Merger negotiations to resume

SMC to pay ND $150,000

The executive committee of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees agreed on Tuesday to resume negotiations with St. Mary's College on the subject of the unification of the two schools. The action followed a similar move by the St. Mary's trustees who met on December 18 and 19.

Four representatives from St. Mary's and its Board of Trustees including Mother Olivette Whalen and Sr. Alma Peter also attended the Tuesday meeting.

compensation pay

According to the official statement, "a cordial and extended discussion of unification of the two institutions took place." "It was agreed that negotiating teams representing the two schools would work as soon as possible after February 1, " the statement concluded.

The re-opening of negotiations followed an agreement by SMC to pay $150,000 as compensation for an increased teaching load on the Notre Dame faculty. During the fall semester, St. Mary's student credit hours at Notre Dame were 4,000 hours at SMC by 2,315 hours, according to University releases.

Le Mans Hall during the merger break-up protests: the decision has been reconsidered.

This trend of disparity continued after the tabulation of preregistration. The disparity had increased to more than double. As of preregistration, SMC students would be paying 5,906 more hours at ND than ND students would be paying at St. Mary's.

University Provost James Burtchaell pointed out in a statement accompanying registration figures that "This turn of events meant that in the spring semester alone the net instructional burden at St. Mary's College would be lightened by about one-fifth, with the work being assumed by the Notre Dame faculty." "Were the two schools to be charging one another according to their published fees per student credit hour, St. Mary's would incur a net debit of more than $1 million," the Provost continued.

Sr. alma rebutts

Sister Alma contested Burtchaell's statement, "In spite of the fact that he and Fr. Hesburgh had indicated publicly and in print that there would be no exchange of money the second semester, he stated that "events" have forced them to reconsider, however, whether this continues to be a reasonable policy."

Alma claimed that Notre Dame of­ fered SMC two alternatives—disenrollment of St. Mary's students from ND classes until the exchange ratio was equal to a lump-sum payment by SMC for credit hour difference. "Tuesday's executive committee meeting was attended by Sr. Verda Clare, SMC Trustee; Charles Lindower, comptroller and Charles Engle, SMC Trustee, in addition to Sr. Alma and Mother Whalen. "There was an openness and frank exchange of views and we are encouraged that this may lead to re­ opening of productive unification negotiations," Mother Whalen commented.

Notre Dame Trustees at the SMC meeting were Frs. Hesburgh, Burt­ chaell and Joyce, Edmund A. Stephan, chairman and Dr. Thomas Carney.

Sister Alma resigns effective this August

by Ann Therese Darin
Observer Associate Editor

Sr. Alma Peter confirmed yesterday an Observer report that she has resigned as acting president effective August 1972. She tendered her resignation at the December 18 meeting of the Board of Trustees. In acknowledging the report, Sr. Alma indicated that she did not know what plans the Trustees would be in obtaining her replacement.

"With the reinstatement of the unification of St. Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame, there may be no need for a St. Mary's president," she commented.

Sr. Alma based her prediction on one of the December 18 resolutions passed by the Board of Trustees. The resolution says that if negotiations toward unification do not materialize, then the chairman of the Board is authorized to initiate steps toward choosing a president.

In announcing her decision, Sr. Alma, who has served as acting president since June, 1970, reasoned, "Ordinarily, when an acting president is named by an institution, it is for a period of six months or a year. I realize that there are not ordinary times at St. Mary's, but I have now been acting president for a year and a half and will have completed two years by this summer. "I feel it is best for St. Mary's College to have a new head for next year. I shall always be vitally interested in St. Mary's and I will do everything possible to continue the personal com­ mitment that I have for unification," she concluded.

The Board has asked Mother Olivette to immediately start contacting persons recommended by last year's Presidential Search Committee before plans for reunification. Sr. Alma declined to elaborate on her future plans after she leaves the presidency. The acting president did intimate, however, that she would remain within the St. Mary's Notre Dame com­ munity.

Concerning yesterday's an­ nouncement to reopen negotiations with Notre Dame, Sr. Alma opined, "I personally am very optimistic. She hoped most of the paperwork for unification could be completed by April 30. Implementation of the projects would start immediately afterward, she forecasted, and continue over a three to five year period.

Sr. Alma's SMC college career began in 1950 as a chemistry instructor. As an administrator, she has held offices as dean of admissions and dean of freshmen (1951), academic dean (1966), assistant to the president (1969), and acting president (1970).
Link named associate dean

Prevost Rev. James T. Burtchell has announced the appointment of Prof. David T. Link as associate dean of the Law School effective January 15.

