Rectors, Students, to Admin. Triumvirate

In a meeting Tuesday night, the Hall Presidents' Council elected four hall presidents to serve on the tripartite committee considering university policy. The four are Rich Meenan, Vince Telep, Dan Farrell, and Gordon Hunt.

The Faculty Senate has yet to select its three members of the committee. According to Rev. C.J. McCarragher, C.S.C.,

News In Brief:

Writer Shortage

The Dome, Notre Dame's yearbook, made news this week with a late-breaking story of the brough-a-ha that preceded the book's second edition. Dave Hedin, the editor, is less than satisfied with the performance of this year's staff, despite the fact that he had over 65 pages ahead of last year's book at this time. "They just can't write to save their lives!" he must have said at a recent press conference, before slipping into bitter Italian.

Kevin Flynn and David Ward, his assistant editors, believe him incompetent. "Not only that," Flynn adds, "but he's letting Gibson run his life."

Hesburgh To Speak

Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame, and Christopher J. Murphy III, will address an assembly of 200 student government leaders Thursday night in the Library Auditorium.

Hesburgh and Murphy will speak on student rights, although the exact details of what they will say are unavailable.

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4th Win For ND

About 3,100 souls who braved miserable weather and an uninspiring first half were rewarded with some great basketball in the last twenty minutes and a 79-59 victory over the SMU Mustangs in the fieldhouse Monday night. The win was the fourth straight for the unbeaten Irish.

St. Norbert's College will be fed to the Irish tonight as Notre Dame plays its final home game before away trips with Indiana, Utah, State, and UCLA. Tipoff is scheduled for 8 o'clock in the fieldhouse.

Students Vote For Power

The issue of demonstrations sparked heated clash in an Oxford-style debate Sunday night in the Law Auditorium.

Student Senators Pat Dowd and Mike Kelly maintain that demonstrations are not effective, calling for massive disobedience of rules as a means of changing them. Student government leaders Dennis O'Dea and Tom Brislin disagreed, maintaining that demonstrations are needed.

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Editor:

In an article in the Dec. 4 issue of the Observer, Dean Joseph O'Meara of the Notre Dame law school came under criticism for his implied recognition of the criminal prosecution of Martin Luther King and Stokely Carmichael. O'Meara is quoted as saying, "Like any other malcontents they should be prosecuted, and that goes for anyone else who picks up the black flag and is using young men to become conscientious objectors.

How can anyone be prosecuted for encouraging someone to take advantage of a legal right?"

The Military Selective Service Act of 1967 provides that no person shall "be subject to combat training and service in the armed forces of the United States who, by reason of religious training and belief, is conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form."

Thus the right to exemption from military service on the basis of moral conviction is recognized by the law as being guaranteed by the First Amendment. Dean O'Meara's position seems to be that, while one may have a "free exercise" of religion, recognized as a right by our Constitution, certainly we must include the right to attempt to convince others to accept it as a moral and religious belief. To advise a young man of draft age to apply for conscientious objector status is no more illegal than to advise him to accept a student deferment, to accept a 1-A, or to continue in the Selective Service.

Perhaps Dean O'Meara is referring to those who encourage men to apply for conscientious objector status, and he does not want anyone to try to encourage others to accept it as a moral belief. But the issue is not the encouragement of others, but the right to try to convince others to accept a moral belief, without the prior approval of our religious beliefs.

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A spokesman for the Selective Service System has been quoted as saying: "We are not trying to prevent any young men from becoming conscientious objectors."

The right to apply for conscientious objector status is a constitutional right. Indeed, the Supreme Court has said, "The First Amendment does not permit the government to neutralize the exercise of a constitutional right."

My concern is that we as a society are not recognizing that the right to try to convince others to accept a moral belief is a constitutional right. We are not recognizing that the free exercise of our religious beliefs is a constitutional right.

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And those who follow were blessed with gifts even unto the third and fourth generations of fathers thereof.

To the students of Notre Dame was given a tension modulated by love.

To Pat Collins, editor of that poorly produced paper, the editorship of Page magazine.

To Bill Kelly, Joel Connelly for Christmas dinner.

To Anton-Herman Chourot, pictures and the writings of Dean Manion and Robert Kennedy.

To that swelling Father Burtshall, an American accent.

To Father Bartell, a cub scout uniform.

