Neuhaus offers reflections on conspiracy

by Mike Baum

The Rev. Richard Neuhaus suggested yesterday that there was "no definite Christian ethic" for a radical or otherwise political position. The opinion was offered during Mr. Neuhaus' lecture "Theological Reflections on Conspiracy," presented as part of the Non-Violence Program's Conference on Conspiracy and Dissent.

Neuhaus criticized, before an audience of some 150 students and faculty, the rise of what he characterized as the "Theology of series (Theology of Ecology, Theology of Revolution, etc.), capitalizing on "in" movements and trying to make religion "feel" real.

"We have to avoid the cumulative need to feel relevant with our respective religions. To be relevant is not the goal of theology. I would think," he stated.

Neuhaus attacked the use of theology to provide a "veener of religion" to prior political convictions. "Many of us," he said, "who talk of politics and sociology in terms of our religions have lost credibility."

Neuhaus said that he felt that the tendency to use theology to provide a "clout" for political beliefs had led to "a very dangerous kind of bifurcation that we have now in the church."

He went on to say, however, that "I firmly believe that the scriptures remain the most radical reality...giving birth to the most provocative dreams, of any piece of literature in the world," and, "Christians are peculiarly vulnerable, or ought to be, to the charge of conspiracy."

"Quoting St. Paul, "What we do, we do openly," Neuhaus went on to explain. "We are anything but competitors, as Christians, we shout out and proclaim the nature of the hope within us. Yet, we have been, and some ought to be, as conspicuous provocateurs."

He explained that he felt Christians are "Firefighters" and "pilgrims in the world who defy reality in terms of the coming kingdom of God. This other-worldliness, a satisfaction true Christian a foreigner to all governments and revolutionary groups alike, according to Neuhaus."

He added, "The Premise of the community we are part of, the Church, is foreign to every social reality short of the kingdom of God."

This detachment from the world, Neuhaus feels, does not preclude the Christian's commitment to a political position, but rather makes it impossible for the Christian to view my position as his final goal. He himself is the pastor of the Lutheran Church of St. John the Evangelist, in Brooklyn, on the board of directors of SANE, and an organizer and co-chairman of Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam along with Fr. Daniel Berrigan and Rabbi Abraham Heschel.

"Every politician," he concluded, "who has been met with the Viet-Namede delegation in Paris and engaged in a fact-finding tour leading to the establishment of U.S. support groups for resisters after the war.""In a question and answer session after the talk, led by Stanley Hauerwas and John Howard Yoder of the Theology Program's Conference on Conspiracy and Dissent.

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Replying to the latest eight-point United States Peace Plan, the Vietnamese Government insisted Thursday at the Parise Peace Talks that the United States must set a date for total military withdrawal and await the present Saigon government before there can be a Vietnam Settlement. The reaction fell short of a categorical rejection of the American Plan, which was being formally presented at the talks.

Tokyo - Japan and the Soviet Union, in a communiqué issued at the end of a week-long visit to Tokyo by Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, said they would begin negotiations "within this year" toward a peace treaty formally ending the technical state of war between them since World War II.

Washington- Maurice F. Stans resigned as Secretary of Commerce, and President Nixon nominated Peter G. Peterson, the White House Assistant for International Economic Affairs, as his successor. Stans was expected to move into a top job in Nixon's election campaign.

Zurich - The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been asked by Swiss Law-Enforcement Officials to investigate Clifford Irving, the novelist, and his wife in connection with a possible $500,000 fraud, Swiss sources said. The Swiss Police were even said to have provided a list of questions for the Irving's to answer.

New York- Meeting in executive session, The City Council Committee on General Welfare voted 7 to 5 with one abstention to kill a controversial bill to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals in jobs, housing and public accommodations.

**World Briefs**


*Thompson: Will speak on the Draft*

**Thompson to speak**

Richard Thompson, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters will speak in Farley Chapel Tuesday February 1 at 8 pm on "The Draft, Lottery and You."

Dean Thompson is a member of the South Bend Draft Board and will deal with questions related to the new Selective Service Act. His will be of special interest to freshmen who face induction because of the elimination of student deferments and the Lottery for those born in 1953.

This talk is first in the "Pop Farley" series of lectures to be sponsored by the Farley Hall Academic Commission, dealing specifically with the problems of the student and the University. Future talks will include guest speakers Dr. George Williams, Dr. John Haulk, Dr. Edward Geurster, Dr. Willis Nutting, and Dr. William Storey.

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**Campus Happenings**

**string along w/ feldman quartet**

Notre Dame, Ind. - The Feldman String Quartet will be presented in concert at 8 p.m. Sunday, January 30, in O'Laughlin Auditorium of Saint Mary's College. Co-sponsors of the program are the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's music departments and the Performing Arts Series.

Their Saint Mary's concert will include: "String Quartet in G Major" by Franz Joseph Haydn; "String Quartet No. 2 in A Major" by Dimitri Shostakovich; and the "Piano Quartet" by Robert Schumann.

Morebello will perform the Shumann selections, written in 1842.

