Tim O'Meilia named editor-in-chief of the OBSERVER.

The editorial board of the OBSERVER yesterday appointed Associate Editor Timothy O'Meilia to the post of Editor-in-Chief. O'Meilia immediately appointed managing editor Don Holliday to the post of executive editor.

The editorial board, composed of an equal number of students and faculty members, including the OBSERVER's present editor-in-chief William Luking, made the decision last night.

"O'Meilia, a junior from Palm Bay, Fla., said, "I want to emphasize the appointment of Holliday as executive editor with the tremendous growth of the paper into a daily, running the OBSERVER has become a two-man job. Don and I will be working closely in further expansion and improvement of the paper."

New Executive Editor Don Holliday.

How many women friends do you have?

This is the fourth of a five part series on coeducation at Notre Dame by Barry Bren and Jim Pellinger.

From an admissions point of view, I think it is obvious that Princeton would be more attractive to able boys if it were coeducational. Having stated large numbers of secondary schools and interviewed hundreds of boys, I simply state in fact that able, sensitive boys take it for granted that they will sit in class with girls. Princeton loses one third of its admitted students to other colleges. These students are all too often the very people we want most. There is no doubt whatever in my mind that coeducation is very much a factor in their decision not to attend Princeton.

Director of Admissions, Princeton

Today's students not only prefer coeducation, they expect it and demand it as a necessary part of their educational experience. Fewer and fewer students are willing to put up with sexual segregation as a necessary part of their life style.

This new awareness on the part of students has some very disturbing implications with regard to university admissions.

As a result of its recent research in this area, Princeton realizes that it is in serious trouble with respect to sexual segregation. Of the 425 men identified in 1948 as the "best" of Princeton's applicants, only 83 (39%) chose to enroll. On the basis of reply cards sent out to those applicants who declined enrollment once they were accepted, the biggest single complaint was "The lack of women students." Princeton lost 43% of its best applicants largely because of the absence of women students. Even more important in the long run, Princeton researchers conducting a survey of high school students discovered that 80% of the most gifted high school seniors believed that "the fact that a university has both men and women greatly increases its attractiveness." Able, sensitive high school students indeed take it for granted that they will sit in class with members of the opposite sex. If a university cannot provide such an environment, they will go somewhere else to find it.

But what about Notre Dame? In 1968, out of 2734 students who were accepted by Notre Dame, 1550 students actually enrolled. That is, 45% of the students accepted by Notre Dame chose to enroll in other universities. Why? That is a question for our admissions department.

When asked "How many good people do you think we are losing because Notre Dame is all-male?", Mr. Joe Malligan of Notre Dame's Admissions Department replied that no good answer could be given to this question, simply because Notre Dame does not send out a questionnaire to those applicants who decide against coming to Notre Dame. The lack of a reply card system is a serious enough blunder on the part of the Admissions Department, but their apparent ignorance of the reasons why good students turn down Notre Dame is inexcusable.

Nearly half of Notre Dame's accepted applicants enroll in other universities, and none has taken the trouble to find out if sexual segregation is a factor in their decision.

But isn't it possible, or even probable in the light of admissions experience in similar institutions, that the biggest single reason why Notre Dame is "The lack of women students" isn't it possible, or even probable, that each year Notre Dame loses a larger and larger percentage of its best applicants because it is not a coeducational institution? The fact is that more and more of the best high school seniors demand and expect coeducation. As long as Notre Dame excludes women from its community, it will...
Plimpton recounts adventures

"One does survive those forays into where one should not be." This statement explained George Plimpton's "personal magnitude," as one girl put it, that attracted a near-capacity audience to Stepan last night to hear him speak.

Plimpton, the fifth speaker of the Sophomore Literary Arts Festival, is the author of the national best sellers: Out of My League, Bogey Man, and Paper Lion.

Plimpton revealed that his first foray as a rank amateur into the world of sport occurred when he was a Harvard sophomore and was required to run in the Boston Marathon as an initiation stunt for joining the Harvard Lampoon. "I was allowed to enter 100 yards from the finish and I did just that, right behind the winner. The poor fellow had to put on a finishing kick." Plimpton was exposed in the press lent as an illegal contestant.

George gleaned the experience from which he wrote: Out of My League from a brief pitching stint against the best hitters in baseball. After getting his first batter and Willis Mays out pop-ups, he was promptly shelled for a few doubles and triples... and one of the longest home runs ever hit in Tiger Stadium." He headed for the showers in a state of shell shock.

Bogey Man was written as a result of three pro-am golf tournaments he participated in. His most dreadful moment occurred when he was playing in the foursome ahead of Arnold Palmer. George, from an elevated tee had hit his drive fifty yards into a thicket of bushes and while he was looking for his ball, the other members of his foursome continued down the fairway and Annie stepped to the tee.

