Hesburgh invites Ford to campus

White House answer by tomorrow; purpose of visit undisclosed

by Tom Drape
Editor-in-Chief

President Gerald R. Ford has been in- 
vited to appear at Notre Dame on Monday,
March 17 by Fr. Theodore M. Hesburgh,
University President. White House sources
said yesterday that an acceptance or a refusal would be announced by 
tomorrow morning.

A personal letter of invitation from Hesburgh was delivered to Ford while the Notre Dame president was in Washington, D.C. last week, according to a White House spokesman. Both the White House and Hesburgh have refused comment on the purpose of the visit until Ford's personal 
confirmation is released.

Rumors about Hesburgh possibly leaving the University to accept a possible appointment as Secretary of Education, however, were squelched yesterday by Richard Conklin, director of Information Services.

"If the President does accept the invitation to visit Notre Dame, this would not indicate any change in office by Fr. Hesburgh or any other officer of the University," Conklin said.

Conklin confirmed that an advance team from the White House is expected on the Notre Dame campus. He said that an acceptance or refusal would be announced by the Notre Dame president before the visit takes place.

The University President would be the third made by a President of the United States to visit Notre Dame while in office. The last president to visit the campus was Dwight Eisenhower in June 1960.

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**Count Dracula legend unhearthed**

by Valerie Zurzillo

Staff Reporter

Dracula, the volcanic monster who sucks blood from helpless victims or a national hero who embodies the art of impalement? This was the topic of a lecture given last night by Professor Robert Floresco of the Boston College History Department.

In a packed Washington Hall, Floresco explained that the Romanian king "Vlad the Impaler" and the vampire legend were combined by Bram Stoker, an 18th-century writer. The name Dracula, derived from the Romanian word "dracul," which translates as "son of the devil," Panemhills and stories and American by Lugosi movies expanded the tale until today's version of Count Dracula resulted.

For Floresco, a Transylvanian native, was brought up to believe that Count Dracula was the "George Washington" of Transylvania. Dracula had defended the nation with valor against a Turkish invasion in the 16th century against overwhelming odds and that small country has never been under serious attack since. Floresco had never been to Transylvania, the nation's capital, or to Vlad the Impaler's Bran Castle.

Inspired by the legend, he also came across medieval documents telling of Vlad Tepes, "Prince of Impalement," or putting stakes through human entrails in various ways. The king killed 100,000 people during six of his reigns. The entire population of the country at the time was just 500,000. "This man killed more people in a shorter period of time than almost any other tyrant in history," said Professor Raymond McNally, a Soviet economist who became a colleague forFloresco when he came across some medieval documents written in Rumanian and 19 stories coincided with the German version—"the basic themes, scenes of impalement and other horrors."

It was then that Floresco earnestly started studying the vampire legend.

Floresco and McNally traveled to Transylvania and discovered most peasant still believe in vampires and knew of Dracula and his crimes.

It was Bram Stoker's own doing that Dracula stories are alive today. The Transylvania-obsessed writer is convinced that Stoker did research on his novel though he never set foot in Transylvania, so his fiction is based on fact.

Floresco hypothesizes that Stoker drew parallels between the Transylvanian area, Vlad's residence and the vampire myths. Also, there is a symbolic connection between Vlad's impalements and the killing of a vampire by putting a stake through the heart.

Although Dracula has been translated into many languages, it is not available in Romanian. In fact, it is not allowed in the country, just as no Dracula movies are allowed. The President of Rumania wants to keep the traditions separate in the country. He doesn't want any defacing of the national hero.

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Dear Editor:

The incident of rating women in the dining hall seems to be a reflection of the general characterization of women in the mass media. I believe we need to address this issue, as it can lead to demeaning stereotypes and attitudes. Is it really necessary to reduce women to a binary classification of being attractive or unattractive? Shouldn’t we be focusing on the qualities and contributions of women, rather than their physical attributes?

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Sincerely,

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Hunger responsibility discussed

By Mary Reber
Staff Reporter

University Provost Fr. James T. Burtchaell and three University professors discussed whether or not the university has a moral responsibility to relieve the world hunger problem in a panel discussion last night in the Galvin Life Center Auditorium.

Professor of Economics Basil O'Leary, acting as a moderator, opened the discussion by asking the listeners to consider the following questions: "Does the University want to relieve the world hunger problem? If so, how will the university do it? What are the ethical and moral questions that need to be considered?"

Another question was whether or not the University will be able to relieve the crisis, which has been going on for years.

The second question asked if the University can be in a position to do what it wants.

As a final question, the students were asked to consider whether or not the University should just deal with intellectual issues, and if so, what they are.

"As the University and directs a number of bilingual alternatives to education in the United States, it is important to realize the impact on those who are dealing with it," said O'Leary.

The University should just deal with intellectual issues, noted O'Leary. "The values are too important to memorize, they need to be learned, they involve training, he added.

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"The problem is, he continued, that the University's dual role as a study of the humanities does not humanize a person, another does ethics make a moral man.

