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NO ROOM AT THE INN — In the largest student-faculty demonstration since the visit of Governor George Wallace in 1964, more than 75 members of the Notre Dame academic community marched in front of the Morris Inn, last Tuesday before and during the patriot of the Year Ceremonies. The award, which went to Army four-star General William Westmoreland via ROTC Professor John Stephens, was the object of the protest, particularly, Westmoreland's interpretation of the Award as a confidence vote in the American intervention in Viet Nam.

Pickets Protest Patriot Presentation

Officers of the Senior Class presented the 1967 Patriot of the Year Award to General William Westmoreland in absentia Tuesday afternoon in a private ceremony inside the Morris Inn. Receiving the award on behalf of the Commander of United States forces in Viet Nam was Colonel Jack Stephens, Professor of Military Science.

Before and during the presentation, the largest number of demonstrators to turn out in recent years picketed outside. Estimates put the picketers numbers at between 75 and 100. The hour and a half long demonstration was orderly and almost without incident. The single marring factor occurred when the picketers were snow-balled by some non-participating students.

Included in the ranks of the well-voiced protestors were English professors Joseph M. Duffy, Jr., Donald Sniagowski and Rev. Ralph Sturm, O.S.B. John Houck, Notre Dame chapter President of the American Association of University Professors was also present. Though he did not demonstrate personally, Houck noted he was "in support" of the protest. He explained: "The students seem to be holding their own."

Also present in a non-protesting status were Philosophy professor Edward Mainer and English instructor Peter Michelson. Both stood by and watched the protest. The protestors passed out a mimeographed statement which identified them as "a group of students and faculty of the University of Notre Dame." Three

paragraphs in length, the statement noted the presentation to Westmoreland and quoted from his letter of acceptance.

In that letter Westmoreland wrote: "This selection, it seems to me, is of great significance and reflects a popular tendency on the part of the youth of America to stand firmly behind our nation's policy in Viet Nam."

It was this assertion that piqued the protestors especially. As their statement commented, "Although we operate from different bases, our presence here makes it clear that neither all of the youth nor all the Americans 'stand firmly behind our nation's policy.'"

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Senate Considers NSA Withdrawal Tuesday

The Student Senate will meet Tuesday in an attempt to resolve Notre Dame's disputed membership in the National Student Association with a debate between Steven Parliament, a national officer of NSA and campus Young Republican Representative Ken Moran.

Aside from the recent Rampart's magazine article, which revealed NSA was in fact on the pay-roll of the Central Intelligence Agency, the student organization has been the object of objections from the campus Young Republicans.

The YR's are expected to capitalize on the dissent and disbelief initiated by the NSA-CIA romance in persuading students to withdraw from the NSA. Piloting the Young Republican campaign is senior Ken

Moran, who said that basically the YR's have nothing against the CIA, but are opposed to the "NSA political involvement."

"They are making political statements," said Moran, "and it's not the job of a student organization to make political statements. That should be left up to the Young Republicans, Young Democrats, Americans for Democratic Action and other political groups."

When asked to comment on the contention that NSA was out of bounds by making political statements, SBP Jim Fish said, "I feel it is a matter of interpretation of the NSA Constitution. For my part, I feel that NSA is democratically constituted and that the statements it makes represent the majority of the members' opinion. Ob-

viously, someone will disagree with the stated policy, but no democracy can represent everyone."

The part of the Constitution that is under question is Article XI, entitled "Participation in Political Affairs." Section A of the article says, "No body acting on behalf of USNSA shall participate in sectarian religious activities or partisan political activities; they shall not take part in activity which does not affect students in their role as students."

The second section of the article states, "No substantial part of the activities of the national and regional bodies of USNSA shall be devoted to carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation."

Streamlined Govt. Planned in Fish 'Student Union' Bid

Next Tuesday night, the Senate will be presented with a bill that will entail the most sweeping changes that Student Government has known since its inception. The one who holds primary responsibility for the amendment and who will carry it to the Senate is SBP Jim Fish.

The primary purpose of the bill, which has already met with Administration support, is to redefine the legislative and administrative functions of student government, to remove some of the deadwood that currently curtails maximum efficiency of the government and to establish a new area in the governmental function here at Notre Dame.

"If we are to remain effective and current," said Fish, "we must decentralize the student government and establish some degree of continuity both within the particular administration and from year to year." Fish feels that at present there is a gap between the administrative arm of the government and the legislative branch, which has resulted in "alienation between the two and a serious impediment to progress."

Fish also hopes that the enactment of the bill will enable individuals to concentrate on their own particular areas and thus become more creative rather than being bogged down in both petty activity and involvement in areas outside of their own concentration.

One of the many proposals of the bill would have the SBP replace the SBVP as chairman of the Senate. This move, Fish feels, would aid in developing a greater spirit of cooperation between the Senate and the SBP. He feels that this cooperative spirit is implicit to a successful administration.

While establishing a new head for the Senate, the bill also includes methods of reorganizing the structure of the body as well. First, three permanent committees will be established, under the leadership of the SBVP. These will be the Development Committee, which will concentrate on long range plans, especially in the area of educational reform. The second will be the Program Committee which will concern itself with Student Government reform and the third will be the Welfare Committee, responsible for

studying student services.

Aside from the standing committees, there will be a provision for ad hoc committees. These committees would arise when a specific problem comes up that is not covered by some Sector of government. This committee would investigate the area, make a recommendation to the Senate and then refer the problem to the cabinet, where a specific member would take the problem under advisement and bring it to his group.

The cabinet, under this bill, would consist of a Human Affairs Coordinator, a Student Affairs Coordinator, an Academic Affairs Coordinator, a Hall Life Coordinator and the president of the Student Union. All of these officers would be appointed by the SBP with the approval of the Senate.

The various Coordinators would have committees under their control that would deal with recognition. (Continued on Page 10)

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the proposal, it would not have carried as much weight as did the appeal by the NSA, since we represent all students and not just a select group," Fish said.

Moran boasts of an agreement with University President Theodore Hesburgh C.S.C. which he says "is a understanding that if we withdraw from NSA, he will withdraw from their advisory board." Moran noted that "Antioch, one of the leftist schools in the area, made the decision to withdraw from the organization ... they were being honest."

Tom Conoscenti, the executive vice-President and Notre Dame NSA representative refuted Moran's accusations, "NSA makes political statements that are rep-

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Man in the News

Ruffled Hair, Crooked Smile And The Union

The new show in politics is youth, with ruffled hair, lpana smile, and clipped speeches. The idea is to combine manly outdoorism with the discotheque style. It's the image that's important, baby, the image. Exude and instill confidence. Make sure everyone knows who you are and what you look like. Somebody had better tell Jim Fish's press agent.

This man doesn't come on like gang busters. He sits slouched behind the desk and chain smokes. The smile is a little crooked and you have the distinct feeling you're being conned out of your last dollar. As Nixon's image-makers said: "he doesn't project."

But this man is real. Hoopla is just not his game. Ask those people who work with him, who know him. "Jim doesn't impress you at first," said one, "but after a while you realize that this is a real determined, helluva good guy." He may be quiet, but there is no doubt who's in charge of Student Government.

So here is this good guy who is open to his fellow students, who is not impossible to find for an interview or to discuss an idea with, and he's president of Notre Dame's student body - what has he done?

Ask Two More Senate Seats For Off-Campus

Off-Campus Senator Richard Hunt will propose a constitutional amendment at the next Senate meeting calling for two additional off-Campus senators. At present, there are three senators elected at large from the off-campus population.

Hunt's plan provides for two senators to be elected by villagers, whose homes are in South Bend or nearby. The three remaining senators will be elected from each of three geographical areas determined on the basis of off-campus population density.

As Norm Jeddeloh, Off-Campus Commissioner, points out, there is presently an overall ration of 200 students to each senator while the off-campus ratio is now 366 to 1. Also, villagers are not presently guaranteed representation although they make up a constant one-third of the otherwise transitory off-campus population. Hunt's proposal would eliminate both of these discrepancies.

Finally, Hunt emphasizes that having the three area senators reside within their designated areas allows greater contact with the students. Each senator's area will be limited so he can be aware of particular problems and needs. The hope is that this awareness will bring more involvement with the campus to the off-campus students.

Simons Conducts Meal Card Inquiry

A meeting between Dean of Students Rev. Joseph Simons, CSC, and several students attempting to sell their meal cards did not result in any disciplinary action, Fr. Simons reported Monday.

When asked what the outcome of the meeting would be, Fr. Simons explained that he had tried to relate the concerns expressed by the students to Rev. Jerome Wilson, C.S.C., assistant to Vice-President of Business Affairs and Rev. Paul Wendel, C.S.C. Fr. Wendel is directly concerned with matters of food and dining hall service.

Fr. Simons expressed hope that the proposed continental breakfast and suggestions such as a quick-service sandwich bar would help to solve the problem of student discontent with the food service. The continental breakfast should soon be operative while the second idea of a sandwich bar is still in the rumor stage.

The ASP would say that he hasn't done enough, that he doesn't press the Administration hard enough for student rights. In their agitation they manage to forget the changes that greeted students on their return this fall.

The curfew changes, the cars for off-campus students and the renewed emphasis on hall autonomy all represent weeks of work with the Administration done over the summer by Jim and his committees. Fish himself feels that the fledgling hall judiciary boards are tremendous gains in development of student rights and responsibilities. It was also a result of a decision on Fish's part to work with the Administration, not against them. "If we want to be respected as mature then we seek responsible courses of action. Rash demands and arrogant ultimatums are justifiable only in rare instances, and then only when all other recourses have failed." Fish made that statement early in the Fall and he reemphasized it in a recent interview: "This is a give and take relationship between students and Administration."

So evolution, not revolution, is the mark of this year's Student Government. Is Fish pleased thus far? "There have been a few

disappointments," he said, "the recent vote on stay hall I think was a poor response on the part of some students. Also, I was very sorry to see our work on off-campus apartments fall through. But we have made real gains this year. Our work on cuts and curfews, on hall autonomy, on course description booklets, and many other projects has shown substantial, if at times slow, progress. Many proposals, such as 'pass or fail' courses, a student on the academic council, the calendar, and the Student Union will bear fruition later this year or next."

There is a lot of pressure on this man. Take thirty to forty hours a week out of your free time schedule. Then imagine you're also a pre-med major. Then be glad you're not Jim Fish. For you it's a bad dream, for him it means a dollar a day for cigarettes.

No, the image is bad, his ghost-writers used to work for Ike. He hasn't climbed a mountain lately and he lacks the shaggy locks of controversy. Besides that, he once promised the Rolling Stones. But communication with the Administration is at a new high, he has respect from both sides. And he works hard. And Jim Fish is real, baby, he's real.



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World War I Ace Snooping Around for a New Car



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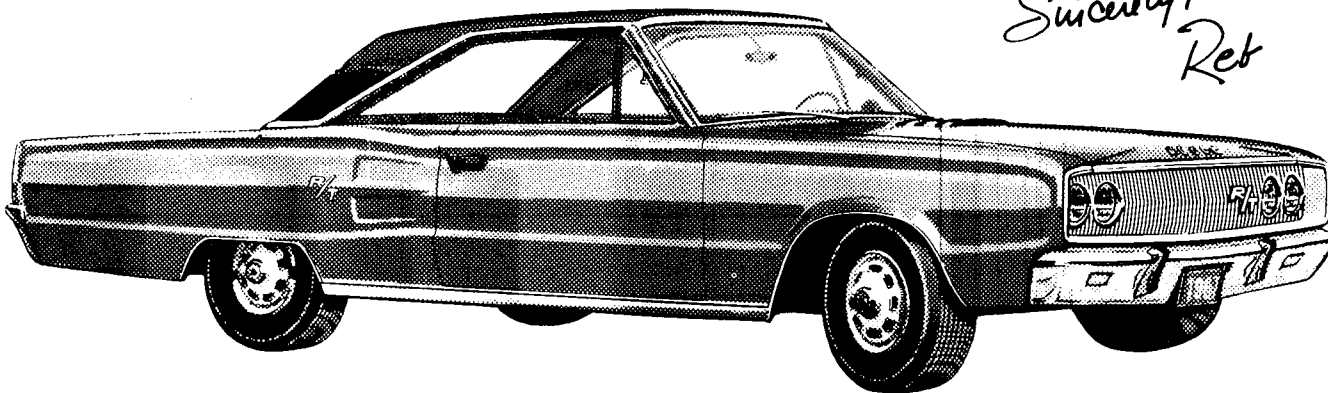
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THE LAST STAND WASN'T

There I was in the stuffy little auditorium of LaFortune Student Center, facing the thirty some hot senators, who were listening or pretending to listen to the tales of The Observer. I was scared. But there was no reason to be scared. I had asked Tom McKenna to move to move The Observer bill up on the agenda. And he did it. I had asked Bill Kelly to move that WSND refrain from taping the meeting. And he did it. Yet my knees trembled, my feet were wet with perspiration and I didn't know what to say.

