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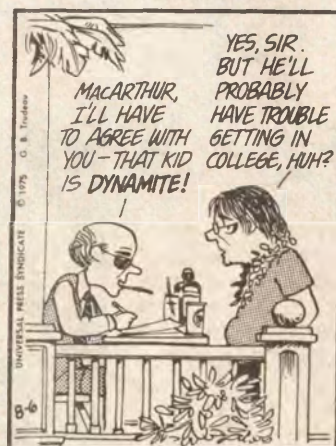
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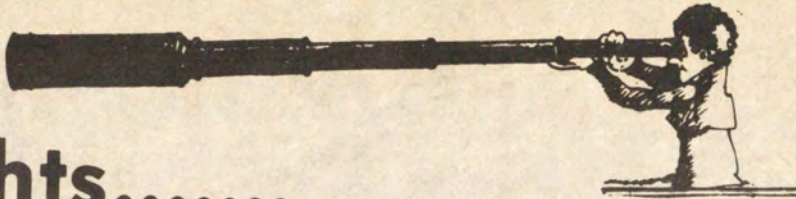


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Insights.....

In response to international critics, State Department has pointed out that the controversial American Evacuation of Orphans from Vietnam in April was not without historical precedent.

"Many times in the past, humanitarians have come forth to aid the infant victims of international clashes and catastrophes," declared a State Department spokesman.

He went on to note that during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, Portuguese ship captains rescued thousands of helpless children from the strife and political chaos then afflicting the continent of Africa, while during the Middle Ages, courageous bands of gypsies conducted a lonely campaign to free European babies from medieval towns threatened in the Dark Ages.

And, in 1284, P. Piper, Westphalian ambassador, responded to the alarming plight of youngsters in rat-endangered Hamelin towns by organizing a massive footlift to the nearby secure insides of a mountain.

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The Mattel Toy Company has just come out with a female doll whose breasts grow before your very eyes. "Growing Up Skipper" is equipped with a special arm, which, when given a twist, causes two bumps to grow on the doll's chest. Mattel says that "Skipper helps teach children about puberty."

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The wife of Evangelist Billy Graham snatched a sign from a protestor during a Bicentennial Celebration in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Celebration was being attended by President Ford.

A young man, a member of the anitwar Red Hornets Mayday Tribe, was carrying a sign bearing the Revolutionary War Slogan "Don't Tread on Me," when Mrs. Graham leaped up, grabbed it, and planted it between her beribboned white pumps.

Veterans Administration officials are investigating the case of a paralyzed former marine who was apparently left in an elevator in which he rode up and down for 27 hours. The hospital is located in Chicago.

Erwin A. Pawelski, 54, was admitted after suffering a blood clot at his home. Donald La Rocque, assistant to the hospital's chief of staff, gave this account of Pawleski's long ride, which he said did not contribute to his death 17 days later: Pawelski, strapped to a wheelchair and unable to walk because of the stroke, was taken by an attendant from a third-floor ward to an occupational therapy room for treatment about 9:30 a.m. After treatment, he and another patient were taken to a bank of elevators by a hospital worker, who put Pawelski on the elevator, but for the next 27 hours he was missing.

Eventually, he was found by a staff member, slumped over in his wheelchair on one of the three elevators in constant service. "As hard as it is to believe, I now think that he was on the elevator all that time," said a hospital official. He added that Pawelski suffered no ill effects, and "his death had no association or connection with the incident."

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"There are about 1,300 patients at Hines and 2,800 employees," noted Vern Rogers, a spokesman for the V.A. "In all that traffic, a patient was lost."

Dr. Robert Fruen, the director at Hines, added: "We can only assume that no one who happened to be in the elevator realized his condition."

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According to a recent United Nations report, rats, birds, insects and moisture spoil enough grain in India each year - 10 million tons - to make up the entire world shortage.

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LaFortune dies at 81

Joseph A. LaFortune, a 1916 graduate and member of the Board of Trustees at the University of Notre Dame since 1941, died Tuesday night (Aug. 5) in a Colorado Springs, Colo., hospital. A resident of Tulsa, Okla., 81 year old LaFortune, had been vacationing at the time of his death.


Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow, in Christ the King Church, 1530 S. Rockford, Tulsa.

Mr. LaFortune majored in a special advertising-commerce sequence during his undergraduate days at Notre Dame. The South Bend native moved to Tulsa after graduation where he was employed by the Tulsa World newspaper and began a long association with the oil industry.

He was named deputy administrator of the Petroleum Association in Washington in 1953.

Named to the Associate Board of Lay Trustees in 1941, Mr. LaFortune was reappointed to the Board of Trustees in 1967, and has served as trustee emeritus since 1971. He received an honorary L.L.B. doctorate at the 1949 commencement on the campus.

A cash gift to the University in 1953 helped finance the renovation of the former Science Hall for the use as a student center, the present LaFortune Student Center. A scholarship fund in honor of their parents was presented to Notre Dame in 1960 by four children, Joseph Jr., and Robert, Jean Henry and Mary Ann Wilcox. His wife, Gertrude Tremel LaFortune is a native of Mishawaka.



Macheca and Roemer working together for smooth transition

by Andy Praschak
Associate Editor

It was officially announced on July, 31, that Dr. James A. Roemer would be replacing Mr. John Macheca as dean of students at the University of Notre Dame. With the appointment effective for only seven days now, both Macheca and Roemer are still reluctant to discuss any official plans for the future of the office of dean of students. "I am presently working with Dean Roemer to provide as much continuity as possible under the new dean," Macheca said.

Macheca, who was the first lay dean of students ever appointed at the University of Notre Dame, explained that his job now is to help Roemer understand "what" has to be done as dean of students while leaving the choice of "how" the job is to be done to

Roemer. He also explained that much understanding and many concepts must be worked out before they can make any definite plans for the future public.

Macheca, who was appointed to this position in 1973, noted that he first started thinking about devoting more time to his master's degree in May when he started discussing the possibilities with Br. Just Paczesny, vice president for student affairs.

"I now feel that I will have the time to investigate the MSA program that I have been interested in," said Macheca. He said that when he first considered furthering his studies, he did not know exactly how this would affect his job as dean of students.

"I've been here two years and the first year was spent mostly immersed in the process of learning how to be the dean of students. It was an awful lot of hard work. The second year I was beginning to adjust and it wasn't quite so demanding," said Macheca.

A press release issued by the university on July 31, said that Macheca would serve as a special assistant to Brother Just next fall. Macheca commented that his job as special assistant would include working with Roemer as well as continuing to work with the Senior Club. "I want to be able to give the Senior Club and the Senior Class as much support as possible next year," he said.

Macheca, who announced that his wife is expecting a child in October, explained that his entire family will not take some time to decide exactly what he will be doing in the future. "However, I do plan to stay at Notre Dame for the next semester and probably for the entire year," he said.

