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Housing lottery remains uncertain

by Mike Shields
Senior Staff Reporter

The future of a lottery that would force some of next year's seniors to live off-campus is still undecided, but Director of Housing Edmund Price is hopeful that one may not be necessary.

"We won't know until after the housing contracts are in," Price said yesterday. "Hopefully, we won't need a lottery, but there is no telling until the contracts get back."

Price added that he believed many juniors have already decided to live off-campus, a development that would make a lottery unnecessary.

When asked about off-campus housing in the event of a lottery, Price said "a lot" of housing is still ready for occupancy, citing vacancies at Campus View Apartments.

"I don't think there is any problem with the volume of available housing. The problem is where it is and whether it would fit the needs of the students," he noted.

Price acknowledged he has received "about a dozen" anti-lottery letters from parents of juniors. Most of the letters expressed a feeling that "the University has let them down,"

Price said.

Junior Class President Dan McCurrie had proposed the letter-writing campaign last semester to allow parents of juniors to express their disapproval of plans for a lottery. McCurrie said yesterday that the juniors were planning no new steps in protest of the lottery.

"We will try to follow through with some of the things we did last semester," McCurrie said. He noted that much of the momentum of the movement against the lottery was lost over the break. He said he expects more action "after students get settled in."

Nick Schneeman, a junior and student advisor to the class officers, stressed the representative's concern with neighborhoods. "Lottery or no lottery, some students still have to live off campus."

He said he felt the University should "invest in beefing up its neighborhood programs," noting Notre Dame's "great research department" in such areas as sociology.

He said students should be involved in neighborhoods. He described present neighborhoods as "a bunch of houses." He said students should try to find "a real place in the neighborhood."



Jim Swintal (left), John McAustin (center), and Bob Morin (right) conducted the Mardi Gras organizational meeting held last night in the Saint Mary's Clubhouse. They announced that booth construction will begin Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and will continue for the next two weeks. [Photo by Mark Muench]

Prof. Rice leaves for Tawain as constitutional consultant

by Zenon Bidzinski

Charles E. Rice, Notre Dame professor of law, left for Taiwan this morning on what he termed a "fact-finding consultation" for the Washington Legal Foundation, the law firm representing Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Az.) and other legislators in their suit challenging President Carter's abrogation of the defense treaty with the Republic

of China (Taiwan).

According to Rice, he is one of approximately 40 members of a group of legislators and other supporters of the lawsuit invited to Taiwan for three days of activities and conferences concerning the treaty.

The group will meet with Chinese government officials and representatives of the United States business community. Neither Goldwater nor

any of the other five senators involved in the suit are making the trip due to other responsibilities in Washington, said Rice, and only one other non-legislative lawyer besides himself was included in the group.

There is also no public money being spent on the trip, he assured.

Rice specifically mentioned that the group will be talking with the defense minister, foreign minister and members of the branch of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce based in Taiwan.

"One of the main purposes of the meetings, he stated, 'will be to get an appreciation of the treaty and the willingness of the Chinese to perform it.'"

As a professor of constitutional law at Notre Dame and a member of the advisory board of the Washington Legal Foundation, which he describes as a "private, public interest law firm," Rice has been assisting in the preparation of the lawsuit.

HE said the action involves a rather technical constitutional question concerning the division of powers between the executive and legislative branches.

The suit was filed on Dec. 22, 1978, in the U.S. District Court in Washington D.C. The suit names six senators, eight congressmen and one senator-elect as plaintiffs, with President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance as defendants. It alleges that:

1) the President did not unilaterally have the power to abrogate the 1954 Mutual Defense Treaty between the Republic of China and the United States;

2) the termination of the treaty requires a one-year notification by either side, and President Carter cannot even serve notice of an intended termination without "the advice and consent of the U.S. Senate, or the approval of both

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Carter addresses Congress, nation

WASHINGTON [AP] - President Carter asked Congress last night to help him build "a new foundation" for prosperity at home and peace abroad, dismissing as myths the notions that America's only choices are between inflation and recession, confrontation and surrender.

In a State of the Union address that marked the midway point of his four-year term, Carter ventured no dramatic new proposals, but bid for enactment of those he already

has outlined. He said those proposals would be the basis for the "new foundation" that was both the theme and the slogan of his message. "The new foundation I have discussed tonight can help us

build a nation and a world where every child is nurtured and can look to the future with hope - where the resources now wasted on war can be turned towards human needs - where all people have enough to eat, a decent home and protection from disease," Carter said.

