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Surprise!! No make-up classes!

by Marti Hogan and Phil Cackley
Staff Reporters

Notre Dame and St. Mary's students will not have to make up class days missed as a result of the blizzard which began last Wednesday night and crippled much of the midwest. The announcement came yesterday as a joint decision from

Fr. Ferdinand Brown, acting provost at Notre Dame, and Dr. James Duggan, St. Mary's president.

Notre Dame announced yesterday that classes will resume today. St. Mary's announced their re-opening last night. Shuttle buses will operate today to allow St. Mary's students to attend their

classes at Notre Dame.

The three-day closing marks the longest period in the history of the two schools that classes have been cancelled because of snow. Last January's one-day closing was the first since 1918, when classes were also cancelled for one day.

Thursday's cancellation came al-

most exactly one year after the previous closing. On Jan. 28 last year low temperatures and high winds combined to produce a wind chill factor of -70 degrees F. Although a relatively small amount of snow fell, the schools were forced to close.

Sr Bernadette Marie Downey, St. Mary's director of Archives stated that last year was the first time the college had closed. "We were thinking about it last year and we couldn't remember any other time when the college would have been closed," she explained.

St. Mary's publications are fairly complete back to 1926, Downey said, and there is no mention of a closing in that time. The director indicated that earlier in St. Mary's history, a good number of the faculty, both religious and lay, lived on campus and that for that reason the school did not have to close.

Last year's cancellation was the first in almost sixty years for Notre Dame according to Paul Fenlon, professor emeritus of English and a Sorin resident for over sixty years.

"I have a photograph of my room-mate and myself standing in front of Sorin Hall in the fall of 1918, late November or early December. He was six foot, five inches tall and the drifts were as high as he was. Besides then, last year is the only time I can remember we closed," Fenlon related.

The University was nearly forced to close by a blizzard in 1967 that came at the end of the break

between semesters, Fenlon said.

"I was in Chicago with a priest at the time of the storm. He walked across town, through the drifts, but I had to stay where I was," he said.

The priest rode the South Shore railroad back to South Bend, and told Fenlon that the train was "crowded with Notre Dame and St. Mary's students going back to register."

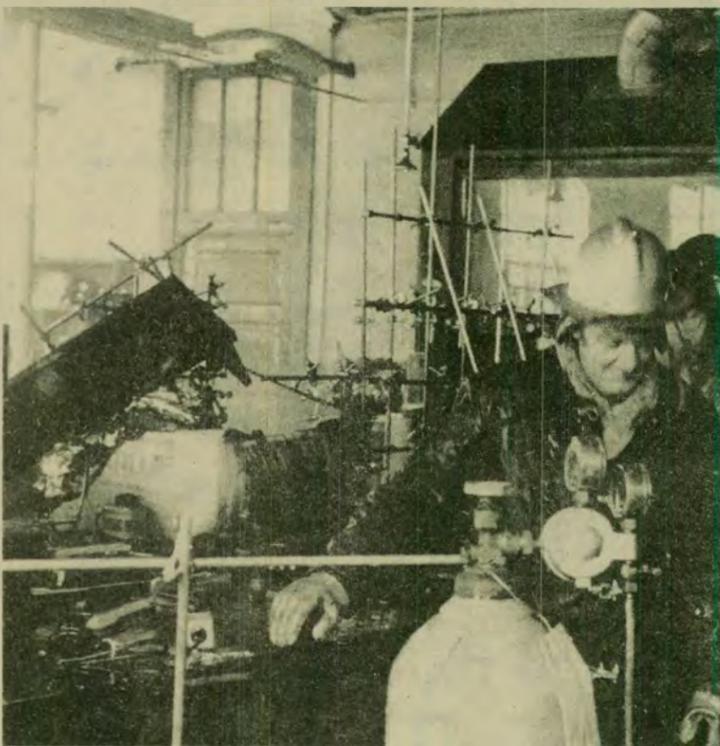
A check of records in the Scholastic stretching back to 1867, of the Notre Dame Archives reveal major storms in November 1940 and in January 1873, but no mention is made of classes being cancelled. The self-sufficiency of the University community could have been a factor in the school's ability to stay open during period of rough weather. In 1873, the total student-faculty population of Notre Dame was 720, according to the Scholastic.

The blizzard on Thursday, called by many the worst in a century, dumped over 20 inches of snow on the area. The mean monthly snowfall for January in South Bend is only 16.1 inches (409 cm), according to the National Weather Service.

Last year's record total seasonal snowfall of 129 inches was broken around 4 p.m. on Thursday, with this year's seasonal total at 149 inches as of yesterday afternoon.

The National Weather Service reported nearly 85 inches of snow fallen in January, with the average snow depth being 41 inches. Drifts of up to 12 feet have been reported though.

Fire damages laboratories



by Maureen Flynn
Editorial Editor

Fire broke out in a third floor laboratory of the chemical engineering building Saturday, but was extinguished by both the automatic sprinkler system and firemen before it could spread to other parts of the structure.

Notre Dame Fire Inspector Jack Bland said the fire broke out in the area of a high-temperature bath, but could not say what had caused it. Bland will meet this morning with Dr. Daniel Pasto, professor of chemistry, and with the student who was conducting experiments in the area.

The fire was reported to security at 1:35 p.m. Saturday by students Lynn O'Dowd and Joseph Dinnocenzo who were working in the labs on the floor below the fire site. They became aware of the fire when O'Dowd noticed water coming through the ceiling.

"We went upstairs to see what was wrong," said Dinnocenzo. "The door to the lab was closed, but we saw the smoke and the water through the window in the door."

The Notre Dame Fire Department and six units from the South Bend Fire Department answered the call. Because of the deep snow they were unable to bring their trucks closer than the road behind O'Shaughnessy, but transported portable equipment to the fire site.

"The fire was primarily extinguished by the sprinkler heads," Bland said. "It was contained to the one room."

Bland said there did not seem to be any great structural damage, but said the damage to instruments and research materials could be extensive.

The third floor lab and the areas below it on the second and first floors were flooded with water used to extinguish the fire. Dinnocenzo, O'Dowd and others who were present in the building rescued what they could from the flooded labs and offices.

"The major instruments were protected quickly enough to prevent much damage," Pasto reported "but some books, research journals and personal papers, as well as minor equipment, were badly damaged."

Pasto said experiments in high temperature reactions were being carried out in the area of the fire, but noted, "We've been working with this for over a year now and we've never had any problems. We certainly did not anticipate any."

"There are lots of possibilities and lots of non-possibilities," Pasto said. "We'll try to analyze the situation tomorrow."

Firemen search through debris produced by a fire on the third floor of the chemical engineering building Saturday. The fire, primarily extinguished by sprinkler heads, was contained to one room. [photo by Kevin Walsh]

Recovery efforts begin

by Michael Lewis
Senior Staff Reporter

South Bend is beginning to climb back on its feet after weathering the blizzard which crippled the entire Midwest last week.

Wet, heavy snow was blamed for damage at several area businesses.

Corporal Joe Brunett of the South Bend Police Department said the Goldblatts furniture warehouse in Mishawaka suffered "around \$300,000 damage" when the roof collapsed under heavy snow.

Damage to roofs was also reported at the Ayr-Way department store in Scottsdale Mall, the Goldblatts furniture store in the Town and Country Shopping Center, and the Weyerhaeuser CO. at Industrial Park.

In addition, the Radio Furniture Mart and Sandock's Furniture Co. suffered damage to awnings and exterior parts of the buildings. Brunett stated that about 100 feet of awning in front of the Radio Furniture Mart had been removed by the snow.

The South Bend Tribune reported that 41 inches of snow had fallen on the city during the storm, and

the area was literally at a standstill.

The Tribune also reported that by Monday the Michiana Regional Airport was re-opened, some industrial plants were back to work, and that buses and taxi cabs were on the streets again.

Captain James Sweitzer of the South Bend Police stated yesterday that "things have started to move today, but the main factories are still closed down. "I can't see us opening up tomorrow, but that's not my decision to make."

Many of the emergency actions effected during the five day period were either directed through or assisted by the St. Joseph County Civil Defense. Donald Germann, director-coordinator of the Civil Defense for the county, said all calls for help "came through the Civil Defense Office or the police Department. We knew what was going on all the time."

"We opened up the entire operator center, answering calls and dispatching equipment," Germann explained. "We knew which roads were bad or closed, and sent ambulances, four-wheel drive vehicles or snowmobiles and other

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Shutdown causes blackout

By Jack Pizzolato
Senior Staff Reporter

A malfunctioning feeder cable caused a power shutdown on the Notre Dame campus Sunday evening and necessitated a short blackout according to Ken Kempf, assistant director of utilities at the University's power plant.

Kempf stated that the cause of the cable failure is still unknown but that the problem area has been isolated and is being repaired. He noted that such occurrences are rare.

The incident began Sunday night, shortly before 11 p.m., when Feeder Cable No. 11 suddenly failed. Cable 11 is a major line which "feeds" electricity to the University Club, the Stadium, the Center for Continuing Education, and a large portion of the ACC.

When the cable malfunctioned, it triggered a series of circuit-breakers and fuses in the power plant, which automatically shutdown the system. Kempf, who called the problem a "serious one," explained that the faulty cable created a "cascading effect." On campus, lights flickered and dimmed as the power drained down.

Workmen at the plant were able to restore the system, but this required turning off the machinery.

The resulting blackout lasted approximately ten minutes while

the plant's steam generator built power back up to operating levels. The plant was running normally again by 2 a.m. according to Kempf.

The power outage caused no apparent problems in the dorms, although most rectors reported that there was temporary loss of heat in the halls. Fr. Daniel Jenky, Dillon Hall rector, noted that his hall did not have hot water for about an hour.

Fr. Thomas Splain, Grace Hall rector, reported that approximately 250 people were attending mass in the Grace lounge when the lights went out. "We brought candles in," Splain recalled, "and when the lights went on we were kind of sad; it was such a nice effect."

Carroll Hall Rector Bro. Paschal Pesce did not realize that the blackout had shut off his hall's furnace. "About 3 o'clock I was freezing," Pesce said, "I went down to the basement and pushed every button until the thing started."

The cable failure capped off an eventful weekend for workmen at the power plant. With roads impassable because of the storm, Kempf and a portion of his crew had not gone home for three days, working around the clock in eight hour shifts.

"We had a good place to sleep and they fed us well," Kempf said, "We had no other choice."

News Briefs

National

V-P discusses civil rights

WASHINGTON-Vice President Walter F. Mondale pledged yesterday that the Carter administration will strictly enforce civil rights laws and will strongly support affirmative action as an effective tool. "This government will not support with tax dollars discrimination of any form, whether based on race, sex or disability. I cannot think of any form of discrimination more unconscionable than to deny handicapped Americans the chance for a full and productive life."

Woods predicts civil war

NEW HAVEN, Conn.-Banned editor Donald Woods says a major civil war between blacks and whites in racially troubled South Africa is probably inevitable. Woods told 500 students at Yale University over the weekend, "It's unlikely that after 30 years of incriminations that anything will be achieved at the bargaining table." But he added, "You've got to concede, you wash your hands of the whole thing."

Flu vaccine considered

WASHINGTON-The risks from dying of influenza are 1,000 times greater than the risks of dying from vaccination, a government official said yesterday. The assertion was made to a panel of experts considering whether to recommend a mass inoculation campaign against the Russian flu. The new flu strain broke out in Cheyenne, Wyo., recently and is expected to spread later this winter or next winter.

Panama treaty revised

WASHINGTON-A Senate committee, alarmed by Panamanian warnings that a second plebiscite might be necessary on the Panama Canal treaty, scrapped a previous action yesterday and found another way to incorporate U.S. security guarantees into the pact. On a pair of 14-to-1 votes, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee then sent the treaty to the Senate, with recommendations that it be ratified at the end of an expected two to five weeks of debate.

Weather

There is a 40 percent chance of snow today with total accumulation near one inch. Partly cloudy this afternoon and evening. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with a chance of occasional snow flurries. Highs today and tomorrow mostly in the teens. Lows tonight zero to 5 above.

On Campus Today

- 7 p.m. talk, current legal issues and legal education, by dean David Link of the law school, sponsored by academic cultural commission, **howard hall**
- 7:30 p.m. lecture, the CIA, by John Marks, sponsored by su academic commission, free, **library aud.**
- 8 p.m. **erick hawkins dance company** from New York, **o'Laughlin auditorium** at St. Mary's, \$2 for students and \$3.50 general admission
- 10 p.m. meeting, knights of Columbus

Dance group to perform tonight

The Eric Hawkins Dance Company will appear in O'Laughlin Auditorium at St. Mary's tonight at 8 p.m. The company reportedly flew from New York to Chicago where they boarded a bus and traveled through Michigan to get to South Bend, because the toll road was closed.

Eric Hawkins is an original. Setting out early in life to find "if a grown American man could dance without being a fool," he has succeeded in developing a complete and modern dance vocabulary--in creating a total dance-theater experience synthesizing his innovative choreography with live contemporary music. He has become at once the most controversial and celebrated American male dancer and choreographer of our time.

