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## Tracey accepts Trustee's SLC decision

Ann Marie Tracey, removed from the Student Life Council in May by the Board of Trustees, said Sunday that she accepts and understands the decision.

Elected by North Quad students, she was removed from the body because the SLC constitution requires student members to be a Notre Dame student.

Recognizing the technicality,

Miss Tracey urged all concerned to remember students elected her with 435 votes, 174 votes more than the other North Quad representative.

The government major added that most of her classes meet at Notre Dame and that she feels she understands the problems before the SLC as well as any Notre Dame student.

Miss Tracey did not state she

would fight the action of the Trustees although she is opposed to it.

Jerry O'Connor, who received the third highest vote, said that he would accept the post if it was offered to him.

John Cullen, the other North Quad representative, said the Trustees are magnifying a technicality beyond reasons.

"Just because an SMC student



Ann Marie Tracey

is elected hardly indicates a trend toward electing students of faculty or administrators from

say, UCLA. The Notre Dame students do not see the situation as such."

SLC administrative representative Fr. Thomas Blantz said Miss Tracey on the SLC would be a "form of discrimination" against the students of Notre Dame.

"It would be just like admitting Yale president Kigman Brewster as an administrative representative. He would surely bring many fine ideas but the council was not designed for the purpose of admitting such a member," the Vice President for Student Affairs said.

The SLC is a "very serious organization," Fr. Blantz, and its constitution should be followed in that light.

## Enforcement has little effect

The first weekend under the Trustee demand for stricter enforcement of parietal and alcohol rules was uneventful as students took a cautious wait and see approach.

St. Edward's President Martin Siemion said no trouble was encountered as a number of section parties were held.

Siemion said he was "worried"

### Barkett replies

### to Stephan letter

The statement according to the SBP, is meant as a personal response to the Trustee's action. "It is not meant as a statement of student government policy," he added.

While Barkett objected to the recent stiffening of enforcement of University rules, he stopped short of condemning the Trustees action.

The complete text of Barkett's letter is on page 3.

SBP John Barkett suggested that each trustee live for a week at any dorm, in a letter to Board of Trustees Chairman Edmund Stephan.

"I think the time has come to realize that the social outlets of students here are virtually none. Come and live in any dorm here for a week. Talk to students and ask what there is to do socially," Barkett said, "Then you too will dream about the reality of co-education."

about upperclassmen because it seems the University is taking away what they've been used to in the past.

"They've been good about it though, observing the regulations even though they may not agree with them," Siemion added.

In Keenan Hall, the official policy "is that of the University," according to President David Loring.

He reported no violations and said the hall is leaving enforcement up to the personal integrity of the individual.

Loring said parietals is the problem area recalling the "elbow nudge" and remarks that circulated his freshman year the day after someone had a woman in his room.

"Then sophomore and junior year it changed. If you had a woman in your room nothing was made of it. But now they're going back. They're forcing us to revert with them and women will again be looked at as sexual objects, as

opposed to people," Loring said.

Claiming the university has reversed "all good that was done," Loring said he hopes for 24 hour parietals next year, "after we show them we can act responsibly."

Cavanaugh hall was no different from last year according to President Kevin Hansen, and expects things to remain the same.

"We had by far the most strict rector on campus. All the regulations were strictly enforced, so we're already used to it. So far there hasn't been a change and I really don't anticipate any."

Rule enforcement at Cavanaugh will be left for the most part, to the individual, Hansen said.

Steven Jeselnik, Breen-Phillips president, said it is too soon to "judge the differences."

"If beer is being carried from room to room, he added, "they are being very discreet about it."

## SMC students will not receive ND degrees

Saint Mary's seniors will not receive diplomas from the University of Notre Dame this year.

Academic Dean Sr. Jeanne Finske, explained that although the academic departments of both schools have merged, complete unification is not expected to be finalized until 1974 or 1975. Plans for joint graduation exercises have not been decided upon yet.

During a questions and answer period, at a senior convocation in the Little Theatre, Sr. Jeanne emphasized that courses taken at

ND would appear on SMC transcripts, but not as having been taken at ND.

"It doesn't make that much difference whom is reading the transcript," added Sr. Jeanne. "You should have gone to Harvard, Princeton, or Yale, if you wanted it marked."

### STAFF MEETING

All returning Observer reporters and news staff are requested to attend an important meeting in the Observer office at 6:30 tonight.

## Higgins: ND may form consumer protection group

Bob Higgins, an Observer reporter and Hall Life Commissioner, attended a weekend conference on consumer research groups at the University of Minnesota as a representative of ND student government. ed.

"If Ralph Nader and a staff of 10-15 lawyers can dent the federal bureaucracy, a similar stand in each state could change the direction of the nation."

Donald K. Ross Attorney and Nader Raider The "similar stand" of which Mr. Ross speaks is a Public Interest Research Group (PIRG).

The PIRG consists of a group of full time paid professions (lawyers, marketings analysts, environmental scientists, etc.) and an outer core of faculty advisors and students. A few students are also hired as full time employees. Some are part time and many do volunteer

work.

Two years ago, the mere brainchild of consumer-protector, Ralph Nader, PIRGs are now forming throughout the nation.

Nader's idea germinated from his evaluation of students as "possibly the most vocal, yet least politically effective group in the United States..." He felt that student enthusiasm and idealism should be channelled into positive action instead of diversified dissent.

Students PIRGs are the means to this end.

The group is financed completely by students. In Oregon and Minnesota, the majority of students have signed petitions agreeing to tax themselves the sum of three dollars each year to finance this group.

This presents a many-sided uniqueness. Because the organization is solely student-

funded, it is naturally controlled exclusively by students. In the Minnesota PIRG model, each college, regardless of size, elects one representative to the State Board of Directors, which is the ultimate decision making body in the organization. Larger schools will be allowed one representative for every 5,000 full time students enrolled.

The State Board of Directors, besides setting all policy for the PIRG, has hiring and firing power over the staff of professionals. While being responsible to no one, it is observed and counselled by an advisory staff which is composed of faculty members and community leaders selected by the State Board. The members of this staff are not salaried, have no veto power, nor do they formally vote, but they can make recommendations to the State Board, based on their

knowledge and expertise.