For some reason I had given up. I felt like I had the "Free Sex" story nailed in my right hand, the Patriot of the Year story lashed in my left hand... And the WSND editorial impaling my feet. I was prepared, I thought to let the Student Senate run the sword through my side and let the blood of The Observer drip over the whole bunch of them... 'cause they didn't understand and they weren't even trying to understand.

The words flowed easily from my lips... just like the words of Robert E. Lee, at Appomatax. The fight was over. Give us the board and get us out of the cabinet, was the cry. But the cry dwindled to a soft request. "We on the Observer, we want the Board," said I, "We want the board because we want to come out and we can have a good board. It's going to be a good board and it's going to be a good newspaper." The words sounded strange. That's a board of censorship you're talking about, I told myself, there's no such thing as a good board of censorship. But we wanted the paper out of Student Government and we wanted the paper out for the elections... and we wanted the board - a good board.

My speech was over, I didn't say anything, really, except that we wanted the board, etc. I sat down in the top tier of the amphitheatre and waited the sentence of The Observer. But it was not to come that quickly, for I was followed by Scholastic Editor Dan Murray. And Murray was a speaker opposed. He had told me that we were creating a monster and he felt that he should tell that to the Student Senate. Murray, whom I've never really seen angry before, stood tall. He wasn't nervous, he didn't tremble. He talked. He was right.

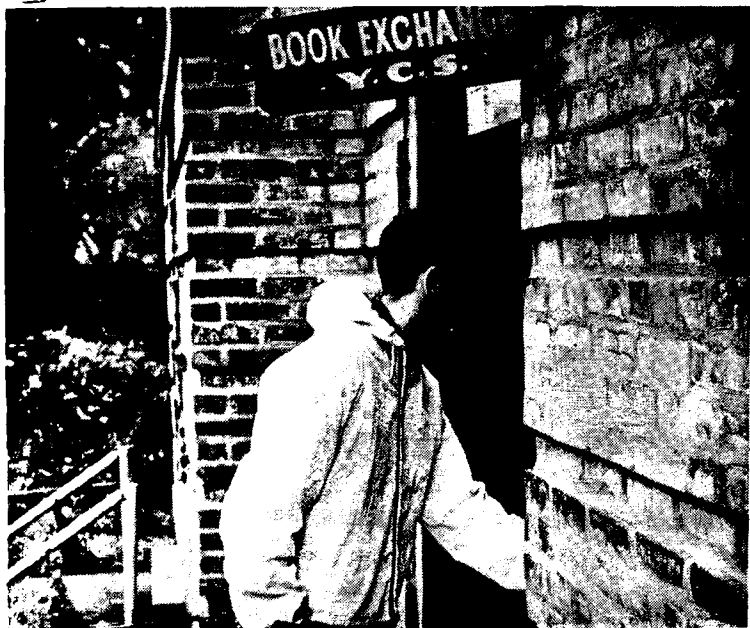
The board wasn't going to be a good board, he told them. It was going to be a mean-ugly board, which would set an evil precedent in the annals of Notre Dame journalism. "There is no place for censorship here," he said. "The administration learned that in 1963." I didn't believe it when I heard it. I was sitting there hearing Dan Murray of the Scholastic, that impotent Scholastic, our competitor, saying the words I wanted so much to say. I squirmed in my chair. I blushed. And then I realized where I had failed. That when we kept taking the punches it became too much and we decided to let them have their way.

But Murray's speech was the turning point. The senators talked. ASP rose to the floor. Other senators, all the senators suddenly responded and began to make points of inquiry, points of Question and all kinds of Parliamentary points and counter points. It started with a trickle and cascaded, and I wasn't quite sure at first but then it became apparent. They had! they really had!... they had realized that the board wasn't really going to be a good board. That The Observer really wasn't that bad. And they weren't to be led like sheep.

It was a good feeling, for what they were doing was an act of courage. It was, in effect, taking away the censorship power from the board and giving the editorial responsibility to the editor - the way it should be. The senators didn't jump into it, they talked, debated and decided. The board and money were voted for, almost unanimously, but the students refused to give anyone the power to censor. And in the wanning hours of the night The Observer was born free.

The smoke cleared from the amphitheatre and I relaxed thinking how earlier that evening, while waiting for the meeting to start, I had wandered into the open door of Fr. Charles McCarragher's office and saw him signing some sort of requisitions on his desks.

"You know, of course, we're going to get the censor tonight, Father," I said. "And it's coming from our own people. I always expected it to come from you." "Well, you know," he said. "They're just like your brothers."



Innocent Student: But I've got to have Physics II text by tomorrow.

BX: No one has cleaned the floors, no one has opened my doors.

IS: I'm already a week behind in my studies and I can't afford to buy a new book.

BX: No one has dusted the books, No one has straightened the sign. Buyer Begone.

CRIMELINE: While being interviewed for the CIA- National Student Association SDS representative Lenny Joyce admitted that he believed there are no permanent CIA sleuths on campus, but that there may be some FBI types around the campus. That could mean that Notre Dame's security is real, but its ID's are false.

THE BITTER BOWL: Alumni Hall has begun a round robin College Bowl tourney within the Hall with the winner scheduled to meet the St. Marys famous four mares Matusak, Phalen, Gallagher and Piton.



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MR. CLARK will interview on campus MARCH 2

Circle Sees Changes, But No "Fraternity"

After a semester or what one member calls "inaction and much introspection," The Blue Circle is on the verge of returning to its role as an active, involved service organization. This is the thought of Paul McConville, Chairman of the Circle.

The Circle was cast into the public eye of late due to an amendment before the group proposing that the membership be cut back to forty members from the present fifty. This move was seen by many to be a ploy to establish the Circle as a fraternity. Although the amendment was defeated at this week's meeting, McConville feels that the question of forty or fifty members is virtually irrelevant. He would place the problem of the Circle in an entirely different sphere.

"At the beginning of the year, I was in favor of a membership cutback," McConville said, "simply because we did not have enough jobs for all the members." The first semester, McConville feels, represented the culmination of the Circle's "identity crisis" that has

Exper. College May Change After Easter

Although the structure is far from finalized, Notre Dame does have an experimental college. Conducted by Sociology Professor Robert Hassenger, assistant professor of sociology and Bill Staszak, Student Government's Academic Co-ordinator, the college is now two meetings old.

The first meeting, February 12th, saw a large turnout to hear Phil Holland, a member of the National Students Association, speak on student stress studies and Hassenger develop some of the trends in modern society and relate these to 'The American Student,' the title of the course. The talks lasted about 45 minutes and then the floor was opened to general discussion of the topics. However, this turned into a gripe session concerned more with the specific case of the Notre Dame student as opposed to a general discussion of students in general.

This problem of the sessions turning into an opportunity to gripe was resolved the second week when Hassenger moved the post-lecture discussion to a room in the student center, where the atmosphere was closer to a seminar with more personal approaches to the problems. Originally, the plan had called for two rooms in LaFortune, but the turnout was less than expected and one room sufficed.

Although Hassenger is not adverse to hearing student cries of discontent, he hesitates to allow them to enter the discussions in this course, since he feels that the primary purpose of the course is to work to a situation where such courses could be given for credit. The administration wants courses that will fill gaps in the present curriculum and the notion of giving credit for student complaint sessions hardly fits this outline.

Among the problems that Hassenger has run into is the inability to demand a response from the students, especially in the area of reading the informal text that he has assigned to complement the lectures, 'The Uncommitted'. He feels that if the students will start the book, those interested in the course will continue since it is a very pertinent work, describing the makeup of the student today.

As to the future, the course will continue the present format at least until the Easter break, with the lecture in the law auditorium and seminar sessions in the student center afterwards. Hassenger feels that the break at Easter coupled with the great number of lecturers that will be on campus during the spring who will be discussing student stress may result in the necessity for a change of approach.

been building up for some time.

One of the main reasons for this problem of identity, says McConville, is the evolving student who is characterized by a desire to serve. This has resulted in many new service organizations being formed, such as NSHP, community service groups, CILA and many service activities under the heading of Student Government. Consequently, the Circle has come to question its role in the university.

McConville noted that throughout the first semester the Circle did much talking about its future but acted little. As one Circle member expressed it, "Introspection is the death wish of any group." The Circle dropped some five committees and interest lagged among the members. Meetings, which many characterized as philosophic wanderings, were poorly attended.

"Recognizing the problem was only half of the solution," said McConville, "We needed to do something about it if the Circle was to continue." As a result the second semester signaled a change. First, all members were required to make at least a minimal commitment by attending all meetings. Then, the group started looking for new areas that they could enter.

Among some of the changes that have evolved are several new committees. One, the International

Students Committee, will set up a procedure for foreign students, coming to Notre Dame, to come to the country a few weeks before school opens in the fall and stay with an interested upperclassman and his family before coming to Notre Dame. This should facilitate the new students transition into both the U.S. and Notre Dame.

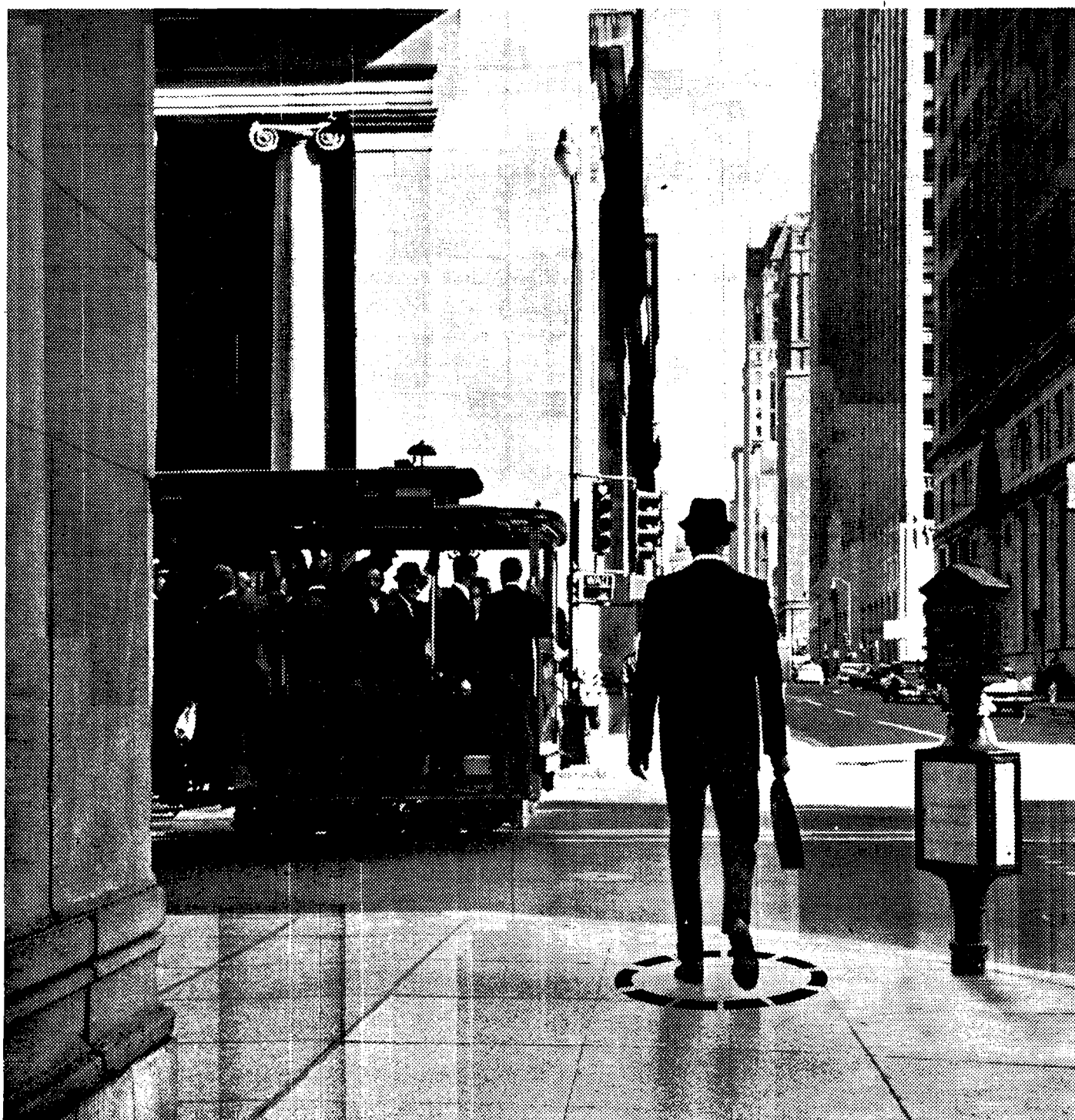
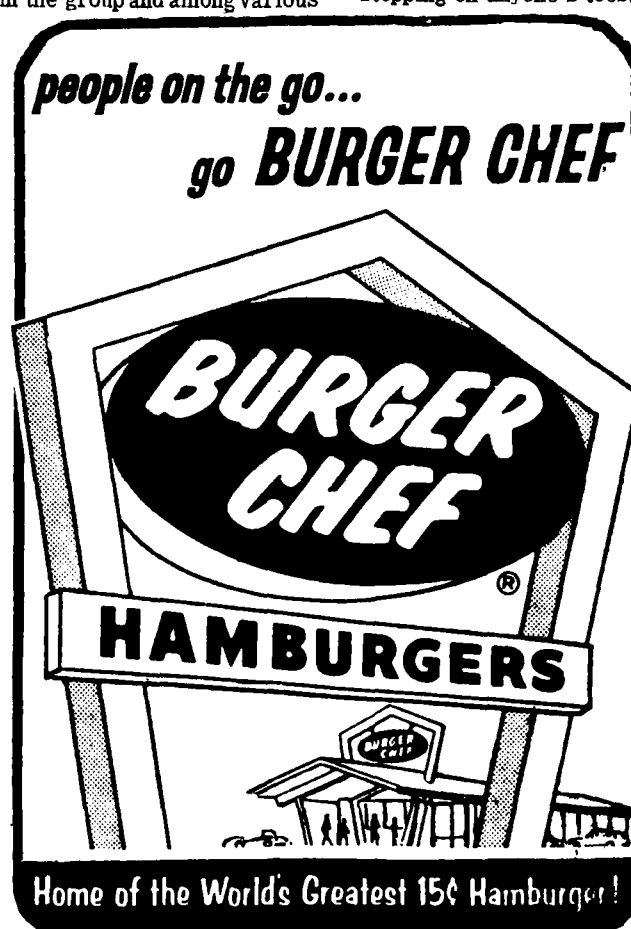
The Circle is also reentering the field of student-faculty relations. After starting the coffee hour in the library, they turned it over to Student Government and withdrew from the field. Now however, they are joining with Student Government in a survey of the faculty to find their notions on student-faculty relations and especially the experiences that professors have had at other schools. McConville emphasized this will be done in full cooperation with Student Government.

