Macheca speaks on discipline

by Jim Donahue Staff Reporter

"We have a concern for the total quality of life at Notre Dame," said Dean of Student John Macheca in a news conference in Dillen Hall. He explained that the purpose of this job "is to find out how discipline functions within education."

Re-examines goals

Since July, Macheca has been re-examining the relationship of discipline to the overall educational goals of Notre Dame. Thus far, he has claimed two general conclusions: 1) discipline can function in the individual's life as part of the educational experience and 2) Notre Dame should develop a rehabilitative model for rule infractions so that students will benefit from their mistakes.

"If you deal with individual problems, you need lots of resources and alternatives. There are few rehabilitative alternatives in the old student manual," the Dean said.

On drugs and alcohol

One area he is reexamining is the usage of drugs and alcohol at Notre Dame. "We definitely feel that efforts should be made to deal with drug and alcohol abuse and rehabilitation."

The dean's office has been spending time with students who are interested in initiating such programs. If drug and alcohol programs are not directly related to the dean's office, he said that students will be less apprehensive to take advantage of their services.

Macheca also emphasized the complete confidentiality of the psychological services. "If students have a concern, they don't have to worry that what they say goes on in psychological services unless the student signs a release."

One student asked if the dean considers abuse of drugs and alcohol to include the occasional smoking of marijuana or the occasional overindulgence of alcohol.

Macheca: "You just don't go out and play handball with women." "It concerns me that students find it necessary to use artificial means to deal with their lives," replied Macheca. "Life styles developed in college are often carried forward into later adult life."

Shows social concern

Another area of prime interest to the dean is the lack of social facilities. "We recognize the correlation between student behavior and the environment. We are concerned with the quality of the social environment."

According to Dean Macheca, the environment at Notre Dame isn't balanced. "All you have to do is compare the number of handball courts, soccer fields, etc. to the number of social facilities. Notre Dame has made a commitment to co-education. You just don't go out and play handball with women."

Justifies parietals

In justifying parietals, Macheca contended that the environment of the home is based on similar social structures such as dens and living rooms. He explained that in contrast, almost every room on campus is a bedroom. It must also be decided, he continued, if parietals are more a question of human sexuality or a question of order within the hall.

Several students asked Macheca to explain the difference between rehabilitation and punishment. When asked, "How is it explained from the university or loss of football and basketball tickets rehabilitative?" Macheca said that he saw the latter as part of the growth experience.

He contended that losing a privilege has a rehabilitative effect.

On expulsion Macheca said: "Certain things are so obvious that they pre-empt the right of the individual to be rehabilitated within the community."

Macheca also fielded several questions which dealt with the University's concept of in loco parentis. In one student's words, "It's ruining the community.

The dean responded in saying that the function of student affairs is based on a Christian attitude of caring. Since students are reluctant to openly confront one another, he added, the dean has the responsibility to take a position of confrontation. In so doing, Macheca states his hope that problems will be discovered and dealt with before they become serious.

Nixon 'eager' to release story

WASHINGTON (UPI) President Nixon reported to Congressional Republicans Wednesday that he is seeking ways to release his taped Watergate information to the public and is also willing to meet with leaders of the Senate Watergate Committee.

In a give and take morning session with 75 GOP House members, Nixon was willing to meet with the bipartisan leadership of the Watergate Committee, but the idea was promptly turned down by its chairman, Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D.N.C., who said such a meeting should include all seven panel members.

Several Republican congressmen, after meeting with Nixon in the morning, said he is eager to make his story public and would release the information to his private papers and tapes if Sirica approved.

Sirica, chief judge of the U.S. District Court here who has been handling the case, filed a "memorandum" saying Nixon need not seek his approval before submitting any evidence to the grand jury or the public if he chooses.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell ruled in a suit brought by Ralph Nader and three members of Congress that Cox had been legally discharged by Acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork. But Gesell took no action to reinstate Cox because Cox did not ask for his job back and another special prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, has been named.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin, D.N.C., chairman of the Senate Watergate committee turned down a reported offer from Nixon to meet with him and the committee vice chairman, Howard B. Baker Jr. of Tenn. "I'm not going to the White House without the entire committee," Ervin said.

Officials of Ashland and Gulf Oil companies told the Ervin Committee that they had bowed to pressures from Nixon campaign officials and illegally contributed $100,000 each from corporate funds to Nixon's re-election effort. Both former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans, later Nixon campaign finance chief, had solicited the gifts.

