

Hesburgh answers questions; calendar dominates discussion

by Phil Cackley
Late Reporter

Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, University president, spoke last night to a crowd of 250 disenchanted students in Grace Hall, responding to questions posed by members of the audience largely on the topic of next year's calendar.

Hesburgh's talk was originally to be on the topic of "Notre Dame: Past, Present and Future." It was scheduled several weeks ago by the Grace Hall Cultural Commission.

The affair turned into what Jack Kasel, cultural commissioner for Grace, termed a "monopoly by the members of the HPC (Hall Presidents' Council)." He said the "atmosphere was perpetrated and encouraged by the HPC."

Earlier in the evening, posters were hung by the HPC at both the dining halls urging students to attend the meeting at Grace to "talk to Fr. Hesburgh about his calendar."

Kasel said the event was planned two and a half months ago and was to be a discussion with members of the hall on topics not related to the calendar. He

said he did not see many people who were from the hall at the talk. Joe Bury, a Grace resident, said he saw "very few people from Grace and the ones who were from Grace were disgusted." He stated that "the HPC used Grace Hall as vehicle for a rap session on the calendar."

Hesburgh began his presentation by immediately laying aside his prepared topic and opening the floor to questions from the audience because he felt the students were "more interested in the future than the past or the present."

The first questioner asked how much letters from parents influenced the decision on the calendar. Yesterday's Observer said a major reason for the move was that Hesburgh had received "quite a few" letters from parents upset at bearing the expense of two trips during the semester.

Hesburgh responded to this saying that it was "a small potato in a pile of big potatoes," that it was not an influence.

A much greater influence, he said, was the issue of having two extended breaks late in the semester, near each other and near finals. This, in the opinion

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Fr. Hesburgh facing a calendar-conscious crowd last night at Grace Hall. (Photo by Tom Lose)



In spite of what your teachers might think, Christmas is almost upon us. Twenty more days, in fact. (Photo by Tom Lose)

Calendar rules prompt 'laugh-in' meeting today

by Mary Pat Tarpey
Staff Reporter

Students at the University of Notre Dame will conduct a "laugh in" Friday against a school decision to eliminate the Friday after Thanksgiving as a school holiday, Student Body President Ed Byrne said. It will be held at 1 p.m. on the steps of the administration building.

Byrne explained, "We couldn't think of a better way to explain what happened at the Academic Council that caused them to choose this calendar. By having this laugh-in with the students and the faculty we hope to publically show the discontent of the Notre Dame community."

The event is being called a "laugh-in" because Byrne sees the situation as being absurd. "It's ridiculous. We think the rationale behind the decision is funny."

The Academic Council voted 31-14 in favor of a calendar which limits the break at Thanksgiving to Thursday only with classes held on Friday. The calendar was not included in the student government survey.

What Byrne hopes to accomplish aside from indicating discontent

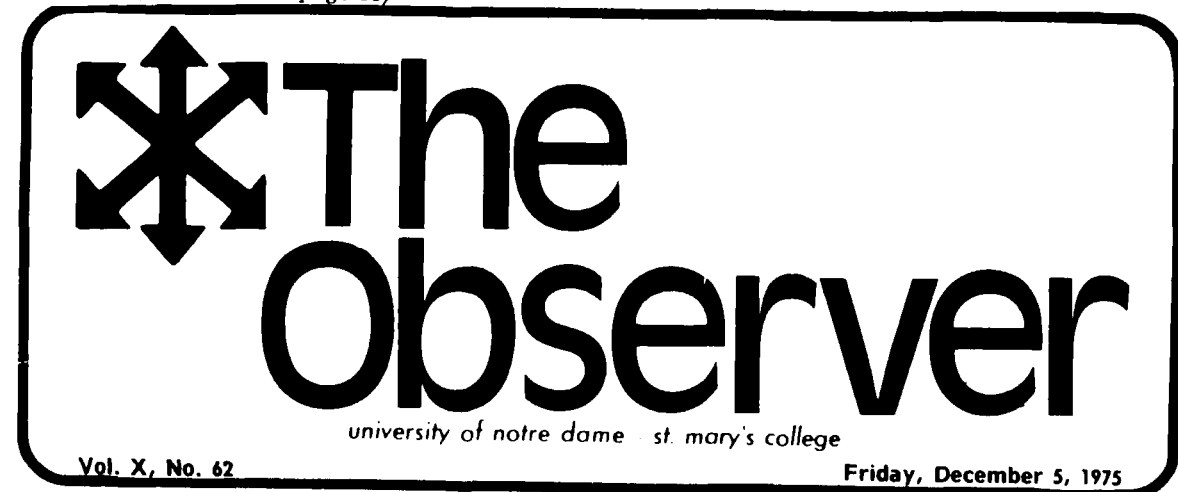
is to "first encourage parents to send an irate letter" to the Academic Council in opposition of the proposition.

Byrne described the loose format as beginning with an explanation of what apparently happened and hopefully that will spur questions. Byrne also said that University President Fr. Theodore Hesburgh and Fr. James Burtchaell, University Provost, are aware of the "laugh-in" but whether or not they will come is uncertain.

Secondly, he feels the only way to expect any change and or reconsideration is if the faculty members pressure the faculty representatives since it was the faculty members vote which weighed heavily in the vote for Friday classes.

Byrne commented on the entire situation by saying "I agree with the editorial which said we 'reached a new height of absurdity' with this calendar. Telling faculty and students to attend classes on that Friday is like trying to stop the wind."

Byrne hopes that all members of the community who wonder how the council made its decision will come today.



Others unavailable

Faculty, students respond

by Marianne Schulte
Staff Reporter

Faculty and administrators were conspicuously unavailable for comment yesterday in regard to the announcement of the 1976-77 academic calendar by the Academic Council of the University, while student response vehemently expressed itself in a variety of public and private reaction.

Dr. James T. Cushing, member of the Academic Council and one of the few faculty members willing to offer comment, identified himself as approving of the calendar, which allows a nine-day October break but limits the Thanksgiving holiday to one day.

"At this point, I really do not have much feeling about it," Cushing admitted. "It seems that the students can't make up their minds exactly what they want. After voting last year in favor of a post-labor day start with no October break, 92 per cent of the students now opt again for the pre-Labor day start with long October break and short Thanksgiving vacation, although it is very clear that a certain number of class days are essential in the university academic calendar."

Cushing, whose class attendance policy is not to take attendance, feels that it is up to the individual

student to determine his own academic progress.

"Although I have never taken attendance, I have never cancelled a class either, and next year will be no exception. I will hold class as usual, and it will be up to the individual student to brief himself on the missed lecture," Cushing asserted. "I will not, however, choose to be monarchical and issue a test on that day in order to insure full class attendance."

Family holiday

Professor Madonna Kolbenschlag, Associate Professor of American Studies, identified with the students' viewpoint that a one-day break at Thanksgiving is too short, although she feels that a nine-day October break slows the learning process in breaking the pace of study.

"I don't think it follows the human rhythms established by our culture to deprive the community of the opportunity to spend the national holiday at home with their families," Kolbenschlag said. "After all, who really wants to spend Thanksgiving in South Bend?"

Father Thomas Tallarida, the rector of Zahm Hall, reflected the feelings of the hall staffs, who will now have to remain on campus over break, although this year rectors and hall staffs were not obliged to.

"Although the new calendar allows for an extended October break, Thanksgiving has always been an important time with the family," Tallarida affirmed. "The quality of the two breaks is different. Over October break many of the other family members are scattered in different areas. But at Thanksgiving, all family members come home to spend the holiday together."

Students stunned

Junior Class President Rob Tully expressed concern over the shortened October Break and the confusion it creates with the senior class trip to Southern California planned for next year.

"It's preposterous," Tully argued. "The senior class trip was tentatively being planned to extend



Burtchaell: stand in favor of a Friday of classes.

from that Wednesday afternoon to Monday, providing University Provost Father James Burtchaell would grant the seniors the extra day off. The new calendar puts a clamp on that possibility now - how can we ask for two and a half days off?

Petition distributed

A student government sponsored petition is now being organized and distributed by Tom Soma and will be circulated this weekend through the Hall President's Council. The petition states, "We, the undersigned students, believe that the Fall semester of the 1976-77 academic calendar should not include the Friday immediately following Thanksgiving as a regular class day."

Student government is hoping for complete student support (at least 5000 signatures) of this petition, which will be presented to the Chairman of the Academic Council. Students are urged to make their feelings felt.

The student representatives to the Academic Council felt that their feelings had been disregarded in the decision of the new calendar. Expressing their feelings in a letter to the Observer, they urged all students to write letters and encourage their parents to write letters favoring a Thanksgiving break.



Byrne: a call for a 'laugh-in' and a petition for reconsideration.

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- 12:15 pm — travelogue "fantalizing thailand" by mike sinsko, rm. 278 galvin aud.
- 5:15 pm — evensong "vespers" log chapel
- 5:15 pm — mass and dinner, bulla shed
- 6:30 pm — dinner "madrigal christmas dinners" regina hall, sold out
- 7 pm — swim meet
- 7, 9, 11 pm — film "the longest yard" engineering aud. \$1
- 7:30 pm — lecture "eckankar" library lounge
- 7:30 pm — hockey "n.d. vs. wisconsin" acc fieldhouse
- 7:30 pm — dinner-dance "christmas at tippecanoe place" sponsored by ladies of notre dame, reservations: mrs. cornelius brown, 233-5767
- 8 pm — stage presentation "fasion" by nd-smc theater, o'laughlin aud., tickets: \$2 general; \$1.50 students, faculty, staff.
- 10 pm — smc coffeehouse "tim miller, 10; pat russel, 11; mary fran & sheila liebscher, 12" snack shop

saturday, december 6, 1975

- 1 pm — basketball "notre dame vs. texas tech" acc arena
- 6:30 pm — dinner "madrigal christmas dinners" regina hall, sold out
- 7, 9, 11 pm — film "the longest yard" engineering aud. \$1
- 7:30 pm — hockey "notre dame vs. wisconsin" acc fieldhouse
- 8 pm — stage presentation "fashion" by nd-smc theater, o'laughlin aud., tickets: \$2 general; \$1.50 students, faculty, staff.

sunday, december 7, 1975

- 4, 8:15 pm — concert "christmas choral concert" sacred heart church
- 6:30 pm — dinner "madrigal christmas dinners" regina hall, sold out
- 6:30 pm — reception "international students reception" library aud.
- monday, december 8, 1975
- 5 pm — holy day mass "feast of immaculate conception" sacred heart church
- 7:00 pm — chess club meeting room 227 math and computer center

Mock Convention to hold discussion on marijuana

"Decriminalization of Marijuana" will be the topic of the 1976 Mock Convention public platform hearing Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 8pm in the Library Auditorium.

The hearing, which was originally planned for yesterday is expected to draw a good deal of student and city-wide attention, according to Mark R. Frieden, press secretary for the convention.

Speaking in favor of the decriminalization of marijuana will be Tom Brown, assistant director of the Aurora House in South Bend, a project sponsored by the Northern Indiana Drug Abuse Center.

Brown has worked with Aurora House for three years and earlier served three years with the Rap Center, a crisis intervention center serving the Michiana area.

Speaking in opposition to the decriminalization will be Michael Barnes, deputy prosecutor of St. Joseph County.

Brown has an undergraduate degree in psychology and has studied at the Zen Buddhist Center

in Chicago. He is a yoga expert. Barnes is a graduate of St. Ambrosia College and is a 1973 graduate of the Notre Dame Law School.

The hearing will be the last activity of the Mock Convention until next semester. Topics planned for next semester include abortion, family planning and the Equal Rights Amendment.

Topics discussed at previous hearings were busing and gun control.

Frieden said the Women's Caucus is expected to play a very active role in next semester's convention activities. The caucus, composed of women from Notre Dame and St. Mary's, is co-chaired by Grace Restivo and Ellen Minter. The South Bend chapter of the group is expected to confer with the campus caucus to aid in planning proposals to make and positions to support.

K of C to sponsor children's party

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Christmas party for the children of the University Village this Sunday afternoon from 2:30 until 4, in the Knights of Columbus building on campus.

Featuring cartoons and refreshments, the event will be capped by a visit from Santa Claus and his three elves.

Head Elf, Patrick Keating, announced that "Stockings filled with goodies will be distributed to the kiddies, and once again Santa and his helpers will lead them all in Christmas carols."

"The carols didn't go off too well last year," chimed in co-elf Steve Lucero, "But we've got our hopes up this year."

Accompanied by co-elf Caren Conway, the elves and Santa will pay a visit to Dora-Lin, a nursing home on Notre Dame Ave. after the party.

John Ryan, chairman for the party, described it as a way "to provide an enjoyable afternoon of Christmas spirit for all the kids of the Village. It went off pretty well last year, and the 50 or so kids who came really had a good time."

Parents who wished to bring their children to the party were requested to sign up on sheets posted around the Village.

"Signing up is not imperative to coming to our party," commented Ryan. "We just needed a rough estimate on how many to expect. Anyone in the Village who wants to bring their children to the party but didn't sign the sheets, may do so but we ask that they call us at 7018 and let us know ahead of time."

Childhood Center registration open

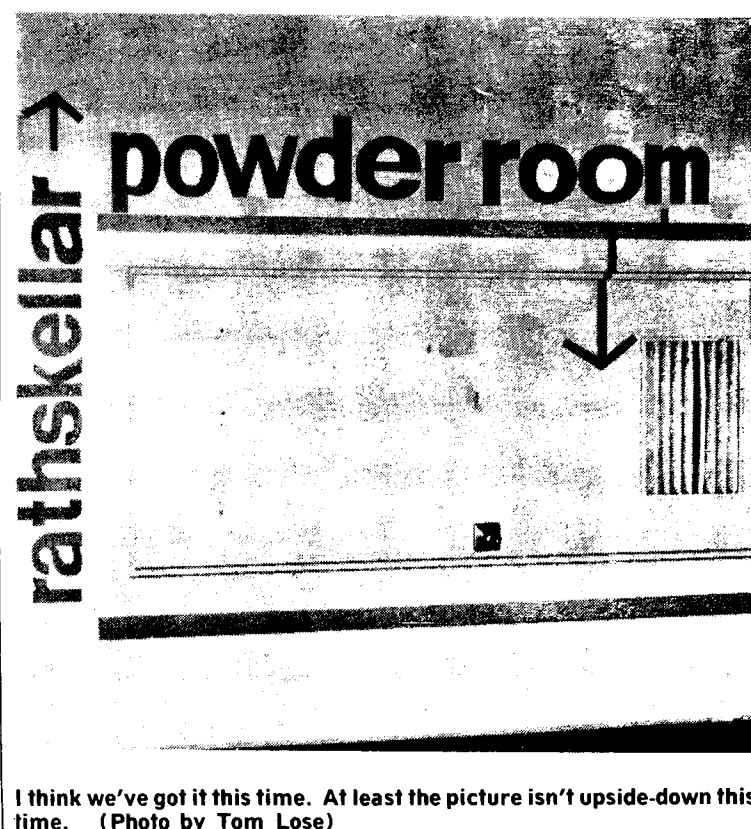
The ND-SMC Early Childhood Development Center is now registering children for next semester. Full-time day care and part-time developmental programs are offered. Programs are open to preschool children (ages 3-5) of administration, faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students of Notre Dame and St. Mary's. For information regarding registration and tuition, call Terri Kosik, 284-4150.

Christmas party planned by ISO

The International Students Organization (ISO) will have a Christmas reception Sunday Dec. 7 in the LaFortune Ballroom. All international students, their friends and host families are invited.

Most international students unable to go home during the Christmas break spend the holidays with host families in South Bend, go home with friends, travel or stay on campus.

