autonomous St. Mary's College of the University of Notre Dame as most workable."

In the area of student government structure, Miss Cassidy stated that "we advocate full cooperation with Notre Dame in the areas that concern us both, but we see no reason for a complete merger at this time."

"While we are working with two distinct administrations, we advocate two distinct, but cooperative, governments."

The team is also vitally concerned with the health service provided at SMC. They believe that the health and counseling services should be merged into one Health Center, where both mental and physical problems could be dealt with.

They are also in favor of the health and counseling services of SMC merging with those of Notre Dame, as recommended in the Park-Mayhew report.

The last major goal of the team's platform concerns community government. They stated that "the administration has

declared open war on community governments. One of our major goals is an opening up of the administration. To try and accomplish this we propose open forums at least once a month."

The forums would be held in each hall and be open to all interested students, faculty, and administrative personnel. Miss Cassidy hopes that the forums will serve to eliminate the elitist tendencies of student government.

In order to do this, however, the student body will have to become involved. The team sees part of their responsibility in the roles of student body president and vice-president as engendering excitement for student body involvement.

They continued, "We see our role as one of asking questions and then reporting back to the student body in our open forums. . . . We don't have any illusions about the offices we are running for being easy to fill."

In accordance with the belief that the students have to be aware before they can become involved, Miss Cassidy and Miss Bayer have changed their campaign approach from holding floor meetings in the various halls to a door-to-door campaign.

They want to talk to as many students as possible on a very personal level in order to combat the apathetic mentality that says, "Prove to us that student government can do something, then we'll come to your meetings."

Miss Cassidy and Miss Bayer believe "the most important thing that we can offer is a more open representation so that every student has the opportunity to listen to and discuss the issues student government deals with." But for this to be realized students will have to participate.

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# Barkett speaks in Cavanaugh

by Jerry Lutkus

John Barkett, candidate for Student Body President spoke before students in Badin and Cavanaugh Halls last night stressing the need to "return to the halls." His running mate Orlando Rodriguez echoed his thoughts, speaking in the Kennan chapel.

Barkett related their four-point platform which encompassed hall life, academics, minority students, and co-education.

tion. Barkett emphasized that "money back to the halls is a big issue." He spoke of returning \$10,000 to the halls without raising the student activities fee.

"Utilizing new lines of communication" also was included in their hall life proposals. Barkett feels that the rectors and RA's are valuable for communication. "The RA's could be a storehouse of information," commented Rodriguez, "but we just haven't made use of them."

The duo also hoped to see better freshman orientation programs in the halls and a campus-wide hall fellows program. Barkett noted that girls were involved in the Morrissey Hall orientation program and that the freshmen of that hall have not had too much of a problem in getting dates.

Their academic proposals centered on research. Barkett hoped to look further into the possible expansion of the work-study

program, the pass-fail system, a junior year at home program, and the special studies (course by request idea).

The candidates spoke of an increase in scholarship money for minority students while also hoping to get more students involved in recruiting. Rodriguez said that "We just can't accomplish what we want solely on the Bowl funds. That is not assured. What we need is a steady, consistent, assured fund."

They spoke of bringing Professor Scott, head of the Black Studies Department, into the halls to educate the students about the program. Their last point on minorities was to begin recruitment of black women. They felt it necessary, viewing co-education as an imminent reality.

Barkett based his belief in the nearness of co-education on recent statements by Father James Burtchael and Mr. Thomas Carney who have termed it "inevitable." Because of this, their proposals on co-education center on necessary elements. They list five areas of action in co-education: providing a gynecologist on campus, hiring women personnel, making provisions for women in the placement bureau, merging student governments,

and establishing co-ed housing.

Rodriguez felt that co-education is not "the universal cure-all," but he did feel that it is essential. "We have to bring the student bodies together in dorms, dining halls, and classes. If we have everyone together it'll

help make a better social life but we have to expose everyone to each other."

Barkett also felt that the halls on campus should have open hours. He added, "I think we should stress responsibility and education in this area. We have to educate the guys on the Indiana state laws. Everyone is all caught up in this sex thing and it doesn't have to be this way."

"I don't think that they have a choice," said Barkett about the ND-SMC merger. "Right now the co-ex program is costing Notre Dame around \$65,000 because of the difference in cost per credit hour."

In the question period that followed Barkett and Rodriguez clarified many points that did not appear in their platform.

As to the streamlining Barkett clarified, "We should take the SBP off those committees where he's really not needed. He noted that the President shouldn't have to chair the Senate or the Judicial Review Commission."

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## Mooney calls for change

by Art Ferranti

Last night SBP candidate Don Mooney spoke to students in Pangborn, Lyons, Flanner, St. Joseph, Badin, Grace and Sorin Halls in an effort to inform the students that they should get together with the student government in order to change things. Mooney said that the student body officers can not accomplish any change or be an effective student government if the students do not react to various problems. He said that "The student government should act as a catalyst but they must get a response from the students themselves in order to get anything done."

Mooney also commented on the Senate and the Hall President's Council. He stated that he would like to abolish the Senate and use the Hall President's Council to allocate funds, hopefully channeling much of the money back to the halls. One of the main reasons for abolishing the Senate was that, Mooney said, this year they did not give enough money to the halls. He feels that the Hall President's Council could better decide what halls needed the most money and that the student body president and vice-president could act as coordinators for the Council.

Calling for what he termed an "Association of Students of Notre Dame" in his platform, Mooney said that if the student favors a student government similar to this year's, then the student should vote for the petition which demands the abolition of all student government. He remarked that his and Dan Sherry's, Mooney's running mate as SBVP, will represent a new

type of student government in which the students must take an active part in order for the government to work.

Mooney emphasized that his goals are to tackle the problems that the students have this year and to keep long range projects in the background. He stated that the student government would not solve the social problems of individuals, but rather act as a means for the student to get his ideas accomplished.

However, Mooney cited that ND and SMC should work together on more events, and in doing so, the social conditions would improve since the present atmosphere of the "dating routine" would dissolve and more diversity would be prevalent in the daily life of the student.

Missy Underman, SMC candidate for SBVP running on Mooney's ticket, and who accompanied him through his door-to-door campaign, stated that her administration would work in conjunction with Mooney and would try to unite with Notre Dame student government next year.

Meanwhile making the rounds in other halls, Mooney's running mate for SBVP Dan Sherry pointed out that a person's education also includes meeting other people and that Notre Dame's social environment is presently inadequate for this. He said that the remedy would be "diversity and creativity." He said that we need increased enrollment of minority students

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## Cervas issues call for "communal life"



Michael Cervas

A call for the creation of a moral community based on the principles of Christian living was issued last night in a one page statement of purpose by student office candidates Michael Cervas and Diana Deiss.

Calling student government a "meaningless abstraction" the statement asserted that "the only action that makes sense in a Christian academic community is personal moral action based upon the creative initiative of individual members of the community."

In order to "focus and amplify" the moral action of the individual, Cervas and Deiss call for the creation of a "Community Core Group" composed of volunteers committed to a vision of the Christian University. Cervas said the Core Group would serve the function of a "student union without the bureaucracy."

Its purpose would not only be to provide services that the individual student could not provide for himself but would also act on a focus and action center for the moral force of the community.

The statement concludes in the form of an invitation to students to "engage in a one year EXPERIMENT IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNAL LIVING... where together we will assert a concept of the Christian University as a community of scholars growing together intellectually, culturally, socially and morally... where the communal actions of LIVING, LEARNING and LOVING together will result from moral concern and sacrifice on the part of each member of the community..."

Cervas was optimistic about the creation of the core group and said that even if he were not elected and student government officially suspended he would continue to strive toward the creation of a moral community.

## Riebandt carries campaign to halls emphasizes hall life co-education

by Bill Weber

Attempting to exemplify their concept of a student government which will be more responsive to and in closer contact with the needs of the students, SBP candidate Jim Riebandt and his running mate, Vince Connelly, began their door-to-door campaign Sunday.

Riebandt stated that a great majority of the students here are not happy due primarily to the absence of co-education and the feeling of frustration and apathy resulting from a student government which "does not catch the feelings of the students."

On the first point, Riebandt promised to push for a complete merger of Notre Dame and St. Mary's, forming one university. He said the natural consequences of this would be a single admissions policy, adjusting the present lopsided male-female ratio. Men's halls and women's halls would exist on each campus and dining facilities would also be mixed. This aspect could, and should, be implemented soon, Riebandt said.

Criticizing the failure of past administrations to live up to their promises of rooting their work on a hall level, Riebandt



Jim Riebandt

pledged to make his administration one which is much closer to the individual students.

"Vince and I will try to attend as many hall and section meetings as possible. I do have the time," Riebandt said. "The Student Body President must capture the imaginations of the students by bringing their government closer to them. Campus government should become related to the student more as hall and section government is."

Riebandt predicted that this personalized door-to-door campaigning and pledge of a government closer to the individual student would attract considerable support.

While maintaining the Student Life Council, Riebandt proposes to combine the University For-

um, the Student Senate, and the Hall Presidents Council into one body so as to "unite them in duties and direction." This, he said, will be a great step in reforming the current clumsy bureaucracy and will make the government more responsive and agile.

As final proof of his sincerity to make student government responsive to what the students really want, Riebandt cited his approval of the upcoming referendum giving students the choice of totally eliminating the central government for a year.

In addition to implementing steps toward co-education "in the immediate future" as part of making Notre Dame "more like the real world," Riebandt also stressed the need of Notre Dame and St. Mary's students to take an active interest in the volunteer help programs in South Bend such as Logan Center, for example.

Riebandt emphasized that college is a place to grow and mature as persons and that the overpowering male atmosphere of Notre Dame and its isolation from the problems of the surrounding community is not at all conducive to this growth.

### CAC APOLOGIZES

The Cultural Arts Commission would like to apologize for some of the delays and poor quality of some of the screenings of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Steps have been taken to insure that this will never happen again.



## Security improving, but

# Campus police still have a rough time

by Greg Rowinski

Home is just a phone call away after students are attacked, Rev. James Riehle, Dean of Students, has discovered. Parents have called to express their concern and to ask what the university is doing and what they can do, about future incidents Fr. Riehle added, because they often face the same problem in their own communities.

Fr. Riehle said the security

situation is no worse now than in past years. However, what disturbs him, and has disturbed the parents, as well, is that in the incidents, students stood by instead of aiding the victims.

The "naturally concerned" parents have been "satisfied" with his answers, according to Fr. Riehle. The Security Department is continuing to improve conditions. One of these innovations is the installation of lights for the main quad, one each for

the Business Education, Student Center, and Psychology Building.

Most evidence in the assault cases has pointed to outsiders.

## OBSERVER INSIGHT

The fact that the offenders are non-students who have easy access to the University especially at night makes the problem more difficult, said Fr. Riehle. The campus security has set up alerts for known offenders, watching them closely while on campus and, in some cases, having them removed.

Security plans to increase the size of its force next year and necessary budgetary adjustments have already been made, reported Fr. Riehle. The problem, though, is finding interested, qualified personnel.

The hiring competition is weighted against Notre Dame, explained Fr. Riehle. The de-



Rev. James Riehle C.S.C.

mand for experienced security people is great, inflating salaries, in many instances, to a figure that Notre Dame can't afford to pay.

Young security men are easily snatched up by police forces which can offer higher monetary rewards for service.

