
**Calls for counterattack on hunger**

**Hesburgh's Holiday Mass 'impressive'**

by Matt Yokum

Staff Reporter

University President Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh's Thanksgiving Mass Tuesday was judged a success by those who evaluated by faculty and students as "most impressive." In his sermon, Hesburgh asked people to change their life styles and eating patterns during the coming months in a massive counterattack on world hunger.

Hesburgh urged that "students join students from other universities and high schools in the nationwide effort to double our aid to the hungry." Faculty and administrators in formal education must clarify the issue of world hunger and provide moral leadership by solutions that are long range as well as immediate.

In his sermon, Father Hesburgh compared the current situation to the "holocaust of six million Jews being slaughtered in Germany," and called on world leaders to act before the present situation reaches the terrifying proportions of the previous holocaust.

Br. Joseph McGarrett, assistant director of campus ministry termed Hesburgh's sermon an "impassioned homily on the need to address this issue." McGarrett recalled Hesburgh's feeling that leaders not addressing these problems and spending excessively on armaments should be put out of office.

"I think Hesburgh felt it's his guts, he has seen hunger and poverty." McGarrett said. He interpreted the sermon as a call to "live a more frugal lifestyle...show more concern where we spend our extra money."

The Mass was attended by an enthusiastic congregation of approximately four hundred students, many of whom had joined in the tea and rice meal that evening.

University General Counsel, James A. Roemer was "very impressed with the community that was there." Roemer characterized Hesburgh as a "leading exponent of the cause, a man that has shown courage for this problem for a year and a half and was sort of a voice crying in the wilderness."

This is the first time people in his own backyard were supporting this cause in a significant way by coming together as a community. Roemer stated Hesburgh's talk "said in effect we are at crossroads and people here should make commitment to change their view of the world."

Roemer recalled Hesburgh repeating Franklin Delano Roosevelt's historic reassurance in his 1933 inaugural that 'the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.' Roemer said Roosevelt "took some dramatic moment and a beautiful evening, but not a light one."

Hesburgh cited the academic community at Notre Dame as a prime example of the potential that one community holds within itself. He invited the students to listen to offer themselves in any way they could, especially for world leadership, to aid the hungry people of the world.

Senior Joe Corpora called the sermon "excellent." "It makes you really realize what the word Christian means in today's world," Corpora stated. "Hesburgh brought the sermon down to a personal level." Corpora concluded.

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During televised press conference

**Ford discusses Russian arms agreement**

WASHINTON (UPI) — Against growing criticism, President Ford defended his Vietnam policy Wednesday as one which ultimately will cut spending on strategic weaponry and avoid a spiraling arms race.

"There have been bumps," he said but he expressed confidence the nation would overcome the triple challenge of inflation, recession and the energy shortage.

Against a drumbeat of advice from some of his own top administrators that the gasoline tax should be sharply increased to curtail U.S. consumption of imported petroleum, Ford ruled out a 20-cent-a-gallon tax increase but did not mention a smaller boost.

This was considered significant since he had earlier urged a 10-cent boost.

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Plans to invite women's colleges to ND for Mardi Gras cancelled

by Robert Jacques
Staff Reporter

All plans for the traditional invitation of women from midwestern women's colleges to Notre Dame for the Mardi Gras have apparently been dropped. This includes the intentions of Zahm Hall, along with several other halls considering the possibility, to privately extend the selective welcome mat.

The University will, however, extend its invitation to students of midwestern colleges and universities as far away as Detroit and Chicago. This practice has been a standard one for official, campus-wide activities in the past. In the case of the Mardi Gras, it will, among other things, serve to increase the profits of the event.

A ruling from the Student Affairs Office several weeks ago put an end to the busing of women to the campus for social events. Fr. David Schlaver, Director of Student Activities, explained that for years the invitation process was handled by a South Bend resident, a Mrs. Mckosker, in an official-appearing manner. Schlaver stated that the practice has never been officially recognized by the University.

Last year a great deal of controversy arose as to the fairness of the busing to the women of Notre Dame. In order to remedy the situation, Schlaver said he "gave the thing to Dan Sullivan (director of the Mardi Gras committee) several months ago to get rid of the busing." The recent ruling took precedence over any of the committee's efforts.

Currently Sullivan is working with the Student Activities Office in order to establish a social equilibrium on campus during the event. Sullivan was unavailable for comment.

When the ruling was first made public, Doug Cox, the president of Zahm Hall, expressed plans for his hall to invite girls from Mundelein College in Illinois for the Mardi Gras. Later the plans were dropped.