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Corrugated town's plans altered

by Mark Murphy
Staff Reporter

Plans to construct a corrugated fiberboard village on the Notre Dame campus have been modified in recent weeks, according to the originators of the proposal.

Chuch Canavan, Al Sondej and Hank Miller, directors of the project known as Habitation Conservation (HABICON), had the proposal submitted to the University Board of Officers on Nov. 20.

While the board thought HABICON was a sound idea and agreed with the basic concepts, it did not see the feasibility of erecting an entire village and have it inhabited by Notre Dame students.

The officers did, however, give permission for the construction of

several test structures on University property next semester and also all facilities that would be necessary for further research.

The board believed that a working model community belongs at a place which is in need of that type of housing.

"It's not really a disappointment for us," noted Canavan, "because it simply means we'll intensify our work in other areas of the proposal."

Miller and Canavan will continue to refine design methods of the fiberboard structures which are used for disaster relief housing and for permanent poverty areas.

The two architecture majors are also further researching aspects of portable methane digester, wind and solar energy.

"This is where the University community will play a major part," explained Miller. "We're going to need school personnel and facilities for our testing. Having the technical advice and the use of laboratories will aid us tremendously."

The computer is going to play a major role in HABICON's research along with Andy Joseph, a fifth year architecture student, heading that phase of the operation.

"The collection of data in the technical, social and physical aspects will be fed into the computers to find correlations and get exact test results," Canavan said.

Once completed, the final design and test results will be made into a presentation to be delivered at the United Nations Habitat Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia

next May.

The presentation will hopefully convince disaster relief agencies and even certain countries to use the cellulose fiberboard housing units which are biodegradable, rapidly and inexpensively produced, lightweight and durable.

"If things go as planned, then we'll go directly to fiberboard manufacturers around the world," explained Miller.

"We'll have exact design and technical information and the companies will simply manufacture the boards to the right specifications."

Al Sondej of the World Hunger Hunger Coalition sees HABICON as an educational model for the Notre Dame and South Bend communities.

"The housing units designed should prove to be an incentive and illustration of how to conserve

and share our finite natural resources," he said.

"A liveable fiberboard house for a family could be bought for under \$100," Sondej noted, "and a man earning a \$10,000 salary could contribute that much more to agencies throughout the world which help the poor. If we are to equally respect the right to life of all people, then we must conserve and share our resources with the poor."

He said that the board's decision was understandable and noted that, without any recruitment, twenty people had volunteered to live in the proposed fiberboard village.

Canavan said that student involvement in HABICON would hopefully be very heavy semester. "We've got a lot to do in many different areas and we're going to need as much help as possible in the months ahead," he concluded.

But willing to go along with it

SMC opposed to calendar

by Margie Irr
St. Mary's Assistant Editor

Dr. William A. Hickey, St. Mary's vice-president of Academic Affairs stated that St. Mary's administrators are "absolutely opposed" to the new calendar guidelines approved by Notre Dame Academic Council.

A proposal given to Fr. James T. Burtchael, Notre Dame Provost, by Dr. John M. Duggan, St. Mary's president, was "obviously given no consideration," said Hickey.

The SMC proposal included a post-Labor Day start, a weeklong mid-semester break, a Thanksgiving break. The proposal provided for 68 class days.

"I attended the Academic Council meeting," said Hickey. "I was really surprised that no one presented the proposal or even mentioned St. Mary's position on the new guidelines."

"St. Mary's will reluctantly go along," said Hickey, though we are very opposed."

Hickey noted that the question of continued cooperation between St. Mary's and Notre Dame is decided by the calendar.

Two years ago the fall semester calendars for the two schools were in conflict. St. Mary's October break began and ended one day later than that of Notre Dame. St. Mary's Thanksgiving vacation was two class days longer than Notre Dame's.

Administrators who approved the 1973-74 calendar were confident that problems with the coexchange program could be easily resolved. Hickey noted, however, that there actually were "multiple problems" in schedules concerning exams and rides to and from school.

"Two calendars would be

unreasonable," said Hickey.

The 1973-74 experiment clearly indicated that coexchange and the cooperative departments, such as Education, Speech and Drama and Religious Studies, could not continue under such a calendar, he noted.

"In the final analysis, this action shows that St. Mary's is more concerned with the cooperative programs and what they are worth, as well as with the students," Hickey commented.

Hickey said that he understood that transportation for two breaks could get expensive. But more people feel strongly about being at home, with their families at Thanksgiving.

"We've debated and we've talked," Hickey said. "The decision has been made. It is an unfortunate decision. One that I am sure that both schools will regret having made."

Beirut street violence again increases as roving bands of gunmen prevail

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Bands of gunmen took over Beirut streets Thursday in a wave of kidnappings that touched off renewed clashes between Christian and Moslem militias.

Army commandos killed two armed men in an exchange of fire at Beirut International Airport. The gunfire spread panic among hundreds of passengers awaiting flights out of the jittery Lebanese capital.

The renewed violence emptied offices and shops. Most Beirut residents fled home, fearing the 10-day-old cease-fire in Lebanon's civil war was heading for collapse. By late afternoon the city was deserted.

Premier Rashid Karami called an emergency meeting of his cease-fire commission

consisting of heads of Moslem and Christian private armies, national security chiefs and Palestinian guerrilla leaders.

A police source said there was increasing evidence militia leaders and guerrilla captains were unable to control their own gunmen, leaving local cease-fire committees powerless to halt the abductions.

More than 17 persons were captured by roaming gangs before nightfall, police reported, adding to the 120 captured overnight. The victims often are held only a short time but sometimes are tortured or killed if their captors believe they have links with opposing forces.

David Dodge, a long-time American resident of Beirut,

was picked up by gunmen Wednesday evening and robbed of his car and about \$50 before being released unharmed.

Acquaintances said the kidnapers accused Dodge, an oil pipeline executive, of helping smuggle arms to the right-wing Christian Phalange party militia.

The kidnapers allegedly identified themselves as members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, but a spokesman for the front denied any connection with the incident.

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Extremists wage terror actions in Holland

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands (AP) — South Moluccan extremists waged twin terror actions in Holland on Thursday in their struggle for an East Indies homeland.

They seized the Indonesian consulate in Amsterdam with 21 children and at least 15 other hostages. Ninety miles to the north, comrades holding a hijacked train since Tuesday led one of their 38 hostages to the door and shot him.

The extremists are from among 40,000 natives of the South Molucca Islands of Indonesia who fled or were expelled to the Netherlands since an abortive uprising against Jakarta rule in 1950, the year after the Dutch granted independence to Indonesia.

In a typed message from the Beilen gunmen relayed by a mediator, the Moluccans said, "We are doing this because the people in the train and the Dutch people did not approach the Dutch government 25 years ago when great injustice was done to our people." The state-

ment was signed: "Free South Moluccan Youth."

The Netherlands cannot grant them a homeland now and there was no realistic expectation that Indonesia would.

Dutch Premier Joop den Uyl said the consulate occupation in Amsterdam and the train hijacking in Beilen 90 miles to the north were connected. He called it a "horrible situation" and the prospects "very somber."

Officials said a large group of South Moluccans was observed moving toward Beilen from Assen, a town 10 miles to the north where many South Moluccans live. Authorities said the purpose of the move was not known.

The Defense Ministry placed

all Royal Marines and state police across Holland on full alert.

Authorities gave these accounts of the two sieges:

In Amsterdam, six South Moluccans armed with a carbine, pistol and knives stormed the Indonesian consulate building at midday.

The building also houses an Indonesian school and a travel agency, and the gunmen herded 21 children and the patrons of the agency to an upper floor.

In all, the gunmen were believed to hold between 50 and 60 hostages in the consulate building.

Four consulate staffers escaped by climbing down a rope. All were hospitalized; one was wounded by rebel gunfire and

the three others were injured in the escape. Three other staffers inside the consulate were believed wounded in the initial burst of gunfire.

The rebels hoisted the red, white and green flag of their "Republic of the Moluccas" over the consulate as police and armed vehicles quickly

cordoned the building off.

Police delivered food, including two large crates of milk to the occupied consulate in early evening. Officers said that the gunman asked for the Rev. S. Metiary to serve as mediator. The South Moluccan clergyman had mediated in Beilen the previous day.

Senate limits debate on rail reorganization

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate limited debate Thursday on a multibillion-dollar bill upgrading the nation's railroads and reorganizing seven bankrupt carriers in the Northeast.

In a 61 to 27 vote, one more than necessary, the Senate invoked cloture and moved the rail bill ahead of legislation aiding New York City.

The sponsors of the legislation also announced that an attempt would be made to work out a compromise with the Ford administration before the legislation was submitted to a vote.

The administration has threatened to veto the legislation and to call Congress back in a special Christmas session unless substantial changes are made in the proposal.

None of the amendments submitted during the early stages of the Senate debate addressed the administration's objections.

The President objects to the cost of the measure and opposes a legal change which the administration says would open the doors of the Treasury for creditors of the seven railroads to be reorganized.

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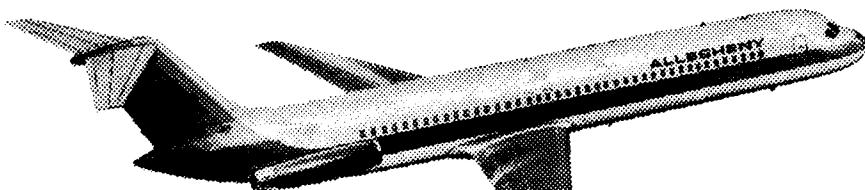
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HPC accomplishments discussed

by Pat Cuneo
Staff Reporter

Chairman of the Hall Presidents' Council Elton Johnson said Thursday night that his goal at the beginning of this year "was to make students feel that the HPC is their body and they can go to it at any time. As for the Administration and faculty -- to show them that we really represent the students."

As of this time, evidence is pointing in Johnson's favor.

"The HPC is designed so that any student can come to us for help but in practical terms we try to coordinate the 21 dorms the best way we can," cited Johnson.

One of his first obstacles was the redesigning of a completely outdated HPC constitution.

"The only things the old constitution contained were election proceedings for the chairman with no outlined HPC procedures or functions nor defined purpose for the body," related Johnson.

New constitution drawn up

The HPC drew up a new constitution and also encouraged the separate halls to do so and most of them complied. Presently, the council has a file of all the individual constitutions and are completing a master plan for an ideal constitution according to Johnson.

In an attempt to solve problems that individual halls could not conquer on their own, the HPC has appealed to the Student Union to permit them to sponsor movies on campus.

The Student Union Policy for the last several years has been to disallow halls the opportunity to sponsor films as a money making social function. To help those halls in bleak financial status, the HPC

has intervened in an attempt to get the movies and are currently awaiting a decision.

Rockne trophy established

On a brighter side, the HPC has established the Rockne Trophy, a traveling trophy presented each month to the hall that has sponsored the most activities outside or within the hall for that month.

The winner for September was Lewis Hall. The October and November winners have not yet been named. A panel of three judges, consisting of Dean Roemer, Assistant Provost Dr. Burke and Fr. Robert Griffin collaborate on the decision.

The HPC has also developed the idea of the "HPC Roundtable" which is a set of meetings between hall presidents, vice-presidents, selective section leaders and commissioners.

With a purpose of providing a better input among dorm students, the first meeting will be held in January.

An insurance seminar to inform students on "all aspects of life insurance and other policies" is in operation now.

Prudential representative Andy Huff will be at Breen-Philips Hall this Sunday and at a south quad hall next week to discuss insurance. Next semester they plan to cover every dorm according to Johnson.

Alcohol guidelines

Alcohol guidelines were also established by the group as well as every individual hall. The plans have not yet been officially published but the package coincides with the University policies.

Johnson said, "We're considering the best way of

presenting it to the students but it is already completely developed.

The selection of Interhall All-Star Teams and scheduled games during An Tostal weekend was an additional accomplishment of the HPC.

"We just want to recognize the football program and arouse en-

thusiasm in it," stated Johnson. "Similar plans for interhall hockey are being considered," offered the chairman.

A series of match-up meetings are being arranged between various student leaders and their administrative counterparts. These meetings involve as examples, the Judicial Board Charimen with Dean Roemer;

social commissioners with student activities department; and sports commissioners with the interhall office.

Yet the HPC is not designed to be a social organization. As Johnson puts it, "We encourage the halls to initiate their own activities. If they fail in the task, we will be forced to step in but so far it hasn't happened and hopefully it never will."

Senator Javits to speak Monday

by Gregg Bangs
Senior Staff Reporter

Jacob K. Javits, senior U.S. Senator from New York will give a lecture in the Hayes-Healy Center, Monday Dec. 8, at 1 p.m.

Javits, who was invited to speak by the Business School, is in his fourth senate term and twenty-eighth consecutive year in elected office. He is currently the senior Republican on the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, the Joint Economic Committee and the Select Committee on Small Business. He also serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Committee on Government Operations.

In recent years, Javits has become an outspoken critic on U.S. defense policies. He was the first member of Congress to propose

legislation which would return to the Congress control of the commitment of U.S. armed forces to hostilities in the absence of a formal declaration of war. In an effort to assert responsibility equal to that of the President in regards to policy on war, he authored the War Powers Act. This was passed into law in 1973 as the War Powers Resolution over Presidential veto.

In addition, Javits is known for legislative accomplishments in fields as diverse as health, civil rights, small business, labor, fiscal policy, the arts and humanities, and foreign economic policy.

He started his career as an elected political official in 1946 when he became the first Republican since 1923 to be elected to the House of Representatives from the traditionally Democratic 21st

District of New York City. In 1954, he became Attorney General of New York State a position he would hold for two years before running successfully for the Senate against then New York City mayor, Robert Wagner. Since then, he has turned back the challenges of James Donovan, Paul O'Dwyer and Ramsey Clark. His largest margin of victory was 1,119,077 votes over O'Dwyer in 1968.

Javits has acquired a reputation for not only being an active senator, but being one of the best vote-getters ever in New York State. Part of the reasons for his success is Javits' political make-up. He is a Republican, which caters to the upper New York State vote, as well as big business. However, he is also a Jewish Liberal which makes him immensely popular in New York City.

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Halls still handle cases

University J-Board system reorganized

by Thomas J. Conaty
Staff Reporter

The University Judicial Board has been reorganized recently but most disciplinary problems will be handled in the hall, according to John Lonsberg, Judicial coordinator.

Last spring the need for improved University and hall judicial boards was recognized. The SLC and the rules committee has recently appointed new members to the judicial board including six students, six members of the administration and six members of the faculty.

Lonsberg says that the University Judicial Board has set rules and guidelines that hopefully will be accepted by the halls and

the University.

"The need for strong and organized hall judicial boards is essential for most rule infractions can be settled within the halls," stated Lonsberg.

Judicial board members will meet Monday, Dec. 8th. This will enable members to become better acquainted and to discuss in detail the objectives and obligations of the board. Questions and answers will be welcomed.

A similar meeting for hall judicial board members is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 10. This meeting will also enable members to learn the purposes of the board.

At both meetings a trial case will

be presented to illustrate how any why situations will be handled. Chairmans will be appointed. Dean Roemer will be present at both meetings.

When a case cannot be settled within the hall, the University Judicial Board selects three representatives from the students, administration members and the faculty members that were appointed. These representatives are in charge of the case and decide its outcome. If they appeal, a University Appeals Committee, consisting of three members, will review the appeal. University regulations are effective in all cases.

"Dean Roemer has been very

understanding in Judicial board matters, and is very agreeable to the way the J-board is set up at the present," says Lonsberg.

The University Judicial Board will constantly aid hall judicial boards in all matters. The overall

goal is to keep incidents from even reaching the aUniversity Judicial board. Ideas have been re-shaped and re-structured to allow the University Judicial Board to be concerned solely with the students best interests.

