SMC girls invade ND athletic scene

by ANTHONY AROWD

and GEORGE LUND

SMC girls have invaded the sacred athletic facilities at N.D. Most people like the idea and the University plans many expansion of co-ed facilities.

"We are not legally unified and we are functionally unified. We try wherever possible to coordinate facilities," said N. D. Physical Education Chairman Dr. Thomas Fallon.

The Rockne Building is available to SMC girls at any time after P.E. classes end. The Rock has locker and shower facilities for up to 50 girls.

At the ACC only the skating rink is open to SMC girls during normal public skating hours. John F. Plouff, Managing director of the ACC said that the building had no women's locker room as yet.

Plouff said, "We will be prepared 1972 to take care of SMC students." Separate showers, exercise room and tennis courts are planned.

GOOD REACTION

"We are quite pleased with the reaction so far," Dr. Fallon said.

Swimming is the most popular among the girls. But ladies have also been seen playing racquetball, and expressing gymnastics equipment.

Dr. Fallon added that not too many girls use the Rockne gymnasium. "There could be a confrontation over use of the basketball court, especially when the weather gets cold, but the guys wanted the girls in so they should be able to work it out," he said.

CO-ED PHYS ED

Presently there is no co-ed Phys. Ed. for the SMC girls. Dr. Fallon said, "I don't know what the future holds but our program is easily adaptable."

Dr. Fallon added that there would be no problem if girls are required to take phys. ed. Presently has an elective program for freshmen. The final decision on co-ed phys. ed. would rest with the administration.

Both Plouff and Fallon stated that their facilities could easily absorb girls.

"This might make phys. ed. more attractive to the girls," said Dr. Fallon. He pointed out that this year was somewhat experimental and so far no unexpected problems have arisen.

ROCKNE ATTENDANCE UP

Attendance is up at the Rockne this year despite the pleasant fall weather. Dr. Fallon doesn't know if girls are a factor but the average attendance over at 3:00 is over 300 people. Over 2,000 people have used the Rockne on afternoons between Sept. 15 and Oct. 10.

The University converted the old boxing room in the Rockne Building to a girl's locker room. The shower facilities formerly belonged to the golf dressing room. The locker room is carpeted and has several hair dryers. "No matron has been needed yet," said Dr. Fallon. He also explained that

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Girls fencing team to be barred from ACC

by Jerry Latkus

ND fencing coach Michael DeCicco revealed last night that the girls fencing club he organized has been barred from the Athletic and Convocation Center by the Administration and the Convo management.

DeCicco was confronted by ACC manager John Plouff last Tuesday (October 19) and told that his girls, who were practicing at the time, would have to leave. According to DeCicco, Plouff "read the riot act to us."

Plouff, when contacted by the Observer, said that the university policy allows no girls anywhere in the ACC other than on the skating rink. "We are operating on the basis that we're going to handle these girls in September of 1972 when they become Notre Dame students," Plouff said.

DeCicco contacted University Executive Vice-President Reverend Edmund Joyce after the eviction, but Joyce only echoed Plouff's statement, according to DeCicco. "He was very negative," the fencing coach said.

Plouff agreed to allow the girls use of the facilities for the rest of the year, so today will be their last day in the ACC. As of Monday girls will have no place to practice.

DeCicco insists that he will not let the team fold. "I refuse to just pull the plug. We'll practice in the streets if we have to."

From the looks of things they may just have to. Plouff said that he really doesn't know where there are other fencing facilities on campus. He said that past fencing teams have practiced at the Rock and the fieldhouse. Joyce "supposed" that there are facilities on the St. Mary's campus.

Despite the current situation, the fencing mentor expressed some hope. "I'll find some place. There's bound to be a room or a basement over at St. Mary's that we can use."

DeCicco wasn't able to understand why girls could use the facilities. According to the fencing coach, it was "senseless" to practice someplace else when such "handsome" facilities existed in the ACC.