Another major project of the second semester is an extension of the annual Help Week. Traditionally, this has been one weekend in the spring when Circle members went into South Bend and helped various charitable organizations with their spring cleanup. This year the Circle intends to extend the sphere of the activity not only to many organizations but also to carry the project through the entire spring and into next year. The Circle is also anxious to get other groups and organizations involved in the project, for instance,

getting a hall to undertake cooperation with a particular charity.

The keynote of the 'new' Circle, according to McConville, is action, coupled with coordination both within the group and among various

other groups in the university. While McConville feels that Circle must expand into new areas, the movement must be done without "stepping on anyone's toes."



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Old Post Office For "WWII Chapel" - McCarragher

Father Charles McCarragher, Vice President for Student Affairs, said Tuesday that plans for use of the old post office building are "absolutely in flux."

The building has been the object of some forty proposals since it was announced that a new post office would be built.

The Student Senate put in its proposal by passing a motion put forth by Senators Tom Holstein and Tom McKenna calling for the establishment of a combination coffee house and pizza parlor. This proposal was passed on to Fr. McCarragher's office by Holstein.

For his part, Father McCarragher would have preferred that the building be converted into a World War II Memorial Chapel. He explained that the University has had funds on hand earmarked for this purpose for a long time. The Chapel would be open for use by the whole community, and a priest would be on hand all day for consultation or confession.

However, there is considerable support among students for some kind of gathering place along the lines of Holstein's and McKenna's

proposal. "The essential thing is that it is a place to go after the Student Center closes," said McKenna.

In any case, even an accepted proposal would not stand much chance of being put into effect this late in the year. Father McCarragher said it was his guess

that the decision would be made in the summer anyway.

It is also possible that the new expanded Board of Trustees may consider any decision of the Administration before it can be put into effect. The Board can review any proposal which is part of major policy.

DIG Dickens

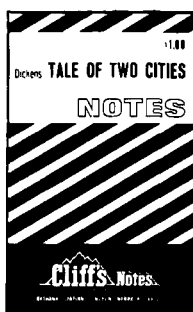
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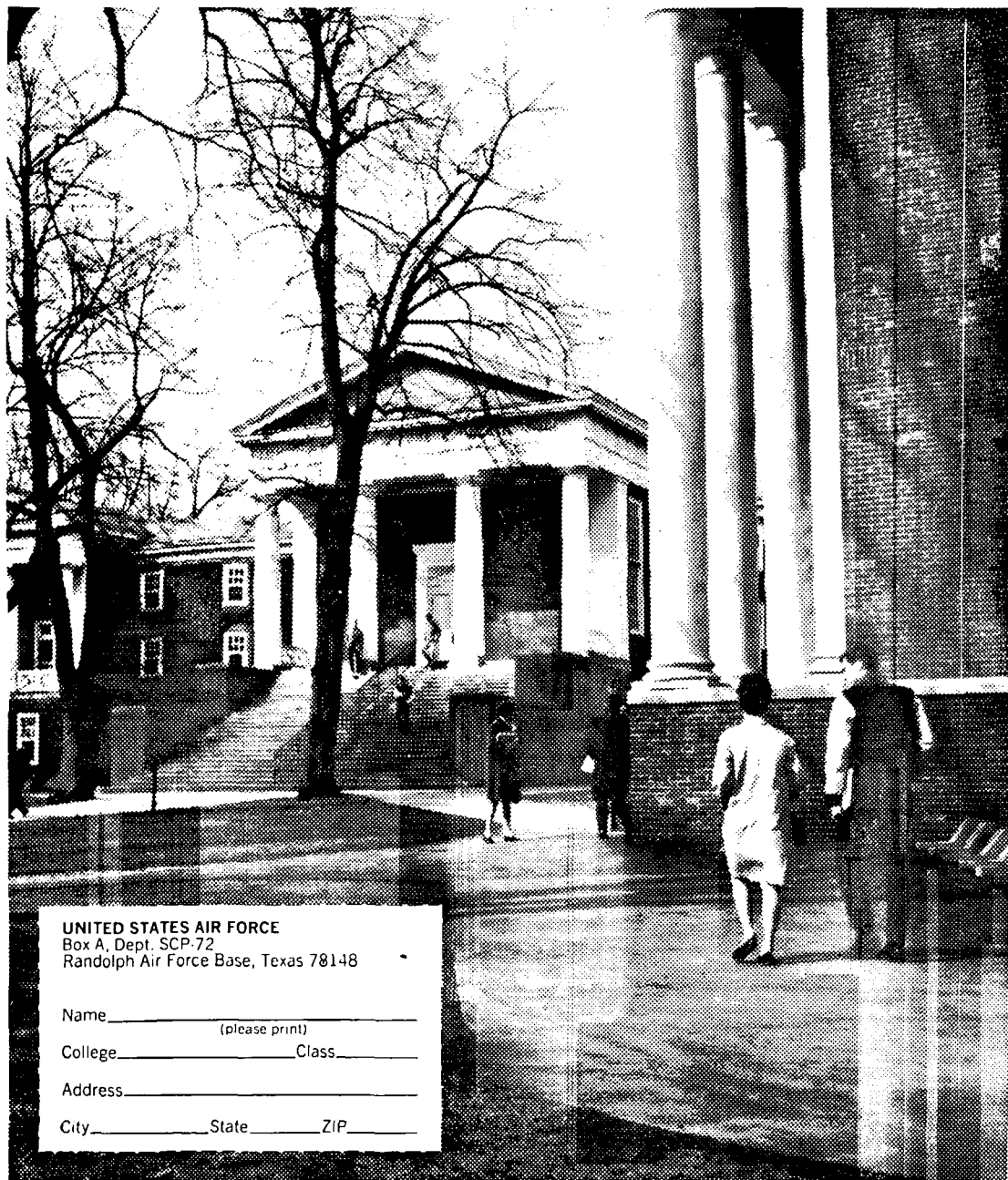
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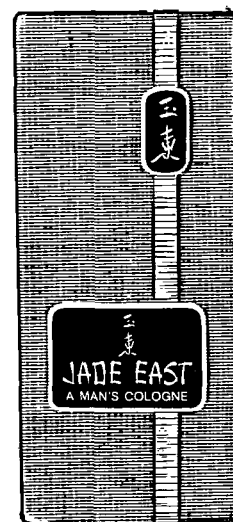
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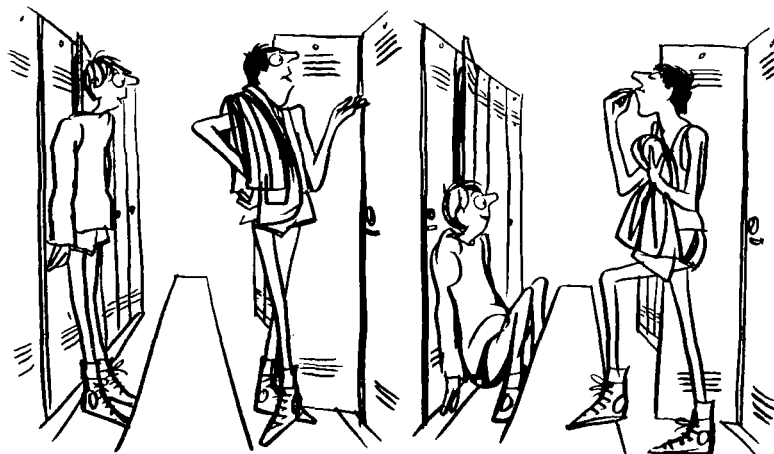


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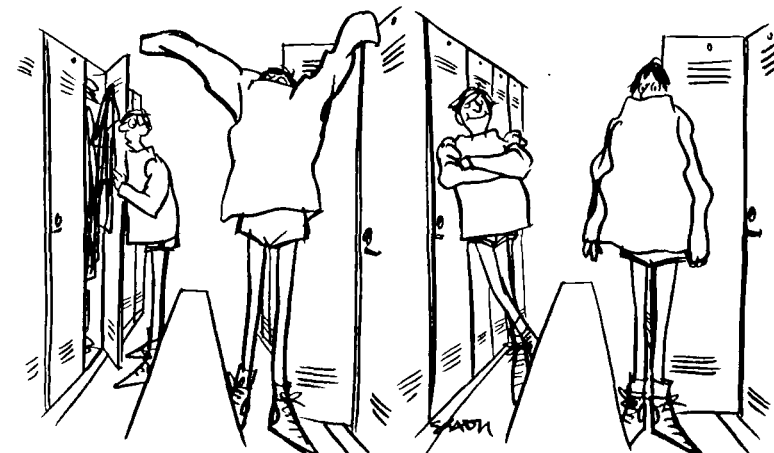


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Bernard Fall, R.I.P.

With the death of Bernard B. Fall on February 21, 1967, the academic and journalistic communities lost one of their brightest lights and our nation lost a most important political analyst who more than any single person brought understanding to the labyrinth that is the war in Vietnam. Professor Fall's death in Vietnam caused by a land mine while covering a marine patrol is a symbolic close to a full life. Bernard Fall had been molded directly by the major upheavals of our era. Born in Vienna in 1926 and migrating to France in the 1930's, his childhood was patterned by the great events of the interwar period. Active in the French Resistance as a youth, Fall gained an awareness of the dynamics and potentiality of guerrilla movements which would later add depth to his political-military writings. After the Second World War Fall served with the Nuremberg War Trials Research Bureau and in this capacity became aware of the scope of the German political crime, but also found the pleasures of research and scholarly endeavor.

After this experience Bernard Fall continued his academic life which would lead to an M.A. and Ph. D. from Syracuse University. Interspersed with this academic background was Professor Fall's participation with the French in the last stages of the war in Indo-China. It was this combination of experience and academic background that was at the base of Fall's books on the Indo-Chinese war, the most recent of which was published earlier this year, *Hell in a Very Small Place: The Siege At Dien Bien Phu*.

With the close of the war in Indo-China Fall continued his studies in this area and had long been associated with Howard University (Washington D.C.) where he was a professor of government at the time of his death. Fall made many trips to Vietnam, North and South, and had the opportunity to interview Ho Chi Minh. Professor Fall was a prolific writer who published numerous books and essays, and with the increasing commitment of the United States to the war in Vietnam his public importance increased as he became recognized as a leading academic specialist on this area. No biographical details, no matter how complete, can give a full evaluation of a man's existence, but what emerges from this brief survey of his life is that Fall was involved, through the accidents of life and through conscious determination, in many of the most important political affairs of his generation; the role call of his residences and travels would read Vienna, Paris, Saigon, Hanoi and Washington. Truly Bernard Fall participated in much of the action of our times.