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Reactions vary over drinking age bill defeat

by Marianne Schultz
Staff Reporter

Optimism for the lowering of the drinking age in Indiana to eighteen years of age on March 11 was tempered Thursday, when Chester F. Dovis, chairman of the Indiana Public Service Commission, decided not to hold vote on House Bill 188.

After a heated debate on the bill Wednesday, March 5, the outlook for the bill was unsure until the following day looked very optimistic. Senator Richard S. Coons was representing Indiana colleges who were concerned about a proposed bill allowing telephone companies to charge customers for directory assistance calls.

Without explanation, Dovis refused to hold a vote on the bill, thereby killing it for the bill to be allowed on the House floor this year for further debate and the final decisive vote. Commissioner Henry R. Weidner of "Dovis' move", Indiana State Representative Herman R. Bosch declared "It was a surprise to many members of the commission when Dovis decided not to hold the vote. He might have made that decision because it would have been too difficult for him to have had such sufficient support from his five fellow commissioners to pass the bill into the House's agenda."

Dovis' decision appears to dismiss the possibility that Dovis' personal feelings concerning the bill might have entered into his decision released last Thursday. Dovis admitted, "It is not in consideration of my personal reason Chairman Dovis did not want the bill released to the House."

Confirming that it was not possible for the bill to be brought up until next year, Dovis speculated that it was possible, but extremely unlikely, that the bill could be brought up to another bill this year in hopes of entering into the House's summer session. "We're not like Congress, you know. We can't just put a Christmas tree out of a bill; riders can't be attached to just any bill. They must be related to the same subject matter on the tax they are appended to."

Dovis admitted, "Unless the Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Association plans to introduce any major bills this year, the chances for House Bill 188 becoming attached as a rider to a larger bill is undoubtedly sealed." Dovis concluded on the prominent note that "Our brightest hope appears to rest on the pending selection of a new state Commission (the FAC) bill the limited liability drinking bill later this year. Otherwise the future of the bill will rest on its manifestation in the same or another committee next year."

Not unexpectedly, student reactions to the failure of the bill varied widely. Farley sophomore Judy Rodgers-Davis, "If I just had too much optimism. I suppose I didn't really believe it would pass because Indiana is so conservative. On the other hand, I thought that the chances seemed pretty good, especially as McGlaughlin and others had both been down to the hearing and admitted to Taking a favorable chance for being voted out of the committee."

Concerning the low profile situation on campus, Robert stated, "We're not like everyone is twenty-one and they're going to the bars anyway. People are just going to have to wake up to reality." She also remarked that if alcohol were again allowed on campus, the stature of social life and parties would be improved at least to the level they were at last year.

Grace Tower resident Gerard Martin, a junior from New York, said, "It's ridiculous--it just shows you what a backward state Indiana is anyway."

Missouri resident Bob Tully, commenting "I was really disappointed. In sense, I think it was kind of irresponsible of the state legislators not to take into consideration some kind of compromise...at least lowering the drinking age to 18 or 18 1/2." He added, "What bothers me is the total inconsistency of the situation."

Probably the biggest obstacle preventing alcohol from being allowed on campus is the policy of the state university itself. She added, "What bothers me is the total inconsistency of the situation."

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Over telephone companies
InPIRG scores major victory

by Brian M. Clancy
Staff Reporter

The Indiana Public Interest Research Group (InPIRG) scored a major victory February 14 when the Public Service Commission closed a case concerning telephone companies efforts to charge customers for directory assistance calls.

Commissioner Chester F. Dovis stated that "It has been clear for over a year now that the telephone companies had no reasonable way to charge for directory assistance without penalizing poor people, students and those who more frequently use the services."

InPIRG originally intervened in the proceedings on July 23 when the Public Service Commission ordered General Telephone of Indiana (GTI), Indiana United Telephone of Indiana and Illinois Bell to submit plans for charging for directory assistance calls.

General and United submitted plans which would have charged 25 cents for all information calls. The numbers were printed in local directories. Illinois Bell submitted plans to charge 90 cents for all information calls. Whether or not the numbers were printed would have all given customers three free calls.

Gary Miller, former InPIRG director, stated, "InPIRG intervened in the case for a number of reasons, but primarily because we felt that the plans were totally unfair and because the charges would have driven poor people up the wall for the telephone companies. If the Public Service Commission approved the plans, some Indiana customers would be paying for findings which were not published in any directory."

Weidner concluded, "The Public Service Commission should never have handled this case this way. We are pleased that they finally decided to end the purpose of independent investigations by the commission should be to serve the people's interest, not to bring in customers money, not to bring the people to chapter meetings."

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Now that the Ombudsman Service has established itself in the community, it would like to use its influence and empowerment to improve the process of implementing ideas and to give individual students a greater chance to see their ideas get to see contribution acknowledge, and even possibly winning a cash prize.

We hope this yields it works so we might sponsor it again," McLean noted. "Sometimes ideas take time to get out," he added, giving as examples Darby’s Place, the La Fortune residence, an. Grind, Marsi, Grind, and the Ombudsman Servicestaff, all of which began as suggestions and took several years to become organized and bring about.