"Tonight, I ask you to join me in building that new foundation - a better foundation - for our country and our world," he concluded.

The president urged support for his increased defense budget and said a new strategic arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union will not be signed unless it advances American safety.

"I will sign no agreement which cannot be verified. . . I will sign no agreement unless our deterrent force will remain overwhelming," he said.

In the nationally broadcast and televised address at the Capitol, Carter presented these legislative proposals:

- A ceiling on hospital price increases, which he called a clear test of congressional commitment to fight inflation.

- A measure providing for national health insurance, to be phased in during the 1980's.

- Limited public financing of congressional election campaigns.

- Deregulation of the trucking and rail industries.

Additional personnel solves ND security shortage inadequacy

by Laura Larimore
Staff Reporter

The shortage of security personnel reported last week in the *Observer* has been partially alleviated, according to Joe Wall, director of Security. Nine permanent employees were hired last week, in addition to twelve part-time students.

The shortage was inherited by Wall when he began his position last October. At that time, the department was short seven people. Soon afterwards, two other resigned for reasons stemming from the arson incidents that occurred over mid-semester break.

Two other resignations from the force are also expected this week; one member has accepted a position as a police officer in California and the other is returning to school full-time. Thus security will again be short, this time by two employees.

Keeping a full personnel roster is an ongoing process, Wall explained. Several security members are graduate students, only expected to remain with the force for one to two years. Wall added that efforts are continuing towards employing a full force.

The twelve part-time undergraduate students were hired as a result of the vandalism in the D-1 parking lot last week. They are juniors and seniors who will patrol the parking lots each night.

Two pairs will work each night equipped with special security gear and radios. In addition to their regular duty, the part-time undergraduates will serve additional duty at especially busy times, such as football weekends. Wall stressed that the main prerequisite for the job was that it not interfere with a student's studies and other required activities.

On a typical night, the security shift is divided into duty assignments. Two groundspeople patrol the campus on foot to check academic buildings and other campus installations. There are also two extra groundspeople between 6 p.m. and 2 a.m. who walk the Saint Mary's road (connecting it with the Notre Dame campus), supplementing the regular officers. Three officers patrol in vehicles to check the parking lots (in addition to the student patrol), watch the perimeter buildings, serve as an escort service for the Student Health Center, and patrol the Saint Mary's road, including leaving their vehicles to patrol on foot. Two other security personnel also serve at the campus gates.

GOP picks Detroit as 1980 convention site

WASHINGTON (AP)-A sharply divided Republican Party selected Detroit yesterday as the site of its 1980 national convention. After beating back an effort to overturn the choice of its site selection panel, the Republican National Committee approved Detroit as the GOP convention city by a vote of 95 to 52. The climactic vote followed an hour and a half of sometimes bitter debate and a string of much closer preliminary votes. At the height of the debate, national committeeman Vern F. Neppel of Minnesota called Detroit "a rather depressing site." State party chairman Ray Barnhart of Texas, which had lost a bid to hold the convention in Dallas, argued that "the atmosphere of Texas would be good for the Republican Party nationally." A motion by state GOP chairman Frank J. Fahrenkopf Jr. of Nevada to have the site committee produce a list of at least three alternate cities to choose from was defeated on a 80-66 vote. In Detroit, Democratic Mayor Coleman Young, a Democrat, praised the committee's final choice as "an outstanding vote of confidence in the people of Detroit and in the future of our great city."

Carlo Ponti convicted in money transfer scheme

ROME (AP)-A Rome court yesterday found film producer Carlo Ponti guilty of illegal transfer of money abroad and sentenced him to four years in prison and a fine of \$24 million. At the same time, the court acquitted Ponti's wife, actress Sophia Loren, and her private secretary, Ines Bruscia, who were charged as accomplices and with attempting to smuggle works of arts abroad. The judge also dropped two of the four years of Ponti's sentence under a pardon provision. Neither Ponti nor Miss Loren attended the trial. They are French citizens and live in Paris, having given up their Italian citizenship because of legal problems surrounding their divorces and marriage. France does not extradite its citizens for prosecution in other countries.