The girls took up no locker space in the convos. They changed and showered at St. Mary's. DeCicco expressed great disappointment over the whole affair. "It's easy to forget something after you've started it."

He noted that "maybe there are internal politics about here", concerning the incorporating of girls into the Notre Dame program.

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Trustees’ answer to SLC forthcoming

by Ann-Theresa Darrin

A reply to the Student Life Council’s (SLC) letter by the Board of Trustees will be released within twenty-four to forty-eight hours, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, university president, claimed last night.

“We presented it to the Board of Trustees over the weekend,” the administrator acknowledged in a speech at Zahn Hall. “After a lengthy five and a half hour discussion, the Board asked me to write the reply to Mr. Eagan (chairman of the SLC).”

Two weeks ago the SLC passed the Committee report by a 16-1 vote minus its preamble and an article on judicial boards. Mr. William Eagan, forwarded the recommendations to the President’s Office.

After the session, Fr. Hesburgh denied that any administrator had leaked information on the results of the Trustees’ meeting to the alarm station.

“I gave my secretary orders,” Fr. Hesburgh, recoummended, “not to release the information to anyone until Mr. Eagan’s secretary has verified that he has received it.”

Then Jean Horry of press information has been instructed to release copies to the OBSErver, the SCHOLASTIC and WSND.

He added that Rev. James T. Buritchael taped his weekly WSND show Wednesday evening on what information he could release.

Fr. Hesburgh said he told Fr. Buritchael not to release any of it yet, a request he assumes was followed.

Hesburgh did not elaborate on his answer to the SLC statement. Speaking on coeducation, the administrative head emphasized, “We’re going to have coeducation here one way or another.”

“I hope it’s with St. Mary’s” he added.

Citing the 125-year history of interaction between the neighboring schools, Fr. Hesburgh stressed several times Notre Dame’s indebtedness to the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

“For the first 100 years, we were really poor,” he related. “Over 100 must lived behind the administration building. They did all of the cooking, nursing, laundry, and housekeeping. They kept this place going. We really owe them a lot.”

Questioned on the recent financial roadblocks to the unification of Notre Dame with St. Mary’s, Fr. Hesburgh noted, “We are right in the middle of negotiations. We had two meetings last week and probably will have many more in the next couple of weeks.”

He forecasted a settlement on the finances of coeducation, including agreement with the Sisters of the Holy Cross on annual rent for the SMC buildings by Notre Dame.

Most of the discussion centered on Fr. Hesburgh’s letter to the students Oct. 1, approving the sanctions which the Board of Trustees wishes to impose.

Although the university president would not admit that he wanted a “tuning down of the whole parietals mess,” he seemed exasperated by the persistent questioning.

“It is impossible to have a rational discussion about it,” he said. “I send a simple letter and the person who writes editorials goes haywire.”

Hesburgh did not designate whether he was referring to OBSERVER or SCHOLASTIC editorials.

“The parietals things is a peanut question compared to other things such as how we’re going to integrate 2500 girls into a male campus. It complicates and distracts you from the main things,” he insisted.

“Last year there was an enormous effort to treat people like adults and they acted like children,” he said. “He substantiated this charge by citing $60,000 of destruction and vandalism, 2.5 student deaths from ‘overdrinking’, and ‘several kids whose lives are still fouled up by drugs... a student knifing in which the student judicial court slapped the assailant on the wrist and gave him a $40 fine... It was a pretty bad year.”

Questioned on the effect of the wage-price freeze on the university, Fr. Hesburgh replied it ‘murdered’ the faculty whose raises should have become effective in September after the Aug. 16 deadline.

“We put all of the ‘raise’ money in a special fund and are currently petitioning the government to let us give it out retroactive to last September,” he explained.

Commenting on the Nixon appointment to the Supreme Court, Fr. Hesburgh, also chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, stated, “I’m afraid the Supreme Court is going to get a lot more strict. My guess is that the Court will take a more structured approach. They will become strict constructionists instead of the idealistic leadership needed.”

