Co-exchange program affects frosh

by Glenn Corso

The most radical innovation to be experienced by the class of ‘73 will be the opening of the co-exchange program with Saint Mary’s College. The program, announced last spring by the presidents of both schools, will involve upwards of 245 freshmen from the two institutions. The program will be used in four Arts and Letters courses, including English, Government, History, and Sociology. Notre Dame will admit women to their Humanities program, in place of English.

The second phase of the program will come in the fall of 1971, when both schools will consolidate registration, class schedules, academic calendars and admissions. St. Mary’s has doubled its freshman class enrollment to 500, in order to eventually achieve a 1:3 ratio to Notre Dame men.

Rev. Charles E. Sheedy, CSC, appointed head of the program by the presidents of both schools, stated that students would still receive separate diplomas from their respective schools, unless the student became totally involved with their academic program at the other school. Fr. Sheedy went on to say that the eventual goal of the program will be somewhat akin to the Harvard-Radcliffe model.

Dean William Burke, head of the freshman year of studies, confessed to being “a bit anxious” as to the number of Notre Dame frosh who would volunteer for the program. Surprisingly though, over 600 indicated that they either did not care one way or the other, or were very willing to participate in such a program. The 250 were chosen by random selection. The course work involved will be basically similar at both schools, though different textbooks may be used. All frosh involved will have the period before and after their class free, in order to facilitate travel between the two schools.

A radically different approach in frosh counseling will be undertaken this year. Besides meeting with his counselor, a freshman may also have an undergraduate student present at the meeting. He will thus have two opinions available to him on his particular problem.

Dean Burke emphasized that one of the main aims for the undergrads will be to advise those frosh that have especially serious problems in the first few weeks of the school year. The undergrads selected will be those who had the same type of problems at the beginning of their freshman year and, therefore, are specifically trained to help others.

A survey was taken last spring on the freshman counseling system, and as a result freshmen will be allowed to switch their counselors, if they feel they are not getting along with him. Dean Burke also mentioned the prospect of team counseling, where 3-4 counselors would sit down with a group of students and discuss any problems they might have.

“One of our biggest jobs is to break down the high school attitude,” Burke declared. He went on to explain that many freshmen were reluctant to talk to their counselors about their problems because it had been considered “apple polishing” in high school, and reluctant to talk to him because they cast him in the role of a principal, whom they only saw when they were in trouble.

A black counselor has been added to the Freshman Year Office staff. Fr. Robert Seabrooks comes to Notre Dame from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. Dr. Seabrooks will counsel half the black freshmen, along with fifty other students.

Dissidents plan informal meeting

by Cliff Wintode

Freshmen and their parents this weekend will be the object of attention from both the Coalition for Political Action and Students Against Racism. The Coalition will present a counter to the ROTC orientation program while Students Against Racism will make efforts to provide a “personal dialogue” with the students and their parents on racism at Notre Dame.

Fred Dedrick, Student Body Vice-President and a founder of the Coalition, said that the Coalition will present an informal discussion tomorrow on the second floor of the LaFortune Student Center. The Grace Hall religious orientation will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church.

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Welcome freshmen. You are here.

80 incoming freshmen displaced by incompletion of Grace tower

by Dave Stauffer

Eighty members of Notre Dame’s freshman class will report today to temporary residences in the old halls on campus, due to the incompletion of tower ‘C’ in Grace Hall. Freshmen living in towers ‘A’, ‘B’, and ‘D’ will be able to move in today.

All freshmen and upperclassmen affected by the incompletion were notified of the provisions for temporary residence in letters sent August 18 by the Director of Student Residence, Fr. Edgar Whelan. Arrangements were made for those students scheduled to live in tower ‘C’ to move into the central room of one of the newly created three-room, four-man suites. Father Whelan noted that in all cases those students moved will room with their Grace Hall roommates. This arrangement will keep all freshmen with freshmen roommates, although the freshmen of Grace will not necessarily be sharing their suite with other freshmen.

Because of the incomplete dorm there will also be a slight change in the orientation schedule. Father Whelan, who will also be rector of Grace Hall, will meet with the freshmen of his hall (towers C and D) in the North Dining Hall, from 9 until 10 p.m. tonight. He will be available to meet the parents of those freshmen from 2 until 5 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. This meeting will be held in the first floor lounge of the LaFortune Student Center. The Grace Hall religious orientation will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church.

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Freshman orientation begins for 2,000 plus

by Hank Bell

Freshmen orientation begins today at Notre Dame and tomorrow at St. Mary's. 1660 men will be entering Notre Dame this fall and 484 women will be entering St. Mary's.

The ND-SMC class of '73 surpasses the class of '72 in all fields of academic endeavor on the high school level.

One of the prime standards used by college administrators in determining admissions is rank in class. Among the present crop of Notre Dame frosh, an overwhelming 90% ranked in the top 30% of their respective classes. Fully 50% of the freshmen ranked in the top 10% of the class. The statistics are equally impressive for the girls at St. Mary's. A total of 87% ranked in top third of their class, while 39% ranked in the top tenth.

