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Please . . . if you're near a record player, tear out that d-shaped piece of red vinyl on page one and play it.

It may not look like one, but it is a real, live 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ r.p.m. "sound sheet." Its inclusion in INSIGHT: Notre Dame brings to magazine communications a new dimension we call "insight in sound," for us a new effort to communicate more effectively with the Notre Dame family.

While the medium is exciting, we're equally enthusiastic about the message. For this occasion we decided to ask and to answer some of the questions most frequently raised about Notre Dame, questions of both a traditional and a contemporary nature. To do so, we went to Notre Dame administrators, faculty members and students for their suggestions. Their response produced well over a hundred questions. Some overlapped, but most questions were varied. After a while, we learned it was impossible to answer all of them within the confines of this issue. So we selected those that appeared most interesting and relevant to University life today.

Major policy questions and answers are presented on the "sound sheet" through an informal conversation between Notre Dame President Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh CSC and James D. Cooney, executive secretary of the Alumni Association. The more routine, statistically oriented questions and answers are presented in the second half of the printed portion of this issue of INSIGHT.

In addition to extending our appreciation to Fr. Hesburgh and Jim Cooney, we also thank Francis X. Drury, Ev Warren and Lou Santerre for their assistance in making the "in sound" portion of INSIGHT.

It's a different sort of approach for a university quarterly magazine. We're anxious to receive your reaction to the idea as well as other questions you'd like to see and to hear answered.

So, with the formalities behind us, let's get on with the show. Music, maestro.

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WHY SHOULD A YOUNG MAN
COME TO NOTRE DAME?

CAN A CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY BE A FREE
AND OPEN PLACE OF LEARNING?



DO STUDENTS PRACTICE
THEIR RELIGION?



IS NOTRE DAME REALLY BECOMING
A COEDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION?



IS THE UNIVERSITY
IN A FINANCIAL CRISIS?



HAS THE UNIVERSITY MOVED EARLY
ENOUGH AND EFFECTIVELY ENOUGH IN
THE AREA OF CIVIL RIGHTS?

WHAT IS SO DIFFERENT ABOUT
TODAY'S NOTRE DAME STUDENT?



WHO FOUNDED THE UNIVERSITY?

The University of Notre Dame was founded in 1842 on the site of an Indian mission by Father Edward F. Sorin and six Brothers from the French religious order known as the Congregation of Holy Cross.

HOW LARGE IS THE CAMPUS?

From the small Indian mission on which it was founded, the Notre Dame campus has grown to a 1,250-acre complex comprised of 81 buildings surrounding two lakes.

WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED WORTH OF THE CAMPUS?

The total worth of the ND campus and its components is in excess of \$100 million.

WHO GOVERNS NOTRE DAME?

Notre Dame was governed and operated by the Congregation of Holy Cross until May, 1967, when in an historic move control of the University was turned over to two principal governing groups, the Fellows of the University and a predominantly lay Board of Trustees. Today the 12 fellows and 43 trustees are solely responsible for maintaining the religious character of Notre Dame as well as for its day-to-day operation.

WHAT VOICE DO STUDENTS HAVE IN THE OPERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY?

At present, the only policy-making body on which students may sit is the Student Life Council (SLC). The SLC is a tripartite 24-member group comprised equally of faculty, administrators and students, which has jurisdiction over all matters relating to student life. Students also hold positions on the University Forum, a group comprised of faculty, administration officials and alumni which may discuss University affairs and make subsequent recommendations.

HOW LARGE IS THE STUDENT BODY? ARE ALL STUDENTS CATHOLIC?

Total enrollment at the University is slightly more than 8,000,

including 6,200 undergraduates, 1,500 graduate students and 350 law students. The undergraduate student body is 96 per cent Catholic, while 70 per cent of the graduate students are Catholic.

**HOW MANY FACULTY MEMBERS ARE THERE AT NOTRE DAME?
ARE THEY ALL RELIGIOUS?**

Notre Dame's regular and teaching faculty numbers about 600, and there are additional persons in other categories such as professional specialists and research fellows. The faculty is composed of 90 per cent lay persons, 68 per cent of whom are Catholic. About 70 per cent of the faculty have doctorates or their equivalent, and the student-faculty ratio is about 12:1.

DO PRIESTS STILL PLAY A PROMINENT ROLE AT NOTRE DAME?

Yes, priests and religious still are an influential force in the Notre Dame community, not by virtue of their numbers so much as by the positions they fill. Today, 65 Holy Cross priests and 28 other religious from various orders are active as administrators, faculty, rectors, prefects, counsellors and advisors as well as trustees and fellows of the University.