Talmadge enters hospital for alcohol treatment

WASHINGTON (AP)-Sen. Herman Talmadge, D-Ga., has been admitted to Bethesda Naval Hospital for treatment of alcohol abuse and other complaints, an aide said yesterday. Talmadge, 65 years old and a 22-year veteran of the Senate, entered the Maryland hospital Monday night on the advice of his physician, according to news secretary Gordon Roberts. "The Georgia senator asked that he be admitted to be treated for exhaustion, fatigue and alcohol abuse, which associates said was the result of prolonged stress and pressures," Roberts said in a statement. He said Talmadge also has requested a thorough physical evaluation, which "combined with bed rest and medical care, will require several days." The Senate Ethics Committee is investigating allegations that Talmadge ordered the diversion of \$39,000 in campaign contributions and expense funds into a secret Washington bank account.

Weather

Snow today cumulating 4-8 inches by morning. Windy and cold with falling temperatures. Occasional snow likely tonight. Windy with lows 10-15 above. Partly cloudy and cold tomorrow with a high in the upper teens.

Campus

- 3:30 pm -- mini-course, "introductory jcl," 115 math bldg.
- 4 pm -- slide presentation, "christian ministry in the national parks," lib. aud.
- 4 pm -- lecture, "the impact of labor economics on strategies for raising the rate of growth of productivity," dr. lester thurow, m.i.t., 122 hayes-healy
- 6 pm -- wrestling, nd vs. indiana state, acc.
- 6:30 pm -- meeting, sailing club, 204 o'sbag
- 7:30 pm -- american scene cultural series, "the challenge to women serving in the public sector: the role of the community services administration," gracia olivarez, dir. c.s.a., carroll hall smc
- 8 pm -- basketball, nd vs. fordham, acc.
- 8 pm -- lecture, "the dawn of awareness," prof. kenneth sayre, nd, galvin aud.
- 8:15 pm -- concert, philidor trio, library aud., \$1

Gunners shell villages

Bombing continues in Mideast

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - Palestinian gunners shelled Israeli villages from bases in southern Lebanon again yesterday and Israel answered with an artillery barrage and a warning that Lebanon will suffer more than Israel if the shooting continues along the volatile border.

Many Israelis living along the 69-mile frontier spent the day in bomb shelters.

A school in Kiryat Shmona took a direct hit from a Katyusha rocket moments after 400 pupils and their teachers descended into shelters. The Israeli border town of Metulla, five miles from Kiryat Shmona, also was shelled, but no injuries were reported.

In Beirut, the Lebanese government summoned the ambassadors of the five big powers to the U.N. Security Council and demanded they put pressure on Israel to stop firing rockets and artillery shells across the border.

The high command of Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization claimed Israeli forces shelled the port of Tyre and the inland city of Nabatiyeh in a "major escalation of hostilities."

In Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan warned that Israel would not "stay helpless against the PLO." Defense Minister Ezer Weizman was reported by Israel Radio to have warned that Lebanese civilian populations would suffer if the Palestinian attacks against Israeli towns continue.

A competent source confirmed that Weizman had issued the warning during a briefing of the Parliament's secret Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

"He said the PLO should remember that the power of Israeli artillery is several times stronger than theirs," said the source who asked not to be identified. "If the PLO attacks continue, it may not be only Israeli settlements that are hit."

In the guerrilla-controlled Lebanese port of Tyre, 15 miles north of the Israeli border, district administrator Ghassan Haidar said Israel pounded the town with an "intense random bombardment" of heavy artillery

and surface-to-surface rockets. "People fled to orange and banana groves. Many took refuge in basement shelters," the Lebanese official said.

denied Tyre was shelled but sources said Israeli artillery bombarded two Palestinian bases in the Tyre area, Bouj el-Shimali and Ras el-Ain, both within two miles of the Lebanese port.

ATTENTION SOPHOMORES!

There will be a mandatory meeting for all those interested in working on the Mardi Gras booth tonite, at 6:30 in the Rathskeller. Both construction & costume design will be discussed. This is your chance to get involved & do something as a class!!

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600 families to attend ND plans weekend for parents

by John Ferroli

About 600 Notre Dame families are expected to attend the 27th Annual Junior Parents Weekend, to be held Feb. 23-25.

The chairman of the affair, Mike Kenney, is very enthusiastic about the weekend. He explains that Junior Parents Weekend is a "chance to include the parents in the Notre Dame family." Moreover, it offers junior parents an "insight into student life at Notre Dame," says Kenney.

The weekend begins with a cocktail dance on Friday, and Kenney notes that "the emphasis will be on the dance element this year." Parents can then attend collegiate workshops on Saturday morning, which will give them an opportunity to learn about their son's or daughter's studies.

