Three more announce SBP bids

N D not yet ready for democracy. Kersten wants own oligarchy

Bob Kersten, a former alternate homeroom student council representative at North Polk High School in Fort Dodge, Iowa, last night announced candidacy for the office of Notre Dame Student Body President.

Speaking from the office of the second floor in the Walsh fourth-floor lavatory, Kersten and his running-mate, UnCandidate the Cat, pledged to develop a "hard-hitting campaign in which I plan to come out unequivocally and indefatigably on every major issue.

Kersten issued a twelve point program to supporters and press from his combination fourth-floor campaign headquarters and bathroom. In it, he and UnCandidate will, according to Kersten, "address ourselves to these issues which our opponents have designated vital." The positions include:

abolition of all present student government institutions, and their replacement by an "oligarchy consisting of myself and my close friends." Kersten explained that "I don't think Notre Dame is ready for a democracy yet," and promised that "those of you who vote for me twice will be given preferential treatment."

A "takeover of the Observer in order to insure that the paper and the president could see eye-to-eye on all issues."

a "firing of Clifford Irving to establish liaison with the real Father Hesburgh."

a "replacing the current pass-fail option with an A-B option "excepting sin-premed, where the standard B-C-D-F option shall remain in effect."

a "fact-finding trip to St. Mary's of the Woods, Winona, Minnesota, since "St. Mary's is not the only small Catholic college in the country."

The recruitment of Yanamamio Indians from Southern Brazil.

charging prices for student bookstore items so that "inflation may be kept from biting into the alumni market for Notre Dame beanies buttons, blankets, and other trinkets."

the distribution of scholarships by lottery.

a "three-point social program that includes over-the-hump dances on Sunday morning, student attendance at merger talks, and "negotiation for a Rocks-Rocks discotheque franchise on campus."

a "quoting a man he identified only as "our cosmic deity" as saying "every Notre Dame man has a responsibility to make the women at home. Kersten argued that "we aren't going to be able to make anyone until there is a repeal of all parcells," and pledged that "my first efforts in this area would be directed toward that end."

Kersten said he was running to "insure that I never had any close friends in childhood. I was looking for some sort of affirmation.

In order to "take my stand on the issues directly to the students, Kersten will establish "office hours here in my headquarters from 4:15 to 4:30 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday."

Fitzpatrick deals with antiquated structures and student minorities

St. Mary's Student Assembly and Student Affairs Council member Eileen Fitzpatrick last night announced her candidacy for St. Mary's student body presidency.

Miss Fitzpatrick, a General Program Major from Somerspoint, New Jersey, last year ran in third in a seven-candidate race for Notre Dame's student body presidency. She will run with Mary Orr, a sophomore double-majoring in English and History.

Miss Fitzpatrick pledged a "reform campaign" and said she was running on a platform to "improve academics, establish self-determination in the halls, and improve the social atmosphere."

She saw her job as Student Body President as a commitment both to "represent and to lead," and promised to use "the statures already existing to their most extreme capacities, and to create new ones."

Miss Fitzpatrick said she would "lead, create new ideas, and deal imaginatively and boldly with the problems.

She also said that she had a commitment to "achieve a structure in which the student is able to develop to his fullest potential as a human being."

She contended that there were "many committees that were either dormant or without proper student representation." She included the Academic Affairs Committee, the Student Affairs Committee, the Rank and Tenure Committee, and the Presidential Search Committee among those she said needed an "additional student perspective.

she also contended that it "would be most beneficial for Notre Dame and St. Mary's to merge," but said it would be "unrealistic" to expect such a merger to come about soon.

"St. Mary's should be a viable institution in which the student is able to develop to his fullest potential as a human being."

Kersten running mate plans to stand "indefatigably on every major issue."

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Thomas pushes for more informed campus minority recruitment

Pledging to begin "what hopefully will become a community university here," off-campus student candidate Thomas last night became the eighth officially-declared candidate for the student body president's office.

Thomas, who comes from South Bend, will run with another off-campus candidate, Junior, Michael Reimers of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Thomas said he had "four major platform planks," which included:

--- "major increase" in minority recruitment, "especially among blacks, Chicano's, and Puerto Ricans."

--- "an effort to get the Notre Dame administration to reform the student, faculty, and alumni as to the exact problem involved with the merger of Notre Dame and St. Mary's."

--- the elimination of the senate and its replacement by the Hall President's Council.

--- an off-campus student government with "permanent financial support" and representation on the Hall President's Council.

According to Thomas, the money could be used to build an off-campus student center. "Off-campus students should have some control over what their life is going to be like," he contended.

