

# Air strike may delay trip home

by Jeff Noonan

Some, if not many, Notre Dame and St. Mary's students travelling home for Easter vacation may be affected by the threatened Professional Air Controller's Organization walk out. The walk out was to occur at 8:00 a.m. this morning. Telephone calls made to the St. Joseph's County Airport in South Bend revealed varied expectations of the results of the walk out.

The Air Controllers in the tower at St. Joseph's County airport stated that to their knowledge there would be no strike. Mr. Don Chase, head of flight services for the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) in South Bend, said, "Airlines will be operating" today.

Many flights out of and through South Bend yesterday evening were immediately filled by persons apprehensive about the walk out. Some Notre Dame and SMC students, anticipating the shutdown of air transportation, made reservations for Tuesday afternoon and evening, even though classes are not officially concluded at Notre Dame until Thursday afternoon.

United Airlines representatives at the airport advised that they could not say definitely whether or not the walk out would actually take place. United recommended that concerned students should listen to radio news broadcasts today. The United spokesman at St. Joseph's County Airport said that if the walk out occurred, it would be at 8:00 a.m. this morning and that all United flights would

be cancelled.

Allegheny Airlines, also out of South Bend, said that they did not know if the threatened walk out would occur, but that if it did all flights would be in the air. These flights might, however, be somewhat "slowed up".

At North Central Airline's central reservation headquarters, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Miss Ann Morici, a reservations clerk, reported that the only information they had heard was the broadcasts on radio and television.

"Usually, in this circumstance, flights will merely be delayed. Everything else remains the same," she added.

If the air controllers do strike,

ND-SMC students traveling North Central's "blue geese" with youth cards will not be affected.

United Press International (UPI) reports that "the 7,500 man union said the slowdown would go into effect at 8 a.m. Wednesday in a protest over working conditions." A spokesman for the union said that the controllers plan to call in sick or request leave because of fatigue.

UPI stated that these "controllers claim the combination of fatigue and obsolete equipment is endangering the safety of the air traffic control system."

This "sick out" is reminiscent of a walk out of June 1969 which paralyzed all major airports of the nation.

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Bob Pohl, the Krashna administration's nominee to the Student Union directorate, awaits senate confirmation.

## Krashna calls appointee: 'sensitive'

## Bob Pohl named SU head

Bob Pohl became the Student Union Director for next year late yesterday afternoon, after the Student Union Board of Directors approved his nomination by SBP-elect, Dave Krashna. Applications for the position were also submitted by Tom Oliveri and Stay Senator Pat

Weber.

Pohl's nomination was made after Krashna had interviewed each applicant. Krashna said Pohl has the potential to make the Student Union more personal and to break down the "bureaucracy" that exists.

He also mentioned that Pohl knows how to constructively

handle criticism because he is "sensitive" to others.

According to Krashna, the new director is capable of diversifying union activities and exposing them to the campus as a whole. Krashna closed by saying that the other candidates were qualified and had a knowledge of Student Union and its direction. Krashna said that he hopes that they will continue their interest in the union and the student government as a whole.

Outgoing director, Dennis Clark, said that he was extremely pleased with the choice. Clark added that Pohl was a proven leader and will "be able to help the Union continue to fulfill and hopefully expand upon its function as a service to the university community." Clark's administration will work closely with Pohl during the next few weeks to "help smooth the transition."

Pohl said that he will continue many of Clark's programs, such as lectures and concerts. According to Pohl, the Union is "over centralized." He plans to reduce this problem by letting parts of the Union work in the halls. He gave the example of a speaker to illustrate his point. Instead of Union officials entertaining the speaker with dinner or parties, the speaker would be invited to visit halls and conduct informal seminars.

Pohl also stated that he would like to have a foreign cultural festival and bring more blacks into the Student Union.

The new director congratulated Clark for his work in restructuring the Union and giving it "financial stability". Pohl said that the Union will be able to do more for the students next year as a result of Clark's work.

Pohl and his staff will begin work under the guidance of Clark's staff, and will probably assume full power around April twelfth.

