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Hesburgh questioned Foundation involved in abortion

by Mike Shields
Staff Reporter

In protest of the Rockefeller Foundation's involvement with abortion and sterilization procedures, national pro-life movement leaders have called for the resignation of University president Fr. Theodore Hesburgh as chairman of the Foundation.

Among the leaders of pro-life movement who have called for Hesburgh's resignation are Ellen McCormack, pro-life candidate for president in last year's Democratic primaries; Dr. Mildred Jefferson, president of the National Right to Life Committee; Nellie Gray, president of March for Life; and Randy Engel, executive director of the U.S. Coalition for Life.

In an interview in the *National Catholic Register*, (Feb. 6, 1977) McCormack commented that Fr. Hesburgh has acted on many human right issues, but "it's tragic that when it comes to the unborn child, Father Hesburgh's vigor and indignation fail him."

In the same article, Gray stated, "I think it would be excellent if Fr. Hesburgh, who has provided so

much leadership in moral fights such as civil rights, would forego putting his energies into the chairmanship of the Rockefeller Foundation and assume an active leadership role in the most pressing current civil rights fight, the pro-life movement."

Kathy DuCharme, head of the Indiana Right to Life Committee, stated that the arm of the Foundation that Hesburgh is involved with has nothing directly to do with abortion or sterilization, but that the Foundation as a whole has financed abortion and sterilization research.

When questioned about the criticism, Fr. Hesburgh, who has been a trustee of the Foundation for 15 years, replied that he had "received universal applause, except for one small bit of criticism that I do not intend to answer. If you let one swallow make a spring, you will always be in trouble."

Jefferson said in the *National Catholic Register* article that she believes that Fr. Hesburgh's post could actually be used by pro-life opponents to hinder the movement. She stated, "It is difficult to see how his chairmanship would not be

used with even greater impact against the efforts of the right to life movement."

The Rockefeller Foundation is also involved internationally with health, education, population, and world hunger. It spearheaded the "Green Revolution," which has increased crop yields in many parts of the world.

SMC library enters 25th year

by Jean Powley
Staff Reporter

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series on St. Mary's Alumnae Centennial Library. The first part deals with the library's history, while the second part will deal with its future.

Fifty thousand dollars - that's what Sister Madeleva, president of St. Mary's from 1934-1961, asked of alumnae in 1936 to "cover the expense of a library building such as we would need. I am holding the library fund which you have begun," she wrote to alumnae, "and letting that accumulate toward meeting the expense of furnishing the library."

Throughout the 41 years since Sister Madeleva first asked alum-

nae to support a new library, *Courier*, the college's alumnae publication, has reported on every facet of the building's development. "Ground for the new Centennial Library has been broken!", reported the August, 1941 issue. "Frances Lyon '17, past president of the association, gave a brief summary of the manner in which the necessary \$110,000 has been raised: in 1935, Mrs. George Rempe, for herself and her seven alumnae daughters, gave \$25,000 to St. Mary's toward a new library; in 1937, St. Mary's College was made the beneficiary of the Breen Estate, in Fort Wayne, of a little more than \$41,000, to be used for the purposes of education; and within the past two years, through the efforts of the alumnae, another sum of approximately \$36,000 was received."

WASHINGTON [AP] - The number of unmarried couples living together in the United States has risen dramatically in the past six years, with the sharpest increase reported among individuals under age 45, a Census Bureau report disclosed yesterday.

For the population as a whole, the number of couples living together has doubled. But among persons under age 45, the increase has been nearly fivefold, the Census Bureau said.

The increase parallels another finding that Americans are getting married at a later age. But a Census analyst declined to speculate whether shared-living arrangements are causing couples to postpone marriage or whether later marriages are causing unmarried couples to live together.

Despite the increase in the number of unmarried couples living together, shared living arrangements constitute about one percent of all households.

"Ultimately it looks like marriage as an institution is still with us," said Arthur J. Norton, chief of Census' marriage and family statistics branch.

The Census report said 1.3 million persons last year lived in two-person households shared by unrelated persons of the opposite sex. That compared to 654,000 individuals in 1970 and 484,000 in 1960.

The same report showed that the 1976 median age for an individual's first marriage was 23.8 for men and 21.3 for women, an increase of about a year over the median recorded in 1966.

The ages, however, are still below the median ages of 24.3 for men and 21.5 for women recorded at the start of World War I.

Like other reports on marital status and living arrangements in recent years, the latest also showed more couples are getting divorced. There were 75 divorced individuals for ever 1,000 married persons living with their spouse last year, compared to 47 per 1,000 in 1970.

The report cited greater acceptance of the principle of later marriage, a longer period of time spent getting an education, and increased job opportunities for women as apparent factors in the movement away from early marriage.

A year later, on June 5, 1942, the library was blessed and dedicated by John F. Noll. Headed by the Papal and American flags, a great procession left LeMans Hall and moved across the campus to the strains of the national anthem to the terrace of the library where the dedication took place."

Noted in the ceremony was the fact that the Centennial Library was "the gift of the Holy Cross Alumnae Association of St. Mary's College to the Sisters of the Holy Cross, in commemoration of their hundredth anniversary of foundation."

"Miracles still occur," the August, 1943 *Courier* proclaimed. "This French Provincial structure of brick and stone is still 'the stuff of which dreams are made,' as it looks down upon Lake Marian, and for the first time, perhaps, gives that bit of water real significance."

The library was opened for use in summer school in 1942. "The bright spacious reading rooms, browsing nooks, the display cases, periodical room, and lounges mark a new era at St. Mary's," reported the November, 1942 *Courier*. "The steady stream of students between the porte cochere at LeMans Hall and the library proves the new building's popularity."

However, the new library was not yet complete. Its third floor, which originally contained a rare book room, an exhibit and display section and seminar rooms, was not finished until 1945. Construction on the top floor was designed and directed by F.W. Kervick, former head of the department of architecture at Notre Dame.

Meanwhile, the rooms of the old library under the chapel in LeMans Hall (now a group of residence rooms known as "Queen's Court") was transformed into an art studio.

Today, 41 years after Sister Madeleva's initial plea for alumnae support of the new library, "the bright spacious reading rooms" are crowded with stacks of books; "the browsing nooks are ceiling-to-floor shelves of books; "the display cases" have been removed; and the periodical room, cramped and inadequate, has made room for more stacks of books than for periodicals, both bound and unbound.

