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## Trevino named assistant

by Glenn Corso

Dennis Clark, the new Student Director, yesterday announced the appointment of Tito Trevino as Assistant Director.

"I am very pleased with my appointment," Trevino said after he learned of Clark's announcement. "I feel Denny and I can work very well together."

Trevino has been active in student activities. The past year he was Assistant Commissioner for the Student Union Academic Commission. He also worked on the Sophomore Literary Festival.

Commenting on Trevino's appointment Clark remarked, "Tito will be a very effective assistant director. We plan to cooperate very closely in the Union. We are looking forward to a very good year."

Commenting on the appointments of Student Union Commissioners Clark said, "We will interview all the people who applied for commissioner positions. I hope to announce them over the weekend at the very latest."

Both men stated quite explicitly that they planned close cooperation with the outgoing Student Union officers.

Clark said, "We are working with the previous Student Union people to smooth over the transition. We want to learn from them. They have been very willing to help us."

Trevino also commented, "We are cooperating with the outgoing commissioners and we want to learn from any mistakes they have made over the past year."

Clark and Trevino stated that they plan to have a financial planning commission, which would review last year's Student Union Budget, and learn where and how the deficit was incurred.

## Turnbull still leads

St. Mary's Student Body Presidential candidate Susan Turnbull increased her lead over opponent Barbara Curtin in the second *OBSERVER* straw poll although the number of undecided voters increased.

It is significant that the poll was conducted prior to last night's Open Forum, which saw each of the candidates present her platform to the entire St. Mary's student body.

The number of undecided voters rose to a phenomenal total of 43.7 per cent, an increase of 2.5 per cent over Tuesday's poll. Miss Curtin's totals dropped some six per cent compared with her previous totals.

However the unusually large number of undecided voters makes a reasonably accurate prediction of the race impossible. The Open Forum is expected to resolve the issue in the

red. Both men were reluctant to discuss any definite plans they had for the Union, since they had not appointed any of their commissioners. Clark did comment on some improvements in SUAC.

"Some of our lectures will be on a seminar type basis, we might even be able to bring it down to the hall level," he said.

minds of many of the voters.

The totals were:

Susan Turnbull	38	36.3%
Barbara Curtin	19	20.0%
Undecided	38	43.7%

The individual classes were weighted according to the proportion of the student body in each class. That explains why identical vote totals for Susan Turnbull and undecided result in different percentage totals.

The undecided voters in both the sophomore and freshman classes both totalled in excess of 50 per cent, a rise over Tuesday's results.

Miss Curtin and Miss Turnbull polled identical amounts in the freshman, while Miss Turnbull carried the other three classes handily.

The *OBSERVER* polled 95 St. Mary's students, slightly more than Tuesday's 90. The election is slated for Friday.

## Observer appoints O'Meilia, Holliday



Tim O'Meilia named editor-in-chief of the *OBSERVER*.

The editorial board of the *OBSERVER* yesterday appointed Associate Editor Timothy O'Meilia to the post of Editor-in-Chief. O'Meilia immediately appointed managing editor Don Holliday to the post of executive editor.

The editorial board, composed of an equal number of students and faculty members, including the *OBSERVER*'S present editor-in-chief William Luking, made the decision last night.

O'Meilia, a junior from Palm Bay, Fla., said, "I want to emphasize the appointment of Holliday as executive editor. With the tremendous growth of the paper into a daily, running the *OBSERVER* has become a two-man job. Don and I will be working closely in further expansion and improvement of the paper."

Holliday, also a junior, from Kettering, Ohio, said, "Now that we have achieved daily publication, our aim will be to improve our coverage, expand it, especially in the area of St. Mary's and to diversify into other areas."

Luking, a history major graduating in June, is the third editor of the paper which was created in November of 1966 following the folding of the *VOICE*. The *OBSERVER* began daily publication this year under Luking's editorship.

"The daily publication of the paper this year has been an almost heroic effort by a group of people including present executive editor Paul Schroeder, Holliday and O'Meilia," Luking said. "Schroeder has been especially helpful in publishing the paper"



New Executive Editor Don Holliday.

## How many women friends do you have?

This is the fourth of a five part series on coeducation at Notre Dame by Barry Breen and Jim Pelligrin.

From an admissions point of view, I think it is obvious that Princeton would be more attractive to able boys if it were coeducational. Having visited large numbers of secondary schools and interviewed hundreds of boys, I simply state it as a fact that able, sensitive boys take it for granted that they will sit in class with girls. Princeton loses one third of its admitted students to other colleges. These students are all too often the very people we want most. There is no doubt whatsoever in my mind that coeducation is very much a factor in their decision not to attend Princeton.

