

# Athletes And Excellence?

## An Editorial

The Voice would like to speak out against the special academic treatment offered athletes at Notre Dame. This double standard is found in the areas of course scheduling, honor code violations, and grade preferences. It is not a recent innovation; it has become ingrained in the Notre Dame tradition. There is no doubt that this double standard is an accepted part of campus life.

It should be understood from the outset that not all athletes take advantage of this opportunity. There are athletes who are conscientious students, and who are making use of their four years at Notre Dame to gain a solid education. However, there are those who capitalize on the availability of this special treatment, and whose intellectual contribution to the community is perhaps neglig-

ible. We do not blame these athletes for acting as they do. Rather we deplore the fact that a situation is allowed to continue whereby a particular group can obtain preferential treatment over the rest of the student body.

The existence of "jock" courses is an accepted fact, especially at the freshman level, and the names of professors like Kline and Brennan are legendary among Notre Dame men. One football player said, "Sure, freshman year is jock -- just like a state school. Everyone knows that." Professor Kline himself admitted that he attempts to build up the athletes' confidence, to make them feel at home.

But jock courses aren't confined to the freshman year. Courses in Irish Exodus and Modern Catholic Writers are notable favorites among

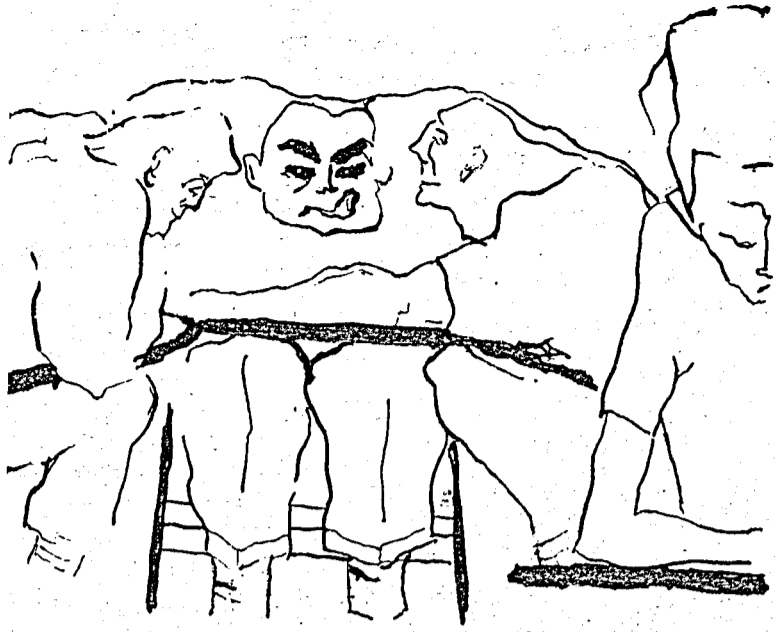
upperclass athletes.

This double standard includes far more than jock courses, however. It seems clear that athletes get away with far more than their share of cheating, perhaps in some cases from fear of reprisals. One junior who warned a football player to stop cheating was threatened with violence if he reported the player. The attitude also exists that "it would be harmful to the team" if a player were reported for an honor violation.

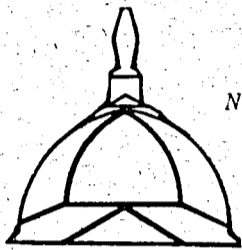
Among cases actually brought before the Honor Council last year, a disproportionate percentage involved athletes. An even greater proportion of the honor violators reported during the first semester of this year were members of the football team.

Professor Mike DeCicco, varsity fencing coach and aca-

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Was this question in the playbook, boys?

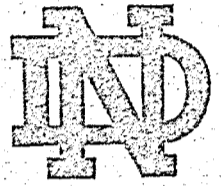


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## Rev. Bouyer Joins Faculty

by Bill Nagel

A distinguished writer and theologian, Rev. Louis Bouyer, has become a permanent faculty member of the University of Notre Dame. He is a priest of the French Oratory and a former professor of Spiritual Theology and Church History at the Catholic Institute of Paris. For the past several years, he has been a faculty member in the University of Notre Dame's summer Liturgy Program.

Father Bouyer is also a former director of the International Seminary at Strasbourg, France. He assisted in the preparation for the Second Vatican Council as a consultant on the Commission for Seminaries and Studies.

