

McLaughlin, candidates confront students

Student government holds La Fortune rally

by Jeff Pecore
Staff Reporter

A vocal crowd of students filled LaFortune Ballroom last night for a rally conducted by the candidates for Student Body President. The recurrent theme of the student opinions was the indifference and lack of consideration for the students by the administration.

Student Body President Pat McLaughlin opened the meeting by commenting on the purpose of the rally. "This is not a publicity stunt. We want to clear the air on what are the issues for both the candidates and the students."

McLaughlin answers complaints

Before the candidates spoke, McLaughlin talked about the work of the Student Government during his administration in answer to student accusations that the Student Government "has done nothing."

"Students complained about the price increase on the basketball tickets, so we went over there and tried to do something about it. We published a referendum and let the students vote on what they wanted. People complained about housing, about the male dorms being taken. We went to the Board of Trustees and asked that no more male dorms be taken and that at the same time no girls be forced off campus. I'm sorry for the girls in Badin but I think the decision made on this matter was a good one," he stated.

"We've had complaints about the misuse of power by rectors. Students themselves must challenge the rectors before we can do anything to help them," he said.

McLaughlin added that, "Students have put down the social life this year saying that they want alcohol to remain a part of it. We've lobbied vigorously for the passage of a law lowering the drinking age and have instituted the Quickie for those who wish to drink legally in Michigan. When students asked for a place to go at night to relax and talk, we gave them Darby's and the Nazz."

McLaughlin continued, citing the existence of the Off-Campus Commission to help students living off campus. "An off campus shuttle service was suggested but that was tried two years ago and failed

due to lack of interest," McLaughlin said. "We tried an alternate solution by organizing car pools this year, but that met the same fate. The Student Body President also mentioned attendance at neighborhood meetings, a newsletter, better police protection, and a Christmas storage program as other ways that the Student Government has tried to assist off campus students. "We're still working on a Food Co-Op but I'll believe that when I see it," he added.

McLaughlin ended his opening remarks by answering student complaints about a lack of communication between the Student Government and the students. "Students asked us why they don't read more about the Student Government in the Observer. A few years ago, the Student Government was criticized for seeking too much publicity and not doing enough for the students. We're not in this to get publicity, just results. We tried to make student government a little more respectable."

"Good government starts now," he told the



SBP CANDIDATES and students were given a chance to sound-off in the LaFortune ballroom last night.

assembly. "If you don't listen to what the candidates have to say, then you can forget everything for next year."

Candidates state platforms

It was the candidates' turn to speak next. The format allowed a two minute speech by each of the candidates followed by a question and answer period.

Jack Culligan and running mate Bill Macauley were first and they stressed the "responsibility of the students to elect a responsible leader who will give up his time to show the administration that we're not little kids."

Joe Corpora, who has Jim Spurling as his vice-presidential candidate, called for improved communications and increased student input and promised a "100 percent commitment."

Patrick Boyle and partner Tom Black cited the administration's lack of respect for the students and stated that "the students are Notre Dame."

Mike Gassman and Frank McGuire promised a more effective, business-like Student Government.

Brian Hegarty and running mate David Caldwell called for forceful action on the part of students, such as orderly demonstrations, to coerce the administration into listening to the students.

Candidates Ed Byrne and Tom Fitzgerald said that the students "must play Fr. Burtchaell's game better than he does."

Andy Bury and his Vice-presidential candidate Alfred Sondej (not to be confused with Al Sondej who collects for the World Hunger Coalition at the dining halls) maintained the necessity of active student support for a successful Student Government.

Students voice opinions

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Yale chaplain guest speaker

World hunger subject of Lenten service . . .

by Gregg Bangs
Staff Reporter

Stating that the world is about to enter a promised time, Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr., called for people "to look forward, not backwards" and realize the world must work as a whole in overcoming the world food crisis.

Speaking before a congregation of approximately two hundred people at Sacred Heart Church, Coffin emphasized the need for humanity to join in the "brotherhood of man," for the hunger crisis, as well as other major world crises. "What was once a prophetic religious vision is now a pragmatic necessity," the Yale University chaplain related. "All problems are worldwide and interrelated---this should raise consciousness of the fact that this world is in reality one," he continued.

Coffin explained that the hunger crisis knows no boundaries. "If God truly cares for all of us as if we were all one, then we would know territorial discrimination is just as evil as racial discrimination," he said.

Coffin followed this statement by proclaiming the need for a unified world which set aside territorial boundaries in order to work against world hunger. "God cares to each as if he had no one else to care for," he continued. "Since God does care for everybody, no one person in any country should be left to go hungry," he reasoned.

Coffin deemed human life "irreplaceable," and stated that every human has "a right to life." He added that the term "right to life" did not necessarily apply to the confines of abortion. "Isn't food a right to life?" he asked.

"What's the matter with this country that considers public education a right and food private property, with a little left over for charity. If food was thought of as a right, then sharing it with the brothers and sisters of the world is not just an observation of charity but an operation of justice," Coffin proclaimed.

Coffin offered the concept of austerity as a solution to the crisis of world hunger.

"Austerity is a necessary ingredient for solidarity," he said.

He maintained that this austerity would

not be a short termed one that "would make it through the hard times then stop," but rather one that man would observe continually.

Coffin thought the austerity would not make Americans unhappy, because although he thought Americans were well off economically, they were in the midst of a "spiritual dilemma."

"Every time we enter a supermarket it's a Hamlet type thing--to buy or not to buy? And the shopper is apparently not happy. We are as alienated in our abundance as some poor people are in their misery," he concluded.

Coffin ventured the opinion that when "a

person thinks of world hunger and every other crisis today, there are four points to remember. One, that the world is one. Two, each individual in it is separate. Three, austerity is a fine thing. Four, so is celibacy."

Celibacy is "a fine thing," according to Coffin, when it is used right. "Jesus Christ was the perfect celibate. He did not hide behind a curtain and let the world go by. He went out to the masses and worked with them," he said.

With this knowledge behind us, Coffin thought that mankind "could venture into the promised time knowing God made the world for all of us."

. . . and press conference

by Stewart McGough
Staff Reporter

Rev. William Coffin, chaplain of Yale University, suggested a program of communication to make the university community aware of the world's hunger problem.

In an informal question-and-answer session yesterday in the LaFortune Ballroom, Coffin noted that, "The program has got to start small, but it must be done right. It has to make the entire community conscious of the fact that hunger is a worldwide problem."

"But piety must not be separated from politics," Coffin continued, "Power must help the poor." He went on to say that the only way that such political power could be put to use is with a "grass roots movement."

