O'Melia resigns post, Observer re-organizes

by Glenn Corso

Observer leadership experienced another change and re-organization yesterday. Tim O'Melia, former editor-in-chief, resigned. The position of publisher was created and recently appointed. Holliday, former executive editor, promptly appointed Guy DeSapio to the newly created position of editor. DeSapio was a former news editor.

Tom commented on his resignation by saying, "My decision was a personal one. The finest people I've met on this campus have been connected with the Observer. I plan to continue to write for the paper."

Tom added, "I resigned because I found that the administrative chores which accompany the job left me too little time for actual editing. By reliving myself of that responsibility, I believe I can help myself in other areas in which the Observer couldn't. The atmosphere was a good move, I think. Don has been with the paper longer than anyone and there is simply no one who could handle the job of editor better than Guy. I won't be missed, I assure you.

Both men commented on Tim's resignation, and their future plans: "I know Tim has put in a great deal of time during his years and I'm going to miss him. I hope to make the Observer the kind of paper he envisioned it could be when we started two years ago. And the final decision to resign him feels best for him and I will support him wholeheartedly."

DeSapio also expressed the hope that O'Melia would continue to work for the paper. "I expect Tim to still be helping us out in many areas. He's very talented and the Observer needs the experience and depth he can add to the paper."

Don Holliday also expressed his regrets, and went on to comment on the changes in organizations that took place. "I'm sorry to see Tim resign but I respect his decision. As far as the organizational changes they are based entirely on looking towards the future."

The basic change is that instead of my assuming the role of editor-in-chief, we feel it is best to re-organize and reduce the work load. Therefore by becoming publisher I assume all responsibility that the editor-in-chief would have but I feel it is best for the Observer and the position of publisher to represent one man whose total concern is that of the actual content of the newspaper. I have full confidence in Guy and would like to emphasize the jobs he has done, not mutually exclusively. We will continue to work together in the best interests of the Observer," he said.

When asked if the changeover meant any shift in the basic policy of the paper, both men replied in the negative.

DeSapio remarked, "I don't expect editorial policy to change much. I hope that it will be more objective and unbiased, and that the emphasis will be placed on coexistence and the individual."

Within two weeks Holliday and DeSapio will finish making new appointments to the editorial staff and solidify those they have now. They plan to expand the student orientation set-up, which has not been neglected in the past, in order to make the Observer a true NSA/SMC community newspaper. Holliday and DeSapio bring a wealth of experience to their positions. Holliday, a junior, has been with the paper longer than any one else. At various times he has held the positions of: layout editor, associate editor, managing editor, and most recently executive editor. DeSapio started out as a reporter in his freshman year and was promoted to news editor at the close of his freshman year. Last spring he was elected to the SLC as a representative from the north quad.

Policy statement

Starting with today's edition there will be an administrative change in the Observer office. Tim O'Melia, Editor-in-Chief has resigned his position. By agreement the office of Editor-in-Chief will be eliminated as of today. The responsibilities of the office will be carried on through the establishment of two positions: that of Editor and Publisher. Don Holliday, the paper's executive editor will now become publisher and will remain on as a member of the editorial board. The final responsibility for operation and content of the paper will rest with him.

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New biology building is under construction

Ground was broken this summer for the construction of a new biology section of the University’s Life Science Center. The 103,000 square foot three-story structure will contain instructional areas and specialized laboratories while floors two and three will have faculty offices and research labs for faculty and grad students. A total of 30 faculty members are involved in the two departments of biology and microbiology. There are about 80 graduate students and another 80 undergraduates. The new facility will replace the overcrowded Negri-Kirsch Biology Building, built in 1937 and now slated for remodeling to house the department of overcrowded Wenninger-Kirsch Genetics Project. The new biology building is under construction along with a zoological garden. The building will be moved to the new building with unusual wind doors to keep the building cool. The building will have basement and three floors. The basement will contain specialized laboratories while floors two and three will have unusual wind doors to keep the building cool. The basement will contain specialized laboratories and floor two and three will have unusual wind doors to keep the building cool.

Other special features include a special suite for electron microscopy, sterilization and wash rooms, walk-in cold rooms, an aquarium, and a radioisotope laboratories.

Research in the life sciences at Notre Dame can be grouped in the following areas: genetics and developmental biology, environmental biology and stenetics, physiology, radiation biology, medical parasitology, and microbiology.

Contracts for the building totaled $3,471,469. Major contractors are Fred Black Construction Co., and Monie Electric Co. Architects for the project are Kellner Architects, of St. Paul, Minn.

The Nieuwland Herbarium and Green Herbarium will move to the new building along with a zoological garden. The building will be moved to the new building with unusual wind doors to keep the experimental area cool. The library in the experimental area will now include a new biology section of the University of Notre Dame. The building will house the department of microbiology and animal control.

The air-conditioned facility will contain the latest teaching equipment. Among its innovative features will be a controlled environment facilities where manipulation of temperature, light and humidity will enable researchers to study organisms under a variety of conditions.

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Niney take part in NDLC

Hoping to teach that "people are people and not tools," the Student Union sponsored a Leadership Conference Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Ninety Notre Dame and St. Mary's students participated in six sessions geared to create people-sensitive leaders. Sessions were conducted in the Center for Continuing Education by the National Training Laboratories Midwest Group for Human Resources. The Student Union employed NTL to conduct the conference after inquiring what the aims of the conference would be.