The main event, the President's dinner, takes place Saturday evening. Speakers include Fr. Hesburgh and Dan McCurrie, Junior class president. This year Kenney has also organized hall receptions following the President's dinner, which he feels is "a nice way to wrap up the evening."

Kenney emphasizes that the amount of support and assistance he has received from the administration has been beneficial. Guidance from Jim Gibbons, director of Special Projects, and John Reid, director of Student Activities, has been especially significant. Fr. Mario Pedi, assistant director of Student Activities was also "very helpful", Kenney notes, with his organizational advice. Kenney lauds the

27-member committee he works with and mentions that it has done "the bulk of the work."

The only problem Kenney and his committee encountered was a contract dispute with Colonial caterers, the firm who will serve the dinner. This held up mailing for two weeks, but the problem has been resolved and Kenney is "very pleased with the results."

The package sent to all Junior

parents includes a special invitation from Fr. Hesburgh, who "is especially enthusiastic about the weekend," says Kenney. Parents are required to make their own motel reservations, and 922 rooms in ten area motels are reserved for the weekend. Any questions regarding Junior Parents Weekend can be directed to Mike or the Junior class officers.

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Huddle discover rats

by John McGrath
Senior Staff Reporter

A furry intruder, in the form of a small white rat, somehow made its way into the Huddle during the San Francisco basketball game last Thursday night. The restaurant's manager does not seem to be too concerned however—in fact he may have found a new house pet.

"I can't say for 100 percent sure that it (the rat) didn't get in some other way, but I'm pretty sure somebody must have let the thing loose in here," remarked Jim Thlacker, Huddle manager.

According to Thlacker there were few patrons in the establishment at the time of the incident.

The manager of the newly renovated restaurant explained that he received a telephone call reporting that a rodent was loose in the area. He remarked, "I became suspicious when the caller was so persistent in trying to get my attention. Thlacker speculated that the rat was planted inside the Huddle as a practical joke.

The *Observer* office also received two calls the same

night reporting the situation.

Following the telephone tip, Thlacker began a search of the Huddle looking for the reported visitor. The hunt ended when he located a small white ball of fur shivering in the corner near the South entrance of the restaurant.

When asked if he had knowledge of any previous rodent problems in the area, Thlacker remarked, "I've heard of rats in the underground steam system, but if there were any rats around here, we would have noticed them out back around the garbage cans by now."

He discounted theories that the rats may be stirred up by construction work in the vicinity of the old fieldhouse, and added, "I don't think there are too many white, wild rats running around."

Thlacker said that once he located the intruder he got a small box, filled it with lettuce, and placed the rat inside of it. He described his captive as about six in length.

"The poor thing looked so scared that I just decided to take him home with me," Thlacker mused. "Now the only problem is how is white rat is going to get along with my black cat."

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HPC talks on issues

by Tom Jackman
Staff Reporter

The Hall President's Council held its weekly meeting last night in the basement of Flanner Hall, and discussed, among other things, the Toronto Exchange program sign-up, and the guidelines for the Student Body President and Vice President elections.

The legality of the \$250 penalty for failure to fulfill a housing contract was questioned by one of the council members. Chuck DelGrande HPC chairman said that, according to the explanation given by Housing Director Edmund Price, the fine was designed to keep people who are "hedging" on whether or not to stay on campus to make a decision, and to prevent students from breaking their contracts "en masse."

DelGrande also noted that housing contract cards must be in by Feb. 2, and from there it will be determined whether or not a lottery will be necessary to alleviate overcrowding.

DelGrande noted that nearly every spot on the trip to Toronto next week has been taken, and that today's sign-up should fill all vacancies.

Rules for the SBP/SBVP elections were distributed by Marc Woodward of the Ombudsman office.

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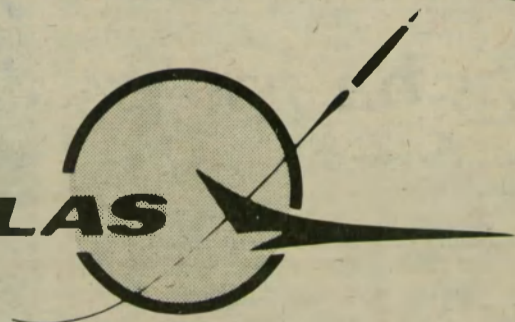
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In Washington

Students march in pro-life rally

by Ann Hesburgh

Through the efforts of both Marianne Hughes and John Ryan, a total of 38 Notre Dame, Northwestern, and Northeastern University students participated in the Pro-Life March that took place Monday in Washington, DC.