"With the help of the Ombudsman Service, it might not take 2 or 3 years for a student to see his idea in action," said McLean. Although his is happy with the quality of suggestions so far, McLean too is disappointed by the law returns.

"Some student government personnel regarded the context as reflecting the student attitude: 'Let someone else do it.' We feel that most people have ideas, but implementation is sweeping them. We don't expect step-by-step details -- only a bare outline.

A lot of people feel it's not their job, but have an angle on how it would work," McLean concluded.

McLean and Pizzolato both hope for the contest to responses held on the Wednesday night deadline.

Forms are available in all residence halls, Darby's Place, or the Ombudsman Office, located on the second floor of LaFortune Residence.

Prizes include $50 grand prize, 2nd place: McQuaid's gift certificate, payment for an autographed glossy of the winner's face on the Notre Dame's team program.

Final results of Operation Brainstorm will be announced by Wednesday, March 19.

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44th Bengal Bouts resume tonight

by Bill Brink

The 44th annual Bengal Bouts got under way Sunday evening in the ACC, with 16 fights taking place among contestants from the 100 lb. bracket to the 180 lb. brackets. Harkening, aggressiveness and a little blood characterized the first half of the evening, but most of the first eight fights produced one clearly dominant fighter as evidenced by the one TKO and five unanimous decisions. Only two fights were close enough to warrant split decisions.

Terry Broderick opened the evening with a unanimous decision over Dan Roman in the 127 lb. class. Sophomore Mike Mullin followed with a unanimous decision victory over Dan Nims in the 135 lb. bracket. ‘The Beets’ first class match came next in the 140 lb. division with sophomore Pat O’Brien scoring a split decision win over senior Larry Higgins. Higgins’ aggressiveness made for a lively match, but O’Brien’s superior reach enabled him to check it and control the bout. Bob Kane then won the other match in that class with a unanimous decision over Greg Rachman.

Amidst the blood and controversy of the 150 lb. division bout, Junior Mike Shaw outpointed John Albers in a debated split decision. Though Albers drew blood from Shaw’s face, Shaw used his defensive prowess to win the victory. The evening’s first TKO followed in the 155 lb. class with Rob Merritt stopping Bob Schwartz at 98 seconds into the second round.

Joe Cool’s unanimous decision over Dave Brown in the 160 lb. bracket and Steve Schuster’s win over Tonto Yanta, also by unanimous decision, brought a class to the first half of the night’s events.

After intermission the bouts in the heavier weight brackets began, with four fights taking place in both the 161 and 175 lb. divisions. The hitting was harder and the bouts a little shorter with five of the eight fights being stopped before completion. Matt Wuellner opened the 165 lb. weight class with a third round TKO of Neal Fitzgibbon. Junior Tom Kelly then followed with a third round rally bout resulting in a split decision victory for Ricotta.

THAD NAQUIN (right) took care of Bill Blum in Sundays’ competition, and fights again tonight as the 44th annual Bengal Bouts resume in the ACC.

The New York sophomore managed enough hard combinations against the quick-firer Blum to win the bout. John Garland finished up the 184 lb. bracket with a TKO of Mike Thomas when Thomas failed to answer the bell for the second round.

In the 175 lb. division Mike Luik dominated the first two rounds of his fight with Tom Hastings to gain a unanimous decision. Sophomore John Thornton used an aggressive jab to edge out to a split decision win over Shane Carew.

The first knockout of the evening came in the third match of the 175 lb. class, with junior Thad Naquin disposing of Bill Blum at 20 seconds of the second round. The match had been close until a right to the jaw decked Blum. Bob Robson closed the evening by defeating Gus Cifelli by a TKO at 40 seconds into the third round.

The bouts resume tonight at 8:00 with 16 matches slated for the 20th annual Bengal Bouts. Tonight will mark the first competition in the 160 lb. and 175 lb. weight classes, along with bouts in all of the lighter divisions as well. The 161 lb. fight between Ray dressed for the Bengal Bouts. It really made me proud to see the tradition and the money that the University receives from these fights.

The bouts are expected to be a big draw and tonight’s matches are expected to be a hard-fought one.

The complete agenda for tonight’s action is:

**Observer Sports**

NCAA tourney tickets go on sale today at ACC

Tickets for Notre Dame’s first round game in the NCAA Midwest regional against Kansas will go on sale today at the student section in the windows of the ACC. The $5.00 ticket price is the same as last year, and the games being played at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The tickets went on sale at 10 a.m. today and will be available for purchase at the student section in the windows of the ACC. Good tickets are still available.

March 17th and 18th, again on a first come, first serve basis. McCoy to speak at FCA meeting

Tonight’s meeting of the Notre Dame chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will feature Mike McCoy of the Green Bay Packers as a guest speaker. The former Irish All American will discuss his role in the NFL and Christian fellowship experiences.

Students, faculty, staff and all others are invited to attend the meeting which will be held in the chapel of St. Ed’s Hall. The meeting will start at 9:00 PM.