With today's edition of The Observer will end publication until April 7. We wish all of you a most blessed and happy Easter Season.

## Ask curfew changes

by Ann Therese Darin

In an attempt to eliminate the curfew for SMC's Freshman Class, Freshmen Laura Bayer and Ginny Zuccaro are initiating a drive to sample parental opinion on the issue.

Their proposal is in the form of a letter explaining to parents the present curfew regulations, the consequences of their vote, and an attached list of five possible curfew changes.

They drafted what they term a "constructive proposal" for curfew changes because they believe that there should be some responsible tabulation for parent opinion on the subject since any kind of change would necessitate parental permission.

Choices on the questionnaire include no curfew restrictions for freshman year, one weekend a month, or second semester.

Parents are also given the option of indicating whether they agree with the curfew changes, but would not want them granted to their daughter.

Presently freshmen must be in their residence halls at dorm closing. Dorm closing in the residence hall manual is defined as midnight on Sunday-Thursday. Friday and Saturday evenings

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Stay Senator Tom Thrasher



Stay Senator Pat Weber

## Committee shows division

by John Abowd

During the past week the Student Senate and The Hall President's Council moved jointly to establish a committee which would propose a new constitution for the operation of student government. The committee is composed of Stay Senators Tom Thrasher, Fred Giuffrida, Pat Weber and Russ Stone as well as Hall Presidents Phil DeFliese, Tom Suddes and Mike Lindburg a fourth hall president's seat is as yet unfilled. The other members of the committee are SBP-elect Dave Krashna and SBVP-Mark Winings.

Krashna, in an interview last night, classified the role of the committee as one of investigating the present Student Government and propose a new coordinative body called the Student Forum. This body, as outlined in the campaign, would be composed of the Hall President's council with off-campus representation. Krashna claimed that: "After our mandate we think this is what the students want." Krashna also said that John Barkett of Morrissey would be the HPC's

fourth representative on the committee.

Grace Stay Senator Tom Thrasher saw the committee in a different perspective. Thrasher, also interviewed last night, anticipated a new constitution which will be "shorter, less wordy, more clear, descriptive and technically correct," than its predecessor. Thrasher called the old constitution which is nine pages long "superfluous" and "sketchy" in its description of the offices and duties of present government structures. He cited as an example, the confusion surrounding last year's recall effort against Richard Rossie which resulted in a long amendment clarifying recall procedures.

Asked to comment on the possibility of a Student Forum being incorporated into the new constitution, Thrasher said he believed the proposal would probably be approved in committee. He suggested that there might be a minority report if this were the case. The student Senate could then either approve the new constitution or the minority report by 2/3 vote or submit

either or both to a student referendum requiring the approval of 50% plus one of the entire undergraduate student body.

Grace's other Stay Senator H. Patrick Weber expressed confidence in the Student Senate. While he thought the idea of a Student Forum "could be feasible" he viewed the Student Senate as a more functional body.

"The only thing the Student Senate needs is a rededication on the part of the Senators so that they realize just what their job



# SLC passes University Ombudsman

by Jim Holsinger

The Student Life Council passed a bill Monday calling for the establishment of the official position of University Ombudsman, but it will take more meetings of the Faculty Senate and the College Councils to make the position workable.

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According to Student Body President Phil McKenna, the University Ombudsman will need assistance either in the form of an Academic Grievance Council or a Faculty Ombudsman in each college. The College Councils and the Faculty Senate would have to take action on the SLC ombudsman proposal to establish the necessary services.

McKenna also hinted that some sort of student election of faculty members to positions on an academic council or to ombudsman offices may be desirable.

The SLC action is the result of work done earlier this year by the Academic Affairs Sub-Committee of the Student Senate. The committee recommended an Academic Appeals Council to fill the void left since the termination of the Honor Council, and, as was reported in the February 10th issue of the *Observer*, sought an effective means for handling complaints by faculty and students concerning cases of cheating, plagiarism, and unfair grading practices.