Macheca was careful to note that although he will be around to help Roemer as much as possible, each man brings his own personality to a job such as this.

Briefly reflecting on the past two years, Macheca pointed out that it was a very demanding job. "But it's a job that has to be done," he said. He continued, "We have to hold expectations up for each other; that's the only way to continue to grow and better ourselves," he said. He said that he hoped that during his term he was able to do as much as he could to better the student's life. "When I took the job, I realized that this would not be a long-term one," he said.

Dr. Roemer, who has been University counsel since October of 1972, felt that he was chosen for the job because of his close involvement with Notre Dame students throughout all his stay here. "Notre Dame students have been welcome in my house for the last five years," he boasted.

Roemer has been involved with many student activities throughout the years. He was on the board of directors of the Neighborhood Study Help Program, in CILA and a board of director's member of the Ombudsman service here at Notre Dame.



Brother Just officially made the appointment although Roemer said that Just received input and recommendations from all members of the Notre Dame community. Roemer, who prides himself on being a double domer, attending Moreau Seminary and "practically being born on the golf course", explained that his basic policy will be to emphasize the positive rather than the negative aspects of the students.

Both Macheca and Roemer agreed that they will be happy to divulge more of their plans for the future and reflections on the past, probably at the end of the summer, when they manage to work out many of the details and concepts they are now discussing.



Photos exhibited at SMC

Award-winning photographs from the River City Summer photo competition are currently exhibited in the Little Theater Gallery at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, August 3-31.

After the show closes at Saint Mary's, it will travel to several South Bend public schools, the Mishawaka Public Library, the City-County Building in South Bend, Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, and other area locations through the first of next year.

The contest and exhibit are sponsored by Saint Mary's College and the National Endowment for the Arts - the Indiana Arts Commission. Judges were Julius Ivanisics, South Bend Tribune staff photographer and instructor at the South Bend Art Center, and Richard Raymond Alasko, gallery director and assistant professor in art at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha Center and a visiting lecturer in baroque art at Loyola University, Chicago.

Kommers named to Civil Rights post

Dr. Donald P. Kommers, professor of Government and International Studies at the University of Notre Dame, has been appointed director of the University's Center for Civil Rights, effective September 1.

Kommers, a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1963, succeeds Dr. Howard A. Glickstein, who has headed the Center since it was established at Notre Dame by a \$500,000 grant from the Ford Foundation in 1973. Glickstein, a former staff director to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, has accepted a law faculty appointment at Howard University, Washington, D.C.

In making the announcement of Kommers' appointment, the Rev. James T. Burtchaell, C.S.C., provost of the University, also noted that the Center, formerly a program of the University, will now be attached to the Notre Dame Law School. Father Burtchaell said the Law School committee on appointments and promotions will be asked to consider Kommers for a concurrent appointment on its faculty. "The background of Dr. Kommers in political science and

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War on the young

I remember running, in 1969, north from pont Circle in front of the tear gas. I went into a restaurant to clear my eyes, but soon the restaurant's air conditioners were breathing in the gas. I went out, and saw a young man, in suit and tie, leaning over a bush and trying to stop the bleeding from a scalp wound. He claimed he was one of the medical aide personnel; but I didn't know if that was true.

Earlier that year, a policeman told me I was under arrest for being in a public underground garage, where demonstrators had fled from tear gas. Luckily, the cop's attention was distracted and I slipped away. Typical events, in the era of demonstrations -- even in Washington, which had a comparatively restrained police department. Washington, after all, was no Chicago, no Kent State, no Jackson State.

But it was bad enough. And now we have proof. U.S. District Court Judge Joseph C. Waddy, in a ruling on a ACLU suit, has documented repeated violations of the civil rights of demonstrators by District of Columbia police -- beginning with that 1969 "Mob" march. The judge cites a case of a doctor beaten for trying to help tear-gassed demonstrators then. I do not know if this is the same young man I saw. If so, somebody did a better job of reporting than I did.

Another tactic the judge singles out for condemnation is the "police line ordinance," the declaration that any territory is off-limits to the public, and one can be arrested simply for being there (exactly my situation in the underground garage).

Judge Waddy took some of his evidence from the police's own films. He found that policemen were uninstructed on citizens' rights, confused by contradictory orders, and left to improvise the law man by man -- as if the hundreds of police on the street were so many marshals in the Old West, each carrying the law in his Mace holster.

This report is one of a number of indicators that the "law and order" binge of the late 1960's and early 1970's was one of the dark spots in our legal history. In new testimony on the Kent State killings, a national guardsman admits he lied to put the protesters in the wrong. Another court

finding led to a \$12 million penalty that must be paid by the District of Columbia for its violation of rights in the Mayday arrests. The Watergate investigation revealed that the White House had conspired to deprive people of free-speech rights around the presidential appearances. These are tips of an iceberg. Routine harassment of potential indigents took place over a number of years. I saw two young men stopped, and their car searched for drugs, on no other grounds than that they both had long hair. The police stopped searching only when I went up and showed them a press card. The young men drove around the block and came back to thank me -- there were surprised to find that someone still cared about the rights of the young.

Any journalist covering demonstrations in the late sixties has many stories of violated rights. The thing was so blatant that some journalists stopped covering the story and joined the demonstrators (I never did -- but some of my betters did). It seemed imperative to such men -- I am thinking of Murray Kempton in Chicago -- to say that they were not with the uniformed violators of the Constitution, but with those who appealed to it.

Judge Waddy has ordered that anyone arrested by the D.C. police in a political demonstration after 1969 can have his record expunged, so general was the illegality of those arrests. This is of a piece with all the cases thrown out of court during John Mitchell's reign at the Justice Department.

Judge Waddy has argued for a domestic amnesty. President Ford should take the same step with regard to our foreign war of the same period. Some hawks prolonged Vietnam in order to silence the young critics at home, as part of a general assault upon their rights. There is nothing we can do, now, for the American Germans our police mistreated during World War I, or the Japanese Americans we put in prison camps during World War II, but the victims of our last fling at illegality are still reachable, some of them -- and time is running out. Not for them, but for us.

seriously, folks

Garbage is the issue

art buchwald

What is the burning issue of America today? If you talk to New Yorkers it's garbage. I was walking through the streets of Manhattan the other day with Wexler and we saw the large piles of plastic bags and garbage cans overflowing the brim.

Wexler said, "There it is, the one political issue that out leaders will have to come to terms with or they're going to be thrown out on their ears."

"You think garbage is the thing that has most people upset?" I asked him.

"Not garbage," he replied, "but the failure to pick it up. There are a lot of issues that upset people in this country -- unemployment, inflation, wheat deals with Russia and crime in the streets. But those are things you read about and hear about. Garbage is something you can see with your own eyes and smell with your own nose. It reminds you 24 hours a day that there's something wrong with the country and the people who are running it. When it isn't picked up, the rich as well as the poor go bonkers."