One of the most important national norms used by admissions officers is the so called "college boards." The ND frosh achieved mean scores of 564 in verbal, and 616 in math.

The bulk of the scores of the SMC girls fell in two ranges. 251 out of 484 women scored between 500-600, while 129 scored above 600.

One of the most prestigious nationwide scholarship tests is the National Merit Scholarship test. Students attaining the position of semi-finalist or finalist are generally considered to be the intellectual elite of the nation's high school seniors.

Notre Dame boasts 60 members of the class of 1973 achieving this high honor, while the SMC class of '73 has ten such winners.

A total of 320 ND frosh and 38 SMC women received some sort of recognition from the National Merit board.

The most widely recognized national high school student organization is the National Honor Society. This society consists of students who have maintained at least an 85% (3.0) average, and participated in extra-curricular activities. 33.5% of the ND frosh and 38% of the SMC frosh belonged to this organization.

The ND Class of '73 contains 92 valedictorians, while there are 22 SMC girls who attained that honor.

Notre Dame registered a significant increase in the number of black students. There are 29 black freshmen, with 3 blacks transferring from other colleges.

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Rally slated today for new political coalition

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keep us out.”

Students Against Racism are adopting a similar method of presentation to freshmen. Students will be manning tables covered with literature and will be available for discussion in four halls at Notre Dame, one hall at St. Mary’s, and in the old ISO room, ID, in the Student Center, today through Sunday.

Individuals from Students Against Racism were involved in the sending to the parents of freshmen the letter concerning racism at Notre Dame and in society and an urging to help in combating it.

Ed Roickle, a member of the group, explained the purpose in this manner:

“We are trying to get people to think about the racist nature of our society and of our university in particular. We are trying to promote a dialogue between the people from Students Against Racism and the rest of the students as a first step in an educational process we plan to continue throughout the year.

John Wilson, a leader of the group, felt that change will come about at Notre Dame only when “we change the institutions of Notre Dame we see as racist and also by attacking the attitudes and ignorance of white students that these institutions both reflect and propagate.”

Responding to a question of why he considers Notre Dame a racist university, he replied:

“Because it seems to be very one dimensional in its approach to standards and values which are strictly white middle class and narrowly Christian. The attitudes in themselves might not be racist, but the fact that they are being forced down other student’s throats in which the attitudes hold no relevance for them makes them racist.”

The four Notre Dame halls are Morrissey, Dillon, Alumni, and Keenan Stanford and the St. Mary’s hall is Regina.

Credit where credit is due

Indiana Bell Telephone Co. has issued credit cards to all St. Mary’s and Notre Dame students this year. The move was made, the company said, to facilitate long distance calling and billing.

When making a long distance call on the credit card, the student will give the operator his number which is assigned on the basis of college I.D. The first of each month the student will be billed for all calls charged to his credit card. Indiana Bell pointed out that it is the responsibility of each student to keep his credit number private.

Formerly, in order to make a long distance call, the student had to either call collect, use a personal Bell credit card, or call from a pay phone. The introduction of credit cards is also expected to decrease the number of long distance calls made from pay phones which are not paid for in the booth.

In addition to the student’s name and card number, the telephone company has a record of each student’s home address, as well as the names of the student’s parents.

All students will receive the credit cards, although the telephone company pointed out that some of the cards have not been mailed. Any student not receiving the card should contact the business office in South Bend.

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Reality and illusion

The campus is a groovy place to be. Bigger and better education absorbs bigger and better students every year at this time: Notre Dame is doing that now, and St. Mary’s will begin that tomorrow. For the next five days, ND-SMC will fete the class of ’73 and their parents: lectures, welcomes and aids to getting settled will swallow the hours. Most pictures will be rosy, and the food will taste relatively good. Illusion is the name of the game, but the rest of the year will follow this week. Reality is the name of that.

The Notre Dame or St. Mary’s that you know are painted from football stadiums, from glossy brochures, from dark bars populated by subway alumni and from the fond, if somewhat inaccurate, memories of old grads. There is no such place.

A university is its people as the June issue of the Notre Dame Alumnus proclaims on its cover, and to typify the people the list of words would run, from left to right, including idealists, cynics, dropouts, pooh bahs and people who watch television 24 hours a day seriously. But superseding these categories, there exists a growing number of people who are frustrated, discontent and at various times enraged with the reality of things the way as it is. As it exists.

For all its public relations descriptions and images, there still stands an oppressive community where existing democratic structures muddle along rhetorically or are by-passed completely, where problems are solved by issuing decrees or by 141-page treatises, but none of the oppression disappears.

Notre Dame-St. Mary’s presses on as an educational institution providing barriers to the students actually obtaining an education, and the term “intellectual community” would never be defined if it were dependent on this plot of ground.

Scholarship and the intellectual community cannot prevail where in loco parentis exists, where the faculty senate has no power and things like racism go unvisited and undiscovered.

There are more problems, and there are more concrete manifestations of the problems pointed out. Amidst all of the realities, the giat solution looms: melt into the community. There were promises of hard work on the part of administrators and students to improve the quality of the Notre Dame-St. Mary’s community. There were promises for a new era of communication between the alienated student and the administration. There were promises of hard work on the part of administrators and students to improve the quality of the Notre Dame community.