"The World Food Council had all the big names behind it," Coffin stated, "but it didn't have the 250,000 telegrams from constituents needed to get attention and action. You must have those stacks of mail."

Turning to the question of how the existing Notre Dame Hunger Coalition could aid in such a project, Coffin pointed out the actions of similar groups at Yale, Harvard, and

other schools.

"You need dedication and students that are willing to give up the time," he said. "One student at Yale postponed his graduation to direct the program for a semester. This isn't necessary in every case," he added, "but the dedication was there."

In an effort to communicate to the students, Coffin felt that low-key efforts would work as well as any large-scale program. Volunteer fasts, meatless days, walk-a-thons, and conscientious use of scarce goods were given as examples. Given much attention was an idea for a fact sheet to be distributed to the students, giving "not only the problems of the world but who in this community is doing something about them."

Upon mention of a national student headquarters for activities, Coffin emphasized that "there is actually no need for a central headquarters. It may be natural to form a sort of coalition, but the more loose it is the better it is. Students generally don't like the notion of being controlled."

"The academic community must do its own bit," Coffin said in concluding the session, "and one of the best ways to do so is to use its own resources. Notre Dame has the resources and the ideas. The objective is to put them to use."



AL SONDEJ AND MARY BETH DIAMOND talk to William Sloan Coffin at an informal press conference held yesterday afternoon. Coffin seemed optimistic about what can be done to help the world's hungry. He pointed out, however, that most Americans are doing almost nothing to remedy starvation.

world briefs

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (UPI)—President Ford said Wednesday that charges of Arab discrimination against Jewish-owned U.S. banks are being investigated and "appropriate action will be taken" if allegations prove true.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Officials of the United States and Saudi Arabia conferred on economic cooperation Wednesday as protests mounted against the Arab policy of boycotting firms that do business with Israel.

PICURIS PUEBLO, N.M. (UPI)—Pueblo Indians said Wednesday they want to think about an offer from convicted Watergate conspirator John Ehrlichman to help them get back land their ancestors once wandered freely on.

LONDON (UPI)—Parliament voted overwhelmingly Wednesday night to give Queen Elizabeth a \$908,000 annual pay raise, but only after the royal family came in for sharp criticism by anti-monarchists. Following a three-hour special debate the House of Commons rejected by a margin of 427-90 a motion to scrap the proposed wage increase.

on campus today

2:30 pm - movie and discussion, "taoism and the right of cosmic renewal" by g. seaman, av. room, cce bldg.

4 pm - colloquium, "pain-induced emotionality: a theory of reinforcement for avoidance behavior" by c. crowell, 119 haggard hall.

4 pm - seminar, "the cytochrome connection" by dr. m. kamen, conf. room, rad. lab.

7:30 pm - lecture, transcendental meditation, 249 madeleva.

8 pm - lecture, pro-life seminar, dr. & mrs. diamond, mrs. montgomery, washington hall.

8 & 10 pm - film, "don't look now", eng. aud. \$1.

8 pm - drama, "medea", o'laughlin aud.

8 pm - lecture, "archaeology & history: greece in perspective", by t.w. jacobson, lib. aud.

8 pm - movie & lecture, "feng-shui; chinese geomancy" galvin aud.

9 & 11 pm - film, "paper chase", little theater.

Presidential amendment opposed by White House

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The administration strongly opposed Wednesday a proposed constitutional amendment that would prevent future presidents from ascending to the White House without being elected by the people, as did Gerald R. Ford.

Assistant Attorney General Antonin Scalia, who said he was speaking for President Ford, told a Senate judiciary subcommittee that the proposal would place the government "in the hands of a powerless caretaker."

The subcommittee is holding hearings on a proposal by Sen. John Pastore, D-R.I., to amend the Constitution to require that Congress call a special presidential election when any appointed vice-president becomes president, as did Ford on the

M. Nixon.

The constitutional amendments subcommittee also heard from historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr., who suggested abolishing the vice-presidency and filling any presidential vacancies by a special election. Cabinet officials, according to ranking, would serve as acting president in the interim.

Scalia said the proposal would reduce the vice-president who ascends to the presidency to that of "a caretaker with no more authority than that status confers..."

He said that the amendment would provide an inadequate amount of time to hold a "normal" nominating and campaign process and "create a transition period in which the executive branch and the government are enfeebled."

Four commissions

Student Union retains structure

by John Hennessy
Staff Reporter

As the change in student government nears, there are no indications that the Student Union will be reorganized for next year.

"I don't see any major changes coming up in the Student Union's structure," said Pat Burke, Student Union director, when discussing the organization's present and future situation.

"The role of director," he continued, "has been to oversee the four commissions, which include the Academic, Social, Cultural Art and Service. His major responsibility is to see that each remains within the Union's Budget."

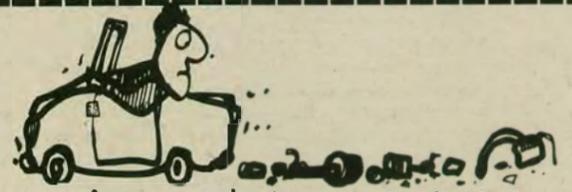
This year's budget was \$40,000 and according to Burke, expenditures have not exceeded that figure. He went on to explain that each commission was its allotted money sponsoring different ac-

tivities. "The academic Commission will use their money on lectures and other events, while the Social Commission conducts such things as the Wacky Winter Weekend, for example. Cultural Arts have the Blues Festival and the Service Commission invests in refrigerator rentals and the Book Exchange."

The term of this year's student Union officers expires on April first, but Ray Carey, Assistant SC Director, stated that "we still go on after that until the end of the year."

The post have been appointed by the Student Board of Directors in the past, but it has not been determined what method will be used for filling those positions this year. Burke stated the system is usually "self-perpetuating," meaning that this year's officers will have a responsibility in the matter.

"For one to be qualified for these positions they must possess the willingness to spend the time because it is very demanding. There is much responsibility and it's a lot of work," stated Carey.



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Parents of students in the junior class at the University of Notre Dame will participate in a typical weekend of activities beginning Friday on the campus. The annual spring semester weekend will be highlighted by a presidential dinner with Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., at 7:45 p.m. Saturday (March 1) in the North Dining Hall.

Activities open with parents attending the Notre Dame - Wisconsin hockey game at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Athletic and Convocation Center, followed by a social hour in the Monogram Room.

Collegiate workshops and opportunities to meet with faculty members of all departments will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday. The Alumni Association's "Notre Dame in Review," a multi-media documentary, will be presented at 12:30 p.m. in Memorial Library Auditorium and be repeated at intervals during the afternoon.

