

NLRB charges Notre Dame with unfair labor practices

Mike Ridenour
Staff Reporter

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has charged Notre Dame with unfair labor practices in connection with workers' attempts to unionize. A hearing has been set for Feb. 15.

The charges, made last Friday by the NLRB, stem from an Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) charge filed last Oct. 31 by the Teamsters Local 364.

The ULP alleges that the University was attempting to stop the unionization efforts of its employees by subcontracting out its food services operations to SAGA, announcing salary and employee (insurance) benefits in the midst of union activity, and threatening to subcontract its groundkeeping operations to an outside firm.

Thomas J. Mason, vice-president for Business Affairs, issued a letter yesterday explaining the University's position in the matter. While the letter is dated Jan. 23, it responds only to the ULP charges and does not directly address itself to the charges made by the NLRB.

The letter's basic assertion is that the University has at no time engaged in the activities alleged by the Teamsters and the University is willing to substantiate this in public at an NLRB hearing.

Mike Lawrence, assistant business representative of the teamster Local 364, remarked, "I am delighted by the NLRB's action I'm looking forward to the 15th."

Joseph Duffey, NLRB field examiner investigating the charge, was quoted yesterday by the **South Bend Tribune** as having called on the University on Jan. 4 to "immediately cancel its food services contract with SAGA and restore the food operations to the pre-existing conditions administered by the University."

The article also said that Duffey stated that Notre Dame "must agree to announce pay increases and other benefits for the purpose of lessening their interest in unionization and must not subcontract or

threaten to subcontract any work," or otherwise discourage workers' attempts to unionize.

Notre Dame refused to agree with Duffey's suggestions, according to the **Tribune**. The next action of the NLRB was to issue last Friday the formal charge notification of the public hearing.

The hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., Feb. 15, in the City-County Building in South Bend.

In a letter dated yesterday and addressed to the faculty, staff and students of Notre Dame, Mason charged the Teamsters with blocking the proceedings of the 21 groundskeepers attempt to act as a collective bargaining unit.

Mason, in his statement, said that the University is "unprepared to receive the NLRB bargaining unit determination, but the Teamsters have decided to block the proceedings."

Mason stated that the Unfair Labor Practice charge against the University is preventing the NLRB

from making its determination. "The ULP," Mason asserted, "is without merit and the University intends to reject the charges through appropriate channels."

At the NLRB hearing, the University will present evidence and prove that the charges are false, Mason states.

"The Teamsters merely need to ask the NLRB to proceed with the ULP processing, but the Teamsters will not allow this to happen," Mason continued in his statement.

Lawrence admitted, "The local union has not asked the NLRB to proceed with the Unit Determination on the advice of our attorneys," but did not comment on whether this had any connection with the consideration of the ULP.

Mason, in closing, stressed that "the University is not afraid of dealing with the NLRB decision on a bargaining unit; it is the Teamsters who are causing the present long delay."

1979 Carter budget calls for tax cuts

Washington (AP)—President Carter sent Congress a 1979 budget yesterday calling for \$25 billion in tax cuts, higher spending on defense, energy and education, but no big outlays for wholly new programs.

Even so, the magnitude of the proposed spending, \$500.2 billion, brought critical comment from some key members of Congress.

"I would like to see us under \$500 billion," House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill told reporters.

Rep. George H. Mahon (Dallas, Tex.), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, recalled that a \$6 billion budget was considered unbelievably high in 1935, the year he entered Congress.

Mahon applauded Carter's announced intention of working with the private sector of the economy to reduce unemployment. But he said

accompanying proposals for spending and large tax cuts to stimulate the economy involve considerable risks and "the greatest risk appears to be inflation."

The budget estimates \$439.6 billion in receipts against the outlays. This would leave the government operating in the red by 60.6 billion, only a little less than the estimated \$61.9 billion deficit for the present year.

Chairman Robert N. Giaimo (D-Conn.) of the House Budget Committee, said the contemplated deficit is "much too high in times of solid economic growth."

Praising Carter for calling for restraints on spending, Giaimo added, "It is now up to the Congress to commit itself to similar restraints, otherwise the deficit will continue at levels that will be impossible to defend before the

American public."

Carter reiterated his commitment to a balanced budget but acknowledged that the target date of 1981, which he set during his presidential campaign, might be missed if the economy needed more tax cut tonic during the intervening years.

Overall, his budget set spending \$38 billion higher than the present year's estimated total, and receipts \$39.2 billion higher.

Chairman Al Ullman (D-Ore.) of the tax writing House Ways and Means Committee, who had already called the administration tax reduction proposals excessive, questioned also the extent to which proposed tax tightening, projected to recoup some of the lost revenues would be approved.

He said Carter "included \$9 billion of pickups from reform, more than two thirds of which is not going to happen."

Mahon said he opposes "so called reforms which would hit most heavily on middle class America," including elimination of deductions for sales and gasoline taxes.

O'Neill, however, said he thinks such reforms could pass in the House, since they involve relatively small sums for each taxpayer, though large amounts for the Treasury in the aggregate.

He said Democrats always stood for employment, wages and a strong economy "and we are not going to sacrifice those for increases in defense or any other."

Alumni Board of Directors meets, confirms resolution

by Peggy McGuire
Senior Staff Reporter

The Notre Dame Alumni Board of Directors had "a very fruitful and productive" meeting last weekend, according to John N. Cackley, executive director of the 19 member board. President Joseph B. McGlynn, Jr., an attorney from St. Louis, Mo., conducted all of the business sessions which ran from Thursday until Saturday, at various locations on campus.

The Board, which meets three times each year, confirmed an earlier resolution to sponsor a picnic before this spring's Blue-Gold game, Cackley stated. The picnic will be for members of the senior class, Alumni Club presidents, and secretaries representing each class of alumni.

The Board also approved a

suggestion to invite these same class secretaries to campus the first week of May for a national meeting, the executive director continued.

Various speakers addressed the group during the four-day period. Thomas J. Suddes, coordinator of development staff in the department of Public Relations and Development, updated the Board members on the latest statistics and information on the Campaign for Notre Dame, the University's current fund drive.

Fr. Joseph L. Walter, chairman of the Pre-Professional Studies, explained his program to Board members on Friday. The featured speaker at a dinner Saturday night was Dr. Thomas P. Carney, a member of the University Board of Trustees. The University Chorale performed for the Board before Carney's speech.

Junior Parents' Weekend plans near completion

by Al Leverone

Plans for Notre Dame's annual Junior Parents' Weekend, Feb. 24-26, are nearing completion. According to John Simari, chairman of the organizational committee, parents of all juniors and fourth year architecture students have been contacted and told about plans for the weekend.

Events scheduled include a cocktail party Friday night, collegiate workshops and reception on Saturday, and a Mass and special liturgy at Sacred Heart church, followed by a Presidential Dinner at the

Stepan Center on Saturday night. The weekend will come to a close on Sunday morning with a special breakfast for juniors and parents at the North Dining Hall.

