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THE OBSERVER

Merger chosen as top story of the year

The 1970-71 Academic Year was not an impressive one in comparison with the year before. There were no strikes, moratoria, or placement Bureau sit-ins. In an effort to put the deconstructed year in proper perspective, the Observer News Department has put together the following "Top Ten News Stories of 1971," with a short explanation of each to refresh everyone's memory.

1. ND-SMC Merger Set by Board of Trustees—After five years of planning, argumentation, and equivocation, the Boards of Trustees of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College, this year decided to work for a merger of the two schools to be implemented over the next three or four years. The Park-Mayhew Report, presented in December of 1970, will provide the basis for the merger, which will begin to be felt in the fall of 1972. There are many problems to be worked out and many steps to be taken before the merger is complete.

2. Frank Barkett and Barry Provost—Administrative reorganizations last summer at Notre Dame elevated the Rev. James T. Burchaell, C.S.C. to the post of Provost, the number 2 man in the administrative hierarchy. Other changes included Fr. Thomas Bluntis, C.S.C. to Vice President for Student Affairs, Philip Facenda to Vice-President and General Counsel and Fr. Charles McCarragh to the Assistant Vice President for the Finance Office.

3. Narcotics raid net four Notre Dame Students—John T. Brennan, Donald Badger, Mark Henahan, and Donald Holbert, were arrested in a series of coordinated drug raids by local police on December 17th. Henahan and Badger have since acquiesced in the local courts. Holbert was never brought to trial and Brennan awaits trial in felony court. The case brought the first big test for the new Judicial Code and re-established their "imminent danger" clause. Few will argue that the system worked perfectly.

4. Barkett and Barlow—The SSB races at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's brought a new twist due to the imminent merger of the two schools. Don Money and Scott Barlow ran a unified campaign, and were opposed independently at Notre Dame by Hall President's Council Chairman John Barkett, and at Saint Mary's by Jane Sheehy and Kate Cassidy. One half of the combine won, as Miss Barlow took the SMC race in an election first invalidated by irregularities in balloting.

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5. Princeton Plan Fails—In a massive show of student non-support and apathy, only 46 percent of the student body voted to support the candidate of their choice in the November election. The proposal required the positive vote of two-thirds of the student body to take effect. The proposal was beaten 3 to 1.

6. Fr. Grace Atkinson Speaks At St. Mary's—Women's Lib advocate Fr. Grace Atkinson gave a colorful diatribe at Notre Dame last October that led to an attack on the Student Union Academic Commission, the administration, and the Observer, by Bishop Leo Puslire of the Forty Wayne Diocese. After fuming alumni and disgruntled nuns set down the campus return to the community, and the incident was forgotten, until word of the speech got to Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

7. Kraksha Constitution Defeated—Dana Kraksha ran for SJB on a platform that included elimination of the Student Senate by means of a constitutional amendment. The Senate, however, proved more possible than Kraksha, and the Constitution was defeated in a referendum on December 9th. Ninety-three percent of the students voted. In order to pass 60 percent had to vote. Of those voting, it was 3 to 1 in favor of abolishing the Senate.

8. Ann Marie Tracey Elected To the SLC—Former Saint Mary's Student Body President Ann Marie Tracey was elected to the North Quad student seat on the Student Life Council. Because she was not a Notre Dame Student, Tracey had originally been denied permission to run by the Student Government election Committee, chaired by SBVP President Burtchem. The move caused heavy criticism of the committee, whose ruling was reversed by the Student Senate. Miss Tracey won overwhelmingly.

9. The Black Studies Controversy—One hundred black students were arrested in a series of coordinated drug raids by local police on December 17th. Henahan and Badger have since acquiesced in the local courts. Holbert was never brought to trial and Brennan awaits trial in felony court. The case brought the first big test for the new Judicial Code and re-established their "imminent danger" clause. Few will argue that the system worked perfectly.

10. Exams Threatening—Keep your sanity with FREE ICE CREAM CONES!!

To selected students - watch your mailbox for coupon. Courtesy your friends in MANASA, the ND-SMC unit of the Mental Health Association.

Manasa is volunteers
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- Halfway House (rehabilitation for former mental patients)
- Hotline (telephone line for mental or emotional crises)

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U.S. has no power over the dollar

Despite the central role that the dollar plays in the economic crisis, there are reasons to believe that the United States will be able to do about it.

After the depression, the dollar became the basis of most of the free world's currencies. Other currencies, such as the German mark, the British pound, or the French franc, are defined in terms of the dollar, which is in turn defined by the gold standard.

With the other currencies "pegged" to the value of the dollar, it is essentially impossible for the American authorities to devalue the dollar.

There are several reasons why the dollar is currently in such a precarious situation. First, the balance of payments deficit that the U.S. has been running over the last few years. When the country imports more than it exports, it must make up the monetary difference in some way. In the case of the U.S., this difference has been compensated for by a flow of gold out of the country.