This idea is not a fantasy. At the University of Minnesota, alone, a school of better than 90 per cent commuters, 400 students gathered 26,000 signatures (better than 60 per cent of the student body) calling for the creation of a PIRG in that state. In all, 50,000 students signed petitions in the Gopher state, consequently the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG) began operations this year with a budget in excess of \$200,000. \$15,000 of this money was turned over to fifteen students for summer research projects, for which they received academic credit.

During the summer MPIRG hired a lawyer and two environmental scientists. The group plans to hire seven more professionals for full time employment. Chuck Dayton, the MPIRG lawyer, agreed to a 50

percent cut in pay to work for the environment protection group.

MPIRG is off to such an outstanding start that it was able to finance a convention this past weekend, which was attended by more than 40 delegates, who came from as far as Oregon, Berkeley, and Columbus, Ohio, to hear the amazing success story of MPIRG.

Brad Baker, a senior in marketing at the University of Indiana, led the Indiana delegation. Baker is now in the process of educating all of the Indiana schools in the merits of forming the Indiana Public Interest Research Group (IN PIRG) and is receiving a full semester's credit (17 hours) for his effort.

INPIRG is presently in an infantile stage. It can and will grow to be as successful as

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**FREE DELIVERY** Serving ND Students since 1948**Caruso to head co-ex dining**

by Dennis Duggan

Gary Caruso, director of the co-ex dinner program, expects to begin the project Monday, September 20.

Plans are being made to expand the program started last semester under the direction of Bob Ohlemiller.

They call for an increase in the 100 tickets available last year to a projected 200 for each meal this semester.

Details have not been finalized, but, as it stands now, the co-ex meals will be the evening meals Monday thru Saturday and the Sunday lunch.

During the first few weeks Caruso expects to assign each hall a specific night to eat at St. Mary's dining hall, as an introduction to the program, and then open it to general campus distribution.

Although Caruso termed the

**Higgins Goes to Minnesota Meeting  
Explores consumer group organization**

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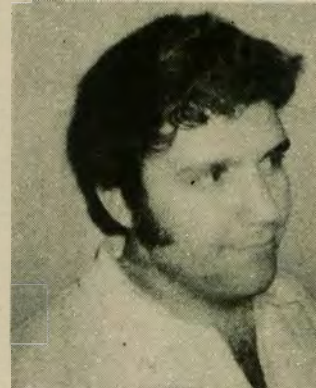
Minnesota's, Oregon's or any other state's group. Brad Baker is quite sure of this, as is Joe Highland, the student coordinator of MPIRG, and now a member of the renowned Nader's Raiders.

Working out of the Nader Washington office, Highland has taken upon himself the task of touring midwestern states, speaking at numerous campuses in an attempt to educate and at the same time involve the

students in the PIRG idea.

Highland and Baker will be making a whistle-stop tour of Indiana this week. They hope to be in South Bend on Thursday.

The PIRG is a virgin forest. A few of the larger oaks have been felled by Minnesota and Oregon. Much lies ahead for states, like Indiana, which are in the formative stages. But the dedication and perseverance of all the delegates at the MPIRG convention, leads one to conclude that the task is not too great.



Gary Caruso

vices Commission.

Other problems are not of a logistical nature. "A one-to-one switch is needed if the co-ex dinner program is to be a success," Ohlemiller said.

He said many SMC students were hesitant to eat dinner at Notre Dame last year because the food was not as good as at St. Mary's, and because the conduct of the Notre Dame student was immature.

Caruso said that Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Fr. James Shilts was acting as a coordinator between Edmund Price, director of food services, and Raymond Perry, head of Saga Foods at St. Mary's.

Caruso felt that the progress that had been made was encouraging and hopes to have specific details sometime this week.

Students have more power than they are able to realize, and more importantly, more power than they can mobilize. In the words of Ralph Nader,

*The impact which students have had on their society is remarkable given the tiny expenditure of energy and time by a small fraction of the student body. Consider the multiple growth of this impact when students develop their own full time action arms which in turn will invigorate the education of the students with a new sense of quest, purpose and pertinence. The student public interest research groups, discussed here, can proliferate throughout the country to make the most dynamic and important student development in our history. These students PIRGs will be catalysts for the focused energies of students, faculty, and other citizen and professional support, now dissipated and directionless."*

**16 new SMC profs****4 in Fine Arts**

Sixteen new full-time faculty will join the staff of Saint Mary's College this fall, according to Sr. Jeanne Finske, academic dean.

They are Stanley E. Bochtler, assistant professor of education; Robert Brooks, assistant professor of art; Leonard Fleck, instructor of philosophy; Miss Patricia Gruska, instructor in speech-drama; Michael Q. Hennessey, assistant professor of music; Mrs. Ruth Hoffman, assistant professor of French; Margo Hoff, assistant professor of art; David Luisi, instructor in English; Dr. John Mc Donagh, assistant professor of psychology; Thomas R. Peterson, assistant professor of education; Miss Monica Schuler, instructor in humanistic studies; Robert Schumm, assistant professor of education; Larry Scrivner, assistant professor of psychology; John R. Thompson III, instructor in mathematics, and Miss Suan Vanek, instructor in Spanish.

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# Barkett Invites Trustees to Dome

Dear Mr. Stephan:

Last May, when I spoke to the full Board at its annual spring meeting, I mentioned that the tradition of hall life at Notre Dame was a young one. I cited many examples of how far we have progressed the last three (3) years and said that we still had much further to go. I cited specific needs in the physical plant, hall staff, and the counseling services. I asked the question "Does the attention Hall Life received in terms of university priorities equal the functions of hall life?" Relatively speaking, I said "no" to that and I asked that we keep pace with hall life and even surpass it with foresight, flexibility, experimentation and imagination in our thoughts.

You and all the Board members were most cordial to us at that meeting. Your concern about student views and obvious dedication to Notre Dame are two traits that still stand out in my mind. The letter you sent to Dr. Eagan has done nothing to shake my belief in your concern and dedication. Both are obvious.

In that letter, student responsibility seemed to be your major concern. Living a responsible life daily has never been easy -- nor will it ever be. And it is much easier for you and all adults to look back and offer young men the challenge of responsibility than it is for young men to look forward to face that challenge. I say this especially noting the pressures facing youth trying to grow into that society. For some, and perhaps for many, it is not a pleasant view.