The trip to Washington officially began at 7:45 P.M. Saturday when members of CAMPUS (Coalition of American Profile University Students) left from Notre Dame circle on an estimated thirteen hour bus ride to Washington.

The sixth annual Right to Life March took place Monday, gathering over 80,000 supporters from universities and cities all over the nation.

The March began on the grounds opposite the south lawn of the White House and it ended on the steps of the Capitol. The reason for the March was to protest the Supreme Court's decision of *Roe vs. Wade* which was a ruling in favor of allowing the choice of abortion.

In addition to the walk, the students were able to have face to face debates and discussions with Senators and Congressmen, including the district's congressman, John Brademas.

Because his voting record shows that he favors proabortion laws, Brademas was presented with the pro-life petition that had circulated both Notre Dame's and

st. Mary's campuses last week. This petition contained over 1,500 student signatures.

In addition to Congressman Brademas' visit, other Congressmen heard were: Senators Percy and Stevenson from Illinois, Senators Lugar and Bayh from Indiana, Congressman Lungren from California, Mazzoli from Kentucky, and Murphy from Pennsylvania.

On Sunday, the group's bus pulled into Georgetown, where the students were offered the

option to either attend the Georgetown Pro-Life Symposium, or tour the city.

Those who did attend the symposium participated in the following workshops: "Clinical Counseling", "CAMPUS" and "Abortion: A Legislative History."

Those who chose to tour, visited such places as: The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, The Smithsonian Institute, the White House, and Washington's National Monument.

Placement Bureau to begin season for job interviews

by Neal Patterson

Next Monday the spring semester placement interview season will begin as the first of over 250 scheduled employers will visit the campus.

The names of the employers that will be conducting interviews, as well as the scheduled dates, can be found in the 1978-1979 *Placement Manual* and the *Spring Supplement*. Both of these booklets are available in the Placement Bureau office. In addition to listing the dates of the interviews, the *Placement Manual* also states what jobs each employer is seeking to fill and the requirements for prospective candidates.

Throughout the semester, the Placement Bureau will also organize a number of pre-interview mixers. These allow students to meet informally with recruiters and attendance is strongly urged by the Bureau.

Students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels who are interested in teaching jobs in the future are advised to make use of the educational placement services of the Bureau and establish their own file there. The file should include a complete record of course work, faculty letters of recommendation, and credentials statements provided by supervising teachers.

Richard D. Willemin, director of the Placement Bureau emphasizes that the Bureau can be of assistance to students

wishing to enter graduate or professional school next fall by providing information about required tests and scheduled interview dates.

Also, those students who are not seniors and who are interested in summer employment are urged to consult the Bureau. Complete lists of those employers who will be interviewing on campus for summer employees, as well as those employers who are interested in receiving resumes and inquiries from students who are seeking summer employment, are available at the Bureau.

Of special note are the summer internship opportunities that are available in many areas that provide students with valuable career experience as well as additional income.

For a very few select students there are a limited number of summer internship opportunities available with various departments of the federal government, most of which are located in Washington D.C. Competition for these positions is very stiff and conducted on a nationwide basis. The application deadline for most of these government internships is Mar. 9.

Willemin advises that any student who wishes to use the services of the Bureau in seeking summer employment should act soon so that any necessary interviews may be conducted over spring break.

The Placement Bureau is located in Room 213 of the Administration Building and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Prof lunch program starts today

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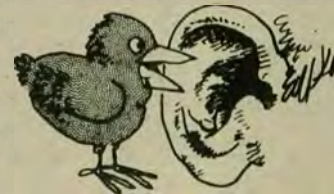
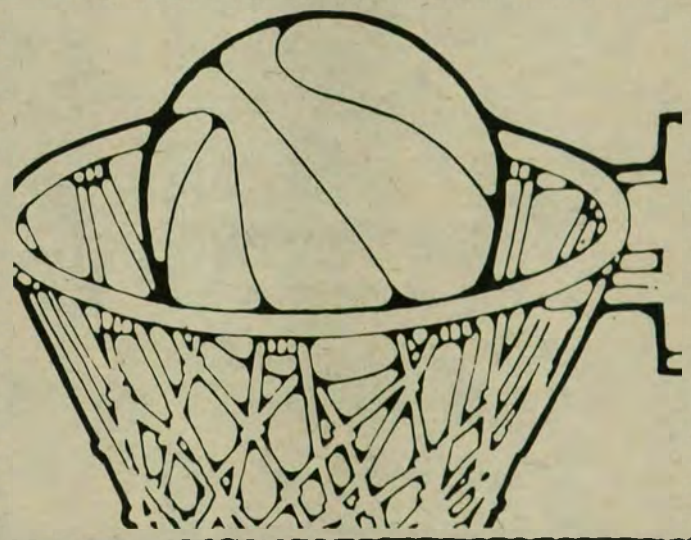
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Iranian military marches to show support