The campus attitude towards security is another factor working against the University. Students and faculty verbally abuse the force, said Riehle. The fact that the guards "are not police and are police", that is, that

they serve the function but frequently lack the authority of police, puts them in an unenviable position.

Considering the changing attitude toward police, which has affected the Notre Dame community, indicated Fr. Riehle, there is a strong argument for seeking a more pleasant and better-paying post elsewhere.

To combat this unfavorable public image and attitude, the HPC has begun work on a program to honor "the security guard of the month". Also, along with the Department, they have begun efforts to place numbers on campus phones, to put the student in closer touch with not only Security but also with other emergency departments.

Security itself has arranged monthly meetings of personnel to view the state of campus protection and to discuss means of improving present methods. One of the prime topics of debate has been public relations.

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It is our position that to speak of co-education in terms of co-operative Student Governments or in any other terms which are less than complete and total merger of the N.D. and S.M.C. student bodies is to merely extend the co-ed program presently seen in the classroom to student government. It is our expressed goal to effect a complete merger of our two student bodies by April 1, 1972. This concept of co-education in the realm of student government, that area in which we as students are completely capable without the approval of any board of trustees, is explicit in each of the areas dealt with in this platform.

## ACADEMICS

Gaining co-education in the classroom is one of our most fundamental goals. It must be done quickly and with the understanding that it is for the students and their educational needs rather than the continuation of the vested interest groups of either campus. But co-education must be considered in terms which escape the merely academic role foreseen by some, and become part of the life of the entire university. It is this approach to co-education which will be our focus for the next year.

There are other concerns in academic affairs besides that of co-education. One problem to be dealt with is a reconsideration of the calendar adopted this year. In its place a 4-1-4 concept should be tried to allow the student a one month interim term for independent studies. The pass/fail system which was tentatively accepted for seniors and juniors should be extended to sophomores and second semester freshmen and allowed for all non-major courses rather than just non-major electives. The counseling program must be improved to eliminate the mountain of red tape which faces a student whenever he attempts to move in any direction in the academic structure. The College of Arts and Letters Committee on Academic Progress is an excellent model with which to start. The grading system should be revised to an A-B-C system wherein a person may choose to accept a D grade or receiving no credit for courses in which his grade is below C-. Students should also have the option of including or excluding their Freshman Year Average in the cumulative average. Notre Dame should vigorously pursue expanding the studies abroad program, being as original as possible. The program should permit students of any year or

## HALL LIFE

Student Government must face the problems of Hall Life with the understanding that its role is not one of domination, but rather facilitation. That is, there are many areas in which Student Government can be of aid to the halls, but the expressed goal of student government must be the complete independence of each hall.

Some examples of this perspective's application may be found in the role to be taken by S.G. in the implementing of co-ed dorms. It must seek an active role in this program, while insuring that the rights of present residents of any halls becoming co-ed are fully protected and that the student receives proper aid in overcoming the inconveniences of a dorm switch. S.G. must also strive to insure that a qualified staff and counseling service is hired for each and every hall, and that the halls are given a voice in the selection of such personnel. In this way Student Government can aid the halls without repressing the individual growth of the halls.

Perhaps the most important means that Student Government has at its command to foster hall development is in the area of financing. The primary criteria in allocating funds to the individual halls should be the initiative which the hall shows in utilizing funds made available to them at the outset. That is, each hall should be given an initial grant and further funding would depend on need and availability of funds.

In every way possible our administration will try to foster the growth and autonomy of each hall. Realizing co-ed residence with a minimum of inconvenience to the residents is crucial. We will be willing to curtail present projects in order to channel money back in the halls.

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

To effect an immediate and yet fair merger of our student bodies in student government three steps are necessary. First, an immediate referendum on the question of merging student governments must be held on both campuses. When both student bodies accept the concept of merger, it will be necessary to proceed with a cooperative program between the present student governments to work out the specific problems which are present in the governments as they stand. The problems which are immediately recognizable are overlapping committees, inconsistencies in the responsibilities of the officials of the two student governments, and the need for drawing up a new unified

constitution. After this groundwork has been done, the student governments of our schools must become unified through the election of one Senate or Assembly and one Student Body President and Vice-President.

The immediate problem with which this administration must deal is that interim year between the acceptance by the student bodies of the concept of merger, and the completion of that merger by next year. As we see them, the problems with which we must deal next year are the reduction of the duplication of efforts of committees, the unification of the ND Senate and the SMC Assembly, the restructuring of the cabinets, and the combination of the ND Student Union and the SMC Student Services Organization.

In the area of committees we will work from a formula which can best be described by the example of the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees. On this committee the NDSBP and the SBVP are ex-officio members, and are allowed to bring two temporary members to each meeting. It will be our practice to bring the SMC Student Body President to all meetings, effectively making her a permanent member of that committee. In those committees where this is not possible, but where both the president and vice-president are members of the committee, one of them will defer his committee membership to a representative of St. Mary's student government. In all areas, we will expect reciprocal action from the St. Mary's student government.

The Student Senate is a present considering proposals for a new constitution. We feel that this is one area in which we, because of this present flexibility, can make an immediate step towards merger. We propose that the Senate reconstitute itself so that there may be full co-ed participation. Senators should be elected by petition, rather than by Hall voting in order to reflect ideological rather than geographical distribution. In order to obtain a petition any member of the Notre Dame-St. Mary's student body would have to submit a philosophy for his or her candidacy of approximately 50 words. These resumes would then be published by Student Government, and the candidates would then be given a 48 hour period in which to get 125 signatures on their petition to gain a Senate seat. No student could sign more than one petition. This system would provide as meaningful as possible representation to the Senate which would incorporate both student bodies into the workings of the Senate.

In the cabinet there are several areas in which overlapping positions are already in existence, and need only be pushed together to effect a merger. In such instances a co-commissioner arrangement should be used to effect a smooth working order between the two commissions. In areas where there are no parallel cabinet positions it will be the responsibility for the executive coordinator of the Notre Dame Student Government to maintain effective contact between the student

governments of the two campuses and to attempt to bring all the diverse positions into a unified framework.

All cabinet members will be required to meet at least once a month with their parallel Senate Committee in order to maintain communication with that body and avoid duplication of efforts.

In helping smooth over the transition in Student Government from the complete merger, all Cabinet and Student Union positions would be open to students from both campuses.

## ADMISSIONS

The key to the academic atmosphere in any university is the admissions program. Many have charged that ours has failed to bring a sufficiently diverse student body to Notre Dame. Immediately it is clear that the merger of the Notre Dame and St. Mary's admissions departments is a desirable step towards a more diverse student body. But this is only one aspect of the problem as it appears to us. The need for as diverse a student body as possible is so important that we consider it second only to the need for immediate co-education. When we speak of diversity we do not limit ourselves solely to racial minorities, although they form an important element, but we extend our goals in this area to include ethnic minorities such as Chinese and Japanese Americans, Indian and Mexican Americans, non-Catholics, Baptist, Lutheran and Unitarian, and most of all, those of diverse economic backgrounds such as the sons and daughters of blue-collar factory workers.

In attempting to aid the admissions department in its most important work, we will establish a new cabinet position of Admission Commissioner whose job will be to work solely in this area, and to co-ordinate joint student body efforts to extend the Recruitment Action Program from the area of strictly racial minorities to the wider area of minorities as outlined above. This program will call upon undergraduates to use vacation time to speak to and work with qualified high school students in their home towns attempting to interest these students in attending Notre Dame. We realize that the success of this program depends on the availability of scholarship money. We also realize that the funds which we receive from such things as the Cotton Bowl are neither sufficient nor stable enough to continually guarantee the funding of this program. We honestly cannot offer any solution to this problem, but we can promise that it will be the first consideration of our administration to find a viable solution to this problem.

## OFF-CAMPUS

Students move off-campus because of a conscious or unconscious dissatisfaction with the residential environment. Because of this, emphasis should be placed on improving the life in the dormitories at Notre Dame. However, there are certain aspects of residential living which are inherent and in some cases not conducive to the well-being of

the student. In such cases we believe that any student's desire to live off-campus should be respected. It shall be our purpose to defend that right.

Because we believe that co-education should be implemented in all areas of student concern, we shall work to merge the Notre Dame and St. Mary's off-campus offices. An elected representative from off-campus should also be seated on the Hall Presidents Council, and be given the same status in eliciting funds and other benefits as the residence halls. The off-campus office should also be a service offered by the students for the students. Thus we shall work to insure that the off-campus office is staffed and operated by students approved by Student Government, and in conjunction with the Director of Student Residences if necessary.

As in the past two years, it shall be our policy not to establish an off-campus sounding or complaints board. Off-campus is within the realm of civil auspices, and we in student government have neither the expertise nor the authority to enter into this area. We shall continue to work through the law school to obtain legal aid for those students who need it.

## MINORITY STUDENTS

If one truly desires to enrich the Notre Dame experience, he must realize the unique problems faced by minority students. In overcoming these problems, we need an attitude which recognizes the diverse human potential found in each student — foreign, black, Mexican-American, Indian, woman, etc. Establishing facilities wherein the specific cultural and social needs of these students may be fulfilled would assist in allowing these students their own personal development. The University and SMC have an imperative to establish a tutoring program to aid all minority students in overcoming academic problems, as well as establishing a counseling service to help these students adjust to the different conditions they find themselves in.

Furthermore, S.G. should provide some realistic funding so that individual organizations may carry out their programs. It should take an active part in obtaining tutors for those students who need them.

Black Studies should be expanded into an ethnic studies program. Furthermore, Dr. Joseph Scott, the present director of Black Studies should have a staff to enable him to deal with the myriad problems which he presently faces.

## STUDENTS ABROAD

Students in foreign programs find themselves incommunicado with the University for their year of studies. To alleviate this we propose establishing the Cabinet position of Foreign Exchange Commissioner whose duties would entail locating ND/SMC students studying in foreign

programs, sending them periodical literature to keep them informed of what is occurring on campus, and insuring that they are able to participate in SBP elections.

## Vote for Eileen Fitzpatrick and Walter Secada



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Given that Notre Dame is more than a golden bubble, a number of spookily talented athletes, a piety palace, and a success machine, a number of Freshmen are annually disappointed. Let's face it; Notre Dame in theory is considerably different from Notre Dame in practice; and perhaps the theory is a bit more attractive than the reality. If we were to believe what we read in the papers (or saw on NBC or read in *Sports Illustrated*) we'd believe that between football weekends students here sit around and joyously lap up the Truth; moved by love of the aforementioned on the one hand and fear of the righteous anger of the no-nonsense Fr. Hesburgh on the other hand. But we don't believe it, and this fold-out and send-home section will attempt to address itself to the reasons for we don't.

No one will pretend that this section will at all deal completely with Notre Dame. Since the people who write are people and as such are limited by their own hopes, experiences, prejudices, and fears; But they are also written by students, students with nothing to win or lose by speaking their minds, and they are written as honestly as can be honestly written.

In this section, then, you will find six columns by six students. The columns will appear on the next two pages; the two pages after that will be dominated by Neil Rosini's full-page cartoon, *At Notre Dame*. After the *Observer* Editorial Page, the section will feature a full page on the halls. The halls are alleged to be the most important thing on campus and perhaps they are; in any event, this page will attempt to make the choice of halls easier to those Freshmen who for some reason finally do decide to get their kicks under the Golden Dome. The last page of the insert will be all advertisements; buy our sponsor's products and you (and we) will have no problems at the University.