A special liturgy written by members of the junior class will be used by Father Hesburgh at the 5 p.m. Mass in Sacred Heart Church where the Rev. Robert Griffin, C.S.C., university chaplain, will preach. Augusto F. Grace, class president, will present greetings at the class dinner.

The final weekend activity will be a Sunday brunch at 10 a.m. in the North Dining Hall.

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Agenda at meeting varied

SMC Regents approve budget proposals

by Pattie Cooney
Contributing Editor

The St. Mary's Board of Regents met on Friday, February 21, and Saturday, February 22, to discuss faculty salaries, library renovation, tuition increase, confirmation of the new college president, Dr. John M. Duggan, tenure recommendations and other matters.

The regents approved the following recommendations regarding salaries of faculty and exempt administrative personnel: that the minimum starting salary for a full-time instructor be set at \$9,000, and compensation for part-time faculty be increased to \$950 per three credit hour course; that most full-time faculty and administrative staff receive an increase equal to six percent of their present salary; and that an additional two percent of the present faculty and administrative staff budget be allocated on basis of merit.

"The above changes actually represent an increase of approximately 11.5 percent over present allocations for total compensation of eligible faculty and administrative staff," said Dr. William Hickey, Acting President of St. Mary's College.

According to St. Mary's Public

Information Office, the Board also approved modifications in the College's current fringe benefits to allow for earlier participation in the TIAA-CREF retirement program. In addition it was decided to provide education benefits for the spouse and children of a deceased full-time faculty member who had served on the faculty for a minimum of eight years and was employed at SMC at the time of death.

"We also provided the Board with a report concerning the area of tenure as compared to other institutions," commented Hickey. Formal announcements concerning tenure will be made at the Faculty Spring Banquet in May. "However, individual faculty members are aware of promotions and tenure," he continued.

The Regents also approved an increase in the tuition. The exact amount of increase will not be released until parents and students have been officially notified. "I am presently drafting a letter regarding an increase in the fee structure and parents will be receiving notification within a week," explained Hickey. "We conducted a total cost study including room, board, utilities, food and other materials and projected what we thought to be the

minimum acceptable increase in salaries and tuition," he continued.

Library renovation also came under discussion. The board approved the hiring of Library Consultants Inc. from Northfield, Illinois to assess the library needs, problems and possible expansion. At present the primary needs of the library are for space to house the current and projected book holdings and for increased space for student and faculty study. Library holdings number 140,463 as of December 1974.

"The study for library renovation is to begin immediately and a fairly detailed proposal will be ready by September," noted Hickey.

"The Board also gave its approval to allocate monies to rent the Campus School from the Sisters of the Holy Cross, next year. The arrangement will be similar to the lease we have for Regina Hall," stated Hickey. "The library, the Nursing Department and the Day Care Center will probably use the building. Any renovation costs must be borne by the college," he added.

In the past, Campus School was leased to the South Bend School Corporation, which did not renew its lease for next year. "The relocation of the Day Care Center

to the Campus School building will free the Clubhouse for students and faculty," observed Hickey.

The Regents also received an orientation to the College science programs from the chairmen of the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Nursing. Following the orientation was a reception in Stapleton Lounge for the Board and the whole Science department. "Tours through the Science Hall were arranged to show the Regents renovations, equipment and demonstrations," said Hickey.

The granting of academic and honorary degrees for Spring Commencement of 1975 was also discussed. Dr. Elizabeth Sewell, poet and author, will be one of the recipients of a St. Mary's Honorary degree. Sewell will also be the Commencement Speaker. The other nominees for honorary degrees will be announced at a later date.

Until Wednesday, February 26, the only information available on the Board of Regents Meeting was the announcement of Sewell as Commencement Speaker.

Rice discusses abortion issue; urges Church to take firm stand

by Pat Cuneo
Staff Reporter

Dr. Charles Rice of the Notre Dame Law department discussed current constitutional decisions on abortion in a pro-life lecture delivered at Washington Hall, Wednesday night.

Rice immediately stated that "a majority of people are not a necessity to make changes. A few people can make the difference." And to the approximately fifty people in attendance, this was precisely the case.

The 1973 Supreme Court decision on abortion dealt with the question of constitutional rights of the unborn child. In short, the issue concerned the mother's right of privacy versus the unborn child's right to life. The court ruled, "The child in the womb is not a person," and they further stipulated that the individual states could regulate but not prohibit abortion.

Dr. Rice professed that the only way to reverse this decision is to enact a constitutional amendment. From this course, there are two types of amendments, state's rights amendment and prohibitory type amendments.

The states' rights amendment would return to the states the capacity to allow or forbid abortion. In Rice's eyes, this would do nothing to stop the backing of abortion by the Federal government.

The prohibitory amendments may also be subdivided into two groups. One type stipulates that the unborn child is a person. The Buckley amendment is a prime example of this type. It states that the unborn child is a person at every stage in biological development. However, a major flaw exists in this amendment because it does not define an exact time in which the unborn child is legally a person. The Helmes amendment, in furthering Buckley's work, states life exists "from the moment of fertilization."

It is important to note that when abortion is said to "deny the right to life," the exception of the case where the mother's life is jeopardized is not a legitimate argument because this exception is made even under the strictest of laws. Dr. Rice added, "There is no medical or physical reason for abortion to save the life of the mother." In defense of this statement it was explained that the two prime medical reasons are not abortions in the legal sense. These cases are the development of the child outside of the embryo and the cancerous uterus.

The other type of prohibitory amendment is one which purely states that abortion is a federal crime. This amendment speaks for itself.

Dr. Rice believes that the major reason the anti-abortion amendments have been stalled is by, "the failure of the Catholic bishops to make a stand in support of specific standards." In explanation, Rice said that the bishops have strongly backed the pro-life stand but have failed to approve any specific language for the amendments, which is essential for the success of

the amendment.

Dr. Rice commented on the recent "Pittsburgh case" in which a doctor was arrested for the murder of an aborted baby. In the particular case, an eight month pregnant mother had received permission for abortion from her doctor for mental reasons. The baby was removed and films showed that the child was screaming and kicking when laid on a nearby table to die. Despite the films and testimony from doctors, the jury ruled the

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BARBARA BRUEUR-SIPPLE, anti-abortion songstress, sang at Washington Hall last night. Her performance, sponsored by the Notre Dame Chapter of the Right to Life Association, followed a lecture by Prof. Rice.

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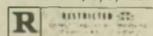


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More research needed on cancer cure

Dr. Calvin challenges Tribune drug article

by Jeff Arndt
Staff Reporter

Dr. Helen M. Calvin, physician at the Notre Dame Infirmary, responded yesterday to a February 21, 1975 article in the South Bend Tribune which alleges that the drug Laetrile is dangerous and should not be used in cancer treatment.