Contrary to procedures used in past years, students will make reservations for seating at the Presidential Dinner. The tentative dates for making reservations are Feb. 7-8, in the LaFortune lobby.

A lottery for rooms at the Morris Inn was held in December. Most parents who failed to receive rooms were automatically given their second choice of hotels, Simari

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Mardi Gras booth construction has begun, turning Stepan Center into a builder's workshop. The theme of Mardi Gras 1978 is "Expo N.D." Construction will continue until Feb. 3. The dealers will then man the booths until Feb. 12. [Photo by Ron Szot.]

News Briefs

World

Mideast talks at standstill

JERUSALEM- Israel yesterday countered Egypt's charge that Israelis sabotaged Jerusalem peace talks with a claim that Cairo reneged on a Sinai demilitarization pledge. Prime Minister Menahem Begin said stalled negotiations can resume when Cairo softens what he called its strident anti-Semitic tone. A U.S. envoy meanwhile, held "exploratory" talks with Israeli leaders aimed at getting talks back under way.

National

National debt mounts

WASHINGTON- Each of the 219 million Americans would have to come up with \$4,007 to pay off the national debt. Just to finance the interest on the debt would cost about \$224 a person in fiscal 1979, according to President Carter's budget.

Stassen to run again

MINNEAPOLIS- Harold E. Stassen, former three-term governor and four-time seeker of the Republican Party's presidential nomination has announced that he'll seek the Independent Republican endorsement for the U.S. Senate from Minnesota. Stassen will vie for the Senate seat now occupied by Sen. Wendell Anderson (D-Minn.).

Actors top women's list

SOUTH HADLEY, Mass.- The first four winners in a local "Most Watchable Man" contest--in which only women could vote--were no surprise. They were actors Burt Reynolds, Clint Eastwood, actor-singer Kris Kristofferson and actor Robert Redford.

Tying singer-actor John Denver for fifth place, however, were consumer advocate Ralph Nader and the Rev. Ralph A. DiOrio, a Roman Catholic clergyman known as "the healing priest of Worcester."

Weather

A winter storm watch was issued for today. Snow beginning around noon today possibly mixed with freezing rain and sleet during the afternoon. Highs around 30. There is a good chance for light snow tonight with lows around 20. Partly cloudy tomorrow with a chance for snow flurries and highs in the upper-20s. There is a 60-percent chance of precipitation today with a 50-percent chance tonight.

On Campus Today

- 4:30 p.m. seminar, "blood meal metabolism & utilization by aedes aegypti," by dr. kenneth r. france, n.d., sponsored by bio. dept., 278 galvin
- 6:30 p.m. meeting, cila general meeting, refreshments after, library aud.
- 7 p.m. women's basketball, n.d. vs. Ind. univ.-purdue univ. of ft. wayne, home.
- 7 p.m. lecture, "thrust belt discoveries & hydrocarbon potential of cordilleran hinge-belt," by gerald g. loucks, american assoc. of petroleum geologists, sponsored by dept. of earth sciences, rm. 101, earth science bldg.
- 7 p.m. talk, fr. james burtchaell, sponsored by fisher hall academic commission, fisher hall basement.
- 7 p.m. film, speech and drama film series #311, sponsored by speech and drama dept. little theatre
- 7:30 p.m. eucharist, charismatic eucharist, log chapel, open
- 8 p.m. play, william windom in "thurber" one act play, sponsored by student union, washington hall, one dollar

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Tutors for grade schools sought by volunteer service

Students who want to tutor this semester with the Neighborhood Study Help Program (NSHP) can sign up this week at the dining halls.

The NSHP is the campus volunteer service through which ND-SMC students tutor South Bend grade school children. Tutoring center captains will be at the South Dining Hall with sign-up sheets tomorrow from 5-6:30 p.m., at the

North Dining Hall on Wednesday from 5-6:30 p.m., and at St. Mary's Dining Hall on Thursday from 4:30-6 p.m.

Tutors usually spend one hour each week with a grade school student to work on reading and math problems. Transportation for tutors is provided through Volunteer Services. Anyone with questions can call Maggie Brittan (4-1-4260) or Rick VanBeveren (283-6372).

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The Student Union is presently planning to initiate two new services beginning in February.

A turntable clinic will be held Feb. 1 in conjunction with the Sound Room stereoshop. Interested students should take their turntables to the basement of LaFortune between 12 and 8 p.m. Technicians from the Sound Room will be present to completely test turntables.

There will be a stylus inspection under a Wilde-Herbrugg microscope as well as checks on wow and flutter, speed calibration, tracking, frequency, response, and signal to noise ratio. Each person will receive a graph of the results of this test which will last 15-20 minutes. There will be no charge for this service.

Also in February, an IBM Copy Machine will be placed in the LaFortune Student Center. Copies will cost five cents. The cost of the machine is being underwritten by the Union Services Commission, which will also provide maintenance.

Piano concert to feature Daniel Kane

The Notre Dame Concert Series will present Daniel Kane, piano, in a recital 8:15 p.m. tomorrow in the Library Auditorium. The program is open to the public without charge.

Kane, a member of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of the Holy Cross, holds a B.A. from Notre Dame and a Master of Music from DePaul University. He is a former student of the late Daniel Pedtke of the ND music department and Victor Babin, among others.

Formerly on the faculty of St. Joseph High School in South Bend, Kane is currently music department chairman at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, OH, and music instructor at Ursuline College, Pepper Pike, OH.

Tomorrow evening's program includes three Scarlatti sonatas, Mozart's "Duport Variations" k. 573, two nocturnes by Gabriel Faure, the Chopin "Ballade in F Minor," op. 52, the Shostakovich "Preludes," op. 24, and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

Junior Parents' Weekend plans set

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said. Any junior wishing to attend any of the Weekend events, but whose parents will not be attending, can pick up ticket applications in the Student Affairs office in LaFortune.

Students with questions should call John Simari at 8595.

The machine is being installed on a month trial basis, stated Greg Kuserk, who is coordinating the project.

The Services Commission is also attempting to plan a flea market for the end of the year to give students a chance to exchange furniture and other goods. Anyone who has suggestions or is interested in helping with the project should contact the Union Services Commission.

Student Union Director Tom Gryp commented, "Mike Schlageter and I have worked hard to expand the service program this year." His examples were the plant sale and the record sale held last semester.

"Student response and input," he said, "will help maintain these programs and bring about more projects"

Gryp expressed disappointment at not receiving more calls with new ideas. "That's all it takes to get something going," he concluded.

General CILA meeting tonight

CILA will hold a general meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Alcove. Members will discuss the summer project and the CILA seminar/workshop. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

ND Chemistry Professor receives research grant

Hemophilia is a familiar blood disorder, but it's only one of several bleeding diseases--one for each of the enzymes needed to form and dissolve blood clots in the human body.