Although the staff of the library still tries to offer first-rate service to all of its 1700 students and 107-"plus" faculty members, it obviously does so under less-than-desirable circumstances.

HEW lifts moratorium on two flu vaccines

by Michael Putzel
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON[AP] - The Department of Health, Education and Welfare lifted its moratorium on two flu vaccines yesterday. The department recommended that the elderly and people with chronic illnesses get a shot that could protect them from both the swine flu and the A-Victoria strain.

The action allows health officials to again use the combined swine flu and A-Victoria flu vaccine. It also allows the use of another vaccine intended to protect against the milder B-Hong Kong flu.

The moratorium remains in effect, however, for the swine flu-only vaccine that was widely promoted for all Americans before December.

Removal of the moratorium was taken because of an outbreak of A-Victoria influenza in a Florida nursing home. The nation has no stockpile of A-Victoria vaccine but it does have about 27 million doses of the combined vaccine.

HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano, Jr., told a news conference elderly individuals and other with chronic illnesses have a high risk of suffering serious adverse consequences if they get the flu. "It is particularly important to reach such persons who are in nursing homes and health care institutions where influenza can spread most rapidly," he said.

But Califano made it clear he does not intend an early return to

the hard sell promotion that the U.S. Public Health Service conducted before officials discovered a statistical link between flu shots and Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a rare but occasional fatal form of paralysis.

"If an epidemic of A-Victoria appears imminent, a situation which, it should be emphasized, does not presently exist, then the Public Health Service will promptly begin an extensive campaign to immunize the high risk category" with the combined vaccine, he said.

Otherwise, any immunization program will be up to state and local health officials.

Those officials also can give shots to people not in the high risk category. But since there are about 22 million unvaccinated high risk people in the country and only 27 million doses of vaccine, it is expected that remaining doses will be saved for those most likely to be exposed to the A-Victoria virus, such as those who care for the sick.

The vaccine cannot be given legally unless those receiving them sign what is known as an informed consent form. That form currently is being rewritten to tell people that the shots may increase their risk of contracting Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

Califano said persons in the high risk category who get the flu have 1,260 chances out of one million of dying. Statistics indicate that for the same group the risk of dying for Guillain-Barre after getting a flu shot is about one in one million.



Pinball Wizard

Flanner's own "pinball wizard," Terry Buczkowski, will conduct his popular Free University class on playing pinball tomorrow night at 7:00 pm, in Flanner's America [game room, basement of LaFortune]

On Campus Today

- noon - brown bag luncheon, "mirages of memory: 200 years of indiana art," by marilyn holscher, nd, art gallery
- 3:25 pm - lecture, "regeneration of sulfonated dolomites in a fluidized bed," by dr. g.j. vogel, argonne national laboratory, sponsored by chemical engineering dept., chemical engineering bldg., room 269
- 5 pm - mass, respect for life mass, sacred heart church
- 5:15 - mass, for all world hunger coalition fasters, everyone welcome, walsh chapel
- 6:45 pm - meeting, al-alon fellowship for family and friends of those with a drinking problem, memorial library, room 400
- 8 pm - basketball, holy cross at n.d., acc
- 8 pm - music festival, danzas venezuela. columbia artists presents a musical choreographic festival featuring 42 singers, dancers and musicians, sponsored by performing arts series, o'laughlin aud., admission \$3.50 general, \$2 students.

On drinking bill

Senate takes action

by Cathy Nolan
Senior Staff Reporter

With action still pending on Michigan senate bills 31 and 32, Senator Alvin DeGrow introduced another bill in the senate to amend the drinking age from 18 to 21.

DeGrow's bill, introduced Thursday, Feb. 3, follows earlier bills, S.B. 31 and 32, sponsored by Senator James DeSana, D-Wyan-dotte, on Jan. 25 to raise the legal age from 18 to 19.

DeGrow, R-Pidgeon, introduced two bills that would amend the state's penal code and liquor control act to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverage to anyone under 21.

DeGrow cited the abuse of alcohol in the high schools in Michigan as the prime factor for amending the drinking law. "A large number of teachers and educational administrators have expressed concern to me about the abuse of alcohol among high school students, particularly 14 and 15 year-olds."

DeGrow noted strong peer pressure among high school students, resulting in the misuse of alcohol by students unaware of its possible affects. "All people have a tendency to associate with their friends. This unity is especially tight among high school kids," DeGrow commented.

"With the lowered drinking age of 18, the 14 and 15 year-old group had greater contact with alcohol," DeGrow continued. When Michigan voted to lower the drinking age from 21 to 18, it heightened the accessibility of minors to obtain liquor, according to DeGrow.

When asked why he recom-

mended raising the age to 21 rather than 19, as DeSana proposed in his bill, DeGrow stated, "If the age were raised to only 19 it would still be too easy for those underage to obtain liquor from their friends. After talking with school officials in my district, I am convinced that the drinking age must be raised to at least 20, and preferably to 21, if we are going to attempt to solve the drinking problem."

DeGrow returned to his home territory of Pidgeon, Mi. last weekend and noted a positive response to the bill among his constituents. "I had many people stop me on the street and tell me they agreed with what I was trying to do. In fact, I have not really received any negative response as of yet," he said.

Relating the general drinking problem in Michigan high schools to his own district, DeGrow said he represented a district comprised of small towns with populations of less than 3000. Most of the high school graduates are 18, DeGrow remarked, and 60 to 85 percent of these students leave home to attend college or begin a job in the metropolitan centers.

"However, a small percent of kids, basically troublemakers, stay in town and contribute to the drinking problem by giving alcohol to children as young as 13," DeGrow explained. DeGrow expressed hope that the higher drinking age would alleviate this problem.

DeGrow did not anticipate any major conflict between his bill and

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Students to receive departmental exam questionnaire this week

by Pete Newell

A questionnaire regarding departmental exams, will go out to students by the end of this week, according to William Biles, vice-chairman of the Faculty Senate. A second questionnaire, directed to faculty, is still being drawn up.

The student questionnaire is the product of two months of work by an eight-person committee, sponsored by the Faculty Senate. The committee is comprised of representatives from the Faculty Senate and the student body. "We tried to cover all the bases," said Biles, "and we believe that every group in the University is represented except for Off-Campus students."

Biles added that he plans to confer with some O-C students in order to get their views on the departmental exams.

