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Observer Assistant Editor

Many fewer students are undecided in their choice for Student Body President, according to the final Observer poll. At Notre Dame sophomore Bob Kersten has a slim lead. At St. Mary's Academic Affairs Commissioner Jean Seymour holds a substantial lead.

Undecided vote at five percent from 48 percent on Saturday. SMC undecided vote dropped from 22 per cent in the last poll to 17.4 percent today.

"Prime Mover" Bob Kersten leads the ND field with 19.8 percent. Behind Kersten are Floyd Kierce, Towers SLC representative, with 14.8 and Jimmied Mahon Paul Dziedzic with 11.0. At St. Mary's Seymour leads her only opponent SMC Student Assemblywoman Eileen Fitz- patrick 17.4 percent to 10.8 percent.

The poll was conducted for the Observer by W. W. Jordan Jr., as with Saturday's survey the results were reported by Joe Cooney, president of the economics honors fraternity.

Only 172 people were contacted this time; however, a random sample of 221 people contacted by The Observer indicated they could not decide without more information. A majority of the Board contacted expressed disappointment over the lack of information mailed to them on the merger.

"I feel five years of work started by the late Fr. McGrath have gone down the drain because of the willful greed of women (the Sisters)" Fr. McCluskey charged.

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Merger talks end; coed class cutback

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"The Sisters believe the rest of the school loves St. Mary's and does not want to see it change at all."

He further forecasted a drastic cutback in coed classes because of the impossible financial burden.

Questioned on the future of St. Mary's in competition with a coed Notre Dame, McCluskey replied, "Whom the gods destroy, they first make mad."

During the interview, Fr. McCluskey alluded to a letter written by Edmund A. Stephan, chairman of the ND Board of Trustees, to Mother Olivette Whelan after the Feb. 1 and only meeting of the renegotiation teams.

The letter alleged questions the sincerity of the college's motives in the present talks and capitalizes the events of the meeting which Mother Olivette did not attend. Reportedly she has not yet responded to Stephan's letter leaving the negotiations at an impasse.

Despite the rumors of a second meeting between the university and college bargaining teams either this week or next, there is no meeting scheduled. Mother Olivette was unavailable for comment. She is in California on a 30-day retreat.

Although Fr. McCluskey chairs the N-D Board and coeducation, he claims that the two other members of his committee, Sr. Gerald and Mother McCluskey alluded to a letter addressed to the Student Body, which Mother Olivier did not consult him about.

"Forget it! There is no merger. It is finished! There is no future for St. Mary's College!" he advised.

Cunningham visits halls

by Art Ferrante

Student Body Presidential hopefuls Mike Cunningham and John Voll yesterday campaigned in Sorin, Zahm and Keenan Halls.

They showed the biography movie of Knute Rockne at each of the halls they appeared at in an effort to show how they can present entertainment to the students at little and, in this case, no cost.

On Saturday night, they presented an entertainment show free to the students in the basement of La Fortune Student Center.

On the bill of the moderately attended program was a magician and ventriloquist act and the Rockne movie. Afterwards, those who attended were invited to Voll's house for a swimming party.

Cunningham said that the show was an example of what we can do and it did not cost us a dime. "Voll added that they were trying to have "more action and less talk."

"Also as part of their campaign, the candidates ran a shuttle service with their fleet of two hearses and an ambulance.

According to Voll they have-as of Sunday—transported over 300 students to where they wanted to go.

Cunningham emphasized his platform as "basic" to the students needs so much so that they have had little argument with students concerning their proposals.

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Washington—President Nixon returned to the United States Monday night, ending his visit to China and a week that he said changed the world. Nixon was awed by a large crowd at Andrews Air Force Base, including congressional leaders, cabinet officers, the heads of about 100 diplomatic missions and numerous other government officials.

Taipei, Taiwan—In a strongly worded statement on the communist issue by President Nixon and Premier Chou En-Lai, the Nationalist Chinese government said that the "rebels group" in Peking had no right to represent the Chinese people and that they regarded any agreements reached during Nixon's visit that effect the Nationalist Government as "null and void."