Under the proposal, a "university ombudsman" would replace the present student ombudsman, and be a faculty member with more power in academic areas. According to the report given

to the SLC, the present student ombudsman has received complaints ranging from rats at the lake to stolen laundry, and as reported to the SLC, the service was at least modestly successful, but was hindered greatly by its inability to handle academic grievances and by the fact that it did not have any University approval to solve problems.

The Student Senate investigated the possibility of a University Ombudsman Service. This ser-

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vice would include a full-time salaried Ombudsman, with several students serving as assistant Ombudsmen on a part time basis and a faculty member or an academic grievance committee in each college to handle academic grievances.

The SLC bill, which was passed unanimously, endorses the concept of a University Ombuds-

man, and recommends that the Faculty Senate and the College Councils investigate the idea of the University Ombudsman Service with a particular emphasis on the necessity of and role of a Faculty Ombudsman and/or Academic Grievance Committee in each individual college.

The big question in all of the proposals is still whether to set up a Grievance Council, or to have an individual faculty ombudsman in each college.

A grievance council in each college would be composed of two faculty members from the college, two students, and the university ombudsman. A student or teacher having a complaint would go through this council. The proponents of the Grievance Council system point out, however, that it is in no way intended to be a trial, but simply a way to get both sides together.

SBP McKenna is among those

opposing the Grievance Council system. He favors a faculty ombudsman in each college, and said that he believes that the system would function more smoothly on a more personal system.

"It is easier in almost any situation for a person to talk with one person than with a whole council," McKenna said.

Opponents of the faculty ombudsman system claim that a faculty member may be reluctant to volunteer his time to be an ombudsman when he could be spending it teaching and researching. Proponents of the system say that the new faculty ombudsman should be reimbursed in some way, perhaps by being given reduced hours.

McKenna said that he believes that there will be no great difficulty in getting faculty members to volunteer for these positions, and that it may be advisable to carry on some kind of student elections for the positions.

## SMC girls to poll parents

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freshmen may stay out until two a.m.

Only Sr. Immaculate, Dean of Students, and Susan Turnbull, SMC Student Body President, have the authorization to exempt girls from curfew.

After soliciting self-addressed, stamped envelopes from freshmen wishing to cooperate in the drive, the girls mail proposals to the parents.

"The whole proposal is working against time. Many of those working on the proposal feel that even if they don't reap rewards personally at least next year's freshmen might," said Mrs. Ronald Pearson, Associate Regina Hall Director.

Upon receiving the results due April 6, the team will tabulate them and present them to Sr. Immaculate. "The administration can't totally ignore the opinion of the parents," Miss Zuccaro stated.

Any proposal based on tabulations of parental opinion must first pass the student assembly and subsequently be passed by the student affairs committee.

According to the team work-

ing on the proposal, the bill must then go to the Trustees since this involves a "policy change" of the college. Besides needing the Board of Trustees' approval, all of the proposals would depend upon individual parental permission.

Centered in predominately-freshman Regina Hall, where according to the group, there has been almost 100% turnout from the floors, enthusiasm is spreading to other halls.

"It's a good idea. If you're old enough to be in a school like this, then you should be old enough to set your own time. I've talked to a lot of girls who don't have curfew at home. It's pressuring them here," claimed Maureen McDonough, LeMans Hall resident.

"I feel that taking part in extra-curricular activities such as working on student publications and taking part in ND-SMC productions, freshmen are hampered by out-dated curfew" said Carol Riordan, another LeMans resident.

Support in Holy Cross Hall is also encouraging. "Passage of this proposal would alleviate much of the 'bolting' problem," reflected Patty McNamara. Many students now fail to sign out, or tell a hall resident to sign them in.

"I think it's good for the people who are mature enough to handle the extra responsibilities," added Kathy Hinsman. "Unfortunately, we aren't all mature enough."

"Everyone was looking out for herself. As long as the upperclassmen, who predominate in the assembly, made sure that they had no hours, they didn't care about the freshmen," claimed Miss McNamara. "It was a question of apathy."



