Co-exchange program affects freshmen

by Glenn Corso

The most radical innovation to be experienced by the class of '73 will be the expanded co-exchange program with Saint Mary's college. The program, announced last spring by the presidents of both schools, will enroll up to 245 freshmen from the two institutions. The program will be used in four Arts and Letters courses, including English, Government, History, and Sociology. Notre Dame will admit women to their Humanities program, in place of English.

The second phase of the program will come in the fall of 1971, when both schools will consolidate registration, class schedules, academic calendars and admissions. St. Mary's has doubled its freshman class enrollment to 500, in order to eventually achieve a 1:1 ratio to Notre Dame men.

Rev. Charles E. Sheedy, CSC, appointed head of the program by the presidents of both schools, stated that students would still receive separate diplomas from their respective schools, unless the student became totally involved with their academic program at the other school. Fr. Sheedy went on to say that the eventual goal of the program will be somewhat akin to the Harvard-Radcliffe model.

Dean William Burke, head of the freshman year of studies, confessed to being "a bit anxious" as to the number of Notre Dame freshmen who would volunteer for the program. Surprisingly, over 500 indicated that they would either not care one way or the other, or would be very willing to participate in such a program. The 250 were chosen by random selection.

The co-ex students will be basically similar to both schools, although different textbooks may be used. All freshmen will have the period before and after their class free, in order to facilitate travel between the two schools.

Radically different approach in freshman counseling will be undertaken this year. Besides meeting with his counselor, a freshman may also have an undergraduate student present at the meeting. He will thus have two opinions available to him on his particular problem.

Dean Burke emphasized that one main use for the undergraduates who will advise those freshmen that have especially serious problems in the first few weeks of the school year. The undergrads will be those who had the same type of problems at the beginning of their freshman year.

A survey was taken last spring on the freshman counseling system, and as a result freshmen will be allowed to switch their counselors, if they feel they are not getting along with him. Dean Burke also mentioned the prospect of team counseling, where 3-4 counselors would work with a group of students and discuss any problems they might have.

"One of our biggest jobs is to break down the high school attitude," Burke declared. He went on to explain that many freshmen were reluctant to talk to their counselors about their problems because it had been considered "apple polishing" in high school, and reluctant to talk to him because they cast him in the role of a principal, whom they only saw when they were in trouble.

A black counselor has been added to the Freshman Year office staff. Dr. Robert Seabrooks comes to Notre Dame from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. Dr. Seabrooks will counsel half the black freshmen, along with fifty other students.

Dissidents plan informal meeting

by Cliff Wantado

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Freshman orientation begins for 2,000 plus

Freshman orientation begins today at Notre Dame and tomorrow at St. Mary's. 1660 men will be entering Notre Dame this fall and 484 women will be entering St. Mary’s.

The ND-SMC class of '73 surpasses the class of '72 in all fields of academic endeavor on the high school level. One of the prime standards used by college administrators in determining admissions is rank in class. Among the present crop of Notre Dame frosh, an overwhelming 90% ranked in the top 30% of their respective classes. Fully 50% of the freshmen ranked in the top 10% of the class. The statistics are equally impressive for the girls at St. Mary's. A total of 87% ranked in top third of their class, while 39% ranked in the top tenth.

One of the most important national norms used by admissions officers is the so called "college boards." The ND frosh achieved mean scores of 564 in verbal, and 616 in math. The bulk of the scores of the SMC girls fell in two ranges. In the verbal test, 251 out of 484 women scored between 500-600, while 129 scored above 600. In math 236 women hit the 500-600 range, while 120 had 600 or above.

One of the most prestigious nation-wide scholarship tests is the National Merit Scholarship test. Students attaining the position of semi-finalist or finalist are generally considered to be the intellectual elite of the nation's high school seniors. Notre Dame boasts 60 members of the class of 1973 achieving this high honor, while the SMC class of '73 has ten such winners. A total of 320 ND frosh and 38 SMC women received some sort of recognition from the National Merit board.

The most widely recognized national high school student organization is the National Honor Society. This society consists of students who have maintained at least an 85% (3.0) average, and participated in extra-curricular activities. 33.5% of the ND frosh and 38% of the SMC frosh belonged to this organization.

The ND Class of '73 contains 92 valedictorians, while there are 22 SMC girls who attained that honor.

Notre Dame registered a significant increase in the number of black students. There are 29 black freshmen, with 3 blacks transferring from other colleges.

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Rally slated today for new political coalition

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Students Against Racism are adopting a similar method of presentation to freshmen. Students will be manning tables covered with literature and will be available for discussion in four halls at Notre Dame, one hall at St. Mary's, and in the old ISO room, ID in the Student Center, today through Sunday.

Individuals from Students Against Racism were involved in the sending to the parents of freshmen the letter concerning racism at Notre Dame and in society and an urging to help in combating it.

Ed Roickle, a member of the group, explained the purpose in this manner:

"We are trying to get people to think about the racist nature of our society and of our university in particular. We are trying to promote a dialogue between the people from Students Against Racism and the rest of the students as a first step in an educational process we plan to continue throughout the year.

"Because it seems to be very one dimensional in its approach to standards and values which are strictly white middle class and narrowly Christian. The attitudes in themselves might not be racist, but the fact that they are being forced down other student's throats in which the attitudes hold no relevance for them makes them racist."

The four Notre Dame halls are Morrissey, Ehlon, Alumni, and Keenan-Stanford and the St. Mary's hall is Regina.

Credit where credit is due

Indiana Bell Telephone Co. has issued credit cards to all St. Mary's and Notre Dame students this year. The move was made, the company said, to facilitate long distance calling and billing.