Plimpton shouted up at him to stop and Arnies proverbial at him with the "book of a businessman sitting at his desk with the odd feeling that something has moved in the bottom of his wastepaper basket." Annie allowed him to hit.

Paper Lion, the book that catapulted him to national fame was based on his stay in the Detroit Lions training camp. George's same-time consisted of five plays in which he drove his team from their own twenty to their own five. The epidemic of his ineptness occurred when he was dropping back to pass and fell down without a hand being laid on him.

Future books include one relating his experiences playing pro baseball (which he has done with the Celtics and pro hockey) "I can't skate. The only position I could try is goalie."

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Nixon requests surgech extension

WASHINGTON (UPI) President Nixon asked Congress yesterday to extend for at least a year the 10 per cent federal excise tax surcharge. He also promised to submit tax reform proposals by next month, and the White House said he was considering asking for increased federal excise on automobile sales—both of which are scheduled to expire June 30.

**VC put off decision on direct talks**

PARIS (UPI) Apparently resilient Viet Cong negotiators Wednesday put off for 24 hours their critical decision on whether to accept the Saigon government's offer to hold direct, secret peace talks with the National Liberation Front.

The Viet Cong, believed torn between a conciliatory and a hard line, announced it would wait until Thursday to disclose its decision on South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu's surprise offer to hold private negotiations with the NLF in Paris.

**Ike remains in critical condition**

WASHINGTON (UPI) Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower remained in "critical" condition at Walter Reed Army Medical Center yesterday while doctors worked to reverse the heart ailment that threatens his life.

In a brief mid-morning medical bulletin, the doctors said that "evidence of congestive heart failure persist despite the fact that all appropriate therapeutic measures are being utilized."

The inability of the 78-year-old Eisenhower's heart to pump enough blood to give his body an adequate oxygen supply was discovered March 15. Since then, his doctors at Walter Reed apparently have been unable to reverse the condition.

The bulletin said Eisenhower "dealt comfortably through most of the night" and continued to enjoy brief visits by members of his family.

**Pilot recommends Cuban agreement**

"DALLAS (UPI) The pilot of a Delta Air Lines DC-10 jet which Tuesday was hijacked to Cuba said Wednesday it may take a hijacker return agreement between the United States and Cuba to stop such wrecks.

The jet, carrying 114 passengers and crew, landed in Dallas at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday after a 12-hour stopover in Miami on its return from Havana. Passengers were rerouted to their destinations on other flights.

"I don't have any idea what to do about prevention of future hijackings, but possibly if the government could reach an agreement with Cuba to return the hijackers it would stop," said Capt. William Wood, the Delta pilot.

**18 Jordanians killed in Israeli attack**

(UPI) - Israeli jets attacked Jordan yesterday in a raid that Jordanian spokesman said killed 18 civilians and wounded 25. Jordan referred the matter to a U.N. Security Council meeting on Israeli attacks since the one that condemned the Beirut airport attack last December.

The A1 Fatah Arab guerrilla organization threatened reprisals against Israeli civilians for Wednesday's raid. Israel conceded its planes had struck into Jordan but said they attacked a commando camp and not a civilian center.

At the United Nations, Jordanian Ambassador Muhammed H. El Far reported that the Jordanian delegation considered "continuous and grave Israeli violations" of the Middle East ceasefire. Security Council President Karyo Castaing of Hungary began consultations with council members on the date for the meeting.

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Co-education: It's just being together

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exclude these top students along with them. By stalling and waver­
ing on the issue of coeduca­tion, Notre Dame is working a
doomed first to mediocrity and
finally to a well-deserved extin­
tion.

But that is enough of the negative side of things. By this
time would this be if Notre
Dame were really and internally
cooeducational? What kind of
place would this be if Notre
Dame were really and internally
cooeducational? The presence of women
would also be a great help to
Notre Dame's flagging cultural
life. As the Princeton Report
points out:

On the cultural side, the presence of women
could be expected to
stimulate more interest
in, and opportunities for, such activities as
the theatre, music, painting, sculpture and
the dance. This is important because one
of the characteristics of the present undergradu­
tion body is a certain
"roughness" or "tough­ness" (unfriendly critics
have said "perennial mas­culinity") a series of
manners or ways of operating typically
associated with a mas­culine society.

This criticism speaks directly
to the present Notre Dame com­

munity. A small number of
Notre Dame students do
participate in activities which
involve both men and women
working together toward a
common goal. But the number of men who are able to
participate in such activities
makes up a ridiculously small
percentage of Notre Dame's
total enrollment. The vast
majority of Notre Dame
students have nothing to fall
back on but juvenile
muscularity.

The point is that a
coeducational environment
would allow men and women
to share a great deal more with
each other than their sex. In a
coeducational environment, men
and women could be friends.

Ask yourself one question:
How many women friends do I
have at Notre Dame? If you
answer it honestly, you will have
some idea of what this place is
doing to you.

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