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## Mark Winings

Golden lady, who are you? What are you?

I've heard many stories about the men who have fallen under your spell. Do you remember any of them now? Did you then?

Tell me, mother, were your elegantly covered loins ever moved to pulse by their Saturday night obscenities, or by their abject dedication to organized degradation—excuse me, the “educational experience”? What do you feel when they wake up the echoes cheering *your* name? Did you ever, just once, want to try the supine position? Aren't your ankles swollen from being on your feet all these years?

Golden lady, who are you? What *is* your name? Everyone who is real has a name.

But then I know you're not just an object or some *thing* I mean you *must* have some passion. After all, you have been screwing with a lot of minds over the last century. Or is that your secret. Do you take only what you want, only what you need. It's perfectly logical for you to do so, but tell me, are you aware of it? I mean you must know that all that paper they offer in sacrifice to your army—some days it covers all the trees, even your shoulders—is also wiping a lot of muddy crevices. Some guys even do without to praise you.

Golden, shining, blinding lady, are my questions unfair? I don't want to challenge or oppose your authority, and certainly not your glory. But just answer me these few more, for I am about to leave and it is important that I know.

Are you a faithful lover? Did you weep when your paramours fell writhing on exotic beaches, gushing your song with their last breaths? Surely you've read that story. They sang your praise at Omaha, mother, not Sam's. It must have made your breasts swell with pride, seeing the family spirit become operative in times of declared emergency, God, country, Notre Dame. Yes, quite a family we have here; so close, so interchangeable. I bet a lot of your devotees have wondered how they ever drove those nails through Jesus' combat boots.

Mother, my nameless mother, it is true. You are dying. Did you think it would feel like this? Are you confused? Are you frightened? It had to happen; it is good. Your new lovers are whole men. They have cut you deep and soon will put you to rest in the graveyard of craven images. You offered them your mind; they have seized your body. And they fall upon in midst the garbage, reborn.

Golden lady, who will you be? I think no one is quite sure yet. But already they are telling stories inspired by your approaching death, and I like this one especially, for it can be told to children—indeed it was—without the fanfare of bugles and the



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pounding of hollow drums. One of your new lovers, among the very first to wound you, let it echo about the ears of children with only a softly strumming guitar to touch the spirit.

He told of Jimmy, a ten-year-old far better at marbles than at geography. As few empires have ever been won with marbles, Jimmy's father knew that his son must soon acquire proficiency in the latter, for he would be judged a success or failure in later life dependent upon his mastery of the earth—science. So, though with a trouble conscience, Jimmy's father took from the magazine rack a periodical that contained a full page map of these United States. On the back was a picture of a man. With quiet snips had had soon chopped up the continental republic into its forty-eight respective principalities. Then, with an air of parental smugness, he solemnly told Jimmy that, until he had correctly assembled the country, there would be no more marbles. He then sent him off to his room, confident that the house would be free of marbles for some days, and, more importantly, that his son would soon know his geography—a paramount concern in *any* father's life.

Two hours later Jimmy emerged from his room, map perfectly assembled and asking for his marbles. The father, stunned almost to speechlessness, could only ask how he had done it so quickly, for he was doubtful that he himself could have done the chore so quickly, so perfectly.

Without a flicker of amusement, and in the same moment as he reached to pluck his bag of marbles from the father's outstretched hand, Jimmy replied:

“Why, Daddy, it was so easy. On the back of the pieces was the picture of a man. So I put him together, because everyone knows you've got to have the man together before you can work on the country.”

Or God. Or Notre Dame.

Yes, golden lady, because of assassins like this you will find a name, you will start to become. You will be real. The battle hymns your former lovers sang will be replaced by your slayers gentler's gentler ballads. They will not offer glory to Christian steel mills or Christian railroads, for such abstracted perversions are praised only by the idolators, only by the heralds of that other chimera—the Christian corporation. These bards will sing of touching, of response, of responsibility. Your Dow is bankrupt.

Something bizarre is happening at Our Lady's institution. The steel is crumbling and the essence—always there—is seeping out. The next few years will see quite a bit of discomfort, but the result to be obtained is cause for profound optimism, reason for strenuous effort. Our lady must not be allowed a lingering death, for that is meaningless suffering—for us.

## Jerry Lutkus

I'm a rah-rah, pure and simple. I was a rah-rah in high school and I guess if it's possible I was a grade school rah-rah too. It's evident why I came to Notre Dame.

Now, mind you, I don't live or die on football and I don't cry if Austin doesn't match his average, but I love being part of the spirit and excitement that these events generate. For me, it's fantastic. I know I came to the Dome largely because of this. And it is this kind of reasoning that affects a good many High School Seniors. They really do not know what to look for when searching for a college. College catalogues serve the purpose of supplying the address of the office of admissions and list-

ing the necessary requirements. Beyond that they simply show **pretty pictures** of the campus. Too many high school students do not look beyond that. That could be why ND comes off so good.

Not denying the academic ability of this school, it's recruiting and the initial impression it gives often is the result of the excitement of a football weekend and the beauty of the campus. Envision a high school senior (you've seen enough of them here on Saturdays) thrown onto the campus in the fall. It's a football weekend, ND vs. Michigan State. The quad is absolutely packed. The alumni are flowing out of the bookstore carrying their ND baseball caps and ND sweatshirts and ND mugs and ND underwear. Girls are all over the place. You walk along the quad in your suit and striped tie on the way to the admissions office. You get lost because you don't know that the Administration Building is under the Dome and not a church. You ask someone for directions and they give you a hand. Of course, you're impressed by the friendliness of the campus. After the interview you wander around or go to the game. Later that evening, notice an impressionable dreaming high school senior riding in the back seat of the family car on the Indiana Toll Road dreaming of September 197-.

I'll admit it, that is how Notre Dame impressed me. It's verified in that I came here to be a Journalism major which, due to certain recent developments, makes as much sense as going to the Arctic for a tan. When you have a student who really does not know what he's looking for, as was my case, the excitement of a football weekend, the beauty of this campus, and the friendliness here leaves such a huge impression on his mind that he often has no doubt where he must go to school. All the screaming about women and no social life seem ridiculous because, hell, you saw all the women there. The arguments about how dull the place is seem even more absurd because you saw the excitement of the place. The Dome can leave a wrong impression with one so impressionable.

Since I've been here of course many impressions have changed, though some may never change. A football weekend still excites me as much as that first one did. The friendliness of the campus is still a valued commodity. But for a boy who didn't know what he was looking for, I was surprised by the fine academic standing of the university. It has proved to my liking so far. I also changed my impression of the social status. One weekend on this campus cannot tell you how lonely you can get after 14 consecutive ones. But hope lies in the future with the merging of ND and SMC appearing more and more necessary and imminent. Though it is too often viewed as a cure-all, I think it will be an elixir to many of the perversions that do exist on this campus.

But nonetheless an outsider cannot see these facets of the university and a prospective student is more and more affected by 30 Minute commercials for Notre Dame on NBC and stories of glory in *Sports Illustrated*. He finds it hard to accept a student's advice after Sander Vanocor has made the Dome look like super-university. It is a super-university in many ways, but it is questionable if it can meet the praise that the media has reaped upon it.

When it becomes realized that Notre Dame has its troubles just like any other university than perhaps we can look at it in a different light. Then outsiders will know what ND really is and they will not view it in misrepresented terms as Leo Pursely and ND studded alumni tend to. Notre Dame is a rapidly changing university and necessarily so. For Notre Dame is completing its journey back into the world of reality and when it completes that journey it will then more fittingly bear the name of a university.



## Ed Ellis

As a high school senior I had never seen Notre Dame. I had heard about the place, like most high school seniors, from the newspapers, magazines, and television, because that year was the last of the three Hanratty years. I also had the misfortune of having for my guidance counselor an alumnus, Class of '58 or so, who had apparently received a pretty good education from the place, and he earned my everlasting dislike by pushing me toward Notre Dame.

The only other contact I had with the University was from the high school recruiters who stopped by my area in April of my senior year. Their contribution to my knowledge of Notre Dame was threefold: a) Home football weekends are the greatest, b) Notre Dame is a great place for beer-drinkers, and c) the social life around the place isn't *that* bad. The sum total of that particular interview was that I should go to Notre Dame and really groove on the place because these guys were assuring me that it was great.

I have since suspected that those particular students were Social Commission Poobahs or else getting paid a lot of money to say what they did.

I suspect that there are three periods of development in a student's opinion of this school. The first reaction is to the campus as a physical entity, and even the most cynical senior must admit that the *green* ND in September is a far more pleasant place for a freshman several hundred miles from home than the grey ND that dominates through the winter.

This first reaction usually remains the dominant one at least until the annual “mixer” at SMC the night before registration. Then the harsh reality of a 5 to 1 male-female ratio hits the average frosh. (Let's face it, Mr. Mooney, sleep-out on the quad or not, five-to-one is five-to-one, and nothing more or less).

The second reaction, at least in my case, is where do I want to transfer to. Many students never pass through this stage, eventually transferring or else spending their sober hours in dismal perusal of letters from home or year old *Playboys*.

After a while, however, those of more determined mettle tend to weary of the same old thing, and look for something else in the University atmosphere. To a large extent, then, one's sexual drives must be sublimated to other desires, such as academic achievement or extracurricular activity. This is the third phase of the student opinion, combining the earlier academic desires with the sterile reality of the Notre Dame situation.

In considering Notre Dame, one must realize that there are great opportunities for intellectual development. The science and engineering programs are excellent. The Government and English Departments of the College of Arts and Letters are of impeccable quality. And Student Government, Student Union, *The Observer*, and WSND provide good, solid programs where students who are interested can develop their talents. Because of the intellectual atmosphere and the opportunities for personal advancement I will not leave this place. Perhaps even more important than that is the fact that I really like the people here, and I've made friends to last for a lifetime. I guess I expected this while I was a high school senior, but I never really thought about it. Let's face it, people around here are pretty good.

The difference, then, between Notre Dame (and perhaps any college, for that matter) as seen from afar, and the real Notre Dame, is the same as the difference between the reputation of anyplace or thing and the reality of that same place or thing. As a high school senior I saw a school rendered unrecognizable by the inevitable distortion of 700 miles. Now I see that Notre Dame has a terrible social life, abominable weather, and unquestionably terrible architecture. But Notre Dame also has excellent educational opportunities, a great student body, and there's always the chance that things will get better, in junior or senior year. And, strangely enough, I don't think that any other University has anything better. I know that the places my friends go aren't better, so I'm satisfied to remain with the reality of Notre Dame.





# POSTMORTEMS

## Glen Corso

The Golden Dome swung into view as the car rolled down tree-lined Notre Dame Avenue. The young man's eyes opened wide as he looked at the tree-lined walks and broad green lawns.

The Guard at the gate smiled, and waved the young man and his parents through. His father leaned out and asked the guard where Zahm Hall was. The guard's instructions were none too clear, but as they rode down the street large, hand painted signs pointed out where the various halls were.

Members of the Blue Circle met the boy and his parents and pointed out Zahm. They walked up to a desk where a busy, self-important young man was standing.

"Hi," he said flashing a pepsodent smile, "You're a freshman right?"

The boy nodded and was told to sign a form, and pick up his room key, and pay five dollars.