The purpose of the survey, according to Biles, is to see "how the student is affected by the departmental exam." More specifically, the committee would like to know such things as whether the 8 a.m. departmental allows enough time for preparation and whether students get enough rest the night before the exam. Biles added that

he hopes the survey will also show, "how student activities such as concerts, lectures and the like, are affected by an evening departmental."

The faculty questionnaire, which is being directed to the "teaching faculty," according to Biles, is not yet completed. From the survey, Biles said that the committee hopes

to learn "just what the faculty believes has to be done to administer a valid, uniform, written exam in the required time length and with proper security."

The student questionnaire, will be sent to 1600 students. The results, tabulated by computer, are expected to be evaluated by the end of this month.

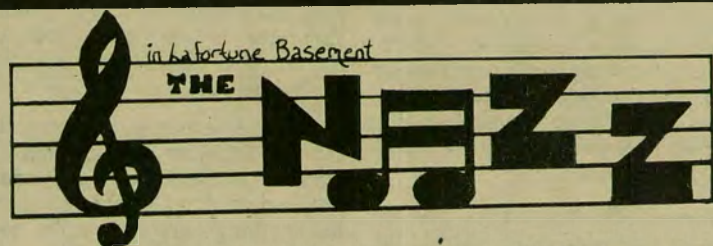
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Hunger Coalition plans Feb. 13 dinner meeting

The ND-SMC Hunger Coalition is holding a vegetarian meal in the Lewis rec room, this Sunday at 5 p.m. It is anticipated that University President Fr. Theodore Hesburgh will speak at the dinner.

All Coalition and CILA members, and all other interested students are invited to attend. Those planning to attend should call Carin Pacifice (7607) by Thursday evening.

Erratum

The Faculty Overnight Retreat, directed by Frs. David Burrell and John Gerber, will be held Feb. 18-19, not Feb. 8-9 as reported in Monday's Observer.

Mardi Gras correction

Yesterday's article on Mardi Gras said the best booth prize will be given out the first Friday. Mardi Gras officials have now decided to give the prize out the last Saturday of the one week event.

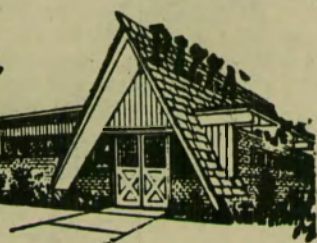
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Fr. Hesburgh discusses hunger battle research

by Joan Freneau

Fr. Theodore Hesburgh discussed the accomplishments of biological research in agriculture during a seminar, "Global Justice: Biological Perspectives" in Galvin auditorium yesterday afternoon.

Hesburgh told a near-capacity crowd that "food is a matter of social justice. Hunger is a part of everyone of us and having enough to eat is essential to our well being," he said it is man's duty to provide enough to eat for the starving people of the world.

The Rockefeller Foundation, of which Hesburgh has recently been named chairman, donates "about 160 million per year for the good of mankind and has, in recent years, emphasized funding of medical and population control programs and food-production programs, according to Hesburgh.

"The Rockefeller Foundation was concerned about the problem of greater food production long before the recent world food crisis," Hesburgh noted. "Rockefeller (Foundation) found a shortcut to greater food production through improving genetic stocks of grains."

For over ten years the Foundation has funded world-wide biological

research in growing staple grains such as rice, wheat, sorghum and corn, Hesburgh noted. By studying every species of a certain grain and combining the best elements in each, research teams have been able to produce superior strains which adapt to different environments, produce more grain per acre, and have more protein, he explained.

The first such research effort began in the Philippines to improve the rice crop, Hesburgh said. While developing these strains of rice, farmers were taught new irrigation and fertilization methods. Research also created new insecticides to prevent the crop from destruction by moths and rats.

"In less than ten productive years we had turned out 15 superior varieties of rice," he said.

Hesburgh explained that upon the success of this experimentation, the Foundation funded institutes in other parts of the world to study genetic improvements of grain stocks. In Mexico, research teams produced superior hybrid

corn, which tripled protein intake and could be grown in many different climates.

The Rockefeller Foundation set up research in Pakistan where a wheat shortage caused extensive starvation. After the fourth year of a five-year program to improve the stock, Pakistan experienced a wheat surplus.

Genetic research has also helped India, as well as countries in Africa and South America, improve their grain production. Such increases in food production in turn stimulate the countries' economies and prevent starvation.

Once genetic problems are solved Hesburgh said, "we could further increase food production by studying ways of increasing water supplies, either through water control systems, or by converting sea water to fresh water."

In a question-and-answer period following his lecture, Hesburgh considered the problem of overpopulation. "Through more study mechanisms can be produced to effectively, by following natural biological processes, control popu-

lation growth."

Hesburgh concluded the seminar with some comments on global justice and scientific responsibility, saying that science has come up with enough weaponry to destroy the world in 15 seconds. "Mankind

won't prevail unless we make a commitment to people rather than armaments. Scientists should take an oath to serve for the good of mankind rather than for man's destruction. Science should not be abused."

Blacks urged to take note of heritage

[Continued from page 6] the white standard. "Consequently," she said, "basic grammar is 'talking white.' Common courtesy is 'acting white,' balanced diets is 'eating white' and interracial conversation is 'kissing white.'"

Proctor mentioned the heritage of blacks should be acknowledged with pride. Blacks in America today are the descendants of kings and queens, she said, adding that the blacks who came to America captured by slave traders were the best because they "super-survived." The blacks who concluded the journey were "truly the most magnificent specimen of human beings known to man."

"My challenge to you tonight is to return to reason," Proctor said. She pointed out the need for strong and healthy bodies and minds, the quest for knowledge, economic gain, strong family ties, a sense of decency and a quest for freedom.