In his three-page "memorandum" in Nixon's secretly taped conversations, Gesell rejected Nixon's pledge made Monday to surrender to the court a number of other tapes and documents not required under an existing subpoena.

Sirica said he "will not receive extraneous material of testimony" nor become "a dispository of non-subpoenaed matter."

He added: "If the President thinks it advisable to waive any privilege and make tapes or other material public, he is free to do so at any time. Should be want to provide the grand jury with materials that do not relate to the present hearing or materials that have not been subpoenaed, he should do so through the grand jury's counsel, the special prosecutor, and not through the court."

At his Oct. 26 news conference, Nixon said it would not be "proper" to make his Watergate tapes public since a federal appeals court had not ordered that to be done and "Judge Sirica, of course, would not do anything that would be in contravention" of that order.

Sirica is holding hearings on White House claims that two subpoenaed presidential conversations were never recorded and on whether the remaining seven subpoenaed tapes have been tampered with.

In his ruling on the Cox case, Gesell said Bork had no authority to fire Cox or to abolish the special prosecutor's office—both of which Bork did on Nixon's orders.

"The firing of Archibald Cox in the absence of a finding of extraordinary impropriety was in clear violation of an existing Justice Department regulation... having the force of law and was therefore illegal," Gesell said.

He said further that Bork's action less than three weeks later in reinstating the office was "simply a ruse to permit the discharge of Mr. Cox...and must be held arbitrary and unreasonable and must be held to have been without force or effect."

But Gesell said the court "must remain neutral" in the case and so the only Congress, through legislation, can protect the special prosecutor from interference by the Executive Branch.

Cox, from his summer home in Maine, said the only important thing was that investigations and prosecutions go on—whether by Jaworski or someone else named under new legislation in the future. "For me to make any legal claims under Judge Gesell's decision would on a mere speculation of getting the real job done," he said.

The Senate Watergate Committee, meanwhile, continued its probe into financing of the 1972 presidential race by hearing testimony from officials of companies that have admitted making illegal campaign donations.

All have testified their money went into Nixon coffers but Gulf Oil said it also chipped in $10,000 to the presidential campaign of Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., and $15,000 to that of Rep. Wilbur O. Mills, D-Ark., in addition to $100,000 to Nixon's.

The committee will be in recess next weekend and plans to wrap up its public hearings—which began May 17—by Dec. 7 to allow time to finish its final report by a Senate-set deadline of Feb. 26.

Committee staff said it was "possible" that Nixon's close friend, Florida banker C. G. "Bill" Martin, could be called to testify after Thanksgiving.

JFK aid discusses possible conspiracy

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Shuttle bus losing money

by Howard Wood
Staff Reporter

The Student Government off-campus shuttle bus is losing $50 per day, Student Body President Dennis Etienne revealed.

The fare is 10 cents and the bus costs $50 per day to operate. If the student government wants to break even, 500 students would have to ride the bus every day. After the first week of operation, a maximum of 75 students have ridden the bus on any one day.

Etienne expressed disappointment over the small turnout. "There's nothing to be overjoyed about when you're losing $50 a day," he said.

Mike Geisinger, student body vice president, commented, "After one week I am not ready to con­demn it. This is just an experiment and the student government money is budgeted for the bus."

Although the funds for the bus have been appropriated for the whole school year, second semester operation may be ter­minated for lack of funds. "If the bus continues to lose the same amount of money each day, there will only be enough funds to keep it going until Christmas," stated Etienne.

Geisinger pointed out the possibility of terminating the off-campus bus unless 150 students are riding it a day before Thanksgiving. Etienne added that it would be too expensive for student government to provide transportation for such a small number of students.

Etienne warned against students waiting for the cold weather to use the bus. "Because of the poor turnout, it may not last until then."

The nice weather and the in­convenience of the bus compared to a car are the possible reasons for the small number of students riding the bus, according to Etienne.

There has only been one reported complaint on the bus routes, said Etienne. The first, a man route leaves from the corner of Michigan Ave. and Navarre at 7:35 and arrives at campus at 7:55.

Reportedly, a student walked from the same corner to campus in less time than the bus. Etienne added that a new route is being in­vestigated. Student Government is search­ing for improvements to benefit the off-campus students.

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and an army captain,

The Notre Dame swim team is planning to hold its second annual swimming marathon this Sunday evening, Nov. 18th, at 7:00, in Rockne Memorial pool.