"Why do I have to pay five dollars?" he asked.

"It's a hall tax, it's going to pay for a new study lounge."

The boy's parents agreed that that was certainly a worthy cause, so the boy paid.

On the way downstairs to pick up the luggage the boy was grumbling about the five dollars. His father looked at him and told him to shut up.

The corridor the boy walked down was dark and rather gloomy. His eyes flicked back and forth glancing at the room numbers. At last he spotted his own and stopped in front of the slightly open door. As he swung it open the bright sunlight streaming through the three windows almost blinded him.

There were three people in the room, two men and a woman. The younger man came forward with his hand extended and smilingly introduced himself and his parents. The boy promptly forgot the young man's first name and forgot to look the boy's father in the eye when he shook his hand.

The boy's parents came in and introductions were made. Everyone stood around in an awkward circle with sickly grins on their faces. Finally the boy's father made some comment about unloading the rest of the stuff out of the car, and they all shuffled out.

The rest of the unloading was accomplished quickly. The only awkward spot came when the boy's parents excitedly began unpacking his luggage and discovered his lighter, fluid and ashtrays. His mother merely frowned, as she put them in one of the drawers.

The boy's parents finally took off, to move into their motel room, and the boy was left alone for a short while. He lit a cigarette, sat back and looked around the room.



The walls were light green and the windows were trimmed with this chocolate brown color. It was a lousy combination, but then he hadn't expected a color coordinated room. The ceiling was about eight feet high and was painted a dull white.

The lockers were light brown, and all three were scarred and scratched. The doors on his squeaked when he opened them. There were two bunks and a single bed. The single had been taken by the young man, but at least he had gotten the lower bunk. He felt a brief pang of pity for the third fellow, who hadn't yet arrived. He would get the top bunk and the louisiest desk.

Oh well, that's the breaks, the boy thought.

The room was fairly large, being a triple.

Thank God, I didn't get stuck in one of those doubles that look like a closet, he thought. Christ, I don't know how the hell those guys are going to live in that damn things for a whole year. He remembered walking down the corridor with his father, and the sick feeling in his stomach when he saw the tiny doubles. His father gave him reassuring comments about how he only had to sleep in the room, not live in it all day.

The boy walked out of the room, down the hall and out the door. Some boys were playing football on the lawn. He watched them for a while tossing the ball around and thought back to his high school football days when he was a second string defensive tackle. He smiled as he thought of the block he had thrown that led to the seventh touchdown of the day. He tasted bile in his mouth as he thought of the first string players and their condescending attitudes. He had hated them, and still did.

He was lying quietly in bed, listening to his two roommates snore. It was nearly three and he still wasn't able to get to sleep because there was a bunch of drunks running around the hall screaming obscenities. Lousy cretins, it'S PROBABLY THEIR FIRST NIGHT AWAY FROM HOME' HE THOUGHT'

The first week passes pleasantly enough. Registration was a pain; waiting in endless lines to sign your name or have your picture taken. Mostly crap.

The courses didn't seem too bad. Calculus was going to be a disaster, he knew it from the start. The teacher was the sort of guy who would slit his grandmother's throat if it was in the academic regulations. The rest looked fairly interesting though.

There was a party tonight at some place called the Mishawaka Conservation Club. He and his roommate were planning to go. He hoped it would be a good time, but the place would probably be a dump.

They walked in to a large room. There was tables and chairs and people all around. The place was hotter than hell and he and his roommate headed immediately for the bar. The place was a dump.

They took two cups of beer each and chugged them. They both went back for two more.

Three, or four hours later both stumbled onto the bus. They sang songs all the way home. His roommate screamed things out the window.

They got out of the bus at the circle and began to stumble back to the room. His roommate tripped, fell, and sprawled on the sidewalk with his mouth open. The boy stood there laughing hysterically. He glanced up and saw the Dome and began to walk forward. The wire that ringed the grass caught him at the knees. He tripped and the pole jammed him in the stomach. He vomited. When he finished he turned and looked at the Dome. He had arrived.

## Bob Higgins

As I approach the halfway point in my four year stay at Notre Dame, I am able to view in perspective the preconceived notions which I possessed in the spring of 1969 as I finished my senior year at Fenwick High School in Oak Park. It was just these ideas, or rather their invalidity which made much of the first three semesters so unbearable and very nearly caused me to transfer at the two year mark. But in the end, it was the realization that my expectations were far too great that gave me the incentive to stay. Explanation and specification of these misconceptions may save many of you from the same problems.

As a seventeen year old high school senior I saw every college, and especially Notre Dame, as a huge step upward on the ladder of education. The gap between high school and college was nearly boundless. I expected to find a college curriculum nearly humanly impossible. I reasoned that my already anemic 2.6 high school grade point would take a tremendous beating. Instead I found Freshman year to be, suprisingly enough, possible. I discovered the elusive A which I had never known in high school. This was about my only pleasant surprise during the first year.

Assuming that dating in college would be similar to that in high school was definitely my grossest error. Coming from an all-male high school in which no one dared to date "someone else's" girl (I'm serious) you can imagine my shock when I discovered that "my" SMC girl (I had asked her out all of twice) had a date with a guy from another hall. I made the astute observation that I was in for a change of scene. It was after a few similar occurrences that I gave up on the dating syndrome at Notre Dame. I am convinced that this was the most significant mistake I made all year. It produced a great frustration which, if not controlled, can lead one to almost anything (drinking, dope, etc.) for no other reason than to relieve inhibitions.

Athletically, I was disappointed, due mostly to the fact that I overrated my capabilities. I guess I expected to be an intramural star in college, since I was a varsity player in high school. Frustrating as not playing was, I desired to keep an association with sports, so I took to coaching. I found this particular aspect of the game surprisingly rewarding.

The amount of unhappy people here (myself being one of them) was another thing that shocked me. Very few of my classmates in high school considered transfer. Here the topic comes up in almost every conversation. This definitely adds to the gloomy atmosphere that one often senses around Notre Dame.

Finally, my largest misconception was the lack of group activity. Parties, at least in my hall, were, and still are, scarce. Here, a group of guys seen with a group of girls is rare, unless they all happen to be on dates in the same place. This is in direct contrast to my high school situation where there were parties and group activities at least once a week. The non-existence of this here is very disappointing. "Group-dating" could be a giant step toward solving the ratio problem around here, at least for the time being.

This column has begun to sound very pessimistic in itself. However, if I felt that no improvements were in sight I would have made my application for transfer by now.

Part of the reason that I didn't is a SMC girl, who I met by chance one night in Guiseppi's. This girl, whom I haven't seen since, and four of her friends spent an evening at that restaurant with myself and three of my friends. For a full two hours she pointed out to me that although Notre Dame was not what I had expected it to be, no other University would have been either. The burden of making myself happy, she said, rested on me, not the University. It didn't take me long to realize she was right that I had been feeling sorry for myself.

Thinking it over then, I decided to get off my ass and accept the challenge of living here. Now I can say that after two more years, even if I feel it has all been wasted, I will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that I went down fighting.



## Joe Cassini

As my roommate and I greased down our hair, splashed on the cologne, and put on our steppin-out clothes we talked of how many lovely, young beauties we would meet at the Annual Freshmen Mixer (better known as the Freshman Fiasco). We were both very excited about coming into contact with the opposite sex after seeing nothing but guys all during Orientation. To say the least my horns were in full bloom and to such an extent that I even had to turn sideways to get through a door.

Well, the big moment came and my roommate and I walked ever so confidently over to Stepan. We were sure that the girls would fall at our feet. But for some strange reason so did 6,000 other guys. From the moment we entered Stepan it seemed as if the human race was coming to an end and these were the last females on the face of the earth. Some of my newly-made friends came up to me and said that if I didn't move fast the pick of the crop would be gone. As far as I was concerned there was no crop to pick. But I figured that I had better make the best of it, so I started to mingle.

If you think I mean with girls you haven't been around here very long. There were so many guys around each girl that I felt as if I was in a Jewish Deli, and that I should take a number so I knew when it was my turn to be shot down.

Some of the guys were having better luck and I just couldn't figure it out. As I found out later they were upperclassmen. If you learn nothing else here you at least learn to move in on the freshmen St. Mary's girls before they get wise. Well, these upperclassmen were hustling all of the girls out of Stepan. . . for what reason I did not know then but I do know now!!!

I had been there for about an hour and the only thing I had gained was a headache. The girl population had depleted to a handful but the number of guys just never seemed to go down. What a bummer I thought to myself.

Not seeing girls for almost 4 days, then being tempted with them and not even getting one. It was like putting a steak dinner in front of a starved man then pulling out all of his teeth.

Finally I saw my roommate again and I said I wanted to leave before I got sick. He agreed without argument. On our way back to the dorm we talked of our high school days and what big deals we were with the chicks.

But now it was different. We were just little fish in the big St. Mary's lake. I told him that things had to get better and he agreed. But as I said this an upperclassman walked by and said, "You ain't seen nothin' yet prepie."

Boy, what words of wisdom. As it turned out I did happen to get a date every once in a while. We went to such swinging places as the Mishawaka Conservation Club. If I went into that I would be here all night. I also had some swinging times at the movies or concerts.

I can still remember getting frost bite trying to get a cab back to St. Mary's one night after a movie and pizza. Sound familiar. . . a movie and a pizza after? I think everyone has traveled that road before.

But then hard times really set in with the end of football season. It seemed as if all of the fun was over!!!! It was all down hill from then on. I shouldn't say a thing like that.

All in all the times were really rather. . . how should I put it? Lousy, that's the word, just plain lousy. But as I look back on it now they were really all great experiences. . . ones that I wouldn't wish on my worst enemy.