Dr. Francis J. Castellino, professor of chemistry, recently received a grant of \$73,535 from the National Institutes of Health to study the mechanisms of blood clot formation. He is doing original research on the four coagulation enzymes--prothrombin and factors VII, IX, and X--which require Vitamin K in their functional formation.

"By understanding the basic mechanisms, the basic chemistry, of these factors, we can suggest approaches for clinicians trying to identify specific blood disorders--bleeding problems after surgery, for example," Castellino says. "And therapy depends on accurate identification."

A biochemist who joined the University faculty in 1970, he also has studied the mechanisms of blood clot dissolution. His research group has established the existence and significance of two major forms of plasminogen, a precursor of the blood clot-dissolving enzyme, plasmin, as well as the chemical mechanism of plasmin formation from plasminogen.

Blood clots, called fibrin, are produced continually in the bloodstream for two reasons, Castellino explains. Fibrin is needed as a template for building new tissue, and it also repairs ruptured blood vessels and damaged tissue.

Bleeding problems occur when the body produces either too many clots or not enough, or when clots dissolve either too fast or not fast enough. The problem for the clinician is identifying the deficient clotting factor.

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John Marshall on Diamonds

Chapter 1: "The More you Know About Diamonds..."

Over the years, the one thing I've come to expect from students is skepticism. Like right now, you're probably asking yourself why this column is appearing in your newspaper. And since I hope you'll continue reading "John Marshall on Diamonds" in the forthcoming weeks, here's my reasoning:

Motivating factor one: I enjoy talking about diamonds with anyone who is interested. As a Graduate Gemologist, I've spent most of my adult life learning about diamonds and other fine gemstones. In fact, I even teach classes in gemology at a little University campus across town. So as long as you persist in: (a) getting engaged, and (b) learning, I will look forward to speaking to you about my particular passion.

Motivating factor two: Sadly, some students who purchase engagement diamonds wind up "receiving less than full value for their investment." Every year I come into contact with students who have been victimized by "special sales" or "student discounts" on engagement diamonds that are nothing more than eyewash. Now, since most of you operate on something less than an unlimited budget, I

would at least like to arm you with a bit of knowledge before you start shopping. Logic is a poor basis for an engagement, but a solid basis for selecting an engagement ring.

Motivating factor three: I'm guessing that the more you know about diamonds, the more tempted you'll be to visit my Diamond Import Company. Whether you ultimately decide to buy from me or not, I will promise you that you'll know more about diamonds when you leave than you did when you came in. You'll know how they're classified in terms of quality and color, how they're priced, and why two seemingly similar stones may have very different values. You and your chosen one will have full useage of my Gemological laboratory and research library, and can make your selection in an atmosphere of absolute privacy.

So much for my motivations. If you're still skeptical, then perhaps you'll be curious enough to speak with me first hand. I'm at Diamond Import Company, in the lobby of the St. Joseph Bank Building in downtown South Bend, or by phone at 287-1427.

Next week, I'll look at diamond classifications systems, or "what you should tell the jeweler who offers you a 'real deal' or a 'perfect blue-white' diamond."

This is an advertisement.



Frozen St. Mary's lake provides a natural hockey rink for Notre Dame students. But, where have all the duckies gone? [Photo by Ron Szot.]

Women's series continues with 'Women and Health'

by Pat Payne

Marta Brace, nurse and mid-wife, will discuss the topic "Women and Health," Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., in Stapelton Lounge in LeMans Hall. The lecture is the second in the "Women's Awareness" series sponsored by St. Mary's student government and the Office of Student Activities.

The purpose of the series, according to Kathy O'Connell, vice president for Student Affairs, is "to get speakers from the ND-SMC area to probe and arouse thoughts and feelings covering a wide range of images of women."

She added, "These are not just lectures, but more like informal presentations that include ample time for discussion."

The series will take place once a month through March and will culminate in April with "Women's Week," hosted by the senior class. Planned activities for "Women's

Week" include speakers and workshops. The theme will center around the many aspects of women, their vocations, roles and occupations.

O'Connell noted, "Wednesday's lecture is open free of charge to all members of the ND-SMC community."

Memorial mass to be offered for Calonje

There will be a special memorial mass for Stephen Calonje in Sacred Heart church at 5:15 p.m. tomorrow.

This celebration will afford all the friends of Steve to remember him in prayer and thanksgiving. Fr. Eugene Gorski, Steve's Howard Hall rector, will be the main celebrant; all members of the Notre Dame community are invited.

Panel says diet prevents disease

WASHINGTON (AP)- A Senate panel that incited an argument with the American Medical Association (AMA) and major food industry groups is sticking to its advice that consumers can lessen their chances of getting killer diseases by changing their diets.

The Committee on Nutrition yesterday released the second edition of its staff study, "Dietary Goals for the United States," after making only minor changes from the earlier report issued a year ago.

There had been speculation among critics of the 1977 report that the committee would withdraw some of its dietary recommendations but the major elements of that report remain intact.

The new version again recommends that Americans decrease consumption of processed sugars, eggs and salt. It suggests substituting skim milk for whole milk and increasing consumption of fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

The most important change came in a recommendation to decrease consumption of meat, a proposal that brought heavy criticism from cattle producers. The new edition changed this to "decrease consumption of animal fat." This would allow for consumption of lean meats, but not such foods as the thick, juicy steak.

The report said that cancer, heart disease, diabetes and hypertension are associated with the rich American diet.

Committee Chairman George McGovern, a Democrat from the beef-producing state of South Dakota, endorsed the second edition despite some misgivings from some other committee members.

McGovern, the 1972 Democratic presidential candidate, said in a forward to the new edition that the recommendations are "based on current scientific evidence and provide guidance for making personal decisions about one's diet." He said the 124 page report offers "nutrition knowledge with which Americans can begin to take responsibility for maintaining their health and reducing their risk of illness."

In addition to cattle producers, the first report was criticized by egg producers, sugar interests and the canning and dairy industries.

However, the broadest attack came from the AMA, which said there is no proof that diet is related to disease. It also said that changing American eating habits might lead to economic dislocation.

The AMA said, "Insufficient evidence exists at this time to support the need for or the benefit from major changes in the national diet as proposed."

The medical association said the relationship between diet and deaths from heart disease is "suggestive, fragmentary and even conflicting." The links between diet and cancer of the colon and breast cancer are "very tenuous," it said. And it said there is no proof "salt consumption is a major factor in causing hypertension."

However, many nutritionists and health professionals endorsed the dietary goals.

Community Nutrition Institute, a nonprofit organization interested in good and nutrition programs, said what bothered the AMA was that the recommended dietary goals "infringed on the doctor-patient relationship." Nutritionists con-

tended that the AMA prefers curing diseases to preventing them.

Three Nutrition Committee members who had no complaint about the first report expressed serious reservations about the new edition. "The record clearly reflects extreme diversity of scientific opinion on these questions," Sens. Charles

H. Percy, (R-Ill.), Richard Schweiker, (R-Pa.), and Edward Zorinsky, (D-Neb.), said in a statements in the report.

Sen. Bob Dole, a Republican whose home state of Kansas produces beef, expressed satisfaction at the rewording of the meat section.

