Insults Spark Debate

BY DENNIS GALLAGHER

The second Observer straw poll on the Student Body President indicates that Richard Rossie has moved out to a commanding lead in the race. The actual vote is as follows:

Rossie 41.1%
Graham 1.9%
Dowd 14.8%
Perin 12.7%
Undecided 29.5%

On the freshman squad, Rossie got 42% of the vote as opposed to 15.7% for Dowd and 11.4% for Perin. 26.4% were undecided. The main squad figures were similar: Rossie 42.7%; Dowd 16%; Perin 11.8%; Undecided 27.5%.

The results seemed somewhat astounding in what had been regarded as a close race. It seems likely that there is at least some error involved. But evidence indicates that the pollsters, if nothing else, have not been guilty of bias. First, the poll interviewed some four hundred people, a large enough number to guarantee statistical significance under ordinary circumstances. Several polling systems were involved, most of them taking no active part in the campaign.

One check of the internal consistency of the poll is the fact that two separate polls were taken by two Observer staffers: St. Edward's Hall. The first (the one included in the previous tabulations) found Rossie leading Dowd 9-2. The second found Rossie in the lead 11-2. Two polls in Badin found Rossie leading 9-8 (the one tabulated) and 9-4.

Altogether, the poll cannot be claimed to be precise. A strictly random sample was not used, although measures were taken to avoid systematic error. Pollsters were told to avoid extensive clustering in selecting the sample population.

Despite the unexpected results, there was certainly no intention and no obvious systematic bias. While the poll may reflect a fairly large error in individual halls, its general dimensions as a campus survey should prove basically valid.

Rossie Swamping Dowd
In Second Straw Poll

BY MARY CHRIS JARABEK

The automobile impounded by South Bend City Police in connection with the hit-and-run slaying of St. Mary’s freshman Susan Kelly of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been returned to its owner, McKay O. Felmann 34, of 1301 Prairie Avenue, South Bend. The car, a 1960 2-door dark blue Oldsmobile had been impounded late the eight of the accident, February 3.

Justice of the Peace Leon Kowalski ordered the release of the car during morning call. At the hearing for Mr. Fleming’s writ of replevin which had been slated for 2 p.m. that day in Kowalski’s office. If the car had been taken, the police would have been forced under the writ to show cause for then retention of the automobile.

The general trend holds for the freshman squad as well as the main squad. Rossie leads Dowd there 64-19, with Chuck Perrin a close third with 16 votes. The spread on the main squad is 93-39, with 32 votes for Perrin.

A poll gave Rossie an overwhelming lead in fourteen halls, including Morrissey where the spread was an incredible 1-71. Howard, Stanford and Buiden were listed as about equally divided between Dowd and Rossie. Moreau Seminary overwhelmingly supported Rossie, casting eight votes in the poll for him with two undecided and no votes for the other candidates. Six halls, four favoring Rossie and two contested, had undecided votes which exceeded that for any candidate. An off-campus poll taken in the Huddle gave Rossie six votes, Dowd one and Perrin three, with ten undecided or uninterested.

When the poll is extrapolated so that each hall receives a weighting according to its number of residents, the poll still results in an overwhelming lead for Rossie. Here, the figures are:

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Wearing a black doll around his neck and paint smears that were once to indicate Black Power advocate Maulana Kor Karenga of Los Angeles debated Dr. James Silver of the Notre Dame History Department in the Engineering Auditorium, night. During the debate, Karenga said, “just what intellectual reputation he had.” In return, Silver said that Mr. Karenga re- minded him “of a man down in Georgia named Cablin Craig,” who is “head of the Ku Klux Klan.”

The substance of Karenga’s speech dealt with “Black people’s need for a value system.” His goal, he said, is to “elevate Black Power to a constructive conceptual framework. Everything I say is in praise of Black People, because Black People don’t praise themselves enough.”

Dr. Silver, first to speak when Karenga refused, accused the Black Nationalist of repeating under another color the offenses of the Ku Klux Klan and the White Citizens Council.” He compared Karenga’s ideas to those expressed by “Hilter, Himmler, Goering, and Goebbels,” and asked why a believer in “separatism” would come to Notre Dame.