The dances he has created for the Eric Hawkins Dance Company over the past twenty years and more have been called "a new adventure in theater and a kind of sensuous poetry--a unique instrument for celebrating the rhythm and sound of life...as refined and condensed as a haiku."

Lucia Dlugoszewski is the resident composer who will be performing with the Eric Hawkins Dance Company. She was a composer at the age of six, nominee for the Pulitzer Prize in music in 1971, inventor of the famed "timbre piano" and of an entire orchestra of more than 100 new percussion instruments. Creator of over 30 modern dance scores, she

Worker, student cooperation keeps campus running

by Mark Rust
Staff Reporter

The barrage of ice and snow that cut off Notre Dame and St. Mary's from civilization for the past five days kept most campus workers away from their jobs. But those workers who did remain on campus were joined by students in efforts to deliver hot meals in the dining halls and keep order in the dorms.

According to Bob Robinson, director of Notre Dame's Saga Food Service, most employees couldn't get in to work.

"Those who were here stayed, naturally, since they couldn't get out, and they slept everywhere--the infirmary, the dining hall basement, some I think, even slept in student rooms," he said. "Students helped out by bringing in blankets and pillows. The Civil Defense and the Infirmary aided those workers who were on medication."

Many students helped out Saga during the emergency in filling the worker-void. Some were regular cafeteria employees who put in extra hours. Others were students whom Saga hired to keep things running smoothly on the "front lines" and even in the kitchens. Commenting on the novice cooks, Robinson observed, "I don't know what all our customers thought, but I ate it and I'm still here. I think they did a fine job."

Robinson was pleased with the overall operation of the workers in the dining halls during the snowy siege. "I'm very proud and pleased with the way the workers reacted to this. The student workers are to be credited for the way they pitched in and all the students, really, for their patience in waiting in lines and conserving perishables like milk. They were great," Robinson said.

At St. Mary's, Saga Director Charles Flaim was likewise praising student help effort. "they've done a helluva job," he said. "Quite a few workers were not here and we had to go to a two meal (brunch and dinner) plan. The student cooperation and response has been fantastic. Anywhere where there were shortages created by the weather, students have filled in--and they have done quite a job."

Meanwhile, a spot check of maintenance men on the Transpo bus leaving campus at quitting time yesterday revealed that few people had reported for work. "You see how many people are here,"

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PLACEMENT BUREAU

Main Building

INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6

Interviews are for seniors and graduate students. Sign-up schedules are in Room 213, Main Building. Interview times must be signed for in person. The sign-up period at the Placement Bureau will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Feb 6 MON	Carrier Corp BM in ME. CTS of Elkhart B in EE and ME. E. & J. Gallo Winery BM in AL and BA. Lever Brothers Co., Inc B in AL and BA. MBA. Norden Division of United Technologies BMD in EE. BM in ME.
Feb 7 TUES	Aetna Life & Casualty. Group Division B in all disciplines. Corps of Engineers - Chicago District B in CE. IBM Corporation BM in all disciplines. Specific requirements will be listed on sign-up schedules. National Steel Corp B in ME, EE, Met, Mgt (Operations only). Sargent & Lundy BM in EE, ME and CE. Torrington Co B in ME. Whirlpool Corp B in Acct, Mgt, Comp. Sci. BM in ME, EE. M in CE.
Feb 7/8 Tues/Wed	Bethlehem Steel Corp Feb 7) B in ME and ChE. Feb 8) B in EE and Met. Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co. MBA.
Feb 8 Wed	Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff BM in CE. Johnson Controls, Inc B in ME, EE, Comp Sci. Procter & Gamble Co. Marketing: Brand Mgt. B in all disciplines.
Feb 8/9 Wed/Thu	Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp B in Mkt. MBA with Mkt background or concentration. B in ME, ChE, MEIO, EE.
Feb 9 Thurs	Dana Corp B in Acct, Fin. MBA with Acct, Fin backgrnd or conctrn. Ebasco Services, Inc BM in ME, EE, MENO, CE, ChE. Inland Steel Co. General Offices. B in AL, BA, EG. MBA. Moore Business Forms B in Mkt and Mgt.
Feb 9/10 Thu/Fri	General Electric Co B in AL, BA, Math. BM in ME, MEIO, EE, ChE, Met.
Feb 10 Fri	ACIPCO Industries BM in CE and ME. Leo Burnett U.S.A. B in Lib. Arts, Mkt, Mgt. MBA. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co B in ChE, ME, Chem. Greyhound Corp MBA. U.S. Government/All other Federal Agencies not listed BM in all disciplines.

Unused tix to be refunded

Persons who were not able to travel to the ACC for the Notre Dame-Maryland basketball game and have unused tickets will have their ticket money refunded, Roger Valdiserri, assistant athletic and sports information director, stated. He said, however, that the "machinery" for distribution has not been determined yet.

City officials encouraged people not to drive to the Sunday afternoon game because of the weather conditions and the University announced no parking would be available. Because of the vacancies, students from Notre Dame and St. Mary's who did not have tickets were admitted to the game with an ID.

The Maryland team flew into the South Bend airport Saturday on a chartered propeller plane. Valdiserri stated the Maryland team

wanted to come and had contacted the University to tell they they would be able to arrange travel. He emphasized that there were no special appeals by anyone, including NBC to have the game played.

Student government planned the student attendance at the game. Ombudsman and student government workers distributed notices inviting student to the game and acted as ticket-takers and ushers.

Valdiserri stated that the game gave students something to do during their weather-caused confinement and also gave them a chance to release their tensions and boredom.

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Emergency airlift plans cancelled

[AP] - A U.S. Army and Indiana Civil Defense plan to airlift food supplies to about 63,000 snow-bound Hoosiers in 17 isolated areas of St. Joseph County was scrapped late yesterday after roads were opened for automobile traffic, a state official reported.

"We just found out the roads are opened up and people can get out," said Milton Mitnick, state Civil Defense director. "There is no reason for moving in food now. It was not a question of not having food available, but it was just a matter of getting to the source."

The Indiana National Guard had planned to work with the Army to supply aircraft to bring in surplus food supplies from outside the state and make them available at distribution points within the snowbound area.

"These were isolated communities," Mitnick said. "State police called up and told me the roads are open."

The National Guard had six airplanes in Shelbyville available for the airlift but was "waiting for further guidance from the Civil Defense" before putting the plan in operation.

The food, with help from the National Guard and local volunteers, would have been taken to those who couldn't get to the proposed pickup points, said William Watt, an aide to Gov. Otis R. Bowen.

In other parts of the state, food supplies "have been virtually exhausted and there might be a need for some special relief," Watt said. "In some areas, the distribution channels are starting to open up again. I suspect that for a few days, commodities like bread and milk will be in short supply. In the large cities, though, stores are able to replenish their stocks, at least partially."

The snow that choked Indiana roads and streets gave way to

traffic yesterday, as Hoosiers struggled back to work after the state's worst blizzard.

During peak rush hour periods, traffic backed up for miles on major thoroughfares around the state. Though cleared of drifts, most of the roads were snow-packed and icy, authorities said.

Indiana Bell Telephone Co. recorded its second highest calling volume since the 1974 tornado. Bell spokesman Al Bolin said that between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. the utility's switching machine handled 129,881 attempts to call into or out of Indianapolis.

The trucks began to roll again once the interstates reopened yesterday. State police reported that many of the expressways were down to just one lane, resulting in bumper-to-bumper traffic during rush hour in the state's metropolitan areas.

In Indianapolis, many of the residential streets turned into icy trails as cars spun toward downtown. A bus ride from a residential neighborhood that usually takes 40 minutes took a patience-sapping two hours and 40 minutes.

In Fort Wayne, the situation was eased by a plea to motorists to minimize traffic by car-pooling or taking the bus to work or school. The worst time came during the early morning rush hour, when cars traveling toward the city's east end industrial section were backed up for miles on a major bypass.

"I'm anticipating that at least through the remainder of this week it will be bad," said Chief Kenneth Buckmaster.

"Then we'll be operating in pretty good shape. We were very fortunate in that many auto dealerships that carry four-wheel-drive vehicles came through like real trouper. The police department used about 25 of them, and we never turned a wheel on a marked squad car in three days."

Road crews in Evansville and Terre Haute went to work on the ice that glazed city streets and held traffic to a crawl.

"It takes double or triple the time to move, but they're moving," said Evansville Police Sgt. Robert R. Hawkins.

"There are a few main roads where you can see the concrete but not too many."

"It's extremely slick. We've got a coating of ice on every street, with the exception of the state highways and they're down to one lane each way," said Sgt. Robert Reeves of Terre Haute. "There's not a whole lot we can do until there's a little warming to let the salt work."

South Bend residents, seasoned veterans of snowstorms, found themselves in the same situation as their southern Indiana neighbors caught in traffic.

"There's nothing typical about this," said Division Chief Glenn Terry. "We've never had anything like this before."

The State Highway Department reported dwindling supplies of salt used to melt snow and ice, but that problem was of no immediate concern because salt generally is ineffective when the mercury drops below 16 degrees.

The major problems are that deliveries either have to come by highway or via the river," said department spokeswoman Terri Johnson. "Both are jammed with ice."

Johnson said one company had six barges, each with 1,400 tons of salt, on the Ohio River near Cairo, Ill., and "when they get here we'll be in good shape."

In the meantime, the department was using sand and cinders to increase traction "and those two help more in these temperatures," she said.

The cold weather produced problems of another sort for about 300

residents of Logansport. Ice in Northern Indiana Public Service Co.'s natural gas lines cut off power for the utility's gas customers in the eastern edge of the city.

The situation was first discovered Saturday night and NIPSCO spokesman Phil Phelan said it was hoped the problem would be corrected by today.

"The exact cause of the problem hasn't been determined," he said. "This is very unique."

Another power shortage hit about one thousand Fortville customers of Public Service Indiana

during the weekend, but that was corrected yesterday, a utility spokesman said.

"We brought in a mobile substation and re-routed power until we can figure out what was wrong with the main substation," spokesman David Vincent said. "The major problem was inconvenience. Some people were without power all night and that's no fun."

In the midst of the digging out, a word of hope came from Purdue climatologist Lawrence Schaal.

"I think another storm of this magnitude is very unlikely for several years," he said.

Student volunteers help elderly 'dig out'

by Marti Hogan
Editor-in-Chief

Approximately 200 Notre Dame and St. Mary's students turned out Sunday and yesterday to help handicapped and elderly South Bend residents cope with the effects of last week's blizzard.

The volunteers, organized by WSND and Notre Dame student government, shovelled out over 40 homes, the graduate women's housing complex, the St. Joseph's hospital parking lot and Goodwill industries.

Chris Anderson, a Notre Dame sophomore and an AM disc jockey for WSND, initiated the program during his noon to 2 p.m. program last Saturday. "Once the joy of not having school passed, I began thinking about the problems the elderly might be having," Anderson said.

During his program, he made an appeal to students who would be willing to help and began compiling a list of volunteers when they began calling later that afternoon.

John Ryan, Student Government administrative assistant, heard Anderson on the air, and called suggesting he contact Civil Defense. Civil Defense, however, was occupied by plowing and shovelling

with which students could not assist. The authorities suggested that students stay within walking distance of the campus, helping elderly and handicapped people.

Area radio and television stations publicized the volunteer program by giving out WSND's phone numbers to people in need of volunteers to run errands and shovel snow.

Civil Defense referred between 50-60 telephone calls to the University volunteer program, a civil defense spokesperson said.

WSND started receiving calls Sunday at noon and finished taking calls about 4 p.m. yesterday, stopping only when the station was closed, between midnight and 8 a.m. yesterday.

"Most of the people calling were in desperate shape," Anderson said. "Some could not even open their front or back doors because the drifts were so high." So many people called the station for assistance that the volunteers manning WSND's switchboard had to refuse some calls.

Anderson's original idea was for the volunteers to help the elderly, but the volunteers also helped other special groups, including the ND groundskeepers, Goodwill industries and St. Joseph's hospital.

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Sex Pistols chill audience

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thing and what's more, he makes you believe him. That's the really chilling part and that's also what makes this lp such a brilliantly realized piece of rock and roll. Rock and roll is anger, eroticism and intensity, and the Sex Pistols embody all of these qualities. If Rotten and Co. seem to be too unmitigatingly ascerbic, it is only because they know that great rock and roll is only effective when it functions as a means of catharsis; a method of venting hostility when it threatens to overwhelm... Rock, then, ultimately liberates

the soul from the pressures of everyday life. It is redemption, celebration and anarchy. That's why Rotten exhorts the kids at his concerts to throw things and do anything they feel like doing. He is cognizant of the underlying sense of violence and frustration that rock and roll encompasses. Most importantly though, Johnny knows these feelings must be expressed honestly and convincingly. The Who and Stones have always been able to do this and that is why they are great bands. Groups like Arrowsmith and Kiss, do not have an honest bone in their body and that is why their music sounds so shallow and unconvincing.

