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Student suspended for parietals

by Bill Sahin
Staff Reporter

A junior from Dillon Hall was suspended last semester for three days because his girlfriend had allegedly stayed in his room over Thanksgiving break.

Two offenses cited

According to John Macheca, dean of students, the student was charged with two offenses: violating parietals and violating a student's personal convictions that warranted lesser punishment.

While Macheca would not elaborate, fellow students speculated that this was because the student had explained that he was planning to marry the woman in question.

The suspended student, who lived on the second floor of Dillon Hall, related that on Saturday, November 24, he and his girlfriend were leaving to attend a wedding, they passed Fr. Burchaell in the stairwell who reprimanded them.

Burchaell enters room

According to Macheca later in the day, Burchaell, who is also the third-floor assistant rector, entered the students locked room with his pass key. The student discovered, according to Macheca, "a double bed made up on the floor, and a woman's clothing lying around the room." Macheca said that Macheca "asked the matter to Macheca.

Macheca defended Burchaell's actions, saying, "He would have been directed in his duty to the University if he had not unlocked the door and entered.""

Burchaell called the student to his office several days later. The student explained his position to him in what he felt was a "man to man" and "confidential" conversation. Macheca yesterday expressed regret that the student had felt that way, but that that was not necessarily the case because of his position in the University. Many, including his roommate and one of his "student defenders," felt that his candor with Macheca was his "undoing."

J-board hears case

Macheca, after hearing the student's side of the case, gave him the option for two courses or a hearing before the Judicial Board or Macheca himself decide upon appropriate disciplinary action. He opted for the board because "I figured I'd have a better chance with my fellow students," he explained.

The Judicial Board is composed of three students, two professors and one student on the judicial board. He was suspended for two charges on December 12 and decided upon the punishment. But this original decision, in regards to his suspension, was different from what was later imposed.

The original version called only for immediate suspension for the rest of the semester (along with the three other cases), instead of suspension for a full semester.

Under this ruling, the student was to leave the University at once, but was to be allowed to take X's in all his courses and make up his finals in January, so he would not lose credit for the work he had already done in the first semester.

He was advised by his two "student defenders," Dave Glimmer and Greg Smith, not to try to appeal the case because of the relative leniency shown the fact that he had admitted his own "guilt." He agreed and flew home to Massachusetts the next day.

Decision inoperative

After he had returned home, he received a phone call from Macheca informing him that the Judicial Board had reached an inoperative decision, because, he said, they were over-stepping their jurisdiction in assigning X's for his courses. That decision had been sent back to the Judicial Board, which decided that he was to be suspended for an entire semester instead.

This new decision meant that the suspended student had another option: he could have this suspension appealed to either the Academic Council or the Student Body.

Had he chosen the first, he would have had three more days to appeal the decision. He appealed to the second.

The original version called only for Immediate disciplinary probation. The new one called for a full semester's suspension. The suspended student, however, was allowed to live on-campus.

The suspended student is now attending Southern Massachusetts University and plans on returning to ND next year.

White House admits assisting in Ford speech

by Gary Allietto
Staff Reporter

The White House acknowledged Wednesday that President Nixon's speechwriters helped Vice President Gerald Ford prepare a speech delivered Tuesday accusing Watergate critics of plotting Nixon's downfall.

One of the White House speechwriters did assist the vice president's staff in formulating ideas he wanted to put across, said Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren yesterday. The White House admitted Tuesday that Ford had received White House material before the American Farm Bureau meeting in Washington last month.

Ford's remarks were interpreted widely as signaling a new White House counter- offensive on Watergate.

The vice president charged that a coalition of groups like the AFL-CIO, the Americans for Democratic Action and other powerful pressure organizations were waging a massive propaganda campaign against Nixon aimed at supplanting the policies endorsed overwhelmingly by the voters in 1972.

Referring to the help provided by President Nixon's speechwriters, Warren said "we only did it at the request of the vice president."

He said the White House had never attempted to dictate Ford's speeches. He said, "I have never been asked to dictate Ford's speeches." The speechwriters then went to the vice president. Warren said: "After the vice president finishes his work on them he goes abroad and makes them," he added. "In every case, he always the draft in his own word-"

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex., said Wednesday Ford's speech "is not a positive step towards restoring public confidence in the leadership of our nation. It only seeks to divide the American people."

"Mr. Ford's attitude and the attitude of other Republican leaders towards this man is a per­ rilous line-simply is not responsible for those who are responsible for the rule the American people would want to play their new vice president as they played Ford's."

"Now it appears that the Vice President has willingly accepted the White House effort to make him as a divisive political force. In his Farmer Bureau speech, Mr. Ford clearly adopted Agrarian-like tac­ tics, and has himself injected himself into the Watergate case."

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South Bend Bend to honor Irish football team

South Bend community leaders are planning an hour-long "Salute to the Champions" honoring the University of Notre Dame's football team in the Athletic and Convocation Center on Sunday.

Coach Ara Parseghian will serve as master of ceremonies and introduce members of the Fighting Irish team that defeated Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. Also participating will be former Notre Dame band and cheerleaders.

Honored guests at the rally will include Governor Qin Bowen, Rev. Theodore M. Heslin, V.F. president of Notre Dame; Rev. Ean M. Monaghan, V.F. executive vice president, and Edward Krause, athletic director. Also scheduled to be recognized at the event are the state football championship teams from Washington High School of South Bend, Marian High in Mishawaka, and the state golf champions from Adams High School, the Marlin Swim team, and the state volleyball champions from Marian.
Rationing coupons to be printed

by Robert F. Buckhorn

WASHINGTON (UP)—Deputy Energy Chief John Sawhill said Wednesday gasoline rationing coupons will be ready by the end of January, but the decision whether to use them may be delayed until "a peak time of gas usage" next summer.