ND-SMC Women's Caucus organizing stand for Mock Democratic Convention

by Shawn Scannell
Staff Reporter

The Notre Dame-St. Mary's Women's Caucus is beginning work to organize their stand for the Mock Democratic Convention slated for next March at Notre Dame. In the works is a series of mini-seminars designed to inform the caucus members about areas of concern important for consideration by the Convention's platform committee.

The first of these meetings will be held next Wednesday, Dec. 10, in the Board Room (116) in LeMans Hall. Paula Auburn, president of the South Bend National Organization of Women (NOW), will speak on ideas concerning the purpose, function and

nature of the National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC).

Ellen Minter, a senior at St. Mary's, outlined the purpose of the caucus. What we're trying to do is set forth a list of issues and concerns which the SMC women's caucus feels should be paid proper attention at the Mock Convention. We hope these issues will become part of the political platform that will be constructed there," she said.

The caucus is inviting delegates from Notre Dame and St. Mary's both male and female, to attend the meetings and to participate in the caucus. "The topics of the meetings relate to the concerns of the NWPC," Minter added. "We plan to cover the issues of abortion, family planning, specific equal

treatment, housing, and education."

Mark Frieden, the Mock Convention Press Secretary said the sessions will continue through the month of January. "At that time," he said, "the SMC WPC will present a list of recommended issues based on the results of the meetings."

Minter added that once these people have been contacted the caucus will make vigorous effort to insure possible adoption of the views in the platform at the Convention.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the WPC can call either Minter at 5196 or Grace Restido at 4148.



Ellen Minter and Mark Frieden discuss the women's political caucus in preparation for the Mock Political Convention. (Photo by Tom Lose)

Senior Trip plans revealed

Senior Class Treasurer Pat Dore urged all seniors to pay their deposits for the Senior Trip to Freeport, Bahamas by Friday, Dec. 12. Deposits can be dropped off at the Student Union Ticket Office or at the Student Activities Office in LaFortune Center between noon and 3 p.m. daily next week.

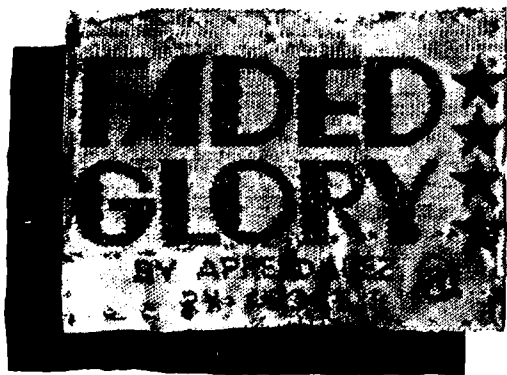
It was also announced that the trip may be opened to underclassmen should there be seats available after the deadline date.

Dore aid he was pleased with the flow of deposits so far.

An optional meal plan, along with a sports package, has been secured for the trip. There will be a sit-down dinner package of seven meals for \$42 and group rates for sporting events.

Further questions can be answered by calling Dore at 8189, or contacting any of the other senior class officers.

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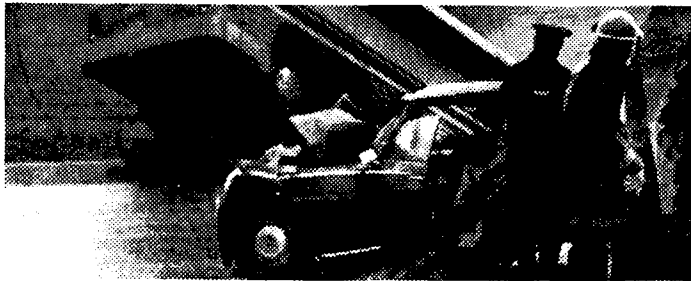
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Other projects discussed

InPIRG publishes new consumer handbook

by Pat Cuneo
Staff Reporter

The Indiana Public Interest Research Group at Notre Dame and St. Mary's (INPIRG) has published a consumer handbook and an up-to-date newsletter which will be distributed to the campuses next week.

INPIRG met recently to finalize the distribution and report several of their state and local research projects.

Representative Dave Carlyle said the topics covered in the consumer survey include off-campus housing (apartments), grocery stores, record stores, utility companies, bank checking services, etc.

Approximately 3,000 copies of the survey have been published as an aid to the students, according to Carlyle.

A state-wide finance center study is also being covered by INPIRG. Several finance

companies in the state have charged up to 20 per cent interest rates on loans to low-income groups and INPIRG hopes to uncover the offenders through court litigation.

INPIRG member Tom Martiny said that a sample loan will be taken out by the research group so they can experience the companies' procedures.

Along the same line, members are investigating the Educational Testing Service (ETS) which compiles the answers for SAT, LSAT and similar testing programs.

Martiny pointed out that 30 to 60 point accepted testing margin will be examined to ascertain its validity. This means to say that a student achieving a score of 510 on a section of the test will not be re-evaluated the following year if he achieves a score of 480 or 540 on same test.

Martiny explained, "to benefit college, graduate and high school students, we want to find out how the testing programs can claim a specified margin of performance when the students' academic future is at stake."

Factory-owner surrounded by life work: donuts

CHICAGO (AP) — Ray Adams says he wasn't born with a silver spoon in his mouth, it was a donut.

"My whole life has been donuts," says the 300-pound production manager of a factory that turns out 4 million donuts a week.

"When I was eight years old I was washing and greasing pans in my grandfather's small bakery in Jacksonville (Fla.)," he recalls. "By the time I was 16 I had learned the business and was turning out 200 dozen handmade donuts a day."

"It was beyond my wildest dreams that when I was 42 I would have a job like I've got now (with Buttermaid), surrounded by a mile of conveyor belts carrying cooling donuts for packaging. One machine alone pumps out 190 donuts per minute."

In order to raise funds for the Bloomington chapter of InPIRG, the body is sponsoring a concert by Harry Chapin sometime in February.

"The Bloomington organization (Indiana University) is presently in financial crisis," cited Martiny. He added that next week a meeting will be held at I.U. to determine whether or not the organization will remain in existence.

At the Notre Dame campus, InPIRG recently hired a full-time research coordinator as a professional staff person for South Bend, Steve Schmeel.

Mardi Gras raffle tickets now being sent to halls

by Ken Bradford
Copy Editor

Raffle tickets are now being distributed in Notre Dame residence halls in preparation for the 1976 Mardi Gras.

Tickets will be distributed in dormitories at St. Mary's sometime before the Christmas break, according to ticket chairman Peggy Foran. Off-campus students, staff members and administrators may pick up ticket books from Foran or Mardi Gras chairman Harry Spellman.

Mardi Gras will open Jan. 30 in Stepan Center and will last until the raffle on Feb. 8. The grand prize for the drawing will be a 1976 Nova purchased by the committee from Gates Chevrolet in South Bend. Persons who sell a book of raffle tickets will be eligible in a student drawing to win a color television.

Each Mardi Gras raffle book contains ten tickets, which sell for one dollar each. Students will receive two dollars back for each book of tickets they sell.

Each residence hall is also assigned a quota of ninety books for every hundred residents. Halls which meet their quotas will receive five dollars back from each book sold. The money returned to the halls may be used for any hall activity, Spellman said.

The sale of one book also entitles the seller to a free Mardi Gras button which admits the person to Mardi Gras all week without an admission fee.

Proceeds from Mardi Gras are donated to the Notre Dame Charities, which include the Hunger Coalition, Sr. Maritia's Day School, Boys' Town and other

One-eyed player fights barring from competition

ATHENS, Ohio (AP)—An 18-year-old University of Ohio freshman has decided to go to court to win his battle against university officials who say he cannot play basketball because he has only one eye.

Mike Borden says he's given his approval to begin legal proceedings which could eventually put him back on the school's junior varsity team where he had found a spot until his disability was discovered.

"I'm going to fight this thing. I'm not handicapped, I don't know what it is like to have two

Schmeel's work will be concentrated on the current projects at Notre Dame, St. Mary's and I.U.S.B. campuses.

Two environmental projects are also presently underway.

A newspaper recycling project has been devised and implementation is scheduled for second semester.

The other wider scope project is an environmental education seminar for grade school teachers in South Bend.

With the assistance of Jack Schnell, a former state superintendent of Indiana and executive

charity organizations.

Mardi Gras will have a bicentennial theme this year. Booth designers may choose any period of American history as a basis for their decorations, according to Foran. "They can work with the theme as loosely and creatively as they like," she said.

Residence halls and campus clubs may erect booths and operate various card games, roulette wheels and other games of chance. Betting is done with Mardi Gras play money which can be exchanged for cash.

Organizations wishing to operate Mardi Gras games must submit booth designs and floor plans to the Mardi Gras committee before Christmas, Spellman said. The committee supplies wood and building materials, but each organization must build its own booth. Also, a 100 dollar deposit, a portion of which will be refunded, must be placed by each organization, he added.

A meeting for all persons working on Mardi Gras booths will be held in Stepan Center on Jan. 16. Actual work will begin Jan. 17.

Spellman said he is expecting bigger crowds this year due to an improvement in the national economy. He added that he hopes more South Bend residents will visit Mardi Gras this year. He cited Mardi Gras as an opportunity for improved interaction between the South Bend community and Notre Dame.

"It's a real big social event," Spellman said, "and everyone is going to have a good time."

"It's more than just a social activity, though," Foran said. "Mardi Gras is also a worthy cause."

eyes—that would be a dream—but I know I can compete with anyone," said the honor student from Fairborn, Ohio.

"I was shocked. The team physician told me he would have a guilty conscience if I was blinded. I told them I would sign a waiver."

director of the National Alliance for Environmental Education, a day of lectures and discussions has been planned. The goal is to determine the importance of instilling environmental values into

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The meeting is tentatively planned for the last Saturday in February.

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Dineen elected academy leader

Clarence M. Dineen, chairman of the Department of Biology at St. Mary's has been named president-elect of the Indiana Academy of Science for 1976. Dineen currently serves as director of public relations for the 88 year old institution. Headquartered in Indianapolis, the academy is composed of scientists from colleges and universities throughout the state.

Dineen, an aquatic ecologist, has long been interested in the problems of water conservation in the Michiana area. In recent years he has conducted research on the St. Joseph River for the academy, and has been involved in an environmental study of the river for Michiana Watershed.

A member of the St. Mary's faculty since 1956, Dineen recieved his M.S. and Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

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Ford leaves Peking

Chinese release MIA names

PEKING (AP) — China, in an apparent good will gesture aimed at filling an information gap, gave President Ford word Thursday that seven U.S. servicemen listed as missing in action during or before the Vietnam war were dead.

The news, which will end a long wait for seven American families, came as Ford's four-day China summit talks wound up and he prepared to leave for Indonesia.

No other major announcements or specific agreements were made.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said that Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping had informed Ford that the Chinese have the bodies of two of the Americans and were able to supply information about what happened to the five others.

In toasting his Chinese hosts at a final state banquet, Ford said the two nations were in agreement in "fundamental opposition to the efforts of others to impose hegemony in any part of the world."

Concern about Soviet military might and intentions is recog-

nized as the glue that keeps the Chinese-American relationship together.

In responding to Ford's toast, Teng was remarkably bland, failing even to bring up again Chinese fears about Ford's quest for detente with the Soviet Union.

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Seasons Greetings are in order, but the true spirit of Christmas lies in giving to those who have needs. (Photo by Tom Lose)

WSND Station manager fights to change image

by Julie Hartley
Staff Reporter

Mark Arminio is one of those fighting 'optimists' of Notre Dame.

As station manager of WSND radio, he has been working to eliminate the misconceptions people in the Notre Dame community have about the station. On the air with WSND since his freshman year, Arminio has already given momentum to station activities since assuming his new responsibilities as station manager last April.

Asked to estimate the size of the WSND listening audience, Arminio responds, "Your guess is as good as mine. We have heard that our audience is only five per cent of the Notre Dame community. Other sources say about 45 per cent. The station is not getting the proper feedback from the community which it serves."

The new station manager identifies and explains the particular difficulty WSND faces. "There are so many different audiences at Notre Dame that it is extremely difficult to satisfy all tastes with one radio station," he states. "Still, we've been trying to incorporate as many types of music as possible into our present format and it's not working. At present it all depends on the individual D.J. This is why the whole station sound varies from hour to hour as different programmers come on and go off the air."

He would like to see certain programmers grouped together during certain time slots to avoid this problem. He proposes that, "The 'mellow sounds' go on in the morning from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m., the top-forty and other request music from noon until 6:30 p.m., and the 'progressive rock' from 7 p.m. until midnight." The difficulty in establishing this type of rigid format is that the people who work at WSND also go to school," Arminio says. "Certain persons will inevitably be unable to be at the station at certain times and since programmers are not always available to pre-program the music, the present format is almost necessary to continue diversified programming."

Arminio cites another station difficulty as what he terms "good radio vs. good music." Given discrepancies in individual tastes, the question of who to satisfy is a tough policy decision. He gives examples of the situation saying, "Suppose a member of the listening audience wants to hear cuts from albums that cater specifically to the die-hard Led Zeppelin fan. Such cuts are usually long and often obscure to the general audience who would prefer to hear, let's say, 'Stairway to Heaven'. Programming to appeal to the largest audience is requisite in good radio," he ob-

served.

Another aspect WSND must deal with is competition with area radio stations. Arminio criticizes the programming of local stations.

"The biggest rock station in this area is lousy compared to what other stations in other areas have to offer. But if that is what people want to hear we'll put it on," he confesses.

Arminio encourages all listeners to let the station know what type of music they want to hear. He explains, "Every request which is phoned into the station is recorded as to the name of the record, the artist, time of day requested, and whether or not the station had the time or the record available to get it on the air. Every two weeks the results are compiled and then the process is repeated and will continue to be repeated until a pattern is discovered on which to base a new format." The manager states the station's position saying, "We won't change for the sake of change. We want to do this right."

In a final statement on conditions which complicate matters for WSND, Arminio levels sharp criticism at the University itself. "The station suffers because we don't have a ready acceptance from the University and the University knows it."

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Halls locked on 22nd

Security increased for break

by Chris Hopkins
Staff Reporter

Campus security will be tightened over Christmas vacation, according to Director of Security Arthur Pears. All 22 resident halls will be securely locked with chains on all double doors on Monday, Dec. 22.

No students will be permitted in the dorms over the break. Only resident rectors and assistant rectors will be allowed to stay in the dorms.

Pears urges rectors to make no exceptions to the rule of no students in the halls. As Pears explains, "Even if there is just one student in the hall permitted to stay, this will jeopardize the security of the entire hall with his going in and out."

Security officers will be in each dorm 24 hours a day. These officers will check and secure all doors at least once every eight hours.

Workers will be in the hall over break to make general repairs. These workers will be requested to lock themselves in the hall to prevent any possible burglars from sneaking into the halls.

Pears offered some suggestions for hall residents, "The students should take home any items that are easily packed, such things as calculators and radios."

Students are urged not to return to campus before the dorms are unlocked. The date for the dorms to be unlocked is not final as of now. Final details will be explained in a bulletin to be issued by Dean Roemer shortly.

All students, on or off campus, who will be leaving cars over the break are urged to park their cars in the D-1 parking lot directly east of the east gate guard house. The only exception being that these cars must have decals that the car is registered with security.

This parking lot will be locked, according to Pears. The lot will be patrolled by an officer on foot at least once each hour for 24 hours a day.

Another area of security involves students who own bicycles. Students should use the Security's winter storage policy to insure the safety of their bikes. Bikes will be stored in the stadium for the winter period. This policy involves no charge if the bike is registered and a \$1.00 fee if it is not. The policy covers all four years and the bikes are completely insured. Bike storage begins today and again on Dec. 11, 12, and 15 at Gate 14 of the Stadium. The hours of storing are from 1-4:30 p.m.