TEHRAN, Iran [AP] - Iranian military leaders marched yesterday in a bristling, goose-stepping show of loyalty. They boasted the troops were ready to "shed their blood" to support the monarchy and the government of Prime Minister Shah-pour Bakhtiar.

One of the chief aides to religious opposition leader Ayatullah Khomeini, meanwhile, warned that unless Bakhtiar resigns in favor of the Ayatullah's planned Islamic republic, strikes will continue to cripple the nation's oil-based economy. Khomeini is expected to return Friday from Paris after 15 years in exile.

On the advice of the Iranian military, Britain's Royal Air Force plans to evacuate more than 200 foreigners from the oil center of Ahwaz today. About half of them are American oil industry workers who will be taken from the strife-torn area to Bahrain, on the Persian Gulf.

In an unusual show, the military paraded 1,000 of Shah

Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's imperial soldiers, primarily for the benefit of foreign reporters.

The soldiers shouted "Long live the shah!" as they ran a snow-covered obstacle course and marched the high-kicking goose step. Others, clad in gas masks, lunged at one another with bayonets showing what

one officer called "anti-subversive street warfare."

"Our job is to protect and guard his majesty and the government," Maj. Gen. Ali Nashat, commander of and imperial guard brigade, told reporters.

"His majesty has left on another one of his regular

vacations and the troops see it that way. When his majesty comes back, the troops will be here, ready, as always, to shed their blood for him."

Bazargan, who represented the Ayatullah in negotiations with oil workers during the recent strikes, said there was a possibility of violence

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houses of Congress;"

3(President Carter violated the Dole-Stone Amendment of the International Securities Assistance Act of 1978, signed into law by him on Sept. 26, 1978. The Amendment states: "the Congress finds that the continued security and stability of East Asia is a matter of major strategic interest to the U.S. . . it is the sense of Congress that there should be prior consultation between the Congress and

the executive branch on any proposed policy changes affecting continuation in force of the Mutual Defense Treaty of 1954."

Rice explained that never before in the history of the United States has a president, himself, terminated a treaty where there has not been either a breach by the other party; a supersedure of the treaty by a later law or another treaty; or a situation where it has been impossible to abide by the

treaty due to circumstances not of our making.

The Constitution requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate for ratification of a treaty, but it is silent as to the means of termination. It is also silent as to the means of resolving a power struggle between the executive and legislative branches in matters of foreign affairs.

According to Associate Professor Kenneth F. Ripple, also a professor of constitutional law at Notre Dame Law School, the Supreme Court has never squarely ruled on the specific issue involved in this case.

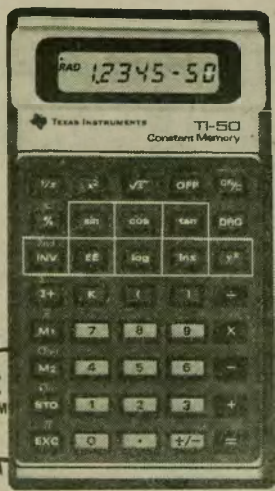
One reason for that absence of a ruling, says Ripple, is that suits of this nature are unusual ones and raise serious questions as to whether or not the Constitution even contemplated that the courts would ever consider such issues.

R.A. party reshuffles for later date

The party for resident assistants from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's scheduled for Thursday has been temporarily postponed due to a problem with securing a location. The party will be rescheduled in the next two weeks, and all R.A.'s will be notified of the new date and location.

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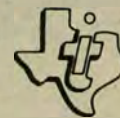
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Kelly Tripucka has grown into one of the top college forwards in a short time...but then, he's been training for years. [Photo by John Macor.]

Forward Kelly Tripucka: the tradition continues

by Bill Marquard
Sports Writer

The name Kelly Tripucka has become virtually a household word to many an Irish fan. The freshman phenom who earned a starting berth midway through last season, only to be named NCAA Midwest Regional MVP as he guided the Irish to their first-ever appearance in basketball's Final Four, has a lot to live up to in his second year.