Director of Admissions, Princeton

Today's students not only prefer coeducation, they expect it and demand it as a necessary part of their educational experience. Fewer and fewer students are willing to put up with sexual segregation as a necessary part of their life style. This new awareness on the part of students has some very disturbing implications with regard to university admissions.

As a result of its recent research in this area, Princeton realizes that it is in serious admissions trouble as a result of sexual segregation. Of the 425 men identified in 1968 as the "best" of Princeton's applicants, only 181 (43%) chose to enroll. On the basis of reply cards sent out to those applicants who declined enrollment once

they were accepted, the biggest single complaint was "The lack of women students." Princeton lost 43% of its best applicants largely because of the absence of women students. Even more important in the long run, Princeton researchers conducting a survey of high school students discovered that 80% of the most gifted high school



seniors believed that "the fact that a university has both men and women greatly increases its attractiveness." Able, sensitive high school students do indeed take it for granted that they will sit in class with members of the opposite sex. If a university cannot provide such an environment, they will go somewhere else to find it.

But what about Notre Dame? In 1968, out of

2734 students who were accepted by Notre Dame, 1550 students actually enrolled. That is, 43% of the students accepted by Notre Dame chose to enroll in other universities. Why? That is a question for our admissions department.

When asked "How many good people do you think we are losing because Notre Dame is all-male?" Mr. Joe Mulligan of Notre Dame's Admissions Department replied that no good answer could be given to this question, simply

because Notre Dame does not send out a questionnaire to those applicants who decide against coming to Notre Dame. The lack of a reply card system is a serious enough blunder on the part of the Admissions Department, but their apparent ignorance of the reasons why good students turn down Notre Dame is inexcusable. Nearly half of Notre Dame's accepted applicants enroll in other universities, and no-one has taken the trouble to find out if sexual segregation is a factor in their decision.

But isn't it possible, or even probable in the light of admissions experience in similar institutions, that the biggest single reason why students decline enrollment at Notre Dame is "The lack of women students?" Isn't it possible, or even probable, that each year Notre Dame loses a larger and larger percentage of its best applicants because it is not a coeducational institution? The fact is that more and more of the best high school seniors demand and expect coeducation. As long as Notre Dame excludes women from its community, it will

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on the bench and on the fairways

# Plimpton recounts adventures

"One does survive these forays into where one should not be." This statement explained George Plimpton's "personal magnitude," as one girl put it, that attracted a near capacity audience to Stepan last night to hear him speak.

Plimpton, the fifth speaker of the Sophomore Literary Arts Festival, is the author of the national best sellers: *Out of My League*, *Bogey Man*, and *Paper Lion*.

Plimpton revealed that his first foray as a rank amateur into the world of sport occurred when he was a Harvard sophomore and was required to run in the Boston Marathon as an initiation stunt for joining the Harvard *Lampoon*. "I was allowed to enter 100 yards from

the finish and I did just that, right behind the winner. The poor fellow had to put on a finishing kick." Plimpton was exposed in the press tent as an illegal contestant.

George gleaned the experience from which he wrote *Out of My League* from a brief pitching stint against the best hitters in baseball. After getting the first batter and Willie Mays out on pop-ups, he was promptly shelled for a "few doubles and triples . . . and one of the longest home runs ever hit in Tiger Stadium." He headed for the showers in a state of shell shock.

*Bogey Man* was written as a result of three pro-am golf tournaments he participated in. His most dreadful moment occurred when he was playing in the foursome ahead of Arnold Palmer. George, from an elevated tee had hit his drive fifty yards into a thicket of bushes and while he was looking for his ball, the other members

of his foursome continued down the fairway and Arnie stepped to the tee.

Plimpton shouted up at him to stop and Arnie peered down at him with the "look of a businessman sitting at his desk with the odd feeling that something has moved in the bottom of his wastepaper basket." Arnie allowed him to hit.

*Paper Lion*, the book that catapulted him to national fame was based on his stay in the Detroit Lions training camp. George's game time consisted of five plays in which he drove his team from their own twenty to their own five. The epitome of his ineptness occurred when he was dropping back to pass and fell down without a hand being laid on him.

Future books include one relating his experiences playing pro basketball (which he has done with the Celtics) and pro hockey ("I can't skate. The only position I could try is goalie.")

on the campus... thurs., march 27

### Basketball banquet

Ray Meyer, head coach at DePaul the past 25 seasons and Notre Dame cage captain 1936-38, will be the featured speaker today at the annual Irish basketball banquet in the Monogram Room of the Convo Center.