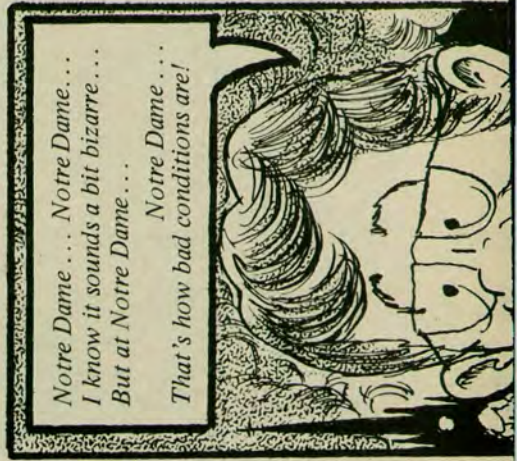
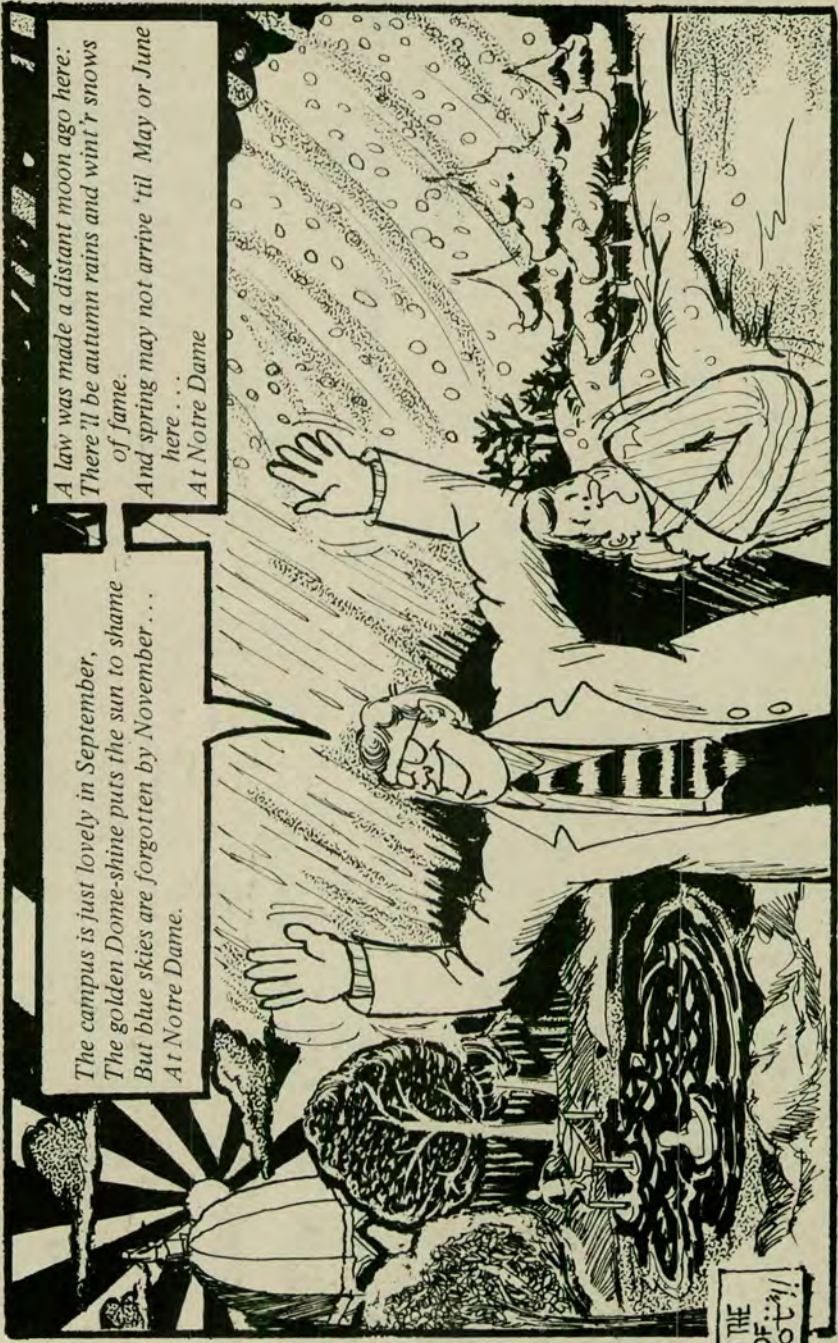




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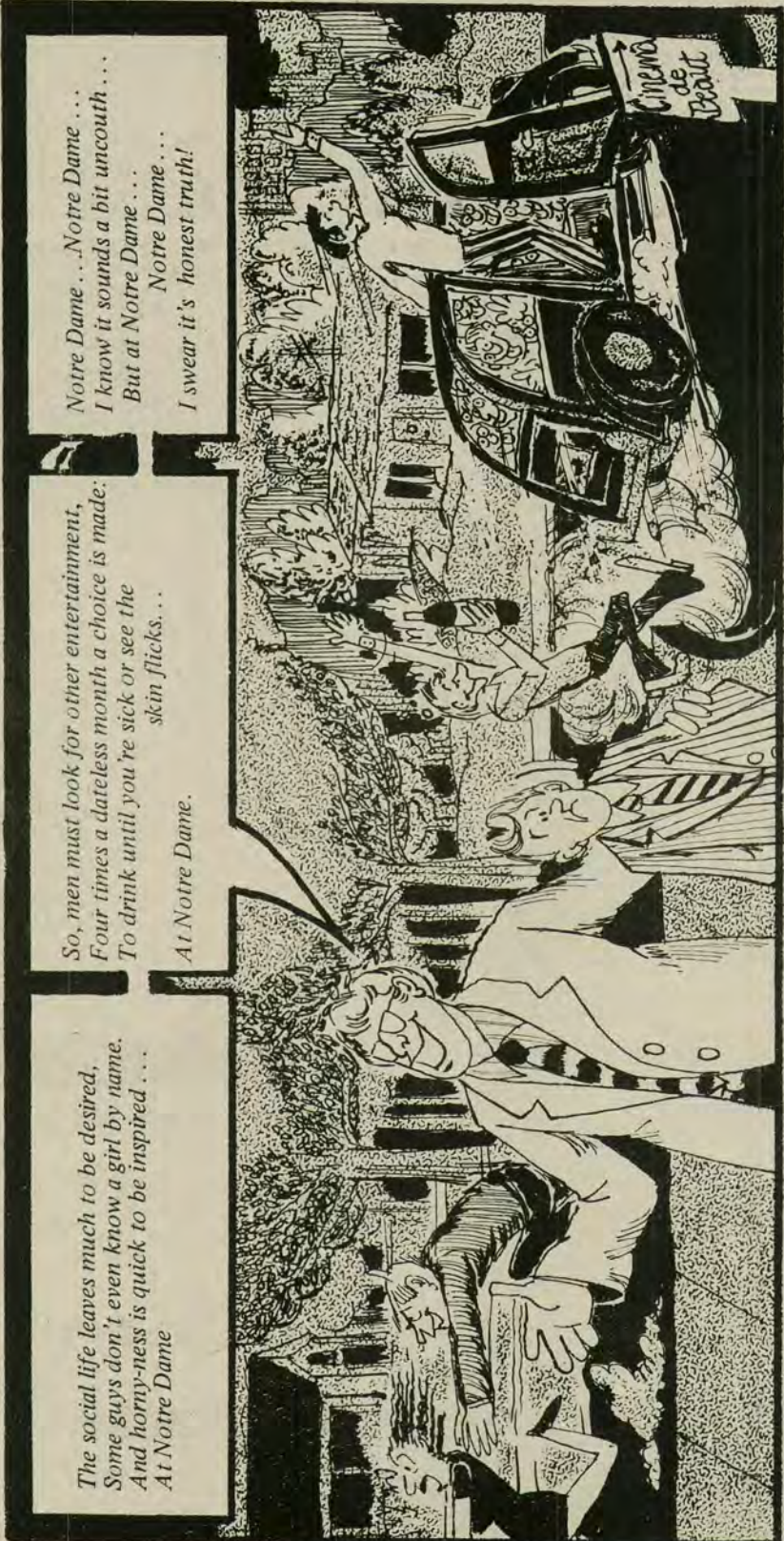
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Although you'll learn a lot in many classes,  
You'll scrape for grades and play the wretched game  
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At Notre Dame.



So, men must look for other entertainment,  
Four times a dateless month a choice is made:  
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Human life is everywhere a state in which much is to be endured, a little to be enjoyed.

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## WE NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS

The saddest thing among many sad things at Notre Dame is that what is probably the most idealistic body of incoming Freshmen in the country has to make a most drastic re-evaluation of man and society.

As this is being written; four students, three legally innocent of any charges, are suspended on the whim of the University Provost; three distinguished instructors are denied tenure for unclear reasons; two drunks fight near LaFortune, and one stark, grim, reality stares us in the face: Man is deprived, and in few places does he seem more depraved than at Notre Dame.

The next saddest thing is that the power of the University's press agency is sufficient to pervade even national news agencies. NBC had to import girls from *The Dean Martin Show*, but they left 'em thinking that there were real live girls — lots of 'em — on the Notre Dame campus. Notre Dame's relations with the *South Bend Tribune* is even more perverse. The University and the alleged newspaper share the same attorneys, and the publisher of the *Tribune* sits on the Board of Trustees at both Notre Dame and St. Mary's.

Notre Dame, then, for all you people considering attending next year, is *not*:

1) A Social Paradise. Or even a social world. You don't appreciate single-sex education until you see it operate on a grand scale replete with a ratio of five to one against the available world. Men go through here for four years without dates; they will continue to do so for several years to come.

In turn, co-education seems imminent. Single-sex education is economically unsound and politically embarrassing for a man who heads the Civil Rights Commission, as Father Hesburgh does. Within two years, there should be girls living on campus.

2) A Catholic Bob Jones. Despite the fifteen-minute rule, Father Hesburgh is not by nature high-handed or arbitrary. He is a reasonable man, intensely dedicated both to the University and all of this faith's highest ideals.

In turn, this University is behind most other major institutions in terms of student power (small s, small p). The highest board of University governors with student representation, the Student Life Council, is in reality operationally ineffective, since the Board of Trustees can overrule it at any time.

3) Anywhere near racially comfortable. People here are very self-conscious about race; among students, it is discussed as social disease was discussed among the Victorians — discreetly and with some shame.

The shame is well deserved. No one has yet done anything effective to bridge the gap between the two races, and nothing is on the docket.

4) Jock. A person in search of a good education can find it. It's here. The school of Engineering is among the best in the country. Despite financial cutbacks, there are some fine Arts and Letters departments, including English and Government.

In turn, you can set yourself up in some easy courses. But don't expect us to tell you what they are. What, then, is it?

It is a battleground for the fantastic theological dialectic Mr. Winings described. It is an institution and a University, troubled by the things that trouble all institutions and all Universities, as Mr. Lutkus asserts. It is a great place to learn but a lot of people don't want to live there, as Mr. Ellis points out.

It is a place to drink until you're sick, if you're into that, or watch your roommate drink until *he's* sick, if you're not into it, as Mr. Corso's column suggests. It's a place to get some really great lousy experiences as Mr. Cassini has found. And, as Mr. Higgins suggests with some pith but a great deal of good honesty, precisely what you make it to be.

More than this, it is rough, competitive, harsh, challenging, bizarre, morbid, baffling. There are no gentle adjectives that can be applied here. And if you're looking for a place with gentle adjectives, you won't find it here. You'll find misery and anguish and a whole lot of distasteful and unnecessary rigamarole. Don't come.

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# THE HALLS

The following is a series of subjective analyses (on an objective scale!) by select (and quite anonymous) hall members. On the scale, ten denotes excellence, one denotes abject misery. The "Living Conditions" references mean, specifically, how easy it is to live in the hall; and it means all the intangibles - hall spirit, friendliness, &c. (As opposed to "room conditions" which refer to the hall's physical shape.)

## Alumni Hall

Room Size - 9  
Room Conditions - 7  
Rectors - 10  
Assistant Rectors and Resident Assistants - 8  
Living Conditions - 7

Poor lighting and the existence of several forced doubles detracts from what are otherwise adequate room conditions. The resident assistants are good but the assistant rector is practically non-existent. Numerous incidents of violence involving hall residents and people from town have caused problems. However, steps have been taken this year to improve the situation. Recreation facilities within the hall are limited. Its central location is an advantage.



## Badin

Room Size - 4  
Room Conditions - 2  
Rector - 10  
Assistant Rector and Resident Assistants - 6  
Living Conditions - 10

Pleasant, convivial and intriguing populace counteract the Cro-Magnon architecture. Noise carries, and light sleepers ought to try elsewhere.