The first major "gold drain" occurred while Charles deGaulle was President of France. In an attempt to establish the French franc as the most stable monetary unit, he "cashed in" the French dollar holdings for their gold equivalent. This attempt failed in the disturbances following the student uprising in 1968, as France was herself beset by financial difficulties.

In the latest trading on the dollar, it was the Germans who held dollars. Over the last few years, the German currency has become the one most efficient in the world. In addition, they have had a consistent balance of payments surplus. They are holding U.S. dollars, and these German holdings are being cashed in.

There has been speculation that large multi-national corporations kicked off the current crisis by shifting demand from dollars for their international roaming Germain mark, driving the price of the mark up and forcing the price of the dollar down.

The major question that now remains is does the international monetary system, as it is now established, have the ability to withstand this latest crisis? There is speculation, primarily among academic economists, that currency exchange rates will not be pegged to the dollar as they now are, but will be allowed to adjust to the market needs.

This "free-floating" exchange system is the basis of what the Germans are now doing in regaining the established exchange rates, they have essentially allowed the price of the dollar to vary with these market forces. All economists emphasize, however, that the current crisis is purely international and will not have an appreciable effect on domestic prices. Whatever changes are made in the international monetary system with respect to the dollar, the supply of goods and services for domestic consumption will remain the same.

SMC nun wins award

Sr. Alma Peter, acting president of St. Mary's College, presented the Speo Chica Award for recognition of outstanding service to the college to Sr. Maria Concetta McDermott, associate professor of education, at the annual faculty dinner Wednesday night.

Sr. Maria, a member of the faculty since 1965, was recognized for her efforts in obtaining government funds for the closed circuit TV in the classrooms and lecture hall and her work in the Trends in Contemporary Education Series.

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THE TRIP

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 Residents flee muddy death leaving land of broken lives

ST. JEAN VIANNAY, Quebec (UPI) - The French called it the Riviere Des Terres Rompues—the River of Broken Lands. Today it is the land of broken lives.

Residents by the hundreds with mattresses, televisions and even baby tricycles strapped on top of their cars, left the area, some sobbing when told that 26 of their neighbors were feared dead. Many said they never would come back.

"I'll be damned if I will raise my children in this rotten town," said a worker for the Aluminum Co. of Canada, one of the major employers in the area.

ST. JEAN VIANNAY, a quiet village of 2,000 persons on a clay bed along the river, has a history of landslides. But the cave-in Tuesday night was the worst. It created a pit one-quarter mile long, 100 feet deep and 700 feet wide and swallowed 40 homes in tons of mud described as "cold lava."

Five persons have been confirmed dead, 26 are still missing and more than 1,000 residents of the northern Quebec town were evacuated. The slides continued through Wednesday night and there was the possibility of more.

Area coroner Dr. Richard Authier and the five persons whose bodies were recovered by late Wednesday night had died from mud in their lungs. An official of the civil defense rescue team said that perhaps many of the victims were children.

New Town Evacuated
Royal Canadian Air Force officials Wednesday ordered the evacuation from the so-called "new town," a section consisting mostly of relatively new four-room bungalows stretched in rows across a street which abruptly ended in a 100-foot abyss.

Officials said that in all probability the evacuees would not be allowed back into the Laurentian town, about 300 miles north of Quebec city, for at least four months if at all. The trouble was not over. Small tremors still were being felt and natural resources engineers fear another 600 feet of the town may sink below the surface.

Queen Elizabeth, visiting Canada, sent her condolences.

Among the structures wrecked by the tons of sand and clay were two concrete bridges, one 48 feet and the other 36 feet long, whose abutments were found one mile downriver.

Rescue operations were hampered by continuous movements of earth, crowds of onlookers and by water pouring into the crater—some of it from underlying streams and some from water mains crushed by the tons of dirt.
First girl secretary Market Club elects officers

The Notre Dame marketing club has recently elected new officers for the coming year, including St. Mary's student Beth Culligan, the newly-elected secretary. Culligan is the first SMC student to become an officer, according to outgoing president Robert P. McCarthy.

The other new officers are: Bill Lindberg, president; Mike Lamb, vice-president; and Pat Monroe, treasurer. Miss Culligan is an economics and business student at St. Mary's, while the other three officers are marketing majors at Notre Dame.

McCarty felt that the election of a female student as an officer for next year's club was "somewhat of a big news event." "Beth Culligan was extremely active and participated in all of the events sponsored by the marketing club this year, and we're certain that she is going to be a real asset," McCarthy commented.

McCarty cited her role next year as instrumental in Peace pledge well accepted.

Saying he was "extremely gratified with the turn-out," Paul Draednick expects the number of peace pledge signatures to top the 1,100 mark.

Draednick emphasized that the peace pledge campaign was a strictly non-partisan student effort. It was designed to provide students with a means of conscious involvement in the peace process.

The peace pledge campaign was a "constructive, action-oriented process," Draednick said adding that it is the "best thing to come out of this semester." The peace pledges will be presented to President St. Mary's and Notre Dame.

