Support lower drinking age
Student lobbyists release report

by John Shaughnessy
Staff Reporter

Lowering Indiana’s drinking age to 18 would not create an increase in the state’s traffic fatalities, according to Tom Black, Notre Dame student lobby coordinator.

Black made this statement in an eight-page report that will be submitted to the Indiana state legislature. The report is part of the student lobby’s efforts to reduce the drinking age in Indiana from 21 to 18.

This conclusion is based upon statistics from other states which have recently enacted an 18-year-old drinking age. It is also strengthened by the fact that some of Indiana’s neighboring states adopted such legislation.

Lowering the drinking age has produced fears in Indiana that the rate of traffic fatalities would rise. When a lowered drinking age was last considered in the Indiana House of Representatives, early traffic statistics from Michigan (which changed to an 18-year-old drinking age in January 1971) represented the major objection to the proposed legislation.

In the first year of the change, according to the report, the lowered drinking age “was said to have produced increases of 54 per cent in Michigan in the more than 20-year-old drivers in fatal crashes, reported by the police to have been drinking.”

The report notes, however, that according to the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety concluded “that the change in law affected the perception and— or reporting of alcohol involvement by the police more than it affected the fatal crash rates.”

“Because the Michigan data were collected looking for the involvement of alcohol in accidents involving 18-20-year-olds greatly influenced these figures,” Black explained.

Statistics compiled by the National Safety Council (NSC) show that traffic fatalities rose by 242 per cent in 1974 as compared to 1971 and 1972. The 1974 figure is the lowest in the last nine years.

Based on a NSC standard measurement (the number of deaths per 100,000 vehicle miles traveled) the ratio in 1971 and 1972 was 3.9 compared to 3.8 in 1973 and 3.4 in 1974.

According to the lobby’s report, although the total traffic fatalities increased in 1974, the rate of traffic fatalities did not change. In fact, the report continues, the rate decreased in 1973-74.

Black commented, “Obviously the figures presented to the legislature when the matter last came before the General Assembly did not tell the true story of the Michigan experience.”

Hunger Coalition starts letter drive
by Mary Mangemey
Staff Reporter

The Notre Dame World Hunger Coalition is sponsoring a campus-wide “Offering of Letters” to seek to support a “right to food” resolution now before Congress. Doug Allen, Hunger Coalition coordinator, announced yesterday.

“The coalition is asking all Notre Dame students and staff to sign their senators or representatives by Thanksgiving an act of Thanksgiving worship,” Allen stated.

The campus drive is part of a nationwide “Offering of Letters” campaign sponsored by Bread For The World, a national Christian citizens lobby.

“The Resolution Declaring as National Policy the Right to Food” is sponsored by Sen. Mark Hatfield in the Senate and Rep. Donald Fraser in the House.

It asserts:

1) Every person has the right to a “nutritionally adequate diet” and this right should be recognized as a cornerstone of U. S. Policy.

2) This right should become “a fundamental reference in legislative and administrative decisions.”

3) U. S. Food Assistance programs should be improved,

4) U. S. should “increase its assistance for self-help development among the world’s poorest people”, aiming for a target of one per cent of the GNP.

“Hunger is the most dehumanizing effect of the poverty trap,” Ceyl Prinster, Coalition communications director, declared. “If Congress knows there is mass support of the measure, they’ll know how to vote on it and other related legislation.”

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Charter flights offered

by Mark Murphy
Staff Reporter

Student Government has announced plans which will enable students to fly home for Christmas at substantially reduced prices. Notre Dame has joined the Indiana Student Travel Association Network, an organization which charters planes to flyI collegians to major cities around the country during vacation periods.

The Travel Association, based at Purdue University, has been in operation there for two years. This year’s “Christmas Airline” has planes going to 26 cities with travel reduced by as much as one-third.

According to Student Body Vice President Tom Fitzgerald, beginning in early December students can place reservations with the Indiana Student Travel Office which will then relay the orders daily down to Purdue. The airplanes depart from Indianapolis and buses will take Notre Dame students there to meet their flights.

The travel system has previously been patterned on Purdue students but it is now opened to other Indiana colleges. Students traveling in larger groups or take advantage of some group rates made available by the major airlines.

A round-trip charter flight to Las Vegas, for example, costs $182 compared to a regular fare of $282. Round-trip flights to Hartford cost $96 and the Washington D.C. fare costs $106.

“Sure you can’t beat the prices,” Fitzgerald noted, “and the system has been perfected and streamlined in its two-year existence.”

The student travel association would handle the operation for Notre Dame by taking reservations and scheduling buses for the trip to Indianapolis.

