Theo urged to postpone election

Representatives elected Tuesday were:

At-large: Jim Clarke, Chris Gayner, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Gary Caruso, and Paul Drude.
Freashmen: Valeri Jasikowski and Janet Ryan.
Augusta: Jane Lazar.
Holy Cross: Gail Focuz.
Le Moyne: David Collin.
McCullers: Greta Anderson, Mary Kay Tohn and Mary Jo Mahon.

A second went two strong candidates from last year's assembly, Maureen Walsh and Nan Albers. Other members of the assembly include: Chairman Kathy Barlow, SFB, Mary Underman, SBPM, BP Polly Kowalczuk, Assembly Secretary, and last year's seniors Mary Anne Schubert, Mary Puffy, Holy Cross and Sue Opleiner (LeMans). The assembly met Wednesday and SMC Student Body President, Kathy Barlow, announced that any changes made this year in the structure of Saint Mary's will be nullified in June by the merger.

Due to this fact, Miss Barlow said that she wished that the assembly would encourage the education of the student body towards various issues rather than attempting structural changes. That is a point that will be shared with the president for the support in the election.

"It is unacceptable for us that each time there is an election, there is chaos," Cao said. "It is unacceptable that at the end of each presidential term one ex-president has to leave the country to live abroad and rent in the Mac O'Doherty, Assembly. The Oct. 3 election is constitutional, but running alone is an undemocratic act."

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Most students truly serious about attending will qualify fairly well. Fr. Brostoff stated. Those students who do not seriously plan to attend or those who doubt their ability to maintain the necessary grade point usually decide not to attend before the final selection is made.

Problems being solved for the Day Care Center

by Mary Jo Campbell

Minor logistical problems which blocked approval Monday of the proposed Happy Day Child Care Center are being corrected, according to originator Lynne Mastroiana.

The center, which, if approved will be housed in the Saint Mary's Classroom, will be supervised by SMC administration at their weekly meeting because the proposed schedule posed several problems. SMC administration will be constructed to provide storage space for children's facilities during meetings and classes.

An additional problem concerned the lunch plan. It was originally thought the children would bring lunch. However, legal requirements make hot lunches necessary. An arrangement with Saga Foods, which serves SMC's, has solved the problem.

Several committees will be available to children of faculty and students from both camps.

Miss Mastroiana also announced the center staff Wednesday: Tom Foy, business manager; Ken Weitman, chief inspector; Claudia England, assistant teacher.

Advisors are Mrs. Penny Johnson, SMC psychology dept., Nolemon, Psychology dept.; Dr. Robert Farrow, chairman Notre Dame Psychology dept.; Bobo Seraphin, chairman of accounting dept.

Legal Aid is supplied by Guy McMichael of South Bend.

A greater number of volunteers will be supplied by Mrs. Jameson's students who will be doing the work as part of their classwork.
Capt. Medina acquitted in My Lai massacre

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Capt. Ernest L. Medina was acquitted today of all My Lai massacre, tried only 60 minutes before reaching a verdict of not guilty. Medina was acquitted of premeditated murder in the killing of a Vietnamese woman, involuntary manslaughter in the killing of "no less than 100" Vietnamese civilians, and of two counts of assault against a prisoner.

A stifled cheer and some handclapping, quickly suppressed by the military judge, erupted in the small courtroom when the President of the Court, Col. William D. Proctor, announced the verdict. Medina saluted the court, strode back to his seat at the defense table, blinked rapidly and swallowed a glass of water. But for a moment, struggling to maintain his stoic composure, he kept his eyes away from his German-born wife, Barbara, who had collapsed weeping on the shoulder of a friend.

They embraced happily in the witness room a moment later, then Medina went outside and told a crowd of newsmen that although he had always maintained "complete faith in military justice" he had not changed his determination to leave the army. The case of Medina, charged with overall responsibility of the MyLai killings, went to the jury at 2:53 pm with the charges drastically reduced.