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Abell gets phone call; Ruane awaits Provost

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POW petition circulated

A petition requesting that a list of American POWs be released by the Viet Cong will be circulated in the dining halls and some dormitories today, according to Ombudsmen Paul Dziezisz. The petition was written by Mrs. Rowe, the wife of former Green Beret Maj. Guy Rowe, who was held prisoner by the Viet Cong for five years.

Dziezisz, who has offered the support of the Ombudsmen's Office for non-partisan projects such as this, said last night that 760 signatures are sought for the petition.

The petition is addressed to Phan Hong, first secretary of COSVN, the Central Office for South Vietnam. As the first secretary, Hung is in control of all "insurgent military and political activities in South Vietnam" and "direct control over the National Liberation Front (Viet Cong) who, in turn, exercise direct physical control over our men," according to the petition.

The petitioners (seven were sent to Fr. Theodore H. Henleburgh, University president, who in turn, gave them to Dziezisz) list six demands according to "the basic human rights guaranteed under the articles of the Geneva Convention." The six rights are:

- Immediate elimination of the "thought correction" political indoctrination.
- Free flow of mail between prisoners and their families.
- Proper medical care and adequate food for prisoners.
- Proper medical care and that prisoners be given proper facilities.
- Immediate elimination of the political indoctrination.
- Immediate repatriation of all prisoners, including war prisoners, and if conditions permit, their wives.

Calling the inhumane treatment of POWs as a "crime against humanity," the petition cites a pamphlet printed by the NLF entitled "Policy toward Officers and Men in the U.S. and Alien Army." The pamphlet says that prisoners be given proper mental, physical and spiritual care and that they may correspond with their families and if condition permit, to visit with them.

Canada Bound at 75?

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The Senate Armed Services Committee has decided that age 75 is too old for the draft.

The committee announced it had voted to reduce the age limitation for conscription from 55 to 35. In actual practice men over 30 rarely are subjected to the draft, but an age limit set on the books in case of an all-out war would require that an able-bodied man be served.

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A&L Advisory Council seeks new membership

Ed McCartin, president of the Arts and Letters Advisory Council, announced today that he is accepting applications for membership in next year's Advisory Council. Anyone interested in applying should contact McCartin before 6:00 P.M. Monday, May 10, at 1180.

The council serves as a ready source of student opinion for the administrative staff of the liberal arts college. The president of the Arts and Letters Advisory Council is elected by the student body of the college. The students in the college who are on the council are responsible for organizing Meet-Your-Major activities and for selecting the recipient of the Charles Sheedy award for teaching. The council also assists in the selection of four student representatives to the College Council and the A&L representative to the Academic Council.

Any freshman, sophomore, or junior presently enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters is eligible to apply. McCartin noted that while the scope of the Advisory Council may appear small, the work that it performs is important to students in the college. "With the oversight of the permanent curriculum committee next year to review complaints about the non-liberal character or poor academic quality of courses offered within the college, the student advisory council will be central in academic reform."
Glen Cordo
Uncle Stephano

My uncle was in the Mafia. Before I go any further let me say that my uncle Stephano (or as he is called by the FBI and friends, "Steve the Slin") is on my mother's side you see, and is really my father's. The reason being is that my father has an excuse to call me up and tell me I am an idiot like he did after the "First Tuesday" showed up on the windshield. I talked to my uncle Stephano that last time I was home, during spring break. Most people don't realize he did tell me, but the Mafia suffers during economic recessions just like any other business. It's a very difficult job.

"That's what they wanna understan," he said, "we gotta make living justa like anyone else. We don't make no money to put on omelet and make no dope and stuff like that. Even de gambling falls off, guys don't wanna lose the little bit de money got. The loan sharks' business is worse still. So many guys have to make money and just keep it on. Money is bad, there's so many guys that we gotta persuade to pay us back."

"Stephano," the uncle stated, "Mr. Boot" in his name in the newspaper. He gets mad because it hurts his TV repair shop, located in a small rustic village that has an eight-lane highway running down the middle of it, is staffed by my uncle and two assistants and my uncle's brother-in-law.

"You just have to put up with anything about TV repair, and my uncle is convinced they are both crooks. Every time they come back from a job he checks carefully. When times are bad, people got less money to spend on whores, and many guys that we gotta persuade to pay us.

"This is why my uncle hired his brother-in-law to work. His job is to take care of all the irate customers that come into the shop. This is a very difficult job sometimes, my uncle's brother-in-law in law doesn't know anything about television or stereo.""You say that your record changer sticks, even though the fellow from here gave it a complete lubrication job for only 29.95? Gosh, well, sometimes that trouble won't come from the vertical line control being out of whack. What? Of course I know you're talking about a stereo not a TV. The switching time to the other one and you gotta picture. You no lika that idea huh? Whata's wrong with it? Is that all? Listen you got two TV's and?

"Waita that you say Mista? My man didn't do a good enough job on your TV? Waita wrong with it? Is that all? Listen you got two TV's? Oh, then take the other one and turn the volume all the way up so you can hear it in your den and then switch on the other one and you gotta picture. You no like that idea huh? What you gonna do to me man? Oh yeah? OK, I said to you. I told you before I said 'turning to his assistant,' go out to that baccala's house on Forest Ave. and take this TV set."