**spirit's not only in michigan**

Ode Recording Artists, "SPIRIT!", will appear in concert Saturday, January 29, at 11 p.m. at the Morris Civic Auditorium in South Bend.

"SPIRIT!", whose latest recording is The Twelve Dreams of Dr. Sardonicus, is currently winding up their Midwest tour with their last stop in Detroit's Grosse Hall.

Appearing on the same bill will be two new groups, "Dragon" from Denver and "Hard Luck" out of Chicago. Tickets will be available at Pandora's Books, Sky King, and at the door.

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The Student Center Management will sponsor a pool tournament beginning February 1 and continuing until March 1st. Sign-ups should be made in the pool room in the basement of La Fortune before the start of the tournament.

No fee for the tournament will be charged, but players will be required to pay for their own playing time. A fifty-ball elimination will be featured with trophies going to the top three finalists.

**display of activities monday**

Next Monday, January 31, The Notre Dame Student Government will hold Activities Night, this semester, termed Involvement '72. Its purpose will be to recruit new members for campus activities and to show students from both the Notre Dame and St. Mary's campuses the activities going on for this semester. Involvement '72 will be held between 7:30 and 8:30 on the library concourse. Any groups desiring more information and details concerning display tables for their organization can call 1404.

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The Mardi Gras construction crews worked again last night, leading up to the wheeling and dealing of the Notre Dame Mardi Gras carnival. Late last night Monday, Mardi Gras Chairman George Stepic announced the official calendar of events for the carnival. The carnival opens on Friday, February 4th, with the kick-off party and it reaches its grand finale with a concert on Sunday night February 13th. Featured at the kick-off party will be the Red Garter band from Chicago. The party, will be held at the South Bend Armory from 9:00 until 1 and the cost will be five dollars per couple.

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Nixon tells Congress controls will be continued indefinitely

by Edwin L. Dale Jr.

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"How long that will take," the President said, "no one can say."

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N.Vietnamese eye 8-point peace plan at Paris sessions

by Bernard Gwertzman

Washington, Jan. 27-Secretary of State William P. Rogers today blasted Hanoi's public denunciations, he was "somewhat encouraged" by the absence of a North Vietnamese rejection of the Paris talks.

Offering an optimistic assessment of the give and take at the Paris sessions, Rogers said that not only had the enemy not rejected the eight-point plan, made public by Nixon on Sunday night, but "they have been asking a few questions about what we mean."

Rogers said that he had just spoken by phone with ambassador William Porter, the head of the American delegation to the Paris talks, who gave him a briefing on today's session in which he outlined Nixon's peace plan. The plan had first been offered privately to the North Vietnamese by Henry A. Kissinger, the President's National Security Affairs adviser, in October.

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Messing announces SMC moratorium on faculty tenure

The St. Mary’s administration had delayed indefinitely any tenuring of Saint Mary’s faculty due to the “uncertainty of the future” of Saint Mary’s College, according to a letter the administration sent to SMC faculty members.

Contents of the letter were made public Tuesday by Assistant Professor Paul Messbarger.

According to Messbarger, SMC called the tenure and promotion "moratorium" because St. Mary’s will have few students and consequently fewer faculty members if the merger between them and Notre Dame does not go through.

Messbarger speculated that if the merger were to come about the Notre Dame administration might not accept the tenure status of St. Mary’s faculty members.

In a previous agreement between ND and SMC all tenure earned prior to May would have been honored by Notre Dame, Messbarger noted. However due to the merger the recent request was denied.

NWPC meets to discuss role in city elections

by Susan Prendergast

The National Women's Political Caucus will hold its first South Bend meeting on Tuesday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Public Library Auditorium.

According to NWPC worker Iris DiGrazia, the organization’s main objectives are to “Help women run for political office” and to educate women to realize that this field is open to them.” The NWPC also hopes to “pressure politicians already in office to concentrate on women-oriented areas, such as day care centers, abortion legislation, discrimination in hiring and wages, Ms. DiGrazia asserted.

Ms. DiGrazia McMichaels, a former WSBT newscaster now working for the national organization in Washington, initiated the local chapter last year.

Ms. DiGrazia contended that the city’s local plans will include placing “more women on Mayor Miller’s administration and working on abortion in the state.”

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Nixon gains in Florida race

by James Reston
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Sarasota, Fla.—President Nixon's account of his secret talks to the North Vietnamese last night decided in Indochina has clearly helped him in the crucial November presidential primary election campaign, and embarrassed the leading Democratic candidates for the presidency.

Nixon's remarks are extremely complicated, but what stands out in the shorthand of stump campaigning is that he offered to withdraw all his troops if he got a Vietnam agreement by the end of the year—a war released—and that this was rejected by Hanoi and the National Liberation Front.

Accordingly, Minkus, Humphrey, McGovern, and Lindsay, when they point to the critical conditions which were basic to the President's peace terms, find themselves caught in a tangle of complex and ambiguous qualifications, and even in danger of being at risk of being sympa­thetic to the enemy.