"They (off-campus students) will never have the type of community one of the smaller halls might have, but they do have needs... I don't think these needs are being met," Thomas complained.

Thomas also pledged to "create a student corps of speakers and discussion leaders well versed in various subjects to go out into the community and speak to various clubs, schools, etcetera."

According to Thomas, such a program would induce a positive response from the University community to major national and world problems. "I think a similar response from South Bend residents, and "lessen tensions" between University students and area citizens.

Thomas pledged that if elected his office would be "readily open. Anyone who wants to talk with us will be welcomed and encouraged."

"Mike and I offer a clear alternative to the present state of ND student government," Thomas contended.

Thomas had no plans to merge the Notre Dame and St. Mary's student government. "All a merger would be," he said, "at least until the two campuses merge, would be a symbolic gesture to show the University where the students stand. I think the two Universitites already know where we stand."

If they (St. Mary's student government) really wanted to go ahead with the merger I'd go along, but I don't think it's very important," Thomas said that there would be no "massive campaign psychosis," from his camp. "The effort of some candidates in the Notre Dame student body elections to create microcosms of national political organizations is an absurd extension of national sickness. Such a campaign," he contended, "is an insult to the student body.

However, Thomas said he would do "some hall-to-hall campaigning." His campaign will be managed by Mike Raymond.

New minority aid...see pag 2
$3 million fund stabilizes minority aid

by Jerry Lukas
Observer News Editor
University President Fr. Theodore Hesburgh announced today that Notre Dame has established an endowed fund of $3 million to provide educational awards for undergraduate minority students.

The new endowment will provide about $150,000 yearly for awards to minority students. This is in addition to awards of $490,000 to $50,000 annually from other University designated scholarship funds, so that in the future about $200,000 of University funds will be available annually for awards to undergraduate minority students.

The new endowment was gathered from several sources, including a Ford Foundation Scholarship Fund and a recent scholaraship funds, so that in the future about about 3 percent of our undergraduate minority students.

Ellison outlined two major points that he thinks would better the University's treatment of minorities. First, he thinks that the endowments would approach the $6 million mark according to the minority student here.

Ellison noted that the University established an endowed fund of $3 million mark according to

mini-step

Carl Ellison, head of the Recruitment Assignment Program, has a different view of the endowment, however. Ellison says that the grants look very, very good, but he claims, "This is but a mini-step by the University."

"If the University really wanted to greatly increase the numbers of minority students on campus, the endowment should be in terms of $6 million instead of $3 million," Ellison noted.

It might be satisfactory for minority students if the University established a graduated program of endowments so that the endowments would approach the $6 million mark according to the minority student here.

black students

As it now stands, Ellison questions the effectiveness of the new program. There have only been 15 black women who have applied to Notre Dame. There have been no black female applicants to St. Mary's. So, Ellison contends, even though the endowment may increase the female population to over 200, there may only be 10 to 15 black females on campus.

The solution in Ellison's mind is to make new guidelines for transfers. He feels that to make education more viable for blacks, the University must be willing to match scholarship totals for transferring students, waive the 3.6 requirement for transferring students, accept D's from transferring students, and waive the 60 hour residency requirement for transfers.

The whole problem of minority funding was brought to new light this year when the University decided to enter into post-season football action. In the past two years, Notre Dame has competed in bowl games to obtain the funds necessary for minority scholarships and aid.

Hesburgh claimed that the new fund would provide a stabilised source of minority students awards. In 1970, Notre Dame broke a 46-year ban on post-season appearances to play in the Cotton Bowl earmarking the funds for minorities. In their two bowl appearances the University garnered more than a quarter of a million dollars for minority students.

no bowl funds

The new fund, however, will eliminate the uncertainty of a bowl bid. Burtchaell claims that in addition to the $300,000 there are several other types of aid available to ND minority students- usually as part of an individually tailored student aid "package".

These other types of aid include state scholarships; National Merit Awards; federal educational opportunity grants; National Defense student loans, etc. Administrators noted that for the current school year, the average financial aid package for non-athletic minority students was $2500 compared to the average of $475 paid to all students receiving aid.

Ellison was favorable to the University designation of these funds as non-athletic. These funds will not include grant-in-aid for student athletes.

Of the new awards from the endowment will be administered by the University's Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

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Winter Festival gets snow but few people

At the snowy line of scrimmage are a few of the people who enjoyed the Winter Festival this weekend.

by Anthony Abowd

Notre Dame's first attempt at a Winter Festival over the weekend was successful but unspectacular, according to the festival organizer.

About a hundred students participated in many winter sports in the day long affair at ND Holy Cross Hall.

"I was a little disappointed at the size of the crowd, but it seemed that everyone who went had a good time," said Tom Valenti who organized the festival barely a week before it occurred.