"Laetrile is not a cure for cancer, but it has resulted in positive effects when used on terminal patients throughout the world," she said.

The legal battle over the merits of Laetrile began over two years ago in San Francisco. Dr. Ernst T. Krebs recently won his case that the California law banned the use of Laetrile in the cancer therapy was unconstitutional.

Judge Sam Cianchetti stated, "Any doctor has the right to use Laetrile and treat cancer and I am ruling that the statute is unconstitutional for that reason."

Laetrile, or B-17, is found in the pits of many common fruits, including apricots and peaches. The substance is classified as a drug, not a vitamin, and is currently outlawed by the Federal Drug Administration.

The Tribune article reported that the Michiana Committee for Freedom of Choice in Cancer Therapy is promoting the use of the drug in cancer treatment. It further reported that a local man spent "\$7000 for the phony cure", as he was forced to travel to Mexico for the drug and was charged unreasonable fees.

The article identified Dr. Calvin as the founder of the organization

and claimed that she encouraged patients to travel to Mexico for the treatment.

"I found no organization, but only became involved in this matter after another doctor, from Elkhart, arranged for me to view the filmstrip, 'World Without Cancer,'" explained Dr. Calvin.

This strip advanced a theory totally different to the one held by medical orthodoxy today, she said.

"They propose that cancer is caused by some abnormality that occurs during the body's healing process, and that nutritional factors may be the key to cancer prevention," Calvin stated.

"There is a great deal of intuitive logic to the theory. For example, smoking causes the body to be in a state of healing for a great deal of time. So I decided to do some research on the theory," she explained.

As a result of her research, Dr.

Calvin feels that Laetrile should be made available to physicians to treat cancer victims. She found that in nations where the drug was found in the common diet, incidents of cancer were very much smaller than in the U.S., where the diet is void of the substance to any extent.

"For example, the small Asian country of Hunsa has no cancer at all. It is interesting to note that the diet of these people includes a butter that is made from apricot pits," she explained.

"Nations where Laetrile is used in cancer treatment have reported that about 10 per cent of their patients respond positively to the treatment," she observed.

Since supporting the Laetrile issue, Dr. Calvin has interviewed a number of people who have been given the treatment. Many of them have responded positively and fully support its use.

"I have never heard from anyone who reported expenses as high as those listed in the Tribune," Calvin observed.

The American Medical Association and the FDA currently list the drug as dangerous. However, Dr. Calvin asserted, experimentation with the drug has been very limited and almost certainly and purposely avoided.

"The reason Laetrile is outlawed is a matter of politics, not medics," she claimed. "There are two schools on cancer treatment and the school opposed to Laetrile has been able to use its position of authority to ban the drug. The whole story on the dangers of Laetrile is simply

a 'scare' story."

"I do not say that Laetrile is the answer; I know it is not the whole answer. But if it may result in some positive effects in 10 per cent of the cancer patients, we could help 100 of the 1000 Americans who are dying of cancer every day. It is well worth just that."

"As a doctor, I feel that it is entirely ethical for me to recommend that Laetrile be an alternative for doctors in treating their patients. Only if American doctors are permitted to use the drug will we be able to find the merits in the theory," Dr. Calvin stated. "It's time to put an end to the politics."

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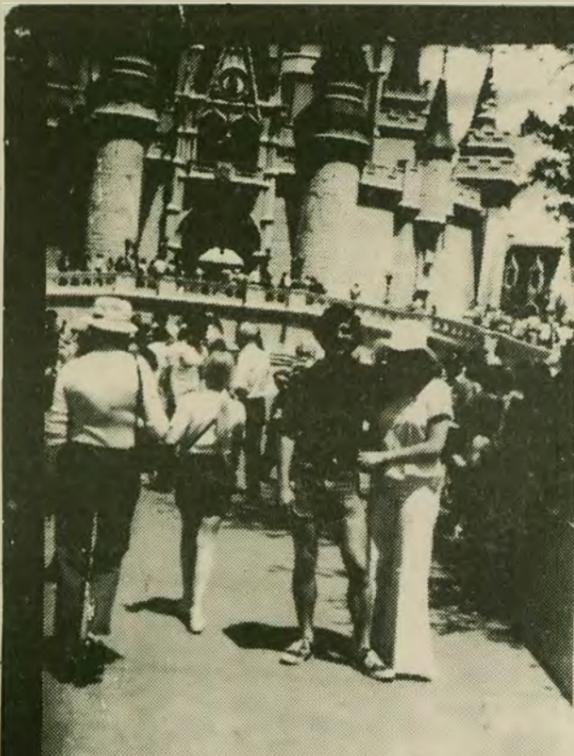
Students confront SB candidates

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Students attending the rally expressed dissatisfaction with the manner in which the academic calendar was drawn up this year, especially with the confusion involving the length of the Thanksgiving break. Invasion of students' privacy by rectors who enter a student's rooms at their own discretion was discussed. Another student challenged the integrity of the administration in matters involving the students and called for the student body to organize and strike the administration at its "achilles' heel, adverse publicity."

The rally ended with one minute summary speeches in which each candidate expressed the need for students to go to the polls and vote.



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the sophomore tradition of literary festivity

by ernest sandeen

It took only two years for the Sophomore Literary Festival to be recognized as an important annual affair on the Notre Dame campus, yet it grew out of a fortuitous convergence of people, ideas, and circumstances which could not have been planned in advance. For example, J. Richard Rossie who in 1967 had the imagination to conceive the idea of such a Festival and who had the personal force to bring it into being seemed to appear at just the right time. Again, he probably thought the project belonged to Sophomores for no better reason than that he himself was a Sophomore, yet it is fortunate that the Festival has been from the start in the

hands of students not yet firmly committed to any one major specialty and usually not intending to major in literature. This has given the Festival the broad, all-University base it has needed to succeed as a community event.

The indefatigable John Mroz and his 1968 SLF Council greatly expanded the scope of the Festival and in the process expanded their budget to a level of incredible fantasy. Instead of assembling a group of literary scholars and critics as Rossie had done to discuss the works of a given writer, Mroz and his Council decided to bring to the campus a group of the most prestigious writers they could think of to read from and discuss their own writings. As was said in the final session of the Festival, these Sophomores were successful because their youthful innocence prevented them from knowing they could not possibly succeed. Yet their success was also due in part to a series of coincidences that fell together in a lucky pattern.