In this newly created position Link will work with Dr. Robert Gordon, vice president for advancement studies, in the administration of sponsored programs in the Law School.

Link received his undergraduate and Juris Doctor degrees from Notre Dame, the latter in 1961, was appointed by the late President John F. Holy Cross for staying when things get—$&?-. He was later to become the Quinto Sol Publications. Professor Alvarez is also a contributing editor for El Grito, a journal of Contemporary Mexican-American thought.

Mrs. Gonzalez became the first Chicana to be elected to political office in Michigan when she won a position of councilwoman in the municipality of Norton Shores. She was recently named Community Leader of America by the National Biographical Institute.

The Executive Director also said that the Raza Student Caucus will be convened at this meeting to discuss such topics as greater recruitment of Raza in Midwest schools. Gil Cardenas, a doctoral candidate in Sociology at the University of Notre Dame will chair the caucus. Cardenas was one of the organizers of MECHA at the University.

Ricardo Parra, Chairman of the Raza Student Caucus

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Opposes expansion

SBA fights law school plan

by Jerry Lukas
Observer News Editor

The Student Bar Association last night protested the decision to expand the law school building facilities. SBA president Tim Hartzer, President of the SBA, voiced the Board's "strong opposition" saying "by expanding the facilities we're committing the law school to a status that it will likely retain for the future.

Hartzer said he felt that the issue could very well be a "tempest in a teapot." We've been arguing this for about a year now and they've gone ahead with the plan. Maybe it's too late," he continued. "They've all but gone ahead and dug the hole.

Hartzer and Mike Bradley, President of the second year class, contended that the move commits the law school to an "unprogressive philosophy." Government short before Christmas because of a "conflict of philosophy" between herself and SBP Kathy Barlow.

Miss Underman's letter is on page 12

"When we ran or office together last year, I thought this would be good, because we would balance each other's personalities. For this to work, we both had to work together and keep lines of communication open. This was not done.

"Too many people," said Miss Underman, "I would be confounding both Kathy's philosophy and her methods. I resigned so that I would no longer have any part of that student government.

Miss Underman said that other students in student government agreed with her, and that several times they had tried to talk to Miss Barlow.

Students have been very worried about the present law building addition. Dean Shaffer has been very concerned that the simple addition to the building was "continuing the mold" and that they felt that to break the mold, the law school must either build a new plant or transfer to another building.

Hartzer said that the reopening of the merger negotiations brought them more hope. We will continue to pursue the possibility of using a building already on campus. In particular, Hartzer welcomed the possible use of Madaleva Hall as a good facility for the law school.

There is widespread discontent with the decision, according to the SBA president. "It pervades all levels of the law school. There exists controversy at every level of the school." Hartzer claimed that there are many faculty members equally dissatisfied with the move.

"There is no strong sense of personal conflict or vindictiveness here. It's just that many people are confused and uninformed.

Dean Shaffer has been very available, according to Hartzer, but there has been a lack of "troublesome student concern in terms of numbers.

The Student Bar Association (Continued on page 4)

THE OBJECT OF THE DEBATE: The Dean of the Notre Dame Law School, Thomas Shaffer, announced today a $1.6 million addition to the present law building. The Student Bar Association has come out in opposition to the move.

Shaffer announces law school addition

by Jim Roe

Dean Thomas Shaffer of the Notre Dame Law School announced today a $1.6 million addition to and general modernization of the present Law Building.

The project, Schaffer said, will be up for bids in April and construction will commence in June with scheduled completion before August of 1973. The addition, which will be connected to the East of the Law School, will approximately double the usable space in the Law Building, according to Schaffer. This new space will be used primarily for library expansion.

Included in the renovations are additional study areas and seminar rooms for a student lounge. The entire Law Building will be air-conditioned and the classrooms will be remodeled to allow multiple use.

Along with the new addition the law school will reduce enrollment from its current 500 to about 350.

According to Dean Shaffer these moves, coupled with the increase in application, will allow the Law School to choose from the top prospects. Dean Shaffer considered the renovations a "definite move" to place the Law School on the same level as other highly ranked schools.