Issuance of the second report is

one of the last official acts of the Nutrition Committee as a separate, select committee. It is being phased into the Agriculture Committee as a subcommittee.

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the second edition should send \$2.30 to the Government Printing Office in Washington and ask for publication number 052-070 03913-2.

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At Last, We Cheer

It was a great day for the Irish Sunday afternoon when Dan Devine strode fearlessly to center court. There were no boos, no jeers; in fact, the applause truly "shook down the thunder." This was the head coach of football's Fighting Irish, the man who worked the magic of the Green Machine that started Notre Dame rolling to the National Championship.

The spectacle of this University's head football coach dodging appearances at pep rallies and before alumni groups for fear of boos and cries of "Dump Devine," has been an embarrassing blot on our pretensions to both sportsmanship and Christianity. Something is wrong when the basketball coach delivers the exhortation to victory on the eve of the Southern Cal game.

Devine came to Notre Dame in the worst circumstances possible: under heavy attack in Green Bay, he was succeeding a tremendously popular coach, a coach with the animation and charisma that is not part of Devine's make-up. From all indication, Devine also met with something less than complete cooperation from his team. Several players criticized him openly. He was not well-liked.

In a recent interview with Bob Broeg,

sports editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Nip Weisenfels, linebacker at Mizzou under Devine, recalled: "As undergraduates, we scoffed at some things he said and were aggravated by others. We didn't really like him that much either, but Dan Devine motivated us and got us to really thinking that playing the game of the moment was the most important thing we'd ever do."

"So many of the things he stressed about life have proved out since I left the campus and I've found that he has done so much for so many of his former players who really didn't know he cared that much when he held them at arm's length at the time they were playing for him.

Weisenfels' Devine is unsensational, but inspiring nonetheless, undemonstrative, but still caring. He cared enough for the student body to help arrange a Cotton Bowl charter. And he cares enough about Notre Dame to want to stay, despite the tension of the past three years.

It won't really matter that Notre Dame the football team won the 1977 National Championship if Notre Dame the Christian community fails to give Dan Devine the understanding and acceptance that has been too long withheld.

P.O. Box Q

The special beat of Steve Calonje

Dear Editor:

We'll miss him in the Nazz and most everywhere else, too. He had such a "feel" and there were none better. Most of us knew him or at least his beat. It won't be the same without him.

The coming jazz festival surely would have found him the best; it was his turn. Won't we dedicate CJF '78 to Steve Calonje, jazz drummer, victim of hit and run?

D. Gourdin

ND, Texas fans insulted in 'Mavericks'

Dear Editor:

Reed King's article "Irish Mavericks in Longhorn Country" is the only bad memory I have of Notre Dame's bowling in Dallas. It is a shame that The Observer staff allowed such a distasteful article to be printed in a newspaper which is representative of the Notre Dame community. Having lived in Dallas for the last eight years, I found Mr. King's description of Dallas as a "cowtown" with "thirty million wetbacks" to be obviously distorted, but his comments on the typical ND and Texas fans are what have caused my bad feelings and this reply.

One of my older brothers and his

wife graduated from the University of Texas last year, and I would be embarrassed to admit my association with ND if they (or any other person for that matter) got wind of

King's article. And after hearing some of the stories which Clemson's paper wrote about ND after our visit to South Carolina, I feel certain that word will likewise make it back to Texas. It is unfortunate that one person's dubious quotation ("G.d., g.d., you're g.d. m.f. right...") was used to stereotype the mentality of 45,000 U. of Texas students. In the

same way it is again sad that I and my Notre Dame friends were generalized as the "drunker ND minority." My only consolation after reading Reed King's words was the thought that he was still in that state of oblivion which he so proudly claimed himself to be in throughout most of his stay in Dallas.

So next year if ND happens to make a return trip to Dallas, I hope The Observer spares us the written

word of Mr. King - for the benefit of the good names of the University of Texas and Notre Dame students and alumni.

Dick Duffey

Park benches for the 'beautiful-er'

Dear Editor:

The benches in the Concourse of Memorial Library are a wonderful addition (for the life of me I cannot see that they have the aspect subtraction at all). Now, if we could only prevail upon the powers that be - those give the decisive fiat - to provide us with park benches - oh, maybe not in the dead of winter, but surely in the quick of spring and summer and autumn. They should not fear what will happen to the grass. Let their operative principle be: "Grass is beautiful, but persons are 'beautiful-er'."

Joseph W. Evans

opinion

ND Debate Has Proud Past

john borkowski

Editor's Note: "The Observer statements" mentioned in the following column were made by Notre Dame Debate Council President Jim Maniace and should have been attributed to him in the article. The Observer is happy to set the record straight on the Debate Council's fine record.

At Emory, Jack Keeney and I won five and lost three.

Other outstanding performances at tournaments having between forty and eighty schools competing have included placing several times at Loyola, taking first place in 1972 at the Citadel, and taking first place in 1973 at Kent State University.

Jeff Rajchel and Dave Hayes have yet to be outdone in their performance in 1973 when, beating national powers including Kentucky and Catholic Univ., they placed third in the country in novice nationals. That same year Jack Keeney and I each took outstanding speaker awards as well as the third place trophy at the Citadel, losing only to West Georgia, the eventual national champions, after beating Tulane and Alabama. In the 1975-76 school year, Mark Zenger and Jim Maniace capped a successful season by taking first place at an international debate tournament at the Univ. of Hawaii, defeating Oregon in the final round.

Notre Dame has annually hosted a national invitational debate tournament which, in 1974 and 1975, attracted the largest number of prestigious schools it had gotten since the early 1960's. The debate council has always been active in community activities, frequently judging in state and local high school debate tournaments and accepting invitations to debate before audiences. My first contact with Notre Dame debate was watching an exhibition debate between Notre Dame and the Univ. of Pittsburgh at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, Ohio.

The above items do not come close to summarizing the past thirteen years of trophies won or prominence achieved by the Notre Dame Debate Council. The debate team has, over the past eight years, often been competitive with the best of the nation's debate teams, holding its own with schools having extensive departmental undergraduate and graduate programs in speech and debate, having qualified professors devoting their lifetimes to coaching debate, and giving full and partial scholarships to recruit the best talent from high school. Notre Dame relies on full-time students for coaching, has a budget far below most similarly competitive programs, has limited research facilities, and has given no scholarships to incoming students.

Despite all these odds, many Notre Dame students over the past thirteen years have gained hard-earned national recognition for forensic accomplishment. It would be a shame if all their achievements were just left to a passing phrase in your article--to wipe those achievements out with a sentence or two is a travesty.

[John Borkowski is a member of the Class of 1973, the Law Class of 1976, and is a former Director of Debate at Notre Dame.]

I have just read the article written by Tony Pace of The Observer on Oct. 17, 1977, proclaiming the return to national prominence of the Notre Dame Debate Team for the first time in thirteen years.