Several inches of new snow and freezing weather had both good and bad effects on the festival. The weather made tray sledding, hockey and snow football the most popular sports.

"It was bad snow for football and it was windy and cold. This may have discouraged people" Valenti. Plans to name a campus snow queen ''mini-step"

At SMC.

"I'm not sure most of the campus knew about it. We had posters and advertising everywhere. I spoke to many girls at SMC. They all said they would come but they didn't show up," Valenti said.

Valenti is certain another Winter Festival should be held. Changes for next year would include more publicity and more planning.

"This is basically something to do on a boring campus weekend. I'm sure people will come," the SMC sophomore said.

Behind the scenes at the Winter Festival was the Student Union that footed most of the expenses. Brother Borromeo, ND fire chief permitted St. Mary's lake to be flooded for better skating. Holy Cross residents spent many hours flooding the lake, shovelling snow off the ice and preparing the sledding slope.

Turnout was also discouraging at the square dance at SMC Saturday night. The high boy to girl ratio was the most common complaint "Still," Valenti said, "most of the people who came had a good time."
Jerusalem—The Israeli foreign ministry announced that Gunnar Jarring, the United Nations Middle East envoy, would soon visit Jerusalem. Jarring has just ended two days of talks with Egyptian leaders in Cairo. The visit was reportedly proposed by Jarring, but there was no indication that he had substantive information about any new suggestions for peace talks.

Washington—An amendment designed to defuse the school busing issue has been drafted by a bipartisan group of Senate leaders. The amendment, which will be offered when the Senate takes up an Aid to Education bill, would permit the use of busing to overcome officially imposed segregation, but would seek to restrain federal agencies and the courts from using busing to achieve the broader objective of racial balance.

Harrisburg, Pa.—In its opening statement at the conspiracy trial of the Rev. Phillip Berrigan and six other anti-war activists, the government chief prosecutor confirmed that its entire case was based on information given to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by a single informer, Boyd F. Douglas Jr. Douglas allegedly gave copies of messages from Berrigan, then in Federal Prison, to his co-conspirators on the outside.

Nixon confers with Mao; toasts Chou
by Max Frankel
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Peking, Feb. 2—President Nixon, who arrived here Monday for a three-day summit conference in China today by receiving a surprise personal call from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung, exchanging unusual public and private courtesies with Premier Chou En-Lai and then joining in two rather extended rounds of dinner-clinking in the Great Hall of the People and the Square of the Gate of Heavenly Peace.

The meeting with Mao, the enshrined leader of the Communist rulers of China, appeared to have been added hurriedly to Nixon’s schedule on his first afternoon here but nothing is known about what was said and attention was therefore focused on the remarkable banquet given for the visiting Americans by the Premier this evening.

After the meal’s fi in three shreds at the banquet, Chou rose to send greetings across the ocean, by television, to the American people and to describe his country’s welcome to the American guests by the People’s Liberation Army Band, unsurpassed in a foreign land.

Although the Chinese have made it plain that they do not harbor suspicions about American policy and what they call its “imperialism,” the president did his best to bury the American fears of a Chinese menace that he himself had once helped to arouse.

“There is no reason for us to be enemies,” he said. “Neither of us seeks the territory of the other; neither of us seeks domination over the other; neither of us seeks to stretch our hands and rule the world.”

There were emblems in the past and there are differences today, Nixon asserted, but the “common interests” of the moment transcend everything else. Using the most vivid image of Chinese revolutionary history, the president proposed a “long march” on different roads to the common goal of a “structure of peace.”

He defined this structure in which all nations would determine their own form of government without interference—perhaps intending an allusion to Vietnam, but definitely not Taiwan.

And using a quotation from Chairman Mao, the President said it was time to re-establish the hour “for our two nations to rise to the heights of greatness which can build a new and a better world.”

After each of the toasts before 136 guests at round tables in the huge reception hall, the principal conferees went a-roaming, all-hands glasses in hand, clinking this way and that way from table to table and stopping on pretending as Chou usually pretended.

The Americans warmed up gradually to this routine, but the hand offered a bouncy tune and Nixon, Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Henry A. Kissinger were soon scattered far from their own sumptuous table, while the Premier and his principal politburo colleagues for this evening, Veh Chien-Ying, who is in charge of the military, and Li Hsion-Nien, the vice-premier who is in charge of day-to-day running of most other domestic matters, had moved off the rails of their own.