He became particularly important as the United States involved itself more deeply in the Vietnamese War and assumed a paradoxical role of being accepted and quoted by those who favored the U.S. presence in the war and also by those who were opposed. This can be partially explained by the fact that Fall as the leading specialist on Vietnam was in demand by both camps to add legitimacy to their positions. But perhaps more importantly Professor Fall combined the humanitarian traditions of our society with a deep appreciation of the role of power in political life. This combination led Professor Fall to accept the presence of U.S. forces in Vietnam in order to boost the strength and stability of South Vietnam which in 1964 was in danger of being overthrown by the Viet Cong. The current United States forces in Vietnam now negate the possibility of a Viet Cong victory, but as Professor Fall frequently pointed out, the complexities of a guerrilla warfare make the military defeat of the Viet Cong uncertain. Moreover Fall asserted that even should the Viet Cong be defeated numerous political, social and economic problems would remain in South Vietnam which would still present serious problems to the United States and serious challenges to the stability of any future South Vietnamese government. In this sense, Professor Fall underlined the significance of the indigenous South Vietnamese roots of the current conflict and raised some questions as to the importance of North Vietnam and external aggression in determining the outcome of this conflict. This, for example, led Professor Fall to criticize the efficacy of bombing North Vietnam and recognize the military limitations of our policy toward Vietnam. Professor Fall became a critic of our administration based on its inability to articulate viable political goals.

Last year Professor Fall spoke at Notre Dame and gave voice to these considerations. I had the pleasure of meeting him several times and was always impressed by the vastness of his knowledge on Vietnam and his realistic approach to the problems of that area. Fall was a jovial, well met man, and as such inspired personal popularity as well as professional respect. He was a successful academic and journalist, a combination not often found in U.S. public life, which represented the European - particularly French - tradition of the politically active academic and the interpretive reporting of their journalists. His loss, though symbolic, was still another tragedy of a conflict, the significance of which is increasingly questionable in terms of the interests involved and the cost in resources and lives.

By James Bogel

Reason Not Rhetoric For NSA

A lot of people have a lot of solutions for the past -- especially when mistakes are involved. What is past is prologue; the past is dead, let us bury the dead. Both of these encomiums fit the National Students Association financial entanglement with the Central Intelligence Agency. For opponents and friends of NSA they are neat answers. Too neat. NSA did make a mistake in accepting CIA funding, and no matter how serious the reasons for the original decision, the mistake was grave.

Now the Young Republicans, among others, have seized this incident as a pretense for pulling Notre Dame out of the Association. It should be immediately stipulated that this is the Notre Dame Young Republicans alone. The National Young Republicans have no part in this campaign; they in fact propose to help finance NSA's upcoming projects. Nonetheless, the Notre Dame branch of the YR's have felt duty bound to ally themselves with the extremist Young Americans For freedom in killing the NSA dragon. As part of this effort they distributed this week a flyer entitled, "A Valentine From C.I.A."

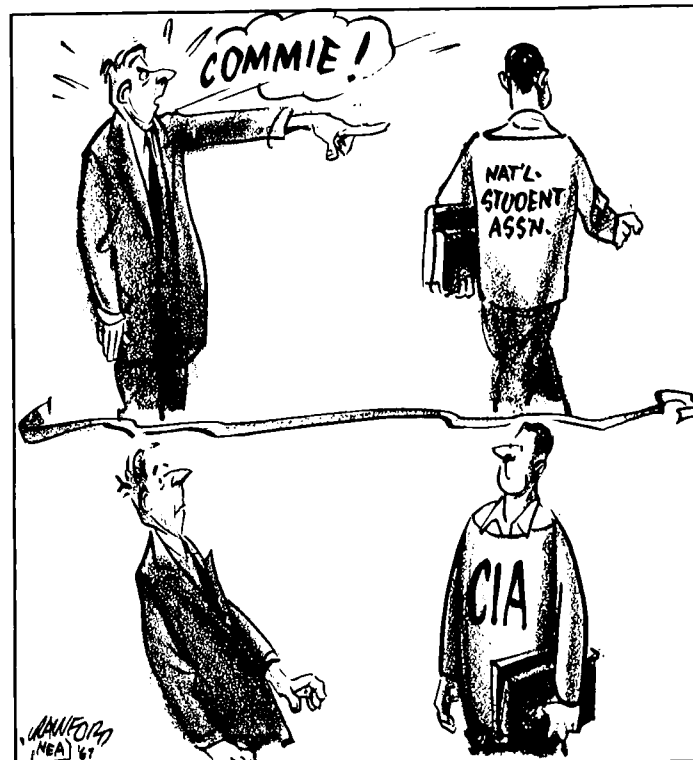
There are three points in this slanderous little ditty that are worth mention. First the flyer claims NSA violates its constitution by being "deeply involved in national politics." This is a simple distortion. Like students and student governments, NSA's activities have necessarily broadened issues of national concern. At no time, however, have they become as deeply involved as the YR's would like to imagine. NSA remains in the business of advising student governments. If information on civil rights, free universities, student stress and the draft, issues

that are of primary concern to students today, are national politics then NSA is guilty. We however don't think so, apparently neither do the delegates to the almost excessively democratic NSA convention which each year reviews and approves NSA's activities. And that includes its constitution.

Secondly, NSA allegedly is the proud possessor of a "radically left wing" point of view. A quick examination of NSA's position papers, passed again at those democratic conventions, would have shown otherwise. One real radical group, the Students for a Democratic Society, withdrew from NSA several years ago for this very reason. Apparently, the YR's never got past YAF hand-outs in their checking.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, the YR's charge Notre Dame students are being misrepresented within NSA councils. The truth is that because of Notre Dame's status among Catholic schools, the University wields and proportionate influence in NSA decision-making. Notre Dame delegates to the NSA convention have traditionally been activists and policy makers.

The effect of the YR's intemperate and distorted attack against NSA is incalculable -- as incalculable as NSA's involvement with CIA. One thing is clear, however. In debating Notre Dame's continued ties with NSA, the Student Senate should proceed on the basis of fact, not emotion-charged rhetoric. If the senators do, and we are confident they will, then the only outcome of their deliberations can be a resounding vote of confidence for the United States National Student Association.



THE REPORTER FROM THE SKIES OF VIETNAM

BY STEVE FELDHAUS

His name was Mike. Intelligent, young, a man on the make. Sitting in the warm motel room he was affable, more than willing to relate his experiences as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam for the past year. First we disposed of his reason for being in this particular place--icing on his Cesna 190 that had almost cost him his life. "As we were losing altitude, the thought kept flashing thru my mind--here I am getting it returning from a day of skiing, after living thru a year of hell in Vietnam..." He had made it, however, and he was now comfortably ensconced in a nearby motel. The beer was flowing freely, as was his discussion of Vietnam.

Having a brother who was shot down in North Vietnam, I began by asking him of U.S. prisoners and how they fared. "If the V.C. get them, it's rough. If they're captured in the North, they stand a good chance of making it." Reassuring.

Talk then drifted into a comparison of allied treatment of the V.C.'s. "The U.S. men treat their prisoners fairly--with almost no exceptions--but with the Koreans it's a different story entirely. They often take prisoners alive, but they aren't always kept that way. Right after the Rok Marines (a crack Korean marine unit) arrived in Vietnam, they captured a Viet Cong. After interrogating him, they cut off both his arms at the elbow, stopping the flow of blood enough so that he would just live to rejoin his comrades. On his back they tattooed 'The Rok Marines have arrived.' Needless to say, the V.C. are terrified of the Koreans.

"There are basically two types of soldiers in Vietnam today. The professionals, who are glad to have a war to fight and who are gung-ho about the whole thing. I've actually seen this type argue over who was to get a particularly rough assignment. Then there are the draftees and the enlisted men. Surprisingly enough, their morale is extremely high. I've come to feel that it is because of the hardships they've had to face together--their common experiences have welded them into a group highly conscious of their work and proud of doing it. It's not that they enjoy the war, but that they know the job has to be done, and that they can do it pretty damn well."

"I was in the midst of a major operation in the central highlands last year, during which one of our companies was ambushed and three-fourths of the men killed. Later, I saw a state-side paper in which the casualties were described as light! Nearly all the men dead, and they call it light. And this isn't the only time I've seen it happen."

"How about accidental bombing of friendly South Vietnamese--does it happen often, and if so, is there any way that it could be stopped?"

"It happens all too often. As for stopping it, I don't see how it can be done without greatly harming the war effort. The men involved in these incidents take all precautions possible to prevent mistakes. But in the midst of a complex precaution, a mendo err. I think if you want to win, you just have to chalk such occurrences up as necessary hazards of war."

"What about local government, Mike. Are the qualified people interested in it?"

"Being a village to province chief is one of the most hazardous jobs in South Vietnam. The V.C. are continually terrorizing the men who hold these positions, because they know that a strong and determined leadership is one of their most dangerous foes. As a result, the local leaders are usually men who can shift with the wind--men who give and take with both sides. This isn't necessarily a matter of corruption--it's primarily a matter of survival. The chiefs who don't learn to live with the V.C. often don't live."

"There is wide-spread corruption in Vietnam, tho. Personally, I've never seen anything like it. Many of the supplies never make it from the ships to the men...but you can always buy them on the black market. Most of the old hands say the same things went on during WW II and Korea. I don't know. I do know I don't enjoy fighting for people who are getting rich off my blood."

"What's the most vivid impression you have of Vietnam?"

"That has to be the nature of the war itself. Here we are fighting in a backward country, where men are still carrying loads on their backs, while we are using the most advanced methods of warfare our technology has to offer. This war is being fought on the highest level of military precision that we know of. We may be fighting a jungle war, but it's being fought with computerized certainty. We may not win the war for many years, but if the military is given a chance, they can--and will--do it."

"But will that alone bring freedom for the Vietnamese? That is, if there are any left after we've liberated them from the V.C."

"You're right there. A military effort alone will never suffice. We've got to win over the Vietnamese people. And here's where our socio-economic rehabilitation programs come in. We're showing them how they can, in a practical and real way, live safely and eat well in freedom. When this is done, the communists have little appeal. In the long run, this is what will win the war for us."

Campus Discontent: The Sources

BY PAUL POTTER

The following is the first in a series by Paul Potter, former national President of Students for a Democratic Society. This and subsequent installments probe the distressing problems of the American college student, their roots, expression, and significance.

On April 17, 1965, in Washington, D.C., 25,000 people, mostly students, gathered to protest American involvement in the war in Viet Nam and to demand an end to that gruesome and repressive struggle. The demonstration, which on the whole was played down by "responsible" media, constituted one of the most dramatic manifestations to date of what people have come to call "the student movement."

By any standards it was large, three times as large as the student march in 1962 to demand an end to nuclear testing. But more important than size was the fact that the demonstration stood in polar opposition to some of the country's most sacred and deeply held principles -- its unrestricted, unquestionable, unchallenged right to wage holy war against what it calls communism in whatever way, with whatever tools, seems most expedient. What happened in Washington in 1965 would have been called treason ten years earlier and may well be called treason ten years hence.

If you can understand why the

march on Washington happened in 1965, then you can understand a great deal of the basis of student discontent on college campuses today. But comprehending Washington and the mood of the students who protested there means coming to grips with much that many Americans would rather ignore or simply write off as "communist-inspired," or "beatnik," or "misguided."



It is a popular occupation these days for detractors of the student movement to concentrate their attack on the participants' dress, cleanliness, and length of hair. Out of the accumulated residue of such reactions comes an impression of student radicals as some sort of rabble scraped from the bottom of the American social heap.

Interestingly enough, the "rab-

ble" which the pundits so meticulously dissect, turns out to be the sons and daughters of the American dream. Most of us were reared in families that had acquired the tools to harvest and enjoy the abundance of the world's most abundant society and were given all that good Americans are supposed to want -- money, suburban living, cultural opportunities ranging from home environments carefully developed to provide stimulus to whatever potential we had, to summer camps and trips to Europe. Our parents were well educated, were most frequently professionally employed, and had acquired moderately high, almost comfortable status. We grew up believing that we would inherit all of these things -- money, status, security, cultural abundance -- taking them for granted, which was a reasonable thing to do, given their rich and bountiful array around us.

We were, in short, the first post-depression, post-war generation to emerge into the world with all the assets of the permissive family culture of upper-middle class America. If our parents sometimes despaired at our inability to understand the austerity and struggle that made possible their achievements, they were nonetheless pleased with the generally enthusiastic and alert products of their work.

Somehow, this group of young people, who had everything that their society could give them, found that gift hollow, and rejected it. In their rejection they began to

fashion a movement which has comprehended many issues and touched on a number of the nation's most exposed nerve ends.