Ironically, it is not the press here but the families of the American prisoners of war who have made the war issue a personal concern and made clear that Nixon is de­cisively not the release of the P.O.W.'s, but the neutralization of all of Indochina, the end of the communist domination by foreign troops (are the South Vietnamese Communists "foreign" in South Vietnam?), a cease-fire and an election process which is virtually certain to restore the Thieu government to power in Saigon.

For example, Mrs. Gerald A. Gartley of Dunedin, Fla., whose son Gartley, was shot down over Vietnam, Lao, and Cambodia, and accepted a cease-fire just at the time when the enemy is mounting an offensive and U.S. and ground troops are withdrawing.

It is clear that Washington is not going to abandon Saigon under what appears to be a Saigon's surrender, and that Hanoi and the N.L.F. are not going to order a cease-fire and abandon military positions they have won in the last 10 years at the cost of millions of lives.

So the stalemate continues.

Nixon has clearly made con­cessions for peace—which deserve a better hearing than Hanoi and the N.L.F. have given them. The President is finally clear on the major political and military issues in dispute, but his position is not the one he has not even considered—fresh withdrawal of all U.S. troops, an agreement to go to Saigon, the neutralization of all of Indochina, and for democracy in a country where the word has little meaning. Notably, in Florida, his com­plicated peace terms will be a good political issue at least until the primary voting on March 15th, but thereafter, when his military and political terms are finally analyzed and widely understood, the President may find that he is no more than an insincere proposal to the enemy.

Nixon, by impressing public opinion in this country by his persistent effort to negotiate a secret agreement, he has un­doubtedly gained support for stepping up the bombing against the enemy's forthcoming military offensive.

Thus the outlook is not for less fighting but for a more savage battle during the coming dry season, and while Nixon has undoubtedly gained politically in the short run, he has now com­mitted himself to a course of action and a set of unacceptable peace terms which have revived the Vietnam issue in the presidential election campaign, which still has over nine months to go.

During the long and sharp debate that lies ahead, the President, if he sticks to his present peace terms and war aims, will be asking the American people to continue fighting, not only for the release of the American prisoners of war—which nobody opposes—but for the neutralization of all of Indochina, and for democracy in a country where the word has little meaning.

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The Best Man

This coming June the exalted post of Vice-President for Student Affairs will fall vacant. The incumbent, Rev. Thomas E. Blantz is a decent man. Blantz and good for the students. If he is returning to it. That, we feel, is a very good decision, good for Fr. Blantz and good for the students. It is patently unwise for a man to stay on in a position he no longer desires and patently unfair to the students whom he overserves.

A search committee has been formed, a search committee with a token student, Student Body President John Barkett. They will, in the next months, be scouring the nation for a man to fill the position. The possibility that the appointed one will be a Holy Cross Priest is a strong one but finding that priest will be very difficult task. It will be difficult not simply because a good administrator is needed, Notre Dame has an adequate supply of men who can riffle papers with the best of them, but because they will be looking for a man who has the rare gift of courage. They will be looking for a man who can look beyond his administrative problems and perceive the problems that haunt the lives of so many Notre Dame students and then strike out boldly and forcefully to effect solutions to them. To move boldly and forcefully doesn’t require an extraordinary amount of courage, it requires imagination, and drive and confidence. To move boldly and forcefully in the face of opposition, opposition from superiors, such as the exalted Provost of this University does require courage.

The search committee cannot make the mistake of choosing a weak man for the position. They cannot choose a man who will bow to pressure easily. They cannot choose such a man because if they do they will be cheating the students. They will be cheating the students because a weak man will tender no opposition to a priest who has never and probably will never have the interests of the students at heart—the Provost. A strong Vice President for Student Affairs may not be enough of a deterrent to the Provost’s often heavy handed tactics. He may not be able to turn the Provost’s thoughts from preoccupation with sawdust in the halls. But if he is a strong man, if he is an honest man, if he is a decent man then perhaps he will be able to prevent the Provost from reigning supreme. And that would be a very good thing.

The search committee should make every effort to find their candidate from the members of this university. They should make every effort to find a man who will not be hopelessly vexed by administrative problems, a man who knows the students of this school, a man who believes in the students of this school. Whether this man be priest or lay makes little difference—a human being’s inherent worth is not strengthened or diminished when he puts on a collar.

The Vice-President for Student Affairs is one of those jobs where it’s scope and bounds are determined largely by the man who occupies it. The search committee should make every effort to find their candidate from the members of this university. Whether this man be priest or lay makes little difference—a human being’s inherent worth is not strengthened or diminished when he puts on a collar.

Milking the Consumer

The current Ralph Nader sponsored controversy over the increase in the price support level for milk is an excellent example of how political financing influences both national economic policy.

Nader contends that the dairy industry造假 a price support increase from the Nixon administration may make larger campaign contributions to dummy Republican committees. The financial requirements of a modern campaign prevent consumers from influencing similar initiatives. The financial requirements of a modern campaign prevent consumers from influencing similar initiatives.