According to Drew Wallach, coordinator of the project, the swimming marathon will help the swim team to raise money for training over the Christmas holidays. Swimmers will be contacting people, hoping they will contribute a penny, nickel or dime for each length they swim. On Sunday evening, the team will meet at Rockne, and each swimmer will swim non-stop as far as he can, with a 200 lap maximum. Later, the swimmers will re-contact their sponsors and inform them of the outcome and the amount of their pledged con­tributions.

Wallach also stated that the swim team has decided to con­tribute a portion of the donations they receive to the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Ft. Lauderdale and to the Logan School for Retarded Children here in South Bend, where many swimmers have been working as volunteers.

In addition to the swimming marathon, the swim team also is raising money by selling peanuts, programs and holding at N.D. home football games.
JFK aide discusses Dallas trip

by Valerie Zurhikel
Staff Reporter

Martin Underwood was one of President Kennedy's advance men on his fatal Dallas trip. Underwood was killed by the assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, and was in Dallas at the time of the assassination. A close friend of Johnson and now works for Marvin Mandel, governor of Maryland. Underwood was fatally wounded in a Dallas motorcycle accident.

St. Mary's students exceed goal in United Way Drive

"We are very proud of the Saint Mary's College students in their efforts to assist in the United Way Fund Drive," said Saint Mary's Director of student activities. "The students have exceeded our goal, and this is a sign of the support the United Way campaign has received from the students of Saint Mary's College.

The student body raised $1,161.13 by holding an auction and dance on United Way Day, October 31, 1973. All proceeds from the events went to the United Way Fund.

In addition to the student body's efforts, the faculty and staff of Saint Mary's College also contributed to the United Way. Each member of the faculty and staff donated a small amount of money to the United Way Fund.

The prescribed goal for the United Way Drive was $1,000.00. Combined donations from faculty, staff, and administration, the students reached $2,361.13, 111.6 per cent of the original goal. This achievement is due to the hard work and dedication of the students, faculty, and staff of Saint Mary's College.

The rocking chair Underwood owned was flown to Houston by Air Force 1. The President had an hour conference in his hotel room that night before he left for Dallas and that was the last rocking chair he ever sat in. "It even has the brake marks from his back brace," added Underwood.

Juniors interested in teaching Freshman Colloquium next fall.

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editor's note

The editor of Notre Dame News has received a letter from a student expressing concern about recent events and requests for clarification regarding the actions of a certain individual. The editor responds to this letter, expressing support for the student and reiterating the values and standards of the institution.

In the main article, the author discusses the implications of recent events for the future of the institution and suggests that the community must come together to address these challenges.

The article concludes with a call to action, urging readers to consider the impact of their actions on the institution and to work towards a better future for all involved.

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**Dear Editor,**

I write to express concern about recent events and to request clarification regarding the actions of a certain individual. As a member of the community, I believe it is important that we come together to address these challenges and to work towards a better future for all involved.

In light of the recent events, I would like to ask for your insight on the following questions:

1. What is the current status of the investigation into the incident?
2. What steps are being taken to ensure the safety and well-being of all involved?
3. What measures are being considered to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future?

In conclusion, I believe that it is essential that we address these issues in a thoughtful and constructive manner. I look forward to hearing your response and to being a part of the solution to these challenges.

Yours sincerely,

[Student's Name]
Aspects of alcoholism discussed

Dr. Nelson J. Bradley, head of psychiatric services and medical director of the Alcoholism Rehabilitation Center of Park Ridge, Illinois, discussed various aspects of alcoholism with South Bend physicians Tuesday.

In an interview at the St. Joseph Mental Health Center, Dr. Bradley named alcoholism as the number one addiction in America, with 10,000 deaths a year in Indiana and 1,000 in St. Joseph County alone. The authority on alcoholism defined alcoholic addiction in the same sense as narcotic addiction, in that both involve craving, development of tolerances, and withdrawal symptoms.

Approaching alcoholism as a "two-sided disease," Dr. Bradley stated that in curing the alcoholic what is needed is "not new skills, but continued care and social pressure applications.

Emphasizing that the alcoholic is not a criminal, though the courts may use a "kick-off approach," Dr. Bradley explained that "once the alcoholic is accepted as a sick person programs should keep pressure on him through his job, family, driver's license, and even the courts if necessary." He went on to say that the results of the old "detoxification-type" PROGRAMS' 2 to 3 per cent recovery record and the "continuity of care" programs' 80 per cent recovery rate, Dr. Bradley pointed out the new programs use of industries, unions, Half-way houses, and the "base­ line of reformed alcoholics" to implement the "continuity of care" and "social pressure" concepts.