The experience of students in universities has had a great deal to do with their disaffection. Somewhere earlier they had already begun to understand that much of what they were supposed to cherish and emulate was sham. The jolt of the college experience has been for many the event that brought discontent to the surface. That reaction may stem partly from the fact that many of them had high expectations about what college would mean. There was excitement about finding an intellectual and personal seriousness in universities which they frequently had not found in high schools, and there was a sense that college offered independence in directing their education and lives that had previously been missing.

The reality of the university was, to a great extent, the opposite of what we had hoped for. In the place of intellectual and personal seriousness was substituted the academic grind of large classes, intense competition for grades, exams that were irrelevant and intellectually damaging, and an environment in which the chief academic occupation seemed at times to consist of learning how to beat the system and "psyche" out professors and exams.

In place of personal independence in shaping life and education were substituted numerous requirements characterized mostly by dullness and massiveness, the

confining and degrading existence of dormitories and their regulations, and the general recognition that less personal freedom was extended in the university than there had been in the home. Independence, university-style, meant isolation in an environment that was essentially callous to personal needs.

Perhaps the most difficult thing to assimilate, however, was the phoniness of the presentation of the university experience. Most institutions insist on clothing themselves in liberal rhetoric, applauding the virtues of liberal education, and the importance of the student's assuming his educational responsibilities as an adult. On the whole, colleges try to present themselves as permissive and mildly parental when in fact they are neither.

In general, the university experience outside of the classroom is the catalyst that begins to give students new insights into the way society operates, the way people are treated, and the way cultural point students begin to understand that they have lived in a capsule which the university attempts to duplicate; its failure sharpens the discontinuity between past personal experience and aspiration and what society has, in fact, to offer. It makes the student aware of the simple fact that educational institutions exist to fit him to the system and not vice versa, and that is a recognition that all of his careful socialization to upper-middle-class values has ill prepared him to accept.

OBSERVER FEATURES

Tom Donnelly's Book Marks

Varities Of Violence: Murder and Mayhem

BY TOM DONNELLY

"A SIGN FOR CAIN: An Exploration of Human Violence" by Fredric Wertham, M.D. (Macmillan). "There is not one scientific or scientifically oriented book in any language on the general subject of violence as such and its prevention," says Dr. Wertham, presumably offering this work as a much-needed trail blazer. Dr. Wertham's book doesn't seem to me to be particularly "scientific," that word could lead me to expect precise analyses of, say, 15 varieties of violence, with an explanation of causes and effects. (As decided upon after much disinterested investigation.)

Dr. Wertham's book is a patchwork affair. He talks about the evils of racism, the horrors of the "euthanasia" murders in Nazi Germany, and cites spectacular examples of murder and mayhem, as found in newspapers, popular fiction, TV, movies, etc. This material is inherently interesting (in fact, morbidly fascinating) and Dr. Wertham is not the man to make a dull thing of it.

The author strikes out at the idiocy of some of his fellow psychiatrists in a manner that is most stimulating, but here and there I find him off the beam. Last year three persons -- a woman in Detroit, a young man in Washington, and another in New York -- burned themselves to death in protest, as I recall, against the war in Viet Nam. Dr. Wertham suggests that the psychiatrists who said these people didn't know what they were doing were typically sorry spokesmen for these hardened times: "Have we gone so far as to say that if a man sacrifices himself for a principle, he must be out of his mind?"

I will only say that Americans don't seem to be immolating themselves this season for reasons of political protest. Also: last year

one young woman who applied the torch to herself felt it necessary to leave a note explaining that her action had nothing to do with Viet Nam. Also: one of the self-immolators had his infant son in his arms as he embarked upon his fiery mission; the child was rescued by a narrow margin. I can find it in my heart to forgive any psychiatrist who offered the instant diagnosis that "these people didn't know what they were doing."

As for Dr. Wertham's old-fashioned-common-sense-type conclusions, I applaud nearly all of 'em. Yes sir, guns are out of place in the nursery: children just aren't born with a desire for a gun, and it's time the country recognized those frontier days are over. It is ridiculous to respond to the rising tide of juvenile violence by saying that the newspapers just report these things more than they used to. And perhaps it isn't too sensible to "blame all violent delinquency on the individual family;" it isn't so easy to shield a child from today's climate of violence. This is the electronic age, after all.

"A DANDY IN ASPIC" by Derek Marlowe (Putnam). To judge by the proliferation of espionage novels, spies must outnumber the extras who work in Italian film spectacles six to one. Mr. Marlowe's hero, Eberlin, is like and unlike the competition in measures carefully weighed to give him some semblance of reality. Eberlin dresses exquisitely, but his taste buds are a scandal: he is perfectly content to drink supermarket wine that pours like sludge. Eberlin has a desk job with British Intelligence. Actually, he is a Russian agent. His British employers give him a most upsetting assignment: to assassinate himself. Mr. Marlowe's novel is too slick

to be believed, but faster and brighter than most.

Mystery shelf . . . "At Bertram's Hotel" (Dodd, Mead). Bertram's is a London hotel of a comfort and opulence incredible for those days of cheap synthetics. The very perfection of the place strikes Miss Marple as suspect, and right she is. The Christie plotting is as extravagant as the Bertram's decor; first-rate fun.

"Fancy's Knell" by Babs H. Deal (Doubleday). A young, attractive, apparently respectable matron is murdered in one of those small towns (in this case, southern) where corruption seethes under the surface and the natives close ranks against outsiders. An efficient treatment of a standard theme.

Morals Tomorrow, Comedy Tonight

BY DENNIS GALLAGHER

Out of the lingering mists of vaudeville and early burlesque came a play called A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. It was a moderately funny, rather lowbrow play. But a funny thing happened when they made the play into a movie. It got funnier.

The best things about the play was Zero Mostel, who is also in the movie. Added were three other comedians of the old school, Phil Silvers, Jack Gilford and Buster Keaton. These old men scamper about, hamming brilliantly (except for Keaton's characteristic puzzled underplaying) and obviously enjoying the whole magnificent game. This will no doubt vaguely offend millions of moviegoers who hate to have their illusions infringed upon by the reality of time. Yet for others it will be a one night stand of the beloved past, the comedy of vaudeville and silent films.

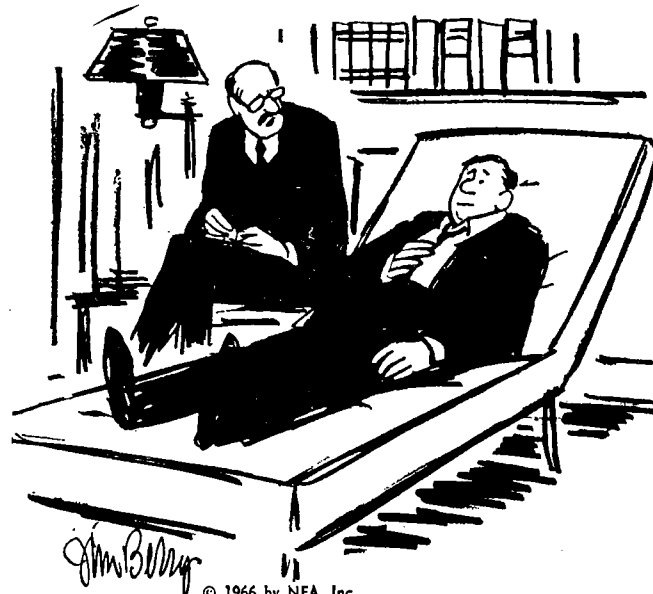
It is not only Keaton's presence that gives the film the status of a talking silent. Director Richard Lester's sight comedy, with its chases and pratfalls, is an outgrowth of the tradition of the silents. Lester's direction in this film is as inventive as ever, but rather less sure-footed than in the Beetle movies or THE KNACK.

Perhaps he felt somewhat intimidated by the living legends he was called upon to direct or the underlying pathos of the action may have disturbed him. At all events, the movie lacks something of the typical order of Lesterian chaos.

There is an undeniable lewdness in the movie. But it is not the snivelling voyeurism of middle class morality nor the snide pseudo-science of the Playboy philosophy. It is rather the glad lechery of the satyr, of the Wife of Bath, of Falstaff. It is the pot of life boiling over, an expression of the need to be fully alive. Probably there is more to be learned about immediacy and happiness in earthly things from this frankly artificial film than from a beautifully done but quite silly piece of naturalism like LE BONHEUR.

IF A FUNNY THING represented the ultimate peak to which movies could rise, serious interest in films (except as a rather remunerative possible vocation) would be absurd. It is merely farce and, except for the acting and direction, it is not even good farce. But it comes out funny and as the closing song indicates, morals are reserved for tomorrow; the purpose is comedy tonight.

BERRY'S WORLD



"You shouldn't feel left out—there are probably others who didn't receive notification of safety defects in their cars!"

The Mail

Advice and Consent - And a Lot of Dissent

Editor:

In view of the childish tantrum displayed in your last issue, I think it time that either some editorial policy be formulated which respects and gives space to both sides of a controversy, or else mature, responsible editors who reflect the views of the majority of the university be appointed.

Why should the majority subsidize publication of the poutings of dissatisfaction of a crude, out-spoken minority?

John J. Blasi.

Editor:

Of all the letters which you printed in your February 9 issue, the one from Fr. Hesburgh to Jim Bridgeman was the most enlightening. I specifically refer to his belief that "...life is interpreted in all journalistic efforts I am acquainted with in the great wide world..." in accordance with "the Code for Student Editors as published in the Student Manual."

This is an interesting concept indeed. One wonders whether Fr. Hesburgh has ever ventured beyond the confines of the campus.

John J. Hirschfelder.

Editor:

Now that the National Student Association has been unmasked as a front for the CIA, who will we discover has been subsidizing the vigorous anti-NSA element on this campus for the past decade -- the CIA's business rivals in the FBI, or Moscow or Mao?

Edgar Crane, Professor of Marketing.

Editor:

After sifting through numerous issues of your liberal "news-paper" (and I use the term loosely) I feel compelled to comment on the asininity of your February 9 issue. Without even going into your

biased editorial on the patriot of the year award, I wish to comment on the other insult to our intelligence. In your editorial on "Stay Hall Foiled" you state: "Last year Father Hesburgh wanted to impose stay hall campus-wide by fiat. Such an act might be a suspension of the much-argued-for democratic process in the student body-administration relationship. But if the students as a whole cannot be made aware of the importance of this concept for Notre Dame, then perhaps it might be proper for the administration to retake the reins and once again to lead the university--at least in this one instance." On the following page you loudly decry administration pressures for an apology because of the now infamous "five letter word."

Apparently Mr. Feidhaus is offended by a so-called "double standard" for athletes, however he fears no such inconsistencies in the arena of academic freedom and student life.

Absolute freedom is demanded in the area of student publications, however if the student body is unable to recognize "benefits" as seen by a proven small minority then student life should be regulated by "fiat."

I can't help but feel that the best interest of the university and the student body would be better served if Messrs. Feldhaus and Anson could see fit to spend time

on regulating a consistent philosophy rather than seeking out sensationalism such as an athletic double standard and the "East Bay Sexual Freedom League."

Louis S. Gasperec, 415 Morrissey Hall.

Editor:

As your cover story reported last week, finding a definition of "patriotism" is a problem of great difficulty. In Dr. Johnson's famous dictionary patriotism is defined as the last resort of a scoundrel. With all due respect to an enlightened but inferior lexicographer I beg to submit it is the first.

A. Bierce, South Bend, Indiana.

Director of University Food Services

University of Notre Dame
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Dear Sir:

After my letter of October 3 and our subsequent meeting I quite naively believed that your 'interest' and promises were sincere and that many of the grievances would be alleviated. Such hopes were clearly abortive and for those of us that must stand in ridiculously long lines the pregnant pledges of the committee concerned with this problem are most ludicrous.

The lunch hours must be leng-

thened and we suggest from 11:30 until 1:00. I think our request is very clear and I see little need for another confrontation and vain hopes. Please do not underestimate our determination and our indignation, and believe that this student body will no longer condone your abusive and careless treatment.

Sincerely, Richard L. Storatz.

Editor:

There are several ways of getting out of a job you don't like. One of these ways is to just quit. Another is to do the job so poorly that you get fired. If you do the job really bad you can even destroy the job itself!

Well fellows, you seem to be doing a pretty good 'job' on the Observer.

John Kamp '68, 215 Alumni.

Editor:

Although we greatly appreciate your interest and words of kindness in regard to the Neighborhood Study Help Program, several facts concerning the program, as presented in your latest issue, deserve correction.

As of a December 16th telegram from the Chicago regional office of the OEO, the present status of the NSHP is that of high priority. Our proposal for refunding is in

the process of completion and will be submitted by February 15. Contrary to the sentiments of "Observers" indicated in your article, viewpoints with respect to this proposal are optimistic.