Washington—Hearing on the various Constitutional amendments against the use of busing to achieve racial integration were opened by the House Judiciary Committee. A rift between skeptical committee leaders, affected much of the major Civil Rights Bills of the 1960's, and younger members who demanded immediate action, was immediately apparent.
Dziedzic

by Fred Schaefer

Speaking and campaigning in Grace, Sorin, B-P, Zahn, Cavanaugh, and Keenan, Stanford, SBP candidate Paul Dziedzic said, "I’m elected, vote for me on my convictions.”

The basic point is for student government to challenge the student body to be committed to its ideals. It’s important that the student body stand up as men," he continued.

"We’re men, the administration should be prepared to treat us as men. The first question is ‘Will the administration let us do it?’ Rather, what should we do? We will take the initiative, said the candidate.

Dziedzic addressed himself to the "challenge that has been placed in front of student leadership. The question now being asked is does it mean something?” He explained that he feels that the student body needs to have their say in the convictions. We are at the point of frustration.

"Being asked is does it mean something?” He explained that he feels that the student body needs to have their say in the convictions. We are at the point of frustration. The student body is ready to respect itself, stand on ideals and convictions. We’re at the point where we can have a say in the decisions ourselves, said Dziedzic.

The candidate then spoke of sex and racism on this campus, saying that “is based on ignorance. We’re being intolerant to gays, women and blacks because of the ideal of the Notre Dame man, to challenge this. We have to challenge the student body to operate on convictions, not convenience.”

Specifically, she cited the little or no interaction between Barlow and Barratt, Barlow central to her campaign which never materialized. "During the merger crisis, student government was excellent, but before and after it was virtually non-existent. Student opinion was never sampled before Kathy acted, and her viewpoint represented that of only one faction," Ms. Seymour complained.

Seymour went on to say that the coalition represented the most serious effort of all the candidates to effect communication between Notre Dame and St. Mary’s next year. "We did not need a coalition because the two merger appointments, we merely hope to unite the two bodies with similar social and cultural interests, maintain their autonomy, and do so in their business. It’s time to transcend the ‘quarre Dame’ and the ‘quarre image’ as separate entities," she added.

Seymour emphasized that maintenance of communication would rally ND’s support for the SMC students’ desire for merger.

Dziedzic spoke of co-education. He said it has not been done for the women who will be here next year except for the guys out of their dorms. He has to come to terms with co-education, improved health services, especially including a gynecologist. We have to come to terms with co-education.

Incumbent Floyd Kezele picked up the appliance fines, saying, "We’re being fined for making life more difficult. If I’m elected, the Student Government will pick up the financial slack in rerouting the two or three halls that need it the most.”

Early in the evening, Don Mooney, Student Union Social Committee introduced Dziedzic in Grace and Sorin. He said that he was "going around this evening talking for a few candidates who I feel are qualified not be good in this position. Later on I’ll be going around with Floyd Kezele.”

In speaking of the issues, Higgins said that upcoming problems like coed parliaments, restructuring the SGC to better represent the student body and their too important to trust to a candidate who has pledged that “He will do nothing if elected.”

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Stressing the need for student support, the present Notre Dame administration is "an embarrassment to the student body. We have to challenge the student body to operate on convictions, not convenience.”

Caruso confronted opponent Floyd Kezele at the Farley Hall Chapel last night. Saying that he was "sick and tired” of the "merger fatigue" concerning the co-education issues of Joe Kezele, Caruso and Kezele before a crowd of about 60 students, which was attended by the presence.

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Caruso endorsed Floyd Kezele, St. Mary’s Student Body President, endorsed Notre Dame’s SBP and SBVP, and SBVP candidates Jean Seymour and Sue Wels along with his running mate, SBVP hopeful, Ron Pigge.