Farm products in general exhibit a property which economists call price inelastic. This means that over the relevant range of prices the amount of corn (or milk) sold will vary only a small amount. Because the quantity of milk produced in a given year is also roughly constant, farm owners are faced with very flexible yearly incomes if the price of their own goods varies unexpectedly during the time when they are unable to vary the supply. The policy of price supports was developed to stabilize the income of small farmers who, before World War II, constituted a bulk of the farming industry.

Now that the professional dairy farmer constitutes the overwhelming percentage of the industry, the price support system merely improves these farmers’ profits without really having any overwhelmingly humane purpose. Price supports create an artificial shortage of milk by preventing all the milk produced from being sold at actual market price. Supports once cancelled will not be restored to the market should the price rise it is in excess of the market price. Then, the government enters the market and buying all the milk which consumers have chosen not to purchase at the artificially high price. Because dairy farmers are only lining their pockets with the extra profits generated by the support price, it is clearly not in the consumers’ interest to allow this policy to continue.

If, as Nader contends, the dairy industry was able to muster an extra $225,000 for the Nixon campaign fund the current milk price must not be causing abject poverty for the tightly organized dairy farmers. Unfortunately consumers, as an organized “special interest” group wield no such financial power. This leaves only two options. Either private financing of political campaigns must discontinue or consumers must organize their own special interest groups.

The first option is the better of the two. Publicly financed campaigns free the individual candidates from the pressures of returning promises which they have made in order to secure their campaign funds. The Congress approved a plan which would have created publically financed campaigns but, predictably, the rich Republicans (read: Nixon) sent it back to wallow for a few more years while they collect some debts that are past due.

In the absence of the preferable option the importance of consumer oriented special interest groups can’t be over emphasized. The only really potent consumer groups are the Consumer’s Union and the collective Public Interest Research Groups. Nader is organizing another group, The Public Citizen, PC’s principle objective is to build for consumer’s the same kind of informal political influence that special interests like the dairy industry currently enjoy. If only 100,000 people contribute the yearly ten dollar dues, PC will have an annual lobby fund of one million dollars. Only the American Medical Association has spent more money than this lobbying in one year. Granted ped a consumer oriented group won’t eliminate the problem of special interest lobbies but as a counter-action to the faculty ploys sponsored by groups like the dairy association, PC is one of the few realistic choices.
**The Observer**

**Wretched Connection: Tragedy in one act**

**MOvie Review:**

**The Wrenched Connection**

By: Tom Bornholdt

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I first heard of "The Wrenched Connection" back in December, and it had just come out on video. The critic at the independent newspaper had been impressed with the film's novelty and originality. It was an interesting concept, and I was curious to see how it would be translated to the screen.

When I finally got a chance to watch the film, I was pleasantly surprised. The directing was excellent, and the acting was top-notch. The chemistry between the main characters was electric, and the overall pacing of the film was well-balanced.

The film's major flaw was the non-plot. Doyle must be considered a secondary character, and is in itself, worth shelling out three bucks for. The chase scene is one of the great scenes in the film, and is in itself, worth shelling out three bucks for. The movie is not going to fully appreciate the viewer's of a worthwhile experience.

The basic conflict of the story is between Doyle and the Frenchman. All other characters are secondary. Frustrated by a being of sophistication and intelligence, Doyle does not as a platform for a misanthropic script. Rather one comes away from the French Connection with a noticeable stage fright. Sister Gerald and Mother Olivieta make only cameo appearances, but nevertheless show themselves to be comfortably in front of some lost. Edmond Stepan appears at all. Fr. Hesburgh's suave reputation letters as we are disappointed by his lofty beginnings are fulfilled. However, some individuals do deserve special commendation. Doyle utilizes her dynamic role to its fullest, will certainly be heard from in the future. John Kramer, who was Doyle's best friend, was a particular favorite with the support. Nancy Christopher's ad Jibs... at the door. Thanks to Tom Bornholdt. Then this could be the one for you.

**For the first one half hour, the intelligent viewer watching The French Connection will begin to get a feel for the film and be aching to see the second half hour.**

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**Last Gasp Film Series**

The St. Mary’s Last Gasp Film Series has miraculously succeeded the last Gasp. The rapidity and mystery of campus events makes coming accurate titles for our series difficult, but it is clear that St. Mary’s is being grasped, whoever the graspers may be. We tried to organize a naming contest, and the five entries we received included Phoenix Film Series, Health-Related Cinema and SMC Get-It “Little Cat” Movies. The winner received 2 season tickets, a trip to Niles and a recording of the last true and clear answer made by the administrations and Trustees regarding merger.

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LETTERS

1. concur, but...

Editor: While I concur (although for different reasons) in your support of Mr. Shafer's suggestion for an addition to the Law School, I must take note of your rather disparaging statement regarding the quality of the student body and faculty both of which you believe must be "sharply upgraded".

We law students have learned that if we provide a valid appeal, FACTS are the all-important commodity. Any conclusion which cannot be objectively and expressly supported by concrete facts will be torn apart much to the embarrassment of the party rendering the unsubstantiated conclusion. Thus, we learn: if one can not speak with the objective knowledge that will support his conclusion, it is better not to speak at all.