The Sex Pistols are a great rock and roll band, maybe the greatest ever. Buy their album and when things really get you down, you can put on their lp, turn up the stereo, and scream along with them. You'll feel a lot better for it.

Blizzard causes damages, deaths

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equipment, depending upon the individual situation."

Germann noted that the Civil Defense worked as a part of the government, coordinating their efforts with the Police and Fire Departments.

He also stated that there were "a few storm-related deaths" in the past week, but no concrete figures were being released, since the cause of death has not been determined in several instances.

Road conditions are still a major problem. Sweitzer said that the "side streets are terrible," usually down to one lane, if not completely closed. When asked about a possible food shortage, Germann responded, "The food is here, but it's hard to get to."

The blizzard forced the authorities to order all but emergency traffic off the highways. Germann said that "95 percent of the people did respond" to the order, but he added that some citizens "went sightseeing" after their neighborhood streets were cleared. "This did interfere with a lot of emergency traffic," the director said.

P/F, Placement deadline change

Today will be the last day for students to make class changes and for filing the pass/fail option. The previous deadline had been last Thursday.

All Placement Bureau interviews this week will be conducted as scheduled. Interviews that were cancelled Thursday, Friday, or yesterday will be rescheduled. The Placement Bureau will contact students who interviews have to be rescheduled.

ND employees asked to return

University officials have asked all University employees to make a reasonable attempt to return to work today. Employees are encouraged to use public transportation and carpools if possible because there is limited parking space on campus.

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Well, what would you say? If I could offer a bit of advice, you might wish to say "thank you for your time," as you close the door from the outside. Here's why:

Student discounts, like sales of any type on diamonds, are nothing but puffery. The worldwide supply of diamonds is dwindling every year, and those diamonds which are available are generally priced in accordance with international standards. So when you're offered a "deal" on a diamond, you can safely assume that (a) the diamond is flawed in some fashion, or (b) it has been marked up in order to be discounted back to its original price. Remember that you're asking for trouble if you shop for diamonds in the same way you shop for toasters.

Secondly, terms such as "perfect" and "blue-white" are not used by knowledgeable jewelry establishments. There is no quality grading termed "perfect," only those diamonds which show no inclusions or blemishes are considered "flawless" when viewed by an expert in normal lighting under ten-power magnification. Likewise the term "blue-white" has been so flagrantly misused in

the past that it is no longer accepted within our industry. Finally, a "half-carat" diamond may legally range in size from .43 carats to .57 carats. A small difference perhaps, but would you like to pay for nearly one-tenth of a carat that you're not really getting? Always make sure that you know exactly how much your diamond weighs before you sign your check.

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Volumes have been written on this subject of diamond classification, so I won't attempt to duplicate them in this column. But if you are interested in knowing more about the nature, pricing and classification of diamonds, please feel free to get in touch with me. Diamond Import Company is located in the lobby of the St. Joseph Bank Building in downtown South Bend, and our telephone number is 287-1427.

Next week, a few thoughts on "name brand" diamonds (once described to me as having all the character of a fast-food restaurant), and variations on the traditional engagement ring (a green garnet instead of a diamond?).

This is an advertisement.

Carter fears use of atomic satellites

WASHINGTON [AP] - President Carter promised yesterday to ask the Soviet Union not to send up any more atomic satellites like the one that fell on Canada and said "we would be glad to forego the deployment of any such satellites altogether."

Calling for more rigid precautions among all nations, the president said the United States and the Soviet Union should try to develop a "sure fire" safety system to keep such nuclear power satellites from falling to earth or into the atmosphere.

"If we cannot evolve those failsafe methods," Carter said, "then I think there ought to be a total prohibition against earth-orbiting satellites. I would favor at this moment an agreement with the Soviets to prohibit earth-orbiting satellites with atomic or radiation material in them."

Carter spoke at a nationally televised news conference, his second this year. He pledged to pursue the "failsafe" system and the atomic satellite ban with the Soviet Union. Carter said the Soviets told him

their satellite was designed to be destroyed during its fall and that it would not explode.

The president said he knew no more than the public knows about what searchers have found in Canada.

Canadian officials said earlier in the day that two American wildlife scientists had found radioactive wreckage from the satellite, which plunged to earth Jan. 24 cutting a nine to 10-foot crater into ice on the Thelon River in the Northwest Territories. The wreckage was

described as structural tubing and a smashed metal canister.

The two Americans showed no signs of radioactive contamination, the officials said.

At his wide-ranging news conference, Carter also said:

-Rejection of any phase of his tax, jobs and inflation-fighting programs could aggravate the nation's economic problems. He said success depends on "a very careful balance" between conflicting priorities.

If necessary, the president said,

he would try to exert influence on Congress and through the American people to keep his programs intact.

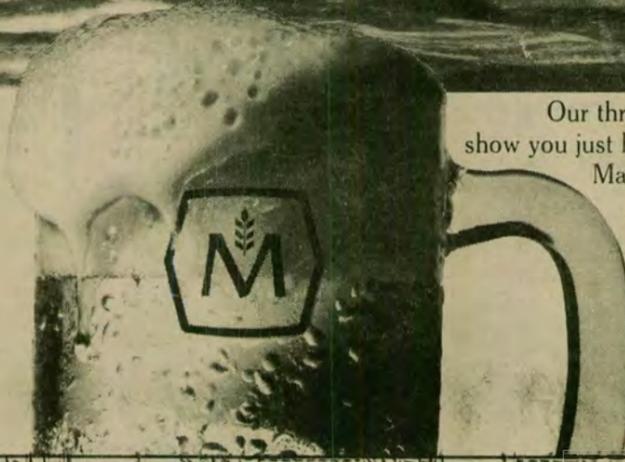
-He has no intention at this time to intercede in the nation's coal strike by invoking the Taft-Hartley Act, which would require miners to return to work for an 80-day cooling off period. Nonetheless, he conceded that prospects for an end to the strike do not look good.

The president said he hoped the United Mine Workers and the coal operators would speed up a resolution to their dispute.



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And the winner is. . . .

Dear Editor:

I am writing you in the hope that you might refer this letter to the girl I mention below.

Each year, during Holiday football bowl games, fifty diehard TV football addicts here nominate the girl who we feel did the most to add to the beauty of our football viewing.

This year I nominated the ND cheerleader who wore the grey cowboy hat.

She made the finals and won in a close vote over a USC and Alabama cheerleader.

Hope you know of whom I am writing and inform her that she is our honorary 1978 TV football queen.

Naturally, we would like to hear from her!

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A tribute to hard work

Dear Editor:

I would like to express my thanks to Gene Woloshyn and Sonny Schramm who worked so hard and diligently on the presentation of the William Windom show last Tuesday night. The show itself was entertaining, and if it were not for Gene, Sonny and other members of the Social Commission it never would have been a reality!

Thanks for all your hard work!

Tom Gryp
Student Union Director

Refuting the charges

To the Faculty, Staff and Student Body of the University:

As we begin the new semester, it seems appropriate to issue an update on the status of union activities relative to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America (Teamsters). As you may recall, the five days of hearings before the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to determine the proper size of the bargaining unit were held between October 26th and November 2nd, 1977. The University expected that the NLRB would issue its determination within a short period following the conclusion of the hearing, but no decision has yet been issued. The University has

been, and still is, prepared to receive the NLRB bargaining unit determination, but the Teamsters have decided to block the proceedings.

The Teamsters have filed an Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) against the University. By doing so, the Teamsters are preventing the NLRB from issuing its determination. The ULP is without merit and the University intends to reject the charges through appropriate channels. The NLRB in Indianapolis has issued a complaint and will set a date for a hearing. At that time the University will present its evidence in public and prove that the charges are without merit. The Teamsters could allow the ULP charges to be processed at the same time that the bargaining unit determination and any elections are taking place merely by asking the NLRB to proceed. The ULP would still be processed, but the Teamsters will not allow this to happen. The University is not afraid of dealing with the NLRB decision on a bargaining unit; it is the Teamsters who are causing the present long delay. We believe that it is important for the Notre Dame family to understand that the University is moving with all deliberate speed in this matter, but an early resolution of the issues is being prevented by a unilateral action of the Teamsters.

The issues involved in the Unfair Labor Practice charge and the University response to the charges are as follows:

I. CHARGE: The University threatened to terminate 21 groundskeepers to prevent the group from unionizing.

ANSWER: The Teamsters already had filed a ULP on this issue. By mutual agreement between the University and the Teamsters, and with the approval of the Regional Director of the NLRB, the ULP was withdrawn by the union. The resolution of the issue was a good faith act by the University and the University has stood by its commitment in this matter. Nothing has changed to justify having this charge filed a second time.

II. CHARGE: The University in subcontracting out its dining halls did so to prevent unionization of

these employees and to place fear in employees that they will lose their jobs if they consider a union.

ANSWER: The University has been studying the question of contracting out the dining halls for many years. Proposals from SAGA Food Service were received by the University many times prior to any Teamster activity on the campus. These proposals reflect substantial savings to the University and the decision to contract out these operations was an economic decision. At the time of signing the contract, the University had no indication from the Teamsters of any desire on their part to represent the dining hall employees, nor did any dining hall employees approach the University with evidence of any interest in the union.

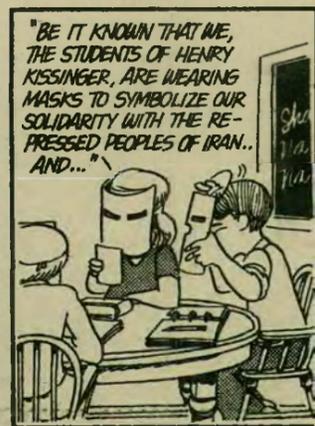
The University has always maintained that employees have the right to unionize if they wish to do so. The contracting out of the dining halls did not alter that right. The employees of the dining halls have always had and continue to have the right to unionize. The Teamsters did in fact file a petition in November 1977 to represent the dining hall employees of SAGA Food Service. The day before the NLRB hearing on this request, the Teamsters withdrew their petition. This was the second time (the petition to represent some of the laundry employees was also withdrawn by the Teamsters) that the union has indicated employee interest in unionize, but then cancelled the election proceedings.

It should also be noted that throughout the entire period of union activity not one employee has lost his or her job. In the transition at the dining halls, all employees retained their jobs. The University has been extremely tolerant of union activity on campus, even to the point of accepting abuses by some employees in conducting union business on University time.

III. CHARGE: The University announced increases in salary and employee insurance benefits for January 1, 1978 and January 1, 1979 in the midst of union activity.

ANSWER: The University announced increases in salaries and benefits as a result of many studies and proposals instituted prior to any union activity. Further, anticipated increase in the Federal

DOONESBURY



Roman Hero

by Pat Byrnes



minimum wage was known for many months before union activities began, and required adjustments in the Notre Dame staff pay policy. Even though the University is continually studying salary and benefit increases for all its employees, the timing of this year's changes and their implementation dates were determined by the changes in Federal wage laws. As a matter of economics, it makes no sense for the University to increase salaries and benefits by hundreds of thousands of dollars for more than 1500 staff employees just to influence a group of 21 against joining a union.

Increased benefits result from detailed studies and are implemented as the economics of the situation permit. Over a year ago, a Staff Benefit Committee was formed to review benefits and make recommendations. The awarding of Blue Cross/Blue Shield benefits to employees resulted from this review. The Committee continues its work on more complex issues such as improvement of the Staff Retirement Plan.

These are very trying times for Notre Dame and we ask for your patience and understanding. The present delays are frustrating to employees and to University officials alike. The cause of these delays is the Teamsters Union, and we must abide by the delays because the union's choice to cause them is protected under the law. We also want to assure everyone that the University will reject any compromises with the Teamsters which it believes will sacrifice the interests of any employee for the sake of expediency. Each member of the Notre Dame family is important to us.