The sad thing about responsibility is that as much as anyone teaches it or preaches it, it achieves nothing unless the listener is actually listening and responding. After all, that is responsibility: the ability to respond to a given situation in a sensible and reasonable way. And for what my wisdom is worth, it appears that experience is still the best teacher. And some learn faster than others.

Your letter, Mr. Stephan, and the accompanying one by Father Hesburgh and our talks with Father Hesburgh have the same stream of thought: you are ultimately responsible for this University and the rules and regulations it lives by. That responsibility is not only a moral one -- as you all view morality

but also a legal one, particularly as the state of Indiana views it. Many times I have tried to put myself in your position and many administrators' positions and asked myself how I would act in particular situations. It is, of course, difficult to do that, but it has enlightened me greatly as to the difficult task you have. More people around here should try it.

If you would try the same approach to learn about student needs here, you might discover why some concerned people are upset about your letter. I'm not talking about those students who read your letter only seeing that their drunken bashes are no longer welcome on this campus. Nor am I speaking those closed minded students who refuse to accept the position you, Mr. Stephan, and the others on the Board hold. I am speaking for the large number of students who can honestly accept your words as a reaction to Indiana Law, the Student Life Council report of last spring and some deplorable situations that have occurred here last year. To them, a human life lost and individuals relying on alcohol to exist are but examples of such situations.

One of the reasons they are upset -- and I join their concern -- is that the Board has rejected again the Student Life Council's recommendations on parietal hours. The same exact proposal has been brought up the last two (2) years. To me, that means the Student Life Council is trying to tell

the Board something about the halls here. I think also that it means that the parietal hours rules are unenforceable as they now stand. Only discretion and flexibility on the part of the resident assistants and rectors and good judgment on the part of residents will avoid a crisis this year.

Each hall is unique and each requires a leadership that is demanding, attentive, available, resourceful, tireless and worthy of respect. To treat all twenty (20) halls the same for much longer is folly for one can administer a hall only on the local level. I realize that certain standards of order must be established. But so must certain standards of people be found to not only administer that order but also be able to command a listening and respecting, if not loving, ear in such administration. And I speak of students, faculty, and administrators.

I think the time has come, also to realize that the social outlets of students here are virtually none. Come and live in any dorm here for a week. Talk to students and ask what there is to do socially, where one can go to meet girls, where the social life really is. Then you, too, will dream about the reality of co-education. You, too, will look at LaFortune and shake your head. It is easy to cut-off hall parties -- which were major reasons for an improvement in community life and an improved campus social atmosphere despite



John Barkett

the legal drawbacks and occasional excesses -- but it is not easy to offer alternate solutions to the good things about hall parties.

When Bob Weaver spoke to the Board in May, he called for a new student center. I repeat that plea now for I firmly believe such a Center is desperately needed at Notre Dame, particularly in light of the co-ed unification. Please understand that I am fully aware of the money I am talking about. But I am also fully aware of the social conditions and the needs in hall life, and I am trying to put both in their proper framework of University priorities as I think they should be.

The dynamism of youth today is certainly apparent at Notre Dame. Though we have made mistakes, I think that dynamism combined with increased self-autonomy has raised the level of responsibility among students here. The momentum is

there and to harness it requires dynamic leadership in the student affairs area, not sanctions which in my opinion, cannot apply strictly to every situation and which may be interpreted as attempts to stifle the progress that has been made in community development the last two (2) years.

I have not even referred to the drug problem; nor to the implications of the advent of Michigan's 18 year old drinking age; nor to the needs of off-campus students. But I am hoping you can see how all these plus what I've said above relates to the problem of excessive drinking, to enforcement of and respect for rules and regulations, to making Notre Dame more responsible in its student affairs duties.

The Student Life Council called for an appropriation to study all facets of student life -- on and off campus -- as its conclusion to its report of last spring. No mention was made of it in your letter, but I am hoping that was simply an oversight. Many at Notre Dame could predict the conclusion of such a report, I have alluded to many, but if it takes a study to initiate action, then I say we must begin one. Soon.

I trust that you sense the serious nature of my comments, Mr. Stephan. I believe both of our letters must be acted on and that neither alone will effectively "contribute to the growth and maturity of the students."

Devotedly yours in Notre Dame,

John Barkett  
Student Body President 1971-72

## Directory slated for Oct. 1

The student directory will be printed and in circulation hopefully, by Oct. 1, according to editor Walt Szwarc.

Four to five weeks have been cut from the customary completion time, because the staff is sending photo-ready copy to the printer.

Photo-ready copy eliminates the need for type-setting, which has delayed the directory in the past.

Computer listings of the combined ND-SMC student

bodies will be posted in the Huddle and St. Mary's dining hall until Wednesday.

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All successful newspapers are ceaselessly querulous and bellicose. They never defend anyone or anything if they can help it; if the job is forced upon them, they tackle it by denouncing someone or something else.

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## The Need to be Willing to Act

The letter John Barkett sent to Board of Trustee Chairman Edmund Stephan was typical of the Barkett administration. It was courteous, reflective, calm. Without surrendering his dignity or the dignity of student government, Barkett's letter, while praising the intent of the Board of Trustees, made it abundantly clear that the rules that Board wants enforced cannot be enforced, save perhaps through a series of crises that can be nothing but detrimental to the University. In his letter, too Barkett invited the Trustees to this University to live in the dorms, among students.

We hope they will accept the offer. We hope that the Trustees will use more of Barkett's insightful vision and less of their own current telescopic bomb-sights. We hope that the Trustees will come here with a mind open enough to see for themselves that Parietal enforcement isn't going to work. We hope they will come to realize that the Student Body President and the Student Life Council is better able to perceive how things are at this University than they are. We hope that this letter will initiate a profound change of thought among the Trustees.

But we don't think it will happen.

We think, instead, that the Board of Trustees will be as intransigent as ever. We believe that confronted with this letter alone, they will remain continually blind to the nature of student life at Notre Dame.

That's why it is more imperative than ever that students at this University vividly indicate their sentiments towards Stephan's letter; yielding where there is right reason - as we hope the Board of Trustees yield to the right reason of Barkett's letter; but holding firm where there is a clear encroachment upon the powers that should rightfully be the Student Life Council's.