It is our personal opinion that the resignation of Mr. Richard Rembold as executive director in no way "ruptured" the program's leadership or effectiveness. Furthermore, we have no idea what you intend when you say that the program has been "hamstrung in its ability to use what federal funds it has."

However, as you did state, the loss of federal funds would hardly result in the programs collapse! Meanwhile, please do not make us a premature war casualty.

John A. Niemitz, 324 Pangborn
Raymond W. Novaco, 320 Pangborn.

The Observer would have been only too happy to be more optimistic in reporting NSHP's problems with funding and leadership. However, the facts, then as now, dictate otherwise. In fact, the latest round of NSHP's woes came just yesterday, when it was subjected to blistering criticism by ACTION Inc., the local coordinating body for federal poverty projects. Among other things, ACTION specifically criticized what the Observer called NSHP's "rupture in leadership."

ND, SMC Seniors Holding Joint Prom

This may go down in the annals as the year of the combined proms. First, the freshman, sophomore and junior classes announced that they will hold a joint prom on the weekend of May 5th. Then, in a surprise move last week, Senior Ball Chairman, Mike Irvine, announced that the senior classes of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's will combine and sponsor one prom on the following weekend, May 12th.

Irvine stated that this move was in keeping with the current drive for greater unity between the two schools. While it is only one event and is on the social level, Irvine feels that it is a definite start in the right direction.

As far as he can see, the combined prom should not be detrimental to either student body. He sees it as especially beneficial to SMC since they have been limited financially in the past due to the smallness of their class.

There was some question as to whether or not the prom would be accepted by Saint Mary's seniors since it would, in all probability, result in a loss of individuality for them. However, Irvine went to SMC last week and addressed the class, outlining the proposal and asking for a vote. An overwhelming majority voted in favor of joining.

In order to find out the reasons for this acceptance, some seniors were asked why they had opted for combining. Among the many reasons offered, some of the most often mentioned were: the increased money, thereby assuring a good band (Peter Palmer has been selected), the fact that the seniors had already had a prom of sorts in their Christmas Dance, the fact that the weekend will be cheaper for those who date ND seniors and more impressive for those who are bringing dates from out of town.

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Skaters Prove They Belong On Top

BY JOHN CORRIGAN

It's The Air Force Invitational Hockey Tournament -- Colorado Springs, Colorado, February 17-18 1967--and you--Notre Dame--are pitted against the host team, The United States Air Force Academy, in the championship game. So what!

Yeah, that's right. So what! Confident? Yes. That's why! So what! Confident! Undoubtedly confident. Why not?

You clipped the Falcon wings to the tune of 14-0 just a month ago; and there is no reason that one team can improve THAT much in just one month. They were that bad. Moreover, you are riding along at a 12-4 clip, your latest victim the renowned Erie (Pa.) Lions. Nice, but wait a minute, pal. These guys have just beaten a Denison College sextet 12-2 they were leading 12-0 with two minutes to go.

Well.....ah, Denison wasn't even that bad; they were real bad! True, but this Air Force team has improved since you last played them. With the addition of some talented freshmen, their position play and their skating have improved. This is a much different team; it's confident and it's psyched. As the poster reads: "I WANT YOU," and they do. Why? 'Cuz you're NOTRE DAME. After all, they didn't fly you out here for nothing, now did they?

That's nice. Glad you told me. But "we're the greatest college they've (the Lions) have ever seen." And they aren't that bad themselves: winners--big--over some of the East's better college teams. This Canadian-loaded outfit includes a winger who rejected a Boston Bruin bid, the MVP from last year's Clarkson College team, and a member of the Canadian National Team among others.

That's nice too. Real nice. But the Bruins haven't been out of the NHL cellar in a.....well it's been a long time. They're desperate. And don't forget, this "greatest team" is now without its greatest scorer--Phil Whitliff, 30 goals in just 13 games. That is exactly 3 times the pace at which "Bobby the Bomber," Hull clips along.

FURTHERMORE, son, please heed the words of that Irish Armenian, you know him, Ara, the man who leads you--NOTRE DAME to grid glory every fall. "There's something about that spirit of the academics. It's something else. And that discipline, well that's something else too."

Yeah, but everyone knows he lives in constant fear. Anyhow he's 6-0 against 'em, has outscored 'em 186-17, both touchdowns coming on breaks. One lousy field goal in six games! Yeah, man. SURE.

Furthermore, SIR, we wanted to beat the Lions' cuz it was Phil's last game and all. And that we did. We want to win this one 'cuz we're not a one-man team. You know how we Notre Dame guys stick together. We'll get this one.

All right...but don't forget that Haley nearly had his right arm bitten off by the Lions, and he's no George Goedekke in getting over injuries. Lamantia's right knee isn't too healthy, and you've shifted Tom Tencza from third to first line to take Whitliff's place.

Hours later at the arena (Broadmoor, site of the '52 Winter Olympics) it's the middle of the third period and you are leading 4-2. Not approaching 14-0 by any stretch of the imagination. With two minutes to go it's still 4-2. Close but safe?! With 30 seconds left it's 4-4! Close but safe?

All of the sudden the SRO crowd comes to its feet. It just like

the fieldhouse back home, only now you know just what it is like. No time to think about...the Erie Lions or Denison College, but you do...Ara-Spirit-Discipline etc.

You take yourself back to last night and the Colorado game--the team you knew you were going to beat--and did! And later, with that nice girl which those nice Cadets got you, you watched those NICE Cadets demolish Denison, 12-2 and 14-0!

Back to the action.. Face-off after the tying Falcon goal. The noise is deafening. Ref throws the puck down. You won, if we are that good, we had better show them how good we are. Chips are down. Let's go.

Heiden gets the draw. Great. Here we go. Stick together. Pass to Tencza. Oh no. It misses. Again, the noise.

Intercepted...AIR FORCE...AIR FORCE....cheers! A pass.

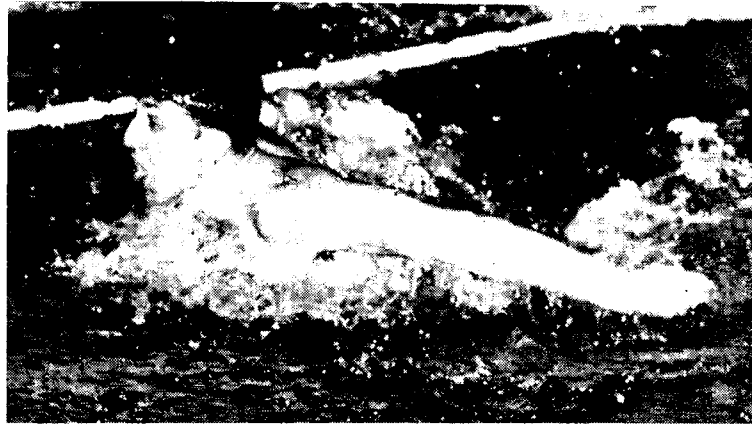
Tencza intercepts for the Irish. Up from the third line. Not bad. He's on a breakaway. Falcon goalie out of position. Shoots....HITS....Silence....DEAD SILENCE.....

Time to think. It's over. But you can't. Someone says Notre Dame won. You don't hear him. Tencza's face is covered with blood. Slashed with a minute left. You didn't see it.

Fans are leaving. Dick Leubbe is helped off the ice. What happened to him. It's his foot. Looks bad. How did we do it? Disgruntled people.

You get a breath of air. Lamantia comes over. Congratulates you. There's Haley. Again how did we do it? His arm is bleeding....bad. He can't move it. And Bressler, the coach. He was great. Held us together. Cody, great too. Glad we brought the fourth line along.

Air Force Invitational. And then...discipline...Spirit...



STREAKING FOR HOME -- Senior breaststroker Bob Husson pours it on for a second place finish against Purdue last Saturday. Despite losses to Purdue and Kent State, the Irish tankers are assured a winning season as they conclude their schedule on the road at Northwestern and Central Michigan.

Dual Losses Drop Swimmers To 6-3 Season's Record

BY PAT BUCKLEY

The Irish swimmers closed out their home season on a sad note, as they lost to both Kent State 68-36 and Purdue 68-46 over the weekend. The previous weekend of February 10 they defeated Wayne State 83-21 and Western Ontario 70-34 while losing to Bowling Green 60 1/2-43 1/2. This brings the season total to 6 wins and 3 losses with Central Michigan and Northwestern to go.

During these past two weekends, three pool records were broken, all by Notre Dame's opponents. Meanwhile, the Irish have broken three of their own varsity records.

This weekend's most notable performers were junior Tom Bourke and captain Rick Strack.

Bourke was the only Irish swimmer to collect more than one first place this weekend, taking first place in the individual medley in both meets. Unfortunately, against Kent State in the 200 yard backstroke, he tied his own Varsity Record and lost. But, the next

day against Purdue he put up a stout battle and squeezed out a victory by 4 tenths of a second.

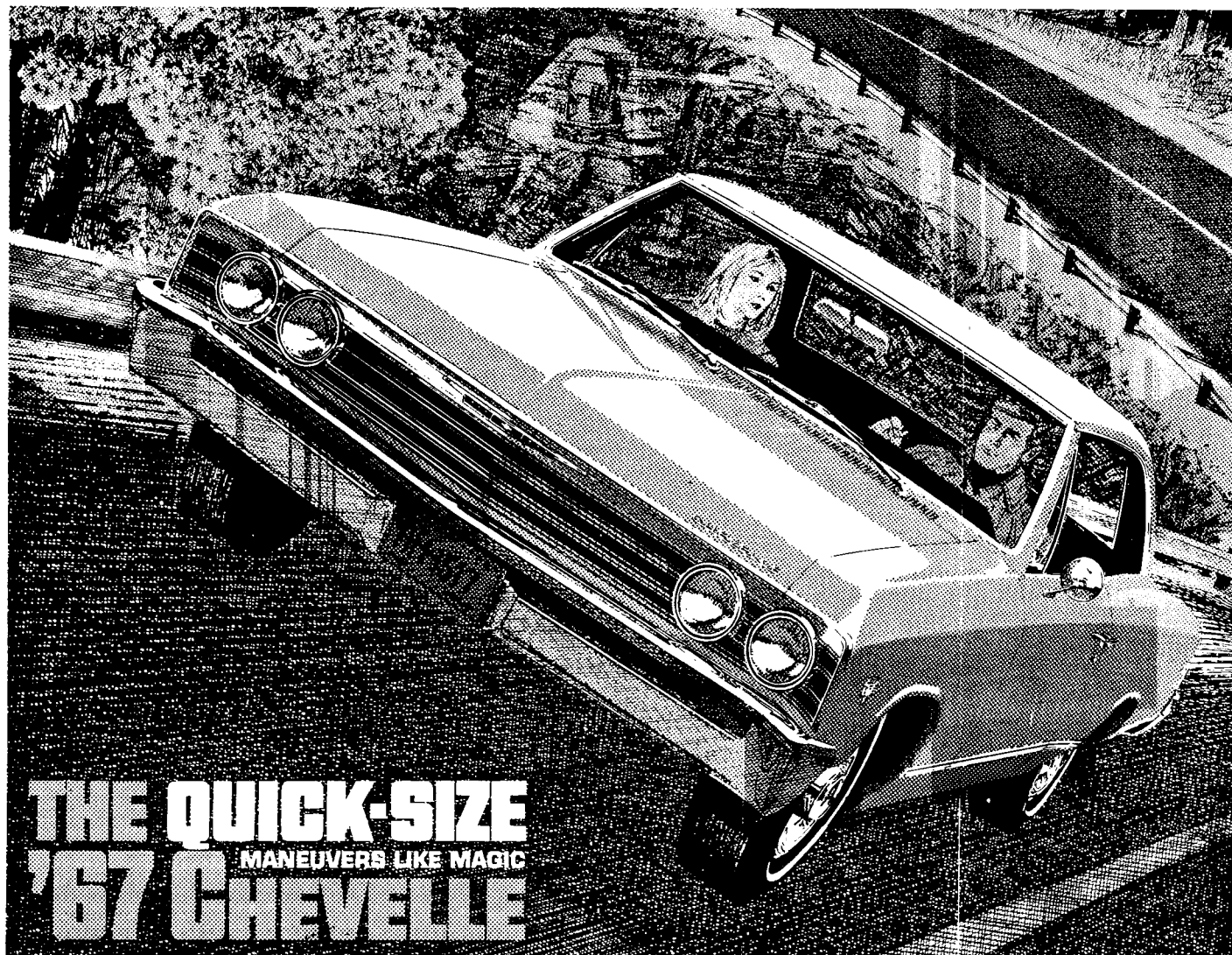
Rick Strack, meanwhile, found the breaks against him. On Friday he lost both the 1,000 and 500 yard freestyles to Pete Foley of Kent State. On Saturday Strack tried to bounce back. But in a close battle he lost the 1,000 yard freestyle by 2 tenths of a second.