Thomas J. Mason
Vice President for Business Affairs
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Frigid air stalks 820 Flanner

Dear Editor:

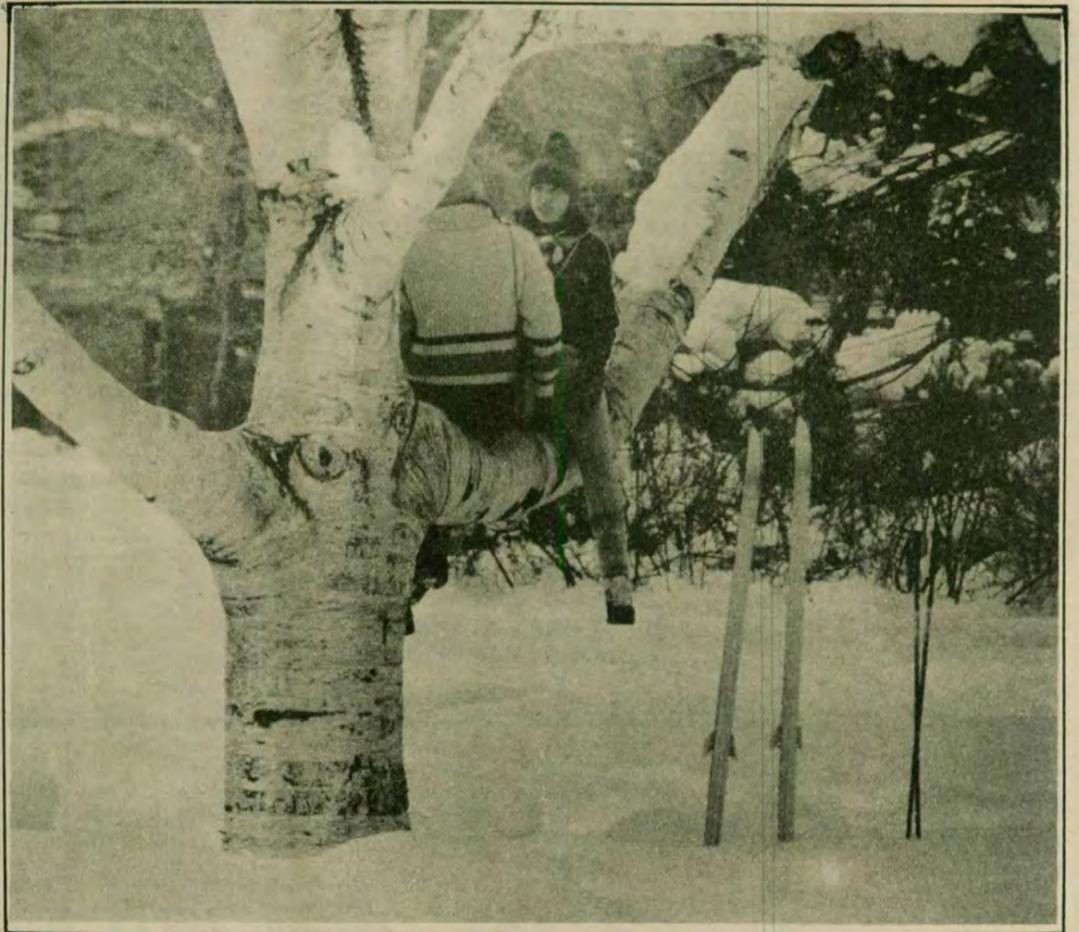
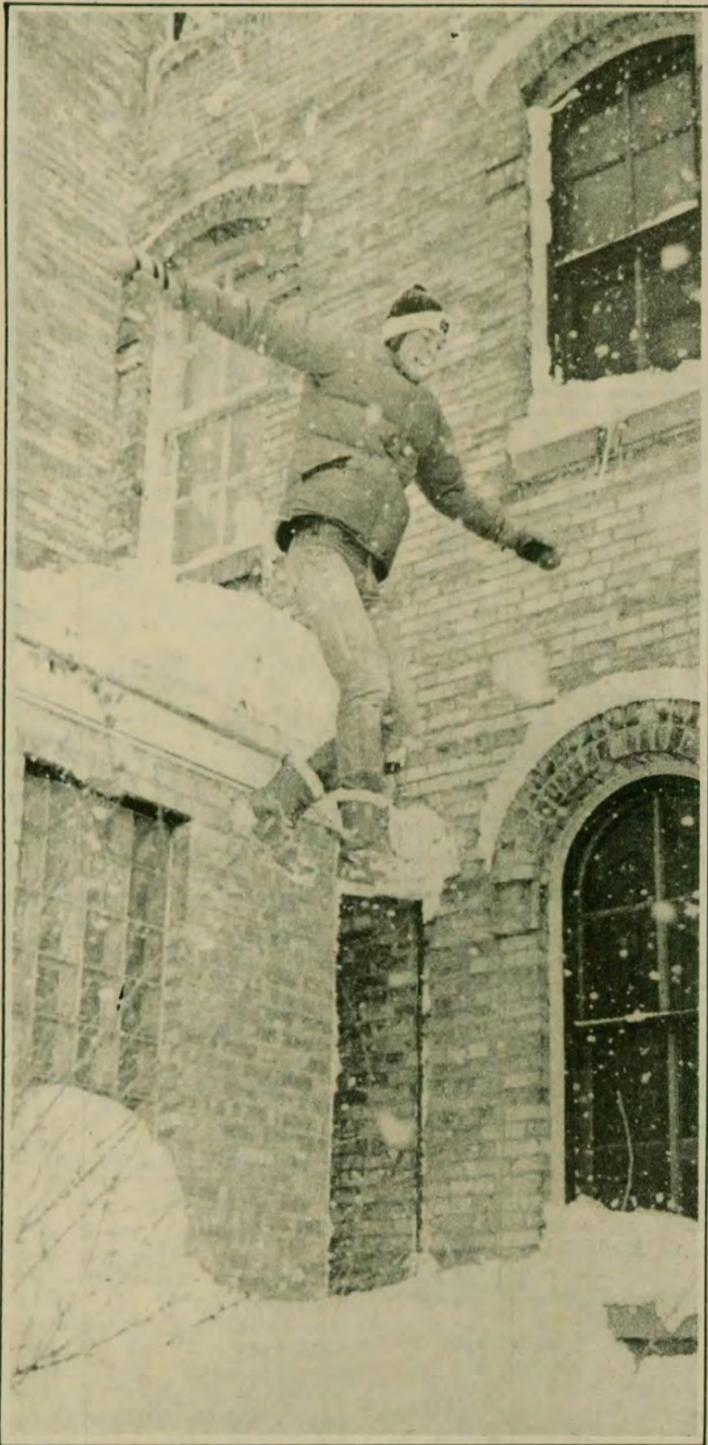
After months of frustration we wish to make our complaint public. The heater in our room does not work, and although this fact was reported the week before Thanksgiving, there has been no attempt to even examine the unit. A list is posted in Flanner Hall, where we live, for people whose heating units also do not work. At the present time this list has 18 room numbers on it. Personally, we know of four units that have been out as long as ours. With the temperature dropping to near zero outside, it is becoming unbearably cold inside. We have to sleep under mounds of blankets to keep warm. Then when we wake in the morning, our window is coated with a sheet of ice a quarter of an inch thick! It is ridiculous to think that a University of this size cannot provide it's students with adequate heat.

We have called the housing authority in an attempt to rectify the problem, but three calls to them have proved fruitless. They only tell us that there is one man, from Honeywell, for the entire campus to fix heating units.

We are now turning to **The Observer**, asking them to print this letter, in hopes that the power of the press may finally spur some action. We do not pay \$1400 a year to freeze to death in our room! We don't want a future **Observer** headline to read "Two Students Freeze To Death In Room". Please Help!

Matthew F. Branyansky
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by Garry Trudeau



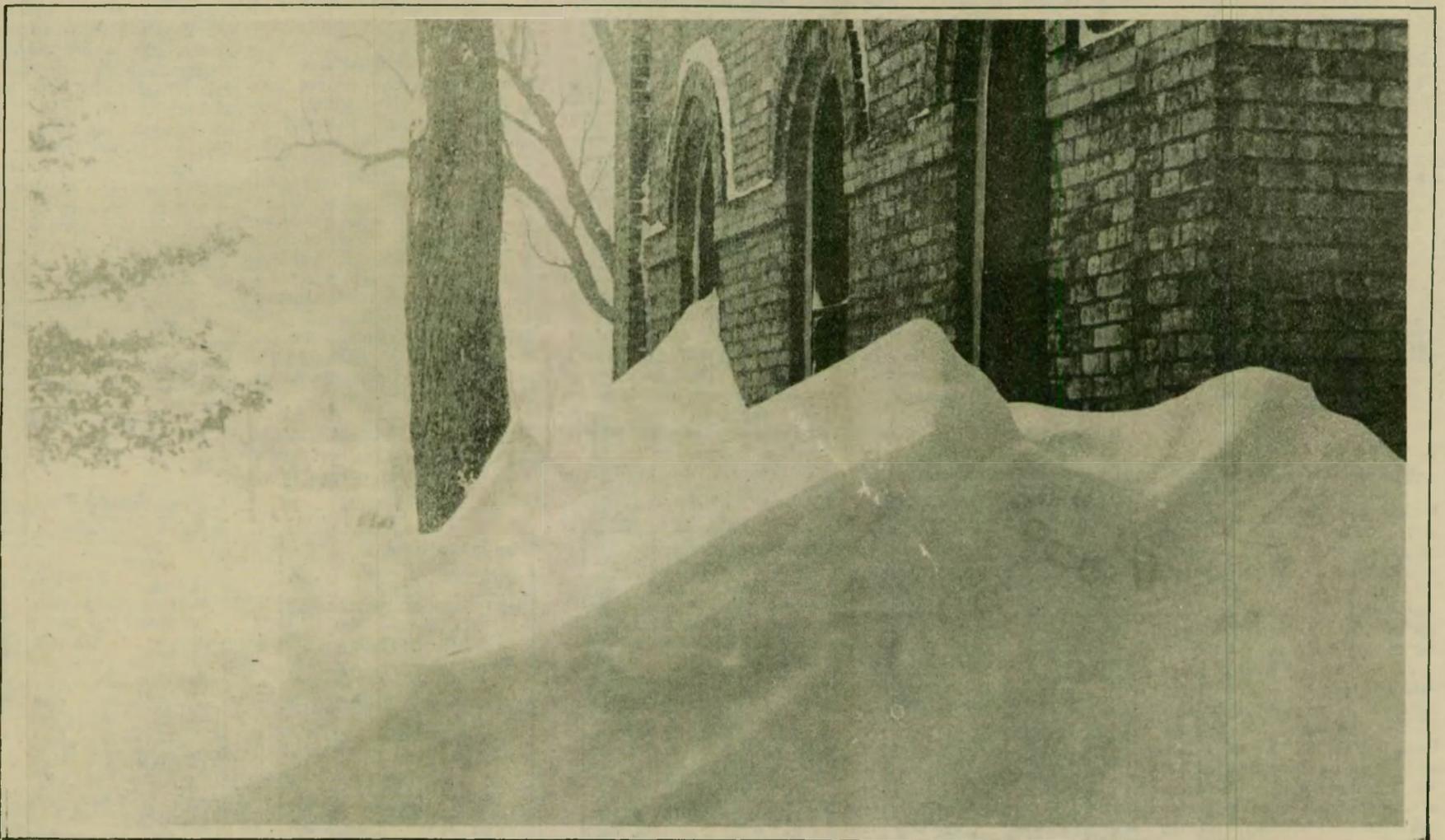
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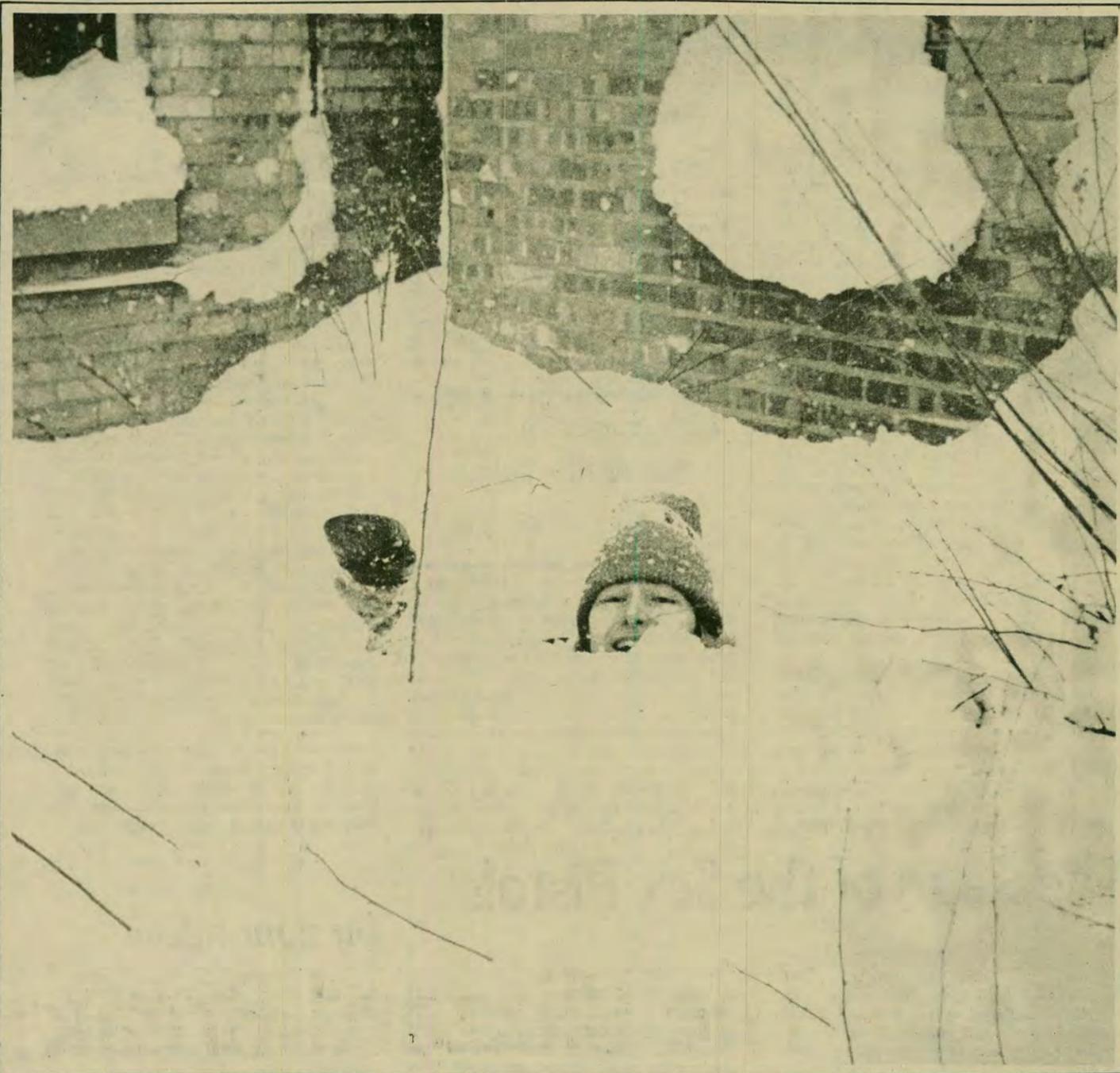
As winter sponsors a brief respite from academia, people discover various ways to use their new-found leisure time.