### Poetry reading

St. Mary's English Department, under the direction of Mr. Randall Ackley, will present a poetry reading by Howard McCord, today at 6:30 p.m. in the Little Theater.

### Seminar on motivation

A one-day seminar on the hiring, training and motivating of the disadvantaged will be held today in the Center for Continuing Education, under the sponsorship of the Michiana Chapter of the American Society for Training Development.

### Trip is on

Brian Moore, Chairman of the New Jersey Club European trip, has announced that the club's quota for the trip of 50 students has been filled and that the trip is definitely on.

## SMC holds open forum

by Carol White

An underflowing crowd of 25 interested students discussed campaign issues with five student government candidates in St. Mary's coffeehouse last night. Open forum questions were directed primarily at the two presidential candidates.

Responses however flowed freely from the other uncontested office seekers: future Vice President, Academic Affairs Commissioner, and Student Affairs Council representative, Beth Driscoll, Pam Carey, and Karen Weller.

Basically the two candidates demonstrated little difference in their presidential objectives. Two areas of importance would take priority with Miss Turnbull:

1) Greater flexibility in academic affairs, meaning more liberal entrance requirements, greater personal decision in curriculum, and more student influence in academic councils.

2) Completion of community government. "Presently", Sue said, "the term community government is hypocritical and should no longer be discussed. Students deserve and should demand authority to make decisions which affect their lives."

Miss Curtin stated that the difference in her platform would be mainly in emphasis.

One area of significant difference between the two candidates concerned the autonomy of SMC.

To the hypothetical question of a co-ed Notre Dame, Miss Curtin stated that regardless of Notre Dame's future, St. Mary's would retain its identity. Miss Turnbull saw a dim future for SMC in the event of Notre Dame gaining girls, "I'm afraid we'd become a third-rate school," she said.

Miss Driscoll disagreed, claiming that St. Mary's has much to offer as an independent institution. "We're small she said, that's what makes us special. At SMC there's a rapport in student-faculty and student-student relations that is lost in a larger institution."

An interesting idea came from Miss Cary who proposed that Notre Dame and St. Mary's set up a yearly resident exchange program.

Both the presidential candidates are in favor of diversifying the SMC student body by accepting girls of varying social, economic, and racial backgrounds.

Tuition, increased living expenses, demonstrations, and off-campus housing were other areas of agreement.

### Off - campus regulations

Father James Riehle C.S.C. Dean of Students, announced in a directive yesterday that there will no longer be a grade point cut-off forcing students to live off campus.

An administrative official said that the cut-off was dropped because the new dormitories will be able to accommodate all present off-campus students if they wish to live on campus.

Present juniors will still be permitted to reside off-campus. Those sophomores who wish to live off campus will be allowed to continue providing they have a letter of parental permission.

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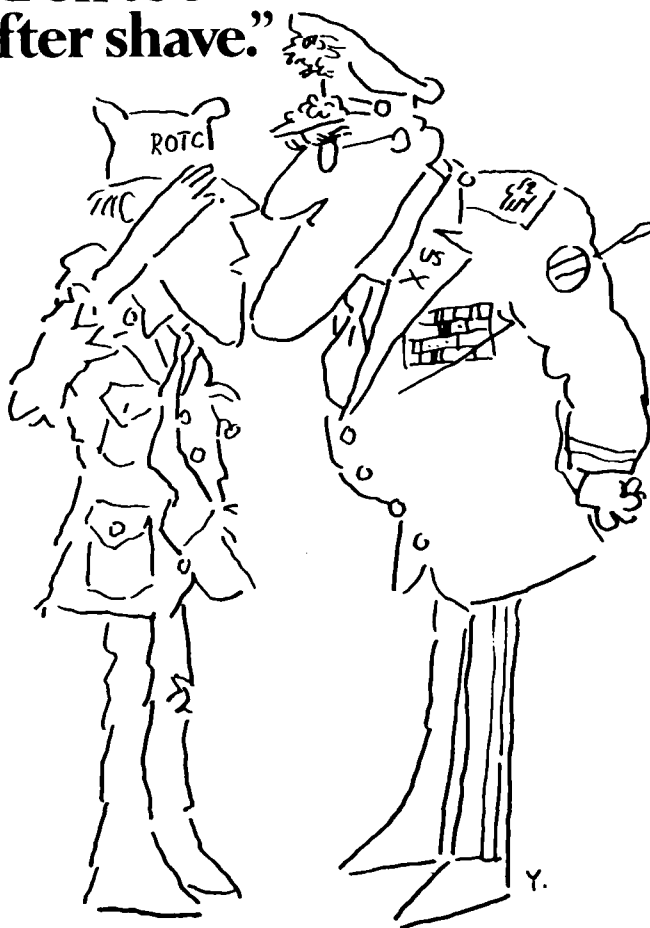
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# THE WORLD TODAY