We know, for example, that the drinking rules are forced upon the University by the state of Indiana, whose inept legislature the Trustees are beginning to resemble. Hence, attempts to defy the drinking restrictions are doomed to failure; they are more easily circumvented, anyway. We know, too, that vandalism is a pastime that amuses only temporarily and benefits none, and hall judicial councils that protect vandals are not being responsive to the halls. But the changes needed to deal with these realities are changes from within - student-enforced changes - changes that come about, not because the Board of Trustees wants them to come about - but because they are right.

But Parietal Hours are purely an invention of the Board of Trustees, and an unwelcome one at that. The University has no responsibility to God, the State, or Notre Dame to keep girls out of the halls after 2 AM; virtuous men don't suddenly change into lechers at that hour, nor do ladies of the day turn into ladies of the night. When halls set parietal hours, the minority suffers, but not abjectly or unfairly, when the Trustees set parietal hours, everyone suffers no matter what his personal preferences are; for such an action undermines the rights of students and the dignity of the Student Life Council.

So once again we urge student members of the SLC not to allow itself to become an ancillary of the Board of Trustees. The SLC must re-submit its parietal hours resolution to the Board. In the wake of a refusal to do so, the students must walk out and deny the SLC the needed quorum to conduct business.

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Righteous On

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*You Shall Not Press  
Upon His Brow this  
Crown of Horns*

Sam Wilson

On-campus students have merited themselves a sneer and a tear, as the Rt. Rev. Stephan has single-handedly reduced their arguments for remaining on campus to an absurdity. Back in the old days, when a student caught complaining about tuition increases was sent down to the rector for a harangue, most students not looking for monastary training were looking for off-campus housing. The situation grew so serious, in fact, that Hesburgh (this was when he was on the side of lawncorder, remember, not when he was on the side of the students) resorted in his desperation to insulting off-campus students; and the administration bureaucrats legislated against non-seniors off-campus.

for the last couple years, thanks partially to efforts on the part of student power advocates, on-campus living has become bearable, and last year's Dome could even pretend that the merits of living there were comparable to living off-campus or anywhere but a zoo. However, the illusion has been stripped off; Chairman Stephan, riding the steed of chastity and carrying the whip of bull, has probably initiated a widespread exodus off-campus, an exodus that will be slowed down only by more heavy-handed administration whip-cracking.

I'm conceding, right off, that the Board of Trustees won't recognize their error and go home with their rules. They never have in the past, and when their past grandiose schemes to keep the spit-'n'-polish on the dome (like their original refusal to let halls determine their own parietal hours) fall flat on their collective faces, they figure the reason is the ingratitude of the students and the answer is more gestapo-like enforcement.

That's all crap, of course, and it's not even original crap. The Trustees think they're instilling their own (admittedly deeply moral) value system (which seems to be a vague analgram of no screwing after 2 AM and no boozing where you can get caught) on the student body and hence bettering it, but in reality all they're doing is building resentment and alienation. Not too different from what imperialists have done in Africa, South America, and Southeast Asia, is it?

How will we respond? The old student power advocates would have responded loudly, directly, firmly. The present student government has invited Trustees to live in the Dorms for a week or so. How a bunch of rich, married septegenarian men from Chicago and New York are going to sympathise with the plight of students without women, without booze, and locked in the middle of this tragic berg on the basis of a seven days' visit is a question that can legitimately be raised, but it won't be answered here. Instead, I'll propose an alternate solution. Let the Trustees live here for the rest of their lives. Then all the students can move off-campus, where they can drink where they want, sleep with whomever they wish, and in general run their own lives.



rick smith

# "the obscurity of the night but serves to reveal the brilliance of the stars"

This Thursday is the Fourth of July in Mexico. From an American point of view. It's Independence Day there and patriotism is kind of a different thing there second to everybody joins in the celebration.

I lived in El Paso for eighteen years, still go home once or twice a year. So that puts me about fifteen minutes from Juarez. A city which probably still ranks second to Tijuana for bad reputation, but, in the by by now old cliché, Juarez tries harder. There are over half a million people there, the vast majority existing in indescribably bad living conditions. I remember when some sociologist came to town and said how he had been all over the world and had never seen slums as bad as the sprawling cardboard and tin shanties (or colonias as they are called there).

Having lived so near to all this for so long, it has become kind of a personal thing, to the extent that it is hard to talk about. But it is also a matter of interest, if not concern, for me and so I'm going to try to relate a few impressions of this very different land.

I am assuming that most of you have heard all about how there is such a great dichotomy between the rich and the poor -- how there are all the masses of extremely poor people and the few extremely wealthy folk and how this is still being used by local politicians for personal advancement. This all is very true. But there is much more to the land, much more beauty and life, much more pain, more humanity, if that's the right word.

That is the biggest thing about Mexico for me. Here there is so much bleakness, so little comfort. There is so much that is outrageous and intrinsically evil, opposed to humanity and life. And it seems to me that it is here one encounters the truly incredible paradox of the Mexican people, if not of all people and all life in general. I'm not yet a real philosopher, you see.

So in the face of absurdity, overwhelming pain and death, where life's meaning it has, is most far removed, those who are, through no fault of their own, it seems, most deeply involved in it can only laugh. Laugh loudly, laugh deeply and for a long time. Like these people really are involved in life, in contemporary youth culture terms, they really dig life. From our superior, improved rationalistic vista we might brand them as stupid. We just have to be superior, seeing as how we spend so much more time, energy and money at it. Even when they weep, I get the feeling that it is a much deeper emotion than is most commonly encountered in our sani-flush world.

The usual cool, non-committal attitude so necessary for survival here fares rather badly down there. I read an article this summer by someone whose name I've since forgotten about how in the past men have always had to fight desperately for all the essentials of life. Ours is the first civilization which has had clothing, housing, and food more or less supplied upon demand. The old challenges of life have now faded before our ever-improving

quest for ever-greater security. And, it seems to me, the effects have not been too good. So far, at least. And I am led to a tentative conclusion that it would behoove one who would remain sort of sane to go out and seek some challenge, a really basic feeling. Kind of like dad's old thing about never really appreciated something unless you've really earned it. On a certain level, at least, I guess that's right.