Obviously optimistic that the nation can avoid rationing, Sawhill outlined more details of the government's standby rationing plan at a news briefing.

He said 1.6 billion rationing coupons will be printed and placed in storage by the end of the month and the entire standby system will be ready for possible implementation by March 1. But he added:

"It is more likely the plan would go into effect in the summer at a time of peak gas usage... if gasoline demand mounts in the summer, there will be more pressure to bring on the rationing plan.

"Our view on rationing is unchanged. We still consider it to be a last resort."

He said the nation can get through the energy pinch without rationing if American drivers continue to save gasoline and if domestic refining holds up. There also will be enough heating oil, he added if most Americans keep their thermostats 6 degrees lower than last year and unless the weather turns severely cold.

An improvement in the energy situation is necessary to avoid rationing, Sawhill said, "and we're getting an improvement."

He said employees of the Federal Energy Office (FEO) are trying to set up the mechanics of the standby rationing system in discussions with representatives of the states, post offices and banks.

He estimated there are 123 million licensed drivers who would be eligible for coupons. The rationing system will classify drivers' needs region by region, largely on the basis of the availability of mass transit, he added. Sawhill said rural areas would get the best break along with urban areas having little or no mass transit. He said urban areas with moderate transit would get 90 per cent of the maximum and areas with good transit, 90 per cent.

Among cities in the 100 per cent category were Dallas, Cincinnati, Detroit, Los Angeles and San Diego. The 90 per cent class included Washington, D.C. Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Miami. The 80 per cent category included New York, Baltimore, Atlanta, Chicago, Boston, New Orleans and Philadelphia.

Assuming a gasoline shortage of 900,000 barrels a day or 11 per cent, Sawhill said, Los Angeles drivers might get 49 gallons a month, Washington 44 and Boston 40.

In other energy-related developments:

"John Schaefer, who helped draft the FEO allocation program announced Tuesday, told major oil company representatives in a meeting at the Interior Department that price controls soon will be removed from aviation and ocean ship fuels for international transportation."

"Energy expert Martin Lobe, an attorney and former aide to Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., told a House subcommittee the oil industry "uses every legal device to keep accurate and relevant information from Congress."

"Exxon Vice President W. T. Slick Jr. testified the industry would welcome a government-sponsored system to collect energy data."

"Administrator Russell E. Train of the Environmental Protection Agency said he will seek legislation to force the auto industry to build cars that use less gasoline, though taxation of heavy and light powered cars."

"Energy chief William E. Simon said Detroit is retrofitting to make smaller cars because American drivers have decided "they are not going to buy those gas eaters any longer."

"His statement coincided with a report showing U.S. auto sales dropped 27 per cent in the first 10 days of 1974."

"The Wilderness Society, allowed a deadline to pass without making a new constitutional challenge to construction of the Alaska oil pipeline. A spokesman for the environmental group, whose suit suit originally delayed the project, said it could find no basis for challenge under a new law passed by Congress."

"The National Clean Air Coalition said some provisions of the pending emergency energy bill in Congress constitute "nothing more than a black lung program for American cities."

"It urged Congress to knock out a section allowing plants to burn high sulphur coal."

"Massachusetts Gov. Francis W. Sargent, testifying before a Senate subcommittee, called for public regulation "or, if necessary, public ownership" of the nation's oil companies."

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Eight members of Congress charged the administration has squandered in "extortion" of the American consumer by major oil companies and called for a 90-day freeze on domestic crude oil and products prices.

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The American Automobile Association said a survey of 2,931 gasoline stations across the nation showed a 15 per cent were staying open part of the day on Sundays and only 17 per cent were limiting purchases.

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A Committee on University Priorities, organized by the University of Notre Dame 15 months ago to study future directions for the university, has submitted its report to Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president of the University.

Among its highest priorities, the Committee lists continuing support for Notre Dame's commitment to freedom of inquiry and thought, an academic and student staff among whom are committed Catholic predominate, and the highest priority for endorsement of the allocation of unrestricted income.

The 18,000-word report also calls for increased emphasis on the improvement of teaching; more support for a library collection endangered by inflation; an emphasis on quality rather than quantity in the enrollment of graduate and professional programs, and the elimination of overstaffed and underutilized halls, as well as study of how the halls might play more of an effective role.

Summary of the report's major chapters:

1. Catholic Character—The report strongly reaffirms the religious character of the University, that its "highest and also most distinctive" is understood and to adhere to its evolving Catholic character. To survive without its unique place in the minds of believers, and without Catholicism in the larger pluralistic society, would not be to survive as Notre Dame. While acknowledging the contribution of those other religious faith or of none who "able here because they lead lives of inquiry which include a sensitivity to and for the commitment to investigate the moral truth," the Committee urges that those concerned with faculty recruitment "care to attract and appoint from the most competent teachers, scholars and students available those who are articulate believers." The report also recommends that the university make appointments to the faculty and staff continue to be offered by preference to competent members of the Congregation of Holy Cross, whose contribution to the University is a special guarantee of its Catholic character. (the Congregation has had the University in 1842, transferred governance to a predominately lay board of trustees in 1967.)

2. Academic Disciplines—The report stresses interdisciplinary collaboration in curriculum, teaching and research. It does not single out programs or the university's libraries to the point where membership among the 84 academic libraries belonging to the Association of Research Libraries is threatened, according to the committee. The report urges an increase in the Library's budget and the establishment of a supplemental endowment specifically restricted to the purchase of books, periodicals and related learning materials.