Fitzgerald emphasized that students who have already made reservations can cancel them very easily. “There is nothing wrong with canceling a reservation especially if you can get a cheaper price for the trip!” he said.

A list containing prices and dates of departure will be published soon.

The old Gilbert's campus store is now undergoing renovation, and will become an extension of the bookstore. Bro. Cenon Moran, bookstore manager, says he hopes to use the extra space for office as more space on the second floor of the bookstore can be available for books. (Photo by Tom Lese)
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Growing wild in rural areas

Marijuana crop offers harvesters free high

by Maureen O'Brien

Staff Reporter

It’s harvest time again for Hoosier marijuana. As Indiana’s local and state authorities continue to fight the drug war, marijuana grows wild and free in many rural areas in the state.

Marijuana grown in the South Bend area is not very potent, some say, but the poor quality is still better than nothing for the growing number of people who turn to marijuana to ease the economic pressures on them.

World Hunger Coalition initiates letter campaign

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Letters should be stamped and addressed to an individual congressman or senator and should be returned after being read by the post office.

An Indiana state police officer said officers are arrest marijuana growers on the basis of a “test question” or “prosecutor’s discretion.”

In an interview with the observer, Jo Anne Dennison, a member of the Indiana State Police department, said that officers are arrest marijuana growers on the basis of a “test question” or “prosecutor’s discretion.”

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Anti-bazoom Half-time Show

Dear Editor:

It has been said that the women as well as the men came to Notre Dame to be educated, to learn, to be a fitting example of Notre Dame.

Wearing those very revealing uniforms? I think not. When women are admitted here, the goal was coeducation, not sex.

The basketball business could play just as well wearing sweatpants and sweatshirts, couldn't they? At least no one could say that Notre Dame basketball players were being reduced to nothing but "bawoms" and legs, and being grouped together to perform.

And we must surely all agree that a dancing drill team would not be a fitting example of Notre Dame.

Some people might get the wrong impression of the women at Notre Dame. Maybe movies could be shown during the half-times of the basketball games reflecting cartoons and authors.

I haven't seen the recent Anti-bazoom. It has been said that the women probably needs."

The Report identifies the problem of the LaFortune renovation of LaFortune Center as one that will serve as an adequate space and that can be added only after the new center is opened. It proposes that once the new center is opened, the present Fieldhouse razed. It is important to the future of the student that there develops a close and personal relationship between him and one or more professors in his major. If this relationship is not developed it is impossible for the student to receive a fair and honest recommendation to prospective employers, scholarships foundations, or graduate schools. This also means that the student does not receive the individual attention consistent with high academic learning.

To these questions we demand logical and clear answers. To use Sirhan’s gun. In other words, the tests were conclusive. Nothing could be proved either way. The straightforward statement, this was as far as the members of the news media did, after all, Notre Dame is probably one of the few campuses in the country with a hand-in-hand student center. I realize that a new student center is not one of the University’s priorities. However, to make it more attractive to those who want beauty of our campus by ridding it of the somewhat descript Fieldhouse, let me propose that once the new center is built that the art facilities be removed to LaFortune, and the old used for the efficient and adequate LaFortune, though not adequate for a student center, might very well provide the open spaces and high ceilings that the Art Department requires for studios, kilns, and galleries.

Monday, November 17, 1975

Hand-me-down Student Center

Dear Editor:

I haven’t seen the recent COUL Report. Terry Klett’s commentary in last Tuesday’s observer stated that the Report recommends that: “Extensive renovation of LaFortune Student Center must be continued, it is a delusion to consider the present building one that does not meet the students’ needs.” This recommendation requires further comment, especially since Klett also believes that “the ideal solution is the ultimate renovation of the Huddle.”

This COUL Report identifies the problem of attractiveness. It is hopelessly inadequate for the social needs of the student body. But the conclusion it offers is LaFortune—will not solve the problem. Renovation of LaFortune will be a big waste of time and money.

COUL and Klett properly recognize the need for more space. It will serve the complex social lives of our educational student body, but the adequacy of neutral space will not be increased significantly by rearranging existing inadequate spaces. What is clearly needed is neutral space and that can be added only by building an entirely new student center—one that will serve as an informal meeting and eating and playing space for students, faculty, and perhaps even administrators. After all, Notre Dame is probably one of the few campuses in the country with a hand-in-hand student center.

Cheated Acct. Majors

Dear Editor:

In completing registration last week it is apparent to us, as with most Junior Accounting Majors, that there are serious problems within our department.