Students with bicycles are urged not to lock them to cables along the campus sidewalks. This is not only for security reasons. It is also to prevent the repeat of last year's incidents involving bikes being damaged by snow plows clearing

the walks.

Pears stated, "Last year's security worked well with the strict enforcement. The security will be no better than the cooperation we will receive from the students."

Fr. Tom Tallarida, Director of Off Campus Housing, suggests that off campus residents should contact the student Government for information concerning storing their valuables with some of the professors.

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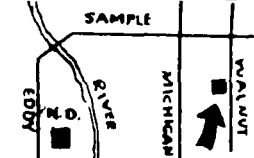
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Friday, December 5, 1975

You Shouldn't Have

In the spirit of Christmas, the Observer presents the following gifts to some of its friends and acquaintances:

To Gerald Ford: A gag for Betty and a Chastity belt for Susan.

To Ronald Reagan: A new supply of Grecian Formula 16.

To Fr. Hesburgh: The properties of a glorified body so he can be in two places at once. Maybe one of them will occasionally be Notre Dame.

To Fr. Burtchaell: What he has always wanted; first crack at the next vacancy in the Godhead.

To Bro. Just: Platform shoes and Fr. Burtchaell's polite way of telling reporters where to go.

To Dean Roemer: A life-time supply of "rubberized" bedsheets and an art gallery showing of his candid photos of the stripper, the panty-raiders, and Dillon Hall's decorations.

To Dr. Duggan: A try-out with the Dancing Irish

To Fr. Tallarida: Better luck next year in the Turkey contest.

To Bro. Gorch (manager of LaFortune): Renovation of LaFortune into a Gothic Cathedral.

To Ed Byrne: One of those blank books from the Bookstore. It records his accomplishments.

To Joan McDermott, St. Mary's SBP: A podium to take a stand on.

To Tom Fitzgerald: Two thousand students willing to kick in \$25 a head for a non-existent co-op.

To the SLC: Half of Ed Byrne's present.

To St. Mary's Student Affairs staff and Security: An electronic eye to be installed in each dorm room to guarantee that parietals are not "abused."

To the Academic Council: Individual copies of "100 of the World's Best Practical Jokes" for each member--so their next meeting will be as fun-filled as their last.

To Laurence Aronson: Two thousand dollars worth of ham and a set of new meat-cleavers.

To the Scholastic: A reason for their existence.

To Jerome Heavens: A handle for the football.

To the Juggler: An English translation.

To WSND: Who?

To ourselves: Something to write about and someone to write it.

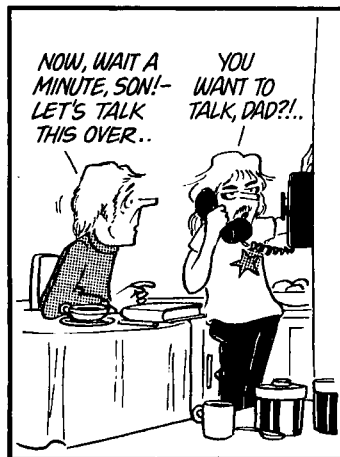
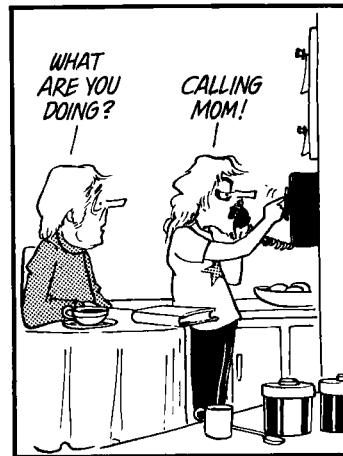
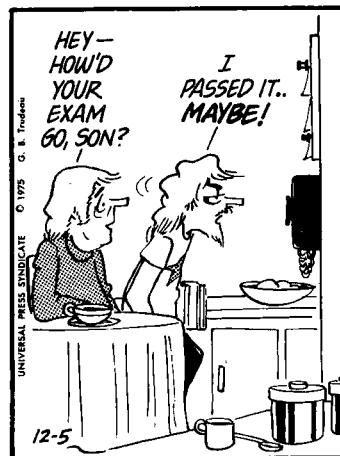
To the students: The day after Thanksgiving.

To the University: The Julian Calendar. It puts Christmas in the middle of January so we can have two week-long breaks and 75 class days between Labor Day and Christmas. It is also 400 years out of date which makes it perfect for this place.

Also to the University: The ultimate wisdom about Notre Dame: "This whole damn place is run like it's somebody's hobby."

DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



opinion

Christmas Every Day

joe corpora

Thanksgiving is over. It's December. The campus is taking on a Christmas atmosphere - lights in campus windows, a Christmas tree here and there. Besides finals, people are also talking about Christmas.

Christmas is a time which brings out the best in people. All over the world the best comes out. It is a time of peace and joy and love. Christmas is a time of community more so than during any other time of the year.

Here at Notre Dame and St. Mary's we have Christmas every day. The people here are whwhat really make Notre Dame the unique and special place that it is. I think that you can go the world over and you won't find as many good people concentrated in one area such as you find at Notre Dame and St. Mary's.

What makes Notre Dame so much different from all the rest? I think that it is a strange combination of the administrators, faculty, staff and us -- the student body. I have not had the chance to visit tons of other colleges and universities, but I have visited some and know people who go to many more. At the ones I visited I could not detect any real spirit, any real sense of christian community,

There may be other schools which are better academically and intellectually than we are; there may even be some with better sports. But I don't think there are any schools with a better spirit, a better community than exists here.

Two weeks ago Notre Dame hosted the National Conference on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. I was involved with it and also put up seven of the participants in Holy Cross Hall. Most were either the Student Body President or Vice President of their schools. In talking with them I realized ever more how great this place is. They were all from large, impressive, secular campuses. All their student governments are presently involved in or have been involved in taking the president of their respective to court for something. It seems to be such a cold, heartless atmosphere. I couldn't detect the slightest hint of warmth or compassion in these schools.

When I was at the University of Pittsburgh for the game., I wanted to try an experiment. I was in the Cathedral of Learning (the Dome Building of Pitt) and I asked seven people where the Chancellor's office was. No ONE KNEW. They said they'd never seen him. Here at Notre Dame Father Hesburgh, C.S.C. although he travels alot is extremely accessible when he is here. If you are walking by the Administration Building in the middle of the night and see a light flickering on the third floor, that's him. Many times I have called or dropped by at 3:00 a.m. to see Father Hesburgh about something.

Our halls are unique. The students make them great. Almost nowhere else are the residents of a dorm so proud of the dorm they live in as here. Friendships begin here in the dorms that last forever. When I was at Purdue for the game, I remember being in a room where people did not even know who lived next door to them. It is like living in an apartment building. Everyone keeps their door locked. It is a real cold atmosphere. It is my experience that this is not at all true here. Sections are closely united, as are floors, making the dorm at times one big family.

Happy Holidays

I could go on and on. But I say that 'Christmas' occurs everyday at Notre Dame, because it is really a special place. The best in people is brought out daily. It is a place of peace and joy and love and Christian community daily. We don't have to wait til December for this. It happens all the time.

My thanks to all of you who make Notre Dame what it is. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Reps Reply

Dear Editor:

We, the undersigned student representatives to the Academic Council and members of the Academic Commission, feel we owe the student body an account of the proceedings during Wednesday's Academic Council meeting regarding next year's calendar.

After two months of research and preparation, after drawing up a calendar acceptable to a majority of the students, we, as well as many fellow students, feel our feelings have been disregarded.

Our proposals for new guidelines were enhanced by strong student support. Ninety-two percent of those students surveyed favored the midsemester break, which we obtained, but we ourselves, and most of the student body, never expected a shortened Thanksgiving break. The thought of classes on that Friday is so outrageous that it never occurred to us; neither did it appear on any of the sample choices, but apparently the thought appealed to the faculty and administrators on the Council.

The council devoted only minor attention to Proposal C, the decisive choice of the 300 students surveyed. Since the calendar met all the requirements delineated by the University guidelines, and since it was the obvious choice of nearly 50 per cent of those undergraduates surveyed, then why wasn't it given more serious consideration?

We would therefore like to take this opportunity to say that we, as your student representatives, are aware of these shortcomings and are prepared to do everything in our power to effect a change. We urge you to inform your parents of this flagrant disregard of student representation, and to encourage their writing of pro-Thanksgiving break letters, addressed to Administration.

Furthermore, we urge you to attend this afternoon's student gathering for strong students support is our best chance for invoking any change in next year's proposed calendar.

Michael Gassman
John Brosious
William Bula
Leo Garonski
Michael Orlando

Leaving

Dear Editor:

Regarding the new improved calendar for the 1976-1977 academic year, all I have to say is that I am glad to be a member of the Class of '76.

Mary Egan

Congrats

Dear Editor:

I would like to congratulate the Academic Council for coming up with the joke of the year. Seriously, a one-day break for Thanksgiving? I rolled on the floor with laughter until I found out that it actually is the planned calendar for next year.

Almost everyone agrees that a mid-semester break is vital, but I do not believe that the students should have to give up Thanksgiving with their families to get a break in October. (Wouldn't it be better to have a long week-end for the mid-semester break coupled with the usual Thanksgiving break?)

Fr. Hesburgh reported that he received quite a few letters from

parents who were upset that they had to pay the expense of two trips.

This is absurd. It is not mandatory for the students to go home on every break. If there were two breaks, the students could choose to stay on campus for the mid-semester break and go home for the Thanksgiving break. Now, however, the Academic Council has prohibited students from going home on Thanksgiving, regardless of whether or not they can afford it.

It also is rumored that the Friday after Thanksgiving will be a mandatory test day in order to discourage students from cutting classes that day. If everyone had a test on Friday, the students will spend all day Thursday studying for them. Mandatory tests will simply turn Thanksgiving, a supposedly free day, into a study day. I don't think anyone wants that to happen.

Finally, I call upon the Student Government to take another survey, containing one question: "Are you in favor of the proposed calendar for next year?"

On behalf of all of my fellow students, I urge the Academic Council to reconsider the calendar topic.

Jeffrey A. Withum
Class of '79

Childish Games

Dear Editor:

Being only a Freshman, I came to this University with the idea that it was an excellent school with high academic standards and a proud tradition behind it. Realizing these facts, I took for granted that it would be run by intelligent people. But unfortunately I have had to change my opinion of the administration after observing a number of their actions over the first three months of my Notre Dame career. In particular the recent action in the formation of next year's calendar. Now I don't claim that I'm as scholarly as Fr. Burtchaell or as world-renowned as Fr. Hesburgh, but there is one asset that I do have that these two obviously do not, that is, common sense.

As I see it, the Administration is playing the same kind of childish games that high school administrators love to play. They pretend to let the students have a voice in the decision-making on school policies but in actuality they

ignore whatever opinions the students voice. As evidence to this point I present the fact that the calendar chosen for the next school year was not even one of the six choices presented to and voted on by the student body!

Actually, I am quite surprised at Fr. esburgh's stand because of a statement he made while saying mass in Zahm Hall. He said that the greatest thing he could do with the students at N.D. was to celebrate mass with them. With this in mind, he should realize that the greatest thing we could do on Thanksgiving is to celebrate a mass with those whom we love and who deserve the most thanks, that is, our families. This will be extremely hard to do if they're home and we're here at N.D.

John Hutchens

Machiavelli Returns

Dear Editor:

This school is finally putting its cards on the table and showing for whom it is established. Traditionally, a university has been for the education growth and development of its students. But Notre Dame, being in the forefront of education, has fulfilled this role by bringing about a revolution in education! No longer will the University be shackled to the needs of students! Students are now here for the needs of the University!

Expecting students to come the Friday after Turkeyday really shows where the faculty and administration heads are at. One day is fine for them, they live in town. they can go home and enjoy Thanksgiving. Students don't have that luxury. In effect, the faculty and administration gets a Thanksgiving break but not the students (But under our new philosophy of education, that fits right in).

When the University proclaims its responsibility as being "In Loco Parentis", they are really serious about that concept. Even to the extent of kindly taking the responsibility out of the parents hands for saying "No, we can't afford to fly you home." Catholic educators have long insisted they cannot take parental responsibility. Itsheartening to see the University expose that as a cop-out, and seize the respon-

commentary

How the Grinchaell Stole Thanksgiving

o'neil & girouard

It occurred once in Domeland
To the populace there
That a Provost named Grinchaell
Was mean as a bear.

He hated Thanksgiving
The feasting and all
With a heart that was surely
Three sizes too small.

On a gold-tipped mountain
In the center of town,
The Grinchaell would perch
With a distained frown
As the Domers would party
And dance with glee,
He'd say, "I hate Thanksgiving
And roasted turkey!"

"I wonder what means of
Deception to take
I fouled them last
year with an extended break;

"But that wasn't good enough,
What can I do now?
To get them at last!
Let me think how."

So he sat and he thought

And then it occurred!

"I'll steal Thanksgiving
And rip off the bird!"

"I'll sneak into town
In the dead of the night
And steal the turkey
When its out of their sight."

"If I steal the turkey
They won't have their feast!
And there won't be Thanksgiving!
Oh, aren't I a beast?!"

So the night before Turkey-day
The Grinchaell slunk into town
And took the turkey and dressing
When no one was around.

He went back to the Dillon
And started to smirk.
But was he successful
With his treacherous work?

But the story's not ended
We must wait and see
If they'll steal back Thanksgiving
And get the turkey!!!!

sibility of the parents in their own hands.

Last year, when our "extended" Thanksgiving vacation turned into two days and people accused Burtchaell of being devious, I disdained to think so. But it seems I am learning. This last move smacks of what is now Burtchaellian (formerly Machiavellian) maneuvering. I do not wish to infer Fr. Hesburgh is a front man for Fr. Burtchaell, but I did check the name twice to see if the article was not typographically errant. The next move I would expect would be for Fr. Hesburgh or Burtchaell to persuade departments to give tests that Friday.

Ed Byrne was absolutely right when he said there is no other university that rationally expects their students to attend class the Friday after Thanksgiving. I'm ashamed to tell my friends we do

The student calendar planned around outside group's activities, the University taking parents' responsibility, and faculty and administration "happening" to get better breaks than students—all are truly educationally revolting (oops, revolutionary) in today's context of education.

Students, hang on to your football tickets, they may be all you have left.

John Hannon

irish bull

The Homecoming

paul starkey

(Dedicated to the "simple" majority of the Academic Council who overlooked the will of the real majority -- the members of the Notre Dame community.)

Chorus: Take our play and please enjoy, And then your plan you may destroy.

Scene I: A humble house in Circle City, Indiana. 5 p.m., Thanksgiving Eve, 1976. FATHER, MOTHER, and LITTLE GEORGE sit at the supper table.

Mother: I feel so sad. Our son away for this special Thanksgiving Day.

Father: Tis sad, it's true. Two hundred years our country marks. Such cause for cheers; and yet our son's away. Its sad.

.L. George: Comes home my brother not, dear Dad?

Father: No, little George, he'll here not be, but stays at the University.

Mother: The cause for which he cannot come, to make a class, to me, seems dumb!

Scene II: The University Dining Hall, C-D line, 6 p.m. that same eve. Enter students Jim and Paul.

Jim: O sick! Another meal to try. If it be fish, I swear I'll die!

Paul: Like you not the fish they fix?

Jim: One fish a week is fair, but six?!

Paul: Be fish or fowl, or even meat, it looks and tastes the same to eat. And for that cause, I feel most sore: tomorrow's turk' will be pi's poor.

Jim: But won't you take a break at home?

Paul: I'm chained by tests. I cannot roam.