One hundred-twenty students from ND and SMC were invited to attend. Fifty St. Mary's and 40 Notre Dame students responded. Student Union Comptroller J. Fitzsimmons was chairman of the conference committee.

The conference leaders used various experiments in human behavior to teach the lessons of responsibility, trust and group interaction. Some experiments required partners and participants were asked to choose someone they had never met so that they would be continually meeting and experiencing new people.

In one experiment, the "trust walk," one student with his eyes closed was led around the grounds and through buildings on campus by a partner. Following the walk, the participants discussed the feelings of total dependence and total responsibility.

Another experiment had session members assembling colored blocks, first using four blocks and working individually, then using all the blocks and working as a group. This experiment was intended to portray the effects of cooperative action within a group.

The conference provided one of the first opportunities for close co-ed cooperation between SMC and ND. The girls in the conference were housed in Keenan and all participants ate together in the north dining hall.

The men and women brought different approaches to the conference.

"The boys wanted to discuss issues while we were more interested in how to make the group function," observed Marilyn Rivoli of SMC's Academic Assembly.

St. Mary's students came to the conference with a built-in edge, as they had already progressed in a similar meeting of their own the previous weekend and had already progressed from discussing individual issues to developing cooperation within any group.

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Many will assume that picking the No. 1 team in this college football's centennial year is easy—Ohio State. But picking the National Baseball League Eastern Division winner was supposed to be just as easy—the St. Louis Cardinals.

Even with everyone and the water-boy back from last year's powerhouse, coach Woody Hayes faces the tough job of keeping the swelled Sculls down. Rex Kern is back to fool defenders and TV cameramen alike with his faking and Jack Tatum spearheads a rugged defense.

If there's money on any team to go undefeated this season, that team has got to be Penn State. Not only does Joe Paterno have an exceptional defensive squad, but he has a wonderfully weak schedule.

From Dixie there's work that the South will rise again after two seasons of intersectional beating. Georgia and Tennessee head the list of Southeastern Conference hopefuls and Mississippi and Bear Bryant's crew at Alabama look ready to regain southern prestige.

In the Southwest, Texas and Arkansas will have it out for the conference title. Finally off probation, Houston should roll to another fine season even without Paul Gispert. Junior quarterback Chuck Hixson will wear out alot of air for SMU, if only the Mustangs can find someone to catch.

No one is crying for John McKay at USC. Jiminy Jones may be the one to replace Steve Sosage and there is plenty of experience on defense. Even without G. L. Southern Cal is the best in the West. Stanford may have the best signal-caller in the country in Jim Plunkett, and Arizona State the best runner in Art Malone (1,431 yards, 16 Total yards for $22.00).

The place most chock full of talented teams is the Midwest. Ohio State will have to dig out Purdue (with Mike Phipps), Michigan State, and Indiana for the Big Ten crown to the Big Eight, it looks like a dog-fight between Oklahoma (with Super Steve Owens), Missouri, Kansas, and Colorado.

Missellany

I'm not really that partial to the AFL, and after the Jet-Colt affair I was gleefully tossed in to the showers, but I must admit that I got a little choked up a few weeks ago when Oakland cut Cotton Davidson. Maybe that's the real sign that a league has some age, nostalgia.

Davidson was one of the first quarterback stars for the infant league, along with Jack Kemp, John Hadl, George Blanda, and Frank Tripuka (my favorite with the Denver Broncos). I also read where Paul Lowe's comeback had been balked by an injury. Had and shifty, Lowe was the Gals Sayers of his time. The other star backs of the time are also gone: Albert Haynes, Charley Taylor (the human howling hull), and bad-boy Cookie Gilchrist (for some good stories about Cookie's youngsters days in Pittsburgh get a hold of SCHOLASTIC Sports Ed Terry O'Neill). The receiving ranks are now manned Elbert (Golden Wheels) Dobrowen and Lenard Taylor, the finest receiver in league history with the possible exception of Lance Alworth and Don Maynard.

Some people long for the days of the old Mets. I'd rather see Trumpey-Taylor than Namath-to-Maynard.

For the fan who has everything, the best gift is the new Baseball Encyclopedia. Within its 2,337 pages are crammed everything and anything about everybody who plays back to 1876 and contains record for 10,000 players. Each batter merits 17 columns of statistics and each pitcher 19.

Written by computer, the Encyclopedia took a year and a half to program and seven hours to print. It sells for $25.00.

The American Broadcasting Company has one ND football game listed among its scheduled TV programs this fall. On Nov. 15, ABC plans to air the Irish-Georgia night-time battle from Atlanta, Georgia.

NCAA rules changes this year are mainly fringe differences. Cuts can be no longer than 3/4" and anyone who fumbles a football into the stands (or bounces it wildly on the turf) instead of handing it to the ref after a touchdown will merit a 15-yard penalty for his team on the ensuing kickoff. And Roughing-the-Kicker penalties will be called until the punter has completely regained his balance after the punt.

Former Irish football captain and Pittsburgh Steeler running back Bob "Rocky" Bleier was seriously wounded in Vietnam this fall. "Iver suffered several wounds but the worst to his career as a runner is doubtful Bleier did, however, send a letter to Shyder owning Art Rooney the team good luck and saying that he would be fully recovered.

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