By the time Nixon had spoken the magic word “friendship,” at the end of his toast, everyone had learned the routine. Powerful spotlights encouraged the camera forward and the table-hopping began as signal. The army band, which had drawn applause for “Home on the Range,” the sappy bamboo shoots and red-white ornaments, now rendered an original and sweet version of the “American National” and on and on while the principals smiled, clicked, milled and continued on page 10

Tuesday, February 22, 1972
It’s no small effort

Notre Dame has finally established a long range endowment fund to finance minority scholarships. Bowl games or not, it’s about time. Schools like the University of Michigan (in 1970) went through weeks of turmoil to gain essentially the same concession—a substantial commitment by the administration to improve minority enrollment. At U. of M. this took the form of a guarantee of ten percent enrollment. Here the commitment comes in the form of dedicating 25 percent of all scholarship funds to non-athletic minority students. Anyway you look at it, this is no small effort.

The principle questions demanding further analysis are the growth potential of the $3 million endowment and, as Carl Ellison pointed out, the recruitment of minority women. The growth question is important because even though 25 percent is a significant portion of scholarship funds, it is obvious that the high per capita financial aid rate of minority students makes the $200,000 insufficient. At $250 per student only 80 minority students can be aided with all the endowment money and the additional awards.

If the University has invested in low risk municipal and government bonds, which seems reasonable, it can expect an annual return of eight to nine percent. By deducting $150,000 from the fund each year to pay the scholarships, the growth rate of the endowment becomes about three and a half percent of the total, which is certainly nothing magical about a $6 million scholarship endowment, it is obvious that at this rate of growth substantial additional contributions will have to appear before the fund can be doubled. Now, the finances become very messy indeed because the rising cost problem facing every aspect of the University budget would inevitably wear away at the value of each scholarship financed through the fund. This means we would have inflation eating away at the other end of that three and a half percent growth.

The new endowment is quite substantial but it is no rose garden. We should not be lulled into believing that now that ND has a self-perpetuating minority scholarship fund, all our minority recruitment problems are over. Ellison makes a valid point about the next direction these concerns must take. While we disagree with several of his recommendations, namely pressure for D grades and waiving the 60 hour residency requirement, we realize that it’s going to take one hell of an effort to get minority women to come to Notre Dame of St. Mary’s—almost as great an effort as was required to raise the black male enrollment if some kind of massive first year effort is made. This means we would have inflation eating away at the other end of that three and a half percent growth.

The weekend’s biggest ND political event: The Gary Caruos

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Dear Glen:

I have had many thoughts on The Observer since reading your editorial in the Wednesday, February 16th edition, which was quite informative and helpful for them with you and the entire community.

The Observer is the only campus newspaper I have ever seen that presents the news in a fair and comprehensive manner. I think you and your staff have tried hard to make sure that all of the issues you bring up are not concealed or misprinted and that you have not approached a consistent level of success in this regard.

Your editorial page is another story entirely. I have always maintained that the best way to present an argument is to present a logical, concise, and precise argument. However, I do not believe that you have presented our views in a logical, concise, and precise manner. In fact, I have been to one edition where you present an argument and, therefore, I demonstrate that it is a poor one.

When you are discussing a particular point about your argument, you are not demonstrating why it is a good one. And to maximize your effect, you combine both arguments in one editorial and show your readers how much superior one is to another. The trick is, of course, to do that without raising the question of credibility because of the man that you sustain your argument.

The style of editorializing differs radically from the one I propose above. You make numerous generalizations and hardly ever present any facts. You purposely exclude convincing data and, therefore, you present an extremely slanted view - the very "rhetoric" you spoke of in Wednesday's editorial.

The "Letters to the editor" column is a responsibility that you hold, but they do not receive the bold print coverage you give your own arguments. I am sorry, but I feel that Wednesday's editorial as an example. You make vague references to what you say that has been done in this one fact. There is no need to corroborate what you are talking about. It is of no use to you if you are not concerned with doing nothing more than establishing a "ca­ce dining plan," which by the way, was begun by last year's administration, not this year's. To quote you: "The very ad­ ministration has done little that is worthy of merit, is close to the absolute truth, if it is ever close to the truth at all."

This past year has seen a student government by the administration. This past year has seen the student government stand aside, quietly, while student rights were compromised and the administration nearly dissolved."

But you did not mention and, in doing so, you gave a totally erroneous picture of our year in office. You did not even allude to working in any one of 17 outside sources) to fund the first semester of this year. But I think I've proved my point.

I neglected to mention the creation of The Observer. You neglected to mention that the work with the judicial board chairman by our staff. I neglected to mention that all twenty halls have been completed in residence halls and the La Fortune Student Center being conducted. Are these inconsequential to you? Does not the Course Evaluation Booklet serve the student body? If so, and I believe it does, the $8000 we found (most of it from outside sources) to fund the first semester edition surely merits your consideration.