Scene III: The University Club, 7 p.m. that same eve. Enter two OFFICIALS.

Off. 1: Ha! Ha! Two breaks and still we see the Calendar makes seventy!

Off. 2: A number good and seems most fair, but do I not sense some despair?

Off. 1: From me, why no! I have no pain --

Off. 2: I mean not you, but they complain!!!

Off. 1: They? You mean the student dolts? We need to rein those frisky colts!

Off. 2: But has there been no anxious wail?

Off. 1: Parents? I haven't checked the mail.

Scene IV: Near the Grotto on the University campus, later that same eve. Enter Paul (solo).

Paul: How dark the clouds of night grow o'er; and dark my soul seems even more. That I might wish away this fate and take the test a later date: But rules are rules and rules do rule. A common sense does lack this School!

(At this moment, the sky lightens. The dark clouds come together and form a giant turkey drumstick that points south toward Circle City.)

But hey and hold! What follows now!

A turkey leg! A sign? O wow!!

Thunder rolls

Voice: GO HOME KID! JUST BLOW IT OFF AND SEE YOUR FOLKS. I'LL SEE THE PROF.

Scene V: A too-small double in a University dormitory, even later that same eve, about 11 p.m. Jim, stretched out on the bed, is reading a book and watching the cockroaches climb the wall, but not actually studying. Enter Paul, breathless.

Paul: I'm taking off!

Jim: You heard the news?

Paul: No, What gives?

Jim: You never lose!!! Your prof, I heard, just disappeared; and cancelled is that test you feared.

Paul: Well, I'll be -- No! I guess I won't!

EPILOGUE: Thanksgiving Day, the humble house in Circle City. The little family is seated at a festive table. A knock-knock comes at the door.

Father: I think the door was knock-knocked on't. Now who would come to share our feast?

He opens the door and is happily surprised to find Paul....Mother, I THINK YOU'LL LIKE THIS BEAST!

Mother and Little George shout for joy and run to the door.

Mother: How be you here?

Paul: God's in our ranks!

Father: Let us sit and give our thanks!

..Curtain

Letters to a Lonely God lover of urchins and all that reverend robert griffin



Even a dear old priest like me, lover of urchins and all that, can recognize that the gleam in the eyes of a child at Christmas is sometimes neither holy nor beautiful, being nothing more or less than the twinkle of greed. The Santa Claus myth does a rotten thing to kids, turning some of them into grasping little gnomes who are the masterpieces of selfishness. The kids don't corrupt themselves, of course; it is the parents who corrupt the kids, using credit cards, charge accounts, Christmas bonuses, family savings, bank loans, home mortgages, grandfather's insurance, and a house wife's virtue to keep alive the notion that there is a stout gentleman from the North Pole who gives stuff away free.

I had a friend who once decided he would teach his little brood of moppets that Christmas was a game of giving gifts, not receiving them. On Christmas morning, he explained to them, there would be a pile of gifts under the tree for each child. These gifts could be unwrapped in the traditional way; but they were not to be kept or taken off to the nursery. Instead, would drive the children to the poor neighborhoods where they could give away the toys and treasures to the street arabs they would meet there. Later, when the family returned home, each child would receive a gingerbread man as her own Christmas keepsake.

The moppets were good-natured about the arrangement, although the littlest girl had difficulty in understanding why she could not keep the doll that Santa had left with her name on it. Fortunately, the doll was too big for her to be comfortable with, so it had not yet become a favorite. At noonday on the Nativity feast, the family rode in a station wagon stuffed with gifts to an unprosperous neighborhood, where they quickly found a long line of raggedy-muffin slum kids (so it seemed) waiting to get into a theatre to see 101 Dalmations. As soon as the moppets started handing out dolls and drums to those sedate patrons of the cinema, those slum kids, having survived their moment or two of initial skepticism, were turned into a pushing, shoving mob.

This was no gentle sharing of the blessings of wealth. Children were giving away a Christmas that they wanted to keep to other children who were passionately eager to accept gifts; and in their excitement, the beneficiaries became insistent enough to frighten the gift-bearers. The poorer children were not of the beggar class; they had a pride, a dignity, a decency and honor that should spare them from being looked down upon.

Their parents had certainly seen to it that those kids were provided with the traditional loot of Yuletide; but they became charged up over the prospect of a free handout, and fearful they would be the unfortunates who got cheated out of booty. In the end, of course, they looked like a bunch of tough, young rough necks ripping off the rich kids without gratitude or couth. After a toy or two had been snatched away, the moppets began to cry at the sight of the grabbing little fists and the insistent chant: "Hey, kid, give me something," or, "How about a present for my crippled brother?" Still, their father, anxious to instill the precept of its being more blessed to give than to receive, kept shoving packages into their hands. Finally a neighborhood mother hailed him. "Hey, mister," she said, "Get the hell out of here. We don't need your charity, and you're driving the kids crazy. Get the hell out of here before I call a cop."

So my friend drove off with his family, and I don't think even then he understood that in trying to deliver his own children from the demons of greed, he had set loose the demons of selfishness on a city street among urchins who needed only to see the Disney Dalmations. The next day he sent the remaining gifts to be handed out at an orphans' picnic.

I remember two years ago, in a Bowery mission, when I tried to give Christmas money to people I judged to be the deserving poor. I gave—privately and discriminatingly, I thought—a couple of dollars here, a couple of dollars there, to be spent on treats; and I gave twenty dollars to a poor student to buy books with. The next morning, the backbiters were waiting for me: "What to hell did you give money to him for, Father; he'll only drink it away." Or, "What to hell did you give money to her for? She's got bankbooks, Father; she's the richest old bag on the Bowery." Then, after the cut-down, there was always the personal solicitation: "Could you spare me something, Father? Could you make it five dollars? And if you could make it ten, you could keep an honest woman from parting with her good name to the landlord." I quickly learned that my good intentions in giving alms was destructive of dignity and decency, and of the chance of an honest relationship between me and the derelicts my small wealth could corrupt. I thought to myself: Santa Claus may be a principal figure in a feast of good will, but even for Santa Claus, mere generosity is not enough. A merely generous Santa Claus can cause more problems than the Grinch who stole the

Christmas village.

The trouble with Santa Claus as a symbol of the gift-giver is that he has no depth to him. He's a right jolly old elf, full of kindness and cheer and chuckles. He rewards the beatific urchins with oranges, and snubs the mean-tempered ones with lumps of coal; he bears a commercialized, department store likeness to the Calvinistic God of the Protestant ethic. He does not stir the heart, partly, I think, because he represents a generosity that has no overtones of sacrifice. He gives without effort or sweat, and the only things he requires of me are acquisitiveness and a history of not having talked back. Such a creature could be hung in effigy as a parody of the giving God. (If you don't mind, of course, we will wait until after Christmas to hang him...after I have received my new skates and red sled, and shining new bicycle for next summer.)

But I want to look beyond the tree, the Birth, the cradle, and the star, to the other side of Christmas: to the caring Father Who carried Christmas in His heart from all eternity. I want to imagine something of the love that was in heaven pre-existing Messiah's birthday; something of the God who gave His only-begotten Son as a gift; and the only images I have to draw on are the human analogues of the beauty of parents I have known on earth.

Six or seven years ago, a student named Mark Schirmeyer was killed in an auto accident on Notre Dame Avenue. The car was driven by a student who never stopped because he was too drunk to know that an accident had happened in the darkness. He ran the gate at the circle; and it was only later, when they found him in his room, that he learned of Mark's death from his rector.

The funeral was held in Fort Wayne, and a lot of Notre Dame people were there, including the student who had driven the death car. Some of us will never forget the scene at the cemetery after the final prayers had been said. Mark's parents came over to where the grieving, guilt-stricken student stood. They had never met the boy, but he must have been pointed out to them. Mark's mother kissed the boy; Mark's father put his arms around him and hugged him. In their graciousness, they felt more sorry for him than they felt for themselves. In that moment, I think they were pretty closely identified with the God who gave His only-begotten son that others might have life.

In all the deaths of Notre Dame students I have known about in the years that followed, there has been that same kind of

thoughtfulness of parents toward the friends who grieved with them at the death of their child. I think of Mark, Jim Ward, Bob Rieman, Beth Storey of Bob Depuy and Edward Easeby-Smith who died of cancer in the same month...I think of Pete Lardy, and of Jim Gallagher, who died in a tragic accident a year ago on December 7.

In all these deaths, one senses that the parents accepted the sacrifice that was required of them, and gave it back to the people of this campus as a gift and a beauty we cannot lose sight of. There is a mystery in death...and a particular mystery for us in the death of these young people...whereby we find the grace to be born again, as though it were only when a flower is plucked that we know how sweet it is to be a flower.

"God so loved the world," St. John writes, "that He gave his only-begotten Son"...and this is the message that was sung by angels. There is almost nothing I can know of God, but there is a great deal that I know of the love that is required for the giving of sons, because I have seen those parents whose children have been summoned into light; their giving brings the generosity of God's giving a little closer to earth.

In every neighborhood, there is always one smart-aleck kid who will say: "It's really not Santa, you know. It's really just your mother, and your father dressed up in a red suit with a pillow in his tum." You could kill that kid because you really didn't want to know. But think how bad it would be if some contemporary smart-aleck could truthfully say: "It's really not your parents, you know. It's really that fat fairy of a gentleman from Up North. He loves kids and spoils them, and he's sponsored by Macy's and Gimbel's, by Tiffany's and F.A.O. Schwartz's."

Given my choice, I would prefer my parents; even when they are role playing with Donner and Blitzen, they teach me the lessons of heaven touching earth, without which no Christmas faith is possible. If they are kind enough to be Santa Claus, I will know them as servants of the Child because I can see the scars they bear in their hands. Some of their best kindnesses, I will be too young to receive until I have earned some scars of my own.

Merry Christmas. If you are in New York, look me up in the Village: St. Joseph's Church...371 Avenue of the Americas...212-741-1274 (that is a phone number, not a Zip code.) Remember: Darby O'Gill and I never said we didn't love you.

the best books of 1975

thomas o'neil

- 1) Something Happened (Joseph Heller)
- 2) Ragtime (E.L. Doctorow)
- 3) The Ebony Tower (John Fowles)
- 4) Humboldt's Gift (Saul Bellow)
- 5) Dog Soldiers (Robert Stone)
- 6) War Between The Tates (Alison Lurie)
- 7) The Killer Angels (Michael Shaara)
- 8) A Month of Sundays (John Updike)
- 9) Winter in the Blood (James Welch)
- 10) My Petition For More Space (John Hersey)

Ironically, some of the best works of fiction to appear this year surfaced on the New York Times' Best-Seller List. Perhaps the intellectuals are buying books these days or the ignorant plebians are making honest efforts to educate themselves. Either way the change is refreshing.

For Heller, Bellow, Fowles, Updike and Hersey, their appearance on lists of the year's best fiction is not new, but for the remaining five writers, their emergence from literary obscurity has placed them in comfortable positions to do battle with our established literary institutions (such as Nabokov, whose *Invitation to a Beheading* was also a best-seller and a celebrated work of the year). But the most out-

standing honors (from this reviewer) do not go to the rookies. *Ragtime* and *Dog Soldiers* were excellent works, but were surpassed by the calculated literary genius of Heller's *Something Happened*.

Besides the works of notable fiction, 1975 was also an excellent year for the publication of formerly unrevealed letters by such various writers as Steinbeck, Wolff, James and Wharton. These letters added much to our personal understanding of each of the authors, but the reason for their oversight in the past has much to do with their current publication: they describe, for the most part, the sexual lives of our literary giants.

One of the most publicized occurrences this season in the realm of contemporary fiction was Agatha Christie's retirement of Poirot in *Curtain*. After 80-some books and 80-some years of life she has apparently likewise retired her accomplished plume to catch a last few breaths of life before expiring. But who knows? We may yet be in store for some future invention of mysterious skullduggery.

The literary season overall, then was a substantial success artistically and financially. A majority of our most celebrated writers were back in print, even Mailer with *The Fight* and Vidal with *Myron*. It was also, however, a season in which new talents emerged and thereby a healthy one of considerable balance.

On the non-fiction front, the best of the year honors go to *The Glory and The Dream*, *Against Our Will*, *Here at the New Yorker*, *Breach of Faith*, *Before the Fall*,

Tales of Power, and *Helter Skelter*. All of these caused either a crossfire of discussion or a reaction of awe, and were worthy of their best-selling status. William Manchester's panoramic view of

our history in *The Glory and the Dream* was probably the best of the lot, even though the plebians turned more quickly and more often to the others in the bookstores.



The Observer feature staff wishes all a Merry Christmas



critic's choice--best flicks of 1975



fred graver

The top ten films of the year and how I came to pick them.....

Amarcord- Federico Fellini made film magic with this. The story of a young man's coming of age in an Italian village, told in hilarious, touching scenes. Fellini reaches a sort of miniscus in this film, just about ready to overflow in emotion, but not quite. Beautiful photography, superb production.

A Brief Vacation- One of the films I didn't see. But reliable sources told me that it was a fine, fine movie. In a year when I'm having a hard time coming up with ten films to pick as tops, I can't pass by a good one just because I didn't get around to seeing it.

The Day of The Locust- John Schlesinger, Director of *Midnight Cowboy*, told with an emphasis on the lives that were twisted there. Donald Sutherland plays man left dull and witless by the personal horror around him. It takes the show away from the "star," Karen Black, who has done better jobs. A stunning finish, in which people trample each other at a world premiere,

trying to get a look at a big movie idol.

Death Race 2000- Most people don't even know that this movie exists, but I contend that it will become a "cult classic," like *Night of the Living Dead*, and *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*. The *Death Race* is a cross-country speed trip run by the government to keep the people happy. Drivers get points by injuring, maiming, and killing people along the way with their death machines. The feebler the victim and the more creative the death, the more points. One guy gets points for backing up over his pit crew, another by running over the "high priest" of the race. The kind of movie you'll wait up for till four in the morning for once you've seen it.

Love and Death- One of these days I'm going to get around to writing a letter to Woody Allen and letting him know that Diane Keaton just doesn't cut the mustard. Aside from her wooden presence, this is Woody Allen's most sustained and witty movie yet, and a definite sign of better things to come yet. Perhaps next time he might take on two more serious topics.

Nashville- On second thoughts, I bet a lot of critics will take back some of the outrageously good things they said about

this film. I think they did the movie an injustice by building it up as they did. Even *Citizen Kane* got a chance to prove its own merits. Anyway, this is a great movie and the best one even made and Robert Altman is God, and these are the best actors in the world and the Bible isn't as complex as this script. I liked it a lot; it gave Lily Tomlin a chance to act and gave Ronee Blakely a chance to meet Dylan.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest- I've only seen a few scenes from this, some in previews and some on talk shows, but it looks to be a fiercely captured rendition of Ken Kesey's great novel. Jack Nicholson treads the fine line between reality and illusion in his portrait of Randall McMurphy, and a lot of the people making the film thought towards the end that he was going crazy.

Portrait of an Actor- Winner of the Grand Prix for student films at the Chicago International Film Festival. A documentary about an actor named Jack Wallace, living in Chicago and trying hard to live by the truth he feels in his craft, though the breaks just aren't coming. A real-life heartbreaker, made with an in-

credible amount of sensitivity, something rarely seen of felt in documentaries.

A Woman Under the Influence- This movie was released in 1974, and by rights shouldn't be on this list, but I'm putting it here because 1) it was a bad year for movies and 2) no one started paying attention to it until this year. John Cassavetes has a unique style of direction, based entirely on the actors finding their way to the audience. In this film, everything came together for him.