All of this is by way of suggesting that your comment regarding the caliber of the Law School's constituency is entirely unfounded and unfounded and thus should not have been printed. Our conclusion I give you the following facts:

1. This year's entering class of approximately 430 students had an average LSAT score of 620 and an average G.P.A. of 3.30. Does this indicate a low quality student body?

2. Of those already accepted for the entering class in the Fall of 1972, the average LSAT score is 465 while the average G.P.A. is 3.45. Does this fact substantiate your argument for a "sharply upgraded" student body?

3. In the last seven years three (3) Notre Dame Law Graduates have been appointed clerks to the United States Supreme Court—surely this is a record to be lauded not maligned.

4. Regarding the faculty, their record speaks for itself. These are the all-valid conclusions incapable of verification.

Tony Palumbo
Second Year
Notre Dame Law School

Another Man's Opinion

Editor: Although it would be relatively easy to respond to the overall specific "contentions" of Mr. Hartter and the "idealistic" editor of the Student Bar Association concerning the "law school addition" announced today, I fear that a more general criticism is warranted.

(1) In purporting to be a "representative sample" of Notre Dame Law School, the S.R.A. should have waited until after the results of the final year of the three-year existence of the Notre Dame Law School to render a meaningful decision honestly appears to be the ONLY realistic choice taking into consideration the problems we are confronted with the universally admitted need for a "law school addition" that will prevent the further deterioration of our physical plant situation.

(2) Dean Shafer's factually substantiated and well reasoned conclusion honestly appears to be the ONLY realistic choice taking into consideration the problems we are confronted with the universally admitted need for a "law school addition" that will prevent the further deterioration of our physical plant situation.

(3) Most importantly, I take issue with the implicit presupposition of the S.B.A.'s contentions. Imputing "good faith" to all concerned, in the opinion of a few three year transients is better or more concerning than that of a highly competent and sensitive professional law faculty that has dedicated his career to Notre Dame Law School is egotistically naive!!

In the light of the importunity of Howard Cossell, I openly limit the respect of the letter: I must say "just one man's opinion."

Sincerely,
Michael C. Shafer
Third Year Law

Sr. Alma: Poor Editorial

Editor: While I have often doubted the sensitivity and sensibility of the editorial policy of the Observer, I have never been so compelled to object to as I am now to your editorial on Sr. Alma's remarks.

Your attempt to bury Sr. Alma shows many of the weaknesses that have become trademarks of Observer editorials. It is mide, in poor taste, and, immaturely written. It seeks to find a simple solution—hopelessly with a convenient villain—for the complex problem of Notre Dame and St. Mary's.

Admittedly, Sr. Alma's administration has been a difficult one and there were many problems in it that could have been averted. But that does not grant license to flauten rudeness and pernicious opinions. Perhaps if the editors were the responsibility of an editorial board, or written with the slightest attempt at fairness, this letter and others would not be needed.

Jim McDermott
402 Keenan

Definition of Quality

Editor: All of us would agree that the "quality" of the faculty and student body is of primary importance in determining the reputation and standing of an institution. We also know that the "quality" of the school is basically of a library addition and lots of cosmetic and costly alterations. Rather than the client (i.e. the Law School) telling the architect what is needed and desired, the architect has presented the client with the product.

Jim Hartter
President
Student Bar Association

Sr. Alma: Must Go

Editor: These remarks concern an editorial which appeared in "The Observer", January 21, entitled: "Goodbye, Sister Alma." The editorial may be reduced to this syllogism: Anyone who opposes the merger (or should I say sub-merger) of St. Mary's College with the University of Notre Dame, must go.

Sister Alma, Acting President of St. Mary's College, has already opposed this merger. Therefore she must go.

In the first place, the editorial is immature and it is difficult to answer immaturity with reason. It is a good example of what Ayn Rand terms an "escape for the necessity of rational perception."

Secondly, it contains a vicious attack (I would say almost an insult) leveled at Sister Alma who has stood fast in her convictions under great pressure from the University of Notre Dame and from a vociferous group of students on both sides of the highway.

Thirdly, the editorial is another excellent example of the rigidity, dogmatism and re-sentiment of liberal left which is self-righteous and omniscient.

Fourth, I believe this editorial requires a public apology, by the person who wrote it to a great, learned and experienced and knowledgeable Sister of the Holy Cross, who in a most difficult position, has refused to judge from what she sincerely believes is the right and correct course to follow according to the spirit of our Founder and the wholesome traditions of the Congregation of Holy Cross, to say nothing of the mind of the Church. (Cf. Vatican II, "Perfectae Caritatis")

Fifth, this editorial exhibits a complete lack of diplomacy and finesse and, consequently has set up a great obstacle to the merger (if this is ever to take place) of these two institutions of higher learning and, therefore, has defeated its purpose. This is a vindictive not a constructive editorial.