A little history might be appropriate, I think. Men first appeared in Mexico five thousand years ago in the form of nomadic tribes who cultivated corn in the central and southeastern parts of the country. Fifteen hundred years ago the now extinct Mayans were flourishing, to be followed for two hundred years by the Toltecs. From twelve hundred until Cortes, the Aztec Culture and Empire reigned. Until very recently, the full range of both the Mayans and Aztecs has not been ap-



"We are alone at last, like all men, and like them we live in a world of violence and deception, a world dominated by Don No One. It protects but also oppresses us, hides us but also disfigures us. If we tear off these masks, if we open ourselves up, we face our own selves, then we can truly begin to live and to think. Nakedness and defenselessness are awaiting us. But there, in that 'open' solitude, transcendence is also awaiting us: the outstretched hands of other solitary beings. For the first time in history we are contemporaries of all mankind."

Octavio Paz

preciated, probably, I guess, since they were not associated with Greece or Rome. The Spaniards conquered what is now Mexico in fifteen twenty one, and they were not very benevolent victors. Under the encomienda system, landowners were allowed to extract slave labor from the Indians; for two hundred years the exploitation of the Indians continued, unabated by several laws passed against such action.

The Franciscans, bearers of the True and Holy Faith To Melt the Swords into Plowshares, or something like that, arrived three years after Cortes had finished his job. The faith spread rapidly, we are told, to all the poor heathens.

Three hundred years after the establishment of Spanish rule, Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla led the first large-scale revolt, which ended in failure. Father Jose Maria Morelos y Pavon continued the revolution and, like Father Hidalgo, was executed. In eighteen twenty one independence was finally achieved, and a century of bloodshed and struggle began.

The next big name is Antonio Lopez de

Santa Anna, an erratic military genius of gloomy countenance who described himself as the Napoleon of the West. He was to rule Mexico eleven separate times between eighteen thirty three and eighteen fifty five. Under his rule Mexico lost more than half of its original territory to the United States.

In the period following Santa Anna, there was a constant see-saw battle between liberals and conservatives. The most prominent liberal figure to emerge was Benito Juarez, author of some of the reform measures in the constitution of 1850. Under his rule, the church lost most of its power. Under his rule, the church lost most of its power, as did much of the rest of the upper class.

Pope Pius IX got so excited about the whole thing that he wrote "it allows the free exercise of all cults and admits the right of pronouncing in public every kind of

people acquired great wealth, while the rest of Mexico was poorer than ever.

In nineteen ten, Don Porfirio invited dignitaries from all over the world to see the new and improved Mexico, the railroads that ran on time, harbors, broad boulevards, stately homes. Indians and paupers were ordered to say off the main streets of the capital. But just as there had been omens of death and destruction prior to the Spanish invasion, there was a violent eruption of a volcano, earth tremors, fiery comets.

Men such as Francisco Madero, Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata became famous during this time. They knew the issues - dictatorship, the flouting of the constitution, effective suffrage, economic repression and Mexico for Mexicans. Around them thronged a starving peasantry, landless Indians, men who had been in trouble with the law during the Porfirian Peace. One writer has said the Revolution was planned by thinkers and executed by bandits and after a time one could not be told from the other.

Mexico saw ten presidents in the next seven years. One established a short term record of forty six minutes. The population actually dropped as both violence, starvation and disease took heavy tolls. Everyone was in arms. It looked like a Hollywood scriptwriters dream. Or a nightmare. The wildest and ablest general was Alvaro Obregon and he became president in nineteen twenty.

This has gotten much too long and so I'm going to end it soon. It is a very different country. Both very beautiful and very ugly. Life's complexity comes into glaring and blinding focus here. The Machine is exercising power in the culture as it seeks after modernization. But the damage is still limited. Two cars almost collide and a crowd of chicanos standing beside the street raises their arms and shouts in unison "ole!"

I realize that my perspective is not the best, wandering in what Octavio Paz has called "an abstract world of machines, fellow citizens and moral precepts." I guess I'm probably even paternal. I invite anyone who has any other insights perhaps gained through a closer experience with Mexico to write about them.

Paz also writes very beautifully on the lesson which Mexico holds for me, "To live is to be separated from what we were in order to approach what we are going to be in the mysterious future. Solitude is the profoundest fact of the human condition. Man is the only being who knows he is alone, and the only one who seeks out another. . . . All our forces strive to abolish our solitude. Hence the feeling that we are alone has a double significance: on the one hand it is self-awareness and on the other it is a longing to escape from ourselves. Solitude - the very condition of our lives - appears to us as a test and a purgation, at the conclusion of which our anguish and instability will vanish. At the exit from the labyrinth of solitude we will find reunion (which is repose and happiness) and plenitude and harmony with the world." Thank you very much.

paul dziedziec

## on 3rd and 17, don't punt, call the ombudsman

It could be that the truly fortunate people are those who are able to worry about the big problems. Truth, beauty, and even co-education are the luxuries of minds removed from the nuisances of cockroaches in the latrine, buses running off schedule or underwear decimated by the laundry. President Nixon is preoccupied with putting his house in order before next November and Father Burtchael has his hands full with all the strings he's pulling so the task of caring for life's real, if small, problems falls to the Ombudsman.

Q: I was using the lavatory facilities on the third floor of the student center when a cockroach mistook my leg for a waterpipe and proceeded to climb all the way to my knee. I was very distressed. What can be done about this? ANONYMOUS

A: That is distressing. An exterminator has taken care of the roach but you'd better do some jogging to get rid of those waterpipe legs.

Q: I'm a St. Mary's student and I forgot to reserve a football ticket for this season. What should I do? C.R. McCandless

A: Co-education hasn't quite reached the ticket office yet and as a result Notre Dame and St. Mary's are still operating under different rules. Each Notre Dame student pays for his ticket when he pays his University bill. The ladies have to order their's special and only 1400 are available for the whole student body.

You still have a chance to see the national champs in their six home games if you call the ticket office at 7354 and put yourself on a waiting list. Any tickets not claimed by Friday will be available to the latecomers. If that doesn't work, cozy up to one of the guys on the team. You may not get to any football games, but you will see plenty of action.