Born in 1913 and raised as a Protestant, he spent several years in the Lutheran Ministry. During these years his profound studies into the nature of Protestantism as a genuinely spiritual movement led him to the recognition that Catholicism was the only Church in which the positive elements of the Reformation could be exercised.

As a Catholic and a priest Father Bouyer has written a number of books which have been widely admired here and abroad. His personal background and his scholarly pursuits have resulted in ecumenical studies such as: THE SPIRIT AND FORMS OF PROTESTANTISM, ERASMUS AND HIS

TIMES, NEWMAN: HIS LIFE AND SPIRITUALITY. His spiritual writings include, LITURGICAL PIETY, THE MEANING OF MONASTIC LIFE, THE MEANING OF SACRED SCRIPTURE, and RITE AND MAN.

### JOINS FACULTY



Rev. Louis Bouyer, a distinguished Theologian, is now a permanent faculty member of the University of Notre Dame.

## Academic Double Standard Accepted by ND Students

by Bob Lumpkins

Student opinion overwhelmingly acknowledged the existence of an academic double standard. Straw polls taken Tuesday in Walsh, Howard, Lyons, and Alumni to gauge student opinion showed that 84% of those contacted agreed that athletes receive preferential treatment academically. Most seemed to take the situation for granted.

Two questions were asked a random sampling of students over campus: "Do you feel that athletes receive preferential treatment at Notre Dame?" and "Do you feel that athletes should receive preferential treatment?"

Those who replied affirmatively to the first question were asked if they knew of specific instances of illicit raising of grades, and several admitted to knowledge of various shenanigans.

A student in Walsh said he knew of several cases involving his roommate, a varsity athlete, but refused to give particulars. Other students who claimed to know of such cases were similarly non-committal, refusing to divulge further information.

Responses to a second question were less unanimous. 48

students asked "SHOULD the athletes receive this treatment?", only 54% thought not.

The comments of those favoring preferential treatment for athletes only emphasized the degree of acceptance of that treatment.

It was claimed that the athletes were "doing something for their school" and that "they help make Notre Dame what it is." One student suggested that the athletes should be graded separately from the rest of the class -- "then no one will get hurt."

A pragmatist in Walsh thought that the only players who were especially valuable to their team should get this sort of treatment. For an especially indispensable player, he argued, "the professor should raise his grade if necessary to retain eligibility."

Most of those who opposed the alleged double standard did not comment, either out of fear of reprisals (several asked that their

names not be used) or because they felt their answer was the obvious one.

A senior in Walsh, though, had this comment: "The University must decide if the players will be first athletes and then play students, or first students and only secondarily athletes. If it appears that they must be athletes first--as indeed it does now--then the University should merely hire them to play ball in her name, as professionals. To force them to take courses is unfair to the athletes, and it's unfair to the University."

In virtually all the conversation, the names of certain "jock pros" kept recurring. Professors '88' Brennan and '99' Kline were particularly well-known.

Professor Kline himself, reached for comment, denied that he was easier on athletes in his classes.

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## NewsBriefs NewsBriefs NewsBriefs NewsBriefs

The Notre Dame-St. Mary's Shuttle Bus, which previously had operated for the benefit of students in co-ex classes only, will be operated in the evening for non-academic purposes. The bus will make 20 minute round trips between 6:45 and 7:55 and between 9:15 and 11:05 Sunday through Thursday. On Friday and Saturday the schedule calls for 20 minute round trips between 6:30 and 8:20 and between 10:30 and 1:00.

This extension of the Shuttle Bus service for social use was approved by the Senate Tuesday night. The night-time service will begin as soon as a present driver shortage is worked out, according to Scott Atwell, the Notre Dame administrator of the Bus.

The bus on its trips west will depart from the field house and make stops at the Book Store parking lot and the Grotto O'Laughlin Auditorium is the St. Mary's terminal.

The last issue before final exams marked a major breakthrough in the Notre Dame tradition of good Journalism. The retiring editors decided that it was their turn to play a little and substantiate any and all accusations which had emanated from supporting fathers. A few reactions which alert

Voice reporters were able to pick up included the following: One consternated SMC lady remarked "Oh no! What will I tell Daddy?" A Notre Dame fellow was overheard exclaiming on the phone "Dad, write Ara, or even the administration and demand that they change this!" An enterprising student called his home-town honey telling her to write for an application immediately. And, Paul Hornung was heard to say "I always thought there were girls at Notre Dame."