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Earlier this year, the proposal was again defeated by the student representatives. When approached by a group of freshmen willing to work for a second semester curfew elimination, these representatives discouraged the girls. Excessive bolting from the first day freshmen arrived in September and too-frequent summonings of freshmen before the campus judicial board would work against the effort, the representatives claimed.

Current action on the idea stems from a motion sponsored by Miss Zuccaro and Maribeth Cashman at a March 5 Regina Hall Council meeting.

### Pears: 'no Mace'

Arthur Pears, Director of Campus Security, yesterday answered questions put to him on the reported use of Mace in the Alumni Hall altercation last Friday night.

According to some witnesses, when the melee broke out in Alumni on Friday after the Bengal Bouts, one of the two officers dispatched to the scene reportedly sprayed Mace on the opposing groups to attempt to quell the disturbance.

When asked about the use of Mace on campus and whether the university furnishes it to the security police, Pears replied, "We do not furnish Mace to Security Officers."

However he continued to point out that "Mace is in the hands of those who are hired by the security office, and are off-duty city police or county sheriffs." Pears explained that these officers have the chemical because it is "regular equipment of the officers of these two departments."

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# National Guardsmen now doing postal work

(UPI) — Federal troops working at post offices in New York and regular postal employees returning to work in many other cities broke the nation's mail logjam yesterday and gave impetus to Congress' efforts to settle the postal strike.

The ranking Republican on the House Post Office Committee, Rep. Robert J. Corbett of Pennsylvania, said James Rademacher, head of the striking Letter Carriers' Union, told him 98 to 100 percent of the nation's postal workers would return to work Wednesday.

Although there were still embargoes on mail in a score of cities in five states, the week old illegal walkout of mail carriers and other postal employees had eased enough to allow lifting the bans on mail acceptance in New York, Chicago and Detroit.

In New York, only first class and air mail letters and medical supply parcels were being accepted. There was no delivery service and businesses were expected to pick up their mail as soon as it was sorted.

Estimates varied on how long it would take to get the 50 million pieces of mail snarled by the strike to their destinations, but officials said it would take 10 days to two weeks if the walkout is ended completely.

The nearly 60,000 strikers in New York City defied President Nixon's plea for them to return to work. The plea, made Monday, was coupled with his order to move some 24,000 regular

soldiers and National Guardsmen into the city at a cost of \$1 million a day.

Only half of the troops were put to work Tuesday morning and there was no explanation why so many were kept idle. The New York situation, it appeared, reflected a state of flux concerning the strike issue in Washington.

Postmaster General Winton M. Blount said he was "very pleased" with the back to work movement but that the administration "will not negotiate" on grievances with postal unions until the strike is ended.

Rademacher said most of the strikers had shown good faith. If negotiations did not start Tuesday, he said, "I cannot expect any other employees to return to work."

The major development in Washington was the agreement of Sen. Gale McGee, (D. Wyo.) chairman of the Senate Post Office Committee, to meet with House negotiators on a postal pay raise — a reversal of his previous position.

Rep. Thaddeus J. Dulski, (D. N.Y.) chairman of the House Post Office Committee, said Congress should approve a raise and then tell the President "it's your baby". Dulski said he thought House and Senate conferees could reach an agreement quickly on a pay boost of about 11 per cent.

Meanwhile strikers, who have demanded a 39 per cent wage hike, returned to their jobs in Chicago — the nation's central

mail distribution center — Detroit, Denver, Rhode Island, central New York, Milwaukee, Worcester, Mass., New Haven, Conn., Los Angeles and Bakersfield, Calif., and Newark and most of New Jersey.

At Lansing, Mich., workers struck as soon as troops reached New York Monday night. The strike spread briefly to Toledo, Ohio, Tuesday when postal clerks set up picket lines at the main post office which letter carriers ignored. Letter carriers in St. Louis voted Monday night not to join the strikes, and clerks in Hartford, Conn., voted to return to their job Tuesday midnight.

By mid afternoon, embargo areas still existed in one or more localities in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Michigan and Minnesota. At the peak of the strike last Friday, it had spread to 13 states from coast to coast.