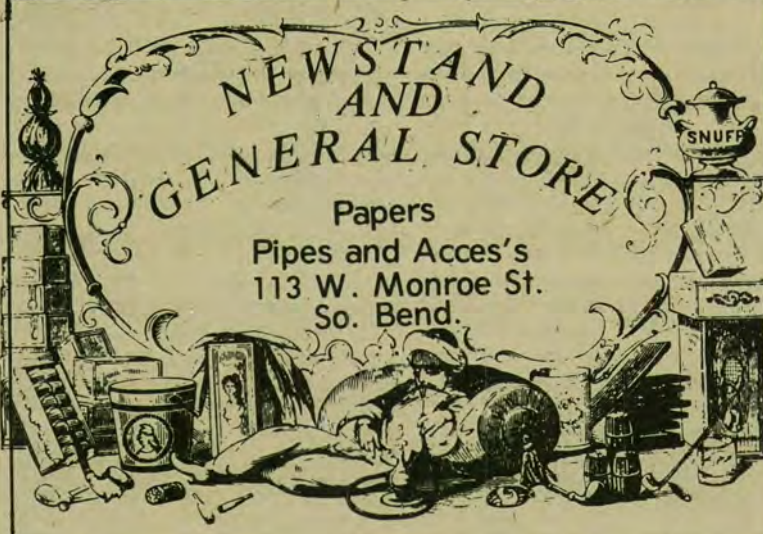
"This is a messy world. But you can change only one thing in it, really - yourself," she said.

Students, Staff, & Rectors

Notre Dame Students are Co-Sponsors of Open Seminar on National Interest on Alcohol. Governor Bowen has declared February Alcohol-Awareness-Action Month. This week South Bend is high lighting subject "Booze and You." Don Newcomb, Black Sports Figure, is guest speaker in Library Auditorium, Thursday 10Feb., 7:30 p.m. Curiosity seekers, interested parties and dissidents ALL welcome.

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P.O.Box Q

Interested in 'Dating'

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend Ellen McLaughlin and John Pallacqua for allowing their sociology term paper to be published in Tuesday's Observer. The dispelling of many of the rumors and stereo typing of students here is valuable in increasing a better social atmosphere at Notre Dame and St. Mary's. However, some of their conclusions seem a little misguided.

The conclusion "that the lack of dating is not the fault of the individual, but of the institution of which he is a part" is grossly wrong. I have been to many campuses across the country, and the attitudes that prevail here also flourish at other colleges, regardless of affiliation, size, or the infamous male/female ratio. The amount of dating, even on the smallest campuses is due primarily to the initiative, or lack thereof, of the individual. The student must carry the bulk of the responsibility for his dating.

Many students, including myself, are at times somewhat discouraged by the campus attitude. If "92 percent of the females feel it is all right for a woman to ask a man out on a date," I am afraid the woman meant "for a woman other than myself," otherwise nearly all of us seem to know the other 8 percent.

Granted, the suggestions for facility improvement are not only valid but much needed. Only through student action will anything get accomplished. And so far more students enjoy complaining rather than remedying the situations.

Zahm-Walsh are co-sponsoring a ski trip later this month precisely because the two halls have had little contact in the past. Is the University responsible for this previous lack of socializing? No, not anymore than they are responsible for having the ski trip.

The day I depend on the University for my dates is the day I die. We should be responsible for our own dates, not passing the buck to "the University" for our shyness, our discouragement and most of all, our laziness and apathy.

Mike Volberding

Catholic school system and Catholic home life certainly are reflected in our dating habits.

Second, physical appearance is not taken into account. Although the authors asked questions concerning "prudish" girls and guys "dating for sexual reasons", a more interesting question might be "How much does an attractive physical appearance have to do with your asking for or accepting a date?" The answers would be:

- Everything
- a major factor
- a minor factor
- nothing at all

The third problem concerns the intellectual atmosphere of the campus. Everyone here is intelligent (relatively) and most people want to form "deep meaningful relationships". This is fine as long as it doesn't get in the way of having fun.

In concluding, the authors say a long hard look at dating problems is needed. I personally feel we need to loosen up, not get more uptight over the situation. We need to quickly open lines of communication, act impulsively, spontaneously.

No matter what the University does, the problem can best be solved by asking someone out on a date TODAY! Taking action is the only way to solve this problem.

Mike Marley

Bowling Anyone?

Dear Editor:

I read with interest the Observer's February 1 article entitled: "The Dating Game at Notre Dame." Towards the end of this article the authors make the recommendation that perhaps the University could construct a bowling alley to facilitate social interaction between students.

I seem to remember that there is a bowling alley already here on campus. No kidding, word of honor etc. I think it is located in the basement of the bookstore. The thought surely is astounding (to say the least) but perhaps some "investigative reporting" would expose this glaring, implicative rumor as, hopefully, being true. The existence of one would be a sad commentary on the University's concern for social interaction.

Eric P. Philippsen

Hunger Feature

Dear Editor:

I was disappointed with the innocent naivete in Jack D'Aurora's article on the problem of world hunger. To begin with, the contributions of relief organizations (including those sponsored by the World Hunger Coalition) are relatively minor when compared to the overall problem. Large sums of money are pumped annually into these problems with only moderate success. The cost far outweighs the benefit because what is intended for the poor and starving is not always what is received.

For example, while in the military I observed the abuse of charity and relief packages overseas. Shipments would be dumped on the docks and mysteriously disappear--only to show up later on the black market. CARE packages could be purchased for a carton of cigarettes.

Boxes labelled "A Gift From The People Of The U.S.," or "Not Intended For Sale", are prominent in street stalls in the Orient. This is a fact of life in some underdeveloped countries. Food and medical supplies intended for free distribution often end up in the hands of government officials, who in turn sell the packages to the people meant to receive them.

The myriad problems involved in implementing a world grain reserve, and a world-wide "Right to Food Resolution", are too complex to be confined to moral deliberation. Suffice it to say that neither are viable solutions at the present time.

As we have learned, hopefully, careless idealism results in more harm than good. Was Vietnam so long ago? Americans have a tendency to create enemies, not friends, with their good intentions.

Thus, the Wednesday night fast is an expression of part-time piety, and blatantly superficial. Sacrificing a meal at the dining hall may be of some spiritual benefit, but is bereft of any practical value. The Coalition would do better to address itself to the more real problems of organization and control in the present distribution system.

Chuck Kulig

opinion

A Typical Domer?

jim king

Who is the Notre Domer? This is an important question every member of the Du lac community must ask himself. It is an especially important question for graduating seniors, for as they fill out resumes and personal statements, it is essential to "KNOW THYSELF."

Not everyone can be a Domer, as any high school senior who has tried to gain admission to the University but who has unfortunately scored less than 1200 on his SAT's, lettered in only one varsity sport, and did not have a father, twelve uncles, and seven brothers graduate from Notre Dame can testify.

