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## News In Brief:

### Coley ?

☞Coley O'Brien, who has made a name for himself as runner-up to quarterback Terry Hanratty, is reportedly considering new fame as runner-up to John Moore, the latest declared candidate for Student Body President. O'Brien's candidacy for Student Body Vice-President is not yet official. According to John Moore, the Senator from Morrissey Hall, "Coley is still making up his mind."

Moore, however, is a definite candidate for office because, he says, "I want to be Student Body President."

### O'Dea Quits

☞Dennis O'Dea announced Wednesday that he has handed the reins of the Free University over to St. Mary's Junior Suzanne Smither. O'Dea said, though, that he would continue to work with the Free University.

### Delphic Distress

☞Notre Dame Senior Edward Kurtz plus former students Dennis Lopez and Michael Bowler will appear in South Bend City Court Friday to face charges of violating South Bend health and fire ordinances at the Delphic Oracle. Kurtz, manager of the Oracle, said Wednesday the trio would claim that police entered the premises without a warrant, that both ordinances have expired and long since been rewritten, and that neither ordinance applies to what is going on at the Oracle.

Kurtz said the Oracle planned to continue in operations and in fact expand into a cooperation. He said that, under the dance hall license granted to the club late last year, the club cannot be refused a license renewal. City officials denied a new license last week, claiming the club must first be inspected. According to Kurtz, such an inspection is in fact not needed.

### ND 83 Detroit 63

☞Notre Dame's Basketball team on a blazing hot winning streak up-ended Detroit, last night, 83-63. Bob Arnsen, who had a career low against Creighton earlier in the week, led the Irish last night with 30 points.

## Alumni's Peculiar Love

By TOM FIGEL

Richard Rosenthal, the newly elected President of the Notre Dame Alumni, is a soft-spoken athletic man who speaks of Notre Dame in the way English teachers speak of Shakespeare. His eyes look far away and his phrases are careful. "There is a kind of particular love that alumni have for the University," he says. "As alumni, we get to appreciate more what Notre Dame means."

As Alumni President, Mr. Rosenthal, 34, is the chief representative of almost 47,000 alumni in 176 clubs. The new Alumni Senate, which will consist of "between 50 and 150 men" is an "extension of communication" among alumni, a job the thirteen member Alumni Board has been unable to handle in years past. Mr. Rosenthal hopes that the Senate will also contribute to better student-alumni relations.

Students and alumni are inter-related, he feels; since "students will spend more of their lives as alumni than as students, it is important that we get to know each other." To cultivate understanding between the two groups, Mr. Rosenthal suggests that "area clubs might have discussion nights with students from the same area" and that "members of the Alumni Board could meet with student groups."

There are two reasons for the existence of the Alumni Association. The first is the bond of past attendance at the University; and the Association now works to satisfy the needs of men who wish to remain in contact with each other. Second, the Alumni organization works to help the University attain its goals. The alumni expect Notre Dame to be "the truly great university of the world. I think we've been particularly fortunate," Mr. Rosenthal says, "that we've turned out not only competent engineers or teachers but some substantial leaders—solid citizens — as well."

Mr. Rosenthal stresses the willingness of the alumni to help the University realize its goals. They are goals which do not originate, at least formally, with the alumni. More often, according to Mr. Rosenthal, the University presents its plans to the Alumni Board and asks for criticism, and then for help. "I don't ever see the Alumni Board being competent to superimpose itself over the Vice-President of Academic Affairs, for example."

About rule changes (the abolishment of hours), the Alumni Board is usually "informed, rather than asked."

## Student Committee Seeks Recommendations for Study

Administration-faculty-student Committee for Student Life study, announced today, that it is seeking recommendations from students for investigation by the committee.

The Student life committee, a 15 man tri-partite board organized last semester by the administration, met for the first time Monday.

Committee Chairman and Vice President of Student Affairs Rev. Charles McCarragher C.S.C. defined the purpose of the committee as a move toward "the betterment of student life, and student living, that any problem that affected the students on campus whether academic or administrative or otherwise could be

If the University can make a strong argument for a program, Mr. Rosenthal feels that the Alumni will always be willing to help; even if the program is total merger or closer cooperation with St. Mary's. "If we can be convinced that a course of action is helpful to the University, we are of course willing to lend our help," he says.

The University's future potential is great, Mr. Rosenthal feels, and "will be demonstrated by what kind of leaders it turns out. I would be disappointed if we lost that ability to turn out competent citizens." The alumni are willing to sacrifice their money and time to achieve Notre Dame's potential because "We see what the University is doing as a force for good, something valuable in our lives. It seems only natural that we would like to see this force of good continue and expand in all its functions."



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## Senate Hears Bill Making Union Independent of S.G.

A new plan for naming of the Student Union President was revealed to the Senate Wednesday night. The plan, which received its first reading in the Senate, calls for appointment of the Union president by this year's Union Board instead of waiting for next year's student body administration.

At the present time, the Student Body President appoints the Union President. The Board which consists of the Student Body President, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Student Union Treasurer, two student senators, and a faculty member, approves the selection.

Under the new proposal, submitted by stay senator Bob Rigney, the Union Presidency aspirants will submit applications to the Board independent of the Student Body President. The Board will select an applicant and submit the name for Senate ratification.

In other business; the Senate passed by consent a resolution of Walsh Senator Pat Dowd calling for cars for second semester Seniors. Senior Class President Mike Minton spoke for the resolution,

which endorsed Senior cars and called for the Senior Class President to use his office to secure the right.

Speaking in favor of his resolution, Dowd and Minton cited such factors as employment opportunities and social engagements as making cars essential for seniors. He called for immediate passage, saying action would be necessary at the General Assembly of Students if "Hesburgh again turns a deaf ear to our reasoning."