Medina, the last man to face a murder charge arising from the tragic slaughter of Vietnamese civilians 3½ years ago, heard himself described in the defense summation as "no filthy felon" but "a disciplined commander who honored and loved the uniform he wore and company it represented."

Prof. Houck critical of American culture

by Bill Weber

"We are at the breaking point," declared Professor John Houck Wednesday night in his lecture at Carroll Hall which was the first of this year's series entitled "The American Scene, A Cultural Series."

Houck, of Notre Dame's Department of Business, leveled sharp criticism against the present American culture and societal values and set vague guidelines for the future.

He entitled his lecture "Toward the Year 2000—Devastated?"

He said that the wealth of material goods and technological satisfactions which have been showered upon our society in the last 26 years has not been a boon but rather a hindrance to the growth of a truly good life. The liberal postwar reformers of the U.S. tried to keep the problems and their solutions direct and simple but this piecemeal approach has failed miserably. The consensus of opinion that the U.S. is the ideal society is breaking down, said Houck.

"The optimism of the early 60's has turned to pessimism in the 70's. We have programmed change in our society which is functional but not effective," stressed Houck.

Houck felt that the "curse napia" of the last 26 years has forced us to keep growing but never look back at the cost. Our military preparations has made us self righteous and myopic.

We are privately wealthy for some and publicly poor for all," he added.

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Bayh for President Committee forms here

Last night at an organizational meeting of the Birch Bayh for President Committee in the Alumni Hall lounge Ed Grimner, the Indiana Youth Director of the national Bayh Committee, spoke of the Indiana Senator's prospects for securing the Democratic party's nomination for President and of the activities to be initiated by the ND-SMC Bayh Committee in preparation for the May Presidential Preference primary in Indiana.

Grimmer conceded that Senator Bayh is presently suffering from poor name-recognition but is confident that a primary victory will be sufficient to overcome that problem. Many political observers think that there will be no clear-cut leader emerging from the primary battles, but Bayh stands to gain considerable strength from good showings in the several key primaries he intends to enter. Grimmer highlighted Bayh's progress in Florida, Wisconsin, California, Nebraska, and Indiana and he spoke of a reasonable chance of success in the primaries in each of these states.

Besides achieving name-recognition, Grimner said that the biggest problem Bayh's campaign faces is to overcome the rumor that Bayh is only running a high-geared Vice-Presidential campaign. Bayh has announced in several press conferences that he would not accept the Vice-Presidential spot.

The problem of striking a responsive chord in college students is what activities of the local Committee hope to overcome. The Co-Chairman of the ND-SMC Bayh Committee, Pete Barnett and Mike Van Bruson, spoke of the several types of activities that the group would pursue this year, including name-recognition events, canvassing, fund raising, and forming faculty groups as an "issue pool" for local, state, and national problems.

Though both Grimmer and the Chairmen were unsure of the intensity of interest among college students in the Presidential campaign they were heartened by Senator George McGovern's announcement on August 23 that he would not enter the Indiana primary "in deference to Birch Bayh." They emphasized the fact that the Indiana primary could be a showdown of an anti-Munkie coalition since the Maine Senator is expected to enter the primary here.

Ackerman announced as new assistant dean

The appointment of Dr. Robert L. Ackerman as assistant dean of students has been announced by Rev James T. Burtchall.

A specialist in student personnel services, Ackerman received a doctoral degree in higher education at the summer commencement of Indiana University, Bloomington.

A 30-year old native of Kewanee, Wis., Ackerman received his undergraduate degree in history and master's degree in counseling at Wisconsin State University, Oshkosh. The topic of his doctoral thesis at Indiana University was "An Exploratory Study of Experience and Reasoning As Variables Differentiating Between Academic Performance."

He served two years as assistant dean of students at Oshkosh, two years as associate counselor, and one year as assistant dean for education student services at Indiana University. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, national honorary society for students in education, and Phi Chi, national honorary society for students in psychology.