About 2,500 unarmed military personnel worked in two Manhattan and a Brooklyn post office Tuesday, aided by 12,000 reservists and National Guardsmen. Strikers watched them enter sullenly and also glared at 20 members of the Young Workers Committee to support striking postal workers who paraded across the street from the General Post Office chanting "troops go home".

"Those kooks are just here to cook up hostility," said Moe Biller, president of the 26,000 member Manhattan Bronx postal union.

Inside the post offices, supervisors found the youthful soldiers at first took about 20 times longer to do tasks than it would take regular workers, but they speeded up with experience. William Carrol, director of operations for the New York postal region, said the troops "are as good or better than most of the temporary help we get."

"It is very difficult work to do," said Daniel Fucher, a 19 year old private from Ft. Dix, N.J..

Not all the men did the work ungrudgingly.

"A lot of the guys sympathize with the workers," said a sergeant who asked that his name

not be used. "They don't like serving as scabs. A lot of them support the anti war movement. They know that's where the tax money's going to Vietnam."

In order to expedite military mail bound for overseas, two Air Force Reserve postal groups comprising 200 officers and men have been called up and will be distributed around the country, according to Daniel Z. Henkin, assistant Secretary of Defense for public affairs. The New York military postal operations, from which most mail to Europe is dispatched, still was closed.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Postmaster General Winton M. Blount, saying he feels the nation's first postal strike is all but over, yesterday called the presi-

dents of the seven postal unions into negotiations to end the walkout.

Blount's announcement came hours before House and Senate conferees were scheduled to grapple with a compromise postal pay increase bill.

Blount said most postal workers across the country were returning to work and the only remaining bottleneck was striking mailmen in downtown New York City.

The postmaster general said he would meet Wednesday in Washington with the presidents of all seven postal unions, provided the current back to work trend continues. Once the negotiations were underway, he said, "I would hope we could conclude the matter very soon."

## HP endorses plank

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is. A Senator must represent his constituents' opinions," Weber said.

The Observer also contacted HPC representatives Suddes and DeFiese. HPC President Tom Suddes said he was going into the meetings with an open mind. "I don't have any preference, I want to hear both sides and see what objections there are."

DeFiese, who is president of Flanner Hall, took a favorable attitude towards the Student Forum. He said he thought the Forum would "bring the issues closer to the halls and the guys in the halls." "The hall presidents seem to be in closer contact with the students," contended DeFiese, who saw the job of handling the budget as the major "stumbling block" of the forum. However, he thought the idea of expanding the forum would help solve this problem.

In referring to the Senate, DeFiese said he thought it "didn't really function" but the

small number of concerned Senators should be brought into the Student Forum structure.

Stay Senators Fred Giuffrida and Russ Stone, as well as Breen-Phillips Hall president Mike Lindburg and Barkett were not available for comment at the present time.

## Ruggers tie A and B

The Notre Dame ruggers had a tough time getting out to Washington D.C. this past weekend. Once they finally arrived to play Georgetown they settled nothing by tying the Hoyas 6-6 in the "A" game and 3-3 in the "B" contest.

A spring snowstorm in Pennsylvania made driving conditions hazardous and the team narrowly escaped missing a large portion of the squad. One car in which some men traveled was "totaled".

Once the ruggers did arrive in C.C. they couldn't quite manage to overtake the home tea. Tom Herlihy scored the first three points for the Irish by drop kicking from ten yards out. This is a rather rare occurrence on the rugby field but it gave ND a shortlived 3-0 lead. The Hoyas

came back to tie the score, however, and the totals stood 3-3 at the half.

Dave Fleming advanced the ball over the goal in the second half to again hand the lead to the Irish. Once again the men from du Lac failed to hold the advantage and Georgetown came through with a late score to knot the contest.

The "B" game was almost a carbon of the first team. The difference came with the final score, Charlie Blum had the lone tally for the Irish in this game.

Blum was the lone casualty of this hard-fought encounter. Charlie is expected to be out of action for a few weeks because of a minor injury.