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Guy DeSapio

The letter

If you asked the parents of the class of 1970 Freshmen convening on the Notre Dame campus today what they had heard about Notre Dame since their son applied here last fall you would probably get two responses. The first would have something to do with football - either that Notre Dame lost an important game to Purdue early in the season, got beat by arch rival Michigan State, or tied Southern Cal in an exciting game on the coast. The second would be that Father Hesburgh took one of the toughest stands on campus violence of any administrator in the country.

With the statements on football no one could take any exception.

Notre Dame is given some of the finest press coverage in the country on its football team and in football it is not very hard to see who has lost or won.

Father Hesburgh’s letter though is a different story, because no paper reported much of the background behind it - and the game’s not really over so it is still hard to tell who’s really won or lost - if anyone.

Father Hesburgh himself takes exception with the press coverage of his letter. It’s not a “get tough” policy, he claims, but simply an attempt to set some guides lines for student protest. An attempt, he hopes, at introducing a rational alternative to the violence that has plagued other college campuses.

Hesburgh’s position is that any protest which “substitutes force for rational persuasion” will be broken up by giving the participants fifteen minutes in which to come and denu. If at the end of that time they do not they will be asked to turn in their I.D. cards and will be suspended. They will be given five more minutes in which to leave the premises. If they still do not they will be expelled, “assumed not to be members of the community” , “be charged with trespassing and disturbing the peace”, and “treated accordingly by the law.”

Now the reaction by Notre Dame students to the letter was mild. A great number agreed with it. Only a few openly opined it. But a great number agreed with Senator Eugene McCarthy who commented that the proposal reminded him of a leader of an all girl’s band who threatened to fire any girl he caught chewing tobacco.

A lot of students believe that the ruling was just not needed here. But rules are rarely made because of a threat from the majority of people - they are made because of a threat from the minority. And the administration, which saw recruiting on campus by Dow Chemical and the CIA disrupted last year by a sit-in, seems to think that it is necessary.

The issue of whether or not the policy is needed is an old one; and whether or not it is, it is here to stay. No one hopes it will really be used or tested. But if it is not to be then it is the obligation of the administration to begin to emphasize more fully the parts of the letter which did not receive national publicity.

There were promises of opening more fully channels of communication between the alienated student and the administration. There were promises of hard work on the part of administrators and students to improve the quality of the Notre Dame community. There were promises for a new era of student administrator relations at Notre Dame.

It is those things that are to be looked forward to this year. No violence. Civility, rationality, reason. It is going to take hard work on both sides. But if you ask Ara, that’s how you win football games.
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3. Saint Mary’s girls, irritated over the dismissal of seven professors made the national wire services with their running battle with Father McGrath.
4. Father Hesburgh issued his famous 15 minute meditation letter.
5. Notre Dame students thought about forcing their way into a trustees meeting and finally forced the trustees to meet with them in an open session.

Who knows what’s in store for this year?
Will the thrust of Father Hesburgh’s letter be tested?
Will student demands for the abolition of ROTC be honored?
Will the Golden Dome be the site of yet another sit in?
Will St. Mary’s again test Father McGrath?

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Making the dean’s list, of course.
Six ‘laughers’ grace Irish schedule,

For the first time since the famous Hanratty-Seymour duo hit the airways, the Notre Dame offense will be a question mark. Nine regulars from the fabulous starting lineup have graduated. The most notable of these is Terry Hanratty, who engineered the Irish’s wishbone-T offense. He has been replaced by senior quarterback Jim Taylor, a solid but unspectacular performer.

In the year of the wishbone-T and the veer offense, the Irish touchdown producers will be a question mark. Chuck Kennedy, the top scoring backfield halfback last year, is out for the season with a broken arm. His replacement, sophmore Andy Huff, has yet to prove himself.

The next biggest question mark is the offensive line. Only three regulars from last year’s line are back. A new front five will be needed to block the many downhill runners the Irish will face.

Offensive production will come from a combination of returnees and newcomers. Junior Dave Shelbourne tops the list of returning receivers. He is expected to have a big season after a fine sophomore season.

Junior Dave Shelbourne tops the Irish offensive starters. A soph, he completed 105 passes for 1,358 yards and seven touchdowns.

Although Northwestern is expected to have added some speed to the backfield, the Wildcats’ defensive damage will be done through the skies. Whether Sheerbourne will have enough time to get off his aerial bombs is the question. Only one offensive lineman returns.

An inexperienced defensive line will be backed by a tough group of returners, but the defense secondary has graduated. Although the Wildcats play tough, the Irish should be able to outscore them.

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but who's laughing at Fat Jack?

should have little trouble filling the spots. McKay will revert to the 1962 offensive which brought him his first national title now that Simpson has graduated. Sophomore and former prep All-American Jimmy Jones will probably take over the quarterback slot and command the Trojans roll-out option offense.

With no one around to replace O.J., the Trojan running game will no longer focus solely on the tailback in the I. McKay will revert to the I 1962 formation.

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