The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has charged Notre Dame with unfair labor practices in connection with workers’ attempts to unionize. A hearing has been set for Feb. 15.

The charges, made last Friday by the NLRB, stem from an Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) charge filed last Oct. 31 by the Teamsters Local 364.

The ULP alleges that the University was attempting to stop the unionization efforts of its employees by subcontracting out its food services operations to the pre-existing groundkeeping operations of lessening their interest in union activities and threatening to subcontract any work or otherwise discourage workers’ attempts to unionize.

Mason, in closing, stressed that "the University is not afraid of dealing with the NLRB's decision or a bargaining unit; it is the Teamsters who are causing the present long delay."

Mason stated that the Unfair Labor practice charge against the University is preventing the NLRB from making its determination.

"The ULP," Mason asserted, "is without merit and the University intends to reject the charges through appropriate channels."

At the NLRB hearing, the University will present evidence and prove that the charges are false, Mason states.

"The Teamsters merely need to ask the NLRB to proceed with the ULP processing, but the Teamsters will not allow this to happen," Lawrence said.

The local union has not asked the NLRB to proceed with the Unit Determination on the advice of our attorneys, but has not commented on whether this had any connection with the consideration of the ULP.

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The Student Union is presently planning a student volunteer program in the fall. However, the student volunteer program is only beginning in February.

A turntable clinic will be held in the Student Union's room on Friday, February 3, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The clinic is the result of the hard work of several volunteers.

The machine is being installed on a month-by-month basis. According to Ted Kueker, who is coordinating the project, the machine may be turned off if people do not use it.

The Services Commission is also attempting to plan a flea market for the end of the year to give students a chance to exchange furniture and other goods. There will be no suggestion of what is included in the flea market. There will be no charge for the service.

National

National debt mounts
WASHINGTON: Each of the 219 million Americans would have to come up with 44 cents to pay off the national debt. Just to finance the interest on the debt would cost about 224 person a fiscal 1979, according to President Carter's budget.

Stassen to run again
MINNEAPOLIS—Harold E. Stassen, former three-term governor and four-time seeker of the Republican Party's presidential nomination has announced that he'll seek the Independent Republican endorsement for the U.S. Senate from Minnesota.

Stassen will vie for the Senate seat now occupied by Sen. Wendell Anderson (D-Minn.).

Actors top women's list
SOUTH HADLEY, Mass.—The first four winners in a local "Most Watchable Man" contest—in which only women could vote—were all surprises. They were actors Burt Reynolds, Clint Eastwood, actor-singer Kris Kristofferson and actor Robert Redford.

The surprise was particularly great, however, was consumer advocate Ralph Nader and the Rev. Ralph A. DiOrio, a Roman Catholic clergyman known as "the healing priest of Woonsocket."

Weather
A winter storm watch was issued for today. Snow beginning around noon today possibly mixed with freezing rain and sleet during the afternoon and possibly rain at night.

There is a good chance for light snow tonight with lows around 20. Partly cloudy tomorrow with a chance for snow flurries and highs in the upper 20s. There is a 60 percent chance of precipitation today with a 60 percent chance tonight.

New services by Student Union will include turntable clinic

"Student response and input," he said, "will be the key to maintaining these programs and bringing about more projects."

"Our group expressed disappointment at not receiving more calls with new projects. "That's all it takes to get something going," he concluded.

General CILA meeting tonight
CILA will hold a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Atrium. Members will discuss and vote on the CILA seminar/weekend. Workshops will follow the meeting.

ND Chemistry Professor receives research grant

"There will be no charge for this test which explains. I have worked hard to expand the program this year. The examples were the plant sale and the record sale held last semester."

As a biochemist who joined the University faculty in 1970, he also has studied the mechanisms of blood clot dissolution, a major group has established the existence and significance of plasminogen, a precursor of the clot-dissolving enzyme, plasmin. The theory of plasmin (X) and X and its role in blood clot formation. He is doing original research in the field of blood clot formation. "I am interested in the basic mechanisms, the basic chemistry," he said. "I am able to approach this problem by example, for example, Castellano says. "And I have worked on this problem on accurate identification."

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WASHINGTON (AP) - A Senate panel that included an argument with the American Medical Association (AMA) and major food industry groups is sticking to its advice that consumers can lessen their chances of getting killer diseases by changing their diets.

The Committee on Nutrition yesterday released the second edition of its staff study, "Dietary Goals for the United States," after making only minor changes from the earlier report issued a year ago.