Ackerman is married to the former Barbara June Treml of Seymour, Wis., and they are the parents of a son, Dustin Bryan, born last June.

Dr. Robert L. Ackerman

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Student Government has finally realized, it appears, just what student priorities are. A five thousand dollar allocation from Student Government has been matched by a five thousand dollar allocation from the ND Administration and sent to a three man committee to be directed to the halls for hall improvement.

The composition of the Committee - a hall President, a member of the Senate, and a representative selected from student government - has heated up some of the HPC members, who think that the HPC should delegate all the money themselves.

Superficially, the reasoning seems sound. After all, Hall Presidents should be more familiar with the physical and psychological condition of their own halls than members of the Executive Branch, or members of the Senate. They have all had experience with "hall improvement," and their own halls than members of the Executive Branch, or members of the Senate. They have all had experience with "hall improvement," and should be able to deal with questions of cost.

But, lo! The reasoning is in reality full of holes. The ten grand would be parcelled out by the HPC as a whole, and the President of Breen Phillips, for example, is no better qualified to judge the "physical and psychological" condition of St. Edward's hall than is the Senator from Alumni or the Ombudsman. In fact, there is less of a chance that a 25-man board would be well prepared to investigate the condition of the halls than a three-man committee specifically designed for that purpose.

In addition, no body of elected representatives should parcel money out to its own members. Such stuff would undoubtedly politicize the body, and that would be tragic. The HPC's much-respected friendliness and informality would probably be the first casualty, as members would battle for allocations vital for their own halls and for their own political careers. Unpopular members of the HPC would be unable to obtain money; their halls would suffer because their presidents were not politicians.

Instead, the current board presents two members with exactly the right degree of disinterestedness about them. The Senate member and the Executive representative will have no personal political interest in the allocation of the funds, but they will both have the interest of the student at heart. That's the way it should be.

The Soft Parade

The Drug Center is Here

The sign catches your eye first, letters cut out of yellow, green, blue and red construction paper strung along a window, announcing the presence of the Student Drug Information Center on the first floor of the library.

As you walk in your eyes are drawn to the table, strewn with books; the bright orange cover of "Future Shock," the "Handbook of Federal Narcotics Laws," with its fire engine red cover and the "Community Drugs House Guide," with its dusty-orange, purple and blue design on the front.

The room is painted a light brown, that redact the harsh neon light streaming back into your eyes. Across the table sits Tom Tollaksen, bearded and smiling, chairman of the Center.

A bit of wonder and surprise awakens in your mind, imbued with caustic cynicism about student-run projects, as you listen to Tollaksen talk.

You can feel the energy and concern the man possesses as he talks about the 600 plus students that came into the Center last year, seeking advice not only on drugs, but on have problems, and abortion.

Tollaksen shakes his head as he talks about the students that come in.

"You know," he says, waving vaguely in the direction of the administration building, "If people come in here with other than drug problems then it means that they have rejected the whole University counseling set up, and in that way they have failed the stude nts."

The Center is run by a staff of under ten people, the small number being a matter of choice, not necessity. Over 250 people have volunteered since it began. Tollaksen's voice rises slightly and his annunciator is visible when he talks about "institutions" and their inability to reach people. He's afraid that if more people were added to the staff it would become institutionalized and therefore depersonalized.

"Institutions can't be effective. Less people keeps it more personal, it keeps a sensitivity about it. When people walk through that door," he says pointing to the closed polished wooden door, "it is me and me and them, not them and the drug center."

A sense of satisfaction settles on his face though when he talks about the 40 people that Center participants talked down from speeding or burn trips or loneliness last year. People that got a hold of a little number, or one of the other staff's and called out of sheer desperation.

The subject of money brings out Tollaksen's quiet, but firm determination to keep the Center independent. He neither asked for nor received money from either the administration or the student government and has no plans to.

