Shaffer issues statement on abortion legalization

Legal euthanasia a threat

Tom Drape
Staff Reporter

A statement on abortion calling for an effort "to make every attempt to bring about a constitutional amendment overturning the decision of the Court," has been released by the Dean of the Notre Dame Law School.

Dean Thomas Shaffer released the statement yesterday close on the heels of a personal letter sent to University President, Fr. Thomas M. Heschburg, a week ago today.

In that letter, Shaffer warned that recent Supreme Court decisions are opening legal doors to euthanasia. Shaffer's letter to Heschburg was unavailable for printing.

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Janet Longfellows
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Viaduct—Representatives of the Viaduct government in Laos and the Communist-led Pathet Lao were still haggling over details of an imminent Laoist cease-fire settlement. It seemed certain that no cease-fire would go into effect before the end of the week, but a high government source said it would take years to reach a political agreement.

Mostivo—The confrontation between Uruguay's armed forces and the civilian government headed by President Juan Maria Bordaberry eased with the announcement that the former would respect the latter's "fundamental political principles," but Details of the accord were not disclosed, but it was believed to have involved the continuation of civilian rule under the military's close control.

Washington—A federal district court judge in Washington authorized the Nixon administration to put into effect immediately the administration's emergency order requiring armed local law enforcement officers stationed at each of the country's 332 airports providing commercial airline service. Judge John L. Smith said "the public interest lies in protecting personal safety of air passengers from a threat of a new and more sophisticated type of hijacker—the armed, fleeing felon. Air transport operators opposed the order.

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Interest on student gov't. funds to finance bus shelter at Grotto

Interest amounting to $1,126 on student government funds held by the University will be used to construct a bus shelter at the Grotto. Student Government President Mike Margel said yesterday.

Last November Student Government wanted to deposit $40,000 in a local bank to collect interest, but after Margel conferred with Richard Lynch, university comptroller, it was decided that the money would stay in Student Government's University account and collect interest from Notre Dame at the rate of 2.5 percent. The interest formula was based on the $45,000 average annual balance of Student Government. Student Government draws on its account with the University to pay its bills, and the University uses the account to collect interest which goes into the general fund.

Groundbreaking for the shelter is expected to be held April 1st when the current administration leaves office, according to Margel.

The nine-member C.O.U.P. de Grotto committee is meeting this week and is expected to report to Margel later this week on its progress to formulate a preliminary plan. Architecture student Ken McCardless "will take a bearing to see if the area will support a structure, it is just a marsh," Margel said. After that it will just be a matter of drafting a plan and getting it approved by the Committee on the Campus Environment, which is headed by arts professor Frederick Beckman.

The Hall Life Committee presented a random lottery system for selecting those who will be forced to move off-campus. This factor led to a disagreement as to the possibility of the next SLC hearing session. The steering Committee thought it might be beneficial to withdraw its security recommendation in order not to duplicate those of other numerous groups concerned with the problem.

Dr. Faccenda feels that "the whole community should be brought up-to-date on what the problems of security really are, rather than continuing to place blame on the campus security Department. We want to get all the committees together to combine the many different ideas." An ad-hoc committee was recommended to bring together all the groups investigating security problems. It is hoped that this hearing would bring about discussions on relations between the Notre Dame Campus and South Bend, since the two problems are so closely related.

Membership changes were also announced at today's SLC session. Professor Joseph Naug, Assistant Professor in Electrical Engineering will assume the SLC was formerly held by Professor Ronald Weber, Chairman of the American Studies Department. The vacant seat of former student representative Frank Devine has been filled by Paul Lauck of Alumni Hall.

The Paulists are helping to build the earth.
Reasons cited for social neglect

The United States is guilty of "social neglect" not because it has a capitalistic economy but because of "excess" of concern in European political traditions which had their origins in this country, according to Dr. Robert Heilbroner.

The professor of economics at the New School of Social Research in New York City pinpointed the reasons for what he called "America's backwardness performance" in the area of quality of living in his lecture yesterday afternoon before a standing-room only crowd in the library auditorium.

Heilbroner began with the premise that "this American" culture may not be the greatest culture in the world to live in, he added this claim on a form of "cultural empiricism" in which he examined the relative position of the U.S. in the areas of infant mortality, life expectancy, commitment to education and commitment to justice.

In his analysis, Heilbroner pointed to "simplistic" reasons for United States performance on the quality of life indicators. "After the revolution this will still be America. Just as capitalism is a family of systems that ranges from Sweden to South Africa so socialism is a family of systems. I suspect that a socialist revolution here would result in an American socialism," Heilbroner noted that American socialism would not necessarily improve upon American capitalism. He pointed out that the countries which had out performed the U.S. in his indicators had capitalist economies.

An analysis of the differences between capitalist and socialist systems provides "no way of knowing why American capitalism is such a poor performer," the economics professor added.

As an answer to the "simplistic" solution, Heilbroner suggested certain historical traditions which exist in European capitalist economies.