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The ISO became the first organization on campus to have its own weekly radio program on WSNB AM and FM. The program, which was initiated last Sunday, is an "ISO spotlight on different parts of the world" featuring discussions by a Group of foreign students. Future ISO - sponsored events include a panel discussion of the ISO students' impressions of the U.S., a talk on the Rhodesian crisis, and another talk by an Indonesian graduate student.

It looks like a big weekend in the middle of March as the Social Commission plans to bring Roger Miller to Notre Dame's Stepan Center on March 17. Not to be outdone by the Social Commission, the Senior and Sophomore Classes are combining to bring the Supremes to Stepan on Saturday, March 19. Another big concert on the horizon for March 5th is the Kingsmen (who recorded some song I can't seem to remember).

## Mardi Gras Queen Named

The Queen of this Year's Mardi Gras will be Miss Joan Landfried of St. Mary's. Miss Landfried will be escorted by Joseph Lemon, General Chairman of the Mardi Gras. Fr. Hesburgh will crown the queen Friday evening at the M.G. Ball. She will preside over the week's activities and will hold her own personal reception Friday evening at the Peach Tree Restaurant in South Bend.

Miss Landfried, a native of Cutler, Illinois, is a senior at St. Mary's majoring in Christianity and Culture. She was also a queen candidate for the 1963 ND Homecoming. Joan is a student teacher at John Adams High School in South Bend and hopes to enter the teaching profession in the fall.

## Clergyman Defends Atheism

The Unitarian Church is a religion without a creed. Its members, even its clergy, are free to hold any belief or unbelief, including atheism. So explained South Bend's Rev. Joseph Schneiders. He was speaking "In Defense of Atheism" to an overflowing and most enthusiastic audience in the Library Auditorium Monday night.

According to Rev. Schneiders, the form of one's religion is determined by socio-psychological forces of environment. Each creates a God, or gods, that will satisfy the particular needs of that age. The only test for the validity of a religion is a purely pragmatic one: a religion is a true religion if it leads to a meaningful life.

Rev. Schneiders believes that since Paul Tillich defined faith as

Ultimate Concern, which all men seem to have to some extent, it is difficult to be a real atheist. Many people who call themselves atheists are actually very much concerned about truth and life and are therefore very religious. At the same time, many who call themselves Christians are really non-religious.

Atheists, says Rev. Schneiders, are not fools corrupted by their passions. They simply have not been convinced that a God is necessary for a meaningful life. They are too busy experiencing life to be concerned about its source. Rev. Schneiders does not defend the truth of atheistic doctrines, but does defend their right to be held.

Rev. Schneiders disagreed basically with the Catholic Church's acceptance of St. Thomas's proofs for the existence of God, which he says were shown to be invalid by Immanuel Kant. Belief in God comes from environmental conditioning, not from intellectual arguments. "In fact," he says "dogma violates the humility of true religion."

The Church, he says, should preach about St. Francis instead of St. Thomas. It should be more concerned with charity than with faith and justice. He admits, however, that the Catholic Church is not as monolithic today as it has been in the past. Rev. Schneiders, a former Catholic, says in fact that if the Church had been fifty years ago as it is today, he would still be a Catholic.

For the Unitarian, there are no objective norms of morality, not even the love ethic. He does not

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The 1966 Mardi Gras Queen

# An Open Door Policy

Ever try to get into the LaFortune Student Center after 11 p.m. during the week? Not too hard to do, is it? Most of the time the door is jared open, BUT there are cases when the door is locked. Then comes the fun. You can either call up to your destination and hope that someone's there to hear you, or better yet, try to find the night manager.

All these seem to be ridiculous procedures to go through when several simple solutions are immediately evident.

If the door can be and is propped open so easily, then certainly there can be no added harm in leaving at least one door open for those who require use of the Student Center at unusual hours.

However, if this does not prove feasible, then there is the alternative of giving keys to certain organizations who need to use the Center after hours. Certainly their position on campus should warrant their being entrusted with such a responsibility.

In any event, there is no reason why the present farce of the propped-open locked door should continue.

# Letters To The Editor

Sir:

I was very disturbed to find that your February 8 article on the N.D. LETTERMEN concert presented a very distorted view of the group's present capabilities. The five hundred people who enjoyed this concert might have been surprised to read that the group is now supposedly "on the way out."