## Dillon

Room size - 8  
Room conditions - 9  
Rector - 9  
Assistant Rector and Resident Assistant - 4  
Living conditions - 8



## Farley

Room size - 7  
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Living Conditions - 10



## Fisher

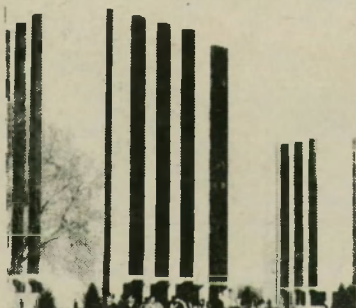
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Living conditions - 9



## Flanner

Room Size - 8  
Room Conditions - 9  
Rector - 9  
Assistant Rector and Resident Assistants - 9  
Living Conditions - 7

Flanner isn't a bad place to live, but it's so damn big. It's hard to develop any kind of Hall Spirit. The large amount of vandalism that goes on every weekend is a pain. If it keeps on going at the same rate it has, Flanner won't look like much in 4-5 years.

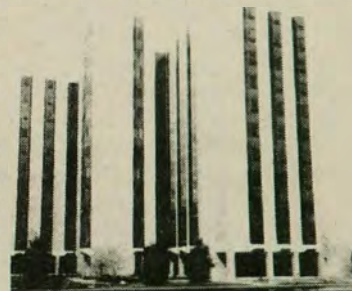


Spacial limitations have prevented us from examining all the halls. Next week, though we'll look at the others.

## Grace

Room Size - 8  
Room Conditions - 9  
Rectors - 8  
Assistant Rectors and Resident Assistants - 9  
Living Conditions - 9

No noise problem horizontally, but vertically - watch out! A good community spirit within a majority of the sections.



## Lyons

Room Size - 3  
Room Condition - 7  
Rector - 5  
Assistant Rector and Resident Assistants - 4  
Living Conditions - 8

Good guys. Suffer mainly from the lack of lounges and from the lack of a large room for meetings and parties; in general, great lack of physical facilities.



## St. Ed's.

Room Size - 9  
Room Conditions - 7  
Rector - 9  
Assistant Rector and Resident Assistants - 6  
Living Conditions - 10

St. Ed's is the smallest hall. Consequently things are always very friendly and informal but not sticky. Hall programs are good and participation is always voluntary.



## Sorin

Room Size - 10  
Room Conditions - 8  
Rectors - 7  
Resident Assistants - 9  
Living Conditions - 5

Sorin Hall has many individual rooms and the doubles are more than adequate. Since the building is old, the walls are thin and the sounds from neighboring rooms filter through. The RA's and the new hall officers are available most of the time. In the past, Sorin has had a very limited social life. However, with the advent of new hall officers, many interhall activities are being planned.



## Keenan

Room Size - 7  
Room Conditions - 7  
Rectors - 10  
Assistant Rectors and Resident Assistants - 7  
Living Conditions - 9

In Keenan the rooms are all the same - monotonous cinder block, once described as "early American bathroom. But the hall is like the entire University - if it is worthwhile, it's because of the people. Keenan is a close-knit hall, and people are expected to enjoy life. But watch out, several Mardi Gras Carnivals prove that it has the best card sharks on campus.



## Walsh Hall

Room Size - 8  
Living Conditions - 7-8  
Rector - 7  
Assistant Rector and Resident Assistants - 9

Proximity of hall to campus facilities places it high on priority list. Also a better than average hall for parties, and general good time.





# Committee considers SG abolition

by Tom Degnan

"I think the main reason the Student government should be suspended can be seen just in the way it's structured. The Student Government is actually building itself by the way it's operating," said Ken Knevel, one of the three Senators responsible for the Student Government suspension plan.

"Once the constitution is out of the way, the students would probably have enough backbone to take the activities upon themselves. There is nothing really stating that the government cannot be structured in any other way. Many of the people that I've talked to are afraid because they think they themselves won't be able to do it. For this reason involvement and initiative

would be necessary on all levels."

As to the proposed elimination of the Student Union along with the Senate, the offices of SBP and his cabinet, Knevel admitted that the dissolution of the Student Union appeared to be the main rallying point of people against the proposal. "Most people think that the elimination of the Student Union would mean curtailing social, cultural and academic activities. The pooling of money on the hall level and the delegation of committees to draw up activities would make up for the loss of the Union."

"People really don't have much to say now about the activities, but the students can relate back to the hall even

though they can't relate back to LaFortune. The majority of the people against it don't want to put only effort into restructuring a new government."

Sorin Hall Senator Chuck Ryan, sponsor of the bill, believes that the idea behind the proposal was due to the number of complaints about Student Government.

"The Senate subcommittee which passed the bill thought that the students wouldn't have to elect a leader which they would complain about but that they might choose to decide on what kind of government they want. The Senators figured that the student would be presented with two options: either to say that they were satisfied with the present government or say that

they would like to see the Student Government suspended. I think that if they voted to have Student Government suspended that they would get a better perspective on what Student Government should be and be able to see what they are missing."

"I'm not sure how many people understand it though. I can't see it passing in referendum if it's labeled as an abolishment. In either case I'd like to see a strong statement either for or against it."

"As for the Hall President's Council, I can see the proposal touching hall government. Under the proposal the power would go back to the halls. I think that the per capita allotment would produce real activity in halls.

Frank Devine, the third senator responsible for the proposal commented, "I probably won't vote in favor of it. But the apathy especially displayed by the poor turnout at the General Assembly makes it a viable issue. It would be good to see if there are alternate forms of student government available. However, I don't believe that it should be passed. Putting money back into the halls will have disastrous effects. With the abolition of the Union, the halls will have to replace the concerts, cultural arts festival and other activities. There will be a heck of a lot of pressure on the halls themselves. "I hope that there won't be a great amount of student support. I think that it'll wake up a lot of the LaFortune poobahs who've been neglecting their campaign promises."

Devine stressed the fact that the amendment was not an attack against anyone in the Student Government. "This was not aimed against Rossie or McKenna, or Krashna or Barkett or Mooney or anyone else. It was aimed at producing the most effective government possible. The bitterness exerted by Krashna was unfounded. We never intended to harm anyone."

Stay Senator Tom Thrasher is optimistic about the outcome of the referendum. "I think that the majority of the students will see that there is more to be gained than to lose.

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# Fitzpatrick calls for Co-ed, S.G. reforms

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Fitzpatrick and Secada propose that the SBP and the SBVP sit in on the Finance Committee, the SLC and the Student Affairs sub-committee of the Board of Trustees. The other posts would be relinquished in favor of another student representative.

Miss Fitzpatrick feels that the Senate presently deals with little other than the budget and the constitution. Under their proposed system any student, including Off-Campus students, are eligible to be senators. They propose that candidates submit a 50-word resume of candidacy which would then be distributed to the students. The candidate then has 48 or 72 hours to get 125 signatures on a petition. Each student may sign a petition

only once. Fitzpatrick and Secada feel that in this way a more representative body will be created.

Miss Fitzpatrick also proposes that O-C be allowed a representative in the Hall President's Council if O-C implements a form of government equivalent to the government of the halls. In all this, they feel that St. Mary's should be reciprocating by placing Notre Dame students on SMC committees.

When asked about the proposal by Chuck Ryan that all student government be suspended for a year, Miss Fitzpatrick said that the statement was made primarily to get the students to think about what the student government does for them. Fitzpatrick and Secada

feel that student government is a necessary and valuable part of the university, and that such a move would do nothing other than waste a year.

One of the other proposals made by Fitzpatrick and Secada in their platform is the establishment of an Exchange Program Commissioner. He would okay all students in the program, keep them informed as to the occurrences on campus and

would arrange for them to vote. The candidates feel that ignoring the exchange students is equivalent to ignoring a hall on campus.

Miss Fitzpatrick also feels that it crucial that the budget be decided in the spring. She feels that the time saved by this procedure could be put to good use by all the student government bodies. As far as the actual budget is concerned they feel

that they can promise the halls at least \$6,000 and at most \$8,000. They feel that to promise any more than this would have to cut down on other organizations such as the Afro-American Society, the Mexican-American Association and the International Students Society, and both candidates feel these societies are extremely important to the members and to the University.

## Candidate opinions about governmental structure

### Barkett Mooney

by Matt Cavanaugh

John Barkett feels that the present structure of the Notre Dame student government is adequate and that it should not be changed.

He said that one of the things lacking in the present Student Government is the administrative ability needed to carry out the projects that are undertaken.

Barkett believes that he can supply the needed ability, by drawing from his past experience, having been the President of Morrissey Hall and the Chairman of the Hall President's Council. He also added that by running with Orlando Rodriguez he would have the advantage of working with someone he has been closely associated with for three years, while many of the other candidates "have only known their running mates for a few weeks."

He proposed that a Student Government Comptroller be appointed to oversee the Senate Finance Committee, and make frequent reports of their expenditures to the students. He said that "the students have a right to know what is being done with their money."

Another proposal made by Barkett was to limit the number of committees and boards that the Student Body President belongs to. He mentioned such bodies as the Senate and the Judicial Review Committee, a board headed by the SBP, whose function is to rule on the legality of actions of the president.

Concerning a new constitution Barkett said that he would work with the Senate in their efforts, but he feels that this should not be a major project of Student Government. He said, "There are several things that are more important than a new constitution. Such as having better communication with the students, and working to improve the Student Life Council."

Barkett, who plans to use the SLC as a vehicle for the advancement of campus life, outlined several points for the improvement of this body.

He declared that Orlando Rodriguez, his running mate, or he would concentrate on organizing the student members of the council and try to coordinate the efforts of these members so that they would be better able to work with other representatives.

by Milt Jones

Don Mooney and Dan Sherry plan many structural changes in student government for the upcoming year. According to Mooney "we will throw out the old constitution and start over."

Mooney and Sherry stated that their "main plan is for a student association, The Associated Students of Notre Dame. It would be a loose organization of halls with Hall Presidents and one representative from Off-Campus dividing up the Student Activity fee." Mooney also commented that the coordinators of the Student Association the SBP and SBVP, would be "more coordinators and organizers than leaders. They'd come up with creative ideas while looking for issues of student consensus."

"Once these coordinators get the consensus, they could bargain with the administration effectively," according to Mooney. At other schools, Student Associations have been incorporated, and these bodies have threatened legal action at the violation of student's rights, Mooney explained. Mooney further commented that "the present Student Union would still exist for social, cultural, and other campus-wide services under its present structure but hopefully we can decentralize social and cultural planning by giving more money to the halls."

Mooney also plans to push for a new constitution. He will set up a Constitutional Committee with representatives from each hall on both campuses. Mooney commented that "hopefully this committee would work out the merger between ND-SMC governments, and work out the Student Association idea."

Mooney and Sherry plan to continue membership in the NSA. Don feels that "the NSA can help us deal with problems that affect all of us."

According to Mooney, his priorities this year will be working on making this year exciting. "This means interacting with students and working on student problems as much as possible. If the bureaucracy gets in the way, then it will be sacrificed," Mooney stated. He also voiced his hope to eliminate the Senate with a new Constitution.

The SLC will only be used by Mooney to deal with "long range University problems."

## Sullivan releases changes in registration procedure

Richard Sullivan, Associate Registrar, disclosed Friday that there would be a few minor changes in the upcoming procedure. He stressed the need for a more orderly procedure.

The changes are only going to effect registration for check mark courses. In order to get into a check mark class for next semester one must first get a Class Authorization Form from his academic advisor. He must then take this form to the Department Head of the course in which he is interested. If the Department Head allows the student to take the course, the student will receive a pre-punched card which insures him of a seat in the class.