[Photos by Ron Szot and Doug Christian]

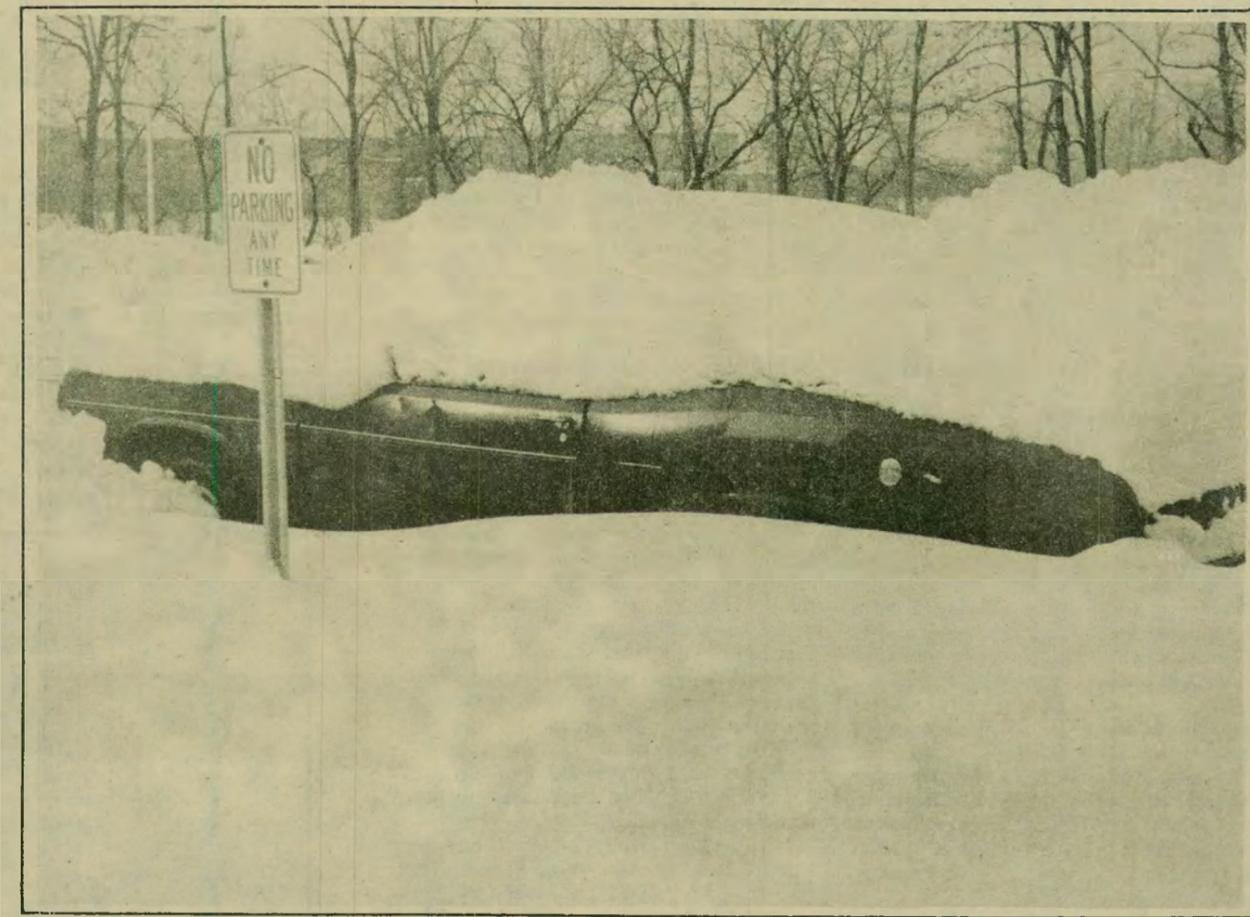
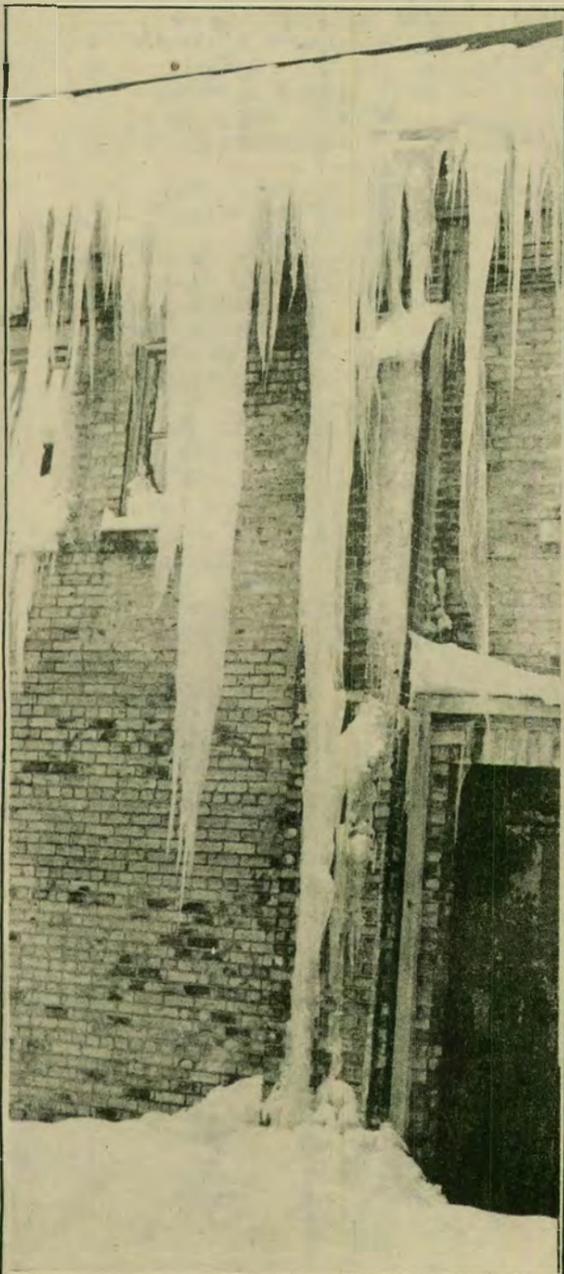
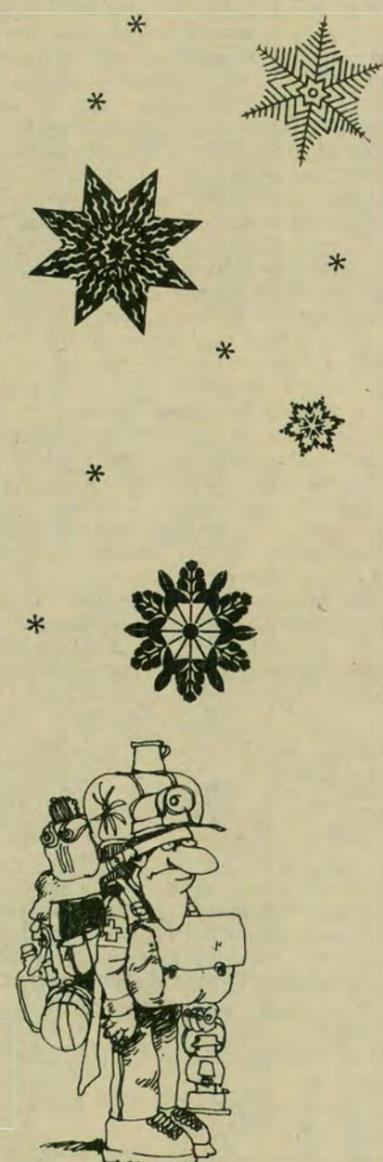
Above and right: Students found buildings and trees convenient for jumping into or climbing out of the deep snow drifts. Three ski trips were cancelled over the weekend, but not everyone gave up easily.



Heavy winds sealed off buildings with drifts as high as five feet or more.



The 41-inch accumulation made the going difficult for everyone, but short people found it particularly rough.



Above: Surely even the most hardened security guard wouldn't ticket this car--would he?

Left: The snow piled up and the icicles grew down and finally the twain did meet.





I Wanted You To Hear His Name

Reverend Robert Griffin

Last night, in the chapel at Moreau Seminary, I said goodbye until eternity to a friend whom I have scarcely said hello to in the past dozen years. Of all friends made in a lifetime, I loved him as one of the most special. He was a Holy Cross priest over twenty-five years ordained. He had been sick for years and years, and on Sunday evening, he made the journey into light inaccessible. Having myself been sick with him in the same community infirmary during an autumn, summer, and spring-time about twelve years ago, knowing how he felt about things, I felt it was a kindness not to bother him with visits. I didn't love him less, or feel that he loved me less, because I never saw him. I knew he needed to be by himself to deal with the daily disasters of his faltering flesh. During the eight months of my own illness back then, Jim--along with our nurse, Sister Dolorida--was the dearest chap on earth to me. In a world troublesome with fear and grief and loss, we wounded creatures helped each other. Jim was the friend and minister of the possible and familiar, being in himself a world that made me feel comfortable. As he himself said: "Each of us has only had the other"; and as much as we loved our fellow priests and brothers who were also patients, they had grown old while we were still (relatively) young.

Kneeling at Jim's casket last night: grieving for his sufferings, mourning his death, remembering his rich, hearty laughter, I thought to myself, "All of him

that lives belongs now to the neighborhoods of glory. How he must be enjoying himself. I wonder which of the everlasting ecstasies he is shivering with at this moment?" Very often, you see, in conversations, I have tried looking into heaven over Jim's shoulder, seeing it with his kind of imagination. "There are principalities and powers," he would make me understand; "there are nine choirs of angels, and we can't even begin to imagine what they are like." Yet, stirred by the fantasies he could arouse, I would try to guess what a Trinity looks like, or the mystery of existence of the Word made Flesh. He would say: "It's no good, you know. You just can't do it." Still, his affect on me would be such that I would keep on trying. Now, with Jim gone to heaven, I can't resist the image of him, bouncy with delight, at the sight of Aristotle and the Blessed Virgin being Greek and Jew together, or picturing him saying to St. Thomas: "Somehow I thought you would be thinner. Do you still think your treatise on the sacraments was as unworthy as straw?"

This--please understand--is my imagination working overtime, not Jim O'Halloran's. Running his hand through his hair, he might comment merely "Borscht!" But in my experience of him, he felt at ease with dogma, and he made me feel it as a living truth on which men would be judged. I have always felt faith and fear in him as though, in his hours by himself, he had

looked more closely than most other men into the heart of light and the darkness. Last night as I prayed for him in the Moreau chapel, I had the sense of him being vitally alive and alone no longer, and none of his suffering seemed important since he had inherited joy. I touched his hands, cold and folded together. I felt comforted that death could not take all of him. All that marble texture under my fingertips seemed remote from the adventures that Jim is beginning.

**"I felt comforted
that death could not
take all of him."**

So much was expected of O'Halloran's life. His gifts were such great gifts; he should have belonged to this community of Notre Dame as one of its great scholars or teachers or counsellors. We expected that of him when he was ordained. God should not have given him such extraordinary talents, we thought, if Jim was going to waste his best energies being ill. Yet God alone knows why He gives the gifts; without so fine a mind and so compassionate a heart, Jim could not have lived so intensely. Mortality claimed him bit by bit, taking away steadily the health of his body.

But always the mind and the heart, intense and passionate, were left to suffer the indignity and humiliation of a physical frailty not subject to commands or orders. Finally, when the flesh failed altogether, Jim's soul was left alone to bring its intensity home to God.