At Morrissey, Higgins picked up the endorsements of several notable figures; namely, Ed Motta, chairman of the Hall President’s Council, John Aldow, assistant editor of the Observer, Joe Marcose, Farley Hall President, Carmen Maciarello, president of Fisher and John Kezele, Morrissey’s president.

In all of the halls, Higgins repeatedly spoke of what he termed a “crucial” student government race and the “pivotal aspect” of next year’s issues.

He thought that Prime Mover Bob Kersten’s widespread support was mainly due to the two student bodies’ shared concern for student government. However, he felt that if “SG goes down any further it may not exist any more.”

He backed these thoughts by saying that Kersten derived his support from those who are dissatisfied with student government. He added, "If we elect him as president next year, a year in which there will be many new faces, we might as well pack up and go home.”

More ND, SMC endorsements announced

by The Redman

FREE UNIVERSITY

Larry Pino, Free University student endorsed Eileen Fitzpatrick and Floyd Kezele yesterday, as Student Body President and running mate, SBVP hopeful, Ron Pigge.

The Free University director felt that Fitzpatrick and Kezele held the same "sincere and dedicated to their students’ rights at Notre Dame. "I know Eileen (Fitzpatrick) personally and have been very impressed with her work in the academic areas and the merger. As for Kezele, I don’t know him personally, but I think his ideas provide a framework from which much can be accomplished," Pino said.

TRACEY ENDORSEMENT

Stressing the need for student leaders who recognize and actively demand what is needed to change St. Mary’s life, former St. Mary’s SBP and Arlie Tracey endorsed Eileen Fitzpatrick and Mary Orr as the next St. Mary’s SBP and SBVP.

The Tracey endorsement stated that the two candidates are not only sympathetic to their fellow students, but have "the foresight and creativity to respond to those needs. She was especially praiseworthy of their stance on academic issues. Ms. Tracey is confident that the Fitzpatrick- Orr ticket will be the most committed to the merger issue. She endorsed Eileen Fitzpatrick and Mary Orr as the next St. Mary’s SBP and SBVP that will provide continuity to the administration.

In her endorsement statement, Mary Orr stated that she was confident the Fitzpatrick-Orr ticket would be the most committed to the merger issue.

Barlow also praised Schlosser-Soldati for their dedication to the philosophy of self-determination. He said that the two are very much alike and will be capable of handling the co-education issue of Joe Kezele. Caruso and Kezele before a crowd of about 60 students, which was attended by the presence.

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The New Season Begins

Floyd Kezele

Jack Candon & Glen Corso

Columnist's note — today is the great day, and I have spent it hiding in from my numerous enemies so that I do not get assassinated before I get a chance to cast my ballot. I am pleased to control your emotions to two of my colleagues. Mr. Candon and Mr. Corso. These two good gentlemen have been involved in the campaigns and have given an overview of the situation — probably a better one than I do. For what it's worth (probably nothing; everything said in this column reflects my own viewpoint).

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25 years ago ... before the Prime Mover

by Don Ruane

Some may find it hard to believe that the first Irish legschrepan by a student government nearly 25 years ago, but it is not hard to believe that he won the post after the elected candidate was caught in the revolving door of a Cleveland hotel with a waste basket by the perfect of discipline.

Believe it or not, that is the way biology professor, Ralph E. Thorson, came to be the student government in 1948. The 1948 Notre Dame Irishman recalled those days for the Observer.

The professor, a former Galvin Life Science Center officer to share a little nostalgia with our readers.

Today's bureaucratic structure is "quite a marked change" from that of days gone past, according to Thorson. In 1948 student government was a 30-man student council elected by the students, except for one representatives from each college.

Thorson was represented the college of science, when he was elected vice president of the the council by the other members, as were all council officers. He was elected vice president when the presidency was caught going around in circles with his little group.

Although top officials were elected by a process "once removed from the students," the system had built in "governors," according to the 45 year old Air Force veteran. Perhaps the most important check was that leaders were well chosen. The student body was half of today's size, mostly were World War Two veterans, and generally knew more about one another than today's "student body." (Comparing elections, Thorson said there was "an intensity of interest" in council elections, but he does not feel that "heat" today. Elections were "unpopularity contests" in the middle forties, Thorson claimed, and although there were "no crying issues, we got some very able people in.