"Then if you were running the city you wouldn't cut back on sanitation men?"

"I'd give them everything they asked for." Wexler pointed to the glass skyscrapers we were passing. "Up there in those offices are men making thirty, forty, fifty and one hundred thousand dollars a year. One hundred of them aren't worth one garbage man. If anything they are probably running companies that contribute to the refuse problem. I say the guys who take the garbage away should make as much money as the people who make it."

"That's fair, but nobody wants to pay a sanitation man the salary of a beer can executive."

"They don't now, but they will soon if somebody doesn't take their garbage away. The country's changing. If the people have the choice of spending a billion dollars for a new aircraft carrier or having a decent refuse disposal system, they'll take the latter any day of the week. You think anyone cares about giving military aid to Turkey? Nobody. But they do care about

who removes the snow from their streets. Washington has their priorities all mixed up. And I'll tell you something. If this garbage isn't removed by 1976, everyone is going to be in for a big surprise at election time."

"Then you think garbage is more important than detente?"

"There are some people who would say it is the same thing. But the trouble in Washington is nobody cares what happens to people's garbage in the rest of the country. Henry Kissinger sure doesn't care, because he has the press cart his away every night. President Ford doesn't care because he has marines dumping his garbage. Everyone in Washington talks about garbage, but nobody does anything about it."

"What are you suggesting?" I asked Wexler.

"I think we should have a Department of Garbage with the same budget as the Defense Department. Its job would be to develop new weapons to take care of America's refuse problems. What good is it to have intercontinental missiles to protect the country when nobody will pick up your plastic bags on the sidewalk?"

"But isn't it true that a country's wealth can be calculated on how much refuse it has in its streets?"

"No. The economic prosperity of a nation depends on how many men it can afford to cart its garbage away. You know why nobody will buy New York City bonds right now? It's because every banker and broker keeps tripping over garbage pails on his way to work. Who wants to invest in a city that doesn't know what to do with its trash cans?"

We reached Tenth Avenue with garbage piles as far as the eye could see.

"Our mistake," said Wexler, "is every time the President, the Vice President or the secretary of the treasury comes to New York we drive him down Park Avenue. If we had taken him over here and given him a clothespin for his nose, he might have thought twice before he turned poor Abe Beame down."

American-sponsored torture

garry wills

In a televised speech of April 16, 1953, President Eisenhower said, "Any nation's right to a form of government and an economic system of its own choosing is inalienable." Iran was in the process of choosing its own economic and political forms at that very moment. The country nationalized the oil companies run by England, and voted by 98 percent to back this move, along with its sponsor, Premier Mohammed Mosfadh. The young shah of Iran had crumbled before Mosfadh's popular strength.

America did not like this show of independence along the Russian border. If the country would not be England's puppet, then we would make it ours. A rival premier was found, and the shah was given CIA pep talks. CIA Director Allen Dulles went to Switzerland to orchestrate the men and money for a coup; and he sent one of his best spooks, Kermit Roosevelt, to the scene in Iran.

K. Roosevelt known as "Kin" to his fellow spies, bought himself a mob and an army—he is reported to have spent \$19 million in the effort, and emptied Iran's health clubs of all beefy specimens to lead the mob. With things arranged for him in this way, behind a bought little mobil army of taxicabs, the timorous shah crept back from Rome, shither he had fled. Then President Eisenhower exempted American oil companies from monopoly statutes to set up the consortium taking oil out of Iran. So much for freedom of political and economic choice.

It was not surprising to find, earlier this year, that Northrop Corporation had paid bribes of at least \$10 million to Iranian officials. The principal adviser to Northrop in this area—for a fee of \$75,000 a year—is none other than Kin Roosevelt. And guess who is our ambassador to Iran? Richard Helms, ex-director of the CIA, who has had sudden and drastic lapses of memory about CIA

activities under his directorship' And which country was the first to be allowed to hire American technicians with classified knowledge? Iran, of course.

The shah is a fearful man, just the kind who panics and grows vindictive, like Richard Nixon. But the shah lives in a world without the free press and judiciary that plagued Nixon. Reports of torture, mass illegal imprisonments, and executions without trial, have not been confirmed by outside observers, because the shah has allowed no outside observers to check up on the fears expressed by the family and friends of missing prisoners.

Yet we toast the shah at the White House, treat him to Ann-Margret's vulgar Las Vegas act, and give his wife an honorary Georgetown degree. Since we set up the shah's government for him, and surround him with our money and spies and international operators—men like Helms and Roosevelt—we share the responsibility for terror and repression in that country.

There are thousands of Iranian students in America, some of whom knew those reported as murdered under torture. For years they have tried to alert us to what we, in effect, have been doing to human beings with out tax dollars. Now they have gone on hunger strikes in four cities (Washington, Houston, Los Angeles and Chicago) to get visas for an international team of lawyers and doctors to investigate reports that prisoners are mistreated. Anyone who agrees with them can send a letter requesting this to the Iranian ambassador in Washington.

Since we let the shah have our very best spies and spying equipment, and gave him a government to start with, and flaunted Ann-Margret's thighs in his face, the least he might do is return and let us see the inside of his prisons.

buchwald

The bed goes, too

(cont.)

Vice President Nelson Rockefeller and his wife were reading in their \$35,000 bed the other night when Happy said to Nelson, "It says here that Bo Callaway, Ford's campaign manager, told the press President Ford may be looking for a younger man to be his running mate in 1976."

"Don't pay any attention to what you read in the newspapers," Rockefeller said. "Gerry assured me he was behind me 1,000 percent."

"Callaway also said that besides your age he finds you have no support in the South, the conservatives can't stand you and everyone he's talked to says you'd drag down the ticket."

"Nobody's perfect," Rockefeller said. "I don't see how Callaway can say those things unless the President gave him the okay."

"Don't be silly. Why would an honest, decent person like Gerry Ford pull the rug out from under his own Vice President?"

"That's the question I'm asking you," Happy said.

"I think the President told Callaway to cut my throat to get sympathy for me. It's part of the Southern strategy. Don't worry, Happy, Gerry needs me. After all, I'm a liberal."

"All right then, Nelson, let me ask you this. Why did Mrs. Ronald Reagan call me this morning and ask the color of our drapes in the vice-presidential bedroom?"

"She did?"

"Yes, and when I told her it was a blue floral print she said, 'They'll have to go. Ronnie can't stand blue.'"

"What did you say?"

"I said I didn't expect Ronnie to come into our bedroom"

"And what did she say?"

"Nothing. She just giggled."

"I wouldn't put too much emphasis on one telephone call from Nancy Reagan. The President assured me we could decorate the vice-presidential house any way we wanted to, and he said he was looking forward to coming to dinner here as soon as the house was ready."

"Did he say before or after January, 1977?"

"Come to think of it, he didn't."