He termed the Nixon administration “minimalistic” in general on social legislation.

SMC students are using ND facilities

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Jean Gorman is a lonely figure playing basketball at the Rockne Memorial. Girls may use any of the Rocke's facilities.

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WASHINGTON—In an uncharacteristically angry statement, the White House expressed shock and dismay at the herding, handclapping and dancing of some United Nations delegates after the vote to admit Mainland China and expel Taiwan Monday night. Such behavior could very seriously impair support for the United Nations in the country and in the Congress, a spokesman said.

**Around the Campus**

The Notre Dame Democrats met this week to mark the beginning of their activity for this year. The club is to serve as a clearing-house for ideas and for action, among the activities of the club shall be the invitation of speakers who are prominent in the Democratic Party, including all the candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination. It will work with the Democratic Party in South Bend in an attempt to make that party more responsive to the needs of the community, particularly students, the unemployed, and blacks. Although the club-shall begin its main activities shortly after the Indiana primary this year, new members are welcome, as the club is seeking to establish a basis for its activities later in the year. Those interested in joining the club may contact the president, Dennis Plouff, at telephone number 8800, or Bill Phillips, the vice-president, at 8807.

**No girls allowed on fencing team**

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Several girls approached DeCicco last September and asked him to help form the team, he said. He and several members of the varsity squad offered to coach the girls. DeCicco then proceeded with the plan.

About 3500 were invested in shamsacks to be sold before last weekend's football game, but so few volunteers showed up that DeCicco is trying to get fifty more girls to help out on this weekend. The United Fund will take a big loss. Those who can help should report to the hallway next to the Art Center. Those who would like to help should report to the hallway between 10:30 and 12:30 on Saturday morning.

All they are asking for is two hours of your time, so you don't have to miss the game.

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Let the Girls Fence

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Their crime?—being of the female sex.

Once the news broke that girls were being allowed to swim in the Rock's pool it appeared that Notre Dame no longer considered being an athletically minded SMC girl taboo.

The girl's fencing team found out otherwise.

While the Rock has decided to recognize equality of the sexes, the ACC is still stubbornly holding out. The girls on the fencing team didn't use the lockerroom, they didn't demand use of shower facilities, and they used the practice room when no one else needed it, but they were still thrown out.

Plouff explained that SMC girls can't use the Convo until they officially become ND student next year. Apparently whoever runs the Rock thinks otherwise. As of last night there was no indication that the manager of the Rock was going to be fired for running counter to official University Policy.

The girl's fencing team is having its last practice session in the Convo tonight. After that they will be scavenging around for a place to fence. Fr. Joyce said he thinks there should be space available over at St. Mary's to practice.

Well maybe there is and maybe there isn't. That's not the question though. Girls can swim at the Rock but they can't use an unoccupied room over at the Convocation Center.

There's no good reason to keep the girls out of the Convo. Several hundred St. Mary's girls descending on the Convo might mess things up a bit, but 12 girls waving a bunch of sabers and foils around aren't going to bother anyone.

Of course, we won't consummate this marriage until 1974 or '75, but...
Mary Gail Peterson

What's a Nice Girl Like Me...

Sometime between the time of the Gobbits and the time of the Planets, there was the time of the Merger—and there was I! Then I never thought about us being ethnocentric but now as I look at it, I suppose we were. Oh, but you asked about me at the time.

Well, I was a young woman, newly graduated from Notre Dame with a Master's in Counseling, going with a Notre Dame and eager to stay in South Bend. Behold! I was offered a job as a counselor at St. Joseph's High School and after some consideration, I took it. And lo! I remembered hearing in August about SMC needing someone to live in the dorm as a dorm counselor. I wondered... I thought 'would not be bad, in fact, 'would be good for both me and SMC if I would work for them. So to the office of Dr. Cannon I went. About as dynamic as her name, she interviewed me and I was hired.