We are being cheated. The department strongly recommends certain courses to why we are unable to elect them. Electives in other fields (many times undesired) are now replacing preferred Business Law and Finance courses. Business courses that we are fortunate enough to get are overcrowded. These conditions seriously impair the value of the education that we receive.

It is important to the student that there develops a close and personal relationship between him and one or more professors in his major. If this relationship is not developed it is impossible for the student to receive a fair and honest recommendation to prospective employers, scholarships foundations, or graduate schools. This also means that the student does not receive the individual attention consistent with high academic learning.

It is important to the student that he should be offered a repertoire of courses beyond that of the minimum necessary requirements. Why as an accounting major are we unable to take an elective in our major? Is it really possible to elect a course in the Finance department? Why must we seek an Arts and Letters economics course to substitute for our recommended Finance course?

To these questions we demand logical and clear answers. To use the idle rhetoric that the increase in these departments is only fair because the student demand shifts there, is insufficient. Rather we maintain that student demand changes there must be a corresponding shift in administrative policy. In accordance with this belief we are requesting that the budget committee allocate sufficient funds to our department to allow the procurement of the necessary personal that will enable us to receive the quality education that we are paying for.

David Farkosh

The RFK-Sirhan Case

During the early part of the fall, the pistol used to murder Senator Robert F. Kennedy was refitted and the bullets compared to the seven bullets taken from the murder scene. The reason was that if any of the murder scene bullets did not match the test-fire bullets, then they would have been from a different gun, hence no single assassin. But on October 6 it was reported across the nation that the independent panel of seven ballistics experts had determined that only one gun killed Robert Kennedy.

The opening sentence on the firearms examiner's report read—"There is no significant or demonstrable evidence to indicate that more than one gun was used to fire any of the bullets." A seemingly straightforward statement, this was as far as the members of the press read. If they had read farther down the page they would have discovered that three of the seven bullets recovered from the murder scene were so damaged as to make comparison impossible. As for the other four, it could not be concluded that they came from Sirhan's gun. In other words, the tests were inconclusive. Nothing could be proved either way.

After CBS and NBC reporters went thru the report in a more comprehensive manner, the two networks changed their previous stories. None of other members of the news media did, however, in spite of the fact that one of the ballistics experts, Lowell Bradford, issued a statement citing the media's misinterpretation of the report.

The case was also re-examined the testing done by Los Angeles Police Dept. expert Dewey Wolfe, whose ballistics tests implicated Sirhan. But they could not reach the same conclusion he did on major points of evidence. In fact, they could not even match his test-fire bullets to each other, which they should have been able to if they were all fired from the same gun as Wolfe claimed they were. The obvious conclusion then, is Wolfe's test is suspect. But in any case, it doesn't help Sirhan. He will go on no matter what the odds. If he loses the appeal, he will go back to court in Los Angeles on November 18 to deal with the tax and Inheritance. Another trial, maybe he will have his day in court after all after all. He won't be far from his lawyer or his family. He won't.
World leaders set trade policies

RAMBOUILLET, France (AP) — President Ford and other leaders at the six-nation economic summit conference reached tentative agreement Sunday on new guidelines for world trade and currency exchange rates. The United States described the talks as “extraordinarily fruitful.” However, strong opposition developed to a proposal by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to transform the summit into a high-level group that will meet regularly to consider world economic problems.

A spokesman for the West German delegation said Chancellor Helmut Schmidt spoke against the Kissinger plan, although he did agree to occasional meetings as problems arise. Notwithstanding this setback, however, the American delegation said “good progress was being made” and it appeared that President Ford and the leaders of Germany, Britain, Japan, France and Italy would cover the entire agenda Sunday with still a third meeting day remaining Monday. Secretary of the Treasury William E. Simon and finance ministers of the five other nations met separately Sunday morning and agreed to issue a joint statement at the end of the meeting to be known as the “Rambouillet Manifesto.”

That represented progress in itself, since U.S. spokesmen had said Saturday they weren’t sure there could be accomplished that would justify issuing a joint statement. The French-initiated summit was called to discuss monetary problems that would relate to the worldwide economic downturn, but the most that was expected to come out of it was a series of policy guidelines that individual nations could follow. A German spokesman said the finance ministers, following up talks by the heads of government, tentatively agreed that their nations should smooth over sharp up-and-down fluctuations in the value of their currencies. He said they also agreed that the six nations should pledge themselves not to resort to protectionist measures, such as setting quotas, to restrict trade; “some sort of statement against protectionism” would be contained in the joint statement, he said.