Most of the article concerned problems which the LETTERMEN have recently faced. This was very misleading. Like any musical group, we have had to solve problems in order to attain artistic goals. For instance, it is hard to find excellent musicians in a school with such a small music department. This is a long range problem the LETTERMEN have to face each year. However, this year all five of Notre Dame's wind instrument music majors play in the LETTERMEN, fifteen of the LETTERMEN are in the University

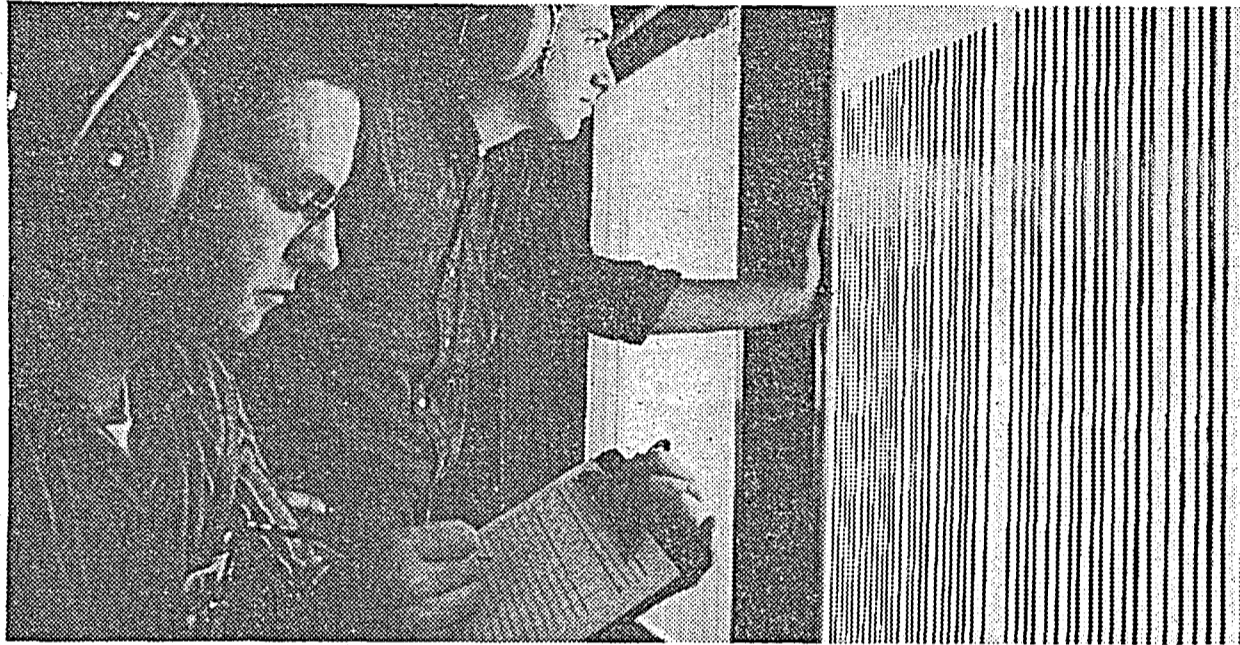
Concert Band, and we have some excellent other members such as our alto sax soloists, Bill Hurd and Bob McClelland.

In short, I wish to emphasize that satisfactory solutions have been found, and I believe this year's LETTERMEN to be the best group yet. Our February 5 concert was undoubtedly the group's finest musical performance. I am very proud of the hard work the musicians in the LETTERMEN have put in this year, and I hope I have made it clear that the group is stronger than ever and still very much alive.

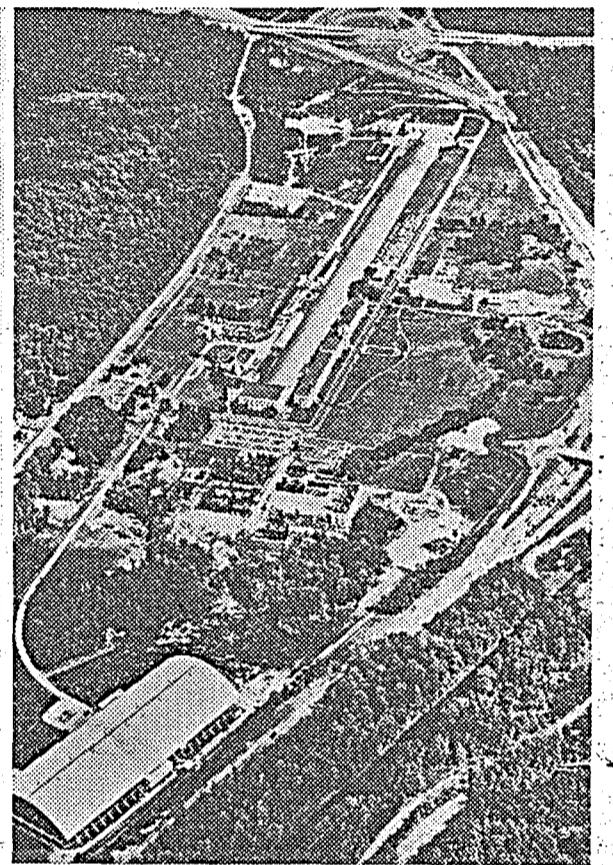
Mike Turre.  
Our apologies to the Lettermen. The pessimism expressed in our article was not intended to reflect on the quality of the Lettermen's Productions. We understand they have a fine group this year. —ed.