There is no doubt that this year's debate team is one of the better squads Notre Dame has had in quite a long while. I wish the team, and Bill Wians as coach, the greatest success, and hope that they do indeed surpass the best debate teams Notre Dame has seen.

However, The Observer's statement that Notre Dame debate has not seen national prominence for thirteen years, and The Observer's statement that the debate council has won no awards for the past ten years, are simply gross errors of fact which should not stand uncorrected. Such inaccurate statements do great injustice to a large number of outstanding students who have, within the past thirteen years, achieved comparable or greater national prominence than the members of this year's team, albeit not with as much campus fanfare or publicity.

Notre Dame is one of the founders of what is today the largest debate organization in the country: DSR-TKA. Notre Dame has continued to produce debate teams that have been prolific in terms of both awards and over-all accomplishment.

During the past six years Notre Dame has done exceptionally well in tournaments with ninety or more competing teams, including:

1971

At Tulane, Notre Dame reached quarterfinals and received a fifth place trophy.

1972

At Tulane, Notre Dame reached semifinals, and received a third place trophy.

At Northwestern, Tom Gies and Mike Connor won six and lost two, placing seventeenth.

At Kentucky, Tom Gies and Mike Connor reached semifinals, receiving a third place trophy. In the same tournament, Jack Keeney and Tom King won seven and lost one, and reached quarterfinals, receiving a fifth place trophy.

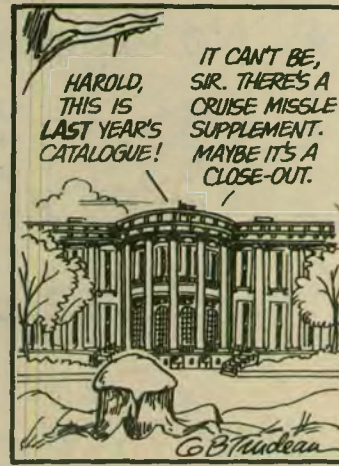
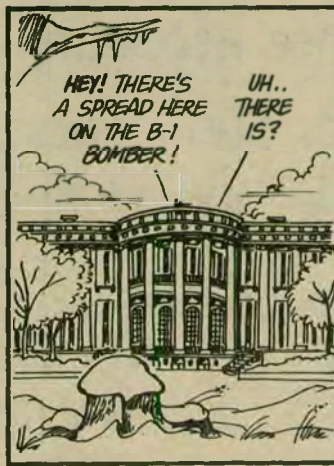
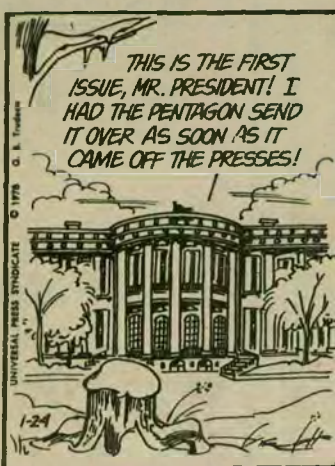
1973

At Southwest Missouri State, Brian Kelly and Jack Keeney won seven and lost one, reaching quarterfinals and receiving a fifth place trophy.

At Kentucky, Jack Keeney and I won five and lost three.

by Garry Trudeau

DOONESBURY



Paris kidnapping Belgian nobleman abducted

PARIS [AP] - Masked gunmen ambushed an automobile carrying Baron Edouard-Jean Empain in central Paris yesterday and abducted the Belgian nobleman, who is one of Europe's richest industrialists and heads a giant conglomerate with interests in the United States.

Hours after the late morning abduction, the 40-year-old baron's family still had not received a ransom demand, authorities said. There was no firm clue to whether he was kidnapped for money or for political motives.

Police were mobilized nationwide and at France's borders in the hunt for Empain, father of three and scion of a long powerful industrial family.

Police said Empain's chauffeur was in severe shock after being

badly beaten by the four or five kidnapers in the well-organized operation. The gunmen used two trucks and a motorbike to close in on the industrialist's car just outside his apartment building near the Arc de Triomphe.

Empain, whose mother was American music hall star Rozell Rowland, is president and managing director of the French-Belgian Empain-Schneider industrial group of 150 companies.

The conglomerate, which has an annual turnover of \$4.5 billion, is France's only nuclear power plant manufacturer, building U.S. Westinghouse plants under license, and it has large steel, shipping, banking, and machinery production interests.

It employs 120,000 workers worldwide, is a major shareholder

in the U.S. company Phoenix Steel and is believed to have other large North American holdings.

Police, recounting what the chauffeur and other eye-witnesses told them, said Empain drove from his apartment building on a quiet, fashionable street paralleling the Avenue Foch at about 11 a.m. yesterday.

A few yards away a small truck had been parked out from the curb. As Empain's driver tried to maneuver around it, a man on a motorbike suddenly fell in front of the car forcing it to stop.

Another truck then roared up from behind, masked men jumped from the two trucks and the motorbike rider pulled out a revolver, police said. The chauffeur was dragged from the car, beaten and thrown into the truck. Three or four kidnapers piled into Empain's car and sped off with the industrialist, the second truck following.

The driver was released a few minutes later less than a mile away and notified police, who already had been alerted by an eyewitness. One of the trucks was found nearby and police determined it had been stolen two weeks ago.

The Empain family fortune was founded before World War I by the present baron's grandfather, Edouard Empain, whose firms built the Paris subway and other mass transit systems throughout the world and had extensive mine and lumber holdings.

Wilmington 10 members receive reduced sentences

RALEIGH N.C. (AP)- Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. yesterday reduced the sentences of nine imprisoned members of the Wilmington 10, making all but one of them eligible for parole this year, but denied petitions seeking a full pardon for members of the group.

Hunt's decision was contained in the script of a statewide television broadcast.

The sentence of the Rev. Ben Chavis, leader of the group, was reduced to permit parole eligibility on Jan. 1, 1980-two years earlier than before the governor's action.

The sentence of Ann Sheppard Turner, the only woman and the only white among the defendants, was unchanged. Mrs. Turner already is free on parole.

Hunt's announcement was carried live from his Capitol office on nearly every television station in North Carolina.

Chavis and eight other black men were convicted of fire bombing Mike's Grocery, a white-owned store in a black neighborhood of Wilmington, N.C., during racial violence in that port city in Feb. 1971. They also were convicted of conspiracy and other charges and received prison sentences of more than 20 years each.

Chavis was accused by prosecution witnesses of instructing others in the firebombing and drew the longest sentence, 25 to 29 years for burning and four to five years for conspiracy.

Mrs. Turner was convicted on a lesser charge of being an accessory.

"From all that I have learned in reviewing this case, I have concluded that there was a fair trial, the jury made the right decision and the appellate courts reviewed it properly and ruled correctly," Hunt said.

"I have confidence in what our courts and judges have done. Accordingly, I cannot and I will not pardon these defendants."