3. Auxiliary Enterprises—The committee voted to establish itself later as a task force to study the nonacademic endeavors of the University, such as the Athletic and Convocation Center and the Michigan Telecasting Corporation, in order "to make recommendations concerning their propriety, their continuity or discontinuance, and the possibility of starting new enterprises.

4. Intercollegiate athletics receives endorsement in the report, with a strong reminder that Notre Dame is "in a unique position to be a leader in the ethics of organized sport."

5. Physical Environment—With the shift from new construction to renovation and preventive maintenance, the committee recommends better long-range planning to meet the physical needs of the University. It underscores the necessity of maintaining, an area where its report now finds understaffing and other inadequacies.

6. Composting Center.—We have a general uneasiness and concern for the total cost all computing on campuses, for the proper configuration and capacity of machines in relation to instructional, research and administrative needs, and not, for the apparently un-planned and uncontrolled.
O students victims of crime

by Terry Keesey

Jim Callahan, a senior management major returned to his off-campus home on St. Lawrence St. September 4 this year a week after he had finished moving in. He unlocked the front door to find a television, beanbag chairs and end tables missing. In the kitchen Callahan discovered the screen door slashed and jammed. He immediately phoned the police who arrived 15 minutes later. Their estimate of the total stolen property was: $720.

Fred Ruekert, a senior from Waukesha, Wisconsin, left his apartment in the 900 block of Notre Dame Ave. One Friday night last September. He was walking a girl home across Notre Dame Ave. toward Holy Cross Nursing School when four or five youths approached. Only seconds had elapsed did he realize that he and his girlfriend had been victimized by purse snatchers.

On the day before Thanksgiving Jean LeFloc'h was asleep upstairs in his back door and stolen his dorm student must confront crime in his own neighborhood. He must face the possibility of robbery, on the neighborhood he inhabits. Although these two instances may seem isolated, they form part of a larger problem of off-campus crime.

The student living in a given neighborhood faces unique problems to the police. For unlike the permanent dweller the student has a greater vulnerability to crime. According to Donald Foy, chief of the Uniform Division of the South Bend Police Department, the student fits into a nation-wide category of urban crime vulnerability, especially robbery.

"Anytime you get into an area of a lot of people and transit people, your burglary rate-larceny rate is look higher," said Foy. Because the pattern of daily student life is quite predictable, the prospective burglar can easily learn when no one will be at home. Since some of the campus students complain that they have been robbed by people in the neighborhood, some campus houses can be burglarized while students are at classes.

Kevin Smith, a junior living on Wayne Ave., voiced this complaint. "Once you've been tagged as a student, you're pretty well set up. They know where you live and grab you," he said.

Jim Callahan has been plauged all semester by phone calls in the middle of the night. When he picked up the phone from his neighborhood trying to determine whether he was in the house. He explained, the possibility of assault is "very real when two individuals are attacked," Foy explained.

Crime and the Neighborhood

The extent to which a student experiences crime depends largely on the neighborhood he inhabits. If the neighborhood is run-down, if there is racial tension in the neighborhood, then the crime rate will likely be higher.

The South Bend Police Department, according to Donald Foy, has noted a crime pattern. In the area bounded by Lincolnway St. on the west, Williams on the east and South at the north, "the neighborhood is quite distant from campus, students live here too. One off-campus senior had $725 worth of stereo equipment stolen from his house on Keeney St. in early November.

Crimenear ND Ave.

Yet the area around Notre Dame and Corby St. does not have an exceptionally high crime rate, police reports indicate. In this area highly populated by students, crime is low. It is true that burglary and robbery, some have been reported, but "we're not a predominate Black neighborhood. Except for a burglary some blacks are usually burglarized in this area. It's high crime area or not," Calahan noted. But each time he leaves his home "we're always worried, "Will all of our belongings be there when we get back?"

Along Notre Dame Ave. the purse-snatching that happened to Fred Ruekert's girlfriend is not unusual. He reported at least one more purse-snatching in front of Corby's. It was such a common occurrence that there was nothing the police could do about it, said Ruekert.

"There's nothing in the house worth stealing except for books," he affirmed. "They've taken everything else.

Kerry Powers, a senior living in the 900 block of Notre Dame Ave., reported little crime in his neighborhood. Except for a burglary before the school year began, Powers' house has gone untouched. He was quick to point out that one reason for the absence of widespread crime is the large student population. "Around here we're not really concerned with people breaking in," Powers concluded.

Police Protection

"Maybe it was my imagination," said Ruekert, "but there seem to be more police cars patrolling Notre Dame Ave."

Indeed, Ruekert's observation was confirmed by Chief Foy of the South Bend Police. According to Foy, new patrols were added last May on a periodic basis to patrol the Notre Dame and Corby St. area. For example, on Tuesday night December 4 ten extra man foot patrol teams comb the area.

"This is the overtime foot patrol we instituted last May," Foy explained. "They've been there every night and on science school started." Foy reported that the police patrol of the area is always increased on Notre Dame football weekends. Powers' house has gone untouched, our squad car parked every time.

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Sugar Bowl Holiday in the French Quarter

Photos by Zenon Bidzinski
Many words have already been written about Notre Dame's unbelievable victory in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Eve. Writers across the country have called it a game for the ages. Sports pages, reams of words about freshman Al Smith and sheets of copy paper have replayed Notre Dame's unbelievable victory as to call it a game for the ages. One of them is in a church lawn, green with the blessings of an early spring sometime before the incident of '63. Four or five youngsters, fresh from dismissal in the late afternoon, are selling school uniforms with the ever-sensible green of their school. A particular has longsleeve of white-green that seem to be everywhere but the light yellow top of his head. The group campers in the warm weather, their jackets discarded long ago, slapping each other's bodies with the abandon and innocence that earmarked that time of life. They laugh. Yes, that's what counts.