Yet when one comes from such a tradition-steeped family as the Tripucka's, excellence is expected and the average performance is virtually non-existent.

Father Frank quarterbacked the 1948 Irish to an undefeated football season. Eldest brother Tracy is the leading scorer in Lafayette cage history and was an assistant coach at Fordham Sister Heather holds the family single game scoring record with 57 points in a girls intramural game. Brother T.K. plays for Fordham, tonight's Notre Dame opponent Brothers Todd and Mark played for the same Bloomfield High School team on which their other brothers played.

Yet, in the midst of all this

basketball talent, where did it all start for Kelly?

"I've been playing basketball since kindergarten. I used to play on the full court behind our grammar school, almost always with kids who were older than I was, since my brother T.K. was in the second grade at the time.

"In fifth and sixth grade we'd get out for lunch at 11:30 and the main thing was to get home in five minutes to eat and be back by 12 so that we could get in a half-hour, full-court game before the bell rang. We played as late in the fall as we could and started again as early in the spring as possible. Those were the days."

It was at this same time that Kelly began to play organized basketball for the Brookdale Grammar School team.

"We played a four-game schedule. Every Saturday morning we'd drive over to play at another local school. Those games were the big thing. You know, go to bed early Friday night and get up Saturday, put on your warm-up jacket and the old uniform that they gave you. It was your first uniform and your Mom bought you your first pair of white high-top Converse sneakers. And back then you wore your knee pads on both knees and thought you were big time."

"It was very evident from the first day of practice that Kelly would be, at the very least, all-state," remembered Dick Niblett, his coach at North Junior High in Bloomfield, N.J.

"We went 32-1 the two years Kelly played for us, losing our only game in double overtime. He was another Tripucka, but was even one step ahead—he was destined to be a big-time star."

To be named all-state in soccer in high school and to set school track standards in the javelin (211 feet) and high jump (6-6) while lettering three times each in both sports is enough to ask of any high school athlete, right?

Not so for Tripucka. He set six team records in basketball while averaging 28.4 points in his career. He was an all-anything, including a two-time all-America choice. He was only the fourth player in New Jersey prep history to notch over 1,000 points in a season. And he scored 54 points in one game.

"Kelly had to be the most aggressive and most talented player we've ever had," noted Bloomfield High coach George Cella. "His build, his ability to jump and his big hands were all valuable assets. He could even dunk as a sophomore."

Yet, Kelly still reflects fondly on the backyard pick-up games he had with his brothers, where the competition was even more intense.

"Those pick-up games with my brothers and friends really shaped my game. The basket was attached to this bent silver post that was about eight inches thick. My father built pipes coming out of the regular base pole that made the basket stick out like you'd see in a regular gym. It really gave the court a perfect effect."

"Once that basket was broken in, just like a new mitt, it felt real good. It got to the point where you could not miss on that basket. If only I could carry it around with me now—I'd be deadly."

The Tripucka boys used to play

basketball every day for two or three hours while their Dad watched from the porch or did yardwork, always within refereeing distance for when the games would break up into their inevitable arguments.

"My Dad's favorite arbitrator was a garden rake," quipped Kelly.

And it was most often Kelly that was in the thick of things whenever there was a dispute.

"Everyone picked on him," recalled Todd, laughing. "He was the littlest and had to take everything we gave him."

"Yeah, I'd say I got pounded a lot by my brothers," chided Kelly with a whince. "In fact, I guess I cried a lot as a kid, but that developed my game."

"When we weren't playing basketball we were more often than not in the field behind our house playing football. We'd go out back with our oversize T-shirts and big shoulder pads and jeans—you had to have jeans—and act like the big high school players, because they were the stars back then."

"I played football in junior high, but I decided not to when I got to high school. Our coach liked to run the ball a lot and I was a passing quarterback, so our philosophies differed too much. I even got a couple of scholarship offers for football from Georgia Tech and Kentucky, but I wanted basketball."

And when it came time to pick a college, Notre Dame seemed a logical choice for the player whom Al McGuire had touted as the "best prepared freshman he had ever seen."

"I just grew up seeing Notre Dame. Everybody did. The Irish were on television all the time, whether it be football or basketball. I can remember sitting right there in front of the TV watching Joe Theismann and Terry Hanratty and as soon as the game was over going outside to imitate them."