I do not intend to stereotype the Domer. All stereotypes are invalid, except perhaps, as every Domer knows, those which involve those spacy, but wealthy girls over at St. Mary's. Nevertheless, there are three qualities which, in my opinion, distinguish the Domer (and look good on resumes) from other college students. The Domer is proud, concerned and prepared.

The Domer takes pride in Notre Dame and in his status as a Domer.

This sense of pride is instilled in the Domer in one of two ways. For the "Established" Domer, pride in Notre Dame is a way of life, a part of growing up. He is barely out of his Notre Dame plastic pants when he is initiated into the circle of relatives who gather in front of the television every appropriate Saturday afternoon to express their pride in Notre Dame. Incidentally, it is on these afternoons that the young Domer first learns the wide vocabulary he will so proficiently use when in attendance at Notre Dame.

After a childhood of hand-me-down Notre Dame t-shirts, Notre Dame sweatshirts, Notre Dame nylon jackets, Notre Dame knit hats, and Notre me bumper stickers (for his first Chevy), the established Domer arrives on campus ready to show the world his well-ingrained sense of pride.

The "Immigrant" Domer (the Domer who has had no known relatives, living or dead, graduate from Notre Dame) is at a decided disadvantage. He must quickly garner the sense of pride that the established Domer has had for years. On his first day, therefore, the immigrant Domer hurries over to the Notre Dame Bookstore, where he purchases a Notre Dame t-shirt, a Notre Dame sweatshirt, and Notre Dame sport shirt, a Notre Dame nylon jacket, a Notre Dame wastebasket, a Notre Dame ashtray, a Notre Dame lamp, a Notre Dame drinking mug, and Notre Dame bumper stickers (for his parents' VW) in an effort to mask his "greenhorn" status. These efforts are usually in vain, however for as soon as the Domers start swapping Notre Dame stories, it becomes all too apparent to the established Domers that the immigrant doesn't even know who the assistant director of intramural sports was in '03 (the same year all of the grandfathers roomed with Knute Rockne.)

By the time the first football game rolls around, however, it's hard to tell the immigrants from the established Domers, and the

pride of Notre Dame is everywhere to be seen. Extremely clever posters carrying carefully concealed sexual innuendo (e.g., "Trojans burst under pressure") announce to the world the upcoming contest. The stadium is rapidly filled with the loudest, most arrogant fans ever to assemble since the days of the Roman Coliseum. And if the team has a losing season (8 wins and 3 losses, for example..) well, Notre Dame's pride is at stake and sorry, Coach, but the crowd cries, "Thumbs Down!"

The Domer is concerned. And this concern issues into involvement. Perhaps you've noticed the Domer's concern and involvement in politics if you've tried, unsuccessfully, to get your name on the waiting list of the Notre Dame chapters of the Young Republicans or the Young Democrats. The Domer is also concerned with individuality. As a result, no matter where he goes, the Domer blazes his own trail. Evidence for this are the various footpaths that the Domers have beaten across the grass. No, sir, you can't force the Domer to stay on the concrete!

The Domer is concerned about world hunger. Did you know that some Domers give up one whole meal a week to help alleviate this problem? Think of it -- for one hour every week, many Domers sacrifice food fights and girl-rating sessions to help out some poor starving Indian or Biafran.

The Domer is concerned about free speech. For example, several times a year a preacher from one of the local churches visits Notre Dame and preaches outside the dining halls. In no time at all a large crowd of Domers assemble and exercise their right of free speech by anonymously hurling insults and obscenities to the lone itinerant.

The Domer is prepared. Four years of immersion in Notre Dame life has prepared the Domer for the rigors of the outside world. The business and science majors have studied long and hard to gain admission into their chosen career -- so what if they can't write a sentence correctly? The Liberal Arts major has studied long and hard for graduate work -- so what if he has a little trouble balancing his checkbook? These things are of little import, for as every Domer knows, every employer is looking for a man with a degree from Notre Dame.

The Domer is prepared to enter into a healthy heterosexual relationship and eventually give a son of his own the opportunity to become a member of the Notre Dame family. From freshman to senior year, the Domer gathers with his fellow Domers at one of the local establishments on Eddy Street to discuss the various methods of preparation for such a prospect. How can one know this? Just drop in on one of their conversations and above the dulcet intonations of "Get the Funk Outta Ma Face" (music relaxes the mind), one can easily hear the Domers discussing the ideal pelvic area and mammary equipment necessary to, presumably, carry and nourish his future Domer.

Oversights in 'Dating'

Dear Editor:

After reading The Observer Feature on the problems of dating at Notre Dame this phrase comes to mind: Those who are not part of the solution are part of the problem.

In their effort to be part of the solution, the authors left out several important factors concerning dating here at Notre Dame.

First, nearly everyone here is Catholic. The effects of the

DOONESBURY



by Garry Trudeau

Proctor urges self-initiative for black students

by Patrick Cole
Senior Staff Reporter

"So your role in the 1980's? It's obvious...We must shore up our natural resources...and our single revolutionary equipment in the 1980's will be you--the black intellectual."

Urging black students to have self-initiative in preparing for the future, Barbara Proctor, president of Proctor and Gardener Advertising Company in Chicago, spoke to a group of 50 people in the Library Auditorium last night.

In spelling out the keys to success, Proctor reflected on her own experiences during her first year at Talladega (Alabama) College. "Rather later in life, that

year provided me with what was to be the foundation of my life. I and I alone truly set my limits and my horizons."

And the audience found her horizons remarkable. Proctor started in the business world by turning a \$12,000 business into a \$5 million enterprise. In 1974 and 1975, she was chosen as Advertising Woman of the Year by the American Advertising Federation District. She was a recipient of the Frederick Douglass Truth and Excellence in Communication Award from Northern Illinois University.

Also in 1975, Proctor was included in 1,000 of the Most Successful Blacks in America by Ebony magazine. Amalgamated Publishers, Inc.

chose her as the advertising leader in 1975. In 1976, Proctor was the first female President of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

Proctor, a board member of PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) and of the Better Business Bureau, was the subject of television program on WTTW in Chicago concerning her achievements. Finally she was chosen as one of the 100 Most Successful Black Women in America by Business week.

She also holds an Honorary Doctorate of Human Letters from Southern Methodist University, and she was the recipient of the Outstanding Business Leadership Medallion from the NAACP.

Proctor suggested three points of advice to the audience of mostly black students. "First, begin with your bodies," She urged. "Put your brain, your hearts and your hands on a single course. Next,

recognize the issue 'Things' are not getting better in our country."