Several foreign governments, including the Soviet Union have called the case an example of human rights violations in the United States. Amnesty International, winner of last year's Nobel Peace Prize, has cited the 10 as "prisoners of conscience."

Chavis was a field worker for the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice and was sent to Wilmington to help quell the

racial strife. Mrs. Turner was a federal antipoverty worker. The others were teenagers at the time, most in high school.

The United Church of Christ has supported the group throughout and has spent an estimated \$200,000 in legal fees. The 10 began serving prison terms in February 1976 after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear their appeal. Last year they were granted a post-conviction hearing, during which the state's three key witnesses in the 1972 trial recanted their testimony. Key prosecution witness Allen Hall, who admitted on the stand that he set fire to the grocery during that week of racial violence, later recanted his second statement.

Superior Court Judge George M. Fountain, saying he could not rule, on their guilt or innocence, found no "substantial denial of constitutional rights of the defendants," and turned down a petition for a new trial.

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Rumour is reality as Franconia College closes

CONCORD N.H. [AP] - After years of fighting financial problems, bad publicity, and conservatives, Franconia College, an avant-garde school born in the tumultuous 1960s, closed yesterday with hardly any warning.

"We heard rumors Saturday and didn't get official notice until Sunday," said Pat Grady, 22, an arts major from Sayville, N.Y.

"Today I'm trying to deal with it ... I'm hurting," she said.

She had expected the spring semester to begin on schedule tomorrow.

But from the time the school set up in a former White Mountains resort hotel in 1963, it had been fighting a losing battle, going through six presidents, surviving an attack by the state to revoke its certification, and weathering adverse publicity.

On Sunday, the 20-member board of trustees decided the financial problems were insurmountable, and voted unanimously to close and try to place the 300 students plus faculty in other schools.

A formal news statement said that decreased enrollments, spiraling costs, deteriorating facilities and a long-term debt "have limited the school's flexibility."

Since 1968, about 75 colleges in the United States have closed, but it is unclear whether there is any trend in this direction. The number of colleges open has increased, and officials at two other experimental colleges say most of Franconia's problems were unique.

Ira Goldenberg, the college's president, had said it was running at a deficit this year of \$340,000. Contacted yesterday by telephone, he said its total debt amounted to \$1.3 million, and the faculty had not been paid for December and January.

"I don't think the experiment failed," he said, because in his 2 1/2 years as president the college had established new programs "that made educational sense." But he added "that we couldn't overcome the sins of the past," including an ultra-permissive image and "a disastrous financial situation."

When it first opened, the college had few friends in New Hampshire's conservative North Country. It was criticized for its courses, which had no grades, and which along with more standard offerings included such subjects as draft evasion, women's liberation, prison reform, mountain climbing, carpentry and gourmet cooking.

Among Goldenberg's innovations were a human services program for the elderly, a prison education program, and programs in which students became advocates for the poor in employment and welfare matters.

Goldenberg said he hopes other colleges in the state will pick up those programs. He also said he does not know where he will go.

Over the years, the college was raided by state police in efforts to find drugs, and was denounced editorially for transgressions ranging from sex on campus to complaints about dog-soiled dormitories.

But John Lyman, a Franconia selectman, said yesterday that times had changed. "Ten years ago," he said, "there would have been people who would have said 'good riddance' or 'so what?' but that picture has turned around... The college has been a plus." He said the town would lose financially.

Figures from the federal Office of Education show a fluctuating pattern for college closings since 1969 - as few as three in one year

and as many as 13 - alongside a gradual increase in the number of colleges open - 1,254 in 1969-70 and 1,370 last year. Bruce Carns of the Bureau of Higher Education commented: "A lot of small colleges have closed, but the rate appears to have been pretty high all along."

Richard Alpert, associate dean of avant-garde Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., said: "The fact that Franconia closed has almost no implications for us as far as I can gather." He said Hampshire is in better financial shape, is near

sympathetic neighboring colleges, and has good relations with its community.

Another experimental school, Goddard College in Plainfield, Vt., also appears in different shape. Finance director Robert Leavitt says last fiscal year ended with a surplus and this year the budget is balanced at \$5 million - about the same as three or four years ago.

At Franconia, debts almost forced a closing in 1968, and the school reorganized. But troubles continued. Gov. Meldrim Thomson, a conservative Republican,

tried to block a federal grant for a cooperative program with a high school and threatened to revoke the school's charter for sponsoring a conference by the New England Prisoners' Association.

To help Franconia to stay open, students and faculty took over serving meals, running the mailroom, keeping accounts and being janitors.

In 1970, the college attracted national attention by naming Leon Botstein, then 23, as the country's youngest college president. Goldenberg, a former assistant psychol-

ogy professor at Harvard and Yale, succeeded Botstein in 1975.

Among other small institutions overcome by financial troubles are Bennett College in Millbrook, N.Y. and Briarcliff College in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. Both sold off their assets last year. Another well-publicized closing was that of Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, in June, 1973. That liberal arts college had become known as a "second chance" school for students who couldn't make it elsewhere. It lost accreditation, enrollment shriveled, and it went bankrupt.

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Recommendations made to ordain homosexuals

NEW YORK (AP)- The United Presbyterian Church was thrown into the forefront of the battle over ordination of acknowledged homosexuals yesterday after a committee report recommended that they be accepted.

But there were indications that a majority of the denomination's 2.6 million members, strongly oppose such a position, making its adoption highly questionable.

The issue has flared widely in various denominations recently, along with the open drive by homosexuals against discrimination in society in general as well as in church life.

The recommendations by majority of a 19 member United Presbyterian task force on the issue projects the Protestant body into a showdown test over it.

That will come at the church's governing general assembly in May in San Diego, with prospects for sharp conflict.

However, a recent national sampling of opinion in the church found that a heavy majority - 71 percent of members and 68 percent of pastors would regard it as improper to ordain a homosexual.

An even larger majority - 80 percent of members and 73 percent of pastors - indicate they would not accept such a person as their pastor.

However, the task force majority - 14 of 19 members asked the church to adopt a policy that a homosexual may be ordained "if the person manifests such gifts as are required for ordination."

But the other five members, in a minority report, asked the church to declare that "our present understanding of God's will for his

people precludes the ordination of avowed, practicing homosexuals."

The task force, chaired by Virginia Davidson, a Rochester, N.Y. lay woman, includes Biblical scholars, theologians and specialists in counseling, medicine and the social sciences.

The issue grew out of a query posed by the New York City presbytery, the local church governing unit, asking the national assembly to rule in 1976 whether an acknowledged homosexual, otherwise qualified, could be ordained.

That assembly held that such an ordination "would at the present time be injudicious if not improper," but set up the special task force to provide more light on the question.

In effect, the task force majority said decisions about ordination should be left where they always have been with local congregations and local governing presbyteries having the duty of determining

"the fitness of candidates."

The report said the local units, if the recommendations are adopted, may take divergent courses on the matter. It said the policy would "threaten the unity" of the church "only if we allow it to undermine our common ultimate loyalty to Jesus Christ."