You turn to a large steel cabinet behind him and takes out a small hammer. "Smsnatch all the tubes in his TV and then actually put your feet thru his picture tube. If he isn't watching you, then close the door of them inside of it. I think that'll fix him."

My uncle also extends very easy credit. He does this, he explained, because he is in the business already. The only problem he has is that sometimes has problems collecting. Every once in a while, though, a customer doesn't get the message. He starts to insist that my uncle lets him borrow again because his set is still not working. Most times, if the guy asks nicely, my uncle will send the guy back.

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Ed Ellis
In Search of Hanoi

Life is a frail commodity, and man has striven for as long as he has been in existence to possess it in all its meager manifestations. It seems that in order to justify life, each man must, at least for himself, be thankful. This is not at all easy, and many people have fallen by the wayside because they either deluded themselves into thinking their own contribution significant, or they gave up trying.

We must remember that the lever of change works for every few men are actually capable of making a noticeable contribution to the world. These are men of great talent. The masses of mankind are left to demean the leaders, either openly or subconsciously, in order to justify themselves and their own lives, either openly or suppression of our national leaders."

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It is very difficult to explain to a potential customer why the owner of the store is lacking at a door with a meat cleaver, without sounding very stupid.

"Oh, this is how I hired my brother-in-law to work. His job is to take care of all the irate customers that come into the shop. This is a very difficult job sometimes, my uncle's brother-in-law in law doesn't know anything about television or stereo."

My uncle also extends very easy credit. He does this, he explained, because he is in the business already. The only problem he has is that sometimes has problems collecting. Every once in a while, though, a customer doesn't get the message. He starts to insist that my uncle lets him borrow again because his set is still not working. Most times, if the guy asks nicely, my uncle will send the guy back.

"Well, okay I said to you. I told you before I said 'turning to his assistant,' go out to that baccala's house on Forest Ave. and take this TV set."

One in case of the one and turn the volume all the way up so you can hear it in your den and then switch on the other one and you gotta picture. You no like that idea huh? What you gonna do to me man? Oh yeah? OK, I said to you. I told you before I said 'turning to his assistant,' go out to that baccala's house on Forest Ave. and take this TV set."

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The Last Sunrise

This, being the magnanimous end of Volume V of the publishing history of the Notre Dame Observer, we wish to bring to light all those associate with this, the final issue, an end product of many man-hours of blood, sweat, and tears.

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See Y'all Next Year!
Uncle Bass
gets the Dread!

"I can't wait! I'm famished!" exclaimed Rodan, eagerly flinking hunks of his People's sandwich into his mouth.

It was the seventeenth anniversary of H. L. Mencken's death, and all the old Observer Features Crew was gathered in the anteroom of Cosmo's to mark the bitter event. Rodan the Observer Features Creature was sitting to the left of me, mausoleum and passive but capable of moving his considerable bulk into rapid action at any time. To the right of me sat Paul Welte, the Observer Features Poet. He was softly playing a flute he had made. I had hoped that if he had played the flute well enough the master might himself have spoken to him but he didn't.

Ed Ellis was sitting across from me. He didn't particularly like Mencken, but he savored the Baitball Boogie Gin smuggled in from the 1920's, as, indeed, did we all.

The day was so bright that we cast a pallid papillon over the entire anteroom. The room was dark, but not dramatically dark; the dingy and smudged walls and carbon-tables bespoke if not dramatically dark; the dingy and smudged solemnity of somnabulance or the permanence of wretchedness.

"I think that we ought to get, for culture a little bit more profound. I'm a polemicist, I'm a man of base in political reality," I suggested. "Do we have men in each hall?"

Rodan cleared his esophagus.

"What's the matter, Bass?" asked Ed, and Paul Welte was taken aback utterly. I have to assert superiority in the face of your own depravity.

Rodan seriously.

"In the next election, and more power," I answered, but Paul Welte, recognizing the cosmic worthlessness of the human soul—myself, said, "I'm going to say something really great, say something for the ages, but just then they wheeled it.

Rodan said. "What a waste of time. And the speech smacked of sickening self-pity. I was forced to speculate that it came as a result of his self-pity, he couldn't believe it. Not after all this time!

I turned my head toward the general direction of the noise, looked away, looked back again. I couldn't believe it! Not after all this time!" Paul Welte continued to play his flute. Ed Ellis nodded a desultory nod. I was taken aback utterly. I have to assert superiority in the face of your own depravity.

"Now that Bass has got the dread! The existential moment. A little poetry. I suggested to Paul, since I felt that poetry might be appropriate in such an existential moment.

He thought for a minute and sang out:

"Old Bass has got the dread,
He'll wish that he were dead,
It's been so long since he's been wrong,
And now he's got the dread. Too, too much!

The last two notes came over the flute which he had laid down earlier but took up now. He looked up brightly, but when the rest of us didn't smile, he began to diminish his personality.