Young Frankenstein- Mel Brooks is a genius. Here we have a comic tribute to the old horror films which, in perfect tribute, is funnier after you've seen it than when you're watching it—just like the old time horror films. Peter Brook plays Frankenstein with a real feeling for the monster that Boris Karloff created. Gene Wilder is remarkably restrained and disciplined as the Young Dr. Frankenstein. Everybody has a good time.

Honorable mention goes to the animated credits at the beginning of "Return of the Pink Panther."

At the top of my gross-out list is "Tommy."

That's all for now. Like the ads in the paper say, "Enjoy life! Go Out To a Movie!"

lisa moore

You know how to recognize a true and incurable movie fan? Sit him down in front of a screen. Tell him he's never heard of. If he agrees, no questions asked, he's a prime specimen of that species of buff that purely enjoys movies for their own sake. Your most devoted servant places herself in that category and offers a smattering of films seen recently that would appeal to this genus of movie-goer.

The CAC should be commended for efforts resulting in a first-rate semester. Anyone who enjoys enveloping mysteries must see Jack Nicholson's performance in "Chinatown" and Gene Hackman in Coppola's "The Conversation." Both are excellent thrillers, great escapes and well-

produced films. The Bergman Festival was highly successful and a move that I hope will set a precedent for future semesters—"Scenes from a Marriage" is one of the most poignant and meaningful films I've ever seen. Bergman at his finest which is the finest.

"Farewell, My Lovely" is not a great film, but is technically one of the best I've ever seen. Mitchum at his best.

"The Homecoming", written by Harold Pinter, was a bizarre but very interesting soap-opera inversion, one shot laughter, one shot horror, in the best absurdist tradition. Excellent acting in this classic about a family seeking a mother-figure.

PBS's "Cassie Theatre" featured Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler" last month, a stark and passionate drama about a woman starving for power and self-assertion in a society which denies her both. Janet Suzman plays a powerful leading role and

is backed by a good supporting cast.

I saw an old film this summer, "The Odessa File", that was a masterfully done mystery and statement. It is the story of one man's personal war against an ex-commander in the Nazi regiment. Very moving. Very surprising.

Allow me the pleasure of recording that "Jaws" and "Rollerball", the two big summer attractions, were two of the worst films I've ever laid eyes and ears on. Shallow, trite and insult to any intelligent person's taste. Some people really take the American public for doorknobs. Thank you. I feel much relieved.

I am admittedly a hopeless but struggling romantic caught in an age where romanticism is saterized, "not cool," and associated with trash like "Love Story." I plead for any sensitive person to pitch the reviews and see Red-

ford and Mia Farrow in "The Great Gatsby." I fell in love with it at first sight, but, doubting my own taste beside that of reputable New York reviewers, saw it twice more. But no go, Time magazine. It's a moving and beautiful film in my eyes, certainly no shame to F. Scott. It will be on television again—don't believe everything you read (we're college students and we, of all people, should know that). While on the subject of schmaltzy movies...I was pleased to see "Dr. Zhivago" on television. It, too, is a gorgeous drama and a tribute to the literary work. If "Splendor in the Grass" (Natalie Wood and Warren Beatty—his first major film) is ever on late-night movies when you're still awake, test the romantic in yourself. It's one of my all-time favorites. Are there any of us (the incurables) left anymore? Personally, I detest realism.



the year in music--prime cuts



What makes an album a "Best of the Year" choice? Is it one that is popular; or one that is different? Since music itself is incredibly diversified, the taste in music can only be the same, so a list will never satisfy everyone, or anyone for that matter. The following list probably excludes some very fine recordings, but the selections present all show some degree of diversification, competence, innovation and of course, fine music.

gregg bangs

Billy Cobham-Spectrum
The ex-John McLaughlin drummer is making innovative strides in modern jazz with every album he turns out.

Chick Corea-Return To Forever
Corea, like Cobham, Herbie Hancock and Chuck Mangione is making modernistic jazz very popular these days. Corea presents his product a little better than most.

Crosby & Nash-Wind On The Water
This is the best effort to come out of the remnants of the supergroup, CSNY. As usual, the vocals are excellent, but there is some fine writing and back-up musicians to go along with it. Very pleasant listening.

Dan Fogelberg-Captured Angel
A personal favorite. Fogelberg is a versatile writer-singer-musician. He sometimes gets marred in sentimental lyrics, but his vocals and overall "listenability" make this an attractive album. Watch for Fogelberg in the future.

John Fogerty-John Fogerty
J.F. was Creedence Clearwater Revival. After a long lay off, he has come back with an album in which he did everything officially. He shows off talent on both guitar and saxophone. Good solid rockin'—good to have him back.

Bruce Springsteen-Born To Run
Regardless of all the hoopla both pro and con, this is still a fine album. Springsteen and the E Street Band offer a listener a totally different style of music then proceed to pound it out over your head. Stay with it.

Steely Dan-Katy Lied
The Dan has never turned out a bad album, which is more than most current groups can boast. Walter Becker and

Donald Fagen collaborate to turn out the strangest lyrics this side of Guadalajara. In Gary Katz and Roger Nichols, they have the best production team in the music industry.

James Taylor-Gorilla
Unlike past albums, this has an optimistic air about it. All songs are written and performed well, especially "Mexico."

"Best of" Albums
It seems as if everybody, whether they deserve it or not, has a "best of" album out now. The ideal "best of" album would be one which is able to present an accurate account of a group's work without falling into a "most popular 45's" rut. For this reason, the best of the "best of's" are *The Very Best of Poco* and *The Best of Carly Simon*. Poco's two disc set is a good representation of a fine, but unfortunately unknown, country-rock group.

Best Group-Eagles
Best Single—"Miracles"
Best Female Vocalist-Linda Ronstadt with Bonnie Raitt on her tail.
Best Male Vocalist-- Dan Fogelberg
Mediocre Award-Elton John
Comeback Award-Marty Balin, Pure Prairie League

Rowdy Time Concert Award-Eagles in Jersey City, Springsteen in N.Y. & Chicago
Speaking of "best of's", best of luck on finals and have a good year.

patrick small

Fleetwood Mac emerged from personnel changes, management hassles, and stale recordings to release one of the finest lp's of the year, *Fleetwood Mac*. The group was bolstered by the addition of a couple of new members, throaty vocalist Stephanie Nicks and singer-guitarist Lindsey Buckingham, who contributed a half of the material for the new album. However, it was Christine McVie's development as a singer and songwriter that lifted the album from the ranks of the rest, especially with "Say You Love Me" and "Over My Head" which is finally realizing some deserved AM airplay. Sparkling has been the consensus on their live performances and I hear they still play "The Green Manilishi."

Jefferson Starship has emerged from the veritable dregs to perform and also produce a noteworthy album, *Red Octopus*. While the term "Balin is back" is a cliché by now, the man Marty, if not rescuing the group from oblivion certainly put them in the spotlight with "Miracles" the first bona-fide hit single since, well, "White Rabbit."

Perhaps my favorite album of the current year was "Old and in the Way." The only release of what was basically a touring band, the album offers bluegrass with a touch of the modern, featuring veteran country fiddler Vassar Clemens, Dead guru Jerry Garcia on banjo, Peter (Panama Red) Rowan on guitar, David Grisman on mandolin, and John Kahn on string bass. The instrumentation is marvelous and the vocals, while sometimes a little ragged make up for it in slickness and style.

w.s. nichols

"Nightriders"

If you want to find some really good, git-down Southern boogie, look no further than Charlie Daniels and his magic fingers. If the CDB can't get you rockin' into a frantic sweat, then somebody should unplug your respirator!

"Nothin' Fancy"

Heartwood was a little-known Southern band that put out the best country-rock album of early 1975. Clean, fresh vocals coupled with some well-written songs and Joe McGlohan's pedal steel and sax made it a real winner. Unfortunately, the life on the road was too much for them and the band broke-up in late summer. The album is on the GRC label—good luck in finding it. I'm taking real good care of mine.

"Walking Shoes"

Randall Bramblett is the premier saxophonist in Macon Ga., and some of his friends and he decided to show the rest of the world just why his is number one. They did a good job of showing us in

"Walking Shoes". Watch for this man, he's coming up the ladder real fast.

"Riding High"

If you like cowboy hats, Lone Star Beer, pickup trucks and wide open spaces, then Jerry Jeff Walker is the man for you. Even if you've never been further south than Indianapolis, JJ Walker will make you feel like you're in good ole' Austin Texas, sippin' a brew. He's an unadulterated, plain-singing Country and Western singer with one desire—to have a good time. That's what you'll have too.

"Blow by Blow"

Far and away, the best album to cross the Atlantic this year, Jeff Beck can be proud of his achievements in this album. This is the kind of rock n' roll that can roll on all night long. One thing for sure, Beck is one hell of a guitarist.

BEST SONG: "High Falls" — Allman Bros. Band

concerts

Jethro Tull ACC Nov. 1

It was almost a tossup between this and Marshall Tucker. But I've never left a concert in such a state as I did Nov. 1. The whole show was Ian Anderson. Never before have I seen such a total performer. His mastery of the flute is incredible! And his showmanship! A humorist, satirist, and acrobat all rolled up in one. The other members added to the dynamic energy of the performance greatly. Seemingly flawless performance of extraordinary compositions provided for a totally superb show. With all that electricity on stage at one time, one more infinitesimal integration into the show would have wasted my musical mind for good. To be honest, all around me, myself included, were stunned by the musical display of that night.

frank laurino

SMC student enters urban affairs program

by Linda Barkley
Staff Reporter

St. Mary's Washington Semester program will add a new dimension this spring by sponsorint the first St. Mary's student to enter the urban affairs division of the program at the American University Washington, D.C.

The Washington semester program allows students from over 150 colleges across the nation who are interested in government to become directly involved in current political affairs.

The program, which began five years ago on a National government level, has expanded to include an International development study, a foreign affairs study

and just recently an urban affairs study.

Students involved in the program receive 16 credit hours. They do not attend classes but work on an internship basis.

The internship provision requires participants to attend seminars in which high-ranking government officials lecture and converse with the students. Later, interpretive sessions are held to delve further into issues discusses in the seminars.

Positions in the governmental work force are guaranteed to all students in the Washington Semesterprogram. Students can be placed in any agency of the government, including the White

House.

"Last year, one St. Mary's student assigned to the Library of Congress, was asked to return to Washington, D.C. the following summer as a paid employee of the government," said Dr. Louis Tondreau Chairmen of St. Mary's Government Department.

To qualify for the Washington Semester program one has to be at least a second semester sophomore and a government major," Tondreau said. One must also have a grade point average of 2.5 or above and be a student of St. Mary's College.

Students are selected largely on the topic submitted for their research paper which is to be

researched and written in Washington, D.C. The paper is a requirement of the program and also fulfills the government requirement of a senior essay.

"This program is an exceptional opportunity to see the government in action," stated

Tondreau. "After all we can only do so much in a classroom and we cannot bring the national government to South Bend."

As one St. Mary's sophomore states, "I can learn more in one semester in Washington D.C. than in four years at Saint Mary's."

Report finds 'no direct evidence' of U.S. involvement in fall of Allende

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Intelligence Committee said Thursday the United States spent millions of dollars in a ten-year undercover effort to influence the course of domestic politics in Chile.

A 62-page study described U.S. attempts to manipulate the Chilean press, influence elections and forment a military coup. However, the report said the committee could find no evidence of direct American involvement in the military coup which topped Marxist President Savatore Allende in 1973.

At a news briefing, Gregg Treverton of the committee staff said, "It is fair to say that the U.S. cannot escape some responsibility for (Allende's) downfall."

Other parts of the report described secret U.S. efforts to prevent Allende's election and after they failed to block him from taking office.

The covert actions began in 1964, with financial support for Allende's chief oppojent, Eduardo Frei, the committee report said. Frei was elected in

1964. After Allende was elected president of Chile in 1970, the report added, the U.S began "advocating and encouraging the overthrow of a democratically elected government."

The covert operations, carried out by the CIA, were aimed at encouraging the overthrow of Allende and were approved by the 40 Committee headed by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, according to the report. Kissinger has stated publicly that all covert actions he approved against Chile also were known to then-President Nixon.

The report noted that "the United States was seen, by its covert actions, to have contradicted not only its official declarations but its treaty commitments and principles of long standing." The charters of both the United Nations and the Organization of American States prohibit member nations from interfering in the affairs of other countries, except in self defense.

In comparing covert actions in Chile to those in other coun-

tries, the staff report said "the scale of CIA involvement in Chile was unusual but by no means unprecedented." Staff members said they issued the report because the White House had forbidden administration officials to testify.

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Federal offices hit

Bombs explode in Miami

MIAMI (AP) — Bombs exploded here Thursday at two government offices, including the Police Department, as security was tightened after four explosions Wednesday in other government offices.

Bombs exploded at four federal buildings and a bank Wednesday night. Bombs set off Thursday afternoon damaged a police locker room and a county justice building men's room near a state prosecutor's office.

The blasts caused only one minor injury and minor damages. They were the latest in a string of explosions in the past 18 months in Miami, where large numbers of Cuban exiles are interested in Cuban-U.S. relations.

While investigators refused to speculate about motives in the

latest explosion, two groups claimed responsibility for the blasts and a leader in the Cuban community said that politics was involved.

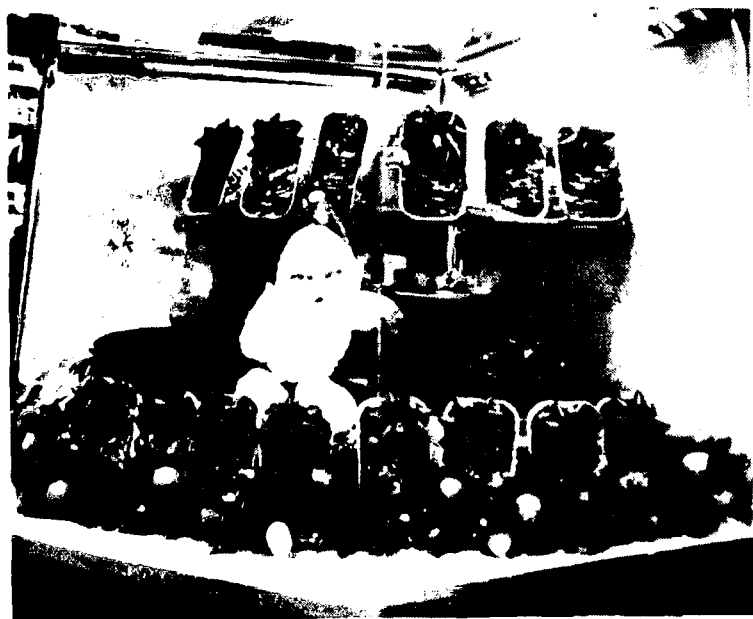
Juan Jose Peruyero, former president of the Bay of Pigs Veterans Association, blamed the bombings on the appearance here Thursday of Asst. Secretary of State William Rogers, whom he described as "public enemy No. 1 of the freedom of Cuba."

"Things are too hot in Miami now for this type of provocation," Peruyero said. He called Rogers "one of the main advocates of renewal of relations with (Fidel) Castro," Cuba's

Communist prime minister.

Rogers spoke to Florida business and government leaders while 100 persons picketed outside the downtown hotel. He said his position — favoring relaxation of relations with Cuba — was similar to that of President Ford and Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Police said there were conflicting claims of responsibility for the bombings — one from a group calling itself New Black Revolutionary Front and the other from the Cuban Youth Group, linked to a bomb found at the University of Miami last Sunday.



Christmas is a time for ribbons, bows and a strange little man in a red suit. His message is familiar: "Merry Christmas to you yours. (photo by Tom Lose)

Madrigal Dinner deemed successful as introduction to the Christmas season

by Denise Persinger and Margaret Juntwait
Staff Reporters

Opening night of the annual Madrigal dinners held at St. Mary's in the Regina North Lounge last night proved to be a successful introduction to the 1975 Christmas season, according to Mindie Bright, who performed in the chorus.