There had been speculation among critics of the 1977 report that the committee would with-draw some of its dietary recommendations but the major elements of that report remain intact.

The new version again recom-mends that Americans decrease consumption of processed sugars, eggs and salt. It suggests substituting skim milk for whole milk and increasing consumption of fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

The most important change came in a recommendation to decrease consumption of meat, a proposal that brought heavy criticism from cattle producers. The new edition changed this to "decrease consumption of animal fat." This would allow for consumption of lean meats, but not such foods as the thick, juicy steak.

The report said that cancer, heart disease, diabetes and hyper-tension are associated with the rich American diet.

Committee Chairman George McGovern, a Democrat from the beef-producing state of South Dakota, endorsed the second edition despite some misgivings from some other committee members.

McGovern, the 1972 Democratic presidential candidate, said in a forward to the new edition that the recommendations are "based on current scientific evidence and provide guidance for making per-sonal decisions about one's diet." He said the 124 page report offers "nutrition knowledge with which Americans can begin to take repon-sibility for maintaining their health and reducing their risk of illness."

In addition to cattle producers, the first report was criticized by egg producers, sugar interests and the canning and dairy industries.

However, the broadest attack came from the AMA, which said there is no proof that diet is related to disease. "The record clearly reflects extreme diversity of scientific opinion on these questions," Sen. Charles H. Percy, (R-III.), Richard Schweik-er, (R-Pa.), and Edward Zorinsky, (D-Neb.), said in a statements in the report.

The AMA said, "Insufficient evidence exists at this time to support the need for or the benefit from major changes in the national diet as proposed."

The medical association said the relationship between diet and deaths from heart disease is "suggestive, fragmentary and even conflicting." It also links that changing American eating habits might lead to economic dislocation.

The AMA, whose home state of Kansas produces a major factor of animal protein, was attacked by McGovern.

However, many nutritionists and health professionals endorsed the dietary goals.

"The new edition of the report should be considered a guide to evaluating the current body of epidemiologic and experimental data on diet-related disease," said National Academy of Sciences President Frank Press. "The AMA, whose home state of Kansas produces a major factor of animal protein, has a responsibility to the American public to provide relevant information on the relationship of diet to health."

Women's series continues with 'Women and Health'

by Pat Payne

Marta Brace, nurse and mid-wife, will discuss the topic "Women and Health" Wednesday at 7-30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge in LeMans Hall. The lecture is the second in the "Women's Awareness" series sponsored by St. Mary's Student government and the Office of Student Activities.

The purpose of the series, ac- cording to Kathy O'Connell, vice president for student affairs, is "to get speakers from the NS-SMC area to probe and arouse thoughts and feelings covering a wide range of issues for women."

She added, "These are not just lectures, but more like informal presentations that include ample time for discussion."

The series will take place once a month through March and will culminate in April with "Women's Week," hosted by the senior class.

Planned activities for "Women's Week" include speakers and work-shops. The theme will center around the many aspects of women, their vocations, roles and occupations.

O'Connell noted, "Wednesday's lecture is open free of charge to all students. All members of the NS-SMC community are invited."
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Editor's Note: "The Observer statements" mentioned in the following stories were made by Notre Dame Debate Council President Jim Rinne.

ND Debate Has Proud Past

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At Emory, Jack Kenney and I won five and lost three.

Yet outstanding performances at tournaments have been few and far between. The Observer has included placing several times at Loyola, taking first place in 1972 at the Citadel, and taking first place in 1973 at Kent State University.

Jeff Rachael and Dave Hayes have yet to be beaten this year in the national invitational debate tournament. John Bonomo and Tony Gambino, both of Notre Dame, are currently second in the nation.

Despite all these odds, many students have gained the recognition for their achievement which is no doubt that this year's first place team was the University of Texas at Austin.

At Northwestern, Tom Gies and Mike Connor reached semifinals, receiving a third place trophy at the national invitational debate tournament. In the same tournament, Jack Kenney and Tom King won seven and lost two, receiving a fifth place trophy.

At the University of Texas at Austin, Rebecca Kelly and Jack Kenney won seven and lost one, reaching quarterfinals and receiving a fifth place trophy. At Kentucky, Jack Kenney and I won five and lost three.

**P. O. Box Q**

The special beat of Steve Colonje

Dear Editor:

We'll miss him in the Nazz and most of all the debate community. He was a true friend of ours.

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The debate community has lost one of the greats, Jack Kenney.