The acquisition of authorization for these courses is to be dealt with by priority according to class. Registration will be on a first-come first-serve basis within the classes.

Juniors will be called on Thursday April 15, followed by the Sophomores on Friday and

then the freshmen with anyone else on the following Monday, April 19.

The new arrangement is a combination of methods used in the past, according to Sullivan. It utilizes the pre-punch class card employed last semester and the class authorization form which was used during the last semester of the 1969-1970

school year.

It is hoped that a great deal of the confusion in the last registration period will be alleviated. It should cut down on crowds since the student can only go according to his class, Sullivan said.

He added that "...the right people will get into the right classes."

## Cavanaugh Hall elects Hansen

Cavanaugh Hall residents elected Kevin Hansen president in their elections held Thursday night. The hall also elected Harry Haverkes to the position of vice-president, Joe Wilkowski as secretary, and Dennis Deehan as treasurer.

The election was a runoff election held between the two candidates who received the largest number of votes for each position in the primary election held on Monday. The votes went: President: Hansen: 103, Bob Reynolds: 93; Vice-Presi-

dent: Haverkes: 115, John Rusche: 62; Secretary: Wilkowski: 103, Phil Cernanec, 84; and Treasurer: Deehan: 107, Dick McCarthy: 81.

## Alumni Hall picks Pogge in run-off

An Alumni Hall run-off election yesterday resulted in the election of Ron Pogge as hall president. Pogge had 112 votes; his opponent, Dave Hnasen, had 93.

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## ALUMNI RESISTANCE CHARGED

# Minority Recruitment Controversy

by Steve Lazar  
OBSERVER Campus Editor

"For those of you who do not know me, I am a very intense Caucasian male who spent some five (5) years of my life on campus as an undergrad and graduate student at Notre Dame, earning a couple of degrees in '65 and '67. Notre Dame is the closest to the person, place or thing I hold dear in my life. Perhaps that is why I have devoted so much of my time and effort to the image of what I consider to be Notre Dame. I think you know why I said that too.... because we all know Notre Dame....each in our own way...."

With the above statement, ND grad Mike Mathis begins an open letter to the Notre Dame community. In that letter he makes some very serious charges against the University and its alumni, some charges that have not been resolved - that perhaps never will be. Among them is a charge that one Mr. James Britt of Dayton, Ohio, an alumnus, caused the University to drop its recruitment program of 48 black high school students from Dayton by personally wielding

financial pressure.

There are some interesting things to be told about Mike Mathis. After leaving Notre Dame Mathis went to the Air Force and entered as a second lieutenant, having graduated from the reserve officers training program at Notre Dame. When he left the Air Force he had attained the rank of Captain.

Mathis still wears his hair short and has the abruptness and determination that seems to have become a stereotype of military men. From all indications then, Mike Mathis is the type of person that the controlling interests of Notre Dame would like to see graduate from here. Right?

## Mathis is an activist

Not so. Mathis is an activist. He has been bothering the Notre Dame Administration ever since he left here. The disfavor that he has generated among alumni and administrators alike is enormous. "You're a god damned idealist," one alumnus told him. And at a meeting of University officials once, one administrator leaned over to another and, pointing at Mathis, told him, "If there's ever an alumnus who will give you

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trouble, that's the one."

The trouble that Mathis has been creating started back in April of 1969. At that time Mathis was Chairman of the recruiting Committee for the Dayton Alumni Club. Under that role he brought two ND students, Greg Smith and Gerals Sims, now both seniors, to four Dayton area high schools to talk with black students about enrolling at Notre Dame.

According to a letter to Mathis from Greg Smith dated May 1, Asst. Director of Admissions Mr. John Goldrick was "more than pleased" with the recruitment program. Furthermore, Smith told Mathis, Goldrick had indicated that almost 70-85% of the black students with whom they talked would be accepted.

A week later, at a press conference in which Notre Dame's President Father Theodore Hesburgh participated, Mathis related this information to the Dayton press. He

indicated that all the students need do was apply and the proper steps would be taken to bring them to Notre Dame.

## Britt accused

According to Mathis, the Dayton Daily News story containing this information "so exacerbated" Mr. James Britt, Dayton area general Chairman for SUMMA, "that he felt it appropriate to send the story in entirety to Mr. James Frick, Vice President for Public Relations and Development of the University."

At the time, Mathis says, Britt was promising to deliver 400% of the Dayton area's SUMMA quota of \$35,000, the largest percentage in the nation.

According to both Mathis and sources in the Administration, Britt interpreted the news story as meaning that every black who applied to Notre Dame would be accepted, obviously not the case, says Mathis, because only students who it was thought would succeed academically at Notre Dame were interviewed in the first place.

The gist of the charge Mathis has made against the University is this: it is claimed that Britt called VP Frick and told him

that unless Mathis and the recruitment program were dropped he would not be able to deliver the \$100,000 for SUMMA because of the effect of black recruitment on donations from white alumni. Not only would alumni resent the enrollment of blacks at the University, the reasoning goes, but such recruitment would also make it harder for alumni sons to get into Notre Dame.

As a result of this, Mathis says, the 48 black students never again heard from the University and he was removed from his positions as recruiting chairman, secretary, and public relations chairman of the Dayton Alumni Club.

## Still a mystery

These charges are, of course, most serious, and the evidence certainly stunning, but the story is not quite complete.

In December of 1969, Mathis, acting on his own, invited David Krashna and Art McFarland to come to Dayton to do some recruiting. The Director of Admissions, Dr. Peter Grande, was most pleased that they were going to Dayton, but when he heard that Mike Mathis was coordinating the trip he told them not to go, because he too had heard that Mathis was to be avoided.

Grande then told Krashna that the University would not finance the trip unless he consented not to work through Mathis. Krashna refused, and consequently Mathis paid for the trip. When the students returned, Krashna was fired by the Admissions Office from his position as black recruiter.

Thus far, the strange prejudice against Mathis and the "dropping" of 48 black students from Dayton have not been explained. But the other side has a story too.

## Frick, VP, replies

Mr. James Frick, VP for Public Relations and Development explained the administration's side of the story. To the claim that the University "dropped" the 48 black students when Mr Britt applied a financial threat, Frick responded, "There is not the slightest shred of truth to that."

Mr. Frick explained that the University would not act so precipitously on a threatened loss of only \$100,000 out of the \$52 million SUMMA campaign. Secondly, he said that in the meetings with the black high school students, conducted by ND students Smith and Sims, no formal promises of acceptance were made. Thus, he said, no promise was broken.

"How, in that context you could think in terms of implicit promises—I just don't understand how he arrives at such conclusions. . .," said Frick.

Frick complained that Mathis was giving the public the impression that all a black student has to do is apply and the University will take care of the rest, including financial aid. He termed such an impression "an injustice to blacks" because the University does not have enough money to insure adequate financial aid to everyone. Also, he said, if an unqualified student is accepted it may well mean that he won't be able to graduate.

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# Irish swordsmen win four more

by Terry Shields  
Observer Sports Editor

The Notre Dame fencing team upped its season record to 15-3 over this past weekend with four big victories over three Big Ten foes and Case Western Reserve. None of the Irish wins were really even close matches.

The breakdown of the wins was Notre Dame 19, Case 8, ND 16, Ohio State 11, Irish 20, Michigan State 7, and Notre Dame 19-8 over Indiana. These matches were all at home in the Convo.

Friday night saw the Irish decimate a rather weak Case Western Reserve team. The ND

attack was balanced with the foilsmen taking most points with a 7-2 slate. Both the epeeists and sabremment were 6-3.

In the quadrangular meet Saturday morning the Irish came out with revenge in their swords as they whipped Ohio State 16-11. This was the first time in three years that the Irish had

managed to beat the Buckeyes. The foilsmen carried the load here on the strength of an 8-1 record. Sabre also won their battle with the Bucks by a close 5-4 count but the epeeists didn't fare quite so well. They were on the short end of a 6-3 count.

Michigan State was also supposed to be some trouble for Coach Mike DeCicco's squad but the Spartans wilted in each division. Once again a strong foil performance led to the Irish win. The men with the thin blades romped to a 7-2 victory. Sabre duplicated this with a 7-2 mark also. Epee was one count off of the pace with 6-3 win.

Indiana was not much competition for Notre Dame. The Hoosiers were drubbed 19-8. This score is even more humiliating since only the second string went against the Bloomington blades. Sabre led the way here with a 9-0 shutout. Epee and foil both turned in 5-4 records.

On the weekend there were a

number of individual standouts. Three foilsmen were impressive with J.T. Lyons (a co-captain) finishing 5-0. Mike Cornwall and Glenn Kalin were both 4-1 giving Lyons ample support.

Another co-captain, Rick "Rip" Deladrier had an off day but he still managed a winning slate for the epee division.

Mike Feeney and Doug Daher both showed well in the sabre c lass.

The weekend was pleasing to DeCicco, and who wouldn't be pleased with four wins and no defeats? He was especially happy with the win over OSU. It was sweet revenge.

The swordsmen still have six meets remaining this season and as co-captain Lyons stated, "We hope to be 21-3 by the end." The next match for the Irish will be this Friday in Milwaukee. They face MIT and Wisconsin (Park-side). On Saturday the travel to Madison to face Wisconsin and Illinois.

J.W. Findling

## IRISH MEET NYU

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## Hoosier Hysteria

Ain't God good to Indiana?  
Folks, a feller never knows  
Just how close he is to Eden  
Till, sometime, he ups and goes  
Seekin' fairer, greener pastures  
Than he has right at home,  
Where there's sunshine in the clover  
An' there's honey in the comb;  
Where the ripples on the river  
Kind of chuckle as they flow--  
Ain't God good to Indiana?  
Ain't He fellers? Ain't He though?

Mr. William Haskell expressed these sentiments about the same time a physical-education instructor at Springfield College in Massachusetts tacked an old peach basket on a gymnasium balcony and instructed his students to throw a soccer ball into it. It was an Easterner, James Naismith who originated basketball in 1891. If, for some reason, Mr. Naismith had not been able to find a peach basket that day, basketball would have certainly been created by a Hoosier. Despite the fact the sport was started in the East, this week the state of Indiana initiates its annual pre-spring, four-week madness--the state high school basketball tournament. And everything in Indiana--government, commerce, public health--stops when it's time to watch kids play basketball.

The reasons that high school basketball has reached such popularity in Indiana are obvious. In places like Shelbyville or Sheridan, Kokomo or Klondike, there isn't much else to do on Friday or Saturday nights. Hoosiers religiously make their way to brilliant gymnasiums that often accomodate more people than the town has. New Castle, Indiana has a fieldhouse whose capacity is only a little less than the ACC. Besides the provincial nature of the state, Hoosiers, as Mr. Haskell points out, enjoy simple things. Football is too complicated, and it involves many boys. Until the recent consolidations of school corporations many Indiana high schools didn't have enough boys to have a football team. Basketball is much simpler. It only takes five boys, and it's played during the winter--after the corn and soybeans have been harvested.

Any claims you may have heard from Hoosiers that their basketball is the best in the country are false. Although there are many Indiana boys on college rosters all over the country, New York, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Illinois probably all produce better basketball players. But, surely, none of these places have tournament which precipitates as much interest or is as rich with tradition as the one in Indiana. There is no segregation of big schools and little schools; there is only one state champion, and whether he's a white farm boy who learned his basketball on a gravel barnyard or a black who learned the game on an asphalt playground in downtown Indianapolis, he has the same right to dream of reaching the finals in Hinkle Fieldhouse.