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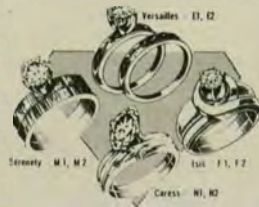
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# Diamond success hinges at Mound

by Jim Donaldson  
Observer Sports Writer

With the coming of spring the college baseball season moves into full swing and the thump of basketballs on hardwood is drowned out by the crack of ash meeting horsehide. The opening of the 1970 rounders schedule will see the Fighting Irish nine embarking on a trip to Miami,

Florida, where they will play six games in the Hurricane Tourney hosted by the University of Miami.

On the eve of the trip head coach Jake Kline was "optimistic". "I think we've got a good club with great enthusiasm, spirit, and talent. I've been pleased thus far—we should be very strong

defensively and our hitting appears to have improved over last year." Assistant Coach John Counsell adds, "We've lost just one regular from last year's 14-10 club so we'll be fielding a veteran team. The boys have also gotten a lot of work indoors this spring—the ACC is terrific for batting practice and it has helped us get our timing down."

Although the Irish will be hurt by the signing of ace pitcher Nick Furlong to a procontract and the graduation of last year's captain and starting third sacker Tom Lux, prospects do appear bright for the coming year.

Shining brightest among the returning veterans are Bill Orga, top hitter on the '69 team, and centerfielder Rich Lucke, called by coach Counsell "one of the nation's top ball players—he runs well, has a strong arm and is a fine hitter." Orga, a senior first baseman, hit safely more than half his trips to the plate last season, connecting 17 times in 33 at-bats for a phenomenal .515 average. Orga also drove home 12 runs in '69, ranking second in that department. Lucke batted the ball at a .295 clip last year, gathering 32 total bases, tops on the club, on 23 hits.

A good ball club is always sound up the middle and the '70 Irish appear to have the critical shortstop and second base positions capable filled. Captain Nick Scarpelli, a senior, leads the team from his spot at second base. A steady performer, Scarpelli batted .250 last year and also shone afield, committing just 4 errors in 129 chances. The other half of Notre Dame's keystone combo is junior Phil Krill. The flashy shortstop combined with Scarpelli to turn 27 double plays in 24 games last season—an outstanding total. Although Krill hit only .216 he collected his safeties when they counted, driving in 12 runs, and displayed power from the right side of the plate by belting a pair of homers.

Tabbed as Lux's replacement at the hot corner for the Irish is

star footballer Joe Theismann. Theismann didn't play last season because of spring football practice but this season Coach Kline and Ara have worked out an agreement where Joe will be able to play in most of the baseball games and still keep his hand in the pigskin sport. Coach Counsell said of "Twiggy", "He's capable and has a strong arm—we know he can respond to pressure." Dennis Patrylo, a junior who saw limited action last spring, is the leading backup man for Theismann at this stage of the season.

Flanking Lucke in the Irish outfield will be Senior Rob Votier in right and either Joe McCarthy, a junior, or Paul Horan another junior, in left. Votier hit .236 in '69 and, with fine speed, has been tabbed as the Irish leadoff batter for the Florida trip. McCarthy hit just .137 last season but is known to carry a much more potent bat than the statistics show and Horan (.250 in '69) is recognized as a power hitter.

Behind the plate, the Irish would once again classify as "solid". Senior switch-hitter Joe Keenan, no. 3 hitter last year with a .326 average, returns to head the receiving corps but a fine freshman prospect, Bob Roemer, is slated for plenty of action this spring. A linebacker on the frosh football squad, Roemer is a tough competitor and can swing the bat equally well from both sides of the plate.

If injuries beset the Irish, Coach Kline has some capable talent on the bench he can call upon with confidence. Utility infielder Bill Schoen, a junior, carries a good glove and can play every infield position. Sophomore Tommy O'Connor also shows fine potential and should see plenty of action. Terry McPrang, a junior, soph Nick O'Connor, and freshman Gary Trick are all available to handle outfielding chores.