"Admitting that he hasn't followed the present campaign closely, he was surprised that so many candidates are in the race, and commented that this plus the name of the above option "could result in the least desirable candidate at least there is a clear cut favorite."

Official Invitation

Confrontation with the administration in his post WWII days at Duke was practically nil. However, one incident led Thorson to resign his office, and provided him with an official invitation to resign from the university. The incident, "which today would seem absolutely ludicrous," the professor said, concerned Ellis Arnold, a former Alabama governor considered radical. The Rebels Club wanted Arnold as a speaker and Thorson helped finance the event. As Arnold walked to the stage, the prefect of discipline pulled Thorson aside to tell him not to invite such speakers to Notre Dame.

Although Thorson resigned his office, he declined the official invitation, because he was a "second semester senior and involved in other activities.

One reason there were no "challenging situations with the administration," according to the parasitologist, was the type of student body. Being veterans, they could go off campus to drink, and were "used to higher conditions.

"I thought the army was easy compared with the rules here when I left in 1942," the professor said.

Another reason is that the student council was very active, and provided many activities. Responsible for the Mardi Gras in 1948, which grossed $40,000; the council also ran victory dances on football weekends which made profits up to $4,000 a week.

"In those days we had plenty of money, we were loaded," Thorson emphasized and obviously enjoying the memories. There was even extramurals at the end of the year, which "mysteriously disappeared," he said with a chuckle, quickly adding that it went into the University coffers.

The professor also explained a raffle for the maternity fund in which he won one of those new tangled inventions called a television set. "It looked like a fix, but I had my tickers."

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in a few good men
Schlosser

Wrapping up the last day of campaigning before the election, Joe Schlosser and Lincoln Soldati called last night for a new student activism and urged "creation of a culture.

Speaking in several halls, the team slammed the Administration for trying to create "new little Notre Dame parochialmen," and the Barkett government for ignoring the uses of student power.

Speaking before receptive audiences, the office hopefuls pointed to their own records as activism, with a strike worker and Coalition for Political Action member and Soldati an active member of a local LULU and university organizer in the Army. Soldati noted that he had stood before seven court-martials and been convicted by one.

Both placed emphasis on the necessity of organizing the residence halls as units, citing the actions of Stanford and Keenan Halls, under ground news paper organized student body was needed for this political apocalypse.

Kersten by Jim Bee

SIP boca's and Prime Mover R. Calhoun Kersten spoke before crowds numbering between 250 and 300 people in rallies last night in the North and South Quad.

Addressing students from a burning waste-basket on the fourth floor of Walsh Hall, Kersten championed his campaign saying, "God is with us. It wasn't burning waste basket on the north and south quads.

fourth floor ledge of Walsh Hall, should legislate their own example of a case where halls were needed for this political apocalypse."

Kersten thanked his divinity as "the only student power." Steenberige claimed that he cam e "not as a politically oligarchy." Steenberge claimed he came "not as a politically minded contemporary, but as one who sees the need for divine intervention in our campus."

Kersten, also known as the "commodore candidate" vowed, "that when popular manatees flushes me into office, I will make every command to see the students' wishes are fulfilled, provided, of course, they should coincide with my own arbitrary desires."

He also denied any rumors that SIP John Barkett would be backing him in return for the chairmanship of the committee for Redundancy Committee. Kersten noted that, "in fact, Barkett desired a monument in his name by getting rid of the profit ceiling, the increased proceeds could go to student government and make observer should exercise their journalistic responsibility more carefully in the future. In addition, Luken cited T.C. Treanor as, "playing the role of kingmaker during the campaign, looking at the machines instead of the candidates." Kersten told the multitude that "for everyone of you who vote twice you will receive a plenary indulgence. And looking down upon your fresh, young faces I see that many of you heroneed."
by Vic Derr

Last night, in front of a near full house at the University of South Carolina, the Irish used an unwilling victim to a very often observed group of U.S. Gamecocks.