"Nelson, I think there's something going on that you don't know about. Mrs. Howard Baker was over the other day measuring the living room. She said she wanted to know if her Persian rug would fit in it."

"No kidding?"

"And Mrs. John Connally came over with samples of new wallpaper for the bathrooms. And Mrs. Donald Rumsfeld called our cook and asked him if he'd be willing to stay on and work for her. Don't you see? It all adds up. Your job isn't as secure as you think it is."

"Happy, don't be unhappy. This is all politics. After the dust settles, Gerry Ford is going to put his arm around my shoulder at the Republican Convention and say 'I want Rocky in my swimming pool for the next four years.'"

"Well, I'm glad you're so optimistic. But I'm going to tell you one thing. If I have to move out of here, I'm taking this bed with me."

"It only cost \$35,000. Why are you worried about a little old bed?"

"Because I don't want someone to put a plaque on it which says 'Nancy Reagan slept here.'"



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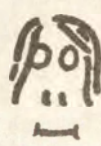
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Huddle



This is one of the most famous puzzles of all. Who cares?

Shown here are three buildings on campus. There are also three students shown. The puzzle is to join each student to all three of the buildings by drawing direct lines connecting them. No one line may cross the other, as the students are all unfriendly and may beat each other up if they meet.

Relationships

Many problems arise over the relations between words and ideas. Some special problems arise over the relations between humans. See what you can do with these.

1. The television wrestler said: "You have the same problem as my brother Henry." Yet, the friend knew that Henry had no brother. Was the wrestler lying?

2. Want to have lots of laughs. Take a card and write on one side: The sentence on the other side is true. On the other side, write: The sentence on the other side is false. This is good for keeping arts and letters majors busy.

3. John Doe (remember him), a lawyer, gave his friend Richard Nixon free use of office facilities, for Richard had just lost a high-paying job and there was little hope of recent employment. Richard agreed to pay John as soon as he won his first case. (Watch out, John, Richard is not known to keep his word!!) Richard was admitted to the bar, but he had no clients. (No wonder.) After six months, John grew impatient and changed his last name to Dean. John planned out a sure-fire strategy: If I sue him and win, the court will order him to pay: if I lose, he must pay according to the terms of the agreement. How did Tricky Dick see the suit?

Had's in a Row

See if you can punctuate the following sentence, so that it becomes intelligible and makes sense. (Taken from the application for Notre Dame law school.)

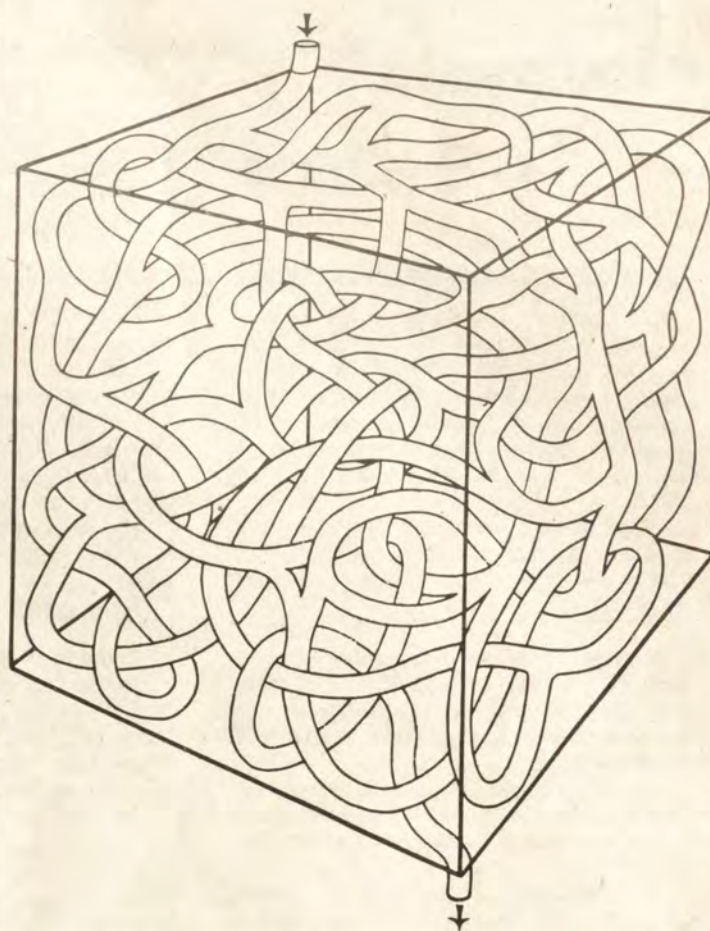
John were James had had had had had had had had had had had a better effect on the teacher.

DOONESBURY

by Garry
Trudeau



The Plumber's Problem



Mr. Ford has a security leak, and he has been told by Mr. Kissinger to examine a tank full of pipes which some of the plumbers had been joining together "just to keep their hands in." His instructions were to remove all the necessary pipes, especially those leading to the press, and leave only the shortest way through for a flow of water. Which pipes did he leave?

Puzzle Page

Help Wanted

This puzzle lists well-known authors and different professions. Your job is to match the author and the profession he or she followed before or in addition to writing.

If you get them all, consider yourself a wizard of sorts. Miss one to three, and you're in the white-collar wizard category. Four to six - out of the wizard's league. Missed seven or more? What were you wasting your time on this puzzle for in the first place?

1. William Carlos Williams
2. Lew Wallace
3. Herman Melville
4. Edwin Arlington Robinson
5. Wallace Stevens
6. James Michener
7. Willa Cather
8. Mark Twain
9. Ralph Waldo Emerson
10. Robert Frost
11. Oliver Wendell Holmes
12. Washington Irving
13. John Steinbeck
14. Thomas Wolfe
15. Frank G. Slaughter
16. Robert Benchley
17. Sidney Lanier
18. Richard Henry Dana (who's he)
19. Pearl S. Buck

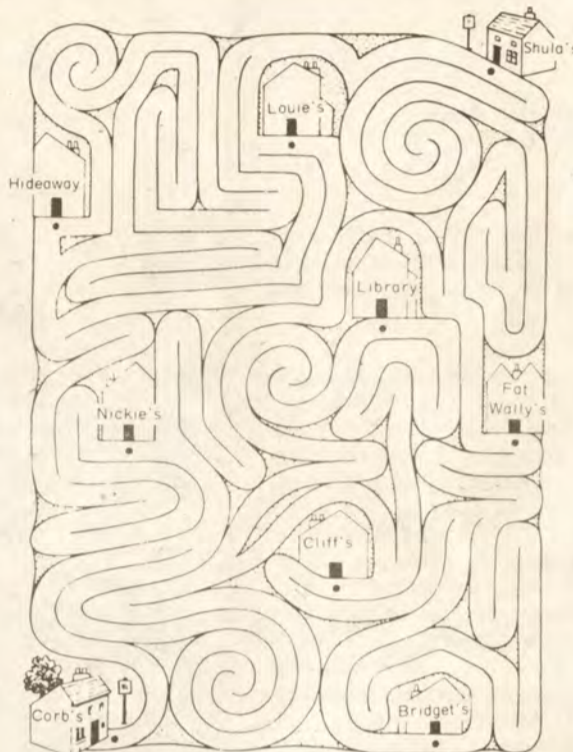
- a. teacher
- b. sailor
- c. army general
- d. ambassador
- e. musician
- f. insurance executive
- g. hod carrier
- h. college professor (ha-ha!)
- i. customs house clerk
- j. shoemaker - teacher
- k. physician
- l. printer
- m. lawyer
- n. motion picture star.

DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



Pub Crawl



A bunch of rowdy students met at Corby's to celebrate the fact that they were all meeting at Corby's. One of them made an unnecessary comment to the waitress, and they decided to go to another bar.

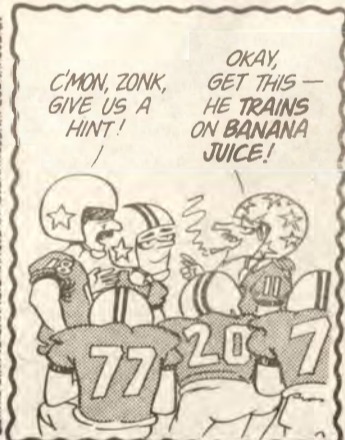
Soon, they decided to visit all the bars in town. One of the men, a bit crazy and drunk at the time, said "Don't let's go over the same roads twice. And let's finish at Shula's."

This proposal was taken up, and the men crawled from pub to pub. According to this map, which way did they go?

The Lighthouse Keeper

A lighthouse keeper once took a bath on the top floor. When he closed the door he found that it locked automatically and he couldn't get out. To complicate matters, he couldn't turn off the water, which rose rapidly, threatening to drown him. His mind was clogged as his life flashed before his very eyes. Just before he got to adolescence, he had an idea which saved his life. Can you figure out what the idea was?

(Hint: It had nothing to do with the fact that his job was provided for him by his rich aunt in Hackensack, though she approved of it.)



Six College Men

Brown, Jones, Smith, Robinson, Hill and Mills each go to one of the following colleges: Dartmouth, Cornell, Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Columbia.

Miss Rand is Jones' girl. Miss Clark is Smith's girl. Miss Drury is Mills' girl. Miss Johnson is Brown's. Miss Snow is Robinson's. Eleanor Roosevelt is nobody's chickie.

Miss Clark abhors Cornell, and thus doesn't know any. Miss Drury once shared a Pullman coach with a Comumbia man, and contracted a rash. She knows none.

Miss Snow thinks Harvard men are faggots, though she knows not one. Miss Norton is all out for Princeton, because she had a good time at a party there once. Miss Johnson, diplomat that she is, is undecided as to which she likes better, Yale or Dartmouth men. Smith knows Miss Snow, but she won't go out with him because of the nasty scar on his face. Jones has a "Y" on his football sweater, which he considers to be quite existential.

To which college does each man go? (Hint: None of them go to Notre Dame.)

The Six College Men
Don't ask how we got it. Brown goes to Dartmouth. Jones goes to Yale. Smith goes to Harvard. Robinson goes to Columbia. Hill goes to Princeton. Mills goes to Cornell.

The problem is not too difficult if you keep thing in the right order, which is Corby's, Nickie's, Louie's, Hideaway, and Shula's.

Pub Crawl



The Plumber's Problem.

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Help Wanted

Solutions

Had's in a row

1. The television wrestler was a woman.
2. Pretty funny, huh?
3. Tricky Dicky saw his way clear through this one. If he won the case, he would not have to by order of the court. If he lost, the agreement would still hold true.

John, where James had had "had", had had "had had"; "had had" had had a better effect on the teacher.
The two were evidently writing com-positions, and from the looks of things, their teacher preferred the use of "had had."

Rebus Puzzles.....

1. The first reads: "I understand you undertake to overthrow my undertakings."
2. The letter was delivered to John Underhill, Andover Massachusetts. Shortly before World War I, the Post Office ordered its clerks to stop dealing with such tomfoolery. They still deliver letters to Santa Claus.
3. A fond lover (A F on D, L over.)

The Lighthouse Keeper
Remembering his adolescence, he pulled the plug and let the water go down the drain.

IUSB

Womens Political Caucus alive and well at IUSB

by Judy Smith
IUSB Editor

The Women's Political Caucus (WPC) is an organization of men and women who are active in many activities—locally, statewide and nationally.

Some of the membership of the caucus includes the IUSB faculty. Gloria Kaufman, Professor of English, is the WPC membership chairperson. Paula Auburn, Continuing Education, is the vice-president. Other members from IUSB are: Christa Maria Beardsley, German professor; Nicole Dominique, English professor; Patricia McNeal, history professor; Anne Marie Poinsett, foreign language; Donna Harlan, head of the Library.

The annual dues for membership in the local, state and national WPC is \$20. According to Kaufman, a scholarship fund is available to pay for the dues of women students who can not afford the membership dues.

Ending Discrimination

The WPC is divided into many task forces. "Women, minorities, and the handicapped are the last to be hired and the first to be fired," according to the WPC. Task Forces

have been formed by the local caucus to 1) seek ways to overcome the traditional job discrimination and 2) study the ways to develop new kinds of jobs that better meet the changing job market. Statewide a Task Force is being formed to investigate rehabilitative possibilities for incarcerated women. A Task Force was organized

locally, initiated by Kaufman, to improve employment possibilities of women. Employment opportunities and fair treatment is one of the main concerns of the caucus

The E.R.A. Amendment is still alive and being made known to the public by the WPC.

According to Harlan, the E.R.A. is for the benefit of men and women. The right to a job with equal pay and the rights of women apply to men in the E.R.A. amendment.

Kaufman said IUSB students will have the opportunity to join the WPC in the fall. Many activities will be planned in the fall by the WPC which will be of interest to the students.

The Women's Committee on Sex Offenses and the caucus are jointly sponsoring Rape Prevention and Awareness Month in August. They will be informing the community of: 1) the fact that a great number of rapes go unreported; 2) the fact that many victims do not know the procedure for reporting rape; 3) the fact that there is a social and emotional burden placed on the victim.

On September 20, the caucus will have a Festival-Banquet to celebrate International Women's year. It will be held at St. Mary's College. At the banquet, the caucus will be awarding a plaque to a local woman for outstanding contribution to society. Rolande Parent is serving as ticket chairperson.

The Sense of Self-Women's Colloquium sponsored by the Michiana Coalition for International Women's Year and IUSB's Continuing Education will be on November 14 and 15.

In October plans are being made to raise funds for candidates. The WPC is also working on a workshop on "Women in Government."