Death, when it comes to some people's lives, seems like an end. For Jim O'Halloran, it seems like a beginning. Never before, at any time, have I ever felt life as a preparation for inheriting life. Maybe because I loved him, I feel he has joined the immortals. Maybe because God loves him, I know--as surely as dogmas are truths that men are judged upon--that Jim has inherited an everlasting kingdom.

I wanted you to know about Jim O'Halloran. Because he was a great man, I wanted you to know him as a teacher and counsellor. Because he wasn't ever well enough to tell you himself, I wanted you to hear his name. That's the reason I wrote this column: I wanted you to hear Jim O'Halloran's name. He was my friend, and I loved him very much. Telling your friend's name is not too much to do for him. In an easier world, he could have become one of the great traditions of the Notre Dame campus.

"Letters to a Lonely God" usually appears in the Friday issue of the Observer. However, due to weather conditions, last Friday's issue was cancelled and the column was carried over to today.

The Rage of the Sex Pistols

by dom salemi

So I call Jean about a week before the break and she comes to the phone giggling, or burping. I couldn't really tell because there was so much noise coming from the room I could barely distinguish her voice.

"Hey, what's going on in there?" I screamed.

"Oh nothing," she said, "just a little party."

"A party? A party for what? I thought we had a date for tonight."

"Oh," she dully answered, trying to suppress a nervous laugh. "Um, well it's my birthday and we're having a little party and..."

"Little party? My God it sounds like all of St. Mary's is in there with you. Look could you tell them to quiet down a bit I can barely hear you."

"What?"

"Tell your friends to quiet down," I yelled at the top of my lungs. "I can't hear you. Got that, 'I can't hear you.'"

"oh, okay. Hey you guys quiet down," she shrilly requested into the phone.

"Jean, not me the...wait a minute have you been drinking?"

"Well, it is a party you know."

"Look, I don't care about that do you...?"

"Hey, you guys, leave me alone."

"Guys, what guys? You've got guys in the room? Listen what the hell is going on in there?"

I was beginning to get a little annoyed as well as ashamed at myself for being willing to undergo all this nonsense just for a date. It also began to dawn on me that Jean and everyone at the party was trying to have fun at my expense, for I now heard shouts of encouragement as well as cries of derision in the background.

"No Dom," she replied slightly exasperated, "there are no guys. I mean my, you know, friends."

Agreatpeal of laughter arose at the other end after this reply. I thought feminine, but feminine not I really felt very foolish I shifted the receiver from by left hand to my right hand and rubbed my very sweaty palm on my jeans.

"Well, happy birthday anyway. You're what about sixteen now...?"

"What?" she asked distractedly. "No, I'm what?...what do you mean?"

I was being too subtle. I decided to be honest.

"Look, I really enjoy going out with you and..." Someone had started to push buttons on the phone. "What the hell is that? Can you stop playing around for just one second? And get those cretins away from you. Will you? For just a second?"

More giggling.

"Dom, I can't talk, I have to go."

"Well, that's in seven weeks. You're telling me to call you in seven weeks. Gee that's a long time. Can you stand the wait?"

Someone began playing with the buttons again.

"Dom," Jean began to laugh, "I've got..."

The person playing with the phone, obviously bored, had decided to disconnect us. Hell, it could even have been Jean. I felt like a moron.

What really peeved me about the whole incident though, was the fact that I had been humiliated by a girl I really didn't like very much. She wasn't good looking, nor was she intelligent. Hell, when you came right down to it she was just a small and obnoxious creep. So just who did she think she was, treating me the way she did!

I considered going over to her little "party" and making a scene, but after the way she had just treated me I figured she didn't deserve such a treat. I wanted to spit right in her face, rip her clothes to pieces, burn her room to the ground...

No, that wasn't enough to pacify my rage. I wanted to raze all of St. Mary's and send all those girls running home. At that moment it was really my sincere wish that the sun would go out and all life on earth would cease.

I settled for a beer and ripping the phone from the wall.

The Sex Pistols will not settle for a beer. Matter of fact they won't settle for anything. They can't. They hate everything. That's right, everything: mom, dad, God, country, girls. They even hate themselves! It's true. They had to fire a member of their own band, bassist Glenn Matlock, because he kept trying to strangle the other guys in the group.

"We didn't mind that so much," confessed lead singer and guiding light Johnny Rotten, "but he refused to play with us."

You couldn't really blame Glenn for venting his frustration on the Pistols. The quartet was hardly a money-making operation while Glenn was a mack. This was not because the band was unpopular in England, but because they were not allowed to play anywhere in the entire country. They had been banned from performing as a consequence of their use of obscenities on a TV talk show and their release of a single, "God Save the Queen," rushed into the stores just in time for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Probably the most virulent piece of vinyl ever manufactured, the record featured Her Majesty on the jacket with a safety pin in her nose and lyrics labelling her a fascist and an animal.

It rocketed to number one in England although it was banned from all radio playlists. No concert hall in England would now book them and those outside the country that might have been scared off by the band's practice of cheerfully goading their audience into destroying the interior of every auditorium in which they played.

If that wasn't enough the Pistols' contract with their record company was terminated (after having pocketed the profits from "God Save the Queen," of course) and bassist and co-founder Matlock quit. You couldn't really blame him.

A & M, an American label took a chance and signed them, but the company tore up the contract a record two hours after signing them when they vomited all over an executive office and tried to rip the clothes off a secretary.

With that as a backdrop, the Pistols are touring the country now and even though they have obviously decided to commit professional suicide by choosing to play only four cities in the U.S., (the place they really need to break big if they are going to survive), the rock press has been going

nuts over them. They're even getting TV coverage. Uh, sort of. That is if you consider reports on the state of disarray they leave their hotel rooms in as video coverage.

But the real reason they're getting all this attention, in spite of all their animosity, in spite of the fact that their new bassist Sid Vicious just learned to play the thing two weeks ago, is because they are one of the greatest rock and roll bands ever to grace the genre. If you don't believe me check out their debut lp on Warner Brothers. It's a good 'un. The songs are infectious, boisterous and fast-paced and the performances are simply searing. Steve Jones strung guitar positively soars in and out of the dense mix and Paul Jones' drumming provides the propulsive, churning energy that is need to give the cuts a crazed, anarchistic feel.

It is really Johnny Rotten's show in the end and let me tell you he gives quite a performance. I've never heard anybody sing with such unbelievable rancor and arrogance. He really seems to hate every-

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WOW THIS SNOW STORM IS UNBELIEVABLE - THE WORST ONE OF THE CENTURY. THE SNOW KEEPS PILING UP - AND THE SNOW DRIFTS ARE SO DEEP



WHO'S THAT GIRL IN THE GOLD COAT STANDING OUT THERE?



PEOPLE ARE GOING CRAZY FOR BEER - I SAW A GUY LASH HIMSELF TO A CASE OF STROH'S - THE DINING HALLS ARE JUST RUNNING LOW AND...



DOES THE PHRASE "MARY, MOTHER OF GOD," MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?



Off-Campus students outlast storm

by Marian Ulicny
Senior Staff Reporter

Despite dwindling food supplies, cars buried in the snow, and occasional boredom, off-campus students managed to outlast the '78 blizzard without major inconveniences.

Many students stood in long lines for groceries when such local food stores as E&L, Krogers, and Thrifty Mart opened for emergency hours over the weekend. Because of a high demand, staples such as bread, milk, eggs and butter were often limited in quantity to each customer before supplies ran out.

"By Friday, the grocery stores near us closed, so after that we were kind of hurting since we usually only keep enough food around to last a day or so," senior Pete Tobben, who lives on Corby St., stated. "We just had to cut back a little, like using meat for two to feed four, but it wasn't too bad."

Cars at Campus View apartments and elsewhere in South Bend were buried "up to their

antennas in snow," according to senior Lou Groden. Students began shovelling them out Monday in anticipation of classes resuming, but the job proved fruitless in many cases. "We're parked on a side street that they haven't plowed yet, so even if we do get the cars out there is no place to go. They can open school Tuesday, but we won't be able to drive there," senior Pat Tarpey remarked.

Walking was the primary means of transportation for most off-campus students. "We've done more walking this past weekend than we've ever done in our lives," Tarpey exclaimed.

Once paths through the waste-high snow were made, access to food stores and friend's apartments was relatively easy. Some students who ventured out encountered numerous surprises. "We were out walking to see what things were like out on Ivy Road. The snow was really high, but we didn't realize how high until I tripped over something sticking out of the snow.

It was a mailbox," graduate student Pat Carroll claimed.

"We were out Thursday night and saw an ambulance stuck in the snow on Route 23," Shelagh Crook, St. Mary's senior, stated. "There was a woman in labor inside who was trying to get to a hospital. They brought a Blazer and she changed cars, but it got stuck too. We told her she could come back to Campus View with us, but they finally got the Red Cross to come and get her out.

No students reported major utility problems except an occasional flickering of the lights in Campus View. However, the oil supply "could become a serious consideration," according to Tobben. "We are bound to run out sooner or later in the house, and if we need it, I don't know how they'll get it to us. All the alleys around us are blocked."

Leaking roofs forced Carroll and her roommates to "put pans everywhere." Senior Sean Coleman's housemates shovelled their roof to stop the drips in their living room.

In addition to their own houses, several students helped area residents shovel driveways and buried

cars. Ricky Flores, senior, and his housemates made eight pots of soups for their elderly neighbors.

Besides volunteer work, students found time to enjoy themselves. Groden and six friends tied themselves together with "life lines" for a Thursday night expedition to the Senior Bar. It took them an hour to hike from Campus View to the University outskirts. Other students donned backpacks and skis to patronize area liquor stores. Crook carried gallons of paint from Campus View to Stepan Center to work on the SMC off-campus booth for Mardi-Gras. Flores and his housemates held a pajama party with dinner and charades Thursday night. Television, card games, backgammon, and Monopoly were other popular diversions, while Campus View residents used their balconies for porch diving into the snow drifts below.

While most students claimed they were ready to go back to classes, no one found the unexpected vacation overly tedious. "It brought people closer together," SMC senior Julie Pelletiere em-

phasized. "It was interesting to see how well you could get along with other people, especially with such close quarters. Everybody just pitched in and helped other people out."

Marks to speak about the CIA

John Marks, executive director of the Center for National Security Studies, will speak on C.I.A. involvement on college campuses, tonight in the Library Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Marks is co-author of the controversial book, *The C.I.A. and the Cult of Intelligence*, which contends that the C.I.A. mechanism abroad poses a threat to democratic ideals. This book was subject to U.S. government censorship.

Marks is making the nation-wide tour to mobilize support against the C.I.A.'s "secret presence on campus." His public interest activities are specifically aimed at informing students that the C.I.A. allegedly uses professors and students as "cover" for clandestine intelligence operations.

Mark's speech is sponsored by the Academic Commission. Admission is free.

SMC frosh meet

by Molly Woulfe
Staff Reporter

The freshman formal, a weekend in Chicago, and a ski trip were the main topics discussed at a St. Mary's freshman class meeting last Thursday night in the Regina basement auditorium.

The formal will be held April 14, most likely in Michigan. A theme pertaining to spring will be determined later this week. Freshman Council members are planning to make an agreement with a taxi service or arrange car pools to transport students to the site of the formal.

A bus trip to Chicago for two days of shopping and sight seeing has been slated for the weekend of Feb. 17-19. More information will be distributed later.

For outdoor enthusiasts, a ski trip to Crystal Mountain in Michigan has been tentatively scheduled for Feb. 24-26. A \$35 charge will cover lodging, unlimited skiing on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday. Freshmen without skis may rent them for \$15 extra.

"A Time To Be Me" is the theme of a brief retreat offered to all SMC freshmen on Feb. 12 from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Regina basement auditorium. Fr. Edward Krause, of SMC Campus Ministry, will offer Mass and prompt discussion groups. A buffet dinner will be served afterwards.

"We're striving to make this second semester the best socially, athletically, and spiritually for the freshmen," commented Adri Trigiani, Chairperson of the Freshman Council. "We're their representatives, and we want to bring them all together."

The other officers of the council include assistant chairpersons Mary Ellen Maccio and Kathy Sweeney, Angie Brown, treasurer; and Marte Megargle, secretary. Council members are Mary Beckman, Donna Bellock, Margie Brasil, Lisa Brinkman, Tricia Burke, Missie Cannon, Susie Eckelamp, Ann Grzybowski, Mary Beth Hannigan, Mary Lauber, Tina Michas, Barb Schmuckal, Catherine Shaunessy, Beth Toomey, and Eileen White.

The council meets every other Sunday in the Student Government office in the basement of Regina Hall. All freshmen are invited to attend.



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Tours Germany

Prof studies German terrorism

by Ann Bachle
Staff Reporter

The incidence of terrorism in West Germany today, including its causes and effects, was the main focus of interest during a two week tour of Germany last month by Donald P. Kommers, professor of Government and international studies at Notre Dame.

Kommers and seven other professors representing a number of American Universities visited several German cities, including Frankfurt, Bonn, Hamburg, Berlin and Munich during the study tour. The professors, all members of the Conference group, were guests of the German government.