Another is bright sunlight attacking the windows of a large room. An old consoles black-and-white television dominates one corner of the room and various colored chairs and couches with end tables stand along the walls like a wagon train forming a circle for the night. There's a fireplace, of course, complete with grey stones and a new set of fire-ready tools standing proudly to one side. The rug isn't full; instead it's a large oval with concentric rings of all colors leading to a black center. Set around the room is every kind of table imaginable: card tables small tables, and all have some game set up: here, Monopoly; there, Chutes and Ladders; over there, Easy Money; over there, Old Maid. A boy about eight, his head covered with blond prickles of a fashionable crewcut, looks over the room. He smiles; grandchild will be here and he loved to play with her.

A real example of the spirit of the Irish who went south has got to be the results of the train trip to the Sugar Bowl. Beset with terrible conditions, the trip resulted in, as one source put it, a real example of how students and alumni can get along. Both groups suffered under the bad conditions and managed somehow to retain their spirits. It was a great idea and it's a shame that the bad equipment of Amtrak served to disrupt it.

Jerry Lutkus

The Papal Choice

It’s dark as I leave.
The car sags a little where we had packed it so heavily, the dirty yellow fenders hanging over the back wheels. Suitcases and mangled boxes peered from under a truck lid that had to be tied down with a last-minute, mangy piece of twine. Even the back seat bulged with loot too valuable to leave behind.

I sit before the dials, not really feeling anything as the speedometer began its slow climb, recording its progress on an indifferently odometry.

My travelling companions, faces in the early morning shadows, mumble complaints and exchange remarks that somehow sound as if from the other end of a tunnel. Or maybe it’s my thoughts that wander that tunnel, and it’s endless one with many branchings of my thoughts.

Joe Abell

from the editor's desk

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Thursday, January 17, 1974
Knevel aims for community spirit in LaFortune renovation plans

by terry keeney

For Ken Knevel the completion of the LaFortune renovation would mean more than just a physical improvement of a campus building. It would mean more than just the personal satisfaction of completing a project already two years in the making. For Knevel, the completion of this project embodies a victory for the sense of community at Notre Dame.

Knevel, a senior art history major from West Lafayette, Indiana, has directed the LaFortune renovation project for two years. And for two years he has tried to persuade faculty, administrators and even the Board of Trustees that a community initiated project like LaFortune can work.

Knevel sees his role more modestly. "I

solutions to problems can come when people who aren't members of the community, correctly interpret what the students want"
Apology

In the final December edition of the Observer, a letter written to Professor Robert Kerby was published communicating his feelings about an evaluation in the Scholastic’s Course Evaluation Books. The Observer apologizes to Professor Kerby and our readers for the improper editorializing done within the text of that letter.

The Editorial Board

In Retrospect

Dear Editor:

The Crimson-White are out to get “Notre-Who” or whoever the damn yankees are with the unique predilections of the teams in the building wouldn’t do any good since the heat is a product of electrical generation. Professor Robert Kerby was apologetic and commented, “I support Mike Kulczycki and our commitment to making my way through everyone’s efforts, we will make a difference.”

Larry Overlan
Class of ’71

Crimson Romeo

Dear Editor:

I am an Alabama student attending the university and with this traditional bowl tix, our person was found conversing with one of your fellow students from Birmingham, Michigan. When the fact became known that my home town Birmingham, Alabama, enchantment (on my behalf) set in for the remainder of that dreary, dreadful evening. The meeting of the Yaak and Rebel Birmingham took place near the football front to l.s.m. on January 1st. The little woman threw a fair Southern drawl at this fellow which跟他 more. With my date ticketed at my rain-soaked garments, I was forced to leave the not elixies to seek tri-state surroundings (and yet another Hurricane).

Now, with two days to ponder the situation, your publication seems to be the best access to the mystery woman. Any assistance your student body could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and congratulations to a great team and an equally great coach! Bravo for a job well done.

A disappointed and searching student,

Rolf Alan

Bowl Tix

Dear Editor:

In a recent editorial, you proposed a change in policy regarding bowl tix distribution. However, your proposed plan does not eliminate the most time-consuming and profitless aspects of the system, namely the waiting in line. Without a student having to stand outside the ACC for 12 hours a day, you can’t ask why not use the same plan that was proposed for the sale of homecoming tickets, namely that of a lottery. This would insure all students an equal chance for a ticket while removing the tedious and boring wait. After pre-registration, I’m sure we all could do with the elimination of a few lines.

Stephen Paszek ’76

Irish Class

Dear Editor:

The Notre Dame students who participated in the other Crimson Tide-Fighting Irish encounter in New Orleans—the struggle for Bourbon Street deserve a compliment.

In Molly’s Irish Pub and Pat O’Brien’s Bar they were spirited and good-natured, and their good humor carried the day on the ill-fated Friday train.

One veteran French Quarter shopkeeper who has witnessed many of these invasions put it simply, “Notre Dame students have class.”

Dick Coslin

Thanks

Dear Editor:

Thank you very much for all your assistance in helping make the Charity Basketball Game a success.

Through everyone’s efforts, we were able to distribute over two hundred and eighty baskets of food along with one hundred and fifty turkeys and thirty-six cornbreads to two hundred families in the South and community this Thanksgiving.

Christopher J. Amato

Army ROTC

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Activities planned

The ND-SMC Council for the retarded seeks to provide various activities and programs to broaden the retardate’s experience. They include the Saturday recreation program consisting of periods of arts and crafts, swimming, gymnastic activities, group games and singing. Also offered during the week is a basketball, a bowling, and a music program.