IUSB to have FM station in September

by Judy Smith
IUSB Editor

Beginning September 1, IUSB will have a radio station broadcasting from the former audio-visual room. The call letters are WVIU, which stand for the Voice of Indiana University. The station will be on an FM frequency, with a range of 50 miles.

The station will employ about 48 people, according to Gerry Campbell, station manager. Larry Lovett is the program director and Mary Benninghoff is the news director.

"We will get our news service from United Press International and the American Inter Collegiate Broadcasting Association," said Campbell.

The Public Broadcasting station will have a wide spectrum of music from classical to acid rock. The air time will be from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week.

Of the weekly programs will be Radio Theatre, airing on Saturday and possibly another day of the week, according to Lovett. The Children's Theatre will be one of the educational programs. The first program will be the Hobbit. Other shows include The Andersonville Trials and Sorry Wrong Number. Most of the plays will be taped. However, Lovett said that some would be live, giving the students a chance to go to the radio station and see the reading of the plays.

"Funding will come from the United States Government," said Campbell. "There is roughly four or five places we can get funding from. One is Health, Education and Welfare. The others are Corporation for Public Broadcasting, The National

Association of Public Broadcasters and the National Defense. We can get funding from HEW for up to 10 years, and we hope to get some underwriting from local businesses."

Campbell hopes to have credit and non-credit courses offered through the station. He said this would be a good community service. "The station is an outreach of IUSB. It is very hard with today's economics, for working couples, husband and wife, to get to school and take courses. This might be a change for the wife who works and takes care of the kids, or whatever the case may be, to get an education. I felt this was a need, when we started this idea, in the community."

"I feel this is an extension of the campus, if not in fact physically then technically and spiritually," said Lovett. "The tower that we have is 360 feet tall which would give a radius of 50 miles. Technically and electronically it is an extension of IUSB. The more people that know the happenings of IUSB, the more who may eventually come to IUSB. Radio is an aid and a tool."

WVIU will feature two talk shows. "Rap Session" will be a conversation type program. Two people will man the mikes while the public calls in to talk about anything. "Hot Seat" will feature local controversial figures and open the telephone lines to the community. Hot Seat will be an issues and answers type of program.

"Communications is a way to extend oneself. IUSB needs a voice; another addition going into making the whole," said Lovett.



Special Services Program re-funded for 1975-76

The federally-financed Special Services program at Indiana University at South Bend, designed to help low-income students, the physically-handicapped and veterans to enter and stay in college, has been re-funded for 1975-76.

A grant of \$70,000 to underwrite the program has been made by the Office of Education of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The program is in its fifth year at IUSB.

Michael S. Klaybor, director of the Special Services office, announced receipt of the grant.

Special Services is part of the federal Trio Program designed to make higher education accessible to students who might not otherwise consider college. These include low-income students, physically-handicapped persons and veterans. The program sponsors students for admission to IUSB and then offers academic and personal support of help the student do well in

the classroom.

The program helps students through admission procedures, financial assistance, orientation, counseling, tutoring and career advice.

Special Services students have access to the program's learning resource center at 1916 Mishawaka Ave., on the north edge of the IUSB campus. The center is supplied with books, typewriters, tape recorders, reading machines and magazines. It provides a focal point for social gatherings for students in the program.

Last year, the program aided approximately 220 students at IUSB, Klaybor said.

He added that a high school visitation in the Michiana area is scheduled for some time in the fall to identify 60 students who might be interested in attending the Special Services comprehensive summer program next year. Information about requirements for the program can be obtained at the Special Services office on the IUSB campus.



Music Academy offered for IUSB students

A Music Academy for beginning and advanced students in piano, guitar or string instruments will be offered by the Continuing Education division of Indiana University at South Bend this fall.

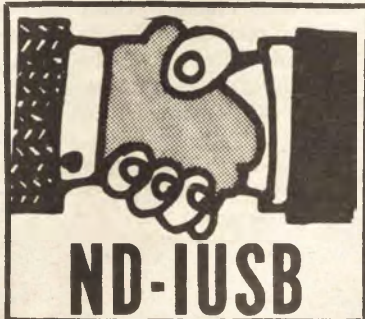
Designed for young people (over 8) and adults interested either in college preparatory training or in developing their musical skills, the academy entails instruction by members of the IUSB associate music faculty and bi-weekly classes in "how to listen to music," as well as informal, voluntary performance opportunities.

Student recitals for those prepared to perform will be scheduled on the IUSB campus at the end of the academic year.

Music Academy instruction for strings is through private lessons only, while piano and guitar in-

structions will be offered both in private lessons and in group instruction.

The academy program will begin in mid-September and run for 14 weeks. Information and registration materials can be obtained from the IUSB Office of Continuing Education in Northside Hall.



Graduate pre-enrollment schedule announced

Graduate students in education at Indiana University at South Bend can pre-enroll for fall classes Tuesday through Thursday, July 29-31, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Greenlawn Hall lounge on the IUSB campus.

Fall-semester classes begin Sept. 2. Fall registration will be held Aug. 27 and 28.

Pre-enrollment will allow graduate education students to

select courses in advance of the registration period. Class assignments will be made after the pre-enrollment period ends, and students will be notified of assignments before registration begins.

Schedules of classes for the fall can be obtained in most IUSB divisional and departmental offices. Schedules can be requested by mail from the University Relations office.

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Consumers Must Work

To The Editor:

Our society and our law makers have become so consumer protection oriented that all kinds of measures are being proposed and passed to defend the guileless, hapless consumer. Some of these measures have helped to an extent. But if one analyzes consumer protection it is the consumer who

must help himself. He must be educated. Understanding his own predicament, knowing the causes, and learning who to reach, who to talk to, is basic to the problem.

As a result of the activities of people genuinely concerned, sufficient interest in consumer well being has been generated. The attempt to develop an informed public is an ongoing struggle. Whatever the motives of our legislators may be to enact the laws they do, the businesses which serve the consumer are gradually becoming engulfed in a tangle of

governmental regulations and red tape that has reached deplorable proportions. It is simply too much for many businesses and business people to cope with and the consumer unwittingly is further taxed and burdened.

Accepting the proposition that consumers must be protected we should now ask ourselves what they are being protected from. It is not alone in the area of commercialism that they must be protected. Consumers should also be protected from the acts of government officials and most particularly elected government officials. Here exists an enormous vacuum. Consumers, or most of them anyway, know next to nothing about their voting record. They know nothing about their incomes, their expense accounts, their free jaunts here and there, their work habits, their duties. What bills do they vote for or against? Do they vote at all? Do they attend hearings?

This information is available somewhere in Washington, but not readily so to me or to you or almost any consumer. It would seem quite appropriate that the daily activities or at least the voting record of our lawmakers should be common knowledge to an otherwise poorly informed electorate. Elected officials on every level are accountable to their constituents. This too, you see falls under the heading of consumer protection.