When making a long distance call on the credit card, the student will give the operator his number which is assigned on the basis of college ID. The first of each month the student will be billed for all calls charged to his credit card. Indiana Bell pointed out that it is the responsibility of each student to keep his credit number private.

Formerly, in order to make a long distance call, the student had to either call collect, use a personal Bell credit card, or call from a pay phone. The introduction of credit cards is also expected to decrease the number of long distance calls made from pay phones which are not paid for in the booth.

In addition to the student's name and card number, the telephone company has a record of each student's home address, as well as the names of the student's parents.

All students will receive the credit cards, although the telephone company pointed out that some of the cards have not been mailed. Any student not receiving the card should contact the business office in South Bend.

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Reality and illusion

The campus is a groovy place to be. Bigger and better education absorbs bigger and better students every year at this time: Notre Dame is doing that now, and St. Mary's will begin that tomorrow. For the next five days, ND-SMC will fete the class of '73 and their parents: lectures, welcomes and aids to getting settled will swallow the hours. Most pictures will be rosy, and the food will taste relatively good. Illusion is the name of the game, but the rest of the year will follow this week. Reality is the name of that.

The Notre Dame or St. Mary's that you know are painted from football stadiums, from glossy brochures, from dark bars populated by subway alumni and from the fond, if somewhat inaccurate, memories of old grads. There is no such place.

A university is its people as the June issue of the Notre Dame Alumnus proclaims on its cover, and to typify the people the list of words would run, from left to right, including idealists, cynics, dropouts, pooh bahs and people who watch television 24 hours a day seriously. But superceding these categories, there exists a growing number of people who are frustrated, discontent and at various times enraged with the reality of the place as it is. As it exists!

For all its public relations descriptions and images, there still stands an oppressive community where existing democratic structures muddle along rhetorically or are by-passed completely, where problems are solved by issuing decrees or by 141-page treatises, but none of the oppression disappears.

Notre Dame-St. Mary's presses on as an educational institution providing barriers to the students actually obtaining an education, and the term "intellectual community" would never be defined if it were dependent on this plot of ground.

Scholarship and the intellectual community cannot prevail where in loco parentis exists, where the faculty senate has no power and things like racism go unconflicted and undiscovered.

There are more problems, and there are more concrete manifestations of the problems pointed out. Amidst all of the realities, the gut solution looms: melt into the illusion may very well carry on through until November 22, the final football game. But self-discovery is the most convincing knowledge anyway. And you will discover and be convinced. As the sign says, "Welcome, Freshmen, You are here."
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4. Father Hesburgh issued his famous 15 minute meditation letter.
5. Notre Dame students thought about forcing their way into a trustees meeting and finally forced the trustees to meet with them in an open session.

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Six 'laughers' to the backfield set may be crucial against the Spartans, Duffy may have them, but he knows how to get his running is a

Michigan State

The defense, whose defense will give Notre Dame something more than the size it's always had. Walt Patelski (6-1, 230) and Fred Swenson (6-4, 230) will be the Irish front four. All-American candidate Mike McCoy will return for his third season at the defensive tackle. His performance in thwarting Simpson in last fall's finale has earned the 6-5, 280-pounder several pre-season All-American selections.

Sophomore Greg Marx was expected to be the other tackle, but he broke his arm earlier this week and head coach Ara Parseghian and his staff have yet to make a decision on whether a move of him arm protector will be adequate and his running is a

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Tulane

Students, players and coaches alike will find the trip to New Orleans pleasant as Noire Dame will doubtless humble the Green Wave on a clear night in the Sugar Bowl.

Coming off a 2-8 season in Jim Pittman's fourth year of rebuilding, Tulane is laden with sophomores who will refolate their play from last year to this second team.

Quarterback Wayne Franciscus ran and threw for 1,376 yards but will have to win the job from transfer Dave Abercrombie. The Green W
The Green Wave will probably start three other first-year men in the backfield. Four of seven linemen may also be sophomores.

Tulane's defense last fall was horrendous. But sophomores will add size and speed, if not experience. Three linebackers return to support a line which will sport four newcomers. The secondary is far.

Navy

Whenever a coach sums up his team's prospects with something like "we hope our attitude and aggressiveness will help nullify our weaknesses" then you know he's in trouble. Navy's Rick Fursano said something like that and the Middle's are in trouble. To help shore up a porous defense, Frossano moved the offensive line to defense in his new 4-3 alignment. The secondary is questionable.

The Irish should have little trouble pourquoi passing through even a re-designed Navy defense, so communicative. If the old grad will be a happy one.

Pittsburgh

Pitt will tryout another new coach on its horrendous schedule, Carl DePasqua, who claims he will hoek over the days of block and tackle. Eighteen of 22 regular returners left last fall's 1-9 club, but plenty of sophomores will crack the lineup.

If the Panthers have a strength, it will be defense as veterans stick out at virtually every position.

Despite the return of the entire offense, DePasqua will start several first-year men on the line. Quarterback is uncertain though the remainder of the backfield is certain. Pitt is expecting no miracles.

Who's on the fifty?

As every incoming freshman knows, fall at Notre Dame means more than registration and a trip to the bookstore. The Fighting Irish will soon begin their '69 campaign for the national football championship. Notre Dame faces a demanding five-game home schedule against Northwestern, Michigan State, Southern California, Navy and Air Force.

This season for the first time Notre Dame and St. Mary's students will be sitting together in the same sections. SMC girls will follow the same sectional seating arrangement by class as the Notre Dame students.

St. Mary's student tickets will be distributed during registration Monday and Tuesday.

Notre Dame freshmen may obtain their student football ticket on Thursday, September 19th, between 1:30 and 6:30.

To obtain his ticket, each student must present the Athletic Certification card issued to him at registration.

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