Only a very small percentage of the retarded population are victims of organic defects, and each is capable of achievement at his own pace. Most problems of retardation are a result of social, cultural, and environmental deprivation. Mentally retarded children behave the way they do because of the things that have happened to them during their lifetime.

Want to do something worthwhile for yourself?

If you have at least two years left at Notre Dame you should investigate the Army ROTC Program on campus.

There are openings for enlisted veterans who have the additional opportunity to receive one year full tuition scholarship. Veterans may opt for either a 3 month or a 2 year active duty commitment after commissioning.

Non-veterans interested in earning an officer’s commission should inquire about the Two-Year Program. Individuals in this program are eligible for two and for one-year scholarships.

If you desire further information, visit the Army ROTC office on campus or call 6264.
ND grads settle in South Bend

by Melissa A. Byrne
Staff Reporter

What has influenced 2700 Notre Dame alumni to settle in St. Joseph County near their old Alma Mater? Notre Dame graduates feel they have an advantage living and working in the South Bend area. They describe this advantage in terms of community size and location; business, cultural and educational opportunities and affiliations with the University of Notre Dame.

Charles F. Lennon, Jr., a 1961 Notre Dame graduate from Joliet, Illinois, speaks of enthusiasm. "South Bend holds a lot of people here: and that says something for this community. The community has progressive, forward-looking attitudes toward education and the arts." Lennon's experience with the South Bend community qualifies him to speak on the matter. He coached baseball at Notre Dame for five years, taught at St. Mary's College and serves as executive director of the South Bend Model Cities Program. No doubt Lennon's enthusiasm aided him in attaining his current position as executive director of the Community Development and Redevelopment of the City of South Bend.

Richard Rosenenthal, a 1964 Notre Dame graduate, moved to South Bend from St. Louis, Missouri in his junior year in college. Presently Chairman of the Board of St. Joseph Bank and Trust Company, Rosenenthal commented, "Weve got an optimum size community."

Site and Location

"A community of 200,000 people, like South Bend and Mishawaka, has a blessing not often recognized," said Rosenenthal. "We have a community big enough to have the benefits of a metropolis, yet small enough to deal with problems."

Many Notre Dame graduates were attracted to the relatively small size and easy pace of South Bend as compared to their former hometowns. John Thurin, a 1959 Cleveland, Ohio graduate, lives on a farm. Edward M. E. Healy commented the city has become more attractive in recent years. This was attributed to the many ND alumni view the city's close proximity to Chicago without the headaches of big city life as an important community asset. Other alumni mention the change in season as particularly attractive. The winter weather, considered a scourge by many, opened a whole new area of sport activities for the children of Edward Healy.

The Healy family also enjoys the harvest season in South Bend. "We enjoy picking fruit, especially strawberries, apples and cherries. You don't get the opportunity too often in Texas," said Healy. "In fact, one of our children came up with the saying, 'The family that picks together, sticks together.'"

Education and Culture

The Notre Dame alumni interviewed for this article averaged 46 years of age and had an average of five children each. Consequently, many alumni view South Bend from a family standpoint. As Dennis Troester, a 1967 Notre Dame graduate from Saginaw, Michigan, remarked, "South Bend is a good town to live in and raise a family. However, when I was a student we used to complain about the weather and ask ourselves, 'How would you ever end up living in South Bend, Indiana?"'

Many alumni agree with Troester, acknowledging South Bend offers advantages for a family. Most men cited the very satisfactory South Bend school systems, both public and parochial. Joel Bullard, a 1963 graduate and father of nine children, called the educational system in their community "Quite good." Bullard added, "My only regret is that my college-bound children don't care to attend Notre Dame or St. Mary's because they want to attend schools outside the community."

The graduates agree the influence of the University of Notre Dame creates excellent cultural opportunities for the community. Alumni who are also natives of South Bend commented the city has become more attractive in terms of cultural events in recent years. This is attributed to the (continued on page 13)
Controversial tape recorder under detailed investigation

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The police have met with virtually no refusal in retrieving stolen property. Smith pointed out, "The chances of finding stolen stuff is practically nil. Unless its marked you can't get it back anyway.

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facilities available in the ACC and the Morris Civic Auditorium. Although the graduates feel Notre Dame is a tremendous asset to the South Bend community, many concur with John Redden, a South Bend native and 1954 graduate, who said, "The community does not always realize the university's influence, from educational to cultural to financial impact."

Redden is secretary-treasurer of Redden Enterprises, Inc. which owns the Redden Center. "Our mall is the largest business in the Bend area and it started a worldwide travel attraction," remarked Redden. "Our mailing list covers the entire United States and we attract people from all over the world." The Redden Center includes Phillips and Farley Halls, the ND we have constructed many important role in the construction of Sacred construction and development Infirmary, the Biology Building and the original Power Plant," said Redden. Recent buildings constructed by the Hickey Company include the Hayes-Heavy Heart at ND, the Dining Hall and the parking facilities for the city of South Bend and the 14 story addition to South Bend Memorial Hospital.

ND Affiliations

Affiliation with Notre Dame was a major influencing factor in many graduates' decisions to settle in the South Bend community. Most alumni interviewed emphasized the fact that they chose to live in this area. Jerry Hammes, corpor- abre of Hickey-Hammes-For- fordand, stated, "At this point in my life I could still make a change and live in Juliet or Hankakee and run the business from our other offices. But I really do like the area."

Dr. Armand Rigaux, a 1960 graduate and specialist in family practice, commented, "Physicians are unique in being able to go just about anywhere and make a go of it." Rigaux indicated he chose this area because "South Bend is a good medical community. He cited St. Joseph and enor Hospital's residency program as an example of the 'high class of medicine' practiced in this area."