The first of these is the "authoritarian tradition" which fostered "the attitude of noblese oblige." In the opinion of Heilbroner, the democratic socialist movements which arose "out of the oppression of monopoly." In America this movement of reform "never really sank in" because its political thrust was "absorbed by the democratic system and its economic thrust was nullified by great economic success," according to Heilbroner.

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Edy Kendricks

(formerly of the Temptations) and The Realistics

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Vice-Presidential candidate Woraldo, a sophomore in Arts and Letters from Helena, Montana, stressed the individualism of the ticket with his comment. "We do not seek any endorsements from the campus media. We will speak to the people, not to those who believe they hold student opinion.

Wojcieszek downplayed her role as a female candidate, stating, "I ran not as a woman but as a Notre Dame student." She expressed fear that her sex might affect the way people regard her candidacy, commenting, "Male chauvinism exists on campus. There's no doubt about that, and it may work against me.

When asked if she had acquired any support from student government or campus organizations, Wojcieszek commented that she and Woraldo have "no contact at all" with current student leaders. Both candidates admitted that they have no previous experience in student government work. Both stated, however, that they were on the executive committee of the McGovern for President campaign at Notre Dame last fall, and Wojcieszek has worked in various political campaigns in Chicago.

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The SLC started the year right by quickly defining four primary areas to investigate: alternative life styles in the halls, what steps should be taken if the drinking law is lowered, how to avoid overcrowding in the halls, and selection of the next women dorms. It also established four committees to investigate these areas: planning, hall life, campus life and rules.

Planning and Rules Committees

To date, the hall life and campus life have been most active and vocal, but we have heard little from the other two. What sort of progress is the planning committee making in the field of coed dorms, and what else is it looking at? There are two questions that should be answered soon. The rules committee has been virtually silent. What is its recommendation in anticipation of a change in the drinking law in this issue? Should it be settled by the time that law is changed so that the transition will be smooth and troublefree.

The campus life committee has performed well, although it lacks power to apply its recommendations. Its best contribution has been the list of halls which could have served the new women dorms. It also proposed a lottery system to delay this information the way the campus council has. Yesterday it recommended a lottery system to determine who will live off campus next year. The lottery is better than the traditional grade point system, but complete details have not been made available. No vote was taken because a quorum was not present.

Details of the lottery system and other alternatives should be made public so that the campus, especially B-P and Farley residents, can inform their SLC representatives of their choice. Or, already are possibilities for handling inquiries for next year and students should be given the opportunity as soon as possible to evaluate their chances of remaining on campus. It would be negligent of the SLC to delay this information, the way the university delayed the announcement of dorms.

Open Sessions

Finally the open sessions have been attracting student input. The SLC should continue its plan for a session concerning Security, and form a committee to work with the department of security to develop more effective plans involving student participation.

Don Ruane
A glorious mulligan stew

Mike Baum

Tuesday, February 13, 1973

The story of the thalidomide babies

Karl Kemph

About ten years ago, a wonder drug, a sedative called Distaval, was introduced to the public. The active ingredient contained in this wonder drug was Thalidomide. Distaval was marketed in England. West Germany, Japan and the United States as "totally harmless for pregnant women". These promises were shattered by the terrible facts. Innumerable children were born with horrible birth defects, ranging from limited mobility of limbs to a total absence of limbs, in this wonder drug was Thalidomide. The Distillers' administration increased its offer to $150,000.00 per family. This averages about $65,000 per family, the negligence of their company would be considered a disaster to the financial assistance of those who are lost, or merely misplaced. The Distillers Corp. at fault

The production and marketing agent for Distaval was Distillers Corp. In the past fiscal year, Distillers Corp. collected a profit of over $30,000,000.00. It is clear that the corporate heads that every family with a child disabled as a consequence of the use of Distaval would be offered the sum of $20,000, with the stipulation that unless every family with a complaint would agree to this figure, no one would receive it. The Distillers Corp. officials are of the opinion that the total and permanent disabling of a human life due to the negligence of their company should be compensated for by this allotment. At the time the offer was made, most of the families with the least fortunate of these congressmen would have been proposed a total of $200,000, since the spent amount of money offered in order to meet debts incurred as a result of malpractice, this money has been used to pay doctors to replace non-existent limbs, specialized clothing, and to purchase sessions of physical and mental therapy. All this therapy could not restore normality to their children's lives.

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Amnesty

Editor:

I wonder if I might "release" to your Letters to the Editor column that letter which I sent to Father Toohey:

Dear Father Toohey:

Although recognizing your good intentions, I found your letter to President Nixon both offensive and at least dehumanizing in its use of the position it criticizes. It was offensive because you tried to usurp the Gospel for your own ends. This was in question of political judgment, not of political participation, for the good sense of having to do with the governing of a state. It is offensive because you agree that Mr. Nixon was talking about a dishonorable kind of personal forgiveness, exactly or not to the interest at hand, that perhaps China was nothing short of the illegal forgiveness, but, if so, you could have just as well delivered your little sermon to any judge who sees fit to be a lawbreaker to jail. Surely you find it offensively self-righteous to have the President agree for example, in such a human kind of way, as he has been known to do, with President Nixon of lacking Christian forgiveness and ignorance of the decisions you agree with on a policy issue?