But it's pitching that plays a predominant role in the game and it's on the mound that the Irish must get solid performances if they are to have a successful year.

With the signing of Furlong to a Mets' contract, junior right-hander Ron Schmitz will assume the role of no. 1 chucker. Schmitz possesses a live fast ball and good curve and posted a 5-1 record last season with a 2.53 ERA. His fine control enabled him to fan 41 batters while yielding just 19 walks in 53 and a third innings in '69.

Left-hander Jim Phelps, a senior who won 4 of 5 decisions last year provides Notre Dame with an outstanding 1-2 punch on the hill. Phelps' ERA last year was a mere 2.03 in 40 innings of work.

Notre Dame's No. 3 and No. 4 hurlers on the Florida junket will be senior Southpaw Mike Karkut who was ineligible last year but posted a fine season in the Cape Cod League last summer, and freshman lefty Rick Eich who has shown good potential in spring workouts.

Right-handers Jerry Fenzel, a sophomore, and Dan Curran, a senior, should also get some spot starts during the season.

Heavily counted on this season to act as fireman of the staff will be senior lefty Bob Jaeger. The top reliever on the club, Jaeger posted a 1-1 mark last season with a 4.16 ERA and struck out 16 batters in 17 and a third innings. If the need arises, Jaeger is also capable of going the distance.

The Irish will play a practice game in Miami on Saturday and then begin play in the Hurricane tourney on Monday, playing 6 games in as many days, finishing play on Saturday, April 4. Notre Dame will oppose Miami (Fla.), Michigan State, and Colgate, playing each team twice while in the Sunshine State.

Early in the spring every coach looks forward to a fine season with hopeful eyes. For coaches Kline and Counsell, the prospects appear bright—the potential is there. The defense is the club's biggest asset and gives added strength to what appears to be a sound pitching corps. Combined with a hoped-for improvement on last season's .249 team batting mark, the Irish could improve considerably on the '69 squad's 14-10 slate.

## Mike Pavlin

## The Irish Eye

This, the last issue of the *Observer* before Easter, is my last as Sports Editor. It ends a three-year hitch with the staff, two as a sports reporter, which proved to be—well, an education.

Each year that I have worked for the Sports Department, the load has gotten heavier, especially this year when I took over from Terry O'Neil with the absolute minimum of technical experience. As a History major, I face my principal piece of work—Senior Seminar—next year and I just won't be able to handle both loads.

Things have come a long way since freshman year when O'Neil and I waged a losing battle to get room for sports. In the days of the three-day-a-week *Observer*, we were constantly slighted. Minor and club sports received almost no coverage, not because we didn't report them, but because the Editor-in-Chief had no room for them. The *Dome* chastised us that year for our ridiculous sports coverage, and rightly so.

Yet the *Dome* last year, and the campus in general this year, have disappointed me greatly. O'Neil did a tremendous job last year, turning out sports pages four and five times a week, running columns by Terry Hanratty and Bob Arnzen, putting out the Football Specials, and treating the student body to his wonderful prose excursions in the Irish Eye. Yet the *Dome* did not deign to mention our 1,000% improvement, and its over-all disparaging tone used in commenting on the *Observer* seemed to say, "Ho-hum, the *Observer* comes out five days a week, so what."

This year, I wrote this column infrequently because I haven't the talent and because I'd rather print regular sports news. Besides replacing the Football Special with ones dealing with Basketball and Hockey, we have offered Mr. Jim Murray, in my opinion the best sports writer in the country.

Despite being only a junior, I have more seniority than anyone on the staff. There are many "rookies" on this paper who are trying extremely hard to do a good job. Only someone who has worked for us can know the health and grade-destroying hours kept by the Night Editors and lay-out people. It was this sort of work which drove away O'Neil, Don Holliday, and Phil Bosco, all talented people who couldn't take it any more.

This is why the charges against the *Observer* all this year and particularly during election time were so personally galling to me. This newspaper is taken so much for granted it is sickening.

Now that that's out of the way, I'll get my farewell over with.