Or who failed to mention or, for that matter, failed to inform your readers that we have made vague references to the Student Center? We have made great inroads in opening this community not only on an academic level, but also on student, faculty, staff, and administrative levels.

I have spent much time discussing our presentation in, what you might call, a "flaming" article. But then what? Should we have fought for your position on the editorial board, or should we have let things ride? There were many sickening events that occurred in half life last spring that hurt the "student cause," if I can call it that. Many people were tired of the issue. Some resident assistants, rectors, hall presidents and other students suggested to me to forget the whole affair. I had to weigh the pros and cons of my action with the whole University and our future programs in mind. I could not afford the luxury of being a simple student with no title and no observer to face every day. And I decided to let it ride and concentrate on what I considered more important things. Power is a tool that must be used carefully and productively. Glen, you did not speak out against anyone because of tradition. I certainly was not quiet on parochial hours, nor was I that vociferous. But I used my best judgment in view of the circumstances I was aware of and the knowledge I possessed.

The other issue was the disaffiliation. And, as I've said time and time again, I felt we could start negotiations again if we could not provide the necessary and the means for the second series of negotiations. The fact that one shows up to work every day on an academic issue, does not make the recompense a success in itself. And what I have said above does not spell failure to me.

You spoke about me being quiet during the "administrative" or "parochial" hours. Glen, you are out of your mind. I have been treated as skilled as The Observer in "flaming" and I do believe your accusation is just one. I have many ways to speak out, and I chose what I thought to be the most effective and the most productive way for me. I chose not to give public ac­ cess to our methods and results. I provided a false or fabricated platform as has happened here in the past. But I think you are referring to two specific issues - although your editorial is cloudy in this regard.

The first is parochial hours. We helped in the fight against sanctions, and they were promised. We helped in the parochial legal disaffiliation of last spring. And I resent the implication that I didn't speak up in the first place. Is cooperation and communication distrustful to you? Do disagreements dissolve the goal of bettering Notre Dame? Is stirring up "trouble" in the interest of students?

I'm not saying that the administration is perfect. Glen, I am dissatisfied with some of its members. But I believe we are here to help each other grow and not cut each other down (unless the latter results in the former, but I have not faced t many occasions). The secrecy surrounding our financial affairs sickness me as much as it does you. But screaming will not solve that problem. The booklets, and Athletic and Con­ vocation Center-Social committees are examples of uncalled for and unfair stubborness and fear.

There have been many errors in the Student Affairs Newsletter, but it appears the commitment to correct those errors is there. Unification has been clouded in secrecy, but you have still been able to raise questions. I think you and your staff have Holmes to discern the positions of both schools and the problems resulting from this arrangement.

We have made great inroads in opening this community not only on an academic level, but also on student, faculty, staff, and administrative levels. My observers articles of last semester tried to point this out. Perhaps you should have spent more time articulating my views that people are lonely around here, that students selflessly ask for rights without carrying out responsibilities, that honor is a hard won commodity, that learning requires suffering and living with one's conscience and too many of us have forgotten both.

Perhaps The Observer should look at the idea of talking to the student body and allowing them to make informed decisions. In other words, you might want to consider asking me how true it is that I speak on my own behalf and not the student body, which is obviously the case.

In conclusion, Glen, let me say two things. First, I took no personal offense by the editorial in Wednesday's paper, as hard as that may be to believe. But many of the people that work with us did and you should keep in mind that when you say something to me you attack a group of dedicated individuals who care only about serving students and decided to serve students with me.

Secondly, I know you'll be off our list of open soon and I want to congratulate you on your overall performance. You've been a stabilizing influence in The Observer and many people don't realize the work required to keep that paper running smoothly. I can't remember leaving my office at night but you must make sure that the editors are good to you, Glen, to find people with those qualities.

Thanks, too, for cooperation received from you and your staff on so many occasions this year.

A simple editorial has created this controversy. Glen, you and I have had a good relationship. And that relationship has created a better understanding between both of us and that information is a picture to the entire University community.

Yours in peace and friendship,

John Barkett
Student Body President
Letters to the Editor

Misrepresentation

Editor:

Once again T.C. Treanor and The Observer have misrepresented and perverted a person's ideas and his stand. Treanor's article on the person's ideas and his stand, clarification is indeed necessary. A clarification has been made and therefore have given me pleasure with what I have seen, and therefore have given my support to them and them alone.

Secondly, I have my own reasons for supporting them and at the same time not taking an active role in their campaign. They are personal reasons. For example, I do not have the time for active campaigning. My job as a hall president of an office and have a sufficient source of satisfaction and activity to keep me busy. I would not be fair to the men in my hall for me to get involved in something not as other than those in my hall. Between studies and this job, I have no time. I would do so any further would be unwise.