## Nixon requests surcharge extension

WASHINGTON (UPI) President Nixon asked Congress yesterday to extend for at least a year the 10 per cent income tax surcharge. He also promised to submit tax reform proposals by next month, and the White House said he was considering asking for increased social security benefits.

Congressional leaders expressed support for continuation of the surtax past its scheduled June 30 expiration date, but some said any such action should be coupled with a cut in spending.

"Taken together," Nixon said in a message to Congress, the surtax and his forthcoming tax reform proposals "will produce the strong budget urgently needed to meet the inflationary threat."

The President also asked for continuation of the 10 per cent federal excise tax on telephone calls and the 7 per cent excise levy on automobile sales—both of which are scheduled to expire June 30.

## VC put off decision on direct talks

PARIS (UPI) Apparently resitant Viet Cong negotiators Wednesday put off for 24 hours their critical decision on whether to accept the Saigon government's offer to hold direct, secret peace talks with the National Liberation Front.

The Viet Cong, believed torn between a conciliatory and a hard line, announced it would wait until Thursday to disclose its decision on South Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu's surprise offer to hold private negotiations with the NLF in Paris.

Viet Cong officials in Paris had said earlier a decision would be announced Wednesday. But a spokesman for the NLF, The Viet Cong's executive branch, said later his delegation would wait until after the formal Vietnam peace conference session to be held Thursday morning, to make known its stand.

## Ike remains in critical condition

WASHINGTON (UPI) Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower remained in "critical" condition at Walter Reed Army Medical Center yesterday while doctors worked to reverse the heart ailment that threatens his life.

In a brief mid-morning medical bulletin, the doctors said that "evidence of congestive heart failure persist despite the fact that all appropriate therapeutic measures are being utilized."

The inability of the 78 year old Eisenhower's heart to pump enough blood to give his body an adequate oxygen supply was discovered March 15. Since then, his doctors at Walter Reed apparently have been unable to reverse the condition.

The bulletin said Eisenhower "slept comfortably through most of the night" and continued to enjoy brief visits by members of his family.

## Pilot recommends Cuban agreement

DALLAS (UPI) The pilot of a Delta Air Lines DC8 jet which Tuesday was hijacked to Cuba said Wednesday it may take a hijacker return agreement between the United States and Cuba to stop such seizures.

The jet, carrying 114 passengers and crew, landed in Dallas at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday after a brief stopover in Miami on its return from Havana. Passengers were rerouted to their destinations on other flights.

"I don't have any idea what to do about prevention of future hijackings, but possibly if the government could reach an agreement with Cuba to return the hijackers it would stop," said Capt. William Wood, the Delta pilot.

## 18 Jordanians killed in Israeli attack

(UPI) — Israeli jets attacked Jordan yesterday in a raid that Jordanian spokesmen said killed 18 civilians and wounded 25. Jordan requested the first U.N. Security Council meeting on Israeli attacks since the one that condemned the Beirut airport attack last December.

The Al Fatah Arab guerrilla organization threatened reprisals against Israeli civilians for Wednesday's raid. Israel conceded its planes had streaked into Jordan but said they attacked a commando camp and not a civilian center.

At the United Nations, Jordanian Ambassador Muhammad H. El Farra formally requested urgent Security Council consideration of "continuous and grave Israeli violations" of the Middle East ceasefire. Security Council President Karoly Csatorday of Hungary began consultations with council members on the date for the meeting.

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## The Mail

### Clarification

Editor:  
 I am writing to clarify what seems to be a point of some confusion on the St. Mary's campus regarding my position on the student government presidential race. Unfortunately, this confusion was furthered by the editorial which appeared in the March 21st issue of the SCHO-LASTIC.

Let me emphasize first that I originally had no intention of publicly supporting or endorsing either candidate. I am a candidate for the vice-presidency and am not campaigning for a Presidential candidate. However, unfortunately, rumor now has it that I am supporting Susan Turnbull. I must say that this is absolutely false. Susan Turnbull is definitely a qualified candidate with whom I'm sure I could work quite well. However, if any voter chooses to consider which candidate I consider better qualified, with which candidate I could better work, or which candidate I would more soundly support, that candidate is Barbara Curtin.