Other forms of addiction identified by Dr. Bradley were nicotine-tobacco, food, and work addictions. He added that the behavior patterns of the work addict are the same as the personality type believed to be susceptible to coronary heart diseases.

Dr. Bradley's visit to South Bend was sponsored by the alcoholism education program of the South Bend Center for Medical Education, whose goal is to provide local members of the medical profession with a greater understanding of the alcoholic.

Blocking interchange

Widow fights order to move

By JOHN GONZALEZ
LORDSBurg, N.M. (UPI) -- An elderly widow fighting an order to move from her land to make way for a highway interchange on her southwest Hill through the closed door of Mrs. Hill contends that the interchange is not needed and that it would not benefit her. Mrs. Hill owns 59 acres of desert land west of Lordsburg which the department condemned for $2,069 to make way for the Interstate highway 10 interchange. She has refused to pick up the check and has been living in the shack since August, moving there from her ranchhouse at the ghost town of Shakespeare.

Crime: Mrs. Hill contends that the interchange is not needed and that it would not benefit her. She said she has owned most of her life, which has been living in the shack since August, moving there from her ranchhouse at the ghost town of Shakespeare.

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Judge rules Cox firing illegal

by ED ROGERS

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork illegally fired special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox with President Nixon’s orders Oct. 20, but he refused to order Cox reinstated.

Acting on a suit brought by Ralph Nader and three Democrats in Congress, U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell based his ruling on former Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson’s regulation stating that Cox could be dismissed only for “extraordinary reasons of national interest” or by mutual agreement that the Watergate investigation was completed.

Gesell rejected a Justice Department argument that Bork’s action in firing Cox amounted to an “automatic abolition” of the regulations. The judge said such regulations have the force of law and cannot be abolished except through full CEA procedures.

But Gesell also noted that Cox, who has since returned to Harvard Law School, had disavowed any interest in returning to the prosecutor’s job.

Without Cox as a party to the suit, Gesell denied a request for an injunction that would have barred Leon Jaworski, the new special prosecutor, from interfering with Cox’s return. Gesell’s ruling has no effect on Cox except to put the stamp of illegality in his dismissal. But Nader attorney Alan Morrison said the decision in effect would give Jaworski an added measure of “job security” by serving notice that Cox’s successor could not be fired summarily.


Bork, the U.S. Solicitor General, assumed command of the Justice Department and fired Cox after Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William D. Ruckleshaus resigned rather than obey Nixon’s orders to dismiss him.

Gesell also rejected the plaintiff’s arguments that the Cox firing violated Richardson’s commission, made during his Senate confirmation hearings, that the special prosecutor would be independent of White House influence.

“Whatever may be the moral or political implications of the President’s decision to disregard these commitments, they do not alter the fact that the commitments had no effect,” the judge wrote. “This was because Congress never passed legislation to prevent ‘illegal or arbitrary action affecting the independence of the Watergate special prosecutor,’” Gesell said.

In this regard, the judge noted what he termed a “most unfortunate” legislative proposal, headed for a House floor vote on Nov. 26, that would provide for a court-appointed special prosecutor.

The courts must remain neutral,” Gesell said. “Congress has it within its own power to enact appropriate and legally enforceable protections against any effort to thwart the Watergate inquiry.”

The School of Management of Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y., will be interviewing interested applicants for the Masters in Business Administration and M.S. in Accounting Program on Friday, Nov. 16, 1973 9am-5pm

For further information inquire at the Placement Office on Campus.

Recommend prohibition of natural Christmas trees

The Occupational Safety and Health Association Central Committee of the University, at its meeting on November 8, 1973, unanimously recommended that the use of natural evergreen trees and/or branches of same as Christmas decorations be prohibited in all residences and other interior areas of the University. The Committee suggests the use of fireproof artificial trees and trimmings where such Christmas decorations are desired.

The committee asked that Donations to CARE to be collected before game

Donations to support CARE will be taken before and after the Air Force game on Thanksgiving Day. Volunteers are needed to take up the collection.

For 27 years CARE has been about the business of helping people in need. CARE supplies some 25 million persons with food each day. It is also instrumental in establishing self-help educational, medical programs.