"We have to not only avoid control," he explains, "but we have to avoid the appearance of control. It is a fear that reason he hesitates about endorsing an idea kicked around by other students that the University fund a full scale out-patient clinic for those suffering from the effects of drug abuse."

"And if it is up like that," he says in softly spoken words, "would be too identified with the University and that might hamper it's effectiveness."

The Center now exists through donations from friends of staff members and surprisingly enough, interested alumni. The money is used to buy books and pamphlets about drugs.

The Center's easily accessible and exposed location, once an asset, is becoming a handicap. Tollaksen says that it is somewhat difficult for some students to come in and talk, in full view of the several hundred or so students that pass by every hour.

Plans are being made to move-to a building that is open 24 hours a day and in a room that is not so public. The general feeling is that the Center's reputation is great enough that people will go to it wherever it is on campus.

Sensing a rising rate of drug usage in Keenan hall in the spring of 1970-couple with a feeling that many of the drug users had little or no knowledge about the drugs they were consuming-caused Tollaksen some friends to get together to discuss the problem.

Originally the idea was to set up some type of program in the hall Tollaksen distributed 30 copies of an Esquire article on drugs, designing their effects in general. Getting more than 300 requests for additional copies convinced him and the others that there was a need for a campus wide program.

They started by giving presentations on the problem, as their commitments expanded, with more and more requests coming from off-campus groups, the decision was made to cut down and eventually to set up the Center.

No further expansions are planned and the group, once present funds are depleted, will simply go out and try to raise some more. As drugs become a greater problem at Du Lac etc. may indeed be an acute need for the outpatient clinic now being talked about. For the present, through the warmth and understanding of a small group of students, others are being helped, in an area which the university has nothing to offer.
ISLI promotes leadership on high school level

by Daniel P. Rock

Founded in 1966, the International Student Leadership Institute has made tremendous progress, according to Student Chairman Ray Connell.

The purpose of the Institute is to help high school junior and seniors discover the techniques and the art of leadership.

"Originally the Leader
ship Institute was coordinated with just parish high schools in Indiana. We centered the

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program around specific high school problems such as: improving spirit, dress code problems, etc." Connell said Wednesday.

ISLI functions are new.

Coordination of a convention of over 300 high school seniors from 50 states and foreign countries.

President of Notre Dame group leaders directly to high schools. This increasing the amount of interest.

Encouraging students who have not heard of the Institute to join the Leadership Institute. Should they decide to attend Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s.

The ISLI also plans numerous "small weekends" sponsored for groups of 10-15. Nearly ten of these weekends have been scheduled so far. John Short is acting director of these "small weekends," which are held in the Old College building.

An institute is also being planned by Student Body President, John Barkett, for university presidents across the country.

"This year we are especially trying to get students from the photo and Indian reservations interested. Leadership is very difficult to obtain in these areas, and our second phase is especially helpful here. We are still expanding in this area, but we have expanded the complete organization," said Connell.

Saturday night, Sept. 26, the Student Leadership Institute is sponsoring a mixer at 10:30 p.m. in the Morrissey Manor chapel.

Anyone interested in joining the institute or learning more about it are asked to attend and get program dates, training session information and a list of involved high schools.

Letters to the editor

dirty business

Editor

I’m most disappointed that cheating has become big business. I refer to the Observer’s recent “classified ad” for “professional” term papers at $3.50 per page. The sad fact is simply that Notre Dame abounds in students from money backgrounds to whom $50.00 for a term paper is chicken feed. I realize that most Notre Dame students would refuse such dishonesty even if they could afford it. I do realize that a percentage of students are both able and willing to invoke a professional cheating service.

Cheating does not rob the teacher, but rather the non-cheating student. Students often fail to realize that grading of term papers is somewhat competitive. If one writer competes against professional writing, it will seem a ghastly less effective by comparison. Two years ago I encountered a remarkable instance where a student had straight A’s in all written work, straight F’s in literally everything else. Because cheating could not actually be proven, the student gained my course. I expect the student had not cracked a book the entire semester. I found the incident a lesson in just what money can buy.