Karenga denied any similarity between his and the views of extremist groups on the basis that “White people have neither the ability nor the right to discuss or make any pronouncements about us.” He accused Dr. Silver of “character assassination” and “complete ignorance of our issues.” Whites, he said, especially the “white liberals” whom he accused of not understanding the Negro’s need to be “Black People.”

In his reply to Karenga’s presentation, Dr. Silver ridiculed the concept of a “black power.” “There is not a single pure-blooded Negro in this audience,” he said. “When Mr. Kor Karenga denounced whites, is it not consistent in his self-righteous pedantry?”

The White Power exclusion “reflects insecurity and fear of competition and forces publicists to make allowances for the immaturity of Negroes.”

Dr. Silver defended his own understanding of the Negro’s needs and drew prolonged applause when he said “I was being persecuted down in Mississippi when Karenga was at UCLA.”

He called for three developments within the Negro community: self-determination, self-respect, and self-defense. To talk about “black power,” he said it is “talking about powerful black people. The thing that really distinguishes us is our concept of the black’s role.”

Karenga said that Dr. Silver is “one of those people who don’t know how to live and don’t have the decency to die. I have more respect for George Wallace than this man.” Finally Karenga refused to answer a Rhodesian student’s question, because he said, he didn’t “want to talk to you, Brother, in front of these people.”

PD Release Car That Killed Sue Kelly

Attorney Patrick Brennan (Notre Dame Law 67) charged his client denies any knowledge of the young girl’s death, but Captain Gerald Keiper of the South Bend Traffic Bureau said late Thursday afternoon, “I feel we have a very good case.”

Samples of blood, Miss Kelly’s clothing, and prints that were sent to Indiana State Police for analysis have been tested, but no conclusions have been released. All evidence will be presented to the grand jury when it meets in May. The jury will then decide whether or not to indict Fleming in connection with the accident.

According to one police spokesman, those individuals indicted for hit-and-run are charged with reckless homicide, a state felony that carries with it the possibility of imprisonment for 2-21 years.

Fleming is employed by the Dodge Manufacturing Company, Mishawaka, which specializes in the production of its own Miss Kelly was killed Friday evening, February 5, near the intersection of Colfax and Michigan where she and her companion, Chris Ludwig, another SMC freshman from Pan, Illinois, were attempting to cross on Michigan.

Police said the car carried Miss Kelly approximately 70 feet from the point of impact before it fell from the lot. The auto then sped away.

Miss Kelly was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Mary’s Hospital. At approximately the emergency room there said the girl had suffered a skull fracture, face fractures, pelvic injuries and a fractured leg.
Sr. Grace Revealed The Merger Secret

By PAT COLLINS

Sr. Mary Grace remained vocal in spite of the Board's official silence. As we sat in her first floor Le Mans Hall office, the deposed president gave the following account of her dismissal.

"Mother Olivette called me into her office and said, 'Sr. Mary Grace, the Holy Ghost has finally come.' I've decided to appoint Fr. McGrath as president and get you a job teaching history at the University of Lima, Peru.'

But Fr. McGrath told Mother Olivette that I didn't want to teach at the University of Lima and she said that she could get me a job studying the growth of women in Latin America. I told her I didn't want to do that, and that I really wasn't qualified for that job since it should be done by a team of sociologists.

"I've been thinking of a power struggle. I kept asking Mother Olivette to form the Lay-Religious Board. For, really, that's all this interim board was to do. But Mother Olivette wanted control of the College. And she's not qualified. She's a missionary nun with a nursing degree. . . . Some of us are made for working in the bushes of Africa and some of us are made for working in schools. I think Mother Olivette has the authority to tell me things like what habit to wear. . . . but not to tell me how to run the school."