Cox explained that four halls are presently planning to invite girls from several area colleges including Mundelein, "for a private party." He added, "It will not be during the Mardi Gras." He refused to disclose the names of the other halls and the already selected date for the event for fear of compromising the positions of the involved persons.

Schlaver sees no conflict between Cox's plans and the newly established policy. He feels, however, that the females of the University should be allowed to participate in the social event as well.

Concerning all campus social events in general, Schlaver said, "It's for the halls to take the initiative and adapt the programs to the campus situation."
Weather hinders student travel

by Tom O'Neill
Staff Inser

In southern Michigan it was the worst snowstorm since 1886. For the rest of the eastern U.S. it was a traveller's nightmare as hundreds of thousands tried to return from Thanksgiving trips.

The nightmare extended from Virginia where 10 persons died in a plane crash as far west as Iowa where six persons died in a single car accident on icy roads. More than 20 inches of snow fell in areas of southern Michigan and northern Ohio while winds of more than 60 mph were reported in New Jersey.

The National Guard was called out in Delaware. The radios were crowded with reports of schools closing and warnings to motorists to stay off the roads. Airports in Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Buffalo, and even Washington were closed. And only 600 miles south did it seem that the airport remained open while only 2.6 inches of snow fell from practically windless skies.

But the trouble for Notre Dame students was getting to South Bend. The worst difficulties for many were reported from those who had driven on the Ohio or Pennsylvania turnpikes.

The roads were precarious and the conditions of both caused them to be closed for hours while stranded motorists along the lengths of each were lodged by local state police in farmhouses, churches, schools, restaurants, and even furniture stores. Those who had not given up tried again in the morning, still crowded the highway making it "bumper to bumper" and "impassable."

The westbound lanes of the turnpike between Cleveland and Toledo were the worst. Traffic stopped completely at some places while some motorists left their cars to wander alone and become more acquainted with their neighbors.

"It was a block party on the Ohio Turnpike," one student commented. "Some of the children we saw went to play in the snow while their mothers were walking the family dog. The other adults were usually grouped in between cars, taking cigaarettes and sharing their holiday experiences."

The traffic remained at a standstill for periods of twenty or even forty minutes. When it resumed at a slow crawl, columns of snowmen could be seen for miles in the medium strips.

One car full of students averaged seven miles an hour between Cleveland and Toledo. Another car averaged 12.

"It was the most frustrating example of holiday traffic I have ever seen," one student commented. "It took us 25 hours to get from New Jersey to Notre Dame."

Another student, Tom Timmons, who had driven into Toledo about 16:30 Sunday night, he said, "The driver said nothing to us and then left the bus. We didn't know how long we'd be there. But after a while we just left the bus to get something to eat."

"The change machines in the depot were all broken," he continued, "so we couldn't use the vending machines, or use the phones. When we went to some of the nearby restaurants the lines were unbelievable, I didn't get too mad, because what could you do about it? At 10:30 in the morning the bus finally left for South Bend."

Fr. John Lahey, Rector of Stanford Hall, didn't make it back to Notre Dame in time to greet the students after the holiday. He is still stranded in Boston waiting for a flight to South Bend. A note on his door reads "Due to the snowstorm that blizzed much of the Northeast, Fr. Lahey's return has been delayed."

The Jet failed to be scheduled for 8:30 p.m. last night at the circle to meet the tour. The flight was postponed when the flight, due to arrive in South Bend at 8:35 was delayed.

Many students have still not returned to campus. One student from Keenan called his roommate at 8 a.m. Monday morning and told him: "Don't wait up for me, buddy. I've been stranded in Toledo since yesterday afternoon. There's no telling when I'll get back."

When last heard from, he was still in Toledo.

Owners not involved

Senior Club boycott denied

by Jeffrey M. Vecore
Staff Reporter

Rumors of a local bar boycott of beer and pinball machine vendors that sell to the Senior Club at Notre Dame have been flatly denied by Richard Kanser, manager of the Library.

"Companies like Ford Vending have machines in practically every bar in South Bend," Kanser said. "We bar managers have little influence on where these companies want to put their machines."

Ever since the Senior Club opened in November, there has been talk of how the student establishment's lower prices (30 cents a beer compared to at least 50 cents elsewhere) were hurting local bar's business. Even though there is evidence that the Senior Club has been taking some business away from other taverns, the Club's position as being one of the most economical service to the students has not been that great.

As for the rumors of a local bar boycott of local bars want us to. We're not out to hurt anybody's business, but we want to give the students reduced prices if we can." We're trying to provide an economical service to the students in a time when money is tight all around."