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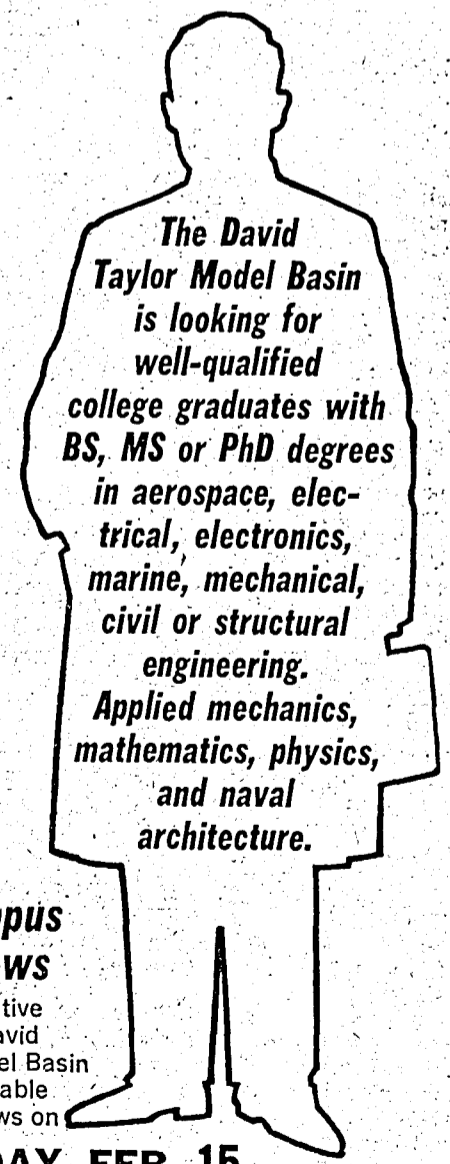
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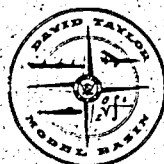
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## Athletes

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 aemic advisor to the athletes, claims to be unaware of the degree of cheating among his charges.

"I tell our boys we don't want them if they are going to cheat," he said. But DeCicco later admitted that at least three varsity football players had been caught cheating last semester.

## Mardi Gras Raffle Returns Hit 20%

After the first Mardi Gras raffle collection, Dan Toomey, the raffle chairman, announced that the raffle was one-fifth of the way toward its goal of \$50,000 gross, and \$25,000 net profit. The second collection, which took place Wednesday evening, was expected to be the largest. Toomey hopes that students will turn money and raffle tickets in as soon as they get them. Everything must be turned in by Saturday morning, February 19.

The drawing for the 1966 Cadillac, the grand prize, and for the Bermuda trip for two (to go to a St. Mary's girl), will take place at 9:30 on the evening of the 19th. The XKE, the student prize, will be given away the following Monday evening at the carnival.

The Mardi Gras champagne brunch has been almost completely sold out. This affair will be much larger than it was in 1965; the management at the Pick-Oliver has promised better accommodations because of the larger number.

Approximately 300 people are expected to attend the Communion Breakfast. The speaker for the breakfast has not yet been chosen. After the first ticket sales the main floor and one balcony are sold out for the Mardi Gras concert. All seats are reserved for this concert, which is expected to last a full three hours.

## Atheism . . .

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think in terms of right or wrong but considers only whether or not an experience is meaningful and creative. Each new situation must be taken as unique.

As for an afterlife, he doesn't believe there is one but admits he really has no way of knowing. Man might be able to find sufficient meaning in this life, by seeing its depth, if he had not been taught to expect something else.