The most significant of these was the fortunate timing. In 1968 college students across the country felt themselves to be deeply involved in such issues of the day as civil rights, opposition to the Vietnam War, and social, political, and academic reform. The writers at the Festival—Wright Morris, Norman Mailer, Joseph Heller, Kurt Vonnegut, Ralph Ellison—were important literary figures but also were among the culture heroes of the time whose writings expressed the students' own ideas,

emotions, and aspirations. It is no wonder that these Festival writers addressed overflow crowds in a highly charged atmosphere and were received with deafening ovations.

This 1968 Festival felt like a national event, an impression underscored by two incidents of great import that occurred during the week: President Johnson's announcement that he would not be a candidate for re-election, and the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. To dramatize further this sense that history had been made at the Festival, Granville Hicks, the eminent critic who had been the key-note speaker and had stayed through the week, filled his column in the *Saturday Review* for May 4 with a day-by-day chronicle of the Festival under the title, "The Sophomores at Notre Dame." For the same issue John K. Hutchens, another columnist for the *Review* who had covered the Festival, wrote an in-depth, behind-the-scenes account of the affair.

Far from being intimidated by the public success of this second SLF, succeeding Chairmen and their Councils have made use of its prestige to follow paths and styles of their own. In fact some have argued that the later Festivals have been less publicity-minded and more seriously literary. However that may be, a copious variety of authors and programs has been offered and student response has continued to be enthusiastic.

Everyone who has witnessed all six of the

Festivals since the first one could compile his own list of "high points." My list, biased toward poetry, would include readings and/or class visits by Gary Snyder, Nathaniel Tarn, Diane Wakoski, Robert Duncan, John Ashbery, Michael McClure, and Robert Creeley.

I would also have to include: John Barth's amazing virtuoso reading of his *Menelaoid* accompanied with his display of "graphic materials"; Arthur Miller's dazzling performance in fielding questions for well over an hour from a huge audience with as much ease as if he were reading from a prepared script; and Jason Miller's reading of the second act of his play *That Championship Season*.

As the name indicates, the SLF is festive as well as literary, an occasion not only for reading and discussing but also for celebrating literature. The festive spirit runs beyond socializing and partying with the authors, important as these activities are; it permeates their readings, lectures, and class visits. Most important of all, a festival means communal participation. At bottom the SLF is a week-long event in which the community of writers joins with the Notre Dame community in celebrating the literary and related arts.

And since the SLF is a living tradition, each Festival is related to those that came before. The Festival next week will encompass more than the visiting authors and those who listen to them and talk with them. The writers and audiences of the seven previous Festivals will also be present.



slf - preparation with imagination

by gary zebrun

A cactus is a cactus. But a festival is a fountain in the desert sprouting pleasure. The Sophomore Literary Festival had its genesis during the sixties—a time when the most obscure poet-troubador could pack a college auditorium with less notice than a whisper in the coffee line of a student cafe.

All of us are familiar with the classic, contemporary festivals such as Woodstock that once generated an overwhelming awe for thousands of young people who had gathered together within a certain space to celebrate the ingratiating experience of art. At Notre Dame we host as unique a celebration of the word as Woodstock was for song. Fortunately the disillusionment shattering most of the "happenings" of the sixties slipped by the Sophomores at Notre Dame so that the Literary Festival has endured much like an oasis in the desert. No other university in the nation sponsors a week-long festival devoted to all of the genres in literature.

Some realists may call it naive to continue celebrating in the spirit of the sixties when our time is so amiss with political and social shams. But let these unimaginative diehards dwindle in their cynicism while those of us who have known the scent of poetry celebrate the imagination. Literature allows us to share in creativity that looks past our impoverished muses and lets us enjoy the comforts of the word, however ephemeral they may be.

A peculiar aura of "sophomoric wonder" floating around the festival has persuaded in the past more than fifty literary artists to participate in the festival. Artists look forward to gathering together here for performance as eagerly as we anticipate

their arrival. And when they get to Notre Dame they usually are surprised by the unreal but sweet excitement honoring their art.

In a letter to me of two summers ago Doris Lessing wrote: "Yes, I do know about your festival and applaud it and everything it stands for. And indeed, what you people are doing there seems to me to be what literature needs."

Recently Kurt Vonnegut has renounced visiting college campuses with the one exception of possibly returning to Notre Dame's Festival which as a participant in 1968 Vonnegut helped to create. In an interview with *Playboy Magazine* Vonnegut was asked where his funniest performance had been. He replied: "At Notre Dame. I had those kids rolling in the aisles."

Jason Miller planned to stay with the Festival for two days but once the spirit of the place took him he decided to remain for ten days, three days beyond the festival itself.

Bruce Jay Friedman recently wrote to a member of last year's committee that the seminar he sponsored here gave him the confidence to try teaching for a semester at a college in New York City.

And after returning to London from Notre Dame Stephen Spender sent me a note saying, "I am most grateful for my mug and sweatshirt and books you gave me, and memories of Notre Dame as much the happiest part of my tour." In a similar but more American spirit Robert Creeley wrote: "I'm sure you're all zapping in there—what a wild energy and pleasure that whole time was! Really good news—and thanks to all of you for all the care and good nature."

As a departing festival chairman I recollect last year's festival with great fondness. The festival was fun but it has passed, carrying with it much of the romantic joy that accompanies being a Sophomore. But happily a new and exciting festival is ready to appear and, fortunately for us, the energy behind it beams out in many directions, even the non-sophomoric. If we choose, the Festival can prepare us for the task of trusting our imaginations, a foundation of great literature, that provides us with not an alternative for the real but

with a source of indelible pleasure in spite of the real.

Thinking of a festival celebrating the word amidst contemporary political and social shams brings to my mind a stanza from a poem by W. H. Auden:

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Election to be held March 3

Eleven campaign for InPIRG directorship

by John Feeney
Staff Reporter

The Indiana Public Interest Research Group (InPIRG) is holding its elections next week, concurrently with the SBP elections. The candidates are vying for seven directors positions and their names will be on the SBP ballots. The seven elected will select a chairman and officers among themselves. The candidates, with their qualifications are:

--Maureen Power, a second year law student and a director of the Legal Aid Defender Association of Notre Dame. Power is currently interning at the National Center for Law and the Handicapped and recently helped prepare the Off-Campus Lease and Tenant Handbook. She has worked for the Federal Power Commission (Wash. D.C.) and the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (Wash. D.C.).

Power is currently working as legal adviser to InPIRG's Mental Patients Rights Project. In the future she hopes that some InPIRG projects could be tied with Legal Aid.

--Timothy Gross, a doctoral student in philosophy. Gross received his M.A. in philosophy summa cum laude from McMaster University. As an undergraduate at Marquette, he was chairman of the Undergraduate Philosophy Programming Committee.