Pledges will cover most of the costs. $258,000 of the estimated cost will be paid from a federal construction grant Dean O'Mara secured in 1967. The federal grant was due to expire in June of 1972, but the building project failed to materialize. The deadline, Shaffer said, was due to the acute lack of library space to house the projected growth of the new building this summer. The architecture of the new addition will conform, "as much as possible," with the present Law Building, Shaffer claimed.
Blantz Steps Down

by M. Baum
Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame, has announced the resignation of Rev. Thomas E. Blantz, C.S.C. from the post of Vice President for Student Affairs. Fr. Blantz resigned after two years in the position. He ex­
pected to return to his activities, especially teaching, would suffer if he continued in the vice-presidential office for two years. He ex­
plained that he felt his other duties, especially teaching, would suffer if he continued in the position to return to his activities, especially teaching.

Fr. Blantz, holder of a masters degree from the post of assistant professor of history and University Archivist, received a leave of absence from Notre Dame, and a doctorate from Columbia, received a leave of absence from his academic past and was ap­
pointed to the Vice-Presidential office for two years. He ex­
plained that he felt his other duties, especially teaching, would suffer if he continued in the post much longer. Citing the ever-increasing new researches in his field, Fr. Blantz said, “I’m afraid that if I stayed away too long I might find it too difficult to go back to history. Two years seemed a very suitable period.”

Fr. Blantz also contended that a considerable amount of work was necessary to maintain and direct the University archives, remarking, “We have one of the best Catholic archives, the officers of the organization, the board of trustees, should not be vacant.” He said that on the whole he preferred teaching to the administrative work, adding, “This has been a satisfactory position, but my whole background, training, has been in history, so it’s not sur­
prising that I would prefer teaching to the Vice Presidency.”

Considering his past two years in the Student Affairs office, Fr. Blantz said he found the work “interesting, especially the contacts with students, and very satisfying. As to whether or not the two years have been fruitful, I’ll let somebody else judge.”

Fr. Blantz’s successor in Student Affairs and in the attend­
tant position on the Board of Trustees will be chosen by a search committee headed by Rev. James J. McGrath, C. S.C., associate professor of biology. The committee also includes BBF John Burke, Rev. David B. Burrell, C.S.C., chair­
cman of the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Philip J. Fae­
cenda, vice president and general counsel to the University; James W. Frey, vice president for development and public relations; Dr. Thomas L. Shaffer, dean of the Law School, and Joanne Swartz, chairman of the Ladies of Notre Dame faculty-student committee.

Rev. Thomas Blantz, C.S.C., resigns after two years as University vice-president for Student Affairs. Blantz will return to teaching student law chiefs oppose renovations

(Continued from page 3)
will circulate copies of their statement at the law meeting today in Washington Hall. Hartzer hopes that they will be given the chance to read it before the Assembly.

The statement contends the decision for the addition was made without the following considerations:

1) the likelihood of intolerable noise disruption during the school year;
2) the possibility of the total cost exceeding $6 million;
3) the short term adequacy of a 150,000 volume library;
4) the relatively small saving of a $500,000 grant by proceeding immediately, as compared to the long term impact on the law school;
5) the effect of a reduction in student body size on tuition costs;
6) the effect of the proposal on faculty recruitment;
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The Association plans further consideration of the proposal or faculty recruitment.

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Editor:
I was very disappointed to see in the Dec. 6 issue of The Observer a practical advertisement on p. 7 soliciting funds for a group known as The Buffalo. This group is accused of conspiracy, theft of government property and burglary in a draft records raid in Buffalo, New York. When asked to plead guilty or not guilty, they replied with the following statement:

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Well, Amen! I’m surprised “room and apple pie” aren’t on the list of things they are for! Do you suppose they really feel they are unique in being for these simple, fundamental human joys? Do you suppose they really feel that belief in these ideas constitute a genuine reason for destruction of property? Do you suppose they really feel that “the state” and its evil, villainous leaders are utterly against such joys of life and best on “perpetuating such social evils as war and poverty and prison”? Is this merely propaganda or actual self-deception?

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Editor:
To the administrations and trustees of St. Mary’s (formerly Notre Dame West) and Notre Dame (formerly St. Mary’s East), I wish to say thank you. You see, many of us are quite angry with you. Some of us are even organizing against you. St. Mary’s students are threatening to strike against you. So I say again thank you.

Thank you, for now I recognize St. Mary’s students as being more than that nebulous group of females riding the shuttle bus or participating in the nightly fashion show at the library.

Thank you, for I am beginning to realize that there might just be a few more young ladies (excuse the chauvinism) like Miss Barlow at St. Mary’s trying to obtain what is rightfully theirs.