Kommers, who also serves as director of the Notre Dame Law School Center for Civil Rights, has long been interested in German affairs and has written several books dealing with German law and politics.

"The purpose of the visit was mainly to inform us about the German's own views on terrorism and the steps they have taken to combat it," Kommers explained.

To achieve this end, the professors met with both state and federal officials as well as law and political science professors from various German Universities, and representatives from several newspapers and magazines.

"Terrorism is a very important issue in Germany today," Kommers noted. "The whole world is

watching to see how Germany deals with it, because their reaction will have important implications in other countries."

He believed this was especially true of France, but noted that since "West Germany is perhaps our closest ally," the United States is also concerned about the German government's reactions to terrorism.

"One purpose of our visit was to assess the effects of terrorism on German-American relations," Kommers said. "I don't feel it is hampering relations at all."

He did note, however, that much criticism has been levelled against Germany in the press for its handling of this problem. Kommers found this somewhat disturbing because "it's easy to criticize, but I think the Germans deserve some praise for the restraint and responsibility they have demonstrated."

Much discussion during the two weeks focused on recent anti-terrorist legislation in Germany.

"Some of my colleagues, as well as many of the Germans we spoke with, are concerned that some of these laws may infringe on civil liberties," Kommers commented.

One such law is the so-called **Berufsverbot** passed in 1972, which requires all candidates for civil service jobs to take a test of loyalty to the constitution. Anyone who was or is a member of the Communist party would, for example, not "pass."

"This law would probably be termed unconstitutional in the

U.S.," Kommers noted. But in Germany the situation is different, and the law has created a dilemma for the government.

"They can't declare the Communist Party illegal because it would just go underground and cause more trouble. But then how can they penalize someone for belonging to a legitimate organization?" he said.

Kommers also mention the problem of whether Communist party membership actually proves disloyalty to the constitution, and commented on the similarities between Germany today and the U.S. during the McCarthyism era of the early 1950's.

Other laws have been passed in the last two years in direct response to the trials and imprisonment of some of the Baader Meinhof gang, a notorious German terrorist group.

One such law provides for removal of the defendant from his own trial if his actions are interfering with courtroom procedure. Another allows for all material used for defense of terrorists to be openly inspected.

A third, and very controversial, law passed in 1976 bars imprisoned terrorists from any contact with the outside world. This includes suspension of all oral and written communication as well as contact with families and each other.

Kommers feels these laws indicate Germany may be over-reacting to terrorist activities. "There's a real atmosphere of intimidation," he observed. "But at the same time, it's not a police state. Internal security spending has really been stepped up, and offices and airports are obviously heavily guarded, but life goes on."

Of students at West German universities, some 6 to 10 percent belong to extreme left-wing organizations, according to Kommers. These groups include Communists, Maoists and others, but they all have a common goal, says Kommers, which is to see the present system destroyed.

Debate during the two-week tour frequently centered on these student groups, comprised not of active terrorists but of people sympathetic to terrorist activities.

"Actually, very few Germans sympathize with the terrorists," Kommers pointed out, "but those few who do, although they have no political influence, make a lot of

noise."

The question of why this minority of terrorists and sympathizers has so rapidly developed in Germany is a puzzling one. Although frequently discussed during the tour, no clear-cut answers emerged.

"It's a very complex question," stated Kommers. He cited several popular explanations such as the lack of jobs for students after they finish studies, distaste for today's consumer-oriented society, and absence of spiritual concerns.

"Germans are generally more ideological than Americans," said Kommers. "But today in Germany there is no nationalism, idealism, or any other cause, like ending poverty or racial injustice in America, to which the young can truly commit themselves."

Although Kommers sees this as a possible explanation for the apparent disenchantment of the students, he admitted it did not explain why only a small minority were affected by this phenomenon.

Kommers pointed out that the terrorists are not born and raised as criminals. "They come from middle-class backgrounds," he noted and are thus not like common criminals.

"The terrorists in Germany are different from groups like the PLO who have an obvious cause for which they're fighting. But what is the German terrorists' objective?"

Kommers wondered what the terrorists will do, now that so many of their leaders are dead or behind bars. He predicted that if Germany's economy should take a downward turn, terrorist activities may increase, and may involve groups from the right as well as the left ends of the political spectrum.

"But I have faith in German democracy," Kommers declared. "This is a trying time for Germany, but I am happy to report that, after spending two weeks there discussing the situation with many leading Germans, I find Germany's institutions durable, its government unshaken, and on the whole, Germany is alive and well."

Joint efforts keep ND going

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said Carl Webb, janitor at Alumni Hall, "not many. Only 15 people punched in today." Webb was prompted to come to work this morning out of a sense of duty. "I saw the Maryland game on TV, Sunday and I saw all the toilet paper that was being thrown and I thought 'My gosh--my toilet paper! Only left them with six or seven rolls.'"

Fortunately, reported Webb, students at Alumni had cleared paths near the dorm so that fresh supplies could be brought in Monday morning. "They must have cleaned while I was gone," he added happily. "The bathroom

floors were clean and all the trash was bagged and lined up by the door ready to be taken out."

Richard Head, Morrissey custodian, reported similar conditions in his hall. Like other maintenance personnel, it was Head's first day back on the job since Thursday at 10 a.m. when all the workers left in a blizzard. According to Grace Hall janitor John Malloy, they were let out just in the nick of time. "I barely got my car out of the parking lot," he said.

With busses now running and most major thoroughfares in the city cleared and open, most employees on both campuses were expected back to work today.

Volunteers help elderly

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"It got to the point where everyone started calling us," he said.

According to Ryan, the townhouses were the group's number one priority, because they were covered with six to eight foot drifts of snow. It took eight hours for ten volunteers to shovel out the complex on Sunday.

Yesterday a large group of volunteers walked to St. Joseph's hospital to dig out the parking lot. Five or six volunteers met a vehicle from Goodwill industries which picked them up to help them shovel out the area around the Goodwill building.

Kellee Nash, a SMC junior, offered to stay overnight with any handicapped or elderly person, but she did not receive any calls. "I mostly helped shovel out," she said, adding that one 89 year-old man wanted to help her shovel. "His wife gave me some milk and cookies instead," she said.

Nash stated that she volunteered because the work gave her something to do during the break from classes and homework. "It's just like you read in the stories that disasters bring people together,"

she said.

One 1933 Notre Dame alumna called for assistance and later called Anderson, "crying for joy." "That made the whole thing worthwhile," Anderson stated.

The volunteer program terminated yesterday since school for ND students began today.

Judo Club trains

The Notre Dame Judo Club will hold a two-week trainer instruction program beginning tomorrow. Classes will run for approximately one hour on Monday's Wednesday's and Thursday's at 7 p.m. in the ACC wrestling pit.

The purpose of the sessions is to instruct several new trainers in the rudiments of Judo and first aid as well as to provide an opportunity for physical training and conditioning. Three to five trainers will then be selected to aid in the instruction of the regular judo class which will start Monday, Feb. 13.

Anyone interested in registering for the session should contact Curt Hench at 8711 before the first trainer class.

Flu, injuries plague students

by Ann Gales
Senior Staff Reporter

This weekend's severe cold couldn't kill the flu bug, as many St. Mary's and Notre Dame students spent all or part of the extended weekend in the infirmary.

The ND Student Health Center reported that a considerable number of students have been treated for the flu in the past few days, although an infirmary nurse commented that the outbreak "is by no means of epidemic proportions." No ND students were treated for

frostbite, but several were treated for minor injuries and sprains, the nurse said.

Director of St. Mary's Health Services Verna Wood commented, "It seems like the students weathered the weather pretty well--until yesterday, when we started to get a lot of flu cases."

Wood stated that the SMC infirmary is presently overflowing with students suffering from the flu. High fevers and congestion are characteristic of the strain of flu that is going around, she noted.

Wood also reported that over the weekend two St. Mary's girls were taken to St. Joseph Hospital with injured ankles, one of which turned out to be a fracture.

"In the past few days, Notre Dame Security employees took no less than 18 students with sprained ankles to the hospital for x-rays," according to Security Officer Jack Molder. Most of the students were injured while playing in the snow, he said.

Molder also stated that Security received a call during the power failure on Sunday night about a girl in Pangborn Hall who was experiencing difficulty breathing. "The student was rushed to St. Joseph Hospital by an ambulance that happened to be on campus at the time, and is o.k. now as far as I know," he said.

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Rhodesian peace plan rejected

Rabat, Malta [AP]- The United States and Britain failed to persuade black guerrilla leaders yesterday to abandon their bloody five-year war against Rhodesia's white government and accept a plan for a peaceful settlement leading to black majority rule.

U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young

and British Foreign Secretary David Owen said that the talks with Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo leaders of the militant Patriotic Front yielded no agreements on major issues.

"The divisions are on important issues," Young told reporters after emerging from a two-hour morning conference on this Mediterranean island nation. The talks will continue today.

Despite their intensive efforts, Young and Owen acknowledged that they failed to shift the Patriotic Front leaders, who represent an estimated 20,000 guerrillas fighting inside and outside Rhodesia, away from their pledge to oust Prime Minister Ian Smith's white government by force.

The guerrillas, British delegates said, rejected the British American plan because of provisions giving administrator designate Lord Carver powers to oversee the transition, head the police and command the national army as well as

supervise one-man, one-vote elections.

A senior aide to Mugabe said Carver's authority would make him a virtual dictator.

Other provisions under dispute included the length and control of a cease-fire between the guerrillas and Rhodesian government troops and arrangements for a six-month transition to black nationalist rule.

Late Sunday, Nkomo and Mugabe served notice that their only aim is to continue fighting until they have secured a total transfer of power from Rhodesia's white rulers.

"If the British do not throw Mr. Smith out, we will do it," Nkomo told reporters. "The war will go on."

The internally-based moderates, who claim to represent the majority of Rhodesia's blacks, opened negotiations with Smith last December aimed at bringing about black majority rule and universal suffrage. The talks broke off last week

when Bishop Abel Muzorewa stormed out of a session claiming he had been insulted by one of Smith's envoys but resumed yesterday with only two of three moderate leaders present.

Smith sought the meetings to head off an imposed solution from

outside, like the British-American peace plan, that would bring the militant Patriotic Front into any black majority government.

The Rhodesian leader also wants safeguards for the future of the nation's 263,000 whites and representation in any new parliament.

Frosh plan date night

by Jana Schutt

The Freshman Year of Studies has arranged three special Freshman Date nights with the cooperation of the 100 Center, according to Emil T. Hoffman, dean of Freshman Year. The date nights will be held on Feb. 7, 14 and 28.

The nights will include transportation to and from the 100 Center, a buffet dinner at the Ice House restaurant, and a movie.

According to the Freshman Year Office, it is impossible to announce in advance which films will be showing on these nights. They will be the regularly scheduled movies showing at the 100 Center on these Tuesdays.

Cost of the special nights will be \$5.00 per couple. Both members of the couple must be freshmen.

To attend one of the date nights, freshmen must come to the Freshman Learning Resource Center between 6:30 and 7 pm on the Thursday preceding the date.

At this time they will submit their names to be part of a lottery. The lottery will be closed at 7 pm and 30 couples will be chosen at random to attend the date night.

Freshmen may remain at the Learning Resource Center to hear the lottery names as they are chosen, or they will be notified by phone if their name is chosen.

Also in the planning stages for the Freshman Class is a Freshman Formal to be held March 3, at the Century Center. Details will be released in early February.

Two art exhibits open

Two new art exhibits opened Jan. 27 in the galleries at St. Mary's. Serigraphs by Dorothy Bilder will be displayed in the Hammes Gallery and the High School Art Exhibition will be in the Moreau and Little Theatre Galleries.

Works in the high school exhibition will come from the South Bend Community School Corporation with Adams, Clay, Riley, LaSalle, North Liberty High Schools, the Career Center and the Whitney Young Academy represented.

Kenneth Geoffrey, coordinator of fine arts for the school corporation, has coordinated the exhibit. The display will include paintings, drawings, ceramics, jewelry, weavings, fibers and mixed media.

Michele Fricke, Gallery coordinator at St. Mary's, hopes that the high school exhibit will become an annual event at the College. Works from the South Bend art program consistently place high in national high school competitions, according to Ms. Fricke.

Dorothea Bilder is an associate professor at Northern Illinois University where she teaches print-making courses and life drawing. Ms. Bilder has had 18 one-person exhibits and has had her works displayed in numerous institutional, regional and national competitive exhibitions. She received a first prize in graphics in Springfield, Illinois in 1976. Her works can be seen in more than 20 permanent collections from Texas to Maine.

Ms. Bilder will give a silk screen workshop at St. Mary's on Feb. 9 in conjunction with her visit to the College for the artists' reception on Feb. 10.

Both the Bilder and High School Exhibitions will be on display from Jan. 27-Feb. 27. The artists' reception will be Feb. 10, from 7-9 p.m. in both galleries.

Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 12:30-4 p.m.