A: Last summer while traveling in Europe I lost my motorbike. The United States Embassy in Rome has informed me that the Rome Police have recovered it but

my letters to them have gone unanswered. Can you help me? F.N. Class of '71

A: Our staff in Rome has cleared this up. You can have your bike back as soon as you send enough money to pay for the cost of painting over that large green shamrock on the steps of the Coliseum. Oh, . . . Sophia says hi and wants to know if you're going to start at quarterback again this year.

Q: This new bus schedule and route has me confused. The buses just seem to follow each other around nobody knows when or where they're stopping. Can you straighten this out? R.B.-Fisher Hall

A: We're working on it but you seem to have hit the nail on the head -- nobody knows what's happening. The buses do seem to just follow each other and appear to have better things to do than bother with riders. My guess is that it's mating season. Watch for little go-carts to start scooting around campus. We're going to post Stephan's letter in the bus shed tonight and when they see we mean business things

will settle down. We'll try to get a copy of the schedule into the Observer if that happens.

Everybody needs a helping hand once in a while and we try to give it. Dial 7638 if you want to unload those problems on somebody who cares.

## some announcements

Anyone who wants a booth in Stepan Center on Activities Night (Wednesday from 7 to 10) should contact Dave Pais, care of Student Government office or at 232-0905.

The Northern Indiana Friends of Free Speech (NIFFS) is attempting to resurrect the late but beloved magazine *Vaseline*. If interested, please contact either Jim or Rick at 282-1726.



# Sr. Alma: No Truth to Ministry Merger Rumor

by Ann Conway

Sr. Alma Peters, vice president for special projects, yesterday denied rumors that the merger of the two campus Ministries was nixed by the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees.

The rumors, given to the Observer by an informed source, stated that a merger of the two campus ministries had been agreed to in writing last spring by Sr. Alma and Provost Fr. James T. Burtchaell, who was unavailable for comment.

This merger was then stopped unilaterally by the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees Committee, who informed Notre Dame that no merger would take place this

September, and that a member of the Holy Cross Order would be hired to head the Saint Mary's ministry.

According to Sr. Alma whose duties center about the merger, there was no written agreement concerning merger of the two campus ministries. She said, "If people would only think of the positive rather than the negative sides. This type of rumor will go around all year."

Fr. William Twohey, head of the Notre Dame campus ministry said that he understood that there would be continuing discussions hopefully leading toward a September 1972 merger of the two Campus Ministries.

Sr. M. Gerald, of the Saint

Mary's Board of Trustees denied the allegations stating that there was some misunderstanding. She stated that the Board of Trustees agreed only to merging the academic programs this year and that total unification of the two schools would not take place before 1975.

The only joint statement, according to Sr. Gerald, was that the unification would take place as soon as possible with 1975 as the final date.

Fr. Roger Cormier, acting head of the SMC Campus Ministry, stated, "I was not informed of any decisions during the summer. I learned of the present status of the Campus Ministries upon my return in late August, and I have no comment other than that I am determined to implement the most effective Campus Ministry possible to meet the pastoral needs of all

students."

The new director of the Saint Mary's Campus Ministry, Sr. M. Katherine Reichert, is presently at Dumbarton College and will not arrive on campus until second semester.

Until that time, Fr. Cormier will undertake a series of programs to improve the SMC Campus Ministry.

Fr. Cormier has increased the staff to compensate for the vacancy created by Fr. Glenn Boardman's resignation. He has hired two priests part-time, Fr. John Cavanaugh, and Fr. Ned Reidy, and a seminarian Hugh Cleary to aid in the program.

According to Fr. Cormier, "I have tried to put together a diversified team to meet student needs." The emphasis of this team will be on happy life. Members of the staff will be available to work with each hall.

Fr. Cormier also hopes to institute small group liturgies and rap rooms as a means of reaching students. The theme of Fr. Cormier's program is a commitment to the "human liberation and development in the context of a Christian believing community." He plans a program of coed retreats and work with the student advisor program.

Fr. Cormier is a graduate of Notre Dame with a M.Th in Theology. He has had clinical pastoral education at the Yale Medical Center and has worked in group dynamics at the Center for the Study of the Person. This is Father's fourth year at SMC.

Stapleton Mass resumes tonight at 10:30 in Stapleton Lounge, LeMans Hall. It is open to all ND... SMC students. The Mass is held every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night.

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(New York Times)

Soviet authorities this morning broke their silence and announced "with sorrow" the death on Saturday of former Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev who will be buried without full state honors later today.

A brief obituary in Pravda, the Communist Party paper, avoided any praise of the man who had dominated Soviet political life for 11 years before he was ousted by the current Kremlin leaders in

1964 and relegated to obscurity and disgrace in his own country.

The announcement, made public by Tass, the Soviet Press Agency, a few hours before Pravda was to be distributed, said:

"The Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party and the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R. announce with sorrow that on September 11, 1971, after a severe and long illness, the former first secretary of the Central Committee and chair-

man of the Council of Ministers, special pensioner Nikita Sergeyevich Khrushchev, died in his 78th year."

It was signed by the Central Committee of the party and the Council of Ministers, and not by any of his former Kremlin colleagues, such as Leonid I. Brezhnev, Aleksei N. Kosygin, or Nikolai V. Podgorny, personally, as official obituaries usually are listed.

Nor was the time of his funeral or any information about it provided the Soviet people as are funerals accorded high leaders who are given full state honors. Khrushchev will be buried in the Novodevichye Monastery Cemetery in Moscow, a final resting place for many Russian notables, but a notch below the Kremlin Wall where all other top party leaders have been interred. Moreover, reflecting the refusal of the Kremlin leaders to end Khrushchev's political disgrace, there will be no public funeral ceremonies. His family has told Western correspondents that farewell remarks will be made at the Kremlin Hospital in the Kuntsevo section of Moscow where he died from a massive heart attack around noon on Saturday.

The Pravda announcement, which will probably be read over the radio this morning, was the first official word to the Soviet people about the death of the colorful Khrushchev, who achieved significant popularity for his anti-Stalin campaign and his promises of peace and prosperity, but who was scorned by many in his last years as leader for his inefficient economic policies and his crude public behavior.