Once more I say thank you. Thank you, for you have given us a cause under which to unite. You have established an atmosphere nearly as electric as that which existed on this campus in May 1970.

You have miraculously shaken us from our dozy dreams. God knows you must have spent many wee hours of the morning scheming to emerge with a cause which could pierce through our numbed bodies and into our hearts. Starving humans in Pakistan could not move us, Vietnam could no longer move us, surely parietals could not move us. Only you have somehow awakened us. And now that you have provided the spark, possibly the flame will spread onward to the more important battles which need to be won.

And so, a final thank you. Thank you for saying, “Thank you, Park Mayhew, but no thank you,” but no thank you. Stephen Hutchinson 619 South Bend Ave.

Editor:
We the undersigned, as part of the Notre Dame-S. Mary’s group in Rome, wish to express our deepest regret and extreme disappointment over the recent decision to postpone the merger between Notre Dame and St. Mary’s.

A majority of the girls here are seriously considering transferring from St. Mary’s because of this decision. Almost everyone has already written letters of protest to various people, including Sr. Mary Alma, the Board of Trustees and our parents or will be doing so in the very near future.

After reading clippings from The Observer and other newspapers, we strongly support the actions recommended and taken by Kathy Barlow and the student body—we only wish we could be there to help.

This letter was signed by 30 women in the SMC Rome program.

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Letters to the Editor

The Observer

Thank you for saying, “Thank you, Park Mayhew, but no thank you,” but no thank you.
Trustee Neil McCluskey, perhaps the college's most articulate spokesman, recently blamed not only Notre Dame intransigence but St. Mary's and honor defended; all of St. Mary's proud defiance has been washed away over contrast to the showy anger of December's rhetoric.

Sources paint a far more gaudy picture.

McCluskey finds it still necessary to warn his own board dependent St. Mary's. "unreasonableness." serving obfuscating polemics. We hope it will be the former; we believe it will change either a mass of important and useful suggestions or a welter of

It is the latter, that won't mean the project doomed. But the specific statement was "unreasonableness!" Father McCluskey's statement regretfully stopped at that point. Other, unofficial, but highly reliable sources paint it a far more gaudy picture.

According to those sources, the Sisters of the Holy Cross find the following conditions necessary for the good order of God and man at Notre Dame:

--- That the St. Mary's campus maintain a constant ratio of one male to three females - indefinitely.
--- That for the next five years, none but senior girls live on the Notre Dame campus.
--- That at least one member of the Sisters of the Holy Cross be forever a Vice President of the University.

We had hoped that they had learned. We had hoped that the student strikes, the transfers and threatened transfers, the vision of ten bleak future years before a sorry and quiet demise, had taught the administrators and Trustees the most basic fact of this merger's fledgling life; There can be no future for an independent St. Mary's.

But they haven't, if our sources can be believed. They haven't. If Father McCluskey finds it still necessary to warn his own board against "unreasonableness." We'll find out in February, when the Trustees will exchange either a mass of important and useful suggestions or a welter of self-serving obfuscating polemiecs. We hope it will be the former; we believe it will be the latter. But it won't mean the project is doomed. Raspering, reluctant, slowly, and terribly deliberately, this merger is slouching towards Bethlehem to be born.
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Dacca, Pakistan. (Jan. 19)—Earthquakes rocked the city and the fields are plowed with rice. Agile villagers can again be seen in the fields, pushing the curved-hoed ground along, their legs wrapped around the trunks, as the ground, which is nearly always muddy, is plowed. A potently liquor-seller. Little girls go to school once more, their scrubbed faces free of tear.

Another earthquake of tiny shocks that had circled endlessly in the Bangladesh peninsula left some 2,000 bodies of the thousands killed by the Pakistan Army are seen only infrequently now, for they are Silence was the morbid hallmark giving the poor, numbering about one million in the region, a feeling of helplessness. And the flocks of vultures that feed on the bodies of the victims are seen only catatonically into the distance. Merchants' association has been established to help aid the hardships. Over the weekend, several schools were closed.

Students face disciplinary action

By Don Ruane

Two students have been suspended, and six others are awaiting action, according to the Dean of Students. A result of a Dec. 4 riot and fight on the New York campus, the student body had pulled hair pulled from his head.

According to Fr. James L. Rielle, dean of students, the eight students involved are being held over for action in Keenan Hall, where they had damaged several apartments. They stopped near the campus when they vandalized several meals.