Sincerely yours,
Christopher J. O'Toole, C.S.C., Ph. D.

There are more letters on the following page. These are a sample of reactions to recent editorials. —ed.

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Little more than a month ago, the UCLA Bruins met Notre Dame in a nationally televised night game in Pauley Pavilion. The defending NCAA champions crushed the Irish, 114-56, and the game was little more than a display of UCLA’s devastating abilities.

At 3:40 tomorrow afternoon, Notre Dame and UCLA will again meet in a nationally televised game. The cast will be the same. But the set will be different—it will be Notre Dame’s Athletic and Convocation Center. And Irish coach Digger Phelps is hoping for more than a change in the set. He’s also hoping for a change in the script.

But before Phelps’ 39 squad can even begin to worry about the Bruins, they must face 9-3 Illinois for only one dollar, at 9:15 tonight (CST) in Chicago Stadium. "We’re looking ahead to UCLA at all,” said Phelps. "We’ve had a bye by one and right now we’re concerned with Illinois. They’re a good team, and we want to beat them.”

The Irish, who dropped a 94-60 overtime decision to the Illini last year, have good reason to respect their opponents from Champaign. Despite injury problems, the Illinois roster is dotted with impressive talent, and the Illini will try to beat the Irish by relying on that part of their game.

"They’ll want to try to beat us with their talent,” said Phelps. "They’ll probably press us, and they’ll try to get inside and beat us on the boards. We’ll just have to go out after them, and we’ll have to try to stay with our game plan.”

Most of Illinois’ scoring talent comes from the duo of 6-6 forward Nick Weatherspoon (averaging 19.1) and 6-9 center Bill Morris (16.2). Forward Nick Comor is averaging 12.3, and guards Jim Kreile and Larry Cohen are hitting at clips of 15.9 and 4.2 respectively.

But the Illinois coaches are not without their respect, either. "They (Notre Dame) do some things in their press that have bothered us this season,” admitted Illini coach Harv Schmidt. "They have been humiliated a couple of times, but they are a young team and are making progress with the press.”

The subject of humiliation will be very much on the minds of both the Irish players and the Irish fans on Saturday, when John Wooden, Bill Walton, Henry Bibby, and the rest of the UCLA squad make their appearance in the Convocation Center.

The Irish may have the incentive factor going for them in this game, but that, along with the home-floor advantage, will be about the only plusses they’ll be able to claim. UCLA is currently 14-0, and the Bruins have been busy since their December romp against Notre Dame.

They’ve won nine games since then, and were threatened in only one. The scare came against Oregon State, a team which gave the Bruins all they could handle before finally yielding, 78-72.

But that has been the only scare, and UCLA has most recently polished off Santa Clara (83-57) and Denver (108-41). John Wooden, as low-key as ever after his team’s 13th and 14th wins, was quoted as saying that: "We’re pleased with our play over the past weekend in most all respects.”

The Irish will get a brief chance to scout UCLA Friday night, for the Bruins are also tabbed to play in the Stadium. They will meet Loyola of Chicago at 7:30 (CST), in the first half of the scheduled double-header.

"We’ll have to play them the same way we did last time,” said Phelps, as he considered his team’s chances against the Bruins. "We’ll just have to score more points than we did last time, and we’ll have to try to hold them down. We’ll have to try to contain them.”

"But the thing about UCLA,” he admitted, "is that they have eight or nine great ballplayers. If one of them is off, that’s not going to help us at all—because someone else will just pick up the slack. We’re hoping we can catch them on a day when they’re all off.”

Catching all of the Bruins on an off night, though, is a tall order. The team Wooden will be displaying tomorrow afternoon is shooting 55 per cent from the field and 74 per cent from the line through their first 14 games. UCLA’s offensive leaders are 6-11 sophomore Bill Walton (averaging 20.1) and senior Henry Bibby (18.8). Keith Wilkes (13.8) and Larry Farmer (11.7) are the other Bruins scoring in double figures.

The Bruins are averaging 102.6 points a game, and have scored over 100 points on nine occasions this year. And the Uclans also have the rebounding to control the tempo of the game at both ends of the floor. Walton is good for more than 14 rebounds a game, and Wilkes and Swen Nater, a 6-11 reserve, are averaging 7.9 and 6.5 respectively.

On defense, the Bruins employ a press of their own, and they employ it with predictable results. Notre Dame’s chances against such offensive and defensive prowess are not good, but Digger Phelps is not ready to give up—not by any means.

"We’ve got to go for better shooting,” he said, "both from the field and from the line. We had a good night the other night against Marquette’s press—we only had 10 turnovers—and I hope we can keep that up, too.”

“Our kids are developing confidence in themselves. They’re beginning to believe in the system, and they’re playing well as a team. We’re improving steadily, and one of these days we’re going to upset someone.”