"Last, recognize the potential," she continued. "The middle class black intellectual has the clearest view. We have actually touched both sides. Now we must determine if all we know can help us better reach the world. That is your role in 1980."

Proctor stressed that students must build a strong academic [Continued on page 6]

SLC examines space allocation

by Joe Gill
Staff Reporter

The Student Life Council (SLC) recommended yesterday that the officers of the University "work toward the alleviation of disparity of social space in the residence Halls."

The Council acted on a report submitted by senior Charles Moran which indicated the amount of social space per dormitory, and noted that Holy Cross has 112 square feet per person while Howard has only 1.5 square feet per person.

The SLC also approved Moran's recommendation that the "Red Barn" located on the northeast corner of D-1 parking lot be either renovated or replaced to provide a large facility suitable as a dance hall, party house and summer storage facility. The Council recommended that "a committee be appointed to recommend specific action toward achieving these objectives."

Dr. James Brogle, a clinical psychologist from the Psychological Services Center at the Student Infirmary, told the SLC that "as a priority, every dormitory should have a place to recreate and entertain people of the opposite sex. Notre Dame is not conducive to heterosexual meetings, and it should be number one in this area instead of football, grade-point averages and medical school acceptances," he said.

The SLC also discussed the relocation of incoming students into dormitories like Holy Cross, where new rooms could easily fill the excessive social space. A committee was then established to look into both the renovation of the Red Barn and the social space problem.

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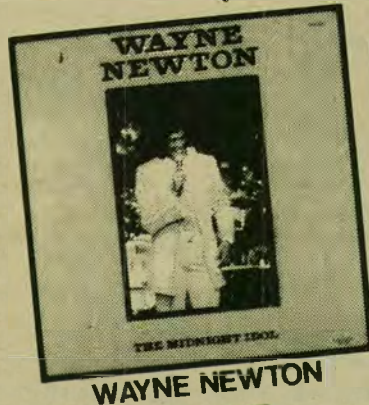
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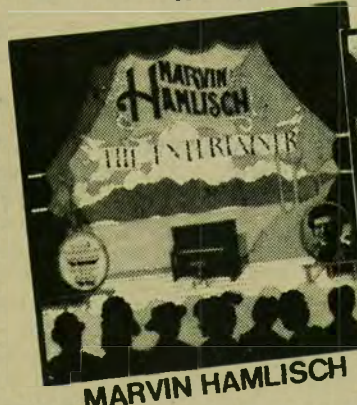
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Procter stresses need for sound education

[Continued from page 5] background. One of the secrets of academia, according to Procter, is the flunk and "force" rate of black students in higher education. She said many black students are either "flunking out or quota systems are forcing" blacks through many universities.

"Many of you are out the door with a paper in your hand and nothing of concrete use in your

Mortgage official held at gunpoint

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - A mortgage company director was taken hostage yesterday by a gunman who ties a shotgun to his head and threatened to kill him and blow up an apartment building unless released from a \$130,000 loan and granted immunity from prosecution.

Police said the gunman, identified as Anthony G. Kiritsis, 45, of Indianapolis, had wired the muzzle of a sawed-off shotgun to the neck of Richard O. Hall, 42, as he marched him four blocks through downtown Indianapolis.

The mortgage company released Kiritsis from the loan, which was due the end of this month, but he refused to release Hall as negotiations bogged down on the immunity demand.

"I'm not going to do any time . . . I'm not going to jail," Kiritsis shouted through the door of the third-floor apartment where he holed up on the far west side of Indianapolis. He said the apartment was rigged with nitroglycerine. Police said Kiritsis had demolition training in the Army.

"Don't come through the door. I don't want to hurt anybody," Kiritsis said.

Indiana State Police Col. Alfred Walker quoted Kiritsis as saying during a 30-minute conference call with authorities, "I'm ready to die."

"He says he wants every penny he's got coming to him. He wants the company to admit they were wrong to him, and he wants to walk out a free man," Walker said.

head," Procter stated. "That is sad. Because it means that the same system which denied you an education years ago is denying you an education today."

Procter encouraged students to learn all they can from others. The temptation to resist knowledge, she said, because it does not match your version of reality is "an easy way out."

"You are the difference between now and 1980," Procter said.

"You and only you. Black history will not make the difference. White future will not - only your own clear and dispassionate conduct as we move toward the end of the century."

Procter believed black society is in an ethnic crises. "Fifty-two percent of our babies were born out of wedlock in our nation's capital last year," she revealed. "More than a half-million baby girls under 15 became mothers. Our men are killing each other nine times more often than whites are killing theirs. Forty-two percent of black youths 17 years old are functional illiterates."

Procter stated "little in common has been left us." And she told of the need for unified commitment for survival. In clarifying unified commitment, she said that it did not mean uniform conduct" which she further labeled a "super trap."

However, Procter contended that blacks reject natural basic improvement because they represent [Continued on page 3]

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Michigan considers 19-year old drinking bill

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DeSana's bill to amend the law to 19. "Senator DeSana's bill probably has greater support because he is of the majority party in the senate," DeGrow commented, "but I think I have strong support from many people, especially the Michigan Teacher's Association."

"My oldest son, who is now 27 and a teacher in Michigan, told me that he thought there was an urgent need for the 21 drinking age, in our state. When the vote first came up to lower the drinking age to 18, he supported it," DeGrow

said. "But after seeing the abuse of liquor in high schools, he thought the bill was necessary."

DeGrow attributed the original lowering of the legal age in Michigan in 1972 to the sentiments of the aftermath of the Vietnam war. "When 18 and 19 year-olds were drafted and sent to Vietnam, many people argued that if an 18 year-old could be sent to war and also allowed to vote, he should be allowed to drink."

"The drinking bill was rushed through the legislature," DeGrow continued. The Michigan senate

acted in haste and did not carefully consider the whole issue, he remarked.

The new bill, like previous bills, S.B. 31 and 32, must first be approved by the Commerce Committee and then receive a majority--approximately 20 votes--in the senate. Public hearings will be conducted and DeGrow expects many teachers and principals to testify in favor of the bill.

Reaction to the 21 drinking age varied among Notre Dame students. Mike Clancy, sophomore class president, commented, "I

think 19 is the best age for the legal drinking age. If and 18 or 19 year-old can go to war and can vote, he should be able to buy alcohol."