Gross has suggested several projects for InPIRG investigation next year: abuses in the health care industry; basic needs of the elderly; nuclear power plant safety; desirability-undesirability

and support for ERA. He believes that the Philosophic Institute and InPIRG could work together on a number of issues.

--Lisa Molitor, a junior government major and a current member of the InPIRG Board of Directors. She helped organize and set up InPIRG at Notre Dame. She is a past of the State InPIRG Board of Directors.

This year Molitor has worked on InPIRG's Toy Safety Survey, on a preliminary Directory of Doctors for South Bend, and currently on InPIRG's IRS survey.

Molitor suggests that InPIRG could set up a credited interdisciplinary course that would utilize professors' skills and involve students in projects.

--Dave Brandewie, a junior accounting major. He has worked for the Tax Assistance Program and was a co-director of InPIRG's Bottle Bill project. Although the bill was defeated in this session of the Indiana legislature, he is working for its reintroduction next year. Brandewie has also worked on InPIRG's Mental Patients Rights project.

He would like to direct InPIRG toward more community and campus projects, with more of the InPIRG budget being spent locally.

--Julie Engelhart, a freshmen earth science major. She founded and chaired the South Hollan, Ill. Environmental Organization and has worked for the Open Lands Project, an Illinois environmental action group.

Engelhart has helped to direct InPIRG's effort to initiate on-campus recycling of paper and

Parish Partnership. Longano was a co-director of InPIRG's Bottle Bill project and is currently studying "bottle bill" legislation in preparation for the next legislature. He believes that Notre Dame InPIRG should have an active say in state-wide InPIRG efforts.

--Thomas Martiny, a junior history major. He has worked for the Red Cross and the student mission crusade.

He has worked this year on a number of InPIRG projects. Martiny was involved in InPIRG's Toy Safety Survey and petitioned for InPIRG's Utility Consumers 'Bill of Rights'. He also did preliminary research for InPIRG on Indiana legislators.

Martiny suggests that InPIRG should pursue its on-campus recycling efforts and direct InPIRG research toward the problems of off-campus students. --Timothy Hake, a sophomore accounting major. He is past president of Ft. Wayne's Young Lawyers Club and was a representative at the Indiana Youthpower Conference.

Hake has worked this semester in the InPIRG office. He is interested in directing InPIRG investigations toward the problems of governmental and corporate responsibility. He would like to increase InPIRG's state lobbying activities.

--Tom Benjamin, a sophomore government major. He was Notre Dame InPIRG's delegate last December to the National PIRG Conference in Wash. D.C. He is interested in consumer protection and legislative research for public rights.

This year Benjamin has worked on InPIRG's Consumer Bill of Rights and has done research for InPIRG's Power Structure Study.

He suggests that next year InPIRG should set up a consumer gripe service, and begin large-scale cooperation with other student organizations.

--Dave Carlyle, a sophomore general program-government major. He is interested in devoting his time and debate experience towards researching InPIRG projects.

Carlyle worked last semester on the InPIRG Toy Safety Survey. He suggests for next year that InPIRG continue its effort to promote a Small Claims Court in South Bend.

--Don Longano, a junior economics major. He is Community Service Director of Flanner Hall and Chairman of the Flanner-Lewis

and coordinated most of the InPIRG projects. He graduated from Notre Dame in 1973 and worked for a year as a Vista volunteer in Chicago. His special interest is in environmental projects. He feels that InPIRG at Notre Dame should direct more of its efforts to projects benefitting the people of South Bend and the students of Notre Dame.

Frank Musica, a first year MBA-JD grad student. Musica was InPIRG's staff director this year

Program in Non-Violence begins new Bail Project

The Program in Non-Violence will officially begin the St. Joseph County Volunteer Bail Project tomorrow.

The function and purpose of the project is to provide to the courts of St. Joe County information about accused individuals at the time of the accused's first contact with the court.

The purpose of providing such information is two-fold: first, the judges will be able to tailor bonding requirements to the degree of risk presented by each defendant; second, the arbitrary reliance on money as a means of securing release will be lessened. Hopefully, the information provided by the project will increase the number of defendants eligible for release on their own recognizance or low cash bond.

Specifically, the procedure is as follows: On week day mornings, at 7:30 a.m. a team of two or three volunteers will report to the county jail. They will present identification provided by the court and will be given a list of persons booked during the preceding 24 hours (except, of course, on Monday morning where 72 hours have passed since an open court day).

The volunteers will use the visitor's facilities to conduct brief interviews with the newly incarcerated defendants. Upon completion of the interview, the volunteers will proceed to the courthouse. There they will use telephones set up to verify the information given to them.

The verified information on the interview form will be circled in red and the form given to the appropriate judge. Once the information is in the hands of the judge, the formal duties of the project staff will have been completed. However, the staff will be encouraged to remain in court to answer any question the judge may have about the information on the form.

Originating in a proposal sent to Judge George Beamer of the Superior Court division of St. Joseph County, on January 7, 1975, the Program in Non-Violence suggested that the county begin a special bail-bond project modeled after a similar program in Cook County, Illinois.

On January 24, 1975, this proposal was accepted by a full

council of the Judges included in the St. Joseph County Superior court division and by the St. Joseph County Sheriff.

Participation in this project will not be limited to present members of the Program in Non-Violence. Time requirements are about two hours every week (or every other week) from 7:30-9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Interested parties are invited to contact Scully at 232-4593 or O'Leary in the PNV office, 338 O'Shaughnessy.

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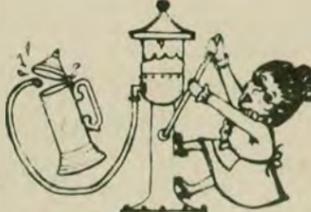
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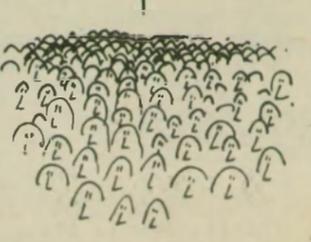


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Future 2000

New residence hall program begins at SMC

by Anna Monardo
Staff Reporter

The Counseling Center of St. Mary's is co-ordinating a new residence hall program called Future 2000. The program is designed for the St. Mary's community and includes lectures, discussions, workshops, and films dealing with relevant topics.

Rice speaks on abortion issue

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baby was still-born. The tragedy of the case, insists Rice, is "it was perfectly legal for the doctor to kill the baby while it is still in the womb but once it is out, it is illegal." He added, "The doctor got into hot water because he botched the job by not making certain the baby was dead while still inside the womb."