Rev. Schneiders summed up his personal view by a parable entitled, "The Burning of the Gods." A certain group of primitive tribes were continually at war because each tribe worshipped a different god. They decided therefore, for the sake of peace, to take all their gods and melt them down to one. Each chief then took a portion of the ashes for his tribe's god. All the chiefs were satisfied except three. One said there was no God since all had been burnt. A second said that God was in the smoke from the fire, and that He pervaded all the universe. A third said that God was more than any of these: He was interior, not exterior. God was what made their meeting possible. God was man's ability to rise above himself and to work for the common good.

## Double Standard

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"No group gets special treatment in my class," he said, "In fact, I usually give the athletes more homework than the rest of the class." But he did admit that they usually get A's or B's.

"There is a feeling among many of the younger professors that it's a feather in their cap to fail a football player," Coach Kline added in justification, "I try to balance that tendency."

And finally, there was the thought provoking reaction of a sophomore in Howard: "It may not be consistent with the ideas of a university, but football and basketball and baseball are just as important to the University as academics."

that he might graduate. Both these cases were the result of the athletes' prestige as athletes. But it is questionable whether all this grade-raising is a result of direct intervention by the athletes themselves. It is widely believed that the Athletic Department has a hand in seeing that their players remain eligible.

DeCicco denies that the Athletic Department makes any attempt to influence the grades of the athletes, although he admitted that he might ask a professor to review a boy's grade "in case of doubt." However, he revealed that a professor in the Business College was approached last year by a member of the Athletic Department and asked to review the record of a certain player "to see if any changes might be made." No changes were made, and the dean of the college reported the intervention in an irate letter to the administration.

The coaches, like DeCicco, denied any tampering with the athletes' grades. Coach Dave Hurd, who oversees the academic progress of the football team, claims that they receive the same academic treatment as the rest of the student body. "This office does not call professors, and does not attempt to influence grades," he stated. But Hurd, who virtually begged the Voice not to write anything, also admitted: "Some of our best players aren't very good students, and you sort of wonder how they get through. Frankly, I'd just as soon not know how they make it."

We're sorry, Mr. Hurd, but the students do know how they make it, and it's time this were brought out into the open. They hypocrisy of an academic double standard cannot be allowed to continue if Notre Dame is ever to achieve university status.

# Plans Made For Student Gov't Elections

At the student senate meeting Tuesday evening, March 14-16 was set as the date for nominations for Student Body President and Vice-President, and March 30 the date for the elections.

Student Body President Minch Lewis announced that Student Government hopes to initiate an office staff under the terms of the Economic Opportunity Act. Under this act the federal government provides funds for colleges and universities to employ students in need of financial assistance. Some of the money Notre Dame has received has not yet been used, and there are openings for ten or twelve positions through the University employment office. Students

with financial need, able to spend 12 hours per week working, are encouraged to apply. The pay rate is \$1.25 per hour. The emphasis here is on financial need, and not on scholastic standing.

In other Tuesday night action, the Senate recommended that President Lewis appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of obtaining free music for the Rathskellar on Friday and

Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons. WSND was suggested as a possible source for records, tapes and personnel.

The Senate also appropriated \$500 in the form of a loan to the Christian Democratic Research Group. This money is to be used to support the International Conference on Christian Democracy, to be held here on Feb. 11, 12 and 13.