But, despite Digger’s confidence, the chances of an Irish upset this weekend are fairly slim. And come Saturday afternoon they’ll be slammed of all the people who think that they can win this game, and I hope they can win this game.”
Irish ready for WCHA leaders

by Jim Donaldson
Sports Editor

If you have ever wanted to stage a first-rate hockey game, you'll match a couple of high-scoring clubs, with good goaltenders, throw in a healthy rivalry and then drop the puck on the ice. It will be this weekend at the ACC when the Fighting Irish host the Wisconsin Badgers in a two-game, four-point series Friday and Saturday nights.

The Badgers, currently atop the WCHA standings with a 13-2-4 (.773) overall, boast the highest scoring team in the league with 7.5 goals per game, and the top goalie in the circuit, Jim Mukev, who has a mere 2.5 goals against average. The Irish, 7-7 in league play, 11-9 on the year, will counter with the second best scoring club in the WCHA with 5.4 goals per game, and goalie Tom Tomassen, who has a goal against average of 2.7, is capable of doing an outstanding job in the net, given adequate defensive support.

The Irish have a fine tradition in the fact that the Irish have only a win and a tie to show in their nine meetings with Wisconsin. The Badgers won the first seven games, eight of 10, some by wide margins like 12-0 and 10-1, when the Irish were still building their defense with adequate performance, but last year, Notre Dame recorded a 4-3 and three against Wisconsin in the ACC.

"You just can't look like losers from Wisconsin in past years," Irish coach "Lefty" Smith said yesterday, "Now that we're on a roll, we're looking to make them look like it.

The series is a key one for the Irish who, with 22 title points, trail the Badgers 12 points in the league standings. But, with four league meetings remaining, including Wisconsin in the next two weeks, Notre Dame still has hopes of catching the league leaders. The Irish clinched the sweep last year against Wisconsin.

The Irish climbed back into the thick of the WCHA race by sweeping an eight-point series from Colorado College last weekend in the Twin Cities. Coach Smith termed the series with the Goonies as a "valuable two points" and views the Wisconsin series in the same light.

"We know it sounds easy, but there's nothing else to say about the series other than we're pleased with the result," the coach remarked. "We're in contention for a first and maybe one of the two victories is a must."

The Badgers haven't been as successful as the Irish in the past seven years. They have top notch goaltending, strong defense, and forwards who can both score and forecheck as well as any in the WCHA.

Senior co-captain Jim Young is Wisconsin's top scoring threat. Young has a career scoring average of 1.0 and is a good game winner among his team leaders. He has a goal against average of 3.0 and has been credited with 11 assists. Centers Dean Talaous, one of the league's top defensemen, and Kevin Johnson trail Young in the Badgers' scoring race with 13 points. Talaous has scored 19 goals, and 10 assists and has 14 goals and 10 assists on 21 goals. Young, Talaous and Winchester have each scored 12 points in WCHA competition.

Co-captain Jeff Totsch and Bob Long will be other key offensive threats this weekend. Totsch has a goal against average of 3.4 and has been credited with 13 assists. Centers Dean Talaous, one of the league's top defensemen, and Kevin Johnson trail Young in the Badgers' scoring race with 13 points. Talaous has scored 19 goals, and 10 assists and has 14 goals and 10 assists on 21 goals. Young, Talaous and Winchester have each scored 12 points in WCHA competition.

Frank McLaughlin's talented freshman hockey team hosts his former coach, Mike Perkis, with the Michigan Wolverines. McLaughlin has three goals and 13 assists, and the Irish are well worth your while to tout on the net to the Convoy to see that action.

Gary Broski, averaging 20 plus points per game, can do it all on the ice. Gary is a first-rate ball handler and has a fine touch from the outside. Pete Crotty, a 6-3" New York boy is Bishop's first choice and looks better every outing. Hustling Bedford Bruno and Tom Varga round out the first five. This quintet will knock off the previously unbeaten Marquette yearlings last weekend and are now marching into form. The Irish are playing in the defense tomorrow afternoon. They're a good archival and present-day powerhouse and have done most of the goalkeeping for Wisconsin although the Badgers are expected to go with goalie Talaous, who compiled a 1.9 goals against average last season. Greg Young, who appeared in 11 games last year, has returned to his college career. Arresting to the Irish is their ownership of a lot of mileage out of our team, commented Wisconsin coach Bob Johnson this year. "A lot of our players are playing very good. They are hard working hockey players and we have pretty good balance."

The Irish have a couple of key players who may give them a slight advantage in the series. The first is that the Badgers haven't played in two weeks because of their first semester examinations. In addition, Wisconsin will have to play without the services of Talaous Friday night. The talented frosh was ejected from the Badgers' last game against Colorado College and, according to league rules, must sit out the team's next game. Finally, the Irish will be skating on home ice, where they have lost but one of five games.

The Badgers still figure to give Notre Dame plenty of competition in the WCHA, with top notch goaltending, a defense type series with lots of forechecking and skating," coach Smith commented.

All of the Irish are healthy and ready to go this weekend. Tomassen will handle the goaltending chores and the Convoy, Minn., senior has been doing an outstanding job of late. Bill Green and Bill Nayog, who played some of their best hockey of the season last weekend, will team up on the defensive line with Wohlhuter and Steve Curry, respectively.