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At least We Cheer

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It was a great day for the Irish Sunday afternoon when Dan Devine strode fearlessly to center court. There were no boos, no jeers; in fact, the applause truly "shook down the thunder." This was the head coach of football's Fighting Irish, the man who worked the magic of the Coliseum. Devine was his tum. Won't we dedicate the National Championship. We'll miss him in the Nazz and at Texas. It is a shame that Notre Dame has had in a quick while, I wish the team, and Bill Wims as coach, the greatest achievements of his career. We do indeed surpass the best debate teams Notre Dame has seen.

However, Notre Dame has done exceptionally well, competing in state and local high school debate tournaments and attracting the largest number of students to the debate organization in the country: DSR-TKA. Notre Dame has continued its proud debate tradition that has been prolific in terms of both awards and over-all accomplishment.

During the past six years Notre Dame debate has scored exceptionally well. The debate team has often been competitive with the best of the national teams, holding its own with schools having extensive debate departments and graduate and undergraduate programs in debate.

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PARIS [AP] - Masked gunmen ambushed an automobile carrying Baron Edouard Leon Empain in central Paris yesterday and abducted the Belgian nobleman, who is one of Europe's richest industrialists and heads a giant conglomerate with interests in the United States.

After the late morning abduction, the 60-year-old baron's family has not received a ransom demand, authorities said. There was no firm clue to whether he was kidnapped for ransom or for political motives.

Police were mobilized nationwide and at France's borders in the hunt for Empain, father of three and scion of a long powerful industrial family.

The infant Empain's chauffeur was in severe shock after being badly beaten by the four or five kidnappers in the well-organized operation. The gunmen used two trucks and a motorbike to close in on the industrialist's car just outside his apartment building near the Arc de Triomphe.

Empain, whose mother was American, is owner of the Empain-Schneider industrial group of 150 companies.

The conglomerate, which has an annual turnover of $4.5 billion, is France's only official power plant manufacturer, building U.S. Westinghouse plants under license, and it has large steel, shipping, banking, and machinery production interests.

It employs 120,000 workers worldwide, a major shareholder in the U.S. company Phoenix Steel and is believed to have other large North American holdings.

Police, recounting what the chauffeur and other eye-witnesses told them, said Empain drove from his apartment building on a quiet, fashionable street parallel to the Avenue Foch at about 11 a.m.

"A few yards away a small truck had been parked out from the curb. As Empain's driver tried to maneuver around it, a man on a motorbike suddenly fell in front of the car forcing it to stop."

Another truck then roared up from behind, masked men jumped from the two trucks and the motorbike rider pulled out a revolver, police said.

The chauffeur was dragged from the car, beaten and thrown into the truck. Three or four kidnappers piled into Empain's car and sped off with the industrialist, the second truck following.

The driver was released a few minutes later less than a mile away and notified police, who already had alerted by an eyewitness. One of the trucks was found nearby and police determined it had been stolen two weeks ago.

The Empain family fortune was founded before World War I by the baron's grandfather, Edouard Empain, whose firm built the Paris subway and other mass transit systems throughout the world's cities. The mine and lumber holdings.

PARIS 10 members receive reduced sentences

RALEIGH N.C. (AP-Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. today reduced the sentences of nine imprisoned members of the Wilmington 10, making all but one of them eligible for parole this year, but denied petitions seeking a full pardon for members of the group.

Hunt's decision was contained in the script of a statewide television broadcast.

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Rumour is reality as Franconia College closes

CONCORD N.H. (AP) - After years of fighting financial problems, the well-publicized and controversial college, an avant-garde school open to all students, could be on the brink of closing.

"I'm hurt," said Ira Goldenberg, president of Franconia College, as he talked about the possibility of the school closing.

"It's a very difficult situation," he said, "but we have to face the reality that this may be a possibility." He added that the college has been facing financial difficulties for several years and that the situation is becoming more critical.

"The college has been a plus," he said, "but the reality appears to have been pretty high all along." He said the college has been facing financial problems for several years and that the situation is becoming more critical.

Richard Alpert, associate dean of the college, said yesterday that the college had been people who would have said that Franconia closed has almost no implications for us as far as I can gather. He said the college has been facing financial problems for several years and that the situation is becoming more critical.

Another experimental school, Goddard College in Plainfield, Vt., also appears in different shape. Finance director Robert Leavitt says last fiscal year ended with a surplus and that this year the budget is balanced at $1.3 million - about the same as three or four years ago.