Even South Bend, a town that prides itself on powerful football teams, has something to be stirred up about this year. South Bend has the best sectional of the 64 throughout the state with four of the best twenty teams. LaSalle, St. Joseph, Adams, and Riley are among the best of the 436 teams who will be participating. The gunning starts Wednesday evening at the ACC with the finals on Saturday night. LaSalle and Riley open the sectional on Wednesday and Adams and St. Joe, who split a couple of barn-burners during the regular season, is the feature attraction on Thursday night. South Bend will also host a regional the following weekend. So if you have difficulty reserving a court at the Convo during the next couple of weeks, just be patient. Like the flu, Hoosier Hysteria passes away.

## Gustafson wins title

The Fighting Irish wrestlers could manage only a fifth place finish out of 12 teams in the Wheaton College Tournament but that didn't stop heavyweight Phil Gustafson from rolling on at his unbeaten streak.

Augustana College won the tourney with a team total of 98 points. The Irish had 40 team points and this was helped tremendously by Gustafson's title spot.

The Irish heavyweight won four matches in gaining the crown and this gives the junior a 37-0 career mark. Gustafson is also 19-0 on the season. He registered two pins on his way to the title but his toughest match came in the championship bout. Phil wrestled Leonard Peavy to a draw during regulation time but

he outlasted the Graceland College heavyweight in the second overtime by means of an escape. He then rode Peavy for the third overtime period and took the decision, 3-1. Fifteen of Phil's wins have been by pin this season.

Tom Ciaccio was the only other ND matman to go very far in the standings. The Notre Dame captain was runner-up in the 118 lb. division losing to Bob Dever, also from Graceland the second place team. Dever was voted the outstanding wrestler in the tourney and this is also the fourth year in a row that he has taken the title at Wheaton.

Ken Ryan got to the semi-finals in the 142 lb. division. The "Scrambler" lost to the eventual

winner of the tourney.

Bob Bennett duplicated Ryan's performance in the 158 lb. class. Bob Habig made it to the quarter-finals in the 150 class.

The five other ND entries were able to crack the win column. They were Steve Moylan, Rick Esposto, Kurt Bottjer, John Imhoff, and Rick Aselege.

The next action for the grapplers comes this Friday and Saturday when they travel to Cleveland, Ohio. Here, ND will compete in the National Catholic Tournament hosted by John Carroll. Last year Notre Dame placed second in this tournament behind Marquette. Coach Terry Mather is hoping for a performance at least this good and possibly the number one spot.

## Tickets going fast for regional

Notre Dame, Ind. --Notre Dame ticket director Don Bouffard has announced that all lower arena seats for the first round of the NCAA Mid-East

Basketball Tournament here March 13, have been sold.

Bouffard indicated that a limited number of upper bleacher seats (\$4) still remain for the first round doubleheader.

In addition, the four schools involved in the tournament will receive a limited number of tickets.

The pairings will match the champions of the Ohio Valley Conference against an at-large selection and the winner of the Mid-American Conference against another at-large team. Miami (Ohio) has already clinched a tie for the MAC title while Western Kentucky holds a one-game lead over Murray State in the OVC.

Starting times for the doubleheader, which sends the two winners to the Mid-East Regional finals at the University of Georgia the following week, will be announced later. Selection of the two at-large teams will be made on Tuesday morning, March 2, with the pairings announced Wednesday afternoon, March 3.

Tickets are available by mail order only with a limit of four tickets per order. Notre Dame's Athletic and Convocation Center seats 11,345.

## Voices from the Crowd

Sports Editor:

One of the most important things in discussing any controversy is to try to remain objective. Well I've tried and I find it impossible. The motion to be put before the General Assembly culling for the resignation of basketball coach Johnny Dee has greatly disturbed me, as I'm sure it has many other Notre Dame fans. For a few rabble-rousers to publicly denounce a man of Dee's experience borders on sheer lunacy. The supporters of this proposal are the same people who cheer the Notre Dame players, yet boo their coach. It seems that they would almost like to see the Irish lose so that Dee will look bad and they can revel in their fantastic

powers of foresight in predicting the demise of the Irish. These people certainly have no conception of what this action could have on team morale.

Coach Dee is just as much a member of the team as Austin Carr is. He plays all five positions at once, sweats every rebound, throws every pass. He dies a little with every loss as we all do. We students are also an important part of the team and dissension has never been known to aid teamwork. When I've been asked to describe Notre Dame, one word always comes to mind, class. Some of Our Lady's sons have exhibited an amazing lack of it lately.

Jim Piccolo  
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# No challenge to Fitzgerald candidacy

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entire membership of the undergraduate student body."

This would apparently not rule out a presidential candidacy by someone outside the "undergraduate student body."

"This definitely points out the inadequacies of the present student government constitution," said Weber.

Miss Fitzpatrick said when she

## Mooney-Sherry

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and coeducation in order to "rub elbows" and speak with other students of different backgrounds. "We, as student leaders, will help the students in creating a better social atmosphere. On off-campus housing, both Mooney and Sherry stressed a need for an O-C co-op which would allow the on-campus students to meet with those living away from the campus to experience their life styles and hence diversify their views even more. Mooney felt that the University should foot most of the bill on O-C building expansion but if they would not, he proposed money could come through the student union from the Hall President's Council. Sherry said that "Students are down on themselves. Students have to get involved to effect change."

**The Marine Corps Officer Selection Team will be on campus in the Dining Halls during noon and evening meals today through Feb. 26.**



announced her candidacy that she considered herself a Notre Dame student because her major is on the Notre Dame campus and all her classes are at Notre Dame.

Weber said that if Miss Fitzpatrick's candidacy is challenged and allowed on the grounds that she is a member of the Notre Dame undergraduate student body then it is an "interesting" question whether she would be allowed to vote for herself.

Before a candidate is allowed to run for student body president, he must file with the election committee a petition containing one hundred signatures supporting his bid.

Weber said that the election

committee by accepting Miss Fitzpatrick's petition "expressed consent" of her candidacy. He added that the committee did not think of this Sunday night when they approved her petition.

St. Mary's student Diana Deiss is running for Notre Dame student body vice-president on a ticket with Mike Cervas. She is the first girl ever to run for that position.

Weber noted that while Miss Fitzpatrick contends that she is a member of the undergraduate student body, Miss Deiss takes no classes at Notre Dame.

He said that this could make a difference if her candidacy is challenged. However, it does not appear that it will be challenged.

## Appeals Board to meet and decide on drug suspensions

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dents may consider cases "against the good order of the university community, or offenses by off-campus residents." It also allows for suspension when someone is considered an "imminent danger to the University." Riehle said he took action himself, rather than through the University Board, because "I consider selling drugs of imminent danger to the community." Despite the separate court cases, Riehle didn't think this was important in the case, saying:

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"It's pretty hard to separate the two."

"The University is not bound by the civil court," said Riehle. In regard to conversations between himself and the students acquitted, he said "I never make public statements on the disciplinary records of my students at the University," explaining that this policy works to safeguard students' reputations. He said that some students have avoided legal charges, or had them dismissed in the local courts by leaving school. In some cases, "A suspension is better than a police record."

Disciplinary procedures allow for the student to appeal the Dean's decision to an Appeals Board appointed by the Student Life Council and composed of one student, one faculty member and one administrator. A student may appeal from this Board to the President, if he accepts it.

The Wednesday meeting will be the first of the Appeals Board, which Badger termed "not fair." The Appeals Board has no set rules except that the defendant is not allowed counsel above the undergraduate level, not even counsel from a law student. "If there are rules, nobody can give them to us."

The student government constitution states that the qualification for student body vice-president are the same as for student body president.

The judicial committee Sunday night also decided on next Monday night as the date for a run-off if needed, and allowed an extra fifty dollars in campaign expenses for the possibility.

The committee will rule

tonight on a protest complaining that the referendum to abolish the student government should not be voted on this Thursday, the same day as the student body presidential elections.

There are no men running for student government executive positions at St. Mary's.

The judicial committee will meet tonight at 10:30 in the student government offices in LaFortune.

## Sherman SBP Campaign

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but opposes using student government funds for minority scholarships. Rather, this money should be used to improve the lives of the students.

In regard to campus life, Sherman believes that much needed funds can be obtained from a cut in the budget of the Scholastic. He maintains that the magazine supposedly receives \$58,000 from the University for publication. In the belief that the majority of students do not read the magazine, Sherman would like to see the appropriation cut to \$10,000 and the Scholastic be published once a month. The remaining \$48,000 would be used in three main areas:

"A substantial increase be made in the appropriations to the *Observer* and WSND. These appropriations must be made

with no strings attached in order to insure a free press."

The possibility of an allotment to be given to the *Juggler* should be explored." Sherman citing the need for students to have a literary outlet through which their works could be published.

The remaining funds to be channeled back to Student Government, which would in turn use it to aid the Student Union Social Commission Concerts and channel much needed funds back into the halls.

Sherman relates the apathy among the students as stemming from their bad attitude toward student government. He bad attitude of the students, he feels, is a direct result of the failure of student government to improve the everyday life of the student.

## Abandoned Dayton Minority Recruitment Effort Questioned

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Frick stated that Mathis acted irresponsibly by calling a press conference for Krashna and McFarland on their unauthorized trip to Dayton.

"Please understand, Mike," he said in a letter, "that you have no authority whatsoever to speak for or act on behalf of the University. We have a fully competent professional staff in Admissions and Public Relations who can arrange trips, press conferences, and news releases when it is in the interest of the University to do so."

"On behalf of the University Administration, I ask you to cease and desist in these or any other activities in which you appear to be representing Notre Dame, officially or unofficially," said the letter.

So the case is still open; it cannot be explicitly proven that Mr. James Britt made financial threats that caused the University to drop the Dayton recruitment program. On the other hand, neither can it be proven otherwise. For evidence we have the opposing stories of two men, both of whom claim to love Notre Dame. One is a young graduate of the University who has spent a great deal of time and a fair sum of money trying to make the University embody the ideals of racial equality that its philosophy and its President espouse. The other is a longtime employee of the University whose job it is, nevertheless, to make the University look good.

As for the Mike Mathis chapter of Notre Dame's history, it is probably far from over. As David Krashna says, "Mike is an unusual guy. He's willing to put himself on the line, and to do it vociferously. He's a radical... because he gets to the roots of problems."

## Huddle holds gum price even

Edmund T. Price, Director of Food Services, announced yesterday that the Huddle would continue charging five cents for the five-stick pack of Wrigley's chewing gum, even though the wholesale price had been increased.

Wm. Wrigley, Co. was the only major gum maker that did not raise its prices last June. However, the company announced last week that due to increasing costs, it had to raise the wholesale price of its 20 pack box from sixty to seventy-two cents. It also is removing one stick from its 8-stick pack.

Earlier this month, it was reported in the *Observer* that the Huddle was charging seven cents for Wrigley's gum, although its prices were no higher than before. In response to this, Mr. Price reduced the cost of the gum to five cents.

With the announcement of the increase by Wrigley's, Mr. Price decided to stand by his previous decision of five cents, at least for this semester.

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