"It was the same with basketball. I watched almost every game on TV, especially UCLA since it was the rivalry. Austin Carr, Sid Catlett, Collis Jones—

they were my heroes. Growing up with Notre Dame all around like it was, I just dreamed of going there, visiting there, even being lucky enough to go to school there.

"When I finally realized that I was going to have the chance to play basketball almost anywhere I wanted, this seemed like the best place personnel-wise, player-wise, recognition-wise, and schedule-wise, besides offering the chance to win a national championship. They're just super about everything here."

Although Irish coach Digger Phelps left much of the duty of recruiting Kelly to his assistants, Digger was certainly influential when it came to Kelly's final decision.

"He was a killer right on the spot. You know, big smile and winking at you—he likes to wink at you. It's sort of a sign that, hey, he's ready to go and give his pitch."

Somewhere between an asphalt court behind Brookdale Grammar School and the convincing wink of Digger Phelps came the evolution of Kelly Tripucka—Notre Dame's freshman phenom turned sophomore sensation.

Who's 'number one?'

So, you think you're "number one", huh?

Sure you go to all the basketball games, or most of them, anyway. You yell when everyone else yells, stand up when everyone else stands up, cheer when everyone else cheers. Then, with the game safely in hand, you jump to your feet, point your finger to the ceiling and chant: "We're number one!"

Not bad, huh? Digger and the guys shouldn't have taken so long to get here. It's fun to be "number one," and it sure is a lot easier than being number three or four and trying to move up. . . at least for the students.

But, let's face it. . . it just isn't the same around here. Not at football games or basketball games or hockey games or anything. The Notre Dame student body, many times called the "greatest" student body in the world, isn't living up to its reputation. They just aren't cheering "for old Notre Dame" like they used to.

What's that? You don't agree? Well then, if you're a junior or senior ask yourself this question: When was the last time you saw anything like the ND-San Francisco basketball game played when you were freshmen and sophomores? Not recently, huh?

Oh, sure, there was the USC football game two years ago when everybody got excited about the green shirts and all. And what about all those streamers we threw at the last couple basketball games?

I see. Notre Dame's students need a gimmick to get excited about, huh? Or maybe they only "get up for big games?"

Think about that one for a minute. What would you say if you heard Digger or Dan say that they "only get up for the big games?"

Well, I have some news for you. When you are "number one," every game is a "big game." Listen to the coaches and look at the players who come into the ACC to play the "number one-ranked Fighting Irish of Notre Dame." For most of them, a win here would make their season a success. Remember when DePaul's Gary Garland called last season's Blue Demon win at Notre Dame the "biggest thrill in his life?" It probably was. . . and we weren't even ranked "number one" back then.

But we are now. And if we're going to stay there, the cheerleaders are going to have to do more during time-outs than run to center court and build pyramids.

And we're gonna have to do more than sit

Frank LaGrotta



there and watch them.

When South Carolina erased a ten-point Irish lead last Saturday and went ahead, 17-16, I heard a Chicago sportswriter, staring at the student section, ask—"Why aren't they on their feet? Why aren't they cheering? Isn't this Notre Dame?"

Well. . . isn't it?

AND WHILE WE'RE TALKING about being number one and everything, many people in the business of handing out post-season awards to athletes are making a big mistake.

They're forgetting Terry Bradshaw.

UPI, *The Sporting News*, *Gillette*, and most other organizations, chose Earl Campbell as the NFL's premier personage of the past season, overlooking the fact that the Pittsburgh Steeler field general turned in one of the finest athletic performances since Timex invented the stopwatch.

Bradshaw's statistics were phenomenal: 207 completions on 368 attempts for 2,915 yards and 28 touchdowns. His 56.3 percent completions ratio was the best in the NFL and his scoring pass total set a new league record.

So, what should an "MVP" really be. Well, I'd say he's the player who does the most good for his team. Bradshaw led his team to a Super Bowl championship. Ironically, he whipped Earl Campbell's team twice en route—including a 34-5 drubbing in the AFC Championship game in which Bradshaw was superb and Campbell's most glaring stat was three fumbles—all recovered by Bradshaw's team.

Now don't misunderstand. I don't want to be accused of saying that Campbell is not an outstanding football player (something that inevitably happens when you initiate a discussion such as this.) I just think that an "MVP" or a "Player of the Year" should be the single individual who does the most for his team. Whether Bradshaw did more for the Steelers than Campbell did for the Oilers is like asking who would win if God fought Superman. There really is no right answer. It depends on your point of view.

But with the season Bradshaw (and the Steelers) had, I just think he deserves a mention.