At Franconia, debts almost forced a closing in 1968, and the school reorganized. But problems continued. Gov. Meldrim Thomson, a conservative Republican, tried to block a federal grant for a cooperative program with a high school and threatened to revoke the school's charter for sponsoring a conference by the New England Universities' Association.

To help Franconia to stay open, students and faculty took over serving meals, running the mailroom, keeping accounts and being janitors.

In 1970, the college attracted national attention by naming Leon Botstein, then 23, as the country's youngest college president. Goldemberg, a former assistant psychology professor at Harvard and Yale, succeeded Botstein in 1975.

Among other small institutions overcome by financial troubles are Bennett College in Millbrook, N.Y., and Briarcliff College in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. Both sold off their assets last year. Another well-publicized closing was that of Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, in June, 1973. That liberal arts college had become known as a "second chance" school for students who couldn't make it elsewhere. It lost accreditation, enrollment shrunk, and it went bankrupt.

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**By Jeff Feuerle**

**Sports Writer**

The Notre Dame basketball team overcame a mild case of the “Big Green jitters” to defeat a scrappy team from Dartmouth Saturday night, 81-68. The Irish won at the last minute when a shot by Tim Hauser was knocked off the rim with four seconds remaining.

**Ted Robinson**

**Vida’s Blues**

One Man’s View

Spring training begins in four weeks and Vida Blue doesn’t have a team. The Cincinnati Reds fully believe and expect Vida to be wearing a Reds’ uniform in Tampa, but, alas, Bowie Kuhn has offered Blue his services. The Blue Jays have also been mentioned as a possible destination. Flood watches in the Midwest have been turned on since Vida Blue has not signed a contract.

**Paul Stevenson**

**The Irish Eye**

**Irish Upswing**

Thanks to Alabama’s 78-62 upset of top-ranked Kentucky last week, the undefeated teams in college basketball. That just exemplifies the balance in college basketball today.

The Four Dames are, chalk up victory number 12 for the Fighting Irish basketball team. Although at the time the situation was questionable, Notre Dame came back to defeat Dartmouth, 78-64. That leaves the Irish eight games shy of their 20 win goal.

Notre Dame defeatShortly after the nation’s best by defeating UCLA on Sunday afternoon. James Wilson may have given the Irish the game in the last four seconds on the free throw, but then again, Notre Dame gave up opportunities of their own.

With Dartmouth already past, it’s time to look forward to meeting last road night’s opponent. The Irish faced the Mountaineers for the first time in the ACC. The Mountaineers defeated Notre Dame last season in Morgantown.

The Saint Mary’s Basketball Team had it’s ups and downs last week over the 1-2-1-2 schedule, but lost a close decision to Indiana Tech in another.

The Irish face the Sooners on Tuesday, Jan 24, 1978, in St. Louis. Notre Dame is not going to have 11,345 screaming ACC fans at their disposal.

**NM-SCM women’s basketball briefs**

Notre Dame’s women’s basketball team is alive and well and according to St. John’s Joe Rudt, RoUte Fmgers and Blue for cash sums totalmg $3.5 million. The sales weren't in the best interest of baseball.

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SD –wakes up to defeat Big Green

Dave Batton hits two of his 18 points in last night’s 78-64 win over Dartmouth. (Photo by Leo Ham

Saturday, January 24, 1978, a test piece dusk melt away as they will be defeated by the Fighting Irish in Tech, 49-44. The team returns to action tonight, hosting Valparaiso at tipple scheduled for 8 p.m.

**Observer Sports**

There will be an important basketball Preview for the season’s first game on Tuesday, Jan 25, at 4:30 p.m. in the ACC Arena. Important schedule revisions will be distributed so all teams must be present.

**Fordham**

will be a good test, just because it will be played on the road. It is a home game for the Irish. The next two days will be just as difficult. Then there’s a game against the #3-ranked Indiana Tech.

The Crusaders are not having the season they did last year. They have a new head coach, but they really want to leave each game individually, because the Crusaders are going to have a tough time adjusting.

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Keep the Irish on their current upswing. The support better be tremendous now, because on the road and in the NCAAs Notre Dame is not going to have 11,345 screaming ACC fans at their disposal.

Yes, the Notre Dame fans have aided the Irish on several occasions. But, this squad is capable of winning consistently, at home or on the road.

Take each game individually, because the 20 game mark is still a way off. One win at a time and 100 percent support the entire route. There has to be enough vocal backing left over for the Irish to take all the way to St. Louis in March.