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Tom Figel
The Better Man

One of the things about Notre Dame's microeconomic political system unlike the national system where mediocrity is represented by a more eloquent mediocrity, is that the greatest ability surfaces and leads. Although I see nothing seriously wrong with the new Pat Dowd, I would rather see him backing Joel Connolly than vice-versa. Likewise, the people watching the charts in Rich Rosie's headquarters say more about him than all the campaign foh-pops Campus Press could ever print.

There are two candidates of any moment in this election. If Rich Rosie were not in contention for the office, the new Pat Dowd probably would be acceptable.

What Pat has been saying this year, Rich has been saying for three and a half years. He came here reluctantly, expecting to take his Khalil Gibran scholarship to Cambridge at the first diminishing impression of curfew or bed check. He ended up in Patley, however, and, since he could live as a being capable of his own life, he stayed.

That's what this campaign is all about; and, although Pat Dowd has come around, Rich Rosie expresses it with more force. Student Government's purpose is its end, a situation in which students can study; a situation which does not compel those presently enrolled to sacrifice their own education for the sake of those who follow. Eventually, the Student Union should be able to handle it all, and those who like the game for its own sake will have a place to play.

Rich Rosie understands that and has a philosophy which backs up his demands. This university, as any university, exists in three sections: Administration, faculty, and students. The Administration makes the opportunity of education available - maintains the facilities, staffs the classes; but surpasses its role when it imposes rather than offers the education. Ideally, the choice of using the opportunity is an individual one; but students live in groups and the groups should decide how open it will be to what is offered.

The ASP couldn't have picked a better man because Rosie's class had no one better to offer. He is better off-the-cuff, indignant and Southern, than he is with a prepared text because sometimes the politician obscures the substance. But at other times, with his tie loose and his sleeves rolled up, he has his desk without caring who hears and talks about the curfews and controlled finances in Keanan-Stanford. That's when he's real, but, at least until now, it hasn't been what the students want.

But the game will end, and with Rosie there is likely to be something left over. His analysis of what the university is and what it should be makes sense. Hopefully, this year's choice will, too.

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Dear Sirs:

Dennis Gallagher's February 12 article entitled "Simplistic Respectability" was a rash and unfair dismissal both of George Kennan's paper and of Mr. Kennan personally.

Mr. Gallagher seems to object strongly to the characterization of two large component groups of the New Left without the recognition of any "individualization in them." If, indeed, Mr. Kennan's portrait of a Radical Leftist is a bit too surrealistic, is group characterization invalid methodology in political analysis? (And does it necessarily in­dict him of the heinous crime of "reading Time magazine"?) If so, de Toqueville, Burke, Marx, et. al. should fall in our esteem.

A couple of other criticisms are not only tasteless, but taste­less and irrelevant. Has Mr. Ken­nan's career really been a "fail­ure" because his brilliant, prac­tical proposals were not always immediately implemented by oth­ers? This criterion renders Christ, Socrates, Winston Church­ill and various student Sena­tory failures. Mr. Gallagher's implicit boast that he under­stands Woodrow Wilson better than does Mr. Kennan needs no reply.

But, moreover, I believe that Mr. Gallagher has missed the heart of the message. Mr. Ken­nan's is certainly not a self­righteous, Lefty Drake-type po­litical. His message is not pri­marily that radicals "should not be righteous and pompously

self-assured." Nor is it that hip­pies are "bad people" because they withdraw from reality. Ra­ther, it is that New Leftists are bad political animals because of­ten they expose violence, civil disobedience, withdrawal from the political process, or millenn­arian ideas, and offer to alterna­tive to the imperfect government to which they object. This is the stuff of Aristotle and Aquinas, not of Norman Vincent Peale. It is not "simple minded social philosophy.

In reference to the paradoxi­cal conclusion, I cannot accept the idea that the man who so peremptorily analyzed the Soviet situation in the thirties and for­ties, "perhaps the finest practical theorist of our time," has "an absurdly legalistic mind." Nor can I accept that one of our finest historians of Bolshevism suffers from a "simple lack of knowledge" in his study of a radical leftist movement.

I think a brief retreat into the shades of academe might be in order for the usually bright and sober Mr. Gallagher.

Sincerely,

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