At the forward positions, John Israelson and Jim Cordes, with the return of 16lettermen and the addition of several gifted freshmen will keep the Irish in the WCHA scoring statistics and it shapes up as one hell of a series.

One weekend will swing into action against the Glenwood Gulls at 4:30. Burrougha's charges, sporting a 6-1-0 record, beat the Gulls earlier this season, 9-4.

"Lefty" Smith's crew will round out the athletic extravagana this weekend. There's something for everyone's sports taste as the Irish hockey, basketball, wrestling, swimming and track teams will all be in action this weekend.

The hockey team will face the St. Cloud State University Brutals and the Wisconsin Badgers, pacersetters in the WCHA. The Badgers' Mark's swimmers will be first on the program, taking on Bradley this afternoon at four o'clock in the Rockne Memorial pool. The 4-1 Irish feature a number of solid performers, including sprinter Jim Kimball, 200 yard backstroke man, and diver Larry Lafratta.

The hockey team moves into the spotlight tonight as they meet the Fighting Irish and are currently leading the WCHA. The Irish will be playing in a two-game series at 7:45. Student ticket prices are back down to $1 and upper balcony prices cut. Irish entertainment buy on campus. The Badgers and Irish are running 1-1 in the WCHA scoring statistics and it shapes up as one hell of a series.

The Irish will play without the services of John Ireland, a 5'11" Irish all season but coach Smith said yesterday that "we have a 16 point victor over the Irish a few weeks ago in Los Angeles, John Ireland still has hopes of making an appearance in Madison this weekend."

The rivalry stems from the fact that the Irish are holding the record for consecutive wins against the Badgers. "The Irish are hard working hockey players and we have pretty good balance."

But the Badgers still figure to give Notre Dame plenty of competition in the WCHA, with top notch goaltending, a defense type series with lots of forechecking and skating," coach Smith commented. Notwithstanding the record and a 17-3 overall, boast a tie to show in their nine meetings.

"We're as ready as we can be," Jim Donaldson

The Irish Eye

Not even the most dyed-in-the-wool sports fan could ask for a better schedule of athletic events than that slated to take place on campus this weekend. The Irish hockey team, coached by Charlie Burroughs, has a fine touch from the outside. Bedor Bruno and Tom Varga round out the first five. This quintet will knock off the previously unbeaten Marquette yearlings last weekend and are now marching into form.

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One man's opinion: It would seem obvious that Notre Dame's Athletic Board will pass the "Freshman Eligible" rule at its next meeting. Virtually every major conference in the country has decided in favor of the new legislation, including the Big Ten. It would seem that if the Irish are to hold on their own in the recruiting wars, they'll have to decide to allow freshmen to compete on the varsity level in football and basketball.

Playing a varsity sport as a freshman doesn't seem to present any major problem to most young athletes. "Lefty" Smith is always used freshmen on his hockey teams and the long, grueling schedule hasn't affected many of them adversely. Pete Vinciguerra, Associate Information Director, took a poll recently among 18 former Irish athletes who were allowed to compete in varsity sports as freshmen in 1961, during the Korean War. To a man, they agreed that playing varsity sports in their first year at college was beneficial and that they would have no concern about letting a son of their own play varsity sports at the age of 18.

Everything points to the Athletic Board giving the O.K. to fresh football and basketball players next year. Now if "Bigger" Phelps can only find a seven foot high school senior somewhere.

One Wonderful Weekend

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Monday’s Supreme Court ruling striking down welfare residency laws in New York and Connecticut has drawn little comment from Notre Dame government professors.

Rev. Raymond F. Cour, C.S.C., who has specialized in American constitutional law and civil liberties, found the result to be what he had expected. He contended that it was not the decision itself that was most important in this case, but rather the way in which it was decided and the vote. The justices released a one sentence, unsigned order affirming the judgments of the lower courts striking down the laws. The decision was unanimous.

According to Fr. Cour, the court not only determined the fate of this case but "shook loose" on the way that other similar cases might be handled. By acting without hearings and releasing no opinions, the court "may be indicating its attitude" towards changing other past legal decisions.

Additionally, although the decision was unanimous the Court did not reveal whether or not Justice Powell and Rehnquist voted. Cour speculated that this might have given some indication of their future decisions.

Government Professor John Roos contended that the entire situation was too complex to analyze in a brief statement. He did say, however, that the decision seems to indicate "basic, conflicting trends." One, he felt, is toward nationalization and, is seen in programs such as medicaid and the other is towards localization, involving programs such as revenue sharing.

Neuhaus speaks

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Department, Neuhaus answered question based on his failure to cite any specific ethical standard for Christians on the questions of conspiracy and moral duty to support of defy the government.

Neuhaus held that there are "no definite" Christian positions, based on Scripture or tradition, that both sides of political questions today can be validly argued, citing as an example himself an antiwar activist, and his brother, of the US Army, Special Forces.

"Ethics within the Church are conflicting and arguable," he said, "none of us have the ability to say which is The Christian Ethic."

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