"I had considered the same problem—the total worthlessness of the human soul—myself," said Rodan seriously. "In fact, I had composed my own Polemic Against Man (PAM) in honor of Mencken. I was going to read it during the ceremonies later, but since it doesn't appear that they shall start for a while, I shall treat you all to a premature rendition.

"How long is this?" I asked.

"Just a couple of paragraphs." Proceed.

Rodan's Polemic Against Man Rodan cleared his esophagus. "Polemic Against Man, by Rodan, the Observer Features Creature," he began.

"The subspecies Homo Sapiens has a short but arrogant history, and it is to the amusement of the rest of the natural cosmos that you continue to assert superiority in the face of your own depravity. You are, for example, the only subspecies to rise in the world's history only to be faced with an overwhelming burden of mankind. More germane, you are the only subspecies unaware of how to deal with such an overwhelming burden.

"The subspecies Homo Sapiens is, without a doubt the weakest the world ever produced. Its members killed only when they were sure of their own safety, and it did so without compassion. The suicidal valor that marks every other species in the Animal Kingdom is entirely absent in the race of man, and we every day see the result: war, famine, pestilence, overpopulation, misery, depravity. Since the first day of his life a man demonstrates selfishness beyond compare. He learns to modify that selfishness only when it is connected with punishment and pain."

"What would you posit as a solution to man's depravity?" I asked.

"I would suggest we eat them all," Rodan said. We all digested this for awhile; then we, as if by unanimous consent, all turned to Bass Rumore.

"My Polemic Against Man," he began softly, "would be a less powerful thing."

Bass Rumore's Polemic Against Man He stood up, I remembered: he always liked to make a speech. Those vague white eyes grew fixed, and then they startled out of the cavernous black head like beams. He grew strong and good, and he took on a vigor and a dignity and a depth that he never had in real life. He was out in a dingy anteroom, but somewhere in Tennessee, doing battle against Scopes and Darrow and all the infidels.

"When the Lord Jesus Christ," he said, "said "do unto others, He laid down a law of love to go with it. He said to his followers: 'Brothers, you have lived a life of sin, but if you live like me and die like me, you shall be free. And to live like me and die like me, you must share you land and your people and your soul, and help your brothers on the side of the road.'"

"Brothers, our brothers are on the side of the road now! They are suffering and they are dying and they are crying, they are in."

"Pathos, pathos, fears, and tears," Paul Welte suggested.

"Dread, the torrent of self. When a man hates what he is, we must love what he is. But we stand with our hands in our pockets, and hurt, and hurt, and see the exterior ugliness without ever touching the indefinable inner beauty that must be there. Twas ever thus, and his voice lowered dramatically, and surprisingly, broke, 'Twill ever thus.'"

There was a moment of silence before Ed Ellis said, "That was a less powerful thing."

I was forced to agree. All that pandering for the sympathy of the rabble seemed to me to be an utter waste of time. And the speech smacked of sickening self-pity. I was forced to speculate that it came as a result of his self-pity, he couldn't believe it. Not after all this time!" Paul Welte continued to play his flute. Ed Ellis nodded a desultory nod. I was taken aback utterly. I have to assert superiority in the face of your own depravity.

"What are you going to do now?" Paul asked Bass.

"I'm going to have a lobotomy," he said with a voice both proud and shy. He indeed brought his hand up to his head in a protective gesture.

Well, I thought, Paul had the right of me sat Paul Welte, the Observer Features Creature was sitting to the left of me.

"No thanks. His voice was hushed yet querulous, and it trembled as perceptibly as his hand did.

"No Gin. No more self-pity. I have to admit we all were. It had been a cold day in Gehenna since last Bass Rumore refused a glass of Gin.

"Well, I was quiet, then, suddenly, he sat down. Almost as suddenly, he jumped up and asked, "Is it all right if I sit down?"

"Yes, of course," Paul Welte said with some abstract wonderment. Turning to me, he said, "I wanted to show you how you did in your last outing at the polls."

It had been almost a week, but people were still asking me about it. "I just so badly that I made the

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THE BITTER END

Friday, May 7, 1971

T.C. Treanor
John Barkett

Reflections of a Student Body President

The Student Government Office on the third floor of the Student Center was not my idea of a spring vacation site but that one March 12 night found me working in the Student Body President's office for the first time. It was a Friday—one of the many weekend nights I have spent in LaFortune and I was looking forward to the weekend only because I was excited at the prospects of learning more about my new job. After reading through dozens of files, I began to appreciate the vastness of the operation: to appoint 20 Cabinet members each with specific projects to perform, to have ultimate responsibility for $82,000 in student money, to be the person looked to as the "voice" of the student opinion on every issue imaginable, to help 20 hall presidents help 5,000 people, to increase attention to the off campus student, to expedite what turned out to be the cool unification, and on and on. My mind just wandered with topic after topic and the stark reality of what lay ahead staggered me that weekend.