Another student said the bill to raise the drinking age to 21 would not really eliminate the drinking problem entirely. "If you take away the privilege to drink for 18 year-olds, after the law has already been in effect for several years, many kids will resent it and it would probably increase the use of false ID's."

The bill, introduced last week,


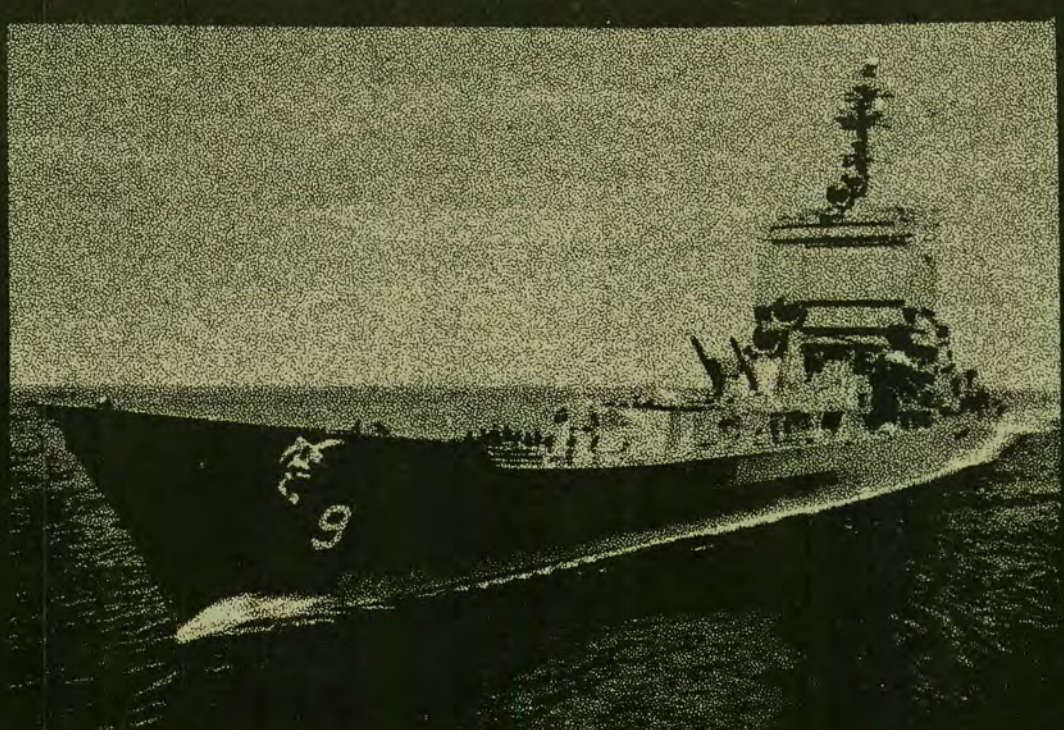
states, "Alcoholic liquor shall not be sold to a person unless the person has attained 21 years of age."

The bill concerning the penal code states, "a person who knowingly gives or furnishes any alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 years of age except upon authority of a duly licensed physician is guilty of a misdemeanor, and if the furnishing involved consideration, the person shall be imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or fined not more than \$1000, or both."

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Irish cagers face tough Crusaders

by Bob Keen
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame basketball team will place their five-game winning streak on the line tonight when they battle a highly touted, currently unranked team from Holy Cross College.

"I want to make sure that the students know what we are up against," stated Irish Coach Digger Phelps. "Holy Cross is 18-2 and we need the students juiced up."

One of the Crusaders' more important victories came against seventeenth-ranked Providence 67-65 in the Colonial Classic. Two weeks later the Friars handed then number-one ranked Michigan their first loss of the season.

An earlier Holy Cross loss occurred in the finals of the Gator Bowl Classic when they were defeated by Florida. However, Florida, playing in the tough SEC, proved with their 80 to 76 upset of Tennessee Monday that they can stay with the best of them.

The Crusaders are coached by George Blaney and led by freshman guard Ronnie Perry. The 6-2 backcourt ace, whose father is Holy Cross Athletic Director, is currently the leading freshman scorer in the country with a 22.6 average.

Perry is considered to be one of the finest all-around athletes in Massachusetts state history. During his high school career at Catholic Memorial he accumulated a state-record 2,481 points, was a two-time All-State selection in basketball and baseball, and in his senior year was voted to Parade's All-American team. "Perry is one of the top freshman guards in the country," stated Phelps.

The Irish hope to counter Perry

with their own brilliant freshman, Rich Branning. Branning has been Notre Dame's floor general since Ray Martin broke his ankle early in the season. While leading the team in assists and averaging almost 10 points per game, his most positive team contribution may come from the calm consistency which has characterized his play. The Perry-Branning match-up may be the crucial determinant in tonight's game.

Junior center Chris Potter's tip-in at the buzzer game Holy Cross its victory over Providence.

"Potter is as good as any forward we'll see all year," emphasized Phelps. The two-time All-New England selection is scoring 17.6 points a game this year and leads the team in rebounding with a 9.2 mark. Although he normally plays forward, he was moved to the center position after a freak achilles tendon ended sophomore John O'Connor's season.

The forward positions are filled by Mike Vicens, a 6-5 junior and senior co-captain Bill Doran. Vicens, a teammate of Perry in high school and a member of the 1976 Puerto Rican Olympic team, led Holy Cross in scoring last season and is presently averaging over 16 points per contest. Doran, who can also play guard, was selected as the team's MVP last year. He, like Perry, also plays baseball and has become only the fifth athlete in Holy Cross history to captain more than one sport.

Joining Perry in the backcourt is the Crusader's other co-captain, senior Kevin McAuley. McAuley is the team's floor general and this allows erry to concentrate more on the scoring aspect of his game.

Holy Cross displays good depth in Charlie Browne and Pete

Beckenbach. Browne, a 6-10 freshman from New York, where he made first team All-New York City, has been seeing more action at center since O'Connor's injury. Beckenbach, a second year guard, is noted for his explosiveness. He attended Roselle Park High School in New Jersey where he broke NBA star Rick Barry's all-time scoring record.

Although the Crusaders are not a big, physical team, they are extremely quick and well disciplined. Almost certainly Holy Cross will utilize their full court zone press which has been so successful for them during the season. Their press has consistently forced turnovers and bad shots by the opposition while also helping them to control the tempo of the game. "We won't take them lightly, they are too good for that," stated Phelps.