For his final swim at home for the Irish, Strack wanted to be number one. He took an early lead in the 500 yard freestyle. By the halfway point a special determination was noticeable in his swimming, as he held his lead. But, Strack's opponent from Purdue wasn't about to give up, closing the gap and the race ended in a deadheat. After a quick huddle around the stop watches, Strack was proclaimed the victor by 1 tenth of a second.

The Irish swimmers close their season on the road, at Northwestern this Friday February 24 and finally at Central Michigan next Tuesday, the 28th.

February 24 - at Northwestern

February 28 - at Central Michigan



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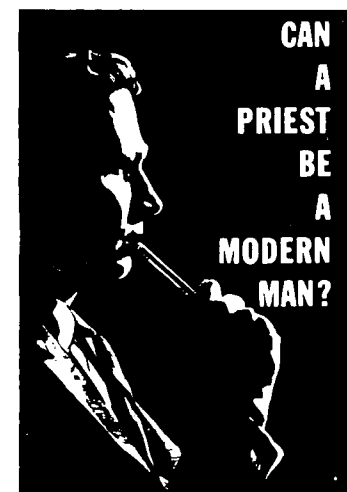
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Student Union Bid

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nized areas of need that will exist throughout the year. The Student Union President, while being a cabinet member, will be of a higher scale than the coordinators due to his responsibility.

Under the Student Union there will be five commissions, the Social Commission, The Academic Commission, the Student Service Commission, and the groups in charge of the Student Government Press and the Book Exchange. All of these areas will work under the appointed president. This change in structure is the primary issue of the bill and the one that represents the biggest change. By placing these various areas under the direct control of the president, much of the present workload will be removed from the SBP, freeing him for more administrative tasks relating to Notre Dame's over all role and direction.

The bill also provides for a board of directors that will offer aid and assistance to both the SBP and the SUP. Members of the board will be: the SBP, the SBVP, the President of the Hall Presidents Council, the Student Body Treasurer, a faculty member who will hold a two year term, to be se-

lected by the board, the Vice President for Student Affairs, Rev. Charles McCarragher, C.S.C. and the SUP, once he has been appointed. This board will be required to present a report to the Senate at least once a semester on its activity as well as the accomplishments of the Union.

Another part of the bill calls for the hiring of a full time accountant and a secretary. The accountant would be charged with maintaining the books of all facets of Student Government as well as assisting any other campus organizations in setting up accounting systems. The secretary would work in the student government office and would handle filing and correspondence. Both of these posts have been created to free the officers from 'busy work' so that they might better concentrate on their primary tasks.

The bill also covers the process of Student Body elections. One proposal calls for the SBP and the SBVP to run together on a ticket. Fish sees this as desirable since there will be no problem of accommodation once the ticket is elected. Both will have run offering the same program and as a consequence will share the same

goals. Also, there is a provision that the incoming president will take office in early April, eliminating the lame duck period that the month of May has been in the past. Fish states that with a two month tenure before the summer vacation, the new SBP could build some kind of a base from which to operate for the next year. Another facet of the bill calls for voting privileges for seniors. Fish believes that the old notion of seniors deliberately picking a bad candidate since they would not have to live under him is quite groundless and besides, with the new time for installation of the incoming president, he would have control during the last part of the second semester.

Two areas that were left nearly the same are the Judicial Council and the Hall Presidents Council. Both will operate directly under the SBP and the heads of each will be members of the cabinet. One change is that, instead of the Hall Council picking its own head, he will be appointed. Although it is just a temporary measure, Fish feels it's necessary at this time, since the Council is inactive and the members are not familiar with one another.

All of these proposals are still just that. Until the Senate votes on the bill, none of these suggestions will take effect. Even if the bill is passed, none of the measures, with the exception of the SBP taking over the leadership of the Senate, will be enacted until next year. There also will be a delay once the Senate acts, since there are Constitutional articles that will have to be amended and this process takes two weeks before it can be completed.

Fish said that he hopes the student body will examine the proposal and give it due consideration and let their respective senators know how they stand. In discussing the bill, Fish emphasized how much time and effort had gone into its formulation. Under study since the beginning of December, the workings of the proposal have seen much consideration by both Rich Linting Student Body Treasurer and Jim Polk, Social Coordinator.

Senate Considers NSA Withdrawal

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representative," he said. "And in that perspective they're legitimate. As far as the CIA involvement is concerned, most of their money went towards the International Conferences. The prestige that was lost was international ... here it was just a cause of some doubt."

Notre Dame's participation in the NSA is far more significant than the books indicate. Although its yearly dues amount to only \$200.20, Notre Dame's prestige in the organization is highly prized. Nearly fifty per-cent of the schools enrolled in NSA are affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church and should Notre Dame withdraw it is feared that many of the catholic schools would follow suit.

"If we can get the students to get out," said Moran, "we will write the other schools in an effort to get them to follow our lead ... If they withdraw and we can flush NSA under, that will be what we want."

It is believed that the only danger area for NSA will be the student senate where the YR's might be able to convince a majority of the 39 Senators to vote for withdrawal. But should the issue come to referendum, it is felt the security of NSA would be relatively safe.

A second point of dispute raised by the Young Republicans is the

matter of what NSA has done for Notre Dame. The \$500 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health which Notre Dame received for the Student Stress Experiment came via NSA and Fast for Freedom were both sponsored by NSA.

But the Young Republican Moran sees this as a "conciliatory move on the part of NSA made this year in order to secure Notre Dame's support."

The Young Republicans seem to support Associated Student Governments, a national group which makes no political statements and only talks of domestic student problems. At their last session, the ASG had a seminar on college rings.

Patriot Presentation

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Stephens was greeted by the silent protestors as he arrived to accept the award. The colonel, a former public relations officer at the Pentagon, smiled and extended his hand to Joseph Ahern, a protesting member of the Students for a Democratic Society. Stephens cracked, "Hello Joe, it looks like some students need a little counseling." Ahern remained silent.

An unsmiling Stephens later branded the demonstration as "not in the traditions of Notre Dame spirit."

At the ceremony itself, attended by an invitation only group of some 30 students, faculty and administrators, class president Pat Nash presented the award on behalf of the seniors. A short speech preceded the award.

This was the first time the annual Patriot Award has been presented in absentia.

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On Campus with Max Shulman

(By the author of "Rally Round the Flag, Boys!", "Dobie Gillis," etc.)

IT'S A NORTH WIND THAT BLOWS NO GOOD

Crushed between the twin millstones of January weather and final exams, you are saved from total despair, poor devils, only by the knowledge that winter vacation will soon be here.

Where will you go this year? Will it be Florida again, or are you tired of jails? Then how about Puerto Rico?

A most excellent notion, say I. A balmy and bounteous island with long white beaches and blue, blue skies and green, healing seas. And, most pleasant of all, the warm and gracious people of Puerto Rico! You don't even have to know Spanish to communicate with this friendly folk. Just learn three simple phrases and you'll get along splendidly: "Buenos dias" which means "Good morning," "Gracias" which means "Thank you," and "Que sera sera" which means "Your llama is on my foot."

In order to help you enjoy the fabled land of Puerto Rico it would be well for me to supply a bit of historical background. (It would also be well for me to say a few words about Personna Super Stainless Steel Blades because the makers of Personna Super Stainless Steel Blades pay me to write this column and they are inclined to sulk if I omit to mention their product. Of course, they don't stay gloomy long, for they are kindly, cheery men fond of Morris dancing, spelling bees, and temperance punch—fine, upright types, as true and gleaming and durable as the blades they make. And if you've tried Personna's, you know how true and gleaming and durable that is! And if you haven't tried Personna's, poor devil, you've cheated both your purse and face, for Personna's last and last, shave after luxury shave, close, clean, nickless, hackless, tugless, gougeless, scratchless, matchless. Personna Super Stainless Steel Blades come in Double Edge or Injector style and are made only by the makers of Personna Super Stainless Steel Blades.)

But I digress. Back to the history of Puerto Rico. The island was discovered by that popular discoverer Christopher Columbus. Incidentally, considering Columbus' popularity, it's odd we know so little about him. What do we really know? Only this:

He was born in Genoa on August 25, 1451, the son of Ralph T. Columbus, a knee-cymbal vendor, and Eleanor (Swiftly) Columbus, a low hurdler. He was an only child except for his five brothers and eight sisters. From early childhood he was an avid reader and spent all his waking hours immersed in a book. Unfortunately, there was only one book in Genoa at the time—*Care of the Horse* by Aristotle—and after 18 years of reading *Care of the Horse*, Columbus grew restless. When rumor reached him there was another book in Madrid, off he ran as fast as his little fat legs would carry him.

Disappointment, alas, awaited him there. The only book in Madrid was *Cuidar un Caballo*, which proved to be nothing more than a Spanish translation of *Care of the Horse*.

Then one day Columbus heard from a traveller that there were millions of books in India, and he was instantly ablaze to set sail. Off he ran on his little fat legs to the court of Ferdinand and Isabella (Columbus, though more than six feet tall, was plagued with little fat legs all his life) and, as we all know, he persuaded the Spanish rulers to outfit him with three stout ships, the *Flopsy*, the *Mopsy*, and the *Cottontail*, and the rest is history!



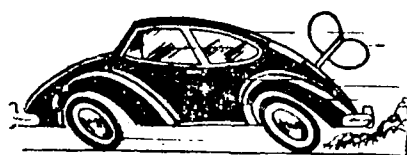
Well sir, now you know all about the origins of Puerto Rico. So get packed and get going! You'll love it! Stroll the beaches, swim the coves, breathe the fragrance of hibiscus and bougainvillea. And remember always that the friendly Puerto Ricans are delighted to show you their customs, teach you their language. Why, I'll wager you'll soon know far more Spanish than the three basic phrases. You'll know "Hasta la vista" which means "See you later." "Por favor" which means "Please," and "El tren se paró en las estaciones" which means "Your llama has eaten my passport."

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NOT HIGH ENOUGH — One of many bright spots for the Notre Dame track team last Saturday afternoon in the fieldhouse was when soph high jumper Ed Broderick cleared the bar at 6-6. But there weren't enough bright spots and the Irish dropped the meet to Michigan 71-60. (Notre Dame has never defeated Michigan in meet competition.) This Saturday the Irish will host the Central Collegiate Conference meet in the fieldhouse with Notre Dame, Western Michigan and Kent State top contenders for the title. Broderick, hampered by a painful leg muscle injury, finished third in the high jump competition.

BACK IN THE BLACK

BY BOB SCHEUBLE

Relying on strong defense in their recent efforts, the Irish five won three of their last 4 games, including an 87-78 upset of Houston and a 73-68 conquest of Western Michigan Monday night. Last Saturday at Chicago Stadium, however, the hot-shooting Bradley Braves (58% from the floor) dented the Irish defense for a last-second 94-89 victory. Coupled with a 57-48 verdict over cold-shooting Butler, the Notre Dame record is 12-11 with three games remaining.

After trailing Western 35-32 at the half, Notre Dame outscored the Broncos 11-1 at the start of the second half and protected their lead for the remainder of the game with a 57% shooting performance. Had the Irish not committed 16 errors and missed 10 foul shots, the Broncos would have been tamed by more than the final margin of five points.

The Irish offense for the evening consisted of freeing big men Bob Whitmore and Bob Arnzen for one-on-one situations. After moderate success during the first half, Whitmore and Arnzen scored 29 of Notre Dame's 33 points during the last two minutes of the first half and 17 minutes of the second half. Whitmore was high for the game with 24 points and 13 rebounds, while Arnzen hit for 20 points.

Against Houston two weeks ago, the Irish strengths were defense and the ability of Bob Arnzen to free himself in the Cougars 2-3 zone. The Irish defense was perfect in the first half, as the Houston guards and the point man performed badly and couldn't feed Elvin Hayes until the Irish had a comfortable 24-point lead. When Arnzen hit 8 of 13 first half shots, Houston refused to change its basic zone defense. As a consequence, Arnzen roamed unmolested the second half and finished with 37 points.

When Arnzen hit 5 straight over the Bradley defense Saturday, the Braves went to a tight man-to-man and the Irish had difficulty feeding their high scoring soph for the rest of the game. With Joe Allen (26 points on a leg that is a medical phenomenon) and Cal Criddle crashing the boards in the second half for second and third shots, the Irish never gained supremacy of the defensive boards. Though Arnzen pumped in 26, Murphy 23, and Whitmore 19 (in 27 minutes), Al Smith hit for 26 on outside jumpers and drives while L. C. Bowen's jump shot from the foul lane with 35 seconds left put the Irish on the short end of the score.

WRESTLING

February 25 - MARQUETTE
February 28 - ILLINOIS
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namant at Cleveland

Coach Mike De Cicco's Fencing Team left no doubt as to the Midwest's leading power the past two weekends, sweeping past six contenders for a 12-0 season's record.