In order to continue its millions of mercy, CARE depends upon the generosity of those in sympathy with their cause.

All those who are remaining for the game are being asked to help CARE by contacting the Office of Campus Ministry (6536) by Sunday noon.

Course schedule books available on Monday

Course schedule books for the spring semester will be available on Monday, November 19 in the offices of the deans of the respective colleges, said Richard Sullivan, university registrar, announced yesterday. The Course Evaluation booklets, copublished by the Scholastic and the Observer will be available on Monday, November 26.

The Course Evaluation books will differ somewhat from last year’s version. “We had trouble getting course lists from some departments so this will be a smaller book,” explained Joe Runde, editor of the book. “It will be between 180 and 200 courses covered, as we also are not covering courses at St. Mary’s,” he said.

The Evaluation book committee has run up against a number of difficulties with this edition. “Over all,” said Joe, “I’m disappointed at the response.”

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From one beer lover to another.
Marketing Club welcomes Nichols for lecture series

By Judy Rauen hurst
Staff Reporter

George Nichols compared managing football in his speech to the Marketing Club Tuesday evening in Hayes Healy Center. Nichols quoted Southern California Coach John McKay who said that to stay ahead "you have to run faster." Nichols is the president of Johnston and Murphy Shoe Co., a division of Genesco of Nashville, Tennessee. H. Stall was part of the Paul D. Gilbert Lecture Series sponsored by Genesco under the direction of Paul D. Gilbert of Gilber's Men's Store.

The purpose of the series is to introduce students to actual practices of successful businessmen. "J & M Shoes go back to 1890," began Nichols. He told of the shoebutton business in America that went to England and established a shoe factory based on quality and craftsmanship which grew to become Johnston and Murphy.

The thirty-three year old president gave four reasons for J & M's success.

Drives are desperately needed to pick up the turkey dinners at Stepans Center: 9 o'clock, Tuesday morning, November 30th, and deliver them to the individual houses in South Bend. If you wish to give up about one half hour of your time, please contact Alan Sondel (7077) or Danny Brennan (2961) immediately.

First, J & M works with the mills to know what styles are coming and what the accessory emphasis will be. "We try to come out with the right merchandise at the right time while maintaining our product standards," said Nichols.

The second reason is people. "We have the finest shoe salesmen in the business," stated Nichols. Consistent advertising is the third reason. "You have to let people know what the product is. The key to success is communication," said Nichols.

The final reason lies in the execution. Nichols said that you execute well by understanding your product, and know where you are going to take it.

The speaker was honored at a cocktail party and dinner at the Morris Inn preceding the lecture. Among those attending were Paul D. Gilbert; George Karatis, President of Gilbert's; Thomas Murphy, Dean of School of Business Administration; Dr. Hugh Parahashi, Head of Marketing Department; other faculty members and Marketing Club Officers Jerry Samamiego, Steve Horning, Sharon Carey and Ken Welbeck.

Charity B-ball game Saturday

On November 17 at 2:00 p.m. another charity basketball game will be held at the ACC. All donations will go towards supplying Johnston and Murphy shoes for poor families in South Bend.

Last year's game resulted in the distribution of 156 turkeys and 40 corn hens and 3400 other food items to over 1000 people in the South Bend area.

Voice recital at SMC

Saint Mary's music department will present a voice recital by Beverly Beer, soprano, and Suzanne Kellow, alto, Thursday, November 15, at 8:15 p.m. in the Little Theatre.

Beer, a senior music education major from Peoria, Illinois, has performed in Saint Mary's productions of "Oliver" and "The Magic Flute." She has also sung with various Midrigal singers, women's chorus, and collegiate choir.

A senior majoring in music education, Kellow is from Philadelphia. She is president of the collegiate choir, and also sings with the women's chorus and opera workshop.

Voice students of Susan Stevens, Beer and Kellow travelled to Europe last summer as members of the collegiate choir. Both participated in the 1972 National American Teachers of Singing Students Auditions, a competition which they will enter again on November 16.

The public is invited to attend the recital. Admission is free.

Charity B-ball game to be held on November 13

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George Nichols: "The key to success is communication."

"You have to let people know what the product is. The key to success is communication," said Nichols.
Bob Thomas: back in the groove and on the money

Notre Dame kicker Bob Thomas had been experiencing a frustrating season until the Irish beat Southern Cal three weeks ago, when his three field goals proved the difference in the 23-24 game.