That fondly labeled word "disclosure" which has raised so much havoc in business and personal life should also apply to members of the government. The consumer, or constituent if you prefer, is entitled to know what his elected agent is doing in Washington. Without such disclosure how can the poor consumer know how to evaluate his position. Put very bluntly without such disclosure, how is the consumer protected from government itself.

This letter is being written to you with the hope that what has been stated may perhaps inspire a decision on the part of the Editor of your excellent newspaper to appoint one or two of your fine reporters to explore the subject and perhaps publish their findings on the over-kill aspect of consumer protection on the one part and under-informed aspect on the other part. I believe that it would be very well received and of great value to your readers who may be



guilty of permissiveness in politicianism, because they feel perhaps that they cannot fight it. This is a sure way for the consumer to ultimately lose his rights.

Michael S. Beck

To What Court?

Dear Editor: To what court of appeals does a person turn for justice on this campus of beauty and academic peace and quiet. Beauty, yes, but where has all the quiet gone?

Some two to three thousand graduates have invested nigh to \$1000 to partake in the academic qualities of Notre Dame. Then rumors start to spread about the annual onslaught of the junior-high drum and cymbal corps. Next day, the distant sound of drums confirms all rumors. The distance blends the sounds into the monotonous hum of other human activity, the blessed monotony necessary for success in bookland, especially during close-to-the-end pressures. Then, lo and behold, the sounding distance has vanished; and drums are sitting on the nearest window ledge, beating like sledge hammers on every cranial nerve ending.

Now I ask you what is one to do: circulate a petition, join a picket line or maybe simply walk up to the nearest instructor and sweetly ask them to retreat to the nearest stadium or clearing beyond the center of campus. There are three other possible alternatives, involving a form of retreat for those in bookland. They could move, bag

and baggage into the library, which may require a few trips, what with typewriter, books, paper et al.; or they could close all the windows, turn on a fan and "hole out" until the supply of oxygen runs out; then they have another problem; or maybe they could steal some "Hospital - Quiet Zone" signs and place them at strategic points.

If none of the above alternatives seem workable, then it is all back at the beginning: to what court of appeals does one turn? It might even be endured if it were a one-time happening; but an annual event, that dreary anticipation would seem to require either a change in some calendars or else a possible change in address; if the latter choice turns out to be the only possible solution: i.e., co-exist (detente) or leave, then all that can be said is it is surely a sad commentary on the status of American scholarship, within the total value structure of our society.

Sister Janet Tillman PBVM
Graduate, History of Religions
Walsh Hall

Many, Many Thanks

Dear Editor:

Many, many thanks to you and Andy (Praschak) for running the pro-life article on page 3 of the July 17, 1975 issue of The Observer. It was well written.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely for LIFE,

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10:45 a.m. MASS
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7:15 EVENSONG IN THE LADY
CHAPEL

Kommers assumes position

(continued from page 3)

the background in law of his assistant director, Dr. Michael B. Wise, will give the Center strength in the two key areas of its work," the provost said.

Kommers received his bachelor's degree from the Catholic University of America in 1954 and did graduate work at the

University of Wisconsin at Madison, obtaining his doctorate in 1962. A specialist in comparative constitutional law, Kommers has published widely on West German and American constitutionalism. He is also chairman of the Permanent Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies of the

International Political Science Association.

In the academic year 1971-72, he received a fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation to do research at the Research Institute for Political Science and European Affairs at the University of Cologne.

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Taking sides

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Despite a flashy success at Helsinki, Henry Kissinger has apparently been dealt one more setback in his crusade to make friends with nearly everybody. After taking both sides in Europe, the Middle East and Cyprus, the State Department still managed last week to turn up one expensive enemy: the United States Congress.

It was, of course, Turkey afms sales that set Kissinger and the Legislature snapping at each other. But the strain became even worse this week when Lawmakers and the Administration -- caught in a stalemate -- stubbornly opted for the worst possible energy policy rather than surrender credit for a better one.

Apparently, however, Congress is one foe the Ford Administration wants to keep. Now that foreign no-goods seem not so heavy, the President has been in need of someone with whom to do heroic battle. Given the ho-hum list of Democratic Presidential hopefuls, the new Ford campaign has been stalled for some time without anyone to run against. The Congress, it seems, will do nicely.

Politics of embarrassment

The feeling, of course, is mutual. With Legislative-Executive relations reduced to little more than the politics of embarrassment, the Branches' "marriage" has been looking like a scene from Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolfe. The President, calling names and tearing calendars, has assailed a "spend-thrift" Congress, while legislative leaders have pictured Mr. Ford as the enemy of Labor, the Elderly, the Poor and Mother Nature.

Both strategies, furthermore, seem to be working. Polls now put the President ahead of even such popular spenders as Uncandidate Edward Kennedy, but far behind among Labor, the Elderly and the Poor (Mother Nature is a traditional fence-straddler). Even complicated energy legislation has

each branch is seeking to diame the other for higher prices.

In fact, if all the allegations are true, the entire government is engaged in an all-consuming effort to strangle itself.

No matter. The Branches were, after all, set up to behave this way, and the tattling is supposed to be what keeps them honest. But when both sides come up with egg on their face, the real problem is to find someone to play the hero.

Castor oil

Intuitively, Mr. Ford's Trumanesque position seems the weaker. He is not, after all, confronted with a do-nothing Congress; he has been vetoing popular bills at the rate of one a week. An effective challenger (of which the Democrats haven't many) might easily exploit Presidential vetos of such vote-getters as Conservation, Public Jobs, Housing and Health Care.

Nor will bullet-biting economics be easy to defend to a public notoriously distrustful of economists. Such castor-oil remedies will need the sugar cube of promises to help them go down. If the energy issue is any indication of Congressional willingness to co-operate, the promises won't come to much.

In the end, the solution may be a good dose of detente at home. Even if that means shuttle diplomacy on Pennsylvania Avenue or a Presidential visit to Congress (a kind of Old Home Week), the benefits to efficiency would be worth the trouble.

While co-operation may be bad politics -- and a strain on short supplies of government good will -- there will be at least one important advantage for Mr. Kissinger. He won't have to take side.

An editorial in the current issue of the Notre Dame Journal of Education calls for a special congress to examine the future direction of Catholic education. According to the article, the current pattern of failure of Catholic elementary and secondary schools is determined by financial strength or weakness. The authors reject this pattern as "mindless" and suggest that "strategic intervention" based on empirical data about education should be used to control the future of Catholic education.

They offer seven alternatives to the present course and recommend that representatives from the Bishops Conference, NCEA and Catholic universities meet with teachers, parents and students in June 1976 to examine these and other alternatives. Their alternatives range from concentrating a traditional educational effort in secondary or urban schools to developing an experimental program of education for human development.