I do not criticize the Observer, because I do not believe in censorship. However, I do pose a few questions to the university community as a whole. Can a student using a gilt-edged cheating service get a higher grade with half the work? Is it possible to buy your way from a D to a B? Can “daddy” buy his son not only a new Stingray, but also a semester of passing grades?

I will say this much. If the cheating service delivers what it promises—original work tailored to the course assignment—it would be impossible to prove cheating. The only way to determine such practice is by an outcry from the majority of honest students.

Patrick Callahan

Assistant Professor placement aid

Editor

I don’t know who was responsible for the errors that appeared in the September 20th Observer on Placement Services, but I wonder if you would run this correction. It could be important to the students and I would like to see it corrected.

An article appeared in the September 21st Observer on Placement Services in which it was stated that there was no professional counselor on careers and the students should go to their faculty for this information. This should be changed to there is a professional career counselor, Miss Janice Wheaton, who is in Room 175 LeMans Hall who will assist not only Saint Mary’s students but also Notre Dame men in their career choices or graduate school planning.

Miss Wheaton has been Director of Saint Mary’s Placement for two years and has collected a considerable amount of materials. Our Career Library is located next to the office and contains both Graduate and Undergraduate catalogs, along with career information, business information, informative materials on school systems from across the nation and volunteer services.

Miss Wheaton has been a professional counselor for ten years. She has her Masters Degree from the University of Notre Dame and counseling credits and practicum from Western Michigan University. She has been a member of APA, ASCA, VEA and listed as a counselor in the National Directory of the American Personnel and Guidance Association for eight years. She has been a member of the National Catholic Guidance Conference. Miss Wheaton has attended the conventions of both organizations and served as a group leader at one of them. With a committee of ten members, she was responsible for setting up a chapter of NCCG in the Lansing Diocese of Michigan and served as secretary on that committee.

In believing the needs of the students and I consider this a great need. So if you will be so kind as to run this where it will be seen, perhaps we can help just one floundering student. Thanks so much.

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Minnix a menace to opponents

by Vic Durr ‘71

The 1969 football season was a good one for Bob Minnix. The Irish running back, then a junior, finished third in the nation with 219 yards in 50 attempts, and averaged 4.3 yards per carry. He scored twice on the ground and returned a punt 70 yards for a TD on his only pass reception of the season. His knowledge of the team in total running, and figured to be a prime candidate for All-American honors to go with the 71 campaign when the 71 campaign got underway. But the Notre Dame coaching program last week’s ND-Northwestern game fell through when Minnix proved that he can catch a football, as well as run with it, by snaring a ball carrier’s.

Bowl.

last year’s So. Cal. game and started for the Irish in the ’71 Cotton Football Information Director) said Minnix, “and I don’t really know how Roger (Valderrama, the Sports Information Director) figured that out. I was having a real good junior season this year until I hurt my shoulder, and I guess I held me up a little bit but Bill was doing his thing in the Blue-Gold game, and I started.

and facility, except for his third year, which he spent as a starting halfback. In fact, it did not even list him as a first line back in the Blue-Gold game, and I started.

In fall practice this year was the best I’ve done since I’ve been here Bill Gallagher and I had been alternating with the first team all year, but Bill had the edge because of a better number one backup halfback, and that’s why the program paired us in practice. But I didn’t love it at all. I knew where I was going to be on Saturday.

The 5-11, 185 lb. Minnix was the number one quarterback on back, and he saw his first action a season later when starter Ed Gulyas was sidelined with a leg injury that had curtailed while covering tight end Danielson’s efforts at the tail end of last season proved his ability. Even quarterback Bill Etter is a dangerous ball carrier. His quickness and open field running ability is reminiscent of Joe Theismann.