The long term spring break at Notre Dame did little to bolster my spirits, though I find my confidence back after a couple of days. It was incredibly dull here—the squirrels never owned the campus more than they did those 11 days. It was fortunate though since I had a number of make-up assignments to begin. I also organized my plans for the month of April and established the procedure for Cabinet appointments. As much as everyone hated it I rejoiced at the return of the sun tanned students who visited my home state (Florida) and the neighboring islands.

That joy lasted for a few days. Telling someone he has been rejected for such and such a position is a hard thing to do. Not only does it cause hurt feelings, but also some interpret it as a personal affront to their talents no matter how delicately and sincerely things are handled. In any event, the April 1 inauguration date was fast approaching and I had a Cabinet to appoint, so I moved ahead. I am very pleased with the results of the first 30 days will demonstrate.

April 1st is 'April Fool's day, but I ignore the symbolism in the tradition. Beef Slovak did not really take over the Student Government office as the Daily Rag led some to believe; on the contrary, my entry into office was a very low-key affair. First, I had two weeks to get the hang of things before the spring break here, the inauguration was imminent.

The last 30 days were not however. Our "kick-ass" executive coordinator, Bob Wanninger voided the Cabinet into a fine working unit and Orlando Rodriguez's experience and enthusiasm added Bob's efforts. We kept slipping remodels into everyone's mail bags about getting staffs, putting work on platform plants, keeping everyone informed as to what was going on, and other things as my mind clicked away. It must have worked just by the record they've compiled so far.

The Academic Commission pushed for course description brochures in the Arts and Language Departments and met with great success. Just recently it announced the distribution of a questionnaire on the academic aspect of Notre Dame. The Ombudsman has deal with imminent dining cockroaches in LaFortune, summer jobs, an academic grievance committee, and many others in the over 100 cabinet that office has handled thus far. The Hall Life Commission has already seized the Interhall Newsletters, initiated the Hall Fellows "recruitment" and organized a Freshman Orientation meeting, surpassing any yet in my three years at Notre Dame. The Off Campus commission not only mailed the first off campus information brochure in a long time but has progressed on a program to raise housing standards and help research a legal aid service which should be announced soon.

Research and Development was the reason the basketball courts behind the bookstore were repaired; moreover, they are involved in other projects, in investigation of maintenance costs, stumped the Student Manual, compiling voter registration information and other things. Human Affairs is examining the crash phone proposal and improved counseling services. Community Relations through the Hall Presidents is coordinating the St. Vincent De Paul clothing drive after helping to prepare a program for the Regional Village Student Council meeting in Niles, Michigan recently.

The Judicial Coordinator has been busy with cases and interpretations and hall boards and appeals boards and many other matters. The Treasurer continues to make improvements in our fiscal control. The Student Union Director has already organized and re-organized one of the most functional bodies at Notre Dame. Our public relations man writes press release after press release. The newly formed Co-Ed Commission will also serve as the student representative when the difficult unification plans are drawn up.

Orlando and I have been quite active those 30 days also. We jointly presented a motion in the Student Life Council to reduce the membership and though it failed, the Council has seen fit to order a re-evaluation of its structure, our major issue. I co-authored the Hall Life Report passed by the SLC last week and was instrumental in presenting the proposal to appoint a Security Advisory Committee, accepted by the officers of the University, a couple of weeks ago. Meeting with all the security force, sitting at the Main Gate for three hours one Friday night, finding movie projectors and a bar-bq grill, speaking before the Alumni Senate, and playing basketball for the Pranksters, I have been speaking at the Hall President's Training Conference, getting dunked in the Ano Total dunking booth, and others have occupied my April schedule. Orlando has been just as busy with election committee, the Charity Ball fund, the Clarkeadale teaching project, and others.

One still unresolved dilemma I have faced these past few weeks has been that of war. Just how far do I as Student Body President go in asserting my personal beliefs without representing the student body? Do national problems share equal attention with local issues? The "voice" I spoke of before is a burden of responsibility considering many interpret everything I say as the words of 6,000 students. That's why it's important I not lose touch with you and you not with me and I ask that you constantly remind me of this.

There has been a couple of other disturbing features to my first month in office. The recent SLC elections elected a number of untrue statements and accusations which caused me more disappointment than anything else. People never seem to stop playing politics, I'm afraid, when there are so many important issues to be concerned with. This is not Washington, D.C. It is Notre Dame and all of us have a long way to go if we truly desire to improve life here. I just ask we do it honestly and sincerely and reasonably.

Another disturbing thing is communication. If the Observer ever prints an incorrect statement or if an editorial may not clearly state a position, students begin forming opinions one way or another, about one or what one does. The power of the press is indeed strong so I hope it continues its efforts to fairly portray the happenings at Notre Dame.

After a taste of the office, I am still convinced our priorities are hall life, academic reform, the minority students, and co-education. They are four comple projects, but I feel confident that we can make great progress in all four areas. Co-education especially will require our energy as we are such a problem. Our other problems other schools have encountered. Working with Kathy Barlow and Miss Underman, moreover, should make co-education a much more enjoyable and effort.