During the last five-game stretch the Irish seem to have found the right combination of players and strategies. Phelps stated, "We are playing as well now as we have in the past." One reason for the Irish's resurgence has been the frontcourt play of Bruce Flowers and Dave Batton. Flowers and Batton are getting the ball more often and closer to the basket where they are able to use their size and strength more effectively. As a result Flowers has led the team in scoring two out of the last three games and has raised his field goal shooting percentage to over 60 percent, which is tops for the Irish.

Tonight's game marks the tenth meeting between the Irish and the Crusaders. The last meeting



Bruce Flowers will be looking to improve his 60 percent field goal shooting as the Irish face Holy Cross in the ACC tonight.

between the two schools was at Notre Dame two years ago as the Irish prevailed 96-91. The victory was not an easy one as Dave Kuznicz came off the bench to score a career high 20 points for Notre Dame.

Holy Cross has been looking forward to this game all season knowing that an upset victory over the Irish will get them the

recognition which they believe that they deserve. Conversely, the Irish realize that a loss to Holy Cross would greatly hamper their quest for a NCAA bid. "They are well coached, they know their strengths and they know their weaknesses," stated Phelps. "They are an exceptionally smart team and that's what makes them dangerous."

Observer Sports

Fred Herbst

A Crucial Week

The Irish Eye

For Digger Phelps and his Notre Dame basketball team this shapes up to be a crucial week. Sporting a 13-5 record the Irish are fighting to achieve their pre-season goal - a NCAA bid. A simple enough goal, but still very difficult to obtain. "Maybe 18 wins would be enough to get us a bid," Phelps remarked, "but we really need 20 to be safe."

Twenty wins means that Notre Dame must win seven of their last nine games. A quick look at the schedule reveals an upcoming battle with undefeated, number-one ranked San Francisco on March 1 and little else - right? Wrong.

Tonight the Irish must face Holy Cross. Holy Cross isn't a name that one generally associates with top-flight basketball, but the Crusaders enter the game with an 18-2 slate. Their only losses have come at the hands of Florida and a two-point defeat to Georgetown. They currently boast a six-game winning streak.

It's true that Holy Cross is an eastern school and plays eastern schools, but they shouldn't be overlooked. Teams in the east are tough. Just ask Michigan, who lost to Providence, or Louisville, who lost to Syracuse at home, about the strength of east coast schools. Better yet, ask Notre Dame, who lost to Princeton and Villanova.

"We certainly can't take Holy Cross lightly," Phelps concedes. "They're well-coached, they know their strengths and they know their weaknesses. They're an exceptionally smart team and that's what makes them so tough."

"I want to make sure that the students know what we're up against," Phelps continued. "Holy Cross is 18-2 and we need the students juiced up."

If the Crusaders won't be tough enough for the Irish, Saturday Frank McGuire's South Carolina Gamecocks visit the ACC. After getting off to a slow start (losing to Alabama twice, Kentucky, Cincinnati, Michigan and Marquette), the Gamecocks have won five of their last six games to raise their record 10 and 10.

So after boring romps over Pittsburgh, Fordham, Dayton, Davidson, and Xavier, Irish fans are in for the treat of seeing two meaningful games against good teams - two games that the Irish must win to move closer to securing an NCAA bid.

Wins over Notre Dame and South Carolina certainly won't insure an NCAA bid for Holy Cross, but with balance throughout the nation, losses would certainly make securing a bid difficult - if not impossible.

There's no place like home

by Frank LaGrotta
Sports Writer

Home court advantage. Basketball players look forward to it, their coaches appreciate it, the fans love it. And why not? The home team is familiar with the court and surroundings, the hassles of traveling are eliminated, and, most important, the home team has the vocal support of a partisan crowd.

The student body of Notre Dame is famous, world-wide, for their school spirit and their willingness to express it as loudly as possible at an athletic event. Quick to confirm this fact is the Irish Basketball coach Digger Phelps.

"The students at Notre Dame are second to none," a smiling Phelps points out. "They know that they are an important part of the game, that they add to the flow of the game and they react accordingly. Coming through the tunnel at the A.C.C. and hearing the noise gets the team and the coaches fired up. I really wish that we could take the whole student section on the road with us."

When comparing Notre Dame fans with fans the team encounters on the road, Phelps is liberal with his praise for Irish supporters.

"I believe that we have a unique situation at Notre Dame because of the sophisticated way that the fans display their support," explains the Irish mentor. "When we go on the road we face a lot of abuse because we are Notre Dame; because we are something special. We expect this sort of thing and we can accept it. However, at times this abuse becomes focused on religious and ethnic backgrounds of our players and coaches, and I find that uncalled for. Since I've been at Notre Dame, I've never seen our student body react in that manner."

Aside from enjoying the friendly atmosphere of home, Phelps is adamant in his belief that fan support can affect a team's performance.

"The UCLA game played at the ACC this season is a good example of what the support of the crowd can do for a team," Phelps reveals.

"At one point in the game we were down by eleven but we fought back to take a five-point lead. Even though we lost the game, the students were with us all the way. The pre-game build-up was unbelievable; the best I've ever seen at Notre Dame. Before we came out at the beginning of the game, the fans were at an emotional peak second to none."

"Another example of student support affecting the outcome of the game was last season's West Virginia game played at the ACC," he continued. "We played a bad first half and we were down about five points. Yet when we came out to start the second half, the students were on their feet just like we were playing UCLA, and we went out and scored the first 13 points of the half."

Facing two critical home contests with Holy Cross and South Carolina, Phelps cites the difference in both games as the Notre Dame

students.

"Our next two games are 'must' games for us if we expect to get an NCAA playoff bid, and the students will be the deciding factor," Phelps emphasizes. "It's a situation where, when we're in that tunnel waiting to come into the floor, we need all 5000 students on their feet, cheering for 40 minutes. We're healthy, we're playing very well and we need the juice of playing at home to have the emotional peak we'll need to defeat two outstanding basketball teams."

Notre Dame's success on the athletic field is legendary. Realizing that they play a crucial part in that success should be very gratifying to Notre Dame students.

"Notre Dame students are #1," Phelps concluded. "They can make it happen."

Thanks to the Irish fans, there is no place like home for Digger Phelps and his team.



To Digger Phelps, Notre Dame fans are second to none.