Beth Driscoll

### Tasteless ad?

Editor:  
 One would think that after your recent *tour de force* in "journalistic responsibility" (i.e.,

rejecting one of the more potent *Vaciline* ads), nothing approaching the hard-core pronography of the "Molly's Blooming Iris" of the Revlon Eyelashes advertisement would besmirch the august pages of the *Observer*. But on March 26 we were confronted with a tasteless and highly offensive corruption of a passage from Joyce's *Ulysses* (ironically, itself once banned as "pornography").

But in all fairness we should consider whether the piece has "redeeming social value." The Madison Avenue man plays first to the male: drool over the woman's body and buy the car behind her; don't love your woman, buy the womb on wheels, climb inside and drive it.

With good reason did they once ban the likes of *Ulysses*, and now *Flaming Creatures* for the stakes are higher: if Notre Dame men could understand their sexuality, where would we get the energy to fuel our pep rallies, the drive for the that crucial touchdown, or the perverted desire which substitutes a ROTC gun, posture and attitude for the honest use of phallus, postition, and love.

But the women have been left out. If the ads show a shinier car with more tailpipes and softer cushions, what male could be interested in an honest and natural female, herself long-oppressed by repressive education and mass culture?

Timothy J. MacCarry

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# Co-education: It's just being together

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exclude these top students along with them. By stalling and wavering on the issue of coeducation, Notre Dame is working a great deal of harm on its present community. But in the long run, a single-sex Notre Dame is doomed first to mediocrity and finally to a well-deserved extinction.

But that is enough of the negative side of things. By this time it is clear to most of us that sexual segregation is sickness that infects all of us, a sickness that will kill Notre Dame if it is not eliminated. But what kind of place would this be if Notre Dame were really and internally coeducational? What kind of lives would Notre Dame students lead in a coeducational environment?

The Princeton Report provides a good picture of certain key aspects of coeducational life:

*Arrangements for housing and social facilities should be such that a great many opportunities are easily available for cultural and social contacts which are not oriented toward "pairing off." The easy, frequent and diversified contacts—eating together, listening to music, participating in dramatic performances, engaging in discussion groups, studying together encouraged by such an arrangement take the form of small group, rather than two-by-two, activity. The apparent consequence is less "dating" than would otherwise be the case as well as "a partial moratorium on sex," while, at the same time, men and women see a great deal of one another in a wide variety of rewarding ways.*

Such a coeducational environment would obviously break down the object-to-object relationship between men and women which now exists at Notre Dame. In such an environment, women could function as whole human beings rather than sexual objects. A greater range of non-sexual relationships between men and women would be possible. In short, men and women could be friends and not simply complimentary sexual objects.

Eating together in the dining halls, studying together, performing together, working together on common projects, living together, discussing things together—just being together—that is what it means to be someone's friend.

Of course, someone is going to pipe up: "And what does all this 'being together' lead to? It leads to promiscuity, that's what. Being together leads to sleeping together." Suffice it to

say that this sort of reasoning is a perfect example of the twisted state of mind produced by a sexually segregated environment. Anyone who screams "fornication" every time the word "woman" is mentioned very clearly views women as sexual objects, and not as whole human beings. Regardless of what it leads to in a sick fantasy world, being together leads to friendship in the real world.

The presence of women would also be a great help to Notre Dame's flagging cultural life. As the Princeton Report points out:

*On the cultural side, the presence of women could be expected to stimulate more interest*

*in, and opportunities for, such activities as the theatre, music, painting, sculpture and the dance. This is important because one of the characteristics of the present undergraduate body is a certain "roughness" or "toughness" (unfriendly critics have said "juvenile muscularity") a series of mannerisms or ways of operating typically associated with a masculine society.*

This criticism speaks directly to the present Notre Dame community. A small number of Notre Dame students do participate in activities which involve both men and women

working together toward a common goal. But the number of men who are able to participate in such activities makes up a ridiculously small percentage of Notre Dame's total enrollment. The vast majority of Notre Dame students have nothing to fall back on but juvenile muscularity.

The point is that a

coeducational environment would allow men and women to share a great deal more with each other than their sex. In a coeducational environment, men and women could be friends.

Ask yourself one question: How many women friends do I have at Notre Dame? If you answer it honestly, you will have some idea of what this place is doing to you.

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