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# Irish offense needs consistency

by Jim Donaldson  
Sports Editor

While many of the college football teams in the land played their season openers last weekend, the Fighting Irish grid forces held a game type scrimmage in Notre Dame Stadium. It was, perhaps, a break for the Irish that their schedule didn't begin Saturday.

The Notre Dame offense was erratic and the Irish were guilty of a number of errors in the scrimmage.

Mike Pavlin

## The Graduate View

### NU --- Scouting Report

Trying to judge a team's performance on the basis of radio transmission is somewhat difficult. You can't really tell if one team's ground game is not functioning because the offensive guards keep falling down when pulling or because the defensive line averages 280 pounds.

You can't, that is, unless the announcer tells you and he is too busy filling in pregnant pauses with commercials for Tony's beef sausages.

Still, I managed to glean enough from WMAQ last Saturday to convince me that Notre Dame had better do certain things right next Saturday against Northwestern or face a tough afternoon.

By now, all of you doubtless know how Northwestern's Jack Dustin, all 5' 11" of him, deflected a Michigan 3rd quarter field goal attempt, then allowed Wolverine Bo Rather to fall on the ball for the TD that turned the game around and led to Michigan's 21-6 victory.

Actually, the Wildcats were in trouble anyway, even if the score was only 7-0 at the time. They had failed to score three times in the first half when they should have and the Michigan ground game had already taken the life out of NU's spirited front line.

I don't believe NU could have won even if Dustin had stayed on the ground. But the Wildcats really worked Michigan over in the first half.

What worries me about all this is that ND and Michigan are similar teams. Each has a powerful running game, an excellent defense, and a question mark at quarterback.

The first half was all 'Cat and should have ended 9-7 NU at the very least. Northwestern returns this year strong on defense (8 regulars oack), but their front four are on the small side with the exception of 6' 6", 250 pound Jim Anderson.

But the Wildcats knew Michigan would try to run all day and MU reacted by stacking the middle and out-quicking the bigger Wolverines.

Having the wind advantage in the first quarter, NU stopped Michigan cold, twice throwing soph qb Kevin Casey for losses. After a shaky start himself, 'Cat qb Maurie Daigneau got his club rolling.

Getting adequate protection from a young and inexperienced offensive line, he mixed the power running of Al Robinson and Johnny Cooks with some superbly timed draws and screen passes.

I can recall an ND-Purdue game in the Hanratty era when the Irish marched up and down the field with ease but couldn't negotiate those last 20 yards. Last Saturday, NU came up with several novel ways of doing the same.

A Daigneau interception spoiled one drive. Then with 4th-and-2 at the Michigan 11-yard line, the 'Cats spurned the field goal. A suicidal plunge into Michigan's tough front line failed. According to Alex Agase, he would have gone for the field goal, but Daigneau held up his hands signaling only about a yard to go. Maybe the NU coach needs a qb with a longer reach.

Anyway, the persistent Wildcats later failed on a 36-yard field goal attempt and on another 4th and short yardage play.

Finally, Michigan got the wind advantage and figured out how to move. The Wolverines used soph speedster Bo Rather on a "flanker-around" play that caught NU going the collective wrong way. The first time Rather tried it, he gained 20 yards; the second time, he went 18 yards for a TD; the third time, he was stopped for no gain but by then it was too late.

The rest of the game, All-American candidate Billy Taylor tore up the Wildcats (109 yards).

NU OFFENSE - The Irish have little to fear from the 'Cat runners. Robinson and Cooks are adequate but unspectacular. The passing, however, is clearly dangerous. Operating against a zone defense, Daigneau went 19-31 for 199 yards and 3 interceptions. You can chalk up some of those misses and interceptions to rustiness: his receivers were open all day. The favorite 'Cat ploy is a flood pattern whereby Barry Pearson (4 catches for 46 yards) and Jim Lash (7 for 94) clear for each other in the flat and hook zones.

It has always been my contention that the Irish are vulnerable in these zones since our cornerbacks play off so deep and since the slower linebackers have flat zone responsibility. If the Irish line fails to pressure Daigneau, he could work these short zones with devastating effect.

NU DEFENSE - The 'Cats are quick and aggressive, but they are small Michigan's Casey was 4 of 11 passing for only 34 yards against the excellent NU deep defenders. It took the Wolverines a full half to wear down their smaller opponents.

The Irish offensive linemen and backs are as big and tough as Michigan's. If ND persists in calling Run-Run-Pass on every series of downs, however, the Irish will have their hands full.

On the basis of my radio scouting, I make these predictions: The crucial areas will be the Irish pass defense and offensive line. ND must hold NU in check for the first half and manage some sort of offensive punch. But in the second half, Irish beef should take over and the ND Wishbone-T should become devastatingly effective.

And let us hope that Ara finds someone who can get the ball to Tom Gatewood.

Coach Ara Parseghian had stated before the scrimmage that he would be looking for consistency and assignment competency.

"We didn't find either," he remarked afterwards. "We're making too many mistakes. Our biggest problem continues to be gaining consistency on offense."

The number one offense did manage to score five touchdowns but two of them came in the opening minutes of the first quarter and the last three weren't

scored until the final 12 minutes of play.

Pat Steenberge directed the first unit to three scores, two of them coming via the aerial route, and Bill Etter led the number one club to a pair of touchdowns, leaving the question of who will start at quarterback against Northwestern next weekend still unanswered.

"I don't know much more now than I already knew," was Parseghian's only comment on his quarterback situation.

Cliff Brown had a rough outing Saturday, throwing three interceptions while at the helm of the second and third units and Jim Bulger was able to lead the number three offense to just one first down against the number one defense.

Steenberge tossed a wobbly 39-yard pass to Greg Hill for the first score of the afternoon barely three minutes after the scrimmage began. Bob Thomas, a sophomore walk-on who kicks soccer style, then booted the first of six extra points.

Steenberge flipped another TD pass the next time he had the ball, lofting a slightly underthrown aerial to Bobby Minnix in the end zone. The play covered 32 yards.

Linebacker Rich Thomann recorded the game's third score nine minutes into the first quarter when he picked off a Bulger pass and ran 30 yards for a touchdown.