During the question and answer period, it was proposed that if anti-abortion laws were to be enacted, wouldn't the underground operations serve the same purpose and also increase the dangers of abortion. Rice defended his viewpoint by pointing out that ten years ago when abortions were strictly illegal, approximately 200 a year took place in the United States. Today, 900,000 are reported yearly and there are also a large number not reported.

"An abortion mentality" seems to be existent where abortions have increased basically because they are available.

Rice suggests that more work be done in the social areas for preventing abortions before they occur. Attitudes toward adoption, financial burdens, etc., should be implemented.

In closing out his argument, Dr. Rice stated that the pro-life movement taking place in America is the first authentic movement since the Abolition movement prior to the civil wars. After all, it is fact that the Dred Scott decision in 1857 stated that the black slave was not a person, just as the unborn child today. The question is whether or not the unborn child will be freed by the 14th amendment.

Gail Ritchie, assistant director of counseling, is working with a small committee of student volunteers to organize and establish the program.

"We call the project Future 2000 because it is geared towards the future. The topics deal with problems and needs the students may have in the immediate future, and long range plans as well," explained Ritchie.

"Each topic is handled by a faculty member, administrator or an expert in a particular field; they are people with the benefit of experience. The size of the groups vary from 5 to 50, depending on the topic."

"An important aspect of this program is that there are no predetermined time periods for any of the sessions. We are trying to make known in the dorms and

throughout the college that these opportunities are available. When a group finds a topic of interest they should contact us at 4317 and a session will be arranged according to their schedules. The students must initiate these programs themselves."

The list of topics includes *What Life is All About* by Dr. Gene G. Campanale of the Education Department and Mrs. Joan Campanale. This will be an informal discussion about living, marriage and family.

Karen E. O'Neil, director of the Career Development Center will present such topics as *Matching Major Area of Study to a Future Career* and *Choosing Your Major—the Personal Touch*. For seniors, O'Neil is offering *Senior Career Planning—Strategies for a Successful Job Campaign*, *Life*

Planning Workshop—Relating the Now Experience to Post Graduate Expectations and a *Lifework Planning Week-end*.

Dr. Donald N.M. Horning of the Sociology Department and Mrs. Irena Horning, executive administrator of Society for the Study of Social Problems, will present a discussion on *The Two Career: Family - A view From Within*. Also a member of the Woman's Committee on Sex Offense (SOS) will informally provide medical and legal information about sex offences in a lecture-discussion, *Rape and the Rape Victim—Women Supporting Women in a Crisis*. Other topics include *Personal*

Budgeting and Management by R.W. Berglund of the Sociology Department, *Assertive Training for Women*, by Suzanne B. Areson, director of counseling, and *Leadership and Communication* by Diane Davis of the Alumnae Association and Stevie Wernig of Student Affairs.

"I am interested in finding out what the students what to hear," Ritchie commented, "if people have topics which are not listed we hope to hear from them."

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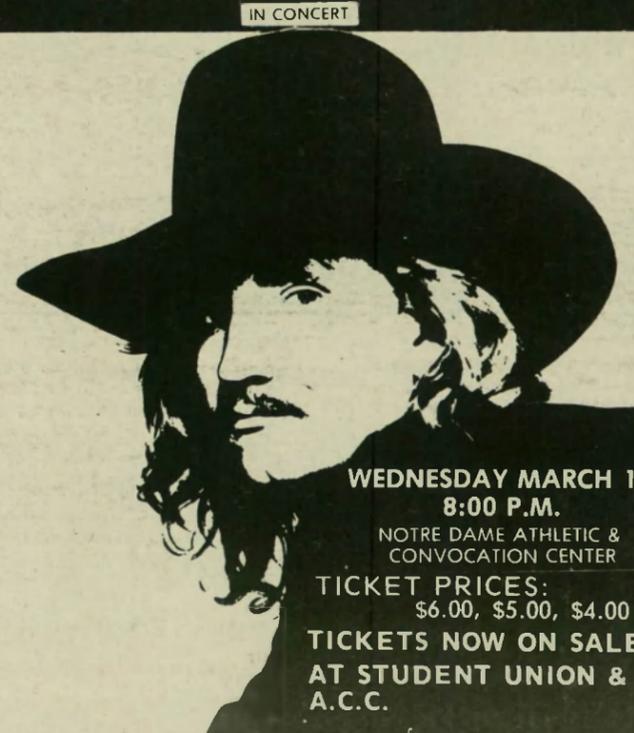
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Distance running not that lonely for Housley, Yates

by Bob Kissel

Perhaps you have seen them. A group of 'crazies' out in the rain, snow, or sun, running in their tattered sweats, mittens, ski hats, or sun-bleached shirts.

Such is the normal life of a distance runner, each day of the year, whether in the hills of Oregon, the deserts of Texas, or the flats of Indiana. Two members of that select few are Mike Housley and Joe Yates, middle-distance aces for the Irish track team.

Yates and Housley are two completely different individuals in a sport that demands dedication, almost maniacal, to the pains of conditioning. Both runners have a solid high school running credentials behind them.

Yates, a junior from Warwick, Rhode Island, didn't even come to Notre Dame on a scholarship or even with the intention of running collegiate track.

"I didn't go on scholarship until my sophomore year and initially as a freshman I ran as a walkon," explained Yates. "I went out for winter track my first year but quit after a few weeks because the academic load plus daily workouts was too tiring."

"A friend of mine kept on bugging me to go out, so eventually I changed my mind," continued the junior distance runner. "Track

and cross-country have a strange paradox in that you go through a lot of pain to go through more pain (in the race).

"I personally find that the competition in the races is the part of running I'm really interested in. But first is the people on the team, the involvements, and the good relationships which are formed."

The transition from high school to collegiate running is an awakening that is rough on most runners. For Mike Housley, as a top high schooler out of Islington, Ontario, the change has been not easy.

"In high school the season is geared to couple big meets and the small dual meets don't demand top races," explained Housley. "But in college if you don't run almost a personal record, whether dual, relay, or championship race, you're just not in the race at all. "I haven't accomplished as much in four years as I thought I would coming in as a freshman," said Housley, now team captain in his senior year, "but I feel everything I wanted to run is within reach this season."

Being two of five scholarship runners on basically a non-scholarship team imparts special pressures to these runners. Add to that the decline of Notre Dame's running program in recent years and the picture doesn't look the greatest for runners used to plenty

home meets, fan support, and publicity.

"The concept of a home meet doesn't really become important until we have a whole team, three men deep in each event," said Housley. "Without that depth, we are giving away points across events."

"Our team because of the small student body, thus less chance of good walkons, is individually based," explained Yates: "Our scholarship contracts are written without an athletic commitment. But how can we ask the non-aid runners to do well, if the scholarship runners are not performing well."