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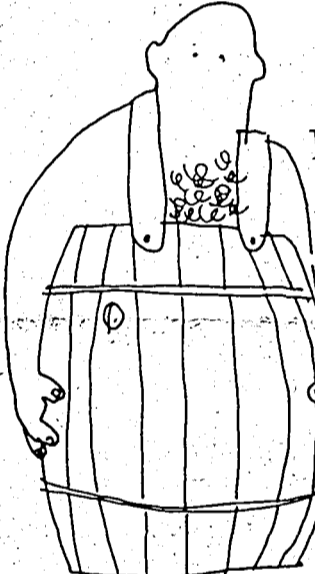
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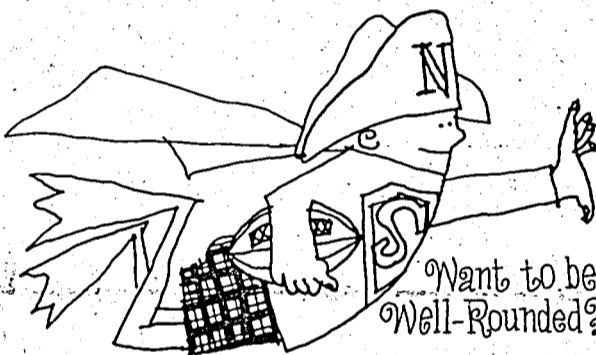
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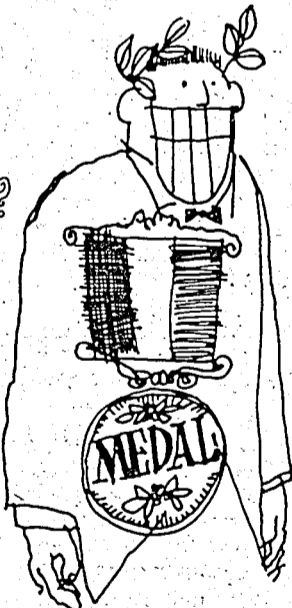
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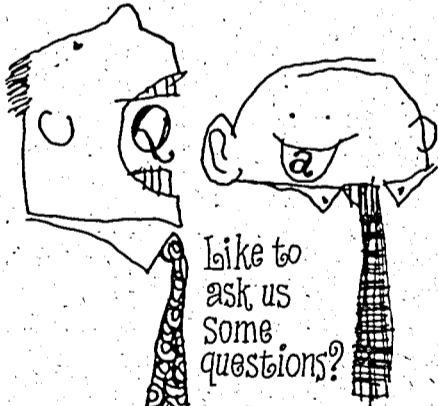
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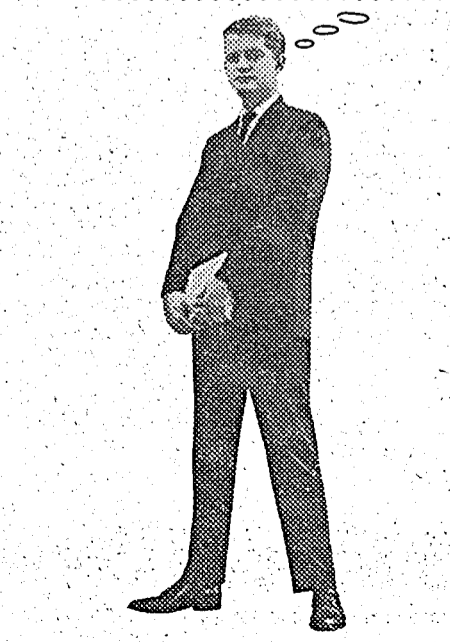
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# Sports Shorts

The VOICE received news today that Hugh Devore, assistant athletic director and interim head coach at Notre Dame in 1945 and 1963, has announced his resignation to become an assistant coach with the Houston Oilers of the American Football League. The pros will not be new to Hughie, who previously was head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFL; nor will he Oller head coach Wally Lemm, who was on Devore's 1945 football coaching staff. The University administration has accepted the resignation "with genuine regret."

Wrestling occupies a major part of the home sports scene this weekend with three Varsity matches and the Interhall wrestling championship.

Mid-American Conference powers Miami and Bowling Green join the University of Cincinnati against Coach Fallon's young but rapidly improving matmen. The Miami match starts at 7 p.m. Friday. The Bearcats, strong in the lighter classes, face the Irish Saturday at 1 p.m., and the Bee-Gees roll in Tuesday afternoon.

The finals in the Novice and Open Divisions of the Interhall tournament will take place before and after the Miami meet Friday; preliminaries are scheduled for tonight at the Rock from 4-6 and 7-9.

Mike DeCicco's fencers shoot for their eighth and ninth victories of the season as Detroit and Chicago provide the opposition Saturday. Though the matches are usually held in the Stepan Center, there is a good possibility that they will be held in the fieldhouse following the wrestling meet Saturday.

The sports highlight of the weekend, however, is scheduled for Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Fieldhouse as the SCHOLASTIC looks to avenge the humiliation suffered in an 18-0 football loss to the VOICE as the campus power engage in a non-verbal test of basketball ability. Sporting fans could be in for a rarity, therefore, watching a basketball game and a fencing meet under the same roof, at the same time, and in the same spot.

## Exciting Finish Seen For Interhall Cagers

The first halves of interhall and geographical club basketball are rapidly drawing to an exciting close. The weary hardwood enthusiasts are giving that little extra that will make their teams playoff champions.