Parting thoughts? Well, I would do it over again if I had the chance. I also want to thank everyone again for the help I've received these last nine months in Morrissey Hall, in the Hall President's Council, in the campaign, and in the last 30 days. And lastly, I hope all of us find in 1971-72 the peace of mind and heart we so eagerly pray for in our life journey.

Happy summer.
Quiet Year

The year rolls out in considerable quiet, a liquid progression of days and nights, signifying nothing, meaning nothing. Nationally the last days were bitter ones for anti-war protestors. In Washington, they were badly outmaneuvered, as they had been badly outmaneuvered all year. As the academic year closed, Nixon had never looked better. Or stronger.

It is a strange and intriguing contrast from last year. Last year closed with a massive and powerful strike. It closed with rhetoric — hard, inflammatory, bitter and more than once emotional. And it closed with four dead in Kent, Ohio, and five dead in Jackson, Mississippi.

This year, the quiet and the passivity seemed to indicate that students were ready to cut their losses - and their aspirations. At Notre Dame the contrast was no more evident than in the choice of student body presidents. Last year, Dave Krashna, the dramacist, Dave Krashna, the idealist, Dave Krashna, the man who pledged himself to "change the social condition here at Notre Dame" - last year Dave Krashna won the most crushing electoral victory ever recorded at Notre Dame. This year the student body president is a man named John Barkett - a man noted for his calmness, his cerebral deliberateness, his collectiveness under fire.

Two assemblies serve well as a general guideline to the mind of students on this campus. The first was held last year in Stepan Center during the heart of the Cambodian crisis. A packed house narrowly voted to support the most militant of three proposals - to strike for a week against our Cambodian incursion. This year, SBP Krashna revived-or attempted to revive-the General Assembly of Students. But for two of its scheduled three meetings, the sessions were cancelled for lack of a quorum. In the only meeting executed, the sole radical proposal - a proposal to have separate black housing on the University campus - lost overwhelmingly.

Something has happened to the student body.

It would be sophistic to say that it has been scared by what happened at Kent State and Jackson. Courageous men marched in last year's demonstration, and courageous men would not be discouraged by the inevitable accident of death. Nor would it be complete to blame the change on the recession. In a moratorium mass last year, seven men publicly and up to a hundred men privately, risked their well-being by destroying their draft cards. It is difficult to imagine those same people thwarted by the possibility of unemployment.

But where the the brave words, now? Where are the bold promises, now?

Something has happened to the student body, and as the most important moves in Notre Dame's history since its inception reveal themselves before us, that student body reacts - not with a bang- not with a whimper - but with a yawn. And the yawn is the most deadening of blunders.

What will happen next year is hazy, and what we should do about it is even more hazy. Only one thing is certain. We will have to wake up. We will have to vote more than six per cent off-campus in the next Student Life Council election. More than twenty-five per cent will have to vote in the towers. We will have to speak, and speak loudly, and perhaps even demonstrate. For next year is the year in which we will begin to co-educate, and begin to determine what we will be after we co-educate.

We have seldom had two more clearcut paths open to us - nationally and locally - than we have now. Now, we have before of us the choices of potency and impotence. And in this, its last editorial, the Observer endorses potency.
Like my costume?
You like it?
You don't like it!
I know what I am by what I see in your faces.
You are my mirrors.
But unlike a metallic reflection,
you will not hold my image for very long.
Your capacity for attention is very short.
Therefore,
I must try to provoke you.
Provok your attention.
Change my part over and over again.
I am rehearsing at the moment.
For tomorrow,
I will go out amongst you.
"The Black Lady in Mourning."
I will weep,
I will wail,
and I will mourn.
But my cries will not be heard.
No one will wipe away my bitter tears.
My black anguish will fall upon deaf ears.
I will mourn a passing!
Yes.
The passing and the ending of a people dying.
Of a people dying into that new life.
A people whose identity could only be measured
by the struggle,
the degradation they suffered.
Or allowed themselves to suffer perhaps.
I will mourn the ending of those years.
I will mourn the death of a people dying.
Of a people dying into that new life.

From epilogue to No Place to be Somebody by Charles Gordone. Photos from The Family of Man by Edward Steichen and Violence by Carolyn Sugg and Will Faller.
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**Friday, May 7, 1971**

**bill eiler**

**the ghost of washington hall**

Mix the company of Jim E. Brogan, a late hour, several ghost tales, and the atmosphere of a dimly lit room and you come up with quite a bit of unusual events. It was the night of the annual Hotline Telethon held on April 21 that we exchanged solemn vows to find (or be found by) the famous ghost of Washington Hall.

Jim E. Brogan is a psychologist, teacher, and author of several books on the supernatural. He is also the founder of the Hotline, a crisis telephone service where trained volunteers provide support to callers in need.

The story begins in 1963 at Washington Hall, a freshman dormitory at the University of Northern Indiana. Jim and a friend, Steve Price, were intrigued by the idea of contacting the ghost of Washington Hall through a seance.

They attempted to catch a glimpse of the ghost by placing a camera on a balcony in complete darkness and sitting in various locations. Their efforts were met with apprehensive looks in each other's eyes. Their attempts were not successful, but their interest in the supernatural world was sparked.