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Disagreement voiced over tea, rice meal

by Jim Donathen

Disagreement over the number of students who intentionally skipped the tea and rice meal may cost the Hunger Coalition over $800.

Only 735 of the 2018 students who had signed up for the dinner ate the rice meal last Tuesday, according to figures. Another 240 persons participated who had not signed forms.

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A report released yesterday by Price states: “Because of vacation schedule, we can assume a significant number of students left the campus prior to the Tuesday evening rice dinner.”

O’Leary said the Coalition had hoped to make $75 cents on each tea and rice dinner. The final amount will be determined by Price and Bro. Kieran Ryan, assistant vice-president of business affairs.

Mary Ann Reomer, Hunger Coalition coordinator, said she feels the food service will be fair. "I don’t think we should alienate the food service until we find out the full story.” She praised the cooperation of Price and Bro. Ryan.

"I had hoped there would be more people," explained Roemer. But, only a short notice was given students and a lot had already gone home.

The tea and rice dinner was sponsored by the Hunger Coalition, a group of students and faculty. The Coalition include CILA, Campus Ministries and the Program in Non-Violence.

"I like the feeling I got from the students," said Roemer. ‘I thought it was a very reflective time.'

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About 500 persons signed the petition. I sent President Ford the petition, a letter and a copy of the Observer's Thanksgiving issue.”

Hesburgh has asked Ford to approve the immediate shipment of 2 million tons of food aid followed by an additional 2 million tons after the June, 1975 harvest.

"A questionnaire was also passed out to get a feeling of what students might be willing to do next semester," said Roemer.

"But, we need to poll the entire campus. I think this is an important goal." The questionnaire presented five suggestions for action. Students were asked to check the programs they would participate in.

Five hundred thirty-seven of students polled would accept a meatless lunch or dinner once a week. Strong support was mustered for a regular fast with 50 students agreeing to skip lunch or dinner once a week.

Three hundred ninety-six agreed to having meat only at the evening meal. The suggestion of meatless Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays received only 178 votes. Only 83 persons approved a total vegetarian diet during the second semester.

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Thanksgiving festivities attract campus leftovers to Chez Darby

by Pat Hanlin
Staff Reporter

Thanksgiving festivities at Darby's Place for stranded students "went extremely well" according to the celebrated cocker spaniel's spokesman, University Chaplain Fr. Robert Griffin. However Griffin admitted that O'Gill was "slightly hung-over with the after-effects of the celebration."

Between 400 and 600 students dropped in during the twelve hours Darby's Place was open Thanksgiving Day. Besides en­joying two showings of Darby's favorite movie, My Fair Lady, O'Gill's guests consumed seven eleven pound hams, fifteen pounds of cheese, 25 cases of soda, five cartons of munchies and copious quantities of other delicacies.

"We seemed to have the right amount of provisions," said Griffin, "It came out just the way you hope a party will come out—enough for everyone and you don't have to eat the leftovers for a week."

Griffin originated the idea of opening Chez Darby on Thanksgiving for students who were unable to go home and his suggestion was quickly approved by the proprietor O'Gill.

"Thanksgiving can be a very lonely time on campus," Griffin said, "and Darby and I thought we might be able to do something about it."

There was a "good mood" among the visitors, Griffin thought. "Darby and I were only sorry we couldn't open up Friday and Saturday. Maybe we can do that another year."

The Thanksgiving operation was made possible due to the expert assistance of the Ombudsman Service and O'Gill would like to extend public thanks to its valued wizard Bill McLean and to Steve Lucero, community relations officer, his assistant Jack Pizzolato and Bob Bode, acting manager of Darby's Place.

"I felt the affair went very smoothly," McLean said, "and I am proud that the Ombudsman Service was part of this effort."

The only event marred the festivities was the theft of $1000 raised from mass collections, student Affairs and Campus Ministry. The money, stolen from the Student Government offices last Wednesday, was temporarily replaced by a loan from Student Affairs.

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Two performances will be of­fered: There will be a special concert at 4 and 8:15 p.m. The Chorale, a highly-select mixed ensemble of 20 voices, will be making its first major public appearance of the year at this concert, although the group has sung frequently for many occasions on the campus. The Chorale will return early from the Christmas holidays in order to sing a concert at the Chicago Beverly Arts Center on January 13.

The Glee Club will be singing the numbers recently recorded on a special Christmas album, in­cluding three arrangements by the composer, Dr. David Isle.

The Chapel Choir, widely known for their musical offerings at the 10:45 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, will sing four special Christmas pieces. Three of the numbers in the concert will be interpreted by Mary Van Mele and her Sacred Dance Choir.