Finally, my reasons are not because I was misrepresented from not supporting them. In fact, I feel that I am capable of making my own decision. That's why I try to listen and gather information about the candidate, I still decide for myself. I am not either I will leave my open mind being manipulated or pressured. I take it as a personal insult that Treanor could and could infer that this is the case. Treanor's "ruble sources" as he calls them too should be questioned. That's why I try to listen and gather information about the candidate, I still decide for myself. I am not nor will I leave my open mind being manipulated or pressured. It is as a personal insult that Treanor could and could infer that this is the case.

More misrepresentation

Editor:

It has always been my contention that elections are a time when people evaluate issues. Unfortunately, the Observer seems to think elections are the time when one's opinion is evaluated the "machinery" behind the candidates. This makes the Observer's coverage unfair to the candidates and, above all, to the students.

Let's face it, Chuck Lukien and Walt Spak do not have a Mayoral-Daley type organization behind them. Lukien and Spak, as the Observer repeatedly emphasizes, even lack a benefactor campaign manager. The Observer seems to believe that just because he's "serious candidate" the first preference was to be in an organization complete with supporters of exalted poobah factor. From the Observer one is led to believe that it doesn't matter what candidates have to say. After all, it's who is supporting them, isn't it?

Lukien and Spak scrupulously lack the endorsements of the student government officers and other "great leaders" of campus. What significant about their campaign, however, is that it attempts to point out the absurdity of this all too pervasive poobah mentality. Very few people have not heard of the present student representatives, doesn't need much clarification to deal with their thousand undergraduates. Notre Dame doesn't need glorified student leaders, complete with high-sounding titles, that do nothing.

The Observer, with its assumed political clairvoyance, predicts that with a little Lukien and Spak will receive "4-10 percent of the vote." I am convinced that the students will listen to all the candidates, not on the basis of the candidates' "machines," but rather what they stand for. I hope in the future the Observer considers the candidates before assessing the organizations behind them.

Sincerely,

John J. Astuno, Jr.

US, Hanoi, and the Geneva convention

editor:

Concerning an article in your paper " �The Geneva Convention: Is it an excuse to recall POWs?," I would like to make a few comments.

First, the statement that those in this bracelet program are "hostage" must be fully referred to the Geneva Convention which they ratified in 1957 is typical of the hypocrisy and double-think which establishment poles and dopes indulge in. This hypocritical appeal to international law and order conveniently neglects to mention that the United States, the only signatory to the international agreements of its own making, a standard history textbook, The Far East in the Modern World, Revised ed., Michael and Taylor, Holt, Rinehart and Winston inc. p. 792, discusses the Geneva Convention of 1954 which called for free elections in North and South Vietnam. The United States as represented only by its delegate, Secretary of State and did not take part in the Conference Decision or in the agreements which were concluded.

The President Eisenhower stated on July 21, 1964, the same day that the Geneva Declaration was made, "the United States has not itself been party to or bound by the decisions taken by the Geneva Conference." One should not accept another country of "refusing to uphold the Geneva Convention," if one does not uphold it oneself.

Secondly, if these humanitarians are concerned over treatment of POW's, perhaps they should broaden their base to include those POW's held by American and South Vietnamese forces. Do the Tiger Cages treat prisoners? Has the U.S. or South Vietnam published lists of North Vietnamese and Viet Cong POW's? Do they have channels of communication to their relatives?

There is ample proof and documentation from American media and old Life magazine photographs to on-the-spot testimony, that South Vietnam and American soldiers have tortured and murdered countless POW's. The U.S. should at least wash the blood off its hands before it trots out the tear-jerkers about how American POW's have to rise out of their cells and apologize and say they're sorry. And finally, may I be allowed to suggest that the Observer considers that the student Senate in passing with only one protesting votes, this RTC program is illustrative of the myopic chauvinism which permeates this country. Close to 1,000,000 Asian human beings have died since we decided to save them from communism, and we are withdrawing only because 5,000 of our corn-fed and obesity-ridden sons have died. Many thousands of human beings have been tortured and murdered after we removed them, and our only concern is for 1,700 of our good old boys.

In conclusion, I would like to applaud the emotion generated by this program for the Vietnamese prisoners of war's crusade to free their comrades, and I look forward to that day when they and all others withdraw from Asia, leaving behind advice, money and prop to money up a corrupt regime which will fail despite Nixon's "Vietnamization" attempts to support it with yellow jackets. By" Retch.