"The program, per se, is not doing well," remarked Housley. "In addition track gets a bit maligned around here. More kids from here probably have heard of Walt Patulski, than ND's Rick Wohlhuter, the best runner in the world."

The concept of distance running is probably incomprehensible to most people. For the average athlete, two miles run at a slow pace in nice weather is no small accomplishment. Distance running breeds a form of intense individual dedication and effort, spawned by sometimes endless miles and hours out on the roads, regardless of weather.

Yet a distance runner is not really in his prime until the ages of



FOLLOWING IN the footsteps of Rick Wohlhuter, Joe Yates and Mike Housley lead the Irish long distance runners.

about 23-28. With this prime age and the season to season improvement, the individual runner's thoughts usually turn to next year, for another improvement in time.

"Every season I've surprised myself and the thought is always if

I really get going next year," noted Yates. "You've got to think that if I keep on training, if I keep on progressing, next year I'll go faster."

"Sure I have immediate goals, like getting the school record in two-miles indoor (8:52.7, Yates ran 8:54.9 last week in the Central Collegiate meet), three-miles outdoor (14:01) and the cross-country course record (24:06). But after graduation I'll hang up the spikes, except for recreational running."

"There is dedication in a distance runner that's hard to know if you're not one," added Housley. "Anyone should quit when it becomes more work than sport. I competed in every team sport until high school, but still find running the most enjoyable."

"I definitely plan to run after graduation in Toronto, possibly while in law school or business school. My present goals are to qualify for the indoor NCAA mile and break the school outdoor mile mark (4:03.6). I'll run until I get tired, and hopefully achieve some of the goals, now and in the future, I've set."

So if you see that unique pack of distance runners, Joe Yates and Mike Housley are probably in there, having the time of their life.

Fencers streak to 15th straight, 20-2

Notre Dame fencing proved over the weekend the victory a week ago against Wayne State was not a chance happening, in that they demolished the University of Illinois and the University of Wisconsin by identical 20-7 marks at action in Champaign-Urbana. The two victories move the Irish win streak to 15 consecutive bouts and set the season mark at 20-2.

The foil team dominated action, finishing with 17 victories against just one defeat in the three-team tourney. The victory over Illinois was the 20th time that the Irish have defeated the Fighting Illini against 11 losses in competition since 1934. The victory over Wisconsin was the 24th in 34 meetings between Notre Dame and the Badgers.

On the season, the Irish have a 409-155 bout mark. Tim Glass in epee currently has the most victories with 38 bout wins in 45 matches. After Glass, Sam DiFiglio and Mike McCahey are tied with 35 wins. DiFiglio a sabre has compiled a 35-11 mark while McCahey at foil carries an impressive 35-8 record. Pa Gerard is the only other fencer with more than 30 wins, standing at 33-7.

The next action for the Irish following a weekday bout at Cleveland will be this Saturday at 10 a.m. in the ACC when the Irish entertain Buffalo, Case Western Purdue and the Miami of Ohio. The public is invited.

Cheerleaders: spirit, flesh willing

by Bill Brink

What's fifteen feet tall, has 24 arms and legs and is ranked number five in the nation?

Any astute sports fan knows that it's the Notre Dame cheerleading squad in one of their many gymnastic formations, and he also knows that in addition to owning a number five ranking, they boast a first team All-American member to boot.

What most people do not know is the reality of the cheerleader's collegiate life here at Notre Dame. Often mocked or taken for granted, the squad bears a rigorous schedule and a heavy financial burden that rarely enter into the popular image people have of it.

For one thing, unlike the athletic teams, the cheerleading squad has a year-round season. They begin as soon as school starts with football, continue into basketball season, then conduct tryouts and practice in the spring to prepare for the next year.

Also, though they come under the authority of Student Activities, they are an internally-run organization, receiving almost no commands from Student Ac-

tivities, and little support or funds.

The squad is open to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors and consists of thirteen members. This year's members are: SMC senior Sue Picton, Women's Captain; SMC senior Janet Corrigan; ND junior Mary Ann Grabavoy; Shelly Mueller; SMC junior Amy MacDonald; ND sophomore Becky Bracken; senior Pat Heffernan, Men's Captain; senior Jim Ignaut; senior Mike Corey; senior Dennis Buchanan; senior Al Koch; sophomore Andy Simshauser; and the Leprechaun, junior Pat Murphy.

The biggest problem the cheerleaders face is that of raising sufficient funds. According to Heffernan, approximately 50 percent of the money needed comes from the fund-raising enterprises the squad conducts, most notably the selling of the now-famous rumpsticker. Around 35 percent is provided by student activities, and the 15 percent difference is made up by the members themselves out of their own pockets.

"With uniform, equipment and travel expenses, the Student Ac-

tivities funds are just a drop in the bucket," says Heffernan.

Though they have made formal and informal attempts to solicit funds from the university, they have met with little success.

"We've gone to the Athletic Department, the administration, Father Hesburgh, the alumni, and been shot down every time," Heffernan explains. "Georgia Tech was on national TV, and that's the only reason we got to go." The squad was loaned the money to make the trip to the Georgia Tech game.

The members feel their request for funds is legitimate because they perform an important function for the school and put in a lot of time and effort in performing that function.

"One of the most important functions of the group is that of public relations," says first team All-American cheerleader Mary Ann Grabavoy. "We're providing a link, a vital link between the student body and the alumni, the sports staff, etc."

Mary Ann also feels that the sheer work element involved is deserving of some more support for the squad.

"It's exhausting," she continues, "not only physically but emotionally too. You have to get up for it. If you don't get emotionally psyched you're not going to convey anything to the crowd. You just have to totally go above and beyond yourself, you have to give all the time."

Ultimately, this all leads up to the frustration of being underfunded. "It's not fair," Grabavoy says, "For all the work and effort we put into it, and we have to pay our own way."

Despite that frustration and the almost work-like aspect their job can take on, the cheerleaders love what they do, and don't regret their involvement for a minute. They receive a real feeling of pride and satisfaction from their activity.

"You obtain a self-discipline," Grabavoy concurs, "and from that you can obtain strength, physically and mentally. I've enjoyed it so much because I feel it's a give-and-take relationship. You're giving of yourself and receiving in return."

The members agree that being a cheerleader here at Notre Dame is something special too. When out on the football field or down on the basketball court, they can feel and get caught up in that unique emotional spirit that has made the school famous.

"There's no doubt about it," says Pat Heffernan, "there's a certain mystique about Notre Dame. Why



THE IRISH cheerleaders pileup 13 strong. Janet Corrigan has since replaced Mary Short (top center).