**FROM WHICH REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY
DO MOST NOTRE DAME STUDENTS COME?**

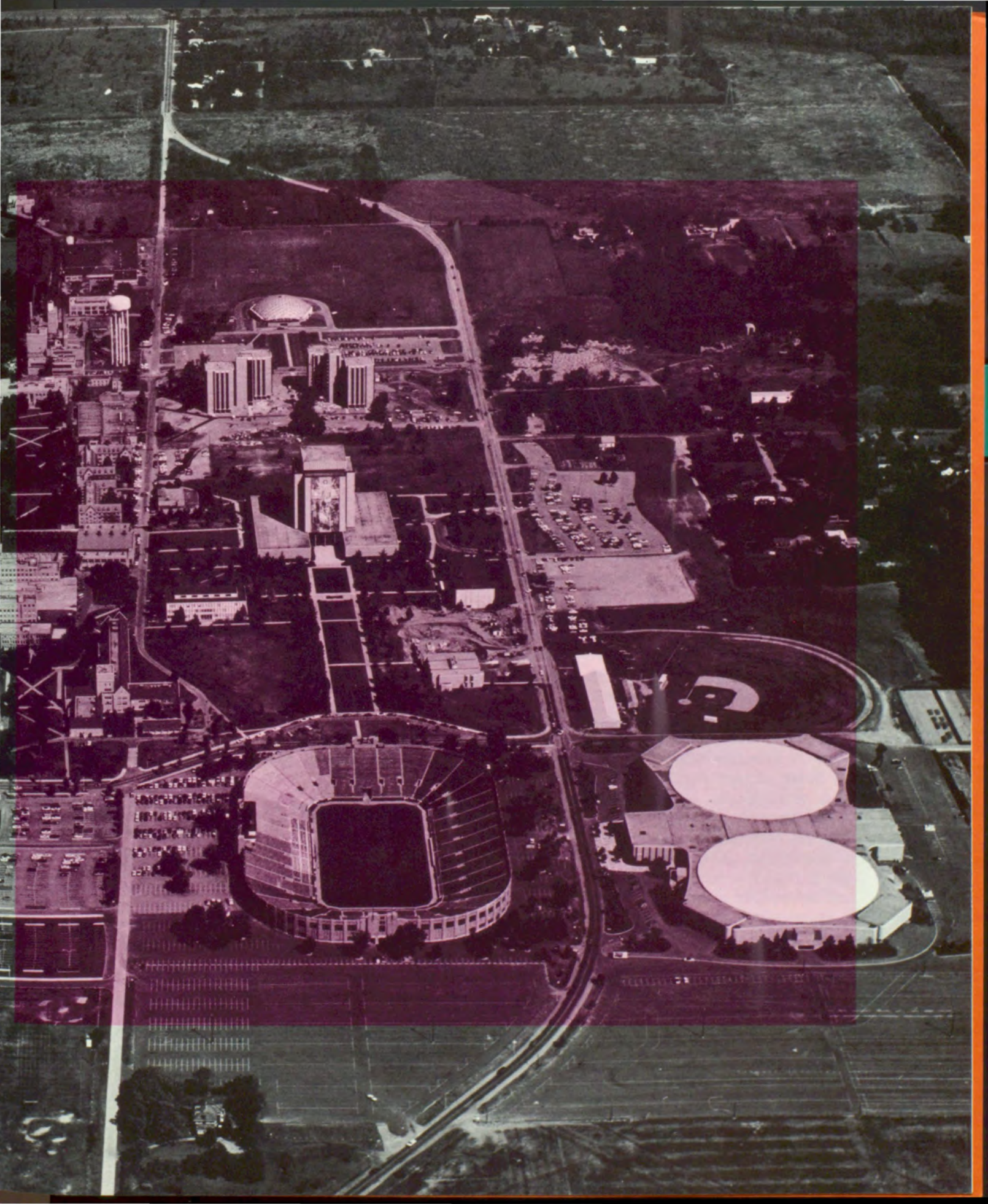
Approximately 50 per cent of the Notre Dame undergraduate student body come from the North Central states, and about 35 per cent come from the Middle Atlantic and New England states. The remaining 15 per cent come from the Southern and Western states. In addition, there are 293 students from 57 foreign countries.

ON WHAT CRITERIA ARE STUDENTS ADMITTED TO NOTRE DAME?

Admission to Notre Dame is highly competitive. Some 1,600 are chosen from the 4,500 students who apply for each year's freshman class. The Committee on Admissions bases its judgment on the high school record, rank in class, the results of the College Board examinations, recommendations from the high school and the applicant's extracurricular record. The University seeks qualified members of minority groups, and while the vast majority of Notre Dame students are Catholic, religion is not considered in screening applicants. Women are admitted to the University at the graduate level only.