The Irish were without ailing co-captain Jack Haynes (16-5 for the season in epee) in Columbus last Saturday, so the host Buckeyes figured to give Notre Dame its roughest match of the season. After all, the epee was the weakest event for Notre Dame; the Buckeyes told themselves they'd have a good shot at winning the meet if they could win 5 or 6 of the nine bouts.

But no one told this to the Irish epeeists Steve Donlon, Glenn Burchett, and Tom Reichenbach. They combined for 6 victories in 7 bouts to spark the Irish to a 19-8 rout of Ohio State; then the trio added 7 victories as Notre Dame speared Michigan State, 21-6.

John Crikelair and John Carroll both added 4 victories in the foil. In sabre, Al Evan surprised with five straight wins, but healthy co-captain Pat Korth lost another bout. His record now is 24-2 for the season.

Coupled with last weekend's victories over the Air Force Academy (14-13), Wayne State (15-12), Detroit Detrio (18-9), and Chicago (20-7), the Irish stand alone in the Midwest, followed by Ohio State and the Air Force.

The Big Ten provides the opposition this weekend, with Illinois and Wisconsin invading the Moreau Seminary gymnasium Saturday at 1 P.M.

The top fencers are:

FOIL (81-27)

John Crikelair	22-3
John Carroll	19-9
Tom Sheridan	16-8

SABRE (78-30)

Pat Korth	24-2
Al Evan	19-8

EPEE (73-34)

Jack Haynes	16-5
Glenn Burchett	17-7
Steve Donlon	17-9
Tom Reichenbach	12-6

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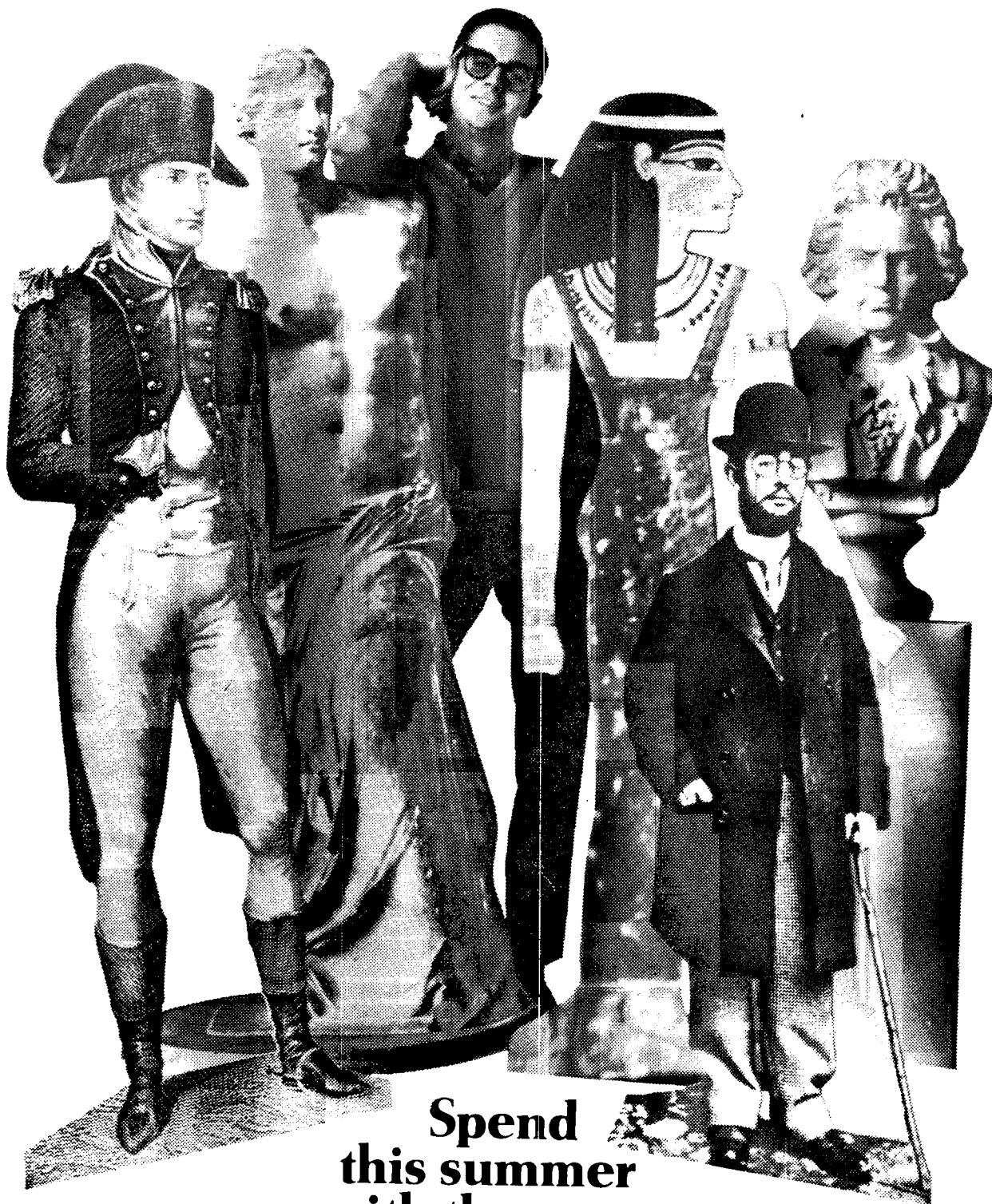


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REMEMBER 64-0?

DUKE PLOTS REVENGE FOR IRISH



BOB VERGA

After tonight's game against New York University and high scoring Mal Graham, the Notre Dame basketball team heads South. Coach Johnny Dee has planned a stop-over in Washington, D.C., Friday before he and the team move on to Charlotte for a Saturday night contest with the Duke Blue Devils.

In Washington the Irish will hold a workout and Coach Dee will get a chance to talk to and look over some of the local high school basketball talent. On Dee's list are some of the nations most outstanding prep school phenomena.

Needless to say, the Blue Devils, still in a frenzy after the unavoidable drubbing Ara's Army inflicted upon them last fall, are planning to do horrible things to the Irish basketball team. And, cruel as it may seem, the talent laden Blue Devils could just do that.

Following two losses to UCLA and a disastrous December, Duke has been impressive of late. The Blue Devils now stand 13-6 following last Friday's upset by Clemson. Clemson then went on to upset fourth-ranked North Carolina last Saturday and is currently 16-6 for the season.

All-American Bob Verga has regained his form of the past two years after a slow start this season. Now averaging 25.2 points per game, Verga ranks 6th in the country in scoring. Junior center Mike Lewis (6-7) is the Devils' top man up front, averaging 16 points and 12 rebounds a game. After he scored 33 points and pulled down 19 rebounds against West Virginia, Mountaineer coach Bucky Waters remarked, "Two areas hurt us, the boards and Lewis, but that's the same thing, isn't it?" Bob Riedy (6-6) and Tim Kolodiej (6-5) round out the front court while 6-0 sophomore Dave Golden starts alongside Verga.



MAL GRAHAM

OBSERVER SPORTS



THE FOX STRIKES AGAIN -- Roger "The Fat" Fox is pictured above attempting to make a pretzel out of his Western Michigan opponent's leg last week in the fieldhouse. Fox, a sophomore and offensive guard with the Irish grid squad, is Notre Dame's newest heavyweight sensation in the mat sport. Yet to be defeated in meet competition, The Fox placed third in the Wheaton Invitational Tournament last Saturday. While The Fox and captain Bill Schickel, a 177-pl, under who is also undefeated, have been on the rise, Irish wrestling fortunes have not. The Irish dropped last week's contest with Western Michigan and Tuesday night they couldn't catch Purdue, dropping the contest, 19-16. Coach Tom Fallon's team, posting a 3-3 season's mark, hosts Marquette Saturday afternoon in the fieldhouse.

GETTING TECHNICAL

The Irish Fan: Bush Leaguer?

The Notre Dame fan, not the Notre Dame athlete, has once again sold himself short. Tuesday night during the Western Michigan basketball game in the fieldhouse, a questionable call developed on an out of bounds play at the end of the court under the flag. The ref awarded the ball to Western Michigan at which time the ref was awarded with three well aimed spit balls in the face and chest from the Irish cheering section. The ref called a technical "against the crowd" and the air was filled with missiles until no less than Irish coach Johnny Dee strode across the court to let "the crowd" know what he thought of their "spirit." And so another chapter was added to the all-time Notre Dame student section gross outs.

This isn't the first time we have done it, boys. Spitballs and anything else available are nothing new at a home basketball game. Or is throwing snowballs at a football game or how about the nice cheers event and that not too be forgotten fight during the Carolina game. It is without

doubt that when the Irish do something, they do it right.

But, everyone is doing it - this isn't just a Notre Dame phenomenon! The boys at Georgetown have hit the heights once or twice and things never seen before by mankind have happened at Philadelphia's Palestra. And Big Ten home games usually have the extra added local color. They're not Notre Dame.

Notre Dame is supposedly the major league of collegiate sport--any sport we bring that name to. If you don't believe it, just look at the eyes of our competition. They would gladly change uniforms if only some one would offer them the chance. They would love to have "that something" we've got but yet we seem so pretty quick to give away.

Notre Dame is most certainly special and is, most certainly, major league. So are Her fans. But sometimes they forget and sometimes they bring Notre Dame lower than any opponent ever will.

- W.H.G.

THE IRISH EYE

SUCCESS ON THE SOFT-SELL



BY W. HUDSON GILES

By their very nature, winning coaches are usually very dynamic, outgoing, outspoken men; the Rocknes, Leahys, Parseghians, Lombardis, Bryants and Auerbachs are cases in point. They represent in themselves the meaning of victory for their teams. They know no substitute for victory and they are the personal motivator for every man they coach. They coach on the hard-sell--this is it, my boy, this is the game the way I play it so either get in or get out. They are great men as well as great coaches, but because they are "lions," they often must stand alone. Respect, not friendship, is too often the lion's reward for victory.

Mike De Cicco is, among other things, the coach of the Notre Dame Fencing Team. He is a very successful coach, winning 80 matches and losing only 18 over the past six seasons. Last year he was chosen NCAA "Coach of the Year." After last weekend's victories over Ohio State (19-8) and nefarious Michigan State (21-6), this year's team owns a 12-0 record. DeCicco is a very successful coach but he is not a lion. He only wins like the lions. He is "Peter Pan" and he has friendship and success.

No one is really quite sure how he does win. The team offers no scholarships and few boys come to the sport with even a minimum of experience. How, then, does the De Cicco machine continually turn out winning teams and all-American fencers? The only possible answer is within the man himself.

De Cicco is affable, soft-spoken and above all, personal. He is more than a coach or "boss" for every man on his team--he is anything they want or need him to be at anytime they might ask. No team, win or lose, has ever been treated any better. And the way he coaches and why he wins is, like the man, very open and really no surprise or secret at all.

Says De Cicco, "If a boy is willing to try, that is really all he needs. We can teach all the fundamentals there are: after that it is simply a matter of practicing that ability and finding how far the boy will push himself. If he works hard, he will enjoy success. But success isn't considered in terms of wins and losses.

"Competition is the strength of this sport, as in any other, and the personal satisfaction of facing it is the reward. Winning and losing become secondary--but if you do give something everything you've got you can never be really beaten."

And the De Cicco success formula is exactly this in application. During freshman year and part of the second year he teaches the boy everything there is to do with the weapon. After that it is left up to the individual to decide how far he is willing to push himself. And it is obvious from just a glance at the record that people coached by Mike De Cicco are willing to push themselves pretty far. During a meet he strowls around as though he knows who is going to win already. During one rather clutch moment this season he passively mentioned to one of his key men, "We would like to win this and it would be nice if you did beat this guy." Naturally, the Irish won.

So this team is winning for their coach, just like the lion teams. But there is a difference and senior Pat Korth, a top-notch sabre man with a 24-2 record, tells why well, "Mr. De Cicco makes us go. He doesn't have to push; he just makes it crystal clear that there is absolutely no reason why we shouldn't win. But he even does that indirectly!"

Directly or indirectly, this year's team has gotten the message. Though they face stiff competition this weekend at home against Wisconsin and Illinois, they may be on the way to their finest season and this could be De Cicco's strongest team. Korth and senior Al Evan (19-8) are solid in the sabre and junior John Crikelair (23-3) and senior John Carroll (19-9) are best in the foil. Though the Epee was weakened with the loss of John Haynes (16-5) with a hand injury, he will soon return and along with Steve Donlon (17-9) and Glen Burchett (17-7) team to make the Irish strong NCAA contenders.

The team even has it's own cheer for De Cicco. It goes, "He's a man; he's a Notre Dame man; he's the Italian Peter Pan."

And though his team's may win like it, Peter Pan is not a lion.