To Prof. James Silver, a life size portrait of Dorothy Odum for his bathroom and better luck in his puke games.

To Prof. James Bogle, Indian’s third Congressional seat.

To Prof. Michelson, a color coded wardrobe.

To Paul Kamsey, a bid to the 1968 Olympics and membership in the KKK.

To Mike Kelly, George Romney’s brainwashing kit.

To Chuck Nau, the directorship of the JFK Memorial Library and all other Kennedy shirine.

To Mike McCormick, ten thousand dollars supply of Nair.

To Mike Browning, the world.

To Steve Anderson, the ability to teach Father Reible due process of law and justice.

To Tom Brinlin, a bronze statue of Pat Dowd.

To Rick Hunter, Chuck Nau and your own YD.

To Rick Hunt, unemployment compensation.

To Dan Gleston, a new hairdo.

To Chris Murphy, airplane luggage like Father Hebergh’s and an airline seat so he can feel at home even at Notre Dame.

To Geoff Browning, his brother’s shoes.

To Steve McCormick, a thousand happy fingers.

To Mt. Stephen, free space in the New York Times.

To Joel Connelly, the close friendship of Pat Dowd and Bill Kelly.

To Dennis Gallagher, a new lease on life.

To Betty Dee, LOVE.

To Marie Perrone, more hair.

To Father McCarraghe, a golden bust of Jesus.

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**Tom Figel**

**A Directive**

Due to the misunderstanding arising from the Administration’s recent clarification of policy regarding girls in student’s rooms, the University feels the need to once again state its position. Students are reminded of University of Notre Dame directive No. 26904, readily available in the Faculty Manual, which states “Girls do not exist after the last game.”

In general, visiting hours will roughly correspond to Fr. Hes­burgh’s presence on campus. Girls may be present in a student’s room only if he is not. Exceptions may be allowed for mothers over fifty years of age, if accompanied by a responsible adult. In addition, parietal hours are a privilege and may be exercised only on football Saturdays occurring in Leap Years or on the day immediately following a Friday the Thirteenth.

The Administration feels that this policy corresponds to the distinct and peculiar nature of the University of Notre Dame du Lac and should be given due respect. Students are reminded of the principle first voiced by Father Sorin: “Quod erat demonstrandum”, that is, “What wasn’t good enough for the alumni isn’t good enough for you.”

Entertainment of female guests can take place only in the facil­i­ties designed and set aside for that purpose. The Rathskeller is available for quiet conversation on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 when the sun is shining. In addition, the Fiesta Lounge is carefully attended in an effort to make sure that enough chairs are available for students and their dates.

A few have chosen to ignore University policy in this area, con­siderably endangering the Summa Drive. Students are reminded that further violations of this directive will necessitate a more stringent policy. Father Hebergh will take his university and go home.

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The Crying of Lot 49 is Thomas Pynchon's second novel, following three years after the magnificent V. As with V., he is again concerned with the quest of the human being to put things into order, to find the logical structure behind the myriad clues which may be glimpses of some great unknown reality or merely the pointless nonsensical datum of an elaborate practical joke. When we leave Oedipa Maas awaiting the crying of Lot 49, we don't know the answers, but like her, we begin to think that we are getting close, very close.

Mother Night. It is the saga of Howard W. Campbell, who pretended to be a Nazi propagandist while he transmitted coded information to the Allies in his anti-Semitic broadcasts. But the question is: has he been a more effective spy than propagandist? A High Wind in Jamaica. Anyone who hasn't read it will misunderstand a plot summary, for it is totally unlike any other modern novel. Its fictional kindred, if it has any, are the novels of Smollett and perhaps Cervantes. The novel is about a group of children kidnapped by pirates, who in turn become the captives of the machinations of the children. This summary immediately suggests a rather fanciful juvenile novel. But the children are not embodiments of natural goodness like Huck Finn or entertaining pranksters like Tom Sawyer or Penrod. They are dark forces, full of deep natural fears and aggressiveness, almost literally inhuman. If the adults in the novel are venal and corrupt, the children are horrifying. And we do not think of them as exceptional or demonic, as we might the children of James' The Turn of the Screw, but as quite normal and representative of children as a group. The massively brilliant writing of Hughes turns all our Wordsworthian child worship to absurdity.

So much for this year, for this column. We will meet on the other side of the dividing line between year and year. Keep well. Merry Christmas.

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