HOW DIFFICULT IS IT TO GET INTO NOTRE DAME?

In the present freshman class, half of the students ranked in the top 10th of their high school graduating classes, while 79 per cent ranked in the top fifth. Their achievements in extracurricular activities are equally impressive. Ten per cent were student body presidents or senior class presidents, 20 per cent captained athletic teams, and 60 per cent earned at least one major varsity letter. Average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores were 564 in the verbal section and 616 in the math section. One-fifth of the class received honors in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Half the class were members of the National Honor Society. Out of 4,161 applications, 1,666 students are enrolled in the current freshman class.

About 150 transfer students are accepted every year. Only those students who have a cumulative B-average in course work similar to Notre Dame's are considered.

HOW MANY STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID?

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR GRANTING FINANCIAL AID?

In 1968-69, the Office of Financial Aid at Notre Dame distributed \$4½ million to 53 per cent of the undergraduate student body, an average of approximately \$1,400 per student.

Financial aid at Notre Dame consists of scholarships, grants, loans and employment which singly or in combination may be extended to students. The basic requirement for receiving aid at Notre Dame is financial need. Each year the Committee on Scholarships designates about 225 entering students as Notre Dame Scholars in recognition of their outstanding intellectual and personal characteristics. These scholars are judged not only on the basis of past performance or exceptional quality but on the hope of continued excellence in the expression and development of their talents. Although financial need is not the basis for selection, it is the criterion for determining the stipend awarded. In regard to upperclass scholarships, expected continuation of academic and personal excellence determines who is to receive a scholarship, and anticipated individual financial "need" determines the amount of the stipend awarded to the recipient.

DO MOST STUDENTS AT NOTRE DAME LIVE ON CAMPUS?

Approximately 5,200 (84 per cent of the student body) of Notre Dame's 6,200 undergraduate students are housed in 21 residence halls on campus.

ARE THERE ANY RULES GOVERNING STUDENT LIFE?

While "morning Mass checks" are a thing of the past, Notre Dame does have certain rules and regulations governing student life. They are contained in the *Notre Dame Student Manual*, written and approved by the Student Life Council. In general, the University expects its students to be responsible for their own social conduct so as to reflect favorably upon themselves and the community. Specific regulations exist and they range from the use of drugs on campus to such things as pets in rooms. But of late, however, the tendency at Notre Dame is to reduce the number of University-wide regulations and, instead, permit hall councils to determine the rules by which their residents will live.

WHY ALL THE CONTROVERSY OVER ROTC?

Controversy over the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program centers around the very nature of the University, especially the nature of a Christian university. Opponents and proponents of ROTC argue these questions: 1) While ROTC may be a legitimate concern of the University, is it an academic endeavor and should it be given academic credit? 2) Does ROTC have a place on campus since most consider the University not a training ground for society but, rather, a center for free and open questioning and learning? 3) Can ROTC be kept on the campus of a university which has any kind of commitment or relation to the principles of Christianity, which, in the view of ROTC opponents, cannot offer sanction for the violence of war?

Others object to the way the program is run, and these object especially to the requirement of binding contracts to which the military sometimes holds a student, in spite of conscientious objection.

HOW MUCH DOES A YEAR AT NOTRE DAME COST?

Basic expenses for a typical Notre Dame student total approximately \$3,400 a year. The minimum budget includes: tuition (\$1,900); room, board and laundry (\$1,000); books, supplies and fees (\$250); and travel and miscellaneous personal expenses (\$250).

Variations will occur in the above costs due to residence hall accommodations, travel costs and personal expenses.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO RUN THE UNIVERSITY?

Notre Dame's total operating budget for 1969-70 is approximately \$45 million, or about \$125 thousand per day.



HOW MANY ALUMNI DOES NOTRE DAME HAVE?

The Notre Dame alumni number about 43,500 around the world, many of them organized into 165 alumni clubs. The Alumni Board governs activities of the Alumni Association, and an Alumni Senate serves as a communications vehicle between the University and its alumni. Universal Notre Dame Nights held each spring take campus speakers to many alumni clubs, and alumni representatives sit on the Board of Trustees and on the University Forum.

DOES NOTRE DAME PLAN TO ENLARGE ITS FOOTBALL STADIUM IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

The athletic department has investigated the possibility of increasing the seating capacity of Notre Dame Stadium but at present has no plans to do so because of the prohibitive costs involved. The stadium needs extensive renovation, and the department's efforts and resources will be directed toward that end before further expansion will be considered.



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