And some of Thomas' biggest frustrations were with his coach, Ara Parseghian. "It all started the week of the Northwestern game," Thomas remembers. "I made up a cheer (a Notre Dame football custom) and I was supposed to put Coach Parseghian on the back at the end. Instead I got carried away and slapped him on the face."

"That's the first time since sophomore year I've checked the bulletin board to see if I was dressing for the game," he laughs.

Thomas hasn't tried to make any alibis for his kicking this season either. After connecting on two field goal attempts at Purdue he missed eight more before his third, a 33-yarder, against the Trojans.

"I started to consider what other people must have been thinking," he admits. "But the thing that matters most is what you, yourself, are thinking. And I never doubted my ability to kick."

And well he shouldn't. Thomas now ranks as the all-time leading field goal kicker in Notre Dame history with 17. He has also attempted more than any previous player – 33. He saw his consecutive point-after-touchdown string broken at Army after he had hit 42 straight, second best in NCAA history.

"I said a prayer at the beginning of the season and told God that I didn't want any recognition all season if I could just have it for the Southern Cal game," Thomas relates. "After breaking my PAT streak at Army and missing two field goals, one of which I thought was good, I walked back to my sixth floor room. I opened the windows and looked toward heaven and said, 'I know I told you I didn't want any big games until USC, but this is getting ridiculous.'"

"I've only applied to one school – Notre Dame," he reveals. "I don't want to leave here. It's been my home nine months out of the year for the last four years."

And Notre Dame is glad it has been.

One day at practice Coach drock-kicked a field goal 32-yards," says Thomas. "He turned to me and asked if I had seen that. I nodded and he quickly reminded me that I had missed a few from just that far.

"But then he told me not to worry about it because I was going to beat USC with my field goals. Can you imagine how great that made me feel?"

Thomas' performance against the Trojans marked the fourth time in his Notre Dame career that he connected on three field goals. That ties him with Gus Dorais for the single game record. It also earned him the offensive player of the game award from Chevrolet and the Notre Dame Quarterback Club.

"Every victory is a thrill for me," says the Rochester, N.Y., native. "But to date the USC win has to be my biggest one. We've got at least two more thrills left this season and maybe three if we go to a bowl game. But if you want to see my most satisfying thrill you're all invited up to my room after the season when I try on my national championship ring."

Thomas would like to play pro ball if it gives a chance. But he also has applied to law and graduate business school just in case.

"If I accept an invitation to a bowl game or play pro ball it gives me a chance to earn some money," he admits. "That's important. But I don't like the word slump," says Thomas. "It's an easy way to talk about not doing your job. Baseball players use it most often and think that just by saying it, they're in a slump they can be forgiven for a time until they start hitting.

"I had some tough tries during that streak. Against Michigan State I tried kicks of 42, 49, and 55 yards into the wind. And I just plain missed some chip shots. But calling it a slump doesn't justify it."

"If I don't press while I was missing," Thomas adds, "I could have improved. But this is getting ridiculous."

A chance to end another streak

Bob Thomas

Greg Corgan

Extra Points

Bowl bids come out on November 17, and right now it seems as if we'll be meeting Alabama in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Eve.

Now the general reaction to this may be fine, great; we'll have a chance to be number one provided somebody can beat Michigan or Ohio State in the Rose Bowl, and we do defeat Alabama.

However, there's one flaw.

On November 24, the Crimson Tide travel to Baton Rouge to meet an as yet unbeaten LSU team, and any one even vaguely familiar with college football knows that the Tigers seldom lose at home. Should Bear Bryant's squad drop this game then, the Irish will find themselves having missed out on an opportunity to play in THE bowl game.

As things stand now, L.S.U. appears headed to the Orange Bowl to battle Penn State. The Orange Bowl officials, I'm sure, are genuinely interested in having Notre Dame back in Miami, but when Bear Bryant shrewdly issued his challenge, they withdrew and figured that we would definitely go to New Orleans. In fact, they were supposed to make the trip to Philadelphia to watch us against the Panthers, but cancelled their plans at the last minute when the "Alabama challenge" was announced.

As it stands now, L.S.U.'s game with Penn State is not attractive. The Irish however have the potential to be a tough team, and any one even vaguely familiar with college football knows that the Tigers seldom lose at home. Should Bear Bryant's squad drop this game then, the Irish will find themselves having missed out on an opportunity to play in THE bowl game.

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Bob Thomas splits the uprights against Northwestern.

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