The Carolinians thumped the Irish 109-83, mainly on the strength of a torrid first half. In that first period, Coach Dennis Stark's Notre Dame Gamecocks ran up a 41-26 margin. The Irish found themselves down a point per cent from the first period, and displayed a pair of backcourt masterminds in forward Jim Donaldson and guard Jim Eager.

The Irish Eye

The playoff tatters

Notre Dame remained in the thick of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association playoff battle by sweeping its two-game series with Michigan last weekend at the ACC. But whether or not the Irish will qualify for the playoffs, the final decision will be made on the weekend.

Notre Dame's 7-2 and 9-4 wins over the Wolverines upped the icers' league record to 17-10. Both teams limped in from ninth place in the ACC and the Pioneers Friday in Denver.

O'Mara led the Irish in scoring with 25 points, and Novak followed him up with 23. They were the only two ND players to reach double figures, and Don Silinski finished with nine points, and Mike Stevens had seven, Willie and Townsend six, and John Eager four.

The past weekend was a successful one for the Notre Dame swimming team. The Irish faced off against a number of teams that are normally stronger than Notre Dame, but the Irish swimmers brought their A game to the pool. The results were impressive, and the Irish swimmers_John Sherk, Joe O'Mara, Bob Carver, Mike's 23-5 mark in the long jump was also a season high for the team. Eric Penick had his jets turned on again this weekend, breezing to victories in the 60 and 300 yard dashes. Penick who has already qualified for the NCAA's in the 200 and 300 yard dashes, continued his domination of the competition. His efforts fell one point short. Mike's 23-5 mark in the long jump was also a season high for the team. Eric Penick had his jets turned on again this weekend, breezing to victories in the 60 and 300 yard dashes. Penick who has already qualified for the NCAA's in the 200 and 300 yard dashes, continued his domination of the competition. His efforts fell one point short.
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Majeta trying to revive Crypt

by Dan Russo

Campus Editor

John Majeta was not really angry at the Student Life Council last Thursday, but optimistic that the legislation he has been pushing will be enacted.

The New Castle, Pa. senior began his fight with the SLC last spring when Fr. Thomas E. Blantz, vice president for Student Affairs, threatened to close the Crypt, a student discount record store which he operated privately for two semesters in LaFortune Student Center, under Student Union ownership.

The issue was raised again last Thursday when Fr. Blantz, who returned to the crypt store in the fall, an appeal was placed before the SLC, and it was recommended that the vice president review his decision.

Mr. Blantz reviewed it, and returned another thumbs down decision.

Majeta, known among friends as "Mac," because of his shoulder length hair, appeared with a petition signed by at least 50 students in accordance with the SLC bylaws, which give the SLC power to overthrow or uphold such decisions.

The petition, fourth on Thursday's agenda, reached the floor seven minutes after the meeting was to end. In those seven minutes a motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes was soundly defeated by the faculty and administrative members, a motion to extend discussion 10 minutes was dismissed by Chairman William Egan as already defeated.

"I got the impression it was a specific stall by the administration to postpone debate on the issue," Majeta stated, and criticized Egan's handling of the 10 minute extension motion.

He added that he didn't expect a specific decision, but was surprised that debate was postponed.

What irks Majeta most about the whole situation is that the decision to block the Crypt was made by one administrator instead of a tri-partite committee consisting of a student, faculty, and administrative representation.

"I would have been satisfied if the decision had been handed down by a tri-partite committee. This would alleviate the student problem of being allowed to appear by others instead of the administration official. This committee would also eliminate the problem of having the SLC consider matters presented to the body, in that (the committee) would have the power to follow up on an appeal or committee," Majeta stated.

However, the Crypt may not be dead yet, according to Majeta, who plans on the petition will pass, "if this fall, hopefully next year even though it won't make a difference to me, being a senior."