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Northeastern U.S. paralyzed by snowstorm

The first big storm of the season carried its fury from Michigan to the East Coast Monday, burying highways in huge snowdrifts, knocking out power, disrupting commuter lines, closing schools and stranding more than 30,000 persons.

At least two persons froze to death in southwest Virginia, which was blanketed with more than 18 inches of snow, and dozens of weather-related traffic fatalities were reported across the stormfront.

National Guardsmen fought to clear the roads and rescue trapped motorists in the face of forecasts calling for more snow.

Michigan officials termed the storm the worst ever in December. The Detroit News, largest afternoon newspaper in the nation, did not publish because delivery was impossible—apparently the first time ever the paper's circulation has been halted by bad weather.

The snowfall, ranging from 15 to 21 inches, even deterred a man's group from picking the Detroit Playboy Club.

About 35,000 persons were housed and fed at Red Cross shelters in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Maryland, and the Red Cross said no figures were yet available on West Virginia and Virginia.

The snowstorm slowed about half of 120,000 striking coal miners from voting on a new contract proposal. It was called the worst storm seven in years in the eastern coal fields.

Hundreds of residents fled beachfront homes in New Jersey, where a heavy rain storm whipped up 80 mile per hour winds gusts and caused millions of dollars in damage.

Ehrlichman blames Nixon for scandals, requests court delay for his testimony

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Defendant John D. Ehrlichman, contending that Richard M. Nixon was "at the heart of the Watergate affair, is asking the jury to disband until after Christmas. He is also asking for a court delay to hear testimony from the former president.

The prosecution called the proposed delay a "publicity stunt" and said it "would expose the jury — which has been sequestered for two months — to trial publicity. U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica declined to rule immediately on the request.

Ehrlichman's attorney, William S. Frates, contended that Nixon is "an indispensable" witness and the trial cannot be concluded without his testimony. Doctors say that Nixon's mental condition has continued to deteriorate since his illness in January at the earliest.

"In this regard," Frates said in the brief, "the government has contended and the evidence now shows that Mr. Nixon was at the heart of the activity which the government now seeks to contend is a violation of the laws of the United States..."

He added that Nixon could testify that Ehrlichman was not a part of a conspiracy and "never entertained the corrupt intent" for which he was charged. Without Nixon's testimony, he said, there would be "a big hole in the case..."

Frates said it would now seem impossible to wrap up the nine-week trial by Christmas. Thus, he suggested that the bulk of the testimony could be completed by Dec. 23 or 24, when the jury could be excused until January when Nixon would be providing a deposition from his home in California.

The trial had been expected to end before Christmas.

Darby's Place robbed of $487

by Fred Herbst

Student Reporter

The Student Government Offices of the LaFortune Center were robbed of $487 belonging to Darby's Open House Fund and an IBM typewriter belonging to the Student Government last Wednesday morning.

Ombudsman Director Bill McLean stated that the theft occurred between 1:30 and 7:00 a.m. Wednesday. A maid found all the drawers in the office open and at 10:30 told the Ombudsman who discovered the loss and reported it to Campus Security. The theft of the IBM typewriter was also reported to the IBM company.

The thief or thieves gained access to the offices through an unlocked student union door. While the fact was taken from a filing cabinet in the Ombudsman office, there was $30 on another that the thief did not touch. Some, including members of the University Administration, suggested that this fact indicates that the thief might be someone who is involved in the Ombudsman Service or Student Government.

Director of the Ombudsman Service Bill McLean doesn't believe it was an "inside job" and added: "I trust my people..."

Fr. Robert Griffin, university chaplain had raised the money to finance Darby's Thanksgiving open house over the break. After discovering the theft, the Ombudsman Service borrowed $500 from Student Affairs to hold the open house.
Spartans 5-3 Friday night and tied for most of the game, but a quick three goal burst by played evenup with the Spartans period, along with some very curtains for Notre Dame. dangerous officiating, spelled rebound goal by Brendon Moroney. nightmare of referee Red Wilkie, Sturges. Moroney found the in the confusion around the Irish Assists were given to Brown Chidle through another officiating against Wisconsin in March of 1973. Well Red showed once again, this time at Michigan State. 2 goals to the Spartans 5-3 Friday night and tied 4-4 Saturday night. In Sturges' game the Irish played evenup with the Spartans for most of the game, but a sudden three goal burst by State in final period, along with some very dangerous officiating, spelled curtains for Notre Dame. Michigan State opened scoring at 14:19 of the1st period on a rebound goal by Brendan Moroney. Notre Dame found the puck in the confusion around the Irish net and fired it. The Irish even scored the 0-1, over a minute later on a power play goal by David Byers. With Spartan goal tender Ron Clark called for diving in the crease Fighting Irish wasted little time in tallying the tying man advantage goal.