Yu McCarthy

"Verses to Retch By"

Editor:

In regard to the little poetic gems about the lottery that you've been printing of late— particularly The Night Before the Lottery or whatever it was—printed on the day after and the little hand that you offered Wednesday, I think that I shall never see a poem about the lottery that couldn't have been written by some bean-head back in junior high. I mean, I've seen bad poetry, and I've seen bad verse, but these little verses in Retch By are really wretched. Next time you consider feeding us some of this doggered kindly remember that we're usually trying to eat a meal when we read the stuff. The food is quite sufficient to make us sick; it doesn't need any help.

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Digger faces old Fordham five

by "Lefty" Raschmann

Emotions may call the tune of tonight's Notre Dame-Fordham basketball contest.

Digger Phelps, who last year coached the Rams to a 26-3 record, will be out to prove he has not lost that touch, but in his 6-15 record. Fordham, however, has beaten Notre Dame in Showalter's debut as coach, Hal Wissel, as "very sharp."

Both teams are similar in several respects. Both the Irish teams are very young squads; Fordham normally starts five underclassmen. Height is a problem for Fordham, too, as their tallest starter is 6'8". Wissel's chief defensive weapon is the press, which is based on having six guards. Fordham has won a wide-open defense to overcome his team's height problem. So far, it has worked, as the Rams have been overreaching their opponents. "Jim probably was great. I don't like the timing, but what he did, he made it big in his chosen field, in the true American tradition." Wissel said.

When the A's were doing poorly and made a trade with another team, the owner can arrange for the player to come along, although it was thought he would refrain from signing until the conclusion of the NCAA tourney. When the Warriors visited Notre Dame three weeks ago, Chones hinted broadly that he'd sign until the conclusion of the season, although it was thought he would refrain from signing until after the season ended. Why the Warriors visited Notre Dame three weeks ago, Chones hinted broadly that he'd be without money, refused to criticize his star for turning professional. "I didn't sign and I'd probably leave the loss on his tax return."

Jim Donaldson

The Irish Eye

"Comments on the Chones Case"

Certainly, the purists and moralists who abound in the world of sport will say that Jim Chones treated Marquette shabbily by signing a lucrative contract with the New York American League Association last week.

But the Irish eye has a moral obligation to be, at the very least, finish the season and give his teammates, coach and school a chance at their first NCAA basketball championship. It's easy enough for the owners of the ball clubs to say that way, but in the U.S. their vision isn't blunted by someone waving 1.5 million dollars in their face.

Recalling that Judas betrayed Christ for 30 pieces of silver, it seems about time we were willing Marquette down the river for a sack of blackgrounds that will keep their team even Big East Base.

There was little doubt in Milwaukee that Chones was waiting for the right time to start his career. The truth is that the team was so bad, they would refuse to sign him until after the season ended. When the Warriors visited Notre Dame three weeks ago, Chones hinted boldly that he'd do it. But there was no way. "Jim probably was great. I don't like the timing, but what he did, he made it big in his chosen field, in the true American tradition." Wissel said.

When the Warriors visited Notre Dame three weeks ago, Chones hinted boldly that he'd wait until the conclusion of the NCAA tourney. Then, he'd sign. And the A's made a trade with another team.

"The team will have to go on without him. We're a good club. We've done our work."

"I have pride and ability," Chones was quoted as saying last week, "but I can't show it because of my name. I know I can beat anybody one-on-one, and block shots like nobody has blocked them. But I never get the chance. I can't take any more of this. All I want is." So he goes out, carrying his money bags with him.

Explaning why he signed his pro contract only with a few weeks left in the season, Chones said, "I had to make a living and there were five younger children. They depend on me a lot. If I didn't sign and I'd break a leg or die tomorrow, they'd have nothing."

"We'll miss Jim," said Mike McGuily, who as a boy, knew what it was like to be without money, refused to criticize his star for turning professional. "Jim really had a big leg." McGuily said. "The team will have to go on without him. We're a good club."

"All we've done is lost eight inches."

"But despite his size--or lack of it--Jim probably is great. I don't like the timing, but what he did, he did it for a good cause. A million dollars is no more than a heck of a lot of money to turn down to just play a few more games."

There his Bates, who was averaging 28.5 points and 11 rebounds a game, will probably leave also. If he stays, it's probably his last year, and they have several more very good players.

Sports these days is big business, backed by people with big money. Gone forever are ball clubs like the Philadelphia Athletics, owned and operated back in the 1920's on the pulse of the sport of the time. Or, you might say, the era. The owner can make his living solely from baseball. Today's collegiate cagers ought to sign while the iron's hot and before the owners of the ball clubs realize that collegiate sport has held little excitement or interest for the big guy and the sharp." Wissel said.