This interest led Jim to promise his friend, Manasa, that this was the final attempt at capturing the supernatural. Jim was determined to prove that there was no such thing as ghosts.

However, the story takes a turn when Jim decided to take the camera with him. They attempted to contact the ghost once more, but this time they did not see anything.

During this time, the Hotline was established as a way to provide support to those in need. Jim and his volunteers worked tirelessly to help people in crisis, and their efforts were recognized by the community.

Jim continued to explore the supernatural, and his work with the Hotline continued to evolve. He worked to bring awareness to mental health issues and the importance of prevention.

In conclusion, Jim's experiences with the ghost of Washington Hall and his work with the Hotline have had a significant impact on the field of psychology and mental health. He continues to inspire others to explore the unknown and to work towards a better understanding of the human experience.

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**just one hundred yards away**

During the 1960s, the world's attention was brought to the world's greatest civil rights movement, the 'psychological castration' of the American negro. By 1965, this movement had reached its peak, and the black man's struggle for equality was at its height. However, the negro's struggle was not without its challenges. The demands for change were met with resistance, and the movement faced a number of obstacles.

During this time, the POWs' struggle was also gaining momentum. The POWs were being held in various camps throughout the Vietnam War, and their plight was not being overlooked. The POWs were not only fighting for their freedom, but also for the recognition of their sacrifice.

The POWs' struggle for recognition was not an easy one. The government was slow to respond, and the POWs were not given the attention they deserved. However, the movement for recognition continued, and the POWs were eventually recognized for their sacrifice.

In conclusion, the 1960s and 1970s were a time of great change and struggle. The movement for civil rights and the struggle for POW recognition were just two of the many battles fought during this time. These movements continue to inspire us today, and their legacy lives on.
Hunt to succeed Dome's Stavins plans cutback in copy volume

Deme Editor-in-Chief Fred Stavins announced yesterday afternoon the appointment of Bob Photograph Editor Jim Hunt as his successor.

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WASHINGTON, May 5 (UPI) — At a cost of $70,000, The White House's back lawn is being transformed into a fairground to help President Nixon salute American farmers this summer.

The project includes construction of an observation tower, a driving range, a 600-foot roller coaster, and a "futuristic" planetarium.

"The President dreams big," said a member of the planning committee. "He wants to do everything he can to show his appreciation for the hard work of our farmers and ranchers."
Netmen win two
By E.J. Kinkopf
Observer Sports Writer
The Notre Dame racquetpeople added two abbreviated victories to their extended win streak Wednesday afternoon.
The Irish netters defeated the Volparazzos 54-1 in a rain shortened outdoor contest.
Then they moved indoors and disposed of Northwestern 8-0, while upping their record to 21-0.
The Irish "B" team was victorious again, against Valpo, and Bernadi Leilage, the regular number four man, Greg Murray, Tony Early, Dickie Murray and Greg Reid responded with single victories.
Coach Fallon said the doubles matches may be rescheduled for next week due to the schedule being squeezed into the busy Irish schedule.
The starters then breezed right past the Northwestern Wildcats.
Buster Brown, Mike Reilly, John Allare, Leilage, Brandon Walsh and Rob Schetter all recorded wins.
The doubles combinations of Leilage-Allare and Allare-Early followed with victories.
Number four doubles was cut short, with Walsh-Murray and the Northwestern combo each earning a game victory.
The netters still have five dual matches remaining with Notre Dame, plus the central Collegiates June 7th to 11th.
Now, all the MDA charities should prosper also in the near future. The racquetpeople will honk the horn back to the Irish.
Since this is the last publication of the Observer, I asked Coach Fallon to evaluate the team's performance up to this point.
He said he was really delighted with the team's performance this year.
"We have no outstanding racquet people, but we have good depth. This is evidenced by the fact that we can play our "B" team and still win 8 out of 10. Like Wednesday with Valpo and with Marquette a couple weeks ago."
"Tiger" Trom was most pleased with the overall team effort. He stressed the dedication they had in not missing indoors, even during the dinner hours.
"John Allare had the best individual record, but it was still more a team effort this year. And I guess the highlight of the season for me would be in beating Indiana twice."
At this time Indiana is the Big Ten leader with a 6-6 conference in the stats.
With such a great spring behind them, I asked Coach Fallon to evaluate the chances of the Irish in the NCAA's.
"Well, we're not national power. We had an unappalled great start to this year's campaign, and if one of our matches was rained out, we should achieve that goal. And to end up in the top twenty would be great."
He also felt the journey would be the strongest years and maybe the strongest ever.
"The West Coast dominance has been challenged, UCLA must still be considered odds, but that's the reality of Texas, Miami and Georgia should prove to be more than equal to the Irish."
And then, of course there's Notre Dame.
Buster Brown, Leilage, Allare, Walsh, Schetter and Murray. And a guy named Terry.

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Where all the long and lone daylight,
Thou wovest dreams of joy and fear.

——Percy Shelley