In the geographical club divisions, Chicago, led by Joe Speth, captured the League I crown with a perfect 6-0 mark. On the strength of its 28-25 win over Westchester's perennial powerhouse (which numbered among their 5 wins a 99-46 romp over Indianapolis), Chicago received the top seeding in the playoffs. Philadelphia (4-0) crushed Kansas City (4-1) last week, 43-28, for the League II championship, and will meet the League III winner Thursday, the winner of this game to battle Chicago for the championship Friday. Western Michigan and Toledo (4-1) will meet Wednesday for the League III championship if both are victorious in their final game tonight.

Interhall playoffs will begin on February 21, with Dillon A's undefeated (5-0) League I titlists a prime contender. Pangborn (4-0) is all but home in League III, as is Howard B in League II. Divisions II and V promise exciting races down to the wire, with Morrisey A and Sorin A battling it out in the former league and Dillon C (3-0) a step ahead of Howard D (3-1) in the latter.

The second half (Schedule II) of the interhall league is already in process. Breen-Phillips Fr. 2 and Kennan Fr. 1 sputtered to the front with two victories, but races in the three leagues are still wide open.

Ball State's Mermen invade the Rock Saturday to face Coach Dennis Stark's Irish swimmers, 4 and 4 on the season. The Cardinals' strength is centered in a group of eight sophomores.

Freshmen bettered just about every BS freshman swimming record. To go along with these boys, coach John Lewellen will count on four lettermen, and a good transfer. Optimism is the word; but a lack of all around depth is the problem.

The Notre Dame Hockey Club travels to Lake Forest and Joliet, Illinois to face Lake Forest College and St. Procopius College Saturday and Sunday. Sporting a two game win streak and an impressive "first-ever" home ice victory over the Air Force Academy last Saturday, the Irish are out to better their 5-6-2 record. The outcome of both games may well be decided by Notre Dame's ability to follow Coach Jerry Paquette's fore-checking strategy and control the puck as much as it did against the Falcons.

The Michigan State Relays in East Lansing Saturday features thirteen Notre-Dame entrants. The Irish strength lies in the two-mile relay--Hal Spiro, Keith Small, Pete Farrell, and Ed Dean--and in the two mile run--Mike Coffey. Des Lawler, John Wholen, and Bill Leahy.

by Ed Broderick and Mike Granger

# Irish Crush Butler

For the last four minutes and fifteen seconds of last night's basketball game, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame may well have been wrapping up the national title instead of breaking its 13 game losing streak, as a capacity crowd of 2800 game Coach John Dee's forces a standing ovation as they decimated the Butler Bulldogs, 84-61. The Irish crushed a team tonight that had come off an 110-83 slaughter of Evansville and had conquered mighty Michigan and Southern California.

The game started off with Jim Monahan hitting a 15-foot jump shot from the corner; from then on until Jim McKirchy tallied point number 84 with 5 seconds remaining it was all Irish. Notre Dame hit six of its first nine

Tuesday night at Lafayette, Notre Dame's wrestlers ran into a hot Purdue team, which broke a 7-match losing streak by beating the Irish, 23-10. Ken Graf won his match by forfeit and Neil Petrangeli scored Notre Dame's remaining points when his opponent injured his shoulder and forced to default.

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shots before Larry Shade put Butler on the scoreboard with 4:30 gone. Another eight point burst midway through the opening period put the Irish up 18 and they stretched it to 41-19 at the half.

Butler attempted to play catch up in the second half, but they should have stayed downstate, for "It was the greatest" for Johnny Dee and his Fighting Irish. They had waited since December 15 at 9:30 p.m. for this one. They had gone to Kentucky, North Carolina, and Denver, but they found that there is no place like home.

The heroes were numerous, led by Jim Monahan and Bucky McGann, with 19 and 12 points respectively. It was Monahan who hit from the corner in the first half to break it open and who then drove the baseline for three big hoops in the second half while

contributed some fine defensive plays. It was Captain McGann who directed the offense and contributed some of his patented outside shots. It was Brian Keller who speared the first half rally with 12 of his 13 points; it was Tom Caldwell who hit three outside bombs in the first three minutes to force Butler's Schilling away from the boards and hold him to 4 points while controlling the boards. It was Dixie Restovich who brought his smaller guard inside and wheeled and dealed for 14 points. It was Jim McKirchy who came off the bench and hit sixteen points, including ten straight from the charity line.

Finally, it was Johnny Dee who had never had a losing season before in his career, but like the coach he is, never gave up. Now he had his victory, and "It was the greatest!"

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