Jack Brownichilde's slapshot from the point deflected off Pat Conroy's skates into the MSU net. Assists were given to Brownichilde and Clark Hamilton on the goal at 15:20. Steve Colp scored his 8th career goal at 10:20 of the 2nd period. Colp's goal placed him first in Spartan goalscoring, though the center from Toronto is only a junior. The Irish, despite a few offensive threats in the period, tied the score at 1-1 on the Colp goal, which caught the Spartans off guard. Give credit and assists on the goal to wingers Kevin Nugent and Don Jackson, who both were persistent in their forward efforts.

Even though the Spartans outshot Notre Dame 16-5, the teams were dead even at 2-2 going into the locker room. State's hustle and determination from the second period carried into the third, with the Irish unable to clear the puck from the crease for 16:11. Pat Conroy on a deep angle blast the blueline hit the post and Walsh got credit for the goal. Walsh's line again scored from the efforts as line working together, this time at 5:30 of the middle session. Walsh won the battle in the corner and pushed the puck out to Pirus who centered to Hamilton, parked on Clark's doorstep. Hamilton had little trouble in putting a wrist shot past Clark for the 3-0 lead.

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Michigan State tightened the game in the third period on ND's failure to clear the puck out of trouble after Peterson's saves. Tim McDonald scored on a 40 foot slap shot at 5:12 to make the score 4-3. State tied the game for good with only 24 seconds left in the game after Coach Besonen pulled Clark in favor of the sixth skater and the refs missed a blatant elbow infraction which sent ND freshmen Don Jackson crashing into the boards and down to the ice. Steve Colp gained the tie for Michigan State at 19:36. Peterson had 13 saves in the final period and Clark 8. Notre Dame's dominance extended into the overtime session, but just could not hit the net for the winner. All three lines, Walsh's, Conroys, and Olives, pushed State oouthustled, and outplayed

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ND title hopes shattered at USC

by Greg Corgan
Sports Editor

One game told the whole story. And this time the ending wasn't a happy one.

In fact it was almost bizarre the way we ended the season so accurately summarized the entire year. From virtually unstoppable, and a 24-6 halftime lead, to ridiculously inept and a 35-14 embarrassment, the Irish told the story of their year once and for all. Hills and valleys, and in the case of Southern Cal's 55-24 win Saturday evening, the Grand Canyon.

But it's been a year that all year as every frustrated ND football fan realized. Sometimes the Irish have looked overpowering, beating Georgia Tech 31-7, Northwestern 49-3, Michigan Force 38-0 and, in the first half Saturday, Southern Cal 34-6. Yet these performances have been interspersed with mediocre wins against Michigan State 14-14, Rice 16-3, and a dismal showing against Penn State 31-20 loss. But not even that defeat compared to the second half at L. A. Memorial Coliseum. The Irish lost there 49-0.

Notre Dame's inconsistency was bound to catch up with them and this time it cost dearly. For now the Irish have no hope of a national championship and only a strong showing against Alabama in the Orange Bowl will secure them a berth in the top ten. A loss would mean a season as a total humiliation did.

So, if the question, of course, was what exactly did happen. Nobody seems to know, not even Digger.

"We just didn't play an accountable game," said linebacker Greg Collins. "We played like a team that had no business being in the Orange Bowl.

"We need something to happen and for us to do it (on Anthony Davis' kickoff return), we thought we could score on them anytime. We needed a catalyst and it came through on the kickoff return. They had kicked to A.J. earlier in the game, and during the halftime we discussed that there was no NCAA rule against blocking on kickoffs. For all his sarcasm, McKays words were true to form. After the 102 yard return by Davis, it was literally over.

"They didn't even have the momentum going into the second half. We had driven the ball deep, and Davis' only fumble at the 47 yard line was the "turning point" was Davis' return. "Then we had the punt return, then the fumble and then..." he didn't even have to say it.

"They got good field position almost all of the second half," said Ara. "And they didn't have to drive very far. We just didn't play football like we are capable of in the second half. We had too many mistakes."

All season long there have been too many mistakes; Ara's the first to admit that. On this time the Irish couldn't come close to coming back.

After Davis' runback and after a Pat Haden to John McKay pass of 31 yards setup A.D.'s third touch-down, mistake number one put Notre Dame behind. The always reliable Pete Demmerle was slided in two after catching a Tom Clements aerial and fumbled to SC on the ND 31. Five plays later Davis went in from four yards out and the Trojans never looked back.

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