The editorial is written by Dr. Richard H. Metzcus, assistant professor of graduate studies in education at the University of Notre Dame, Dr. Gregory M. Holtz, Herbert Lehman College, City University of New York, Bronx, and Dr. Jerry G. Florent, educational consultant, University of Notre Dame.

The Notre Dame Journal of Education is a quarterly of the University of Notre Dame devoted to exploring and advancing Christian education within American society.

John M. Duggan, Ph.D., has assumed his duties as president of Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Formerly vice president for student affairs at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Mr. Duggan was appointed president of Saint Mary's on February 24, 1975.

Dr. William A. Hickey, who served as acting president of Saint Mary's since May of 1974, has returned to his former position of vice president of academic affairs at the college. Sister Francesca Kennedy, CSC, has resumed her duties as the school's registrar, having served as acting vice president for academic affairs during the past year.

Mr. Duggan joined the Vassar administration late in 1969 after serving as vice president of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) for five years. Earlier, he was CEEB's director of program development and director of guidance services.

Before joining CEEB in 1957, he served for four years as assistant dean of freshman students at Yale University, New Haven, Conn. He also has taught at the University of Bridgeport (Conn.) and the Canterbury School, New Milford, Conn.

Mr. Duggan, has written articles on psychological testing and higher education for publication in numerous professional journals. He received a bachelor of arts degree from the College of the Holy Cross in 1950 and a doctorate from Yale in 1957.

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"Ten Nights in a Barroom"

review by
ralph bravaco

During the mid 1960's Mary Martin (you remember her don't you? Peter Pan?) starred on Broadway in an ill-fated musical called "Jennie". "Jennie" was a fictionalized account of the not so happy marriage of playwright Charles Taylor, the turn-of-the-century king of melodrama and his actress wife Laurette Taylor. As a prologue to the marital saga of "Jennie" the curtain rose on what might have been a typical Taylor melodrama. (It was titled "The Mounty Gets His Man or Chang Lu, King of the White Slavers"). Here, we found a wide

eyed Miss Martin as Our Melissa (sigh) trying desperately to rescue herself and her baby from the clutches of Chang Lu - truly a villain's villain. (Boo! Hiss!) Their demise seemed imminent when suddenly (emphasis on "suddenly") the Royal Mounty, our hero (applause, cheer) appears not only to rescue Our Melissa and Capture Chang Lu and his lackies but also to Kill a local bear who gets in his way. Happy ending. (Relief.)

Unfortunately, "Jennie" peaked during the hilarious prologue when the more serious business of the play began to unfold, not even Mary Martin was able to rescue us

from that theatrical villain called boredom. (curses!)

I couldn't keep from wondering why the authors of "Jennie" didn't maintain the comic mood of the prologue and perhaps write a show which would spoof the blood and thunder of the old Taylor melodramas. Last week the SMC-ND Theatre presented "Ten Nights in a Barroom", a full length musical parody on an old melodrama, and I wondered no more. For an evening's entertainment spoofing a melodrama wears pretty thin and the idea becomes somewhat old even before the first act curtain.

"Ten Nights in a Barroom" is a musical spoof in the three acts based on an 1858 Temperance Drama of the same name. The original version of "Ten Nights", written by William Pratt from a novel by T.S. Arthur, was first performed as a serious sermon against the evils of alcohol. It was made into a full length film in 1921 and in 1928 the play was again performed for 111 performances at the Wallack Theater in New York. The New York Times reported that this 1928 version was performed "with a straight face and no



conscious attempts at burlesque."

It has been rumored that if "Uncle Tom's Cabin" helped abolish slavery then "Ten Nights" may have brought on prohibition. The version presented by the SMC-MD Theater is a 1970 musical adaption by Fred Carmichael sprinkled with a moderate collection of turn-of-the-century songs. To the best of my knowledge this version has never been performed on or off Broadway but it seems to be a favorite Summer and Dinner Theater presentation.

Basically, the plot twists and turns around the effects of Demon Rum on the citizens of Cedarville. Among the victims of the soul poisoning beverage is Joe Morgan. Neglecting his "Heartbroken Wife and Angel Child."

Morgan spends most of his time as one of several resident drunkards in the sleazy atmosphere of the local Sickle and Sheaf Saloon. When daughter Mary urges her father to return home ("Father, Dear Father, O Father, Come Home") she is struck with a wayward beer mug. The poor dear dies (of course) and seeing the sinful brew as the cause of his family's destruction, papa reforms.

Woven into the plot are many of the stock characters expected in any of your basic melodramas. There are Sample Switchel and Mehitabell Cartwright, the freckle-face hero and heroine, Harbey Green, the black-hatted, black-caped, black-mustached, black-hearted villain and, of course Miss Goldie Hills the buxom saloon singer and the gold(ie) hair and the heart of (tarnished) gold(ie). Along the way, we are treated to some fine old musical standards including a medley (two songs) of George M. Cohen hits, the 1902 George Evens standard, "In the Good Old Summertime," and the 1920 ditty "Look for the Silver Lining."

Yet somehow after you've cheered the hero, hissed the villain and sighed for the heroine the joke becomes worn, the laughs become forced and the musical numbers

become tedious.

Tho' weakened the material might be, the energy and spirit of the SMC-ND players was never dampened. Every member of the cast of seventeen was simply superb. First of all, there is Katherine Burke as the Saloon Canary, Goldie Hills. Her first act entrance was a moment of mad perfection ("Nail down the bar boys, Goldie's here!") A troupe of waiters singing sixteen verses of "Hello, Goldie!" couldn't have improved it. Miss Burke's throaty chirping of the Harry O. Sulton 1904 classic "I Don't Care" was enough to turn any red blooded boozier three hundred and sixty degrees on his bar stool. Every musical should own a Katherine Burke. Katherine Wales' little-Eva-like death scene had precisely the right amount of silliness to make it one of the truly comic moments of the evening. Mary Toll, as the wife of the tavern owner, with her repetitive "O how happy we were at the old mill" stole more than a chuckle from very receptive audience and, Kirk Packo as the villain Harvey Green won more than his share of boos and hisses as he cheated young Reginald Bain Jr. out of his well earned mild money.

However, it was the in-front-of the curtain musical numbers (the program calls them "olios") that were the biggest audience pleasers. Little Laurie Bain stopped the show with the John Rosmond Johnson number "Under the Bamboo Tree" ("If you lak-a-me lak I lak-a you"). And, let's not forget Miss Susan Stevens, a Julie Andrews look alike, who drew cheers for her pompous yet innocent "There are Fairies in the Bottom of My Garden."

But, a fine cast and some snappy direction by Charles Ballinger was not enough to turn a one joke farce into a two hour entertainment.

If the SMC-ND Theater wants to do a spoof perhaps "Little Mary Sunshine" or "The Boy Friend" might be more appealing. Or, how about reviving the prolog from "Jennie" - starring Katherine Burke, of course.

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