Secondly, I found your letter dehumanizing. In that letter there are all sorts of people who are given the undemocratic client of laws. Some object to the draft law, but you don't think they are doing war they consider unjust. Some object to the draft law because of the draft law, but you consider them untrustworthy. When such a person decides that he must in conscience resist the law, there seem to be at least four alterna-
tives for him to choose from that seem to me to be honorable, and two others that are not.

First, a person can violate his conscience and still respect the law and expect to avoid or be pardoned from the legal punishment. This seems dishonorable.

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The abortion decisions of the Supreme Court will no doubt bring some pressure on Catholic hospitals to permit the kinds of abortions that will become the rule in other hospitals—but this will be harder to stop with the pressure the Catholic hospitals were under in the past on account of their status as therapeutic abortion hospitals, sterilization, and the like. Besides respect for life, there is the requirement for knowledgeable people to assist in preparing and following abortion legislation to meet the criteria laid down by the Court and so save what right to life judges will permit.

But the lawyers who knew who were involved said there were more on the baby's side of the table than of the opinion itself. The most important thing to do now is to make every effort to bring about a constitutional amendment overruling the decisions of the Court.

My first reaction is that the effort will be hard to achieve. My friends are more optimistic; they mention as possible strategies the rather significant defeat of abortion "reform" in various referenda last fall in Michigan and Ohio. The fact that these able lawyers (including our own Charles E. Ride) are willing to make the Court decide to work concludes me to work it that is our time and our work.

A separate reason for making the try is that the Court's opinion is even graver than the newspaper reports last week indicated. These reports led one to believe that state regulation of abortion would be upheld as upheld by the Supreme Court in 1973. In the third trimester of fetal development. The Pennsylvania law imposes an exception to that in the third trimester of fetal development. The Pennsylvania law imposes an exception to that in the third trimester of fetal development. The Pennsylvania law imposes an exception to that.
Irish fencers lose perfect season

By Eugene John Finan, Jr.

The Notre Dame Fencing Team ran Saturday in Detroit, and, as Coach Mike DeCicco told this squad yesterday in practice, "We are going to have to start a new season." The Irish saw their dream of an undefeated season slip away as they dropped two meets with two national titles at stake at the Detroit College. 12-11 and 14-13, while leading Chicago 9-4. The 1-2 day left with a 4-2 record going into this weekend's meet with this State and Michigan State, two more formidable opponents.

"These kids have a lot of pride," said Coach DeCicco. "They wanted that undefeated season, but now they want to win the next one. They normally build up a little bit of confidence and wrap up the year with a home-ice, eight-point series against Colorado State. They are now in fourth place with its twin victories over the Tigers. The Irish are now in danger close to losing two important points in the tight WCHA race.

Now I hope that we never have to do it again, but we have to. We have to keep our record consistent and compete at a high level." The coach added. "For us, this was a total disaster. The experience should have taught them a lesson."

The Irish were up at point 1-5 and tied at point 9 in the last of the 11 for victory. The Irish were in an outstanding team. They buckled down when they had to and won the last five in a row. Just Jim Mulligan's and George Viomont's victories over the last five in a row should have been enough for the Irish to win. DeCicco said.

"But we got to their All-Americans with excellent marks as we did if we were to win. We still lost too many "No" matches, and we can't fall down now. We have to team like Detroit and lose the bouts you are supposed to lose," he concluded.

The match was tied at 13-13 with time running out. University and Notre Dame battling down to the last touch in this 18-round encounter. However, Colorado State didn't make it, losing 5-4. "North is a very good team and we can't fault them. Ten other guys had a chance to give us the extra touch, but they didn't," the coach added.

Against the Michigan State Irish were up at point 6-5 and tied at point 13 in the last of the 11 for victory.

"I feel sorry for the kids. They worked hard all week in preparation. If we could have had another week of practice, we would have been surprised if we had beaten Wayne State," DeCicco said.

"We have a lot of young people right now. Roy Soltz and Viomont are winning and producing better than I expected. Roy felled well against Detroit, but I don't know what in the world is better than that. He just has to mature a little more."

Wrestlers earn weekend split

By John Walz

Heights Al Rocek kept his victory streak alive at 21 over the weekend with a dominating performance over the West Virginia Mountaineers to take advantage of a 1-2-1-1 defeat. Rocek pinned all four of his opponents, building up a 16-5 record to put him 21-4 this season. Rocek was able to score three items in the first two periods and weathered West Virginia's defense to take the lead. Rocek is now 21-4 on the season and 16-5 in his collegiate career.

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Sherk, Koe, O'Connor, Krahats, Kane pace ND swim win by Peter Mc Hugh

Sherk, Kane, Krahats, and O'Connor may not be Miller, Crowley, Laydon, and Shahbreh, but they continued to dominate Notre Dame swimming in Four Horsemen-like style leading the Irish to a 71-43 victory over St. Bonaventure Saturday at the loser's pool.

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Rockel capped the night's scoring with a win in the 400-yard medley relay. Sherk's record breaking performance and Andy Wallach's third place in the 100-yard freestyle gave Notre Dame the lead.

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