In recent times, two acknowledged homosexuals have been ordained in U.S. churches, but in both cases, the steps were taken by local church units without approval of the denominations as a whole.

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ND 'wakes up' to defeat Big Green

by Tony Pace
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame basketball team overcame a mild case of the post-UCLA blahs last night to defeat a scrappy team from Dartmouth, 78-64. The victory raised the Irish's home court record to a perfect 9-0 and moved their record for the season to 12-3.

The key to the Notre Dame victory was a 23-5 spurt which the Irish ran off midway through the second half. With 12:45 remaining in the game, the Indians' Doug Romatzik stole the ball from Dave Batton under the Dartmouth basket and laid the ball in to make the score 45-53. This was as close as the Indians, who led at halftime, were to be for the rest of the contest. Batton, Duck Williams and Rich Branning provided the scoring punch during this streak with eight, four, and four points respectively.

The important aspect of this streak was the Notre Dame defense. During the first half, the Indians moved the ball around well often finding teammates close to the basket for uncontested shots. The Irish kept Dartmouth from scoring during this span by playing good pressure defense and forcing the visitors to take perimeter shots.

In the first half, when the Indians were outscoring the Irish 35-34, they shot 52% from the field. When the Notre Dame defense tightened in the second half, Dartmouth's field goal shooting percentage dropped to 32%.

Bill Hanzlik and Jeff Carpenter were particularly effective defensively. Hanzlik had the task of guarding the Indians' top player, Sterling Edmonds, who had scored 14 first half points. Edmonds finished the game with 23 points but he scored only six of them while Hanzlik was in the game. Carpenter, meanwhile, played sound defense and controlled the flow of the game when he was in the lineup.

Notre Dame missed center Bill Laimbeer during the first half as they were outrebounded by the Indians 17-15. After the half-time adjustments, the Irish came back to grab 24 second half caroms while Dartmouth could manage only 14. The status of Laimbeer is uncertain

at the moment. He will have a cast on his left wrist for at least one month and he definitely will not play in Wednesday's game against West Virginia. He may, however, be able to play with the cast Sunday against Maryland.

Batton and Williams shared the scoring honors for the Irish with 18 markers apiece. Each had 12 of those points in the second half. Freshman Orlando Woolridge, starting at a forward spot for the second consecutive game, added 12 points including the game's most spectacular play: a two-handed slam dunk. Kelly Tripucka also reached double figures by netting five field goals.

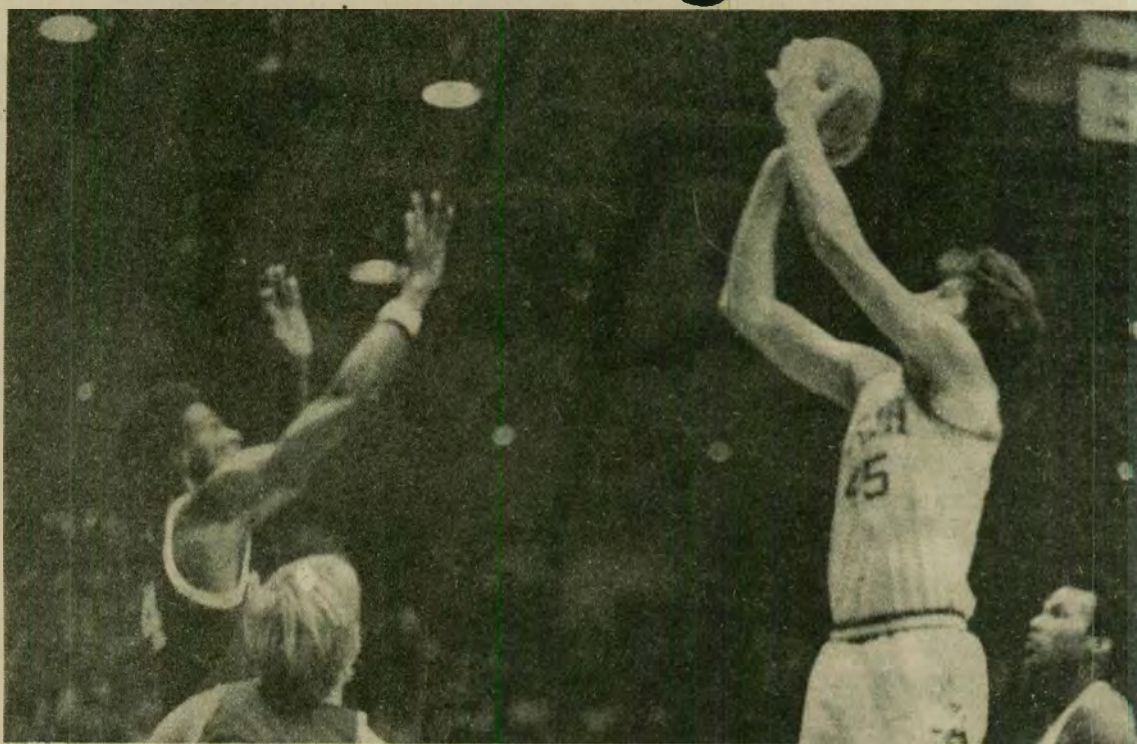
In the Notre Dame locker room after the game the consensus was that the UCLA game had drained the Irish both physically and emotionally and caused the sloppy first half play. Phelps stated, "Dartmouth played a great game, but this was a great day to play us. UCLA drained us. In the first half we were sluggish and tired, but we came back in the second half to play with more intensity. I don't know how those Atlantic Coast Conference teams do it, because playing back to back is tough; it is hard to maintain the necessary intensity."

Co-captain Dave Batton said, "They were a tough opponent, they played a good patient game. We were just flat in the first half."

Guard Jeff Carpenter, who was again in the starting lineup, agreed, "They were a good team but we did not play all that well in the early part of the game. Better defense on our part was the key to the victory."

Williams, who came off the bench for the second straight game, was happy to play a part in the victory. "It's the coach's decision about the starting lineup, but I just want playing time. I've come off the bench before though so starting doesn't make that much difference."

The next Notre Dame game will be on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. against West Virginia in the ACC. The Mountaineers defeated Notre Dame last season in Morgantown.



Dave Batton hits two of his 18 points in last night's 78-64 win over Dartmouth. (Photo by Leo Hans)

ND-SMC women's basketball briefs

Notre Dame's women's basketball team is alive and well and according to Sharon Petro "looking good."

The squad returned early from their semester vacations to get in some practice time before last Tuesday's game against Purdue-Calumet. The Irish came up victorious in the contest edging out their opponents, 50-46.

Petro says she has seen great strides in the team's ability to work together. Said the coach, "They all had to live with each other for four days at the Morris Inn until the dorms were reopened and I think this time served to bring them closer; they really got to know each other. This unity of spirit has been reflected in the way they're playing now."