In the true spirit of medieval England, the Madrigal Singers presented an evening of Renaissance music and dance accompanied by a traditional Christmas feast, explained Rick Sibley, St. Mary's choir director.

The evening began with a fanfare of herald trumpeters presenting a singers procession. Sibley also the conductor of the Madrigal Singers, narrated the various stages of the dinner.

Following the fanfare was the carrying out of the wassail bowl and the boar's head. Wassail is a special medieval brew, Sibley explained. Dinner was then served while the Madrigal Singers and Royal Musicians presented a concert in the medieval Christmas spirit.

At the conclusion of dinner, a short comic opera was presented under the direction of Susan Stevens, Chairperson of the St.

Portuguese mob threat to Premier

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — About 1,000 striking hard-hats supported by farmers invaded the parliament building and the adjoining garden of Premier Pinheiro de Azevedo's official residence Thursday afternoon seeking wage hikes and a return to a pro-Communist regime.

The premier was unharmed and the demonstrators were quickly moved out.

The protesters were part of a 20,000-strong contingent camped outside the two buildings for the second straight day demanding wage boosts of up to 44 per cent and the restoration of pro-Communist Premier Vasco Goncalves.

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Mary's Music Department. "The Night Bell" by Gaetano Donizetti is a comedy about the Italian law on the legality of marriage only after consummation. The comedy was translated and adapted by Stevens. "They all did a splendid job," said Stevens. "The

whole evening was very nice," she added.

The dinners will continue through Sunday night, Dec. 7, with a special Monday night performance for President John M. Duggan, and his guests.

All performances are sold out.



SMCers rang in the Yuletide Season at Regina North last night with the annual Madrigal dinner, complete with wassail and boar's head. (Photo by Tom Lose)

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Calendar vote surprises grad rep

Donald Roy, graduate student government representative to the Academic Council, was "completely surprised" by the Council's vote to reduce the Thanksgiving break.

In a report to the Graduate Student Government at that organization's weekly meeting on Dec. 4, Roy noted that "There was no indication on the part of the 31 people who voted for the proposal that they would do so prior to the actual vote." The effect, Roy observed, limited debate on the question. The student representatives presumed the Thanksgiving break would remain what it has been in the past.

Questioning the logic behind the vote, Roy noted that the decision to have class on Friday of Thanksgiving week was not likely to produce another class day for the academic calendar if students simply refused to show up. Regarding the burden on parents of financing two fall trips home, Roy feels this was a matter to be worked out between students and parents.

Commenting on the supposed danger of the "erosion" of Thanksgiving week, Roy remarked that "The erosion of the family is of greater concern than the erosion of Thanksgiving week."

It is a faculty matter to get students to come to class."

Roy identified the faculty representatives as the swing vote in the calendar resolution, stressing that "In no way do I consider this the decision of the Administration alone. It was a vote of the Administration and the faculty members."

The GSG also heard a report from President Margaret Grounds on the Union's negotiations in acquiring the Aquinas Book Store and the adjoining warehouse as a grad-student social center for the fall semester of 1976.

Grounds reported that the bookstore proper has approximately 2,500 sq. ft. of space, but noted that this area is presently divided into small rooms and would require a good deal of renovation for use as a social center. The warehouse would provide an additional 2,400 sq. ft. of space which is already open.

"It would be ideal," Grounds noted, "for movies, dinners, dances, departmental parties and any other gatherings involving a significant portion of the more than 1,200 graduate students here at Notre Dame. Furthermore, we would like to plan for a rathskellar which, because of its location, would attract off-campus grad

students." Grounds cited the proximity of the social center to the new graduate women's dormitory to be opened in the fall of 1976.

The Business Office had made the decision to have Aquinas remove the warehouse for esthetic reasons and because the bookstore's asking price for the building was prohibitive. Grounds reported that the bookstore is now willing to consider a much reduced price. She expressed a belief that

Stanford, Keenan dedicate chapel

Keenan and Stanford will hold a special mass this Monday, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception, to rededicate their chapel.

The remodeled chapel has a new altar and pulpit of Red Oak, 100 new chairs, a wooden sculptured crucifix by Ivan Mestrovic and two paintings by New York impressionist Vaclar Vytlačil.

Former rectors and assistant rectors will concelebrate the mass along with members of the University administration.

Refreshments will be served after the mass.

at present the University could probably acquire the building for less than \$5,000.

"In view of the C.O.U.P. Report's recommendation that the University concentrate on renovation of existing buildings rather than the building of new ones," Grounds explained, "it is unlikely that this structure will be replaced once it is removed."

The GSG also completed plans for its Placement Night to be held in Room 317 of the Administration Building at 7 p.m. on January 27. The evening's objective is to introduce graduate students to the Placement Bureau's services.

The evening will feature speakers representing business and industry as well as government employers. Refreshments will be served.

GSG members also expressed concern over the lack of cooperation on the part of the Observer in reporting graduate affairs, citing the failure to announce the distribution of graduate student directories and the establishment of the GSU bail bond service as examples of the paper's "benign neglect."

ISO room open

The International Room in the basement of LaFortune which has always been open for ISO members during the day will have a new allure starting Monday. As last semester, coffee, and when possible, snacks will be served during the noon lunch hours.

Ex-representative visits with ex-president Nixon

VALPARAISO, Ind. (AP) — Former Rep. Earl F. Landgrebe, "busting at the seams" to report on his Nov. 26 meeting with former President Richard M. Nixon, will do just that at a news conference Friday.

The Indiana Republican was one of Nixon's strongest supporters during the Watergate upheaval.

Landgrebe said Wednesday he and his wife, Helen, visited the former President at his San Clemente, Calif., home for an hour and 15 minutes.

The discussion touched on Indiana politics and Nixon's views of President Ford and former California Gov. Ronald Reagan, who is challenging Ford for the 1976 Republican nomination.

At the time, however, Landgrebe refused to give specifics on what was said.

He did say Nixon, who carried Indiana in all three of his presidential campaigns, was "vitaly interested" in next year's Republican primary battle between Indianapolis Mayor Richard G. Lugar, for-

mer Gov. Edgar D. Whitcomb and former GOP State Chairman Charles O. Hendricks for the U.S. Senate nomination.

Lugar, who is stepped down after eight years as Indianapolis mayor, once was known as Nixon's favorite mayor, and was an adviser to Nixon on urban affairs.

"I never heard him say 'damn it' and there was no profanity and obviously there was no bitterness," Landgrebe said. "He didn't seem to be carrying a chip on his shoulder about anything."

The visit was "a very warm, exciting hour and much more than I expected," Landgrebe added.

He said Nixon "looks about the same...but maybe not quite as crisp and starchy. I never saw him as President when his clothes had a wrinkle."

Landgrebe refused to say whether Nixon advised him to get back into politics or seek the 2nd District Republican nomination for Congress next spring.

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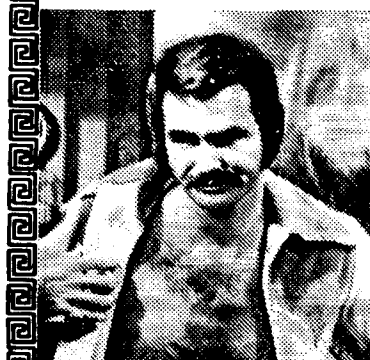
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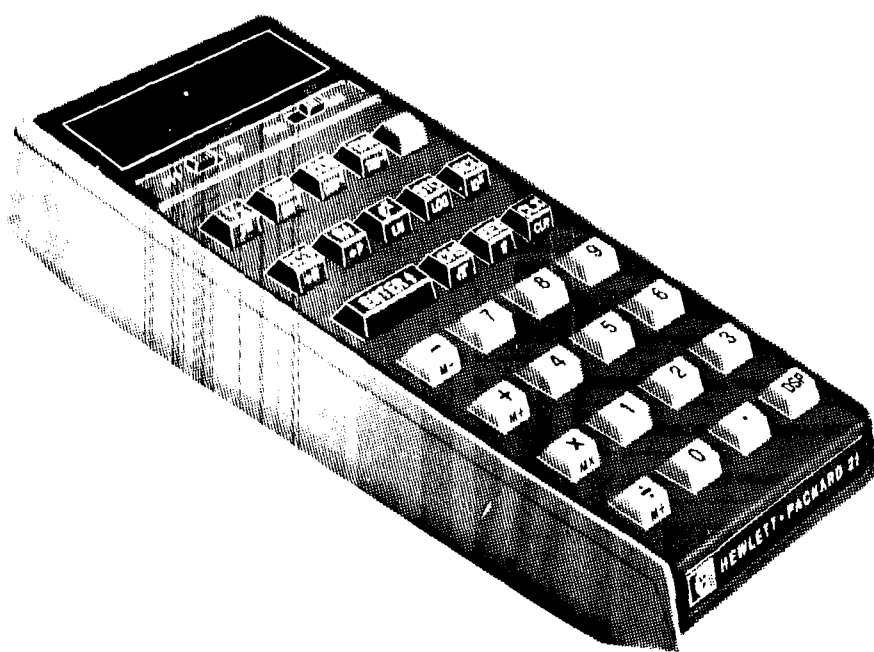
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According to Station Manager

Tele - communications lacking

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He points out that the University provides no major in Tele-communications and that persons who desire even communications work instruction must enter American Studies to receive major credit.

A finance major, Arminio attests to the frustration encountered by students like himself who have a great interest in radio broadcasting. "My chief complaint is that with the exception of two or three courses, a student interested in radio can do nothing to better himself on the air except to work at the radio station," he says. "The few courses that are offered are not even geared around the mechanics or writing techniques of radio. The Voice and Diction course offered at St. Mary's would be ideal. However, this course is a graduation pre-requisite for all speech and drama majors at St. Mary's and it's quite obvious who receives preference for this course."

Arminio focuses on another aspect of the problem with equal intensity. "This aloofness in the college of Arts and Letters extends itself to the rest of the University as well," he charges. "Many of the University higher-ups know next to nothing about the station. We have even been confused with WNDU, a commercial station, by persons who should demonstrate that they are better informed. We've been labeled incompetent by persons who have never been up to the station to observe our work. Not everybody may feel that way about us, but my point is that no one should feel that way about us," he explains.

Arminio will not allow the present situation to remain as it is. "My job is to open up new avenues so that people in a position to change things can hear us. I have formed a publicity department to let every media source on this campus know about us. We've

Senior to display porcelain forms

Debbie Griesmer, a senior at Saint Mary's, will open an exhibit entitled "Porcelain Container Forms" as her senior comprehensive. The exhibit will be in the Moreau Gallery from Dec. 11 to Dec. 18.

Debbie, from Tarrytown, New York, has had one woman shows in the Hammes Gallery at Notre Dame in April 1974 and May 1975. Her works have also been accepted in the 3rd Biennial Lake Superior International Craft Exhibit in March 1975, Pottery V in San Luis Obispo, California, in April 1975, and in MCCN '75 (Marietta College Crafts National) in Marietta, Ohio, in Nov. 1975.

Moreau Gallery hours are noon to 9 p.m. daily.

been forced to pat ourselves on the back long enough. It's about time that someone else around here pat our back for us," he states.

Arminio directs his initial comments to those who have expressed their dissatisfaction with the results of contests run by the station.

However, contests sponsored by the station are usually true to their commitments. According to Arminio, the Beach Boy Albums to be awarded were never received from the suppliers. The company involved maintains that it shipped the albums as ordered but the merchandise has not appeared.

Well versed in the station's history, Arminio reminds the University that such persons as Paul Udell in New York, Do-

Drama workshop planned to assist theatre groups

Three members of the Cooperative Department of Speech and Drama of Saint Mary's Notre Dame will conduct an evening workshop in theatre for those working in school, recreation and community theatre programs.

The workshop will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, in O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's.

Reginald Bain, chairman of the speech and drama department, will serve as coordinator of the evening and will discuss production organization, sources and resources for theatre in the school, recreation program and community theatre. Charles Ballinger, assistant professor, will explore acting techniques through mime, improvisation, and traditional character study methods. Richard Bergman, designer-technical director of the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's Theatre, will advise participants on technical methods and procedures when facilities and funds are limited.

Individual sessions will be geared to the needs and interests of workshop members and to open discussion of problem areas.

The workshop is sponsored by the Saint Joseph County Recreation Council and the Government Department of Saint Mary's College in cooperation with

Doesn't have an opinion

Hesburgh discusses calendar

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of the members of the Academic Council he said, would erode the academic year.

It would break up the latter part of the semester too much, according to Hesburgh. He said a reason for not making a four-day Thanksgiving vacation was that the Council thought that this would lead to students taking an extended break of their own.

Hesburgh said this year's erosion of the Thanksgiving break was the worst he could remember. Some students responded that this was because they had been promised an "extended" break for Thanksgiving. Hesburgh countered by saying the exact working was that the break would be as long as would be "possible" with a post-Labor Day start.

It was very interesting to Hesburgh that what the students are demanding this year is a "complete reversal from what was wanted last year." He stated "90 percent of the students last year said phooey on the October break" the very things they were saying no to last year, they're saying yeas to this year."

The Academic Council, the highest academic body in the University, has changed the calendar three times in the last three years, Hesburgh commented. He stressed, however, that he was not a voting member of the Council, and that the calendar was not his. "I don't want to defend a calendar I didn't make," he said.

Bob Quakenbush, HPC executive co-ordinator, said he realized that all the discussion would not change anything. He asked Hesburgh what the best approach would be for appealing the Council's decision.

Hesburgh said that anyone can appeal a decision at any time to the Council, which described as an "open body." He added "I don't see an awful lot a hope to get it changed."

When asked what his personal opinion on the calendar was Hesburgh said "I don't have an opinion. The calendar is a no-win game." To this several members in the audience shouted "Cop-out."

After an hour of speaking on the calendar, Hesburgh was questioned on other topics including the tenure system, the overcrowding in the Business School and the state of students' mental health today. He spoke until 9:30 p.m.

Quakenbush said that the HPC had a representative from each hall at the talk. Some of us have already changed our minds on a method of approach," he said, referring to a possible appeal to the Academic Council. The decision on that would come this weekend at a special meeting being called by the HPC, he stated.

'Dancing Irish' formed; tryouts held this week

by Patti Roucco
Staff Reporter

Capping last year's organizational work for beginning a drill team at Notre Dame are the tryouts for the "Dancing Irish" taking place this week.

The tryouts are the culmination of an idea proposed by N.D. student Linda Slaughter. Working last year in conjunction with Bonita Bradshaw, Debbie McIver, MaryAnne Shilala, Becky Thornton, and a group of approximately 30 girls Slaughter has since dropped out. Bonita Bradshaw chairs the group this year who works very closely with faculty adviser Astrid Hotvedt, Notre Dame Sports Co-ordinator for women.

As for the tryouts themselves, interested Notre Dame women can go to the second floor of LaFortune from 10 to 11:30 p.m. to learn the new drill routine. Final tryouts

are tentatively set for Monday night. A committee to head the drill team and form new routines will also be chosen, though captains for the squad will not be picked until January 6. Tryouts results will be announced Tuesday.

Some of the preliminary work for the team already finalized contains a couple of scheduled appearances at basketball games this February and the team's uniform which includes: an N.D. plaid skirt, yellow top, sash, tam and boots. One organizer Becky Thornton stated she believed the team to be a "good outlet for girls who want to get involved in a Notre Dame activity." Thornton added she felt this year's prospects should form "a real nice squad."

Chairwoman Bonita Bradshaw could not be reached for comment, therefore the judges for the squad tryouts are not known.