I remembered thinking that since I had been an RA in the dorm as a Senior at my own Alma Mater and had worked as a staff member in the dorm after graduation, I would be an old hand and an asset. I did not think of everyone not knowing me as they had, of being introduced with a label: "counselor" after my name, or being a professional when I was me since there seemed to them to be a difference.

I suppose I shall always remember those days as the days of the questions: Who are you? What's your name? And then there would be a silence until it registered or else discussion would ensue. And then inevitably there would be the startled expression, the gaping mouth and the...

"Oh, you're a real live counselor!" At that point, I would wiggle my toes (for them) and pinch myself (for me) and draw out my credentials.

I must say, though, I was well received. They would say they were glad they were getting good service and that it (lit) was a good idea. "Course after the honeymoon was over, the novelty worn off, and the shine of my credentials dulled through overuse, I began to wonder what people thought of counselors. Six heads? Green hair? Social activities: discussion of serious problems? Inhuman? Just about the time I was checking in the mirror, I was asked to a party or had a good visit with some students.

Then there was always the advantage of my youth. At St. Joe's, a teacher asked me what homecoming I was in so that gives you an idea of how many people asked me if I was a Freshman at SMC. Not having gone to SMC, I too needed to know where the laundry room was, what time the shuttle left, and where Madeleva Hall was.

Yes, I know, I started out with the year of the Merger. Well, you see, counseling means integration among other things to me. And when I think of merger and integration, I think of glue. And glue, literally or figuratively, helps put people and things together. I never did have a pot of glue, then or now, but I figured so long as I was put together, I could help others get themselves together.

So I reside in LeMans Hall at night as Resident Hall Counselor— in the year of the Merger.

Yesterday and Today. Room 225. Phone 4494.

ByKen McCandless

Views of an RA....

Needed: Guest Pumpkins....

To be loaned for creation of the Sincerest Pumpkins
Patch—Urchins' Mass, Keenan. Especially needed:
one Super-Pumpkin to serve as King of the Fruits. 1971.
Mail Rape Exposed

Editor:
On Friday, a Walsh resident complained about poor delivery of on-campus mail. Our sincere apologies to this individual who has obviously experienced too infrequent abberation in the service.

A possible solution of this problem of raped mail would be for the student body to place eight cent stamp on his envelope and send it the conventional way. However, I am confident that for no cost, the on-campus mail system does provide an efficient service for the student body. There is a considerable volume of mail each day and I am knowledgeable of the fact that Bob Spear, Jack Andrzejak, Tom Thompson, Alicia Purrell, Allison Kittrel, Joanne Martime, and Jean Astans deliver their mail every day. The problem arises when students do not collect and deliver the sorted mail with the eight cent stamp on his envelope delivered because they felt the mailmen decided to hoard the mail.

However, this is not true. The mailmen are not paid each day for the mail. We get no money from the University for the work we do. We do it because we like it. We get no pay in exchange for the mailmen in exchange for the work we do. We do it because we like it.

The mailman's justification is that the services

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slow commission doesn't pay them to deliver the OC mail, which by the way arrives at their door sorted by room number. Last year, the Society for Democratic Action paid our hall mailman $10 a semester to collect the mail. As a result, the mail was rarely delivered because they felt the pay wasn't enough.

Society for Democratic Action, Services Commission members deliver the sorted mail with the U.S. mail. However, Services still need to pay the hall mailmen. We get no money from Student Government and the only way we get paid for our services is by sponsoring movies and trips to compensate for these expenditures.

If there are any more complaints about OC mail I would appreciate them being directed towards myself or the Ombudsman. Then we can contact the mailmen and try to find a solution.

Thanks.
Jim Sobol
Services Commissioner.
P.S. From what the Ombudsman has received no complaints.