CDC format revised

by Honey McHugh

The St. Mary's Career Development Center (CDC) has taken on a new outlook this semester stated recently appointed Center coordinator, Betsy Twitchell. "The CDC will continue to function as it has for the benefit of all the students and the new programs will be initiated to aid them in their future plans," she continued.

Replacing former director, Karen O'Neill, Twitchell is presently serving as coordinator of the Center in conjunction with her position as director of McCandless Hall. "I believe I am in a unique position to bring both dorm life and career planning together," Twitchell stated, "This dual role will allow me to meet many of the students needs on a more personal level."

This semester the CDC will place its primary emphasis for sophomores on choosing a major, for juniors, the summer job program and seniors will be aided in their plans upon graduation. The same workshop series will be offered again this semester in eight con-

secutive meetings every two weeks beginning in early February. The recruiters schedule will be posted weekly for all registered students to sign up for interviews.

According to Twitchell, in addition to these programs, a bi-weekly newsletter will be published featuring special events, recruiter and workshop schedules, as well as occupational information. Twitchell also intends to initiate informal meetings within the halls conducted by members of the Students Affairs staff and R.A. volunteers to introduce career planning directly to the students.

"We are presently in the process of reorganizing the CDC library by making the cross indexing system more efficient," continued Twitchell, "Mary Ann Daly, volunteer coordinator and the R.A. volunteers are attempting to make the library resources more easily accessible to the students."

"My primary concern is that students from every class in all major fields of study realize the importance of their future career plans and utilize the resources the Center has to offer them," Twitchell added.

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Jim

Notre Dame plows Terrapins, 69-54

by Paul Stevenson
Sports Editor

Despite the poor weather conditions, the University of Maryland's basketball team arrived in South Bend to battle the Fighting Irish. Even though the snow did not stop the Terrapins, Notre Dame's defense played a major role in halting the visiting cagers. 69-54, before a partisan student crowd at the ACC.

The Irish tallied the first five points, but the Terrapins came back to take an eight to five lead. The game was a back and forth struggle until with 8:13 left in the first half, Duck Williams connected from 20 feet to give Notre Dame a 23-15 advantage.

But, Maryland demonstrated their poise by out-scoring the Irish ten to four in the next five minutes. At halftime, Notre Dame held a slim 31-28 lead.

In the first twenty minutes, Notre Dame connected on 42 percent of their field goal attempts. However, Maryland could only find the range on 39 percent.

During the opening three minutes after intermission, Notre Dame tallied 16 points to the Terrapins four, forcing Maryland to use two time outs.

The tenacious Irish defense continued to rattle the Terrapins with 11 minutes remaining in the game and holding a 49-31 edge. Notre

Dame went into a four corners offense. In the next eight minutes, the Irish worked their offense and just waited for the open shot. During that time, the Irish received several key baskets, including a slam dunk, from Tracy Jackson, the game's Most Valuable Player.

In the closing minutes, the Irish maintained a comfortable margin, occasionally leading by as much as 18 points. With two seconds left in the contest, Rich Branning scored the final markers of the game on a pair of free throws. The game ended with the Irish a sizable winner, 69-54.

Notre Dame boasted four players in double figures. Branning led the Irish with 15 points, while Kelly Tripucka followed with 12. Jackson tallied 11 points, including nine in the crucial moments of the second half, and Dave Batton contributed ten.

Larry Gibson led the Terrapins with 17 markers and Albert King added 15. Gibson also led Maryland in rebounding with ten caroms.

In the second half, Maryland only improved their field goal shooting to 41 percent, while Notre Dame jumped to 51 percent. Maryland registered 34 rebounds as a team, while Notre Dame managed 32.

The Irish appear to have gelled as a team and are playing well as a

unit. The offense continues to flow until the shots open up. Notre Dame, as a team, accounted for 17 assists, while Maryland managed only seven.

Sunday's victory marked the second consecutive win for the Irish against Maryland. That triumph was also the seventh straight for Notre Dame after dropping three of four over the semester break.

The Irish have also been victorious in their last 21 games in a row at the ACC. Since February 1, 1973, Notre Dame has won 73 of 78 games in the ACC.

"We were beaten by a better team," Maryland Head Coach Lefty Driesell commented. "We're having our problems this season and I just hope we can straighten them out."

For Jackson, this game was something special. He was heavily recruited by Maryland and he and Coach Driesell attend the same church and are good friends.

"The team just played well as a unit today," Jackson reflected. "It's a great victory. I was fired up today and I don't think anybody could have put me down."

Irish mentor Digger Phelps was pleased with his team's performance, but it is just another step.

"Defensively, this was probably the best we've played all year," Phelps stressed. This is win number 14 and we need six more. I



Notre Dame's Tracy Jackson received 17 minutes of playing time in Sunday's battle with Maryland. The freshman forward responded with 11 points, most of which came during a crucial point in the second half. Because of his fine performance, Jackson was named NBC's Most Valuable Player.

know we'll have a tough game in Philly against LaSalle Wednesday night."

Tip-off for the contest with the Explorers is slated for 9 p.m. in the Palestra.

Irish fencers prepare to defend national crown

by Paul Mullaney
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After the cancellation of Saturday's opener, coach Mike DeCicco's fencers began defense of their national title this Saturday as they host Wisconsin-Parkside, Tri-State, Celveland State and Bowling Green at the Athletic and Convocation Center.

The Notre Dame swordsmen captured the 1977 crown in the A.C.C. last March, defeating New York University in the first fence-off ever in the history of the NCAA championships. The title was the first in Irish fencing history.

When NYU All-American Miklos Benedek lost his final match to the Navy sabre man, the tourney ended with Notre Dame and NYU deadlocked at 114 points, and a fence-off was called upon to determine the champion.

"Up until that moment that NYU lost that bout, we knew that there was nothing we could do about finishing second," recalls DeCicco. "That NYU loss gave us renewed vigor, renewed ambition, and we went into that final round with the emotional edge. Our guys were higher than a kite."

Irish gold medalists Mike Sullivan and Pat Gerard, respective All-Americans in sabre and foil, defeated their fence-off opponents to place the coveted crown under the Dome. A loss by Gerard in that second bout would have put the pressure on senior epeeist Tim Glass, who had finished fourth in the competition to NYU's gold medalist Hans Wieselgren.

However, Gerard's 0-5 rout of Tom Valjacic, a foilist who had earlier beaten Gerard, sent the ecstatic Irish following into a mild uproar. For the first time in 44 years of Notre Dame fencing the blue-and-gold captured the collegiate championship.

"We've had success over the years," enthused DeCicco, selected as last year's "Coach of the Year" by the American Fencing Coaches Association. "But the national title is something we've never had before, so obviously we take a great deal of pride in that achievement."

"There is probably a large element of luck involved, especially in fencing, for any team to do what we did last year. We had very good fencers. They worked very hard and things broke our way from the day the season started until we won

the national title. The luck we enjoyed last year is something I cannot explain."

Coupled with the luck, naturally, comes a great deal of superstition, at least on the part of DeCicco. "We're retracing our steps from last year to this year, hoping that we'll repeat whatever we did right. I'm not that great of a coach to determine exactly what won it for us."

"My guys will tell you that I wear the same shirt, tie, shoes and so on that I was wearing when we started this winning streak (now at 67 matches). It becomes a psychological advantage for us, because our opposing coaches and teams may remember that we look like the same team as last time. I'm getting to the point where I better

Tom Desmond

do something, because that shirt is starting to wear kind of thin."

It might not take as much luck this time around, however, as both Sullivan and Gerard return to lead a solid Irish squad.

Foil is the strongest weapon, according to DeCicco. Gerard ranks second on the all-time Irish foil list. The senior from Norridge, Ill., has compiled a record of 115-6 in his previous three years.

Strongly supporting Gerard is senior Mike McCahey, a three-time monogram winner. McCahey, who posted a 28-5 record a year ago, was the Irish NCAA foil entry in 1976. The other position will be filled by either junior Steve Salimondo or sophomore Andy Bonk, with Ray Benson a strong possibility for seeing action.

Sullivan, sabre captain, owns the highest all-time Notre Dame winning percentage, losing only twice in 102 matches. Acknowledged as "the best sabre man in the country" by his coach, the junior from Peabody, Mass., has his sights set on the 1980 Olympics. He has been chosen All-American in each of his first two years. Senior letterman Tom Edwards, who was third in sabre last year with a 37-11 slate, will fence in the number two spot. The wide-open third position may be filled by either senior Larry Miller or freshman Sal Muoio.

The graduation of All-Americans Tim Glass and Ed Fellows from epee left that event largely on the shoulders of '78 captain Bill Kica and fellow senior John Strass.

However, the addition of Swedish transfer Bjorne Vaggo is a welcomed addition. Recently granted three years of eligibility by the NCAA, Vaggo was ranked 10th nationally in epee. Sweden's strong weapon. His transferred credits make him the equivalent of a first-semester junior. Tom Cullum and Mike Carney will provide some depth, as both had winning years last year in epee.

"That cliché that 'you always find it more difficult to stay on top than to get on top' in part is true," noted DeCicco. "I've never had that experience before of being on top. There'll be a little added pressure to try to duplicate last year's feat."

Don't be surprised if the feat is duplicated.

The Dallas Classic

Six-Pointers

There isn't a football game this Saturday so I am at a loss for finding something to write about. If you can't write on something that is coming up, write about the past. That's a rule of sports writing isn't it?

The Cotton Bowl was a dream, it really didn't happen. Storybook finishes are out of style. Fair play, hard work and that come-from-rags-to-riches stuff doesn't sell anymore. Or does it? I would sure like to own the replay rights around here, it'd probably pay for law school.

Actually, I intended to write a few reflections about the Cotton Bowl and the whole Dallas excursion and then throw in some other varied observations. A sort of "potpourri" of thought.

The best bars anywhere are those located on the edge of a college campus. (present area excluded) Although I didn't catch it first hand, the Up Your Alley watering hole proved my hypothesis right as far as SMU's bars go. They have a late-nite competition there that has something in common with the football played in the Southwest Conference. The contestants wear cut-off shirts. That's right, cut-off shirts...

I had the opportunity to see a game the right way--in the student section--for the first time. Having spent four seasons as a statistician in the Notre Dame press box, I was lucky enough not to get a seat in the Cotton Bowl press box and joined some close friends amid the sea of green. Now I know why the Notre Dame student body is called the greatest in the world. After standing on a seat in earth shoes and screaming for the entire game, fatigue set in and thoughts of impending death soon followed. That was one game. How about five games and then basketball season. It isn't easy to watch 1 game as one of the members of the greatest student body, but I guess that is why it's so great.

The press box seems antiseptic in retrospect compared to the "real world" of the stands. The elements confront the fan, there aren't any free hot dogs or cups of coffee. But, the chance to yell and let out frustrations compensates for the physical inconveniences. The best line of the game was screamed in the third quarter by one well-lubricated student as he offered the world a bit of Rona Barrett-style gossip--"Earl Campbell dates Bevo(the steer)." That is a high-quality insult.

The locker room after the game seemed like a political rally after the initial celebrating had ended. In the corners and every few feet in the middle of the spacious locker room stood the days heroes, Browner, Fry,

Golic, Eurick, Hughes, Huffman, Montana, Ferguson, Heavens, Bradley and Reeve all talking to members of the media and constantly reminding them of the reasons why Notre Dame was number-one. "I think we're number one," was never heard. Like a confident candidate the phrase was "I know we're number-one." Joe Montana put it best when asked to summarize the season. He simply replied "38-10".

"The game will come down to the defense's ability to provide field position and breaks that will decide the contest. And, the Notre Dame defense has had a history of coming up with the big performance in pressure games of the past."

The above quote appeared in this column as a conclusion to my pre-Cotton Bowl analysis...I only wish I had been that accurate on my auditing final...speaking of accurate, that is something the Basketball Irish are not when one speaks of free throws...hitting 70% from the line on the season, it seems like Russian Roulette at the end of close games...so far the chamber has been empty, but what about the next time.

With Bill Laimbeer still absent from his starting role it seems like Bruce Flowers enjoys the return to the post-position as he has re-activated his left-handed jump hook. Gary Brokaw is back on campus putting the finishing touches on a sociology-economics degree...has he put together his bookstore b-ball team yet. The NCAA tournament becomes a surer thing each game and the closest first-round site is Purdue on March 11. But hold on, the sites only have to supply 250 tickets to each c schools...that makes the Cotton Bowl Committee look like Santa Claus...the regionals are at Dayton, Providence, New Mexico and Kansas...the finals are in St. Louis...our Icers are on the road this weekend at North Dakota and will be away the following weekend at Michigan...the next home series is February 10-11 against Michigan Tech...Notre Dame will host the National Catholic Tournament a week from Sunday, February 5th.

The next home swim meet is Saturday, February 4 against St. Bonaventure. The Bengal Bouts will be held on March 5, 7, and 10 and the boxers started preparations last Monday. Bengals treasurer Mike Thomas tells me things eased up a bit Tuesday as the group did 900 jumping jacks, down 200 from the day before...anybody have the Guinness Book of World Records?