President Ford had come to the 14th century chateau here expecting he would encounter pressures from the other nations to do more to stimulate the U.S. economy, which would in turn help the world economy. He anticipated these pressures in his first remarks, saying the United States couldn’t do more than it was doing already. Spokesmen for both the German and Japanese delegations appeared to accept Ford’s view, as neither of them called for greater activity by the United States, although the Germans were said to feel Ford could be more confident about the future because the United States depends far less than other nations on foreign trade.

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recently lowered their drinking age from 21 to 18 show no significant increase in the rate of traffic fatalities. The statistics are again based upon the number of fatalities per 100,000,000 vehicle miles.

In the first full year after the change in legal age, Florida, Iowa, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and New Jersey did not display any rise in the rate of traffic fatalities. Only in Connecticut (from 2.6 to 2.8) and Georgia (from 4.7 to 5.3) were there any evidence of an increase the first year after the change. According to statistics, though, both states in 1974 were at all-time lows in the number of fatalities per 100,000,000 vehicle miles.

According to the report, these states' statistics are comparable with the figures for Indiana. "We believe that this comparison convincingly shows that the lowering of the legal age of consumption did not cause a significant increase in traffic fatalities," Black said.

Similar to West Virginia, Black noted that the effects of a lower legal age in West Virginia especially apply to Indiana. West Virginia, like Indiana, had neighboring states with lower legal ages.

The report concludes with a call to the Indiana legislatures to be consistent in making laws. According to Black, commented that 18-year-olds in Indiana can vote, marry, carry a firearms, make a will, enter the armed forces, hold office and legally own liquor. "The same individual, however, may not drink. Black said.

In light of the report's findings, Black concluded, "We feel that the Indiana laws which recognize and encourage the mature actions and obligations of their youthful heirs ought to, at the same time, recognize that this maturity can and should be exercised in the use of alcoholic beverages."
by Ernie Torriere
The Notre Dame hockey team inched its way from respectability toward a position of contention in the WCHA race this weekend as the Irish and Michigan split the series at the ACC. The Irish out-skated the second-ranked Wolverines out of the gate with a 5-3 victory Friday night but Michigan rebounded with a 4-3 win Saturday.

"Michigan is a very good hockey team," explained Notre Dame coach Lefty Smith after the 9-5 setback. "We made some key errors and that hurt us. You can't expect to win and make those errors.

Less than 24 hours earlier, Smith had much to cheer about. "Excellent, just excellent," Smithollowed after the tenth ranked Kevin Nugent, seeing his first zone and skated in alone on Moore. Michigan was in possession of a 9-5 lead until the WCHA race this weekend as Less than 24 hours earlier, Smith

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THURS. 26 Nov
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Irish hockey team splits pair with Wolverines
The Irish Eye
The natural

A performance such as Tony Dorsett's 393 yard output against the Irish Saturday was, in a word, inspiring. It was like viewing art, a picture of perfection.

Still only a junior, Dorsett has grown up fast, running like a pro in the college game. He's got a motor and takes the pitch from the quarterback, you can see him coolly looking downfield, watching his blockers, as he plows through the grasping defenders. He has that rare edge in his game that gives him the confidence to shrug off anyone chasing him from behind. Then he confronts the rest of the defenders one-on-one, and it is no contest.

Dorsett handles the ball with lightning quickness. Starting at the line, he is past them and gone. With a quick fake or a subtle change of direction, he is past them and gone. It was the greatest single performance I've ever seen.

Dorsett is without a doubt the finest runner the Irish have faced this year. Bill Simpson. He is pure, natural talent, accomplishing with ease what other great backs earn only through hard work and dedication. Dorsett has guts. He has heart. He deserves the recognition, fame, national honors and a lot of publicity. This week, Dorsett has exploded on the scene.

The Panthers ran away from the Irish Saturday, winning 34-20. Dorsett handled the game with composure and the Irish defense was overwhelmed. It was in the first half when the game was decided. The Panthers took a commanding 13-0 lead by the end of the first quarter, and never looked back.

On the other hand, the Irish offense was uncharacteristically flat. They were held to just 14 points, their lowest output in years. The defense, which had been so solid in previous games, was3

The Irish pursuit could not catch the sensational Tony Dorsett in his PITT 34-20 victory Saturday.

The list of damages which Dorsett inflicted that afternoon is long. The Irish have lost three regular season games, and their Heisman hopes. He scored two touchdowns, his thirteenth and fourteenth of the season, breaking the all-time Pitt record for most touchdowns in one season.

On second and six from midfield, Dorsett made his 57 yard run to the Irish 10 yard line. Panther quarterback Matt Brink snuck in from the one to give the Panthers a 14-10 lead. With only eight minutes gone in the game, Dorsett had 153 yards in four carries.

On the next possession, Notre Dame wasPhone to...