The team's 3-0 record will be challenged tonight when they take on St. Joseph's college. "It's going to be a tough match," predicted Petro. "The St. Joe group is a strong, well balanced team."

Tip-off time is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the main Arena.

The Saint Mary's Basketball Team had it's ups and downs last week as it romped over IUPUI-Fort Wayne in one contest and lost a close decision to Indiana Tech in another.

In the game against IUPUI, which the Belles won 49-35, a second half scoring slump was broken up by Karen Hooper, who came off the bench to spark her team with six quick points. Nancy Nowalk led all scorers with 18 points and shared the rebounding honors with teammate Martha Kelly. Noealk and Kelly had ten caroms apiece.

Saturday, Saint Mary's saw a ten point cushion melt away as they dropped a close game to Indiana Tech, 49-44.

The team returns to action tonight, hosting Valparaiso with tipoff time scheduled for 8 p.m.

There will be an important meeting for the Men's Interhall Basketball captains Wednesday, Jan 25, at 4:30 p.m. in the ACC Auditorium. Important schedule revisions will be distributed so all teams must be present.

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Vida's Blues

One Man's View

Spring training begins in four weeks and Vida Blue doesn't have a team. The Cincinnati Reds fully believe and expect Vida to be wearing a Reds' uniform in Tampa, but, alas, Bowie Kuhn has different notions.

Yes, Bowie has once again taken it upon himself to uphold and preserve the "best interests of baseball." He did it so wonderfully in the summer of 1976 that he probably feels it is his duty to do it now.

So, a grand trial is currently being held in Bowie's New York offices. The chief culprit is Bowie's favorite owner, Charlie Finley. Finley sold or traded (depending on your use of the English language) Blue to Cincinnati for minor league first baseman Dave Revering and \$1.75 million in December. And Bowie is afraid that this is bad for baseball.

If the plot sounds familiar, you are obviously a baseball fan. Not more than 18 months ago, Kuhn prevented Finley from disposing of soon-to-be free agents Joe Rudi, Rollie Fingers and Blue for cash sums totaling \$3.5 million. The sales weren't in the best interest of baseball.

The fact that Finley was a businessman and was attempting to execute sound business sense in dealing the three players while he could receive something in return mattered not to Kuhn. Only that Charley Finley was disrupting the sacred structure of the game.

The next logical question I can think of is, "Was Kuhn's action beneficial in upholding the best interests?" Well, Oakland had the second worst record in the majors this past season, fielding a team comprised primarily of triple-A stars. But, I'm sure the fact that Finley lost those three players and received nothing in return had nothing to do with Oakland's decline. It was probably a poor managing job.

I guess it was in the best interests of baseball that Oakland lose six front-line players to the initial free-agent draft. After all, Oakland is such a baseball hotbed that it would readily support a team that couldn't win 70 games. And the fact that Blue wasn't a free agent and had to stay in Oakland certainly helped the team quite a bit on the field.

Maybe Bowie feels that baseball is better off with a mediocre team in Oakland. Maybe he feels baseball is better off without Charlie Finley. But Bowie seems to have the wrong best interests in mind.

What about Vida Blue's best interests? Was it better for Vida to stay and Oakland where he could single handedly pull a team from the doldrums and lead them back to respectability? Or should Vida be allowed to bring his obvious talents elsewhere for better use? Those are the questions the Almighty Kuhn is faced with.

The irony of the situation is that Kuhn may be wasting his time. Blue has filed a lawsuit in California against Finley charging fraud. Blue claims that Finley signed him to a contract on June 15, 1976 under the stipulation that Blue would not be traded. One hour later came the attempted sale to the Yankees.

Blue feels Finley acted as an agent for the Yankees and "conned" him into signing the contract. If the court agrees, Blue will become a free agent a la Catfish Hunter. Then, it will be time for Bowie Kuhn to discover "the best interests of Vida Blue."

Paul Stevenson

The Irish Eye

Irish Upswing

Thanks to Alabama's 78-62 upset of top-ranked Kentucky last night, there are no more undefeated teams in college basketball. That just exemplifies the balance in college basketball today.

As for Notre Dame, chalk up victory number 12 for the Fighting Irish basketball team. Although at halftime the situation was questionable, Notre Dame came back to defeat Dartmouth, 78-64. That leaves the Irish eight games shy of their 20 win goal.

Notre Dame definitely proved that they were among the nation's best by defeating UCLA on Sunday afternoon. James Wilkes may have given the Irish the game in the last four seconds on the free throw, but then again, Notre Dame gave up opportunities of their own.

With Dartmouth already passed, it's time to look ahead to West Virginia. Just remember last year when the Irish were boasting a nine game winning streak. That was before they faced the Mountaineers. Yes, that 81-68 loss in Morgantown was one that many would like to forget. Sure, West Virginia was good, but they were also playing a bit over their heads, like most teams do against Notre Dame.

The game tomorrow night will be another in a long series of key tests for the Irish cagers. Yes, UCLA may be over, and maybe the Irish did sweep the Bruins, but two victories over UCLA does not send Notre Dame to the NCAA tournament.

The Irish still have several difficult games remaining on their schedule. After the Mountaineers, the Irish face Maryland this Sunday and don't think Lefty Driesell has forgotten the 80-79 overtime loss to Notre Dame last season.

Holy Cross and DePaul are not too far away. The Crusaders are not having the season they did last year, but they are still a tough ball club. Meanwhile, the Blue Demons are having a great year with only two losses, one of those defeats being a six point loss to Marquette.

Fordham will be a good test, just because it will be played in the Garden and South Carolina on the road two days later will be just as difficult. Then there's North Carolina State three days after the contest with the Gamecocks. Too many people are looking ahead to Marquette and overlooking the Wolfpack.

Well, after North Carolina State the Irish face the Warriors. Then a week later the Notre Dame cagers travel to Dayton. The Flyers love having their contest with the Irish right after the Marquette clash.

All in all, the schedule just doesn't let up. The Irish looked super at the start of the season, a little flat over the holidays, but now they seem to have emerged from their "Christmas condition."

After a major victory over the Bruins, Notre Dame was expected to be a bit tired and down against the Big Green. At least the second half of last night's game proved the Irish have what it takes.

Notre Dame is starting to peak and come into their own once again. It's up to the fans in the arena to insure that they maintain that level of performance every game. Maybe some of the games don't seem that important, but each contest is an important step.

Yes, many people say that Notre Dame has the greatest student body in the country and most students on this campus believe that. Well, the spirit that has earned the reputation has to be expressed at every game.

Keep the Irish on their current upswing. The support better be tremendous now, because on the road and in the NCAA's Notre Dame is not going to have 11,345 screaming ACC fans at their disposal. Yes, the Notre Dame fans have aided the Irish on several occasions. But, this squad is capable of winning consistently, at home or on the road.

Take each game individually, because the 20 game mark is still a way off. One win at a time and 100 percent support the entire route. There has to be enough vocal backing left over for the Irish to take all the way to St. Louis in March.