Hearkening back to those old Yankee teams again when the Bronx Bombers had all those pennants they had a ‘Murderers Row’ that battered opponents into submission. This season, the Fighting Irish have their own Murderers Row. Give the football to any Notre Dame running back and he’s liable to kick the opposition on his way to the goal line.

The Irish Eye

When Irish backs go marching by

During those days not so long ago when the Boston Celtics were dominating the professional basketball world, people used to marvel at the amazing wealth of talent coming out of Red Auerbach could call upon. It seemed the Celtics always had a star coming off the bench, someone who could fill in for a starter and make the big play. First, Frank Ramsey, then Bill Ransey, then John Havlicek, fill in for injured starters and the Celtics title machine rolled on. Right now, the Notre Dame football team has a starting halfback. The great Yankee teams of the ’50s and ’60s had more talent on the bench than most American League clubs put on the field. Key injuries to key players were usually shrouded in mystery by the Yanks, who just kept on winning.

But the Irish football team learned that their ace running back, Ed Gulyas, would be lost for a few games with a leg injury. Gulyas suffered a fractured tibia, the long, thin outer bone of the leg, below the knee. In seven returns, he picked up 77 yards. Though not a specialist, Gulyas has been moved up a leg in cast — but he is still out of action. And when most teams lose their leading ground gainer, (Gulyas’ 586 yards for 41 yards, one touchdown, the start this week,” Minnix said.

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What a reportero remarked to coach Ara Parseghian after the Notre-Dame game about the abundance of running talent Notre Dame had, Ara remarked, “We’re deeper this year than halfback if in any previous year I’ve been at Notre Dame.

It seems like Parseghian could stock every team in the Ivy League with running backs.

There’s a senior, who’s probably the action the past two seasons. Bobby bounced off a couple of tacklers to get into the end zone against Northwestern (Ed Gulyas) and he curried his way in a leg cast — but he is still out of action. And when most teams lose their leading ground gainer, (Gulyas’ 586 yards for 41 yards, one touchdown, the start this week,” Minnix said.

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said today that the Chinese armed forces had been placed on alert and that unusual troop movements were occurring in various parts of China. These reports, along with new information from Western intelligence sources, indicated that almost all military flights and most commercial flights over the mainland had been suspended since Sept. 12, deepening the political crisis or a power struggle in China.

Many Western specialists on Chinese affairs said that a major political crisis or a power struggle might be developing there. This speculation included the possibility that Chairman Mao Tse-Tung, who is 77 years old, or his designated successor, Defense Minister Lin Piao, 63, may have died or become severely ill.

The main land have been suspended for the last 11 days. But the uncertainty over the situation in China was compounded by the reports of military alert and troop movements and the disappearances from public view of most top members of the party’s Politburo since early last week.

In Peking, the Foreign Ministry officially confirmed that the annual Oct. 1 National Day parade in Peking has been canceled and that most air activity over China has been canceled and that most top members of the party’s Politburo have been seen in public in months,

Reports form Hong Kong gave no indication of any visible signs of unrest in China. A group of foreign visitors crossed into China from Hong Kong and the Chinese travel service in Hong Kong said it was processing ticket requests for additional visitors.

But Western intelligence sources said that there remained an almost total suspension of military flights over China and that there were extremely few commercial flights.

Parker’s father said that these flights had been interrupted for three days last week and then resumed. The intelligence sources said, however, that the flying ban has not yet been lifted although there have been “some ups and downs” this week.

Much of the Western speculation centered on the possibility that the problem of succession to Mao could be behind any crisis. They said that a succession struggle, possibly designed to replace Lin, who has been in poor health for some time and has not been seen in public in months, could have developed even if Mao’s health was still alive.

There was no confirmation that the central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party may be in secret session in Peking, as reported by some sources, or that the National People’s Congress, the first one since 1965, may be called soon.

But specialists noted that with the exception of Premier Chou, Politburo member has been seen or mentioned in the official press for over a week.