The Indian government, however, has eliminated the state's drinking laws from the bill. Hayes expects provisions for 18-year-old drinking to be reinstated in the near future.

The suspended students will have to follow regular application procedures for readmission to the University next fall. Approval must be granted by both the dean of students and their academic advisor. The students will have to be in good standing by the time they are readmitted.

The other six students are awaiting disciplinary action. One of the students, Riehle said, had been drinking, but not heavily, according to the dean. Without specific figures, Fr. Rielle said, "several offenders" were suspended, others were placed on disciplinary probation, and the remainder given a warning due to the circumstances.

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WASHINGTON - Retail stores with annual sales of less than $100,000, leased single-family, luxury apartments and apartments in small buildings were exempted from economic controls by the cost of living Council. The government said the exempted businesses 75 percent of the retail stores and more than 40 percent of the apartments in the nation - would be kept in line by competing with their larger, controlled competitors.

WASHINGTON - The House approved and sent to President Nixon a bill imposing the first spending limits on Presidential campaigns. The legislation, aimed at holding down the cost of running for office and neutralizing the advantages of the wealthy, is expected to be signed by the President.

WASHINGTON - William D. Ruckelshaus, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, announced that General Motors had asked for a year's postponement of the emissions standards for 105 model cars and that he was rejecting the request pending receipt of proofs that G.M. cannot meet the deadlines.

NEW YORK - Attorneys for R. H. Hughes said they could produce witnesses to prove that a purported autobiography of the billionaire was a "hoax." They asked a New York Supreme Court Justice to hear the matter, saying the facts of the case were "so novel and shocking that the Court can no longer be the bastion of the 18th century approach to legal issues."
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ND icers post big holiday wins

Paul Regan scored his debut against Boston College but it was the Eagles that looked rusty. Led by D'Arcy Keating, who netted three, Boston College took a 4-3 lead after the opening period but the Irish continued to dominate and Regan scored in the second period and 5-3 after the second.

ECAC Holiday Tourney

Notre Dame led 2-1 after the first period and 5-3 after the second.

ECAC Holiday Tourney

Dec. 21 - The Irish became the first Western club to win the ECAC Holiday contest by posting a thrilling 4-2 victory over St. Lawrence. Dick Tomasoni turned in an outstanding performance in the net and Regan scored two goals to lead coach "Lefty" Smith's sextet to the title. Tomasoni made 22 saves, a number of them sensational, as the Irish and Larries battled through a scoreless first period. St. Lawrence took a 1-0 lead with a power play goal early in the second period but Camp- bell kept the scoreless tie intact for the Irish midway through the stanza.

Regan and Pat Conroy gave the Irish a 2-1 advantage in the final period, but the Larries finally started to play hockey in the second period. Notre Dame took the lead with a power play goal early but the Larries came up after their fine Tigers, however, and forced the Irish to the post big holiday wins goal. Notre Dame won the overtime goal that gave the Irish the edge over Michigan Tech. "Notre Dame outshot us, beat us to the puck, physically beat us and made their own breaks," said Tech coach Dick Bertrand commented. The Irish outshot the Lakers 43-39, but almost let the victory slip away, losing the overtime lead in the third period. Bumbacco had his first Western club to win the ECAC Holiday event by posting a pair of thrilling 4-2 victories over Boston College and dropping a pair at Minnesota Gophers. The Notre Dame hockey team will take a 9-9 record, 5-7 in the ECAC, into the new year. The Irish were split with Colorado Springs, Wayne Herb scored 2 of the extra period sudden-death goal to give the Tigers the victory. Colorado won 2-1 and 3-2 leads and Paul Regan gave the Irish a 5-1 lead in the third period. Bumbacco had his first Western club to win the ECAC Holiday event by posting a pair of thrilling 4-2 victories over Boston College and dropping a pair at Minnesota Gophers.

Bumbacco gave the Irish an early lead but Tech tied the score before the first period ended. The Huskies built a 3-1 lead after the second period but the Irish continued to skate for Notre Dame, scoring in each period, and Williams, Keating, John Campbell and DeLorenzi all contributed goals to the Irish cause.

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The Irish Eye

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Duquesne, with a 1-10 record and Marquette and UCLA, both currently uninvited in 12 games, are due to appear in Notre Dame's backcourt. But "Digger" Phelps and his club aren't about to throw in the towel. Phelps lost just three of 28 games at Fordham last season and the frequent defeats his Irish suffer must bother him like a punch in the solar plexus. But he won't give up on his kids.

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