Rigaux also works on the staff at the Holy Cross Out-Patient Clinic and at St. Mary's Hospital, which is one of the major community health care facilities. Several graduates interviewed said they subscribe to the Observer. Hammes, who was influential in helping the Observer through some financial difficulties several years ago, admits there are things in the paper he disagrees with from time to time. However, I feel it is important that papers like The Observer provide a student voice and be able to report objectively and objective reporting, explained Hammes.

Daniel O'Brien, a 1965 ND graduate from New York City, increased his contact with the University in 1972, when he became involved in the Hall Fellow's Program at Kearan Hall. Both O'Brien and his wife are involved in the program. They find it affords them time to get involved in the community and discuss matters of consequence to them. "We both get a lot out of our association with this institution and Father Griffin," said O'Brien.

Business

Alumni indicated the University often affects their business life. Many graduates have utilized the resource of talent available at the University, particularly for the needs of their business, The Distillery, a packaged liquor store. "We do quite a bit of business with students and faculty," said Watson. "Of course, we do things for the students, too." The Distillery advertises regularly in The Observer and The Monitor, and contributes advertising for the Bengal Bouts and An Tostail. Both

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Committee on University Priorities completes study

The report advocates a five-year probationary period for the University's scholarly publishing endeavor. During this time, an editorial board would be chartered, with a specific editorial policy to enhance quality of its publications, studying ways of collecting costs, and evaluation. Continually Press publications by the standard of their reception of the Hesmcausa.

Father Hesburgh told the committee members that the University's trustees at their May meeting, simultaneously commented, "The activity after the closing of Studebaker indicates the stability of the community." "Presumably viability and stability is substan- tially triggered by the stability of the University," said Rosenthal.

James Turley, a 1963 ND graduate from South Bend, and Charles Watson, a 1965 ND graduate from Fort Lauderdale, elaborated on the way the University community affects their business, The Distillery, a packaged liquor store. "We de­ spite a big business with students and faculty," said Wat­ son. "Of course, we do things for the students, too." The Distillery advertises regularly in The Observer and The Monitor, and contributes advertising for the Bengal Bouts and An Tostail. Both

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Grads stay active in ND affairs

Oil profits low

- Frank N. Iard, president of Guardian Oil Company, said that his oil interests still were at a "50-year low" in 1972 and profit increases in 1973 "barely" bring the industry back to the level of previous years - and this level has not been as good as the average for other manufacturing industries."
Notre Dame holiday on ice: 4-4

by John Fineran

There have been shortages of many things during the past months, and hockey, which has really been scarce so far this season for the Notre Dame hockey team has been luck. With a little more of it, the Irish icers might have made a better showing over the semester break than their zone defense. Still, the breakaway effort by Lefty Smith's sextet, now 8-1-1, had to be satisfying in many aspects. The offense has been potent, and most importantly, the defense has not been the undoing the Irish, as was evident in the first St. Louis game (4-0 loss).

The Denver series last weekend is a good indication what a little luck could have done for the Irish. "We played very well," Smith reflected. "We outplayed Denver, but we did not outscore them. I guess you can say it is a moral victory, but it still doesn't count in the point column."

Irish remain unbeaten

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It was the first time we have played together in a game since Indiana last Tuesday, and I was amazed that our offense scored fifty points in the first half against their zone defense. Once you're three hours you have to stay there." Notre Dame 73 Indiana 67

Without the services of Gary Brokaw, the Irish got to number three by beating number three. Bob Knight's ball club posted the first really tough test for Notre Dame's young, "inexperienced" (OT)

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Notre Dame 5, Harvard 2

In the first meeting ever between the Crimson and the Irish at the A.C.C., freshman Clark Hamilton scored twice, the last coming with 48 seconds remaining, to give Notre Dame the victory. Larry Israelson, Ray DeLorenzi and Jordan Brokaw scored the other markers for the Irish.

Boston College 4, Notre Dame 3

The Irish rallied from a 3-0 second period deficit to tie the Eagles 3-3 with four minutes remaining in regulation. Israelson, Nyrop and Hamilton got the Irish markers in the third period, but Boston College scored at 17:06 for the win, also in the A.C.C.

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Irish remain unbeaten; now 9-0

by Greg Corgan

They run, they pass, they shoot, and they play defense. And so far this season, they’ve done them all very well. The “they” being referred to, of course, is the Notre Dame basketball team, and their referred to, of course, is the Notre Dame basketball team, and their big 104-77 win Tuesday night over Georgetown proved to be number nine in a string of impressive performances.

Picking up where they left off against Xavier last Saturday, John Shumate and company virtually put the game out of reach in the opening minutes of the first half as they got off to a quick 2-4 lead. The Hoyas made a valiant attempt to stay in the ball game cutting the margin to 13 before field goals by Dwight Clay put the Irish up by 21 midway through the period.

Once again the defense proved to be number two ranking in the country. Adrian and Shumate are really tough in the middle. Once they get their hands on the ball, you almost have to foul them to stop them. They are very smart ballplayers and they know how to handle the ball. With two ballplayers like that, you cannot collapse on one of them because the other one will take advantage of it.

Hopefully on Saturday afternoon, the Bruins will have the same problem.

**Notre Dame 94 Kentucky 79**

This was the win which vaulted the Irish into the number two position in the national rankings, a position currently known as “the best of the rest.”

And the way the played down in Louisville certainly showed just how good we are.

Behind only once in the ball game (4-2 in the opening minutes) the Irish outrebounded (40-24), outshot (56 per cent - 46 per cent), and outdefended the defending Southeastern Conference Champs in the unflinching confidence of Memorial Coliseum.