Minton read the Senate a letter to Fr. Hesburgh citing reasons for change in the car rule. He cited the time factor in life of the second semester senior, plus the need for mobility. The letter stated "Cars could mean the difference between a good job opportunity or no job opportunity at all." Examining the social factor, Minton reflected "Future plans should not be discussed in the back of a cab or over the road of a city bus."

Minton wrapped up his contentions to Hesburgh by forecasting that senior cars would involve a maximum of 250 additional cars, and saying university parking facilities could handle this number.

A final piece of Senate business was approval of NSA membership dues and operations expenses. These called for Student Body election of NSA voting delegates, and student body subsidizing of only these elected delegates.

### YR Meet

The board of the Midwest Federation of Young Republicans will meet at Notre Dame late in February according to Notre Dame Sophomore Mike Kelly, Secretary of the Federation. Kelly predicted Tuesday night that the meeting will be an important one, and serve as launching point for Federation offices and youth campaigns on the national level.

PAT COLLINS

# Good Ole' Mayor Minton's Patriots

Well, it looks as though our esteemed Senior Class President and former Mayor of Morrissey Manor has twisted ideals once again. This time Minton's conniving involves the winner of the Patriot of the Year Award.

It's futile to say again why there should not be a patriot of the year award. But with the Student Body Presidency race upcoming, it may not be so futile to examine the election system perpetrated by Minton to bear this year's patriot.

It was all going to be very simple, Minton said at the beginning. The Patriot committee was going to nominate some people and then the Seniors were going to vote for the Patriot.

The Patriot committee did nominate some people but apparently they were the wrong



people; for after a meeting with Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, President of Notre Dame, Minton decided that the list of nominees should be enlarged.

And enlarged it was, so as to insure that the one idiotic nomination, namely Paul Harvey, would not get Notre Dame laurels.

Finally, after the nominees were nominated by the nominators, the seniors had their chance to say something. At least it seemed that way.

But in Minton's Rules of Order things are never that simple. Let us go back to the thrilling days when seniors voted for things and the votes really counted. Counting I think is one thing Minton's committee failed to do. Because it is two months from the election day, one month from the day our great patriot will be here, and zounds! Good ole Mayor Minton hasn't announced the winner.

What has been done is as simple as Viet Nam.

Minton and his committee realized that the man who won the patriot of the year award may not be able to make the speaking date. So they are waiting to see who will be able to make the engagement. Voila, enter the 1968 patriot.

Makes one wonder why they gave the award in absentia to Westmoreland last year. Everything makes sense. At least it does according to Minton's rules.

But who really cares about this patriot game? If anyone did they wouldn't let good ole Mayor Mike pull off a stunt like this. He's got just the principles we need for a man to sit on the election control board for the Student Body Presidential race next semester.

After all, no one cares about that either. Minton will at least make sure the winner shows, which is about all you can say for the Patriot Party.

## SUMMA Stuff

Dr. O. C. Carmichel Jr., SUMMA national chairman, announced over the Christmas vacation that the campaign has raised \$24 million so far.

A new round of fund-raising junkets headed by Fr. Hesburgh and Executive Vice President Rev. Edmund Joyce, C.S.C. is planned for the third week in January.

Student Body President Chris Murphy will again accompany Hesburgh's party, while chemistry major David Tiemeier will go with the Joyce party.

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# Those Magical Beatles

By JOHN ALZAMORA

Once again the Beatles have taken us by surprise. What more can they do after the "splendid time . . . guaranteed for all" in the musical "summersets" and cartwheels of Sgt. Pepper's? The answer in day-glo letters and fantastical words is THE MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR, a trip of its own kind. By rights this album should have been a patchwork of their singles released since Sgt. Pepper's plus a few filler pieces we find in their album Yesterday . . . and Today. Yet it has a unity and a character of its own to make it more than a collection of random recordings.

"What?" you say. What's going on? Where are we being taken? Or, are we just being taken, period. What's all this nonsense? Why is the prose of the story written in a nine year old's vocabulary? Why should I spend my money for this? Why, because "a splendid time is guaranteed for all", that's why. What the Beatles are doing in this album is defining their position as entertainers. They do work a certain magic on us and change our experience of things. They are wizards of their own making and they do change shape with each of their songs. Filled with people of all age categories the bus represents the total audience that the Beatles try to reach.

The album begins with the title song "Magical Mystery Tour" which like the introduction to Sgt. Pepper's sets the mood for the rest of the album:

Roll up, roll up for the Mystery Tour

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It moves on into "The Fool on the Hill", a lyric about a Buddha figure who has no answer to the world except silence; it's a mysterious tune, to say the least, which captures an occult vision of eternity. Yet what saves it from mummification is the light air of music echoing the big band ballads of the forties. Next we come to a rare instrumental, "Flying", that breaks into George Harrison's contribution, "Blue Jay Way". Unlike "Within You Without You" this cut does not attempt to make a mystic love statement about the merging of identities; instead, it sings sad to the deep reaches of loneliness as Harrison wails in his Hindu chant "Don't be long" for half the tune. The distant, hazy vocal and the images of alienation produce a total effect in the listeners mind. Bounding off this melancholy mood is "Your Mother Should Know", a charming, nostalgic sing-along. Finally, we are given the best cut on the album, "I Am the Walrus", which ranks in the lofty category of "A Day in the Life". It is Lennon's poetry at its best.

The second side is a group of the past releases such as "Strawberry Fields Forever". Though they aren't part of the actual Magical Tour they are done in the same tone and broad Beatle's manner. From this continuity between first and second sides the album is given a wholeness. And so the Beatles are able to weave their spell about our eyes and ears and give us a universe which we can only sense when

the needle has slipped into the spinning groove of the first band of the Magical Mystery Tour.



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