The Letter Explained

Editor:
I can heartily restrain myself from finding out who wrote that idiotic editorial, "Allison Kittrel, Joanne Mortimer, U.S. mailmen decide to hoard the mail," and ignore the rest of the issue. I can barely restrain myself to not yell at the mailmen and try to find a solution.

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If you desire Fr. Hesburgh to say, "Go, do what you want, break the laws, and hurt a lot of people doing it," I'll interpret you as an idiotic editorialist. If you desire Fr. Hesburgh to say, "We should define our own sin to create a crowd by appealing to the most immediate faults and then giving them a sense of moral superiority over other people" I'll interpret you as an idiotic editorialist.

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As the host of a program which reaches thousands of listeners, Mr. Devine should have been more than ready to explain questions to the promoters themselves about the intended purpose of the rally while addressing the audience. We who planned the rally had no intention of victimizing the speaker in question, nor did we in any way. The speaker was invited both because he has become an institution at this campus and because he had never before been asked to address the student body at a function of this sort. We felt that he was as much a part of Notre Dame as any of the students or faculty. And that he thinking any man who has a respectful moral code would offer his approval of licentious, gluttony, and promiscuity.

Second you're a fool for thinking as a human being, and supposedly as one striving for the optimum use of his talents (through proper education) that you need promiscuity and immi-

ery! I amfed up with these "kids" at Notre Dame who want to drink and have sex with public approval. If they were real "men" and "women," they'd do it instead of just talking about it, and forget the consequences of getting "caught." Of course in the last analysis, these "men" and "women" are just "kids" anyway. So this is it! Listen all ye revelers and

Hesburgh and collaring him or her to throw them off the Golden Dome. The person who has the in-

tellectual gift to make such logically inept and ridiculous analyses of Fr. Hesburgh's letter, is in-

tentionally trying to rally the students against this school, or missed the point of Father's entire. Hope the latter is true.

It seems that when he read Fr. Hesburgh's letter he looked at the words instead of the ideas, in in-

terest, and ignored the theme contained in the conclusion entirely. Perhaps I can offer my bid to elucidate Fr. Hesburgh's letter without having a frustrated writer, but to join the revolutionary bandwagon, tear it down unmercifully and unintel-

ligent.

The question of particulars and parrying are trivial and private matter, but in particular here and now at St. Mary's-Notre Dame University (reigning a new phrase, excuse me).

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by Vie Dorr, ’71

The LaFortune Student Center on a Wednesday night--in a far cry from Notre Dame Stadium on a Saturday afternoon. But last night, even as he settled himself into one of LaFortune’s hot floor couches, Greg Marx had no trouble making the mental transition. Marx, at 6’5, 230 lbs, mans the tackle slot on the right side of the Irish defense. In a week that might--in a quiet, nervous manner--talk about the Southern Cal game, and about its bearing on the rest of the ND season.

“If people think we were mean before,” he said, “if they think we were vicious before, they haven’t seen anything yet. We’re going to make everyone left on the schedule pay for what happened Saturday. We just wish this could get another chance at Southern Cal but we know we can’t, so we’re going to take it out on everybody we play.

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Faculty members in accord over the impotence of the UN

by Maria Gallagher

Faculty members from the history and government departments showed sharp division over the final decision to admit Red China to the United Nations, although they generally agreed that the organization's reputation for indecisiveness would render the admission insignificant.

History department chairman, Dr. Bernard Norling, said that the move's "appearance is worse than the reality." He contended that disgruntled congressmen and conservatives, would propose to limit U.S. funds for the U.N. and might possibly call for U.S. withdrawal from the world organization, but that these are of the admission of Red China in "no significant concession."

However, he considers the exclusion of Formosa "a bad decision."

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He contended that Red China's admission could have been accomplished with "more force" if a two-China system had been approved. He said that the action "marks a new age in our relations with Asia" and that we should consider our position now or the changes he seems imminent in the world scene. Black foresaw no immediate changes in our policy toward Nationalist China, but refused to project any long-range results.