Semedar seeks Gold Gloves title

by Vic Deur

In the baseball world, no one is as important as Larry Semedar. appearances are often deceiving. The smallish star who weighed but 123 pounds, stands 5-8--may be 5-9-and figures to be the main contender for the Gold Gloves title this year.

But despite his size--or lack of it--Semedar is an athlete, and a good one. He is a hitter, and figures to be the main contender for the Gold Gloves title, according to his weight class when Notre Dame's annualenter on the all-time record at two.

Semedar has received plenty of on-the-rin training before the Irish open, tough, because he is currently in the thick of the Golden Gloves competition in Chicago.

Semedar has fought three Chicago opponents so far, and has scored one knock-out and three TKO's. He is scheduled to go again on March 1, when he will meet the number two contender in the lightweight championship of the Golden Gloves here and the matches in Minnesota, he continued, "but if there is I'll fight here.

Larry has good reason for wanting to compete at Notre Dame. Last year, as a sophomore, he won his weight's quarterfinal match in a split decision over Bob Kuhn, but was defeated in the semis by Jack Griffin. Griffin won't be returning this year, but Semedar is far from assured of the title. He will be joined by a number of other 118 lb. fighters from South Dakota, and will be looking for revenge on the regional bolts in Minnesota.

Semedar will be looking at some of the old men who played themselves in the ACC. Noting this rivalry between the two clubs, Wissel remarked, "This game won't be easy. Larry is a little too much of an improving ballclub. I have great respect for (Digger) Phelps, he's done a lot at Notre Dame." Wissel said.

Commenting on the loss of George Zambetti, Wissel said, "He's the tip of the play of our team this season. He's a fighter, a winner."

Game time tonight is 8:00 p.m. Preceding the main event, Notre Dame's freshman will entertain Purdue at 5:45.

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"Another thing is that I'm more aggressive now, and I wasn't last year. My worst point? That's probably my left hook."

Semedar has had plenty of experience, regarded as one of the best in the country. He can make favorable comparisons.

The boys in Chicago like to fight," he said. "They're sluggers, and the technique improves as you advance through the pairings. Here it's more technical. The caliber here is just as good as the caliber in Chicago's novice division, he continued, "but their open division is almost as easy as the pro's."

There are more fighters there, but the boxing down here is just as good."
Nixon meets Mao and Chou

(continued from page 3) says from "Sea to Shining Sea". It was a particularly striking exercise for the men of the Nixon administration who, as we have seen, had explored the diplomacy of mere "at

moms." (Mrs. Nixon, in a wine-red dress, stood demurely in her place during these conversations.)

Each of the leading diners offered a toast, and there were down loaves during each round of wandering. Then the dining room was occupied by more shoe leather than Mao Tai-

Shie Chinese sorghum firewater that has been served is the dawn bottles were close at hand and a group of students was seen taking at least two referrals.

Latin American Week

by Susan Stone

Sunday, February 27th, marks the beginning of Latin American Week at Notre Dame. Programs will continue through March 4th.

While the event is being sponsored by the Latin American Club, ND-SMC professors will participate as well as the students themselves. The program is

McGovern supporters

The Students for McGovern movement will concentrate on the Indiana primary rather than on the Mock Democratic Convention, according to Al Cranmer, chairman of the Indiana group.

The Bend residents will be canvassed by students in a door-to-door campaign before the May primary. About 25 students attended their meeting last night in the Reginald lounge.

Not only is the effort that the McGovern organization will make at the convention be to establish a self-supporting nucleus of students. Beyond this, efforts would probably have to be made to increase the organization's capacity.

The group is also planning to start a McGovern faculty committeepers to work for McGovern, as well as holding a film series to raise money.

Students for Lindsay

Students for Lindsay announce today that they would continue their efforts on the Mock Democratic Convention to be held in late April.

Chairman Glen Corso said that the students are concentrating on capturing large state delegations and have decided to send students elected to the platform committee and moving the con-

vention to Indianapolis after the Lindsay candidates.

The students believe that, in one of the few "true" liberals in the race and the only one that has a reasonable chance of winning the national election.

A few people have said that John V. Lindsay has had an excellent mixture of Congressional and executive experience, which is discussed in the re-

working of the larger community outside the college. In the bigger, political goals are not distant but immediate and pressing.

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- Kathleen Barlow, Student body president

Barlow endorses InPIRG

I encourage all St. Mary's women to sign the InPIRG petition to add the $3.00 fee to the tuition invoice.

Students really have the opportunity to effect change in the larger community outside the college. InPIRG's activities are directly related to goals of InPIRG.

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