The first unit did not reach paydirt again until the fourth quarter. With senior halfback Bill Gallagher doing much of the work, Steenberge directed the number one offense to the one yard line, where Larry Parker ran in for the score. Gallagher caught passes of 14 and 29 yards



Pat Steenberge, shown here handing off to John Cieszkowski, threw two touchdown passes in Saturday's scrimmage.

and carried the ball several times in the drive.

Etter, who had been unable to move the club in two first quarter appearances, engineered a pair of scores in the final stanza. In one drive, he passed to Mike Creaney for 17 yards and Tom Gatewood for 10. Andy Huff bulled his way through the middle for 15 yards and Minnix scampered seven yards for the touchdown.

Some nifty scrambling by Etter resulted in the final touchdown of the scrimmage. Starting on his own 47, Etter completed a 20-yard pass to Gallagher. He then ripped off scrambling runs of 16 and 15 yards, putting the ball on the two, and Gallagher carried for the score.

The second and third units were able to score only one touchdown and that came as a result of a big break. A fumbled punt at his own four by Greg Hill set up a two-yard touchdown plunge by John Clements.

A bright spot in the scrimmage was the play of the Irish defense which allowed only six first downs, none of them by rushing. The front four of Walt Patulski, Greg Marx, Mike Zikas and Tom Freistroffer pressured Brown and Bulger continually.

The Irish will begin their normal game preparation today for Saturday's upcoming contest with the Northwestern Wildcats at Notre Dame Stadium. The 'Cats opened their season Saturday, losing 21-6 to Michigan.

## Patulski punishes passers

by Vic Dorr '74

The question most often asked about Walt Patulski, Notre Dame's 1971 defensive co-captain, does not have to do with his talents on the football field. Nor does it have to do with his leadership abilities. It has to do with his size.

Patulski, a regular at left defensive end since 1969, was listed by one pre-season football magazine as "one of the smallest defensive ends in the country." But another publication called him an "amiable giant" and placed his size at 6-6, 260.

And the Notre Dame Football Guide, the "official" source for such figures, lists the Irish co-captain as 6-5, 235.

"Actually," said Patulski, "the University has me as being 6-5, but I'm really something like 6-5 or 6. And I am close to 260, so I guess the 6-6, 260 is just about right."

But while there may be some question about Patulski's actual size, there is none about his ability. The senior from Liverpool, N.Y., has started every game for the Irish over the past two seasons, and was named to the Football News' sophomore All-America team after his first season with the Irish varsity.

Last year he received honorable mention on the UPI All-America unit, and this year—as the co-captain on a team that many are tabbing to win the national title—he has been a favorite choice for pre-season AA honors.

"Most of us have been through this business of pre-season picks before," said Patulski, "and we've found that it's futile—and unpredictable—to worry about



Walt Patulski

what the polls are going to do to you. And I feel along the same lines as far as being a pre-season All-American goes."

But for Patulski, and for the rest of the Fighting Irish, the "pre-season" period will soon be ending. The Irish collide with the Northwestern Wildcats Saturday, in a game that should indicate just how accurate the early predictions have been.

"It figures to be a weird year," said Patulski, "because a lot of the really good teams on our schedule got beat over the weekend. But it'll be a different story when these teams play us. It always is. Everyone's always up for Notre Dame."

"I know Northwestern's going to be tough. They like to run the tackle trap and the draw, and this year they've got a quarterback (Maurie Daigneau) so they'll be able to throw. They've got Barry Pearson (flanker) and Al Robinson (running back) back too, so they could give us some trouble."

But Patulski has no doubts about the Irish defense that will be meeting the Northwestern attack. "I think you'll see better

execution on defense this year than you did last year," he said. "We've had some surprises in practice lately, and we've found out that we're deeper than we thought we were."

"(Mike) Zikas has looked very good at tackle—he's filling in for Mike Kadish, and the same thing's true about Tom Freistroffer. Fred Swenson was injured a while back, and Freistroffer has looked real sharp while taking his place (at right defensive end.)"

"We've got good depth at linebacker, too, and our deep secondary is intact from last year. We'll have more refinements on defense this season, and you'll probably see more free-lancing because of it."

Eric Patton, as the team's swing linebacker, will be responsible for actually arranging the defensive sets and calling the plays, but Patulski's duties as defensive co-captain are a good deal more vague.

"Eric will be running the show on defense," he said, "and my job—well, my job is just seeing that we win. No, it's more than that. I guess my job is seeing that we shut people out."

Patulski's goal of "shutting people out" is a tough one, but the ND co-captain is eager for his first chance to achieve it.

"We've been watching films of last year's game with Northwestern," he said, "and we've been horrified to see just how lousy we were—even if we did win. But this year things should be different. We've got a veteran defense, and we shouldn't be bothered too much by butterflies. To me, the defense looks relaxed and matured. I'm sure we'll be ready."





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A number of volunteer service opportunities have been explained in a newly released pamphlet from the Student Government Community Relations Commission entitled "You've Got a Friend."

Dave Lah, Commissioner of Community Relations stated that "We want to get people involved in a one to one ratio with problem children around South Bend." He said that one student working with one child is where the most good can be accomplished. "Growing up is hard," Dave said, "often all a kid needs is a little guidance from somebody to set him straight."

The Big Brother Program is one of the volunteer services offered. A student is asked to guide a fatherless boy from thz ages of 7 to 15. Interested students should contact Dr. James Daschbough at 319 Engineering or phone 6124 for more information.

Both ND and SMC students can work with juvenile delinquents in the volunteer probation officer program. This is a chance to counsel a youth and also to relieve the current probation officer shortage. Bob Stockhoff, 347 Cavanaugh (phone 1522) is in charge of this program.

The Family and Childrens' Center in Mishawaka has opened up an opportunity for students to work with orphaned children. Bill Reitz, 301 Cavanaugh (phone 1479) has more information on this activity. There is also a volunteer program for assistant high school counsellors which is handled by Tim Galvin, 7735.

The pamphlet also explains a number of other service opportunities. Most of the halls already have this information. The Community Relations Commission has worked jointly with the Kennedy Institute - also an ND organization - to set up the programs and make the information available. Lah said activities only require a few hours a week. He contended "Everybody who volunteers can be used. If you have abilities, you also have responsibilities to help the less fortunate in the community."

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