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ND hockey team hosts Wisconsin

by Chip Scanlon

For the Notre Dame hockey team the last few weeks have been rough, but hopefully things will looking up for them in the next three weeks. This weekend the Iciers are looking to break a three game losing streak as they take on mad city's finest, the Wisconsin Badgers.

Wisconsin has been struggling this year, the victim of what Irish coach Lefty Smith calls "crucial mistakes in the early going," but is starting to come around in recent games. This seems to be the way things are going for this year's Irish, running into teams just when they seem to be on a hot streak.

The Badgers are a young but talented team. They return 16 monogram winners and among these are five of the league's top scorers and one of the league's top goalies. Mike Dibble returns in the goal with a current goals against average of 5.06 in the WCHA, quite a bit higher than his last year mark of 3.58.

This will be an important series for Irish confidence and morale. During final examination week practice will be optional and this will throw the timing of the team off. So this Wisconsin series looms



Brian Walsh will be trying to continue his lines potent performance tonight against the Badgers. even more important.

The Irish will have to go about their task without the services of Kevin Nugent and Geoff Collier. Nugent was injured over the weekend in Houghton, Michigan and Collier is still out from a freak dorm accident. Also missing is Dave Bossy who is recovering from a knee injury.

After this series the Iciers can look forward to two perennial

hockey powers, Harvard and Boston College. This should prove interesting because the Irish will be coming off a fifteen day lay-off due to finals. But according to Alex Pirus, "this series will be for pride."

Head coach Lefty Smith has deemed these two games very important to him because he feels the series is like "the best in the West versus the best in the East."

Harvard has been in the NCAA finals for the last two years and Boston College, despite currently experiencing a character rebuilding year, is always tough. For Notre Dame it will be a prestige game according to Smith, a game they can use to recapture some of the prestige they lost in last year's 8-2 loss to Harvard's Crimson.

After a brief respite the icers return from their Christmas vacation to play three teams in nine days for a total of five games. North Dakota is the first opponent in 1976 for the Irish and right now they don't look too formidable. This last weekend they were swept by Michigan State and are tied for last place. The Fighting Sioux have been hurt by graduation and have been unable to put it together yet.

Bowling Green is next for ND in an exhibition game at Bowling Green. Although BG is not in the WCHA, the NCAA is looking closely at all games this year. Last year the Falcons ended up with a 23-10-2 record that was the best in the school's history.

Last, but certainly not least in the talent department, is Minnesota's Golden Gophers. This is a team that came within one game of capturing its second straight national championship. Minnesota is currently in second place in the WCHA with an 8-3 record, and it is

showing no effects of losing 10 letters to graduation.

Among the returning Gophers are captain Pat Phippen, a senior who scored 22 goals combined with 29 assists for a total of 51 points. Returning on defense is sophomore Reed Larsen, an NCAA All-tournament selection as a freshman.

For the immediate future the Irish will be trying to cut down on their goals against average, a problem area so far this year. Notre Dame has been giving up about five goals a game and to hear Lefty Smith talk, "that is at least two too many." Smith remarked that "to be successful, you can only give up three goals a game."

Another thing that the team will be concentrating on is reacting to defensive situations more quickly. "We've outshot everyone so far this year," says Smith, "but we've either run up against good goaltending or we're getting off poor shots."

So from now on the icers will be trying to "show some defensive improvement." A key to defensive play is backchecking, turning up the ice as soon as the other team gains possession of the puck. Then the opposing players find it more difficult to break out of their zone and aren't able to skate into the offensive zone unaccosted. And this is the area where Smith wants to get improvement fast.

"We'll be trying to pick-up the wings a little quicker and quicken our overall reaction defensively," Smith remarked. "You have to be strong on the fundamentals and when things aren't going well it's always good to start concentrating on them."

Currently the Irish are posting a 4-6 record in the WCHA and although they are in seventh position in the league this isn't really cause for alarm. A sweep this weekend will put them right back into contention.

If injuries will ease up on the Irish long enough for them to straighten out their lines, Smith's icers will be able to start playing the winning hockey they are capable of and vault themselves into the top of the league standings.

Hopefully, 1976 will be a better year for Notre Dame hockey.



The action promises to be physical in the ND hockey team's games with Wisconsin this weekend.



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Texas Tech first big test for Irish

by Ernie Torriero

When Notre Dame first announced that Texas Tech would face the Irish in basketball this season, some people incredulously queried, "What? They scheduled a football school."

Well if you don't believe Texas Tech plays basketball, just ask the people from Kansas State. In the opener for both teams the Red Raiders stunned KSU, then in the top ten. 66-58. For those of us with short memories, Kansas State is the team that finished second in the Big Eight last season while streaking to the NCAA Eastern Regional Finals, where they were finally upended in overtime by Syracuse. As a further tune-up for the Irish, Tech rolled over Northwestern Oklahoma by a 40 point margin.

"Texas Tech is a great team," warns Irish coach Digger Phelps. "They could make it to the NCAA tournament. The fans will certainly see a good game Saturday."

The main cog in the Red Raider attack occurs in the person of 6-9 senior center Rick Bullock. The 230 pound Bullock was voted the most valuable player in the Southwest Conference last season and led the league in scoring (22.0) average and rebounding (11.0). Before being hurt in a New Year's Eve snowball fight, Bullock had played in 60 straight games. Further, the San Antonio native has hit over 57

per cent of his shots in his career. "Rick's strong point," explains Tech coach Gerald Myers, "is that he has a good shooting touch for a big man. He has spurts when he rebounds well and he has improved defensively every year."

Bullock resembles another good shooting center who used to frequent the ACC. "Bullock has the potential to be as good as John Shumate," emphasized Notre Dame assistant coach Frank McLaughlin. While Phelps added, "He has got to be one of the premier players in the country."

In addition to Bullock, who scored 32 points versus Kansas State, a pair of 6-6 seniors occupy the forward positions. Grady Newton, the team's number two scorer and an excellent rebounder is at one wing slot. Rudy Liggins, a quick shooter compliments Newton on the other side.

Junior Steve Dunn is the Raider quarterback. The 6-2 175 pound Dallas native started 21 games at guard last year. His backcourt teammate, junior Keith Kitchens is noted for his passing ability.

For the first time this year the Irish will face the test of a man-to-man defense. So far Notre Dame has only seen teams with zone defenses. Yet as Valpo coach Bill Purden noted Tuesday, "We thought the way we could best stop Notre Dame was with a zone. Ironically, when we went to a man-



The Irish will be facing a man-to-man defense for the first time this year in tomorrow's battle with Texas Tech.

on-man strategy late in the first period, we outscored them."

With Bullock in the post and Tech playing a man-to-man defense, Tech will try to force the Irish into mistakes. But Phelps warns, "We played a lot of men against Valpo. We like to play a lot

of people. We'll do the same against Texas Tech. When we play nine or ten people a game, it wears the other team down."

The Irish enter Saturday's contest in excellent physical shape. Adrian Dantley's 39 points versus Valpo gives him a 32.0 points-per-game average. Duck Williams is second to Dantley with a 12.5 mark. Toby Kight paces all rebounders with 18 on the year.

The Irish now enter the tough part of the amazingly rigid schedule. Here, then is the scouting report of the games over semester break:

KANSAS (Dec. 8 — at Lawrence): Kansas is in sad shape, as coach Ted Owens was besieged by graduation losses. The Jayhawks return only three juniors and four sophomores. Further, lanky forward Donnie Von Moore is in the hospital with pneumonia. But playing in Kansas is always tough and the Jayhawks have revenge in their eyes after being eliminated by ND in the NCAAs last year.

INDIANA (Dec. 11 at Bloomington): If Digger's crew thought Kansas was bad, wait til they see the Hoosiers. IU is riding a tidal wave to the NCAA tourney and Notre Dame will have to play a flawless defense to stay with them. Kent Benson dominates the middle and his play in the UCLA game was outstanding. Scott May, a consensus All-American, performed magical feats against the Bruins. Indiana has not played since their convincing triumph over UCLA. No doubt they will be itching to take to the floorboards.

ST. FRANCIS (Dec. 13 at the ACC): The Irish could play this team in a snowstorm, at 4:00 a.m., without Adrian Dantley, and with their hands tied behind their back,

and still win by twenty.

KENTUCKY (Dec. 30 at Louisville): This annual affair, always held in Freedom Hall, at almost the same exact date every year, features a Kentucky squad which is young and inexperienced. The Wildcats suffered an opening season loss to Northwestern and they must face the likes of Indiana and North Carolina before the Irish come to Blue Grass country.

UCLA (January 3 at Los Angeles): Rich Washington, Marques Johnson and Andre McCarter return to give the Bruins another go at the national title. Though their opening season loss was disheartening to new coach Gene Bartow and his Bruins, the UCLA is loaded with easy pickings until they face the test of the Irish. The teams will bump again, three weeks later in South Bend.

MANHATTAN (January 10 at the ACC): The Jaspers are also suffering from the graduation day blues, as coach Jack Powers must fill a void left by six lettermen.

The Jaspers will find the going tough in New York City and they will find more of the same in South Bend.

PITTSBURGH (January 12 at Pittsburgh): The Irish are still smarting from an overtime loss in the civic arena last January. Pitt lost top scorer Kirk Bruce through graduation and the fourth leading scorer, Mel Bennett, left for the ABA. But the Panthers are expected to have a competitive team. The answer to the obvious question — No. Tony Dorsett does not play basketball.

Tomorrow's game can be viewed on Channel 16 with Chic Hearn doing the play-by-play on the Spoelstra-Notre Dame basketball network. The game may also be heard on WSBT, WNDU and is at 1:00 p.m.

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Bowl picks

Things are not quite as they should be in the bowl picture this year. Some perennial bowl regulars are missing, and some old faces have joined the lineup in new bowls, for them anyways.

For example, there's a Big Ten team in the Orange Bowl, a Pacific-8 team in the Liberty Bowl and Notre Dame in no bowl. But the overall bowl picture is greatly improved over previous years, because top-ranked teams which have always been limited in their bowl options can now go elsewhere, and have. Also, the minor bowls have secured such highly-touted teams as Texas, USC, Arizona State, Nebraska and Florida. Instead of holding meaningless contests between unexciting teams, the minor bowls now offer major teams of much more-than-passing interest. Several have even been picked up by national television.

The major bowl picture, however, offers top teams but the match-ups are not all they could be. Woody Hayes' Buckeyes of Ohio State are sitting pretty right now. A victory over UCLA in the Rose Bowl would practically assure a national championship. Texas A&M also has a chance to come out of a major bowl undefeated, but they would probably not beat the Buckeyes in the polls. If A&M tops Arkansas tomorrow, they will face Georgia in the Cotton Bowl, but a victory over the bulldogs, though they are a fine team, could not be overly-impressive. For that matter, a Buckeye victory over UCLA won't be either because OSU has already beaten the Bruins this year.

If Texas A&M and Ohio State emerge from New Year's day undefeated, the argument for a college football playoff will be stronger than ever, because no one will ever know for sure.

Elsewhere, Michigan receives small consolation for their bowl misfortunes in the past few years. Though they were legitimately deprived of the Rose Bowl bid this year by Ohio State, they will be allowed to compete in the Orange Bowl against Oklahoma.

Finally, there's the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, with Penn State slated to meet Alabama. Bear Bryant is fooling no one. He wants a bowl victory so bad (he's 0-7-1 in the last eight years) that he didn't care how he got it. Declining to face a Big Eight team, he hand-picked Penn State, and he still may not get his victory. He won't impress anyone anyway. Here are the Irish Eye's Bowl Picks:

Tangerine Bowl: (Dec. 20th) Miami of Ohio vs. South Carolina. Miami has been impressive in the Mid-American Conference. But Jim Carlen has done an excellent rebuilding job for SC, and performed well against tougher opponents. It will be close, but look for Miami by 3.

Liberty Bowl: (Dec. 22nd) Southern Cal vs either Arkansas or Texas A&M. It's just hard to believe John McKay will go out with five straight losses. A man with the class and ability of McKay deserves better. If Arkansas is his opponent (McKay they will be) then he should go out with his final victory in a bowl, where he has won so many great games. Ricky, Bell, Vince Evans and Randy Simmrin will have to regain their scoring touch, and the defense will have to tighten up, but they can do it. Trojans by 7.

Sun Bowl: (Dec. 26th) Pittsburgh vs. Kansas. Pitt has to be inspired to be great, but they can really be great. Tony Dorsett is the best runner the Jayhawks will have faced all year, and Pitt's defense can be very tough. But going by soundness, Kansas has the edge. They emerged with a fine 7-4 record in the

toughest conference in the country. Nolan Cromwell is superb at leading their veer offense, so look for the Jayhawks by 7.

Fiesta Bowl (Dec. 26th) Arizona State vs. Nebraska. This may prove to be the finest bowl of the bunch. Frank Kush's Sun Devils hold an 11-0 record and are ranked eighth in the nation. "Fast Freddie" Williams leads the way on the offense and Mike Haynes, an outstanding defensive back, anchors the defense. Nebraska is a heavyweight though, something the Sun Devil schedule omitted this season. State will find out that WAC and Big Eight don't rhyme. Huskers by 13.

Bluebonnet Bowl (Dec. 27th) Colorado vs. Texas. Texas had a "good but not quite" team this year, and Colorado had a "sometimes good and never quite" squad. Earl Campbell leads a powerful Longhorn wishbone that Colorado probably won't be able to stop. The Buffaloes will make a game of it, but Texas should capture the victory. Longhorns by 10.

Gator Bowl (Dec. 29th) Florida vs. Maryland. The Gators 9-2 record may have been worthy of a major bowl, but they like it in their home state. With Jimmy DuBose running the ball, their offense should

should perform as it has all year, explosively. Maryland was surprising in the ACC this year, and will put up a good fight. But home state advantage slants it towards Florida. Gators by 7.

Peach Bowl (Dec. 31st) North Carolina State vs. West Virginia. The Mountaineers played over their heads all year, and dropped their final game to Syracuse. When it comes down to the big one, don't count on them. State's defense can be super, and if they avoid mistakes, they'll take it. Wolfpack by 7.

Sugar Bowl (Dec. 31st) Alabama vs. Penn State. It would serve Bear right to drop this bowl game after he did everything in his power to assure a win. Joe Paterno is not likely to be caught off guard, and he has a solid linebacker in Greg Buttle. This year however, as opposed to the last two years, the Bear may have the better team. Richard Todd has the offense in a groove, and back Willie Shelby leads the way. Tide by 7.

Cotton Bowl (Jan. 1st) Texas A&M or Arkansas vs. Georgia. Let's assume that the Aggies make it to Dallas, and then assume again that they'll emerge undefeated. Their defense, as evidenced in the Texas game, is fantastic, number one in the country. Linebacker Ed Simmonini and Cornerback Pat Thomas are All-Americans and Georgia will find out why. The Bulldogs are good, but A&M is too tough. Aggies by 10.

Rose Bowl (Jan. 1st) Ohio State vs. UCLA. Though we've already seen this game once this year (in which the Buckeyes won, 41-20) it should be a little different. John Sciarra has the Bruin veer working to perfection, but they have to hold on to the ball. They did everything they could to give the USC game to the Trojans, and they surely can't afford to do it against the Buckeyes. Archie Griffin and Cornelius Greene won't be stopped as easily. It will be closer than before, but the result will be the same. OSU by 14.

Orange Bowl (Jan. 1st) Michigan vs. Oklahoma. This may turn out to be the best of the major bowls. The Wolverines will want to prove that they belong in a bowl, and Gordon Bell, Bob Lytle and receiver Jim Smith won't hurt. The Sooners are coming off their fine victory over Nebraska, and if they play like they did in that game, it should be a great battle. Make it Oklahoma by 7.



Freshman Bruce Flowers will have to help stop Tech's Rich Bullock.