The sports coverage this year would not have been possible with out great assistance of Guy DeSapio. The editors who preceded me could have cared less about sports, but Guy has bent over backwards to help me. He has deferred to my wishes in virtually all aspects of the Sports Page. When I asked for Jim Murray (costing \$5.00 a week), Guy said, "Go ahead" without a question. And whatever room I needed for my coverage, I got.

I depend for my official information upon the Sports Information Office. I think I must have set a record this past year for time spent bothering Mr. Roger Valdiserri and Mr. Ted Haracz for statistics, passes, and releases. With their help, for which I am especially grateful, the Basketball and Hockey Specials would have suffered severely.

My staff this year numbered six, which believe it or not is higher than I can remember in three years. Three of my assistants are freshmen who have done excellent jobs since they joined.

Steve O'Connor and Bruce Kennedy joined over the winter and I immediately threw them into the breach. They have responded with fine coverage of some of the winter sports. Jim Donaldson walked into our office early in the year and made the mistake of saying he was willing to work. I immediately claimed him and put him to work covering a multitude of things ranging from freshman football to varsity basketball to wrestling. I haven't had to teach him anything and he'll bear watching.

Besides being one of the better basketball players you'll find at the Rock, Jack Schaefer is a fine writer who has contributed to the basketball coverage as well as working on Interhall football. "Dyno" Don Kennedy managed the entire Hockey load by himself. He's been on our staff for a year and a half and will take over the *Scholastic* sports editorship next year.

My successor is Terry Shields, a junior from Pittsburgh (seems to be a major qualification for the office this year). He's been with us almost as long as I have and has helped me a great deal this year. He tells me that as a CA major, he'll have plenty of time to work on the paper next year and I'll see if I can hold him to that.

The final thank-you's in this rather long list go to my co-workers on the *Observer* and to the Student Union IBM typists under the direction of Rob Browning. They have put up with an immense load of stirring invective, loud-voiced complaining, and general all around cussedness which I have displayed this year. It will always be a source of wonderment to me why I wasn't tossed out the window on several occasions this year.

Good luck, Terry.

## LeSage, Theissen key win

Crucial wins in the No. 2 and No. 4 singles propelled Notre Dame's resurgent tennis squad to a 9-1 triumph over Western Michigan yesterday afternoon in the Convo Center. The meet, the first of the spring season, was held indoors due to the cold weather. The meet figured to be easy since the Irish have their top talent returning, but for awhile those two singles matches hung in the balance.

The No.'s 1, 3, and 5 singles matches opened the contest and ND took a 2-1 lead. In the amazingly mis-matched No. 1 singles, ND's Buster Brown destroyed Jerry Smith, 6-0, 6-1. Dominating all aspects of competition, Brown, a soph who was ineligible last year, completed the conquest in only 35 minutes. At No. 3, Irish left-hander Mike Reilly used his devastating serve to get by Rick Westhoff, 6-3, 6-3. The slight, blond Westhoff used a fine spin ground game to keep

Reilly off balance, but could hardly even get his racquet on Reilly's darts.

The complexion of the match changed, however, when WMU's Bill Richards dumped Bob "Bounce" O'Malley in three sets while Bernie LaSage and Gil Theissen fell behind in their matches at No. 2 and No. 4 singles.

The temperamental Theissen dropped his first set 8-6 and LaSage, after drubbing Frederick Verkade, 6-1, suffered a service break and lost the second set 8-6. Although freshmen Rob Schefter was well on his way to an easy win at No. 6 singles, the

other singles could have meant victory going into the doubles.

Pulling himself together with his wife on the sidelines, LaSage, who was No. 1 last year, survived an early service break to win the deciding set 6-4. And Theissen, called "Mr. Sunshine" by his teammates, reversed form and coasted by Pat Birney 6-2, 6-1. This gave the Irish an insurmountable 5-1 lead, clinching the match.

LaSage-Reilly, Brown-Theissen, and Greg Murray-Schefter all took their doubles matches in two sets apiece, with only one set going more than 6-4.