Three tremendous jump shots by John Shumate, Adrian Dantley and “Gosie” Novak gave the Irish an 8-4 lead with a 10 minute gap before the first half opened. From that moment on, the Irish were never headed, opening leads of ten points on five different occasions in the second half.

On the strength of Shumate’s 25 points, Gary Brook’s 22, Dantley’s 22, and Dwight Clay’s 15, the Irish increased their lead to as much as 39 points with 2.9 minutes left in the contest before the final buzzer saw them on top 94-79.

Kevin Grevey and Jimmy Dan Connor took scoring honors for the Wildcats with 25 and 24 points respectively.

For Digger Phelps and his youthful guards, the victory was marked their seventh win without a loss, propelling them into the national limelight and a date with a battle of the unbeaten on January 19th.

**Notre Dame 59 Denver 59**

“Notre Dame is a fine ballclub and certainly deserves more than three ranking,” said Denver head coach Al Harris, “It’s a possibility that we could have had a way to match up against Notre Dame. They’re strong on the boards and quick in the backcourt. Tonight, they didn’t look too good out there, but they didn’t have too many points. I thought we controlled the tempo the first 10 minutes of the game, but Notre Dame put in a man-to-man defense. They are certainly one of the top teams in the nation.”

For Digger Phelps the game seemed like a pleasant surprise.

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**Irish 1973: it all begins tomorrow**

September 21, 1973

Memories fade as ND romps, 44-0

Best’s best topples Boilermakers

Irish hang on; shade MSU 14-10

Irish boil Rice, take jumps 28-0

ND trounces Army; turns to USC

Irish team effort downs Trojans

ND depth charges by Navy, 44-7

See how they run: Irish 31-Pitt 10

Irish win ninth, head for Miami

Miami: final obstacle to 10-0

*73 Irish: 10-0 and one to go*  
December 3, 1973

*73 Irish--the nation’s best*  
January 17, 1974

Greg Corgan

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**Extra Points**

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**Southern Comfort**

New Orleans – For the “Bear” it’ll be another long winter. In fact, maybe he’ll just hibernate till next September and try to forget the fact that for the seventh time in as many attempts Alabama has failed to win a post-season bowl and this year along with it, a national championship.

But for the Irish the off-season will be short and sweet; it always is when you’re number one.

In one of the most spectacular, most exciting college football games of all time the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame returned to national prominence with a 24-23 Sugar Bowl victory over the previously top-ranked undefeated Crimson Tide. It was the perfect end to a perfect season.

“I’m just ticked to death,” said head coach Ara Parseghian. “I really prideful of the way our guys played out there. We challenged Alabama to a battle of the unbeatens on January 7th. And we met the challenge. We won the Sugar Bowl and we met the challenge. We won the Sugar Bowl.”

As a result the Irish had their 11-0 record anointed with it recognition as the best team in the land prompting Ara to call his “73 squad the finest he’s ever had.

And it played like a champion on New Year’s Eve. Led by MVP Tom Clements the Irish never lost their poise and confidence even though the lead changed hands seven times during the course of the ball game. The junior quarterback remained magnificently cool as he methodically destroyed the vaunted Tide defense.

The victory was the result of a thorough team effort, but no one deserved the game’s Most Valuable Player award more than Tom Clements. For Clements, who as a superstar, who as a popular magazine, noted for his frequent mistakes of analytical ineptness, had the audacity to call “old-fashioned” Option for the Tide. It was the best brilliant tactic to date to embarrass the Irish offense superbly, and his deft ball-handling in the backfield made the running attack go. On top of that Tom finished the game with 243 offensive yards of his own-74 on the ground, and 169 (7 of 12) thru the air.

Most importantly he was cool, especially in the clutch, and, when he did throw a couple of blanks, his running backs and receivers didn’t freeze on the man clearing the zone, Robin Weber, but this time they did. The ball came to him.

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*Just got killed,* said Xavier coach Ray Baker. “They murdered us up and down the court.

“They had an enormous edge in every respect, and that was probably the worst margin we’ve ever been beaten by.”

**1973 Irish: I**  
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*Phelps then turned to his defense which, led by forwards Adrian Dantley and Novak, had yielded the Irish only 63.1 points per game and was quickly gaining the reputation as one of the toughest around.

“Our defense has carried us quite a ways this year and this is the most complete defense we’ve ever had against UCLA.”

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*Picking up where they left off against UCLA*

Irish 1973: it all begins tomorrow
'73 Irish--the nation's best

by Vic Dorr
Sports Editor

Bear Bryant referred to it as "just the next big game," but surely there was more to it than that. It was the big game.

It was Notre Dame and Alabama, playing each other in the game which would decide the 1973 National Championship in intercollegiate football.

Two powerhouses. Each unbeaten. Each armed with a treasure-trove of legend and each owning an army of rabid, fanatical supporters. And the significance of the ND-Alabama showdown was last no one, least of all the players themselves. For as the two teams waited out the final, frenzied days preceding the Sugar Bowl, they often resembled, more than anything else, a pair of heavyweight prizefighters bound for a World Title bout.

And by the time their Armageddon at New Orleans rolled around, Ara Parseghian's Fighting Irish and Paul (Bear) Bryant's Crimson Tide were playing their roles to the hill.

There were challenges and replies. There were clashes of personality and region (indeed, the Civil War was mentioned more than once in the reams of hulking heavyweights--the comparison remained a similar blow, but then ND's Alphonse Hunter stung the week before the game.) There was talk of revenge in the opening minutes of the opening period, and as Notre Dame won the first round when fullback Wayne Bullock punched into the end zone from one yard away. Alabama replied--and took the lead--on a similar blow, but then ND's Alphone Hunter stung the favored Tide by ripping through the middle of the Alabama team for a 59-yard kickoff return.

Bryant's squad, though, ended the second period and began the third with a well-executed flurry from its wishbone offense, and led again, 17-14.

But the Irish were not to be denied. They muscled the advantage right back when the ND defense covered the football, and allowed Eric Penick to shuffle into the end zone from 12 yards out on the next play.

The Tide answered, midway through the event's final period, by having the Irish into a vulnerable defensive position and unmasking a sucker punch which very nearly put Notre Dame's National Title hopes down for the count.

A 25-yard halfback-to-quarterback pass play gave Alabama a 22-21 lead, but ND spent little time reeling and fought back hard. Indeed, it was Alabama that concerning the lid to their razzle-dazzle roundhouse. Instead, Parseghian's team battled back uphill, and with 4:26 remaining landed the three-point punch which kayoed Alabama for good.

But Notre Dame, unscathed in 11 previous fights in 1973, gathered itself for one final thrust, and appeared to have the Irish on the ropes just before the final bell sounded. Only a quick feet of quarterback Tom Clements and the clutch hands of tight end Robin Weber enabled ND to duck out of damage and preserve its biggest football victory in more than 30 years.

"It was a make-or-break play," said Parseghian of the play-action, third-down pass which Clements threw from the Irish end zone to the ND 38. "Alabama was committing some secondary people and leaving themselves open on third down for the pass, so I told (to Clements, during a time-out with just over two minutes remaining) 'OK, Fine, I'll fake the run and go ahead and throw the football.'

"Sure I was worried--because there was risk involved. Clements might not get the pass off, or Weber might slip and fall..."

But Clements did, and Weber did not, and Notre Dame, in serious jeopardy after Alabama's Greg Gantt had punted 68 yards to the Irish one, ran out the clock for the win which completed a marvellously redeeming 1973 season.

"I would have bet my life we were going to win the game after we had them back against the goal line," sighed Bryant. "We had them in a hole. They were going to punt, and we were going to win the game.

"But that long pass, and Clements, and their big tight end beat us."

There was more to it than that, though, and the Bear knew it. Bryant's squad also encountered a riled-up, defensive position and uncorking a sucker punch which landed the three-point punch which kayoed Alabama for good.

The defense which Notre Dame set up must have seemed like a Smorgasbord--a little bit of everything--to the Tide attackers. The Irish slipped in and out of four, five, and six-man fronts during the first two periods, and often reverted to a seven-man line and even the mirror wishbone in the second half.

"We used seven or eight different defenses," admitted Ara. "Because we weren't sure what we'd be able to do. I thought we did well defensively in the first quarter (ND limited Alabama to one offensive yard), and I figured that if we could do that we would get better as the game went on."

"Aw," countered the Bear, "they didn't show us anything defensively we hadn't seen before. They just whipped us."

But they did. They found the big tight ends that took the ball away from us while we were just standing around.

Clements (14 rushing yards in 15 carries, seven of 12 passes completed for 186 yards), the big tight ends (Dave Casper and Robin Weber, between them, caught four passes for 110 critical yards), and the Irish defense brought Notre Dame to the threshold of the National Championship. But it took placekicker Bob Thomas' three-pointer to punctuate a cataclysmic final ten minutes which began with 'Bama's trick-play touchdown pass and ended with Clements' hugging the football against his white number 2 jersey as the stadium clock wound down to 0:00.

In between, the game was won--and lost--by the opponent placekickers. Alabama's Bill Davis, who clicked on 53 of 53 conversion attempts during the regular season, missed the biggest PAT of his career after the Stock-to-Todd touchdown. Davis shanked the kick which would have put the Tide ahead by three, thereby setting the stage for ND's winning drive and Thomas' winning kick.

"I feel sorry for him (Davis), sure, I do," said Thomas, "but I'd be lying if I said I wasn't glad it happened. Still, it has to be one of the loneliest feelings in the world. I keep thinking what would have happened if I had missed the field goal. I'm sure there would be a scar for a long time."

But that's what the diminutive placekicker thought after the game. As ND's final drive ground to a halt on the Alabama two, his thoughts were more positive.

"I thought about it during the whole drive," he said. "I wouldn't have minded if we scored a touchdown, but I wasn't on the sidelines saying 'please score and take a burden off my head.'"

"Normally I don't chip the ball, but I decided to this time, and I decided not to follow through as much to make sure I got it over their rush. I knew it would probably go a little to the right or left, but at 18 yards I knew it couldn't drift far enough to miss. I knew I could put points on the board."

There was some irony in the fact that a missed extra point and the fineness of Bob Thomas' right foot could decide the outcome of a knock-down, drag-out slugfest between two premier heavyweights, but that fact--plus the final score--should have been a vindication to Notre Dame fans in general and coach Ara Parseghian in particular.

"This was a great college football game," said Ara, "and I'm extremely proud of our club. We fell behind several times but mixed things up well enough to come back. We beat the leading scoring team in the nation and the team that was leading in offensive yardage. We beat a great football team, and they lost to a great football team."

"I'd have to say," he concluded, "that this is the finest team I've had in my ten years at Notre Dame. This team had the enthusiastic of the 1964 club, and the skill and ability of my 1966 team. And we had immense leadership--no team has given me better leadership.

"Of all the teams I've coached, this is the best all-around." During the course of the regular season, from September 22 to December 1, Parseghian's Irish convinced ten opponents that they were, indeed, Ara's best team at Notre Dame.

On New Year's Eve in New Orleans, they convinced 85,000 fans in the Sugar Bowl, some 40 